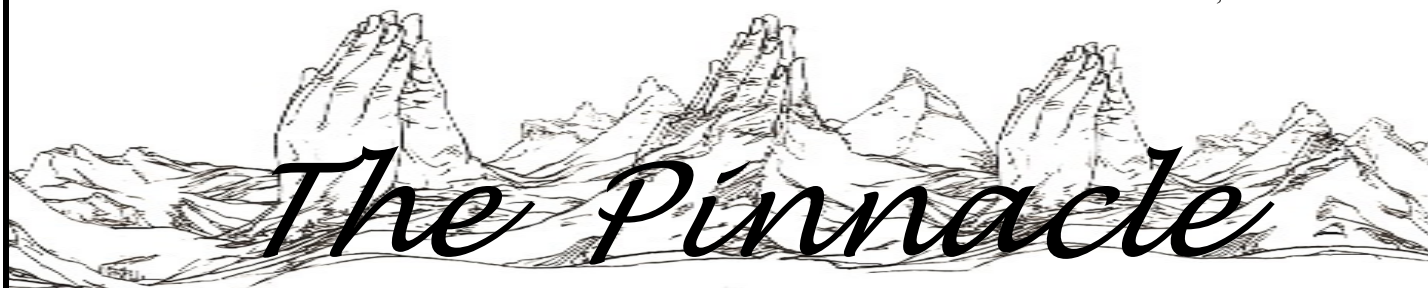


October, 2014



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# PCJH

## INVITES YOU!

*"Facing our Past, Finding our Future"*

**Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole**

**CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT**

*October 3rd - 4th, 2014*

*Location: PCJH*

*Guest facilitator:*

**Rev. Dr. Ken McFayden**

Fall is a time for preparation and as we prepare for the future of PCJH we value your input. We would like to personally invite you to this wonderful opportunity!

*Friday Oct 3rd 7:00-9:00pm*

Facing our Past

*Saturday Oct 4th 8:30-1:00pm*

8:30-9:00 coffee fellowship

9:00-1:00pm "Finding our Future"

Childcare available for children  
through the 5th grade  
Please RSVP  
Jo or Pam @ 307-734-0388

Every Member a Minister

Dear PCJH Family,

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man abides in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*

~Jesus in John 15:5

Abiding in Christ is key to a thriving spiritual life. How are you doing spiritually? Are you thriving? Are you abiding in Christ? What does "abiding in Christ" look like in everyday life? I hope to give you some examples, if you keep reading.

It has been extremely important that I focus on abiding in Christ in order to continue to thrive in life and ministry. 2014 has been a busy year. Someone once said that if the devil can't make you *bad*, he will make you *busy*. Busyness gets in the way of abiding in Christ.

A member of PCJH recently gave me a book entitled, "Seven Spiritual Practices for Busy People" by Rev. Dr. Timothy L. Smith. It has been a great resource for me as I continue to strive to have spiritual disciplines as part of my life so that I can be a pastor who leads our congregation from a place of abundance in Christ.

This is a summary of the book...

Practice One: The Daily God Hunt

The idea behind this practice is to have open eyes and open ears to what God is doing in and around you each and every day, throughout the day. It is being present with God in any and every circumstance, whether you are alone or with others; whether you are at home or at work; whether you are in nature or in a building. Practice looking for God throughout your day and join God in whatever God is doing.

Practice Two: Palms Down, Palms Up

Richard Foster describes the steps of praying *Palms Down, Palms Up* like this: "Begin by placing your palms down as a symbolic indication of your desire to turn over any concerns you may have to God. Inwardly you may pray, 'Lord, I give to you my anger toward John. I release my fear of my dentist appointment this morning. I surrender my anxiety over not having enough money to pay the bills this month. I release my frustration over trying to find a babysitter for tonight.' Whatever it is that weighs on your mind or is a concern to you... release it. You may even feel a certain sense of release in your hands. After several moments of surrender, turn your palms up as a symbol of your desire to receive from the Lord. Perhaps you will pray silently, 'Lord, I would like to receive your divine love for John, your peace about my dentist appointment, your patience, your joy.' Having centered down, spend the remaining moments in complete silence. Do not ask for anything. Allow the Lord to commune with you, to love you."

