

JANUARY, 2018



**HAPPY NEW
YEAR
2018**



Darla Jackson, our Nursery Lead, is seeking volunteers for occasional Sunday Morning and Wednesday Evening assistance for her in our Nursery. Please email Darla @ darlajackson@gmail.com if you are able to commit to any January-March Sunday/Wednesday dates to give her a fun and much rewarding hand with our little ones. Thank you !



If you would like to be part of our Prayer Team Ministry, please email Cindy Dahlin (cdahlin@pcjh.org).

Emails will be sent to you when people contact the church office and ask for you to lift someone up in prayer. Thank you everyone who participates in this ministry and for those considering becoming part of the Prayer Team.



Worship at the Summit of the Bridger Gondola

Join others for worship at the Summit of the Bridger Gondola during the 2017-2018 ski season. Complimentary sight-seeing tickets are available for those

who are not skiing. We meet at the summit of the Bridger Gondola, upstairs in Rendezvous Lodge in front of the big windows looking out at Rendezvous Peak and Corbet's Couloir. Coffee and snacks are provided. It is a lot of fun!

- Sunday, January 14th at 9:30am (Pastor Tammy)
- Sunday, February 18th at 9:30am (Pastor Ben)
- Sunday, March 18th at 9:30am (First Baptist Church)
- Sunday, April 1st – Easter Sunrise Service (Pastor Ben & Tammy)



Patricia and Ed Scott will once again be leading our Winter

2018 Cross Country Ski Group outings on Sunday afternoons. They are currently establishing the calendar beginning January 2018.

Be on the lookout in our Sunday bulletins and Peek At The Week for official start date.

Please email Patricia (pasbuffy1@gmail.com) or Ed (EdScott1575@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating in this great fellowship or host an apres gathering at your home.