Practice Three: Praying Scripture

Take a passage of Scripture (like Psalm 23) and read it four times. The first time just read it without analyzing it... just let the words be spoken. The second time, read it and

listen for a word or phrase that jumps out at you. The third time, read it and listen for an image or feeling that jumps out at you. The fourth time, read it and listen for what God is calling you to do in response to God's word. This is a great form of bible study that does not require anything more than listening and reflecting. It's a great way to pray and allow God to speak to you.

Practice Four: Prayer Walking

Go for a walk and pray. It's that simple. Take it to the next level and go and walk in an area of your neighborhood or in town and specifically pray for the people you see, the organizations or businesses you pass, and the homes and families you walk by.

Practice Five: Unplugging

This is one of my favorites. Unplug from your mobile devices. On Monday nights the Pascal family turns their phones off and puts them away for "Family Night." Turn off the TV, the iPad, the laptop, the desktop, the iPod, the cell phone, and the video games. Be present with the people around you. Be present with God.

Practice Six: Imaginative Prayer

Here are the steps to imaginative prayers as outlined by Timothy Smith. "Pick a gospel story to read. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the Living Word, Christ Jesus, in the words you read. Read the gospel story slowly, prayerfully, two or three times. Having read the story, now with your mind's eye enter into it. Using your five senses, smell the scents of the Passover meal; see Jesus as he washes his disciples' feet; hear the sounds from the street; feel the sweat dripping from your face; listen to what Jesus is saying to the disciples and what they are saying to him. Linger over the scene and let yourself become part of the story. Let yourself see Jesus coming to you. What do you want to say to him? What do you hear him saying to you?"

Practice Seven: Abba Prayer

"Abba" is an Aramaic word that is most closely translated as "Daddy." It is a name used by a child in a loving, affectionate and intimate way. It is a word we can use for God as we come to him like a child comes to their Loving Father. Find a relaxing place of rest. After you have taken a few deep breaths and are relaxed, begin the Abba prayer. Breathe in slowly while saying "Abba"; breathe out slowly while saying "I belong to you." Repeat this several times and rest in God's presence, knowing that God loves you and you are his child.

If you would like to purchase Rev. Dr. Timothy L. Smith's short devotional book for your own personal use, you can find it at [www.waterfromrock.org](http://www.waterfromrock.org)

May these seven practices challenge and encourage us to abide in Christ so that we will bear much fruit in our lives, and glorify God.

On the journey with you,

~Pastor Ben



# Children, Youth & Family Newsletter

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October, 2014

## Save the Dates

**Wednesday, October 1**

After School Program

**Sunday, October 5**

6-7:15pm HS Youth Group

**Wednesday, October 8**

After School Program

**Sunday, October 12**

11:30-1:30pm Safe Church Trng

6-7:15pm HS Youth Group

**Wednesday, October 15**

After School Program

**Sunday, October 19**

6-7:15pm HS Youth Group

**Wednesday, October 22**

After School Program

**Sunday, October 26**

6-7:15pm HS Youth Group

**Wednesday, October 29**

After School Program



GAMES BEGIN

October 3rd, 6pm

JHMS

October 5th, 9am

PCJH

Come see what this Upwards craze is all about!

Contract Linda Hanlon for more  
information at 739-9591 x 124 or

[upward@pcjh.org](mailto:upward@pcjh.org)



## SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

Sunday, October 12th

in the Genesis Room

(RSVP to Diane McGee at 739-9591 x 104 or [dmcgee@pcjh.org](mailto:dmcgee@pcjh.org))

\*All new staff, Elders, Deacons are CYF Volunteers are required to complete this training course.

\*Lunch and childcare will be provided

\*PCJH implemented our formal Safe Church Policy in January, 2012, to continue to ensure that the children an youth who participate in programs and activities within our church community have a safe and secure environment.

\*PCJH members and attendees are also welcome to attend.

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It is hard to believe that September has already come and gone. We had a wonderful first month of school learning about our school, making friends and learning together. We loved getting to learn about God being with us wherever we go! (Joshua 1:9). We look forward to fall and all the fun it brings with it....pumpkins, apples, leaves changing and more. Our annual Pumpkin Party will be Wednesday, October 29th and Thursday October 30th.

We have spaces available for M/W/F and T/Th preschool class, ages 3-4 and T/Th Pre-K class, ages 4-5 - 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. or 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.  
Please contact Effie Edwards 307.739. 9591 ext. 111 or [eedwards@pcjh.org](mailto:eedwards@pcjh.org)

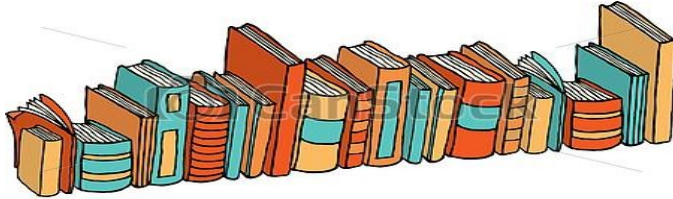
**PLEASE TAKE NOTE**  
**NO LITTLE LAMBS**  
**October 17 and October 31st**



## READY TO HIT THE BOOKS?

### Visit the PCJH Library!

Please stop in and “check out” our growing collection. The shelves are full of books just waiting to help you grow your faith, strengthen relationships, and answer tough questions. Here are a few books that you can find on the round table in the library:



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#### **Hard Sayings of Jesus** by F.F. Bruce

As Bruce examines 70 of the hard sayings of Jesus, he “clears away the cultural and historical difficulties which keep us from grappling with the real challenges of Jesus’ message.”

#### **A Bible Study on Becoming a Woman of Grace** by Cynthia Heald

“A study for individuals as well as groups and for women of any age and season of life.” Ms. Heald has written a series of bible studies and this is a great one! You will search the scriptures and grow closer to God as you seek to “understand, experience and reflect HIS grace.”

#### **The Five Love Languages: How to Express Heartfelt Commitment to your Mate** by Gary Chapman

“What speaks volumes to you may be meaningless to your spouse. Here is the key to understanding each other’s unique needs.”

#### **The Transforming Power of Fasting and Prayer: Personal Accounts of Spiritual Renewal** by Bill Bright

“This is a book of personal accounts of extended fasting and prayer, written from a spiritual perspective to encourage the body of Christ.” You will read “powerful stories of men, women, churches, and cities who are changing their world through fasting and prayer.”



### What’s Building at PCJH?

As many of you know, housing has become a significant issue in Jackson Hole. Also, as we already own the lot behind the sanctuary in Indian Trails, we are investigating building a house or “manse” for our new Associate Pastor. This would be our second manse, as Pastor Ben and his family live in a manse in Rafter J.

Additionally, in an effort to steward the assets of PCJH, our ruling elders have asked that we explore the possible uses of the approximate four acres of land we own on the east side of the parking lot.

A small committee has been formed to shepherd these two projects. Should you have any ideas or concerns please contact the ruling elder members of the committee, either Alan Lund ([alan.lund32@gmail.com](mailto:alan.lund32@gmail.com)) or Larry Huhn ([jackfoodwy@gmail.com](mailto:jackfoodwy@gmail.com)).

## ***PEACEMAKING OFFERING***

**October 5, 2014**



There are four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA); the *Peacemaking Offering* is one of those four. It is received during World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday in October. It supports the peacemaking efforts of the Church at every level. It provides an opportunity to witness God's Peacegiving in the world. We are called to be agents of reconciliation for individuals, for families, and for communities, as well as in the international arena. We are called to do what we individually and collectively can do to build a culture of peace in the world.

Each congregation is encouraged to keep 25% of this offering for its own peacemaking efforts ... 25% will be used to support Presbytery and Synod peacemaking, and 50% will be forwarded to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program of the General Assembly (the national level of PC(USA)). You may visit [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org) to learn more.