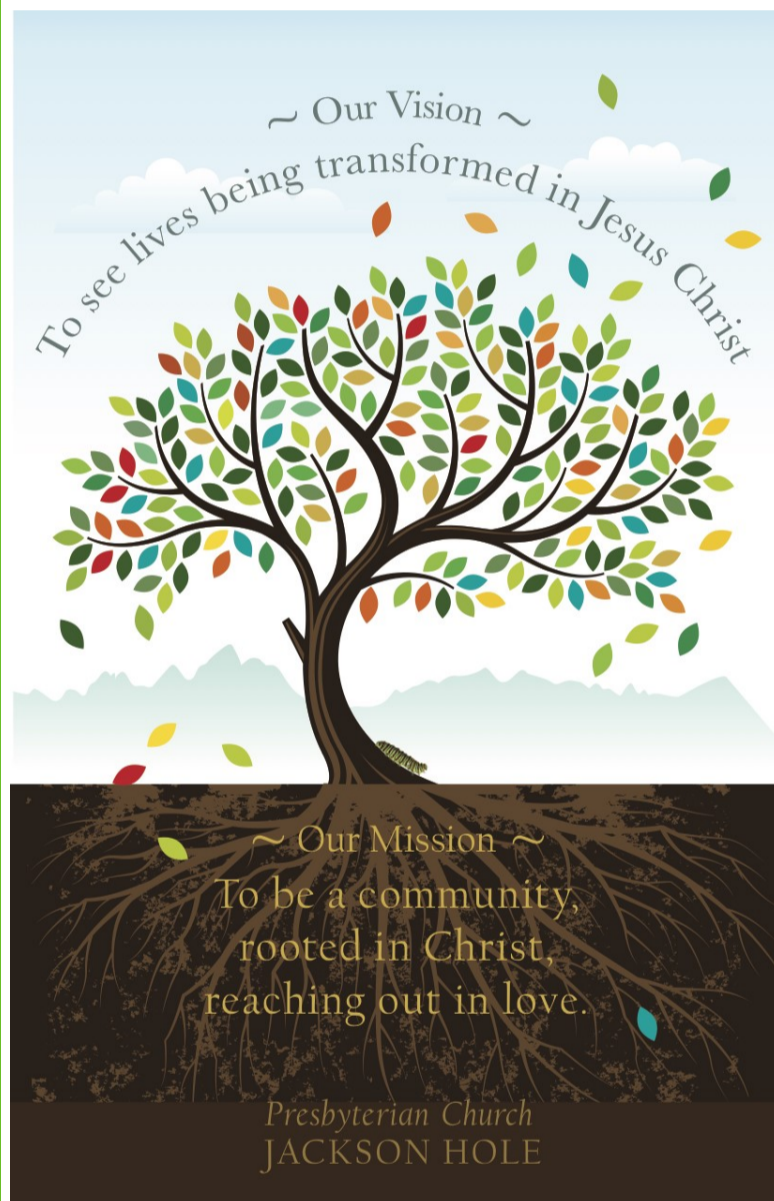
A WORD FROM PASTOR BEN PASCAL

Every Member a Minister



Dear PCJH Family,

Happy New Year!! It is 2018 and I am excited to begin this new year with our new vision and mission statement for the Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole!



Our Vision

**To See Lives Being Transformed
in Jesus Christ**

Our Mission

**To be a Community
Rooted in Christ,
Reaching out in Love**

The PCJH Vision Team did a lot of prayerful and faithful work in 2017 in order to come up with a new vision, mission, and values statement to guide us into the next chapter of our life together

We also came up with several strategic focus areas for the next three years. If you are a PCJH member or regular attender, you will be receiving a wonderful booklet in January with all the details about our new vision, mission, values, and strategic focus areas.

I will be preaching a sermon series on all of this during January and the first part of February. I hope you can make a point to be in worship or listen to the sermons online so you can catch the vision.

Don't miss out on what God is doing in and through PCJH.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

-Ephesians 3:20-21

Faithfully, Ben

Children's Ministry Corner January, 2018

by Dylan Wade



This month I wanted to highlight our curriculum that we use for Sunday School here at PCJH and give you some background on why and how we chose it.



When I was hired as the Children's Ministry Coordinator early last year, I was tasked with finding a quality curriculum that we would use as the backbone of our Sunday School program and perhaps other children's programs here at PCJH. I had several options to choose from initially, all of which were superb. So, the main factor in choosing, would be which curriculum met our needs and fit the mission of the Children's Ministry best. As I researched, the Orange Curriculum stood out consistently, for several reasons. First of all, PCJH's Little Lambs Preschool has used and continually uses Orange's Preschool Curriculum for their chapel time and classrooms. The Middle School youth group chose to use the Orange Curriculum for their program as well. So some consistency from 3 year old's all the way to 14 year old's would be important. However, this alone was not what sold me on Orange.

In April of last year, Pastor Tammy Mitchell and I flew to Atlanta to attend the Orange Conference put on annually each year by the Orange company. My expectations of this event being a chance for Orange to market their curriculum and make some money were blown out of the water after the first day. I learned that this company is not just around to sell curricula and make money, but are so much more. We left understanding that they are a partner to churches with a mission that will not only help build successful children and youth ministries, but also provide means to connect parents in on the process of changing the lives of children on a daily, weekly, and yearly basis. Their mission seemed to fit in perfectly with our mission and vision for the children of PCJH. Plus, I was blown away with all the resources they could offer us, beyond ideas for what we can do on Sunday mornings. I would like to highlight a couple.

First, they have a plethora of quality and practical resources for parents to reinforce the material learned in one hour on one day of the week here at PCJH. Orange realizes that in order to make an impact in the lives of children, parents need to be involved because they have more contact with their children through a week and thus much more influence, than any the Sunday School leader. It is my goal to get more of these resources and information in the hands of parents this year than in years past. One such resource is the Parent Cues which come in several forms. The first is a paper copy which parents can pick up the Children's Welcome table on Sunday mornings. This print out gives an overview of what was covered in Sunday School as well as giving the parents prompts to engage their kids throughout the week at home, in the car, or while putting them to bed. Parent Cues can also be found as an app and have a devoted website to help parents, which are practical ways of reaching parents.

The second resource is a variety of quality videos and music options that are geared to help connect with our children and build their understanding of God. We have used them extensively the past few months at PCJH with the elementary aged students. Each Sunday School starts off with a music video that pertains to the theme of that month and is followed by a video of a story from the bible which helps focus the kids on the verse and message for that week. The students then break into their small groups based on grade and dive deeper into that verse and message through various activities. By the end of their 45-minute Sunday School class students have been given a well-rounded lesson in an engaging way and are primed to continue it throughout the week with their parents.