We, who enjoy so much peace in our lives compared to most of the rest of the world, have an opportunity with this offering to share some of our good fortune with so many others in need. We hope you will wish to participate! You may use *Peacemaking* envelopes from the display or your bulletin on Sunday, October 5.

Thank you so much.

The Mission Team

## Congregational Retreat: October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

The Church Council of PCJH has called a congregational retreat for the first weekend of October. The purpose of the retreat is to come together to process our past and envision our future as a congregation. Rev. Dr. Ken McFayden will be our retreat facilitator. McFayden is the author of *Strategic Leadership for a Change: Facing our Losses, Finding our Future*. He specializes in helping churches effectively envision their future together. He is also Professor and Dean of the Center for Ministry and Leadership Development at Union Theological Seminary and the Presbyterian School of Christian Education. He is an ordained Presbyterian minister.

The congregational retreat will take place on the evening of Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and during the morning of Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. The retreat will be held at PCJH so that everyone has the opportunity to attend. Childcare will be available. Here is the schedule:

### Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Facing our Past

7:00pm Evening Worship “Gratitude for God’s Faithfulness” by Pastor Ben  
7:30pm “Facing our Past” Plenary Session by Ken McFayden  
9:00pm Depart

### Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> – Finding our Future

8:30am Coffee Fellowship  
9:00am Morning Worship “Finding our Future” by Ken McFayden  
9:30am Overview of Focus Group Activity  
10:00am Focus Groups  
11:15am Break  
11:30am Large Group Discussion of Focus Group Priorities  
12:30pm Closing Thoughts & Reflections by Rev. Dr. Ken McFayden  
1:00pm Depart

It will be important to have as many people as possible involved in this very important event.

## Gather, Grow, and Go on Wednesday Evenings!

Our Wednesday mid-week fellowship dinner and programs have started back up in full swing! Here’s the schedule for Wednesday nights. Come to whatever part of the evening you are able.

5:15pm Worship with Pastor Ben  
6:00pm Fellowship Dinner  
6:45pm Programs for children and adults  
8:00pm Koinonia (20s & 30s Ministry)

Our time of **worship** at 5:15pm takes place in the Genesis room. It is a chance for us to unwind from our day and center our hearts and minds on God before we eat dinner together. During worship we will sing songs of praise, pray together, and focus on a passage of Scripture for an evening devotional.

Our **fellowship dinner** at 6:00pm is dinner as usual. We continue to look for people who have the heart to serve through cooking, set-up and clean-up.

Our **programs** at 6:45pm for children and adults consist of adult classes, youth group, choir, and childcare. The programmatic time is meant to include all ages so that individuals and families can all participate. Our 7:45pm ending time is meant to assist everyone (especially parents with young children) to get home at a reasonable bedtime. Koinonia (our 20s & 30s ministry) will meet after all the other programs at 8:00pm for a time of fellowship and study.

September 6, 2014

Dear PCJH Family:

Greetings from Littleton, Colorado!  
We finally feel like we have “landed,”  
and have begun to settle in to our new  
life here.

First of all, I want to thank you all for  
your extreme generosity towards me  
and my family. The parting gifts I  
received from you all were amazing,  
surprising, and more helpful than you  
can possibly imagine! Thank you also  
for your kind words and wishes in the  
cards and letters you took the time to  
send me. It made it all the harder to  
leave Jackson. I hope God blesses you  
as richly as you have blessed us. Thank  
you, from the bottom of my heart.



A little update on the family: Zoya is attending a public magnet school that is an academy for the performing arts, so she is in *heaven!* That worked out really well! I have started my job with the University of Denver Lamont School of Music working in the Concert Production and Facilities Management area in the Newman Center for the Performing Arts. (You can check it out here: <http://www.du.edu/ahss/lamont/newman-center.html>) It is a beautiful, top-notch, extremely busy venue, and thankfully the people I work with are amazing. It is wonderful to have the opportunity to hear great music and musicians literally every day, and I enjoy the energy of the collegiate atmosphere. I truly thank God that I was able to land this job. I am learning a lot every day, and being challenged and energized. Luna continues to work on her English, and is applying for jobs around the area. Being from Bogota, she is more at home in the big city than Zoya and I are!