Finally, Orange has been instrumental in helping me organize and coordinate volunteers to use the curriculum, through the books and blogs they have published. The volunteers, I have learned, are what make a Sunday School program successful or not. Orange has given me and our volunteers the confidence, vision, and excitement to provide a top notch, quality Sunday School Program here at PCJH. In a nutshell, the quality, depth, and breadth of each students biblical and spiritual education has increased since implementing this curriculum and partnership with Orange this past September. Another reason to join us!

Upcoming Events in Children's Ministry



Sunday School:

For the preschool group the theme for January will be "Jesus Can Do Anything!" and the memory verse coming from Matthew 19:26. Preschoolers love to show us what they can do, and we will use this to show what God can do. The elementary and preteen groups will focus on Commitment with a theme called "Work It Out: Stick to the Plan." Please come by the Children's Welcome Center to sign you children up for Sunday School and learn more about what is happening! If you are interested in joining our Sunday School team, please email Dylan Wade at dwade@pcjh.org or call.

After-School Adventures:

A safe and adventurous Wednesday after-school program where students learn, play and grow in a nurturing Christian environment for K-8th grade. For the month of January, we will also be focusing on Commitment. If your child is interested, please see the page on the PCJH website for information. Online registration for the fall and spring semesters is ongoing.

JOY Summer Camps:

Summer day camps filled with fun, adventure, and imaginative play in a nurturing Christian environment for children 3-14 years old. On Saturday, January 6th from 4-6pm here at PCJH, we will be holding a Camper Reunion Extravaganza for all campers who attended camp this past summer and for any future campers interested in attending in the Summer of 2018! This will be a chance for campers to reconnect with their counselors and staff, play some camp games, eat some good snacks, sing camp songs, and find out what the themes for summer 2018! We will also hold a raffle for some camp goodies and a grand prize of 50% off one week of camp! See you there! **Also happening in January: Registration for Summer 2018! See the JOY Summer Camps webpage for details.**

Children's Ministry Volunteer of the Month for December: Joy Steiner

Joy put in a lot of time and effort into the children of PCJH and beyond as she directed the Christmas Pageant this past month. Preparation for this event started back in October and she put in countless hours of volunteer work to get the show up and running. Her many talents with the kids and as a master storyteller made this year's Pageant a hit! Thank you Joy for all the good work!



We are looking for volunteers to increase our Hospitality Team for special events that come up throughout the year such as Memorial Services, Congregational Life events, etc. It's a wonderful opportunity to share that spiritual gift of hospitality and a fun team to be part of.

PCJH is also forming a Guild that would be a smaller part of the larger Hospitality Team and would include flowers, decorating and adding beauty to our church.

Anyone interested in either of these two opportunities to serve, please contact Cindy Dahlin (cdahlin@pcjh.org)

Belong Class - Sunday, January 28th from 11am-2pm

The next Belong session will take place on January 28th immediately following the 10:15am Service. This is an opportunity to learn about PCJH's history and vision for the future, and is also the first step in Belonging as a member to the PCJH Church Family. Lunch and childcare, if needed, are provided. Please RSVP to Cindy at cdahlin@pcjh.org.

A WORD FROM PASTOR TAMMY MITCHELL

Question: How Goes It With Your Soul?

In our Wednesday evening class on Soul Keeping, I've been struck and challenged with the concept that I, and no one else, am responsible for the condition of my soul. The soul is described as what integrates our will, (our intentions), our mind (thoughts, feelings, values, and conscience) and our body into a single life. Dr. John Ortberg writes, *"A soul is healthy - well-ordered- when there is harmony between mind, body, and will, and God's intent for all creation."*



I've been ruminating on this idea in light of the incessant demands and difficulties clamoring for our attention. Feelings of anxiety, fear, depression, or grief are symptoms of souls becoming disintegrated, neglected, and fractured. Ortberg compares

the state of our souls with Jesus' parable of the sower and the soils in Mark 4. The hardened soul may be like the seeds that fall on the path. These people may have been hurt, disappointed, or estranged. They form protective shells