We all miss Jackson, our church family and friends so much. This was truly a gut-wrenching move for us, and for me, after spending the last 23 years of my life there, 14 years being part of the church. So please keep us in your prayers as we adjust to this new chapter in our lives! We send you all our love and best wishes!

Bill Hungate



## MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN

As seventeen middle schoolers filed in the church doors that locked behind them on September 5, I felt like my job at PCJH had finally commenced. It was finally time to jump into serving the children of Jackson. From the precious sixth grade girls to the bulky eighth grade boys, the fresh and new faces were exciting! Little did I know, that these new faces were also new to the other Children, Youth, and Family workers, Jordan and Ricky, for only two of the youngsters that came to the Middle School Lock-in were actually a part of our regular PCJH family!

With Psalm 129 heavy on our minds and hearts, the children learned about identity and how the images and ideas that this world feeds our minds are not what we are supposed to cling to. Instead, we are to cling to the perfect love of Jesus, viewing ourselves through His eyes. The Lock-in was not *all* serious talk though. It was full of basketball, dodge-ball, and a scavenger hunt while our wonderful volunteers, Brittany Thaler and Michael Adams, kept our stomachs full of pizza and ice cream!

Finishing the night with the movie *God's Not Dead*, airing around 1:00 am, left the students and leaders alike with about three hours of sleep... but that is what lock-ins are all about! Right? Well, I'm still not sure how I feel about the lack of sleep, but I do know that no matter how many hours of sleep we missed, fun we didn't. I could not have imagined a better way to kick off the school year than getting to work with the sixth grade girls and two older girls as we discussed self-image, friendship, and entering new stages of life. The Lord is doing great things in the Middle School program at PCJH, so through this school year I encourage you to be praying over the program as well as the identity of the students that are a part of it.



A classic Girls vs. Boys scavenger hunt! With the girls winning by 1 point!

## September Birthdays 2014

Lucy Jorgenson	October 1
Louisa Sandvig	October 1
Dana Smith	October 1
Davis Fay	October 3
Marian Meyers	October 3
Zoe Curran	October 4
Daniel Kim	October 4
Ian Lewis	October 4
Andrea Parker	October 4
Kent Nichols	October 5
Kae Brockermeier	October 7
David Meyers	October 7
Leah Carr	October 8
Abigail Irvine	October 8
Katie Mendenhall	October 8
Susan Ordway	October 8
Griffin Dunn	October 9
Darla Jackson	October 10
Anne Stalker	October 10
Silver Jacobson	October 12
Brad Lund	October 12
Kyle Scholtens	October 13
Michael Halpin	October 14
Barry Nelson	October 14
Craig Sonderman	October 15
Nancy Brumsted	October 16
Harry Tebay	October 16
Martha VanGenderen	October 16
Barb Andrews	October 17
Finn Hadden	October 17
Lennie Michelson	October 17
Teresa Nye	October 17
Fred Walker	October 17
Sue Consolo-Murphy	October 18
John Drew	October 18
Grant Wright	October 18
Sean Murphy	October 20
Cindy Leinonen	October 21
Trent Abel	October 22
Emily Bitner	October 22
Jordan Shive	October 22
Courtney Hanson	October 23
Janice Skinner	October 23
Karlie Greenwood	October 25
Lyle Henninger	October 25
Sarah Gensch	October 26
Charlotte Lee	October 26
Thatcher Friess	October 28
Michael Kinley	October 28
Cash Halpin	October 29
Pete Forster	October 31

## October Anniversaries 2014

William & Sharon Schoen	Oct 1	Married 48 Years
Ralph & Jeanne Hudelson	Oct 3	Married 22 Years
Frank & Judy Scarborough	Oct 3	Married 50 Years
Stephen & Sharon Fralin	Oct 4	Married 1 Years
Mitch & Angela Lewis	Oct 7	Married 19 Years
Bill & Lafon Ward	Oct 7	Married 64 Years
Brad & Barb Andrews	Oct 8	Married 20 Years
Brad & Barb Brecker	Oct 8	Married 9 Years
Kenny & Mandy Hadden	Oct 8	Married 3 Years
Shawn & Katie Robertson	Oct 13	Married 2 Years
Jodeen & Harry Tebay	Oct 14	Married 14 Years
Brett & Gaylyn Frantz	Oct 15	Married 20 Years
Bill & Celia Dillon	Oct 17	Married 33 Years
Bill & Mary Neal	Oct 18	Married 27 Years
Ricky & Jodi Emlyn	Oct 27	Married 7 Years
Chris & Louisa Sandvig	Oct 3	Married 4 Years

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Should you receive an unwanted solicitation email from a PCJH member or affiliate, please notify the church office at [office@pcjh.org](mailto:office@pcjh.org).

Thank you!

### KEEP IN TOUCH

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### PCJH Staff

- Ben Pascal - Senior Pastor
- Jo Holton - Office Administrator
- Pam Flores - Coordinator of Congregational Life
- Ricky Emlyn - Director of Discipleship
- Diane McGee - CY&F Administrator
- Effie Edwards - Little Lambs Director
- Kenny Hadden - Interim Worship Coordinator
- Linda Hanlon - Upward Basketball Coordinator
- Kim Bogen - Bookkeeper
- Steven Admire - Custodian
- Barb Huhn - Pinnacle Publication
- Darla Jackson - Nursery



# October 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>28 8:00 am Worship Service 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:15am Worship Service (w/Children's Sunday School) 6:00-7:15pm—HS Youth Group</p>	<p>29 <b>Western</b></p>	<p>30 <b>National Leadership Training</b></p>	<p>1 After School Program 5:15-6:00pm-Worship 6:00 -Fellowship Dinner (Choir, Classes, Koinonia)</p>	<p>2 Noon Men's Lunch at Heidi's Brooklyn Deli</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 8:00am Men's Discussion Group Matthew Room</p>
<p>5 8:00 am Worship Service 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:15am Intergenerational Worship Service 6:00-7:15pm—HS Youth Group</p>	<p>6 8:45am—Women's Covenant Group</p>	<p>7 1:15pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>8 After School Program 5:15-6:00pm-Worship 6:00 -Fellowship Dinner (Choir, Classes, Koinonia)</p>	<p>9 Noon Men's Lunch at Heidi's Brooklyn Deli</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 8:00am Men's Discussion Group Matthew Room</p>
<p>12 8:00 am Worship Service 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:15am Worship Service (w/Children's Sunday School) 11:30-1:30pm—Safe Church Training 6:00-7:15pm—HS Youth Group</p>	<p>13 8:45am—Women's Covenant Group</p>	<p>14 7:30am Stewardship 1:15pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>15 After School Program 5:15-6:00pm-Worship 6:00 -Fellowship Dinner (Choir, Classes, Koinonia)</p>	<p>16 Noon Men's Lunch at Heidi's Brooklyn Deli</p>	<p>17 <b>No Little Lambs</b></p>	<p>18 8:00am Men's Discussion Group Matthew Room</p>
<p>19 8:00 am Worship Service 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:15am Worship Service (w/Children's Sunday School) 6:00-7:15pm—HS Youth Group</p>	<p>20 8:45am—Women's Covenant Group</p>	<p>21 1:15pm Staff Meeting 4:30pm Finance Meeting 5:30pm Council</p>	<p>22 After School Program 5:15-6:00pm-Worship 6:00—Fellowship Dinner (Choir, Classes, Koinonia)</p>	<p>23 Noon Men's Lunch at Heidi's Brooklyn Deli</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 8:00am Men's Discussion Group Matthew Room</p>
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*Passing on the Faith*

*as we Gather to love God;*

*GROW to know and follow Jesus; and*

*GO and make a difference.*

*All are welcome and all are needed as we advance this significant mission for the  
21st Century.*

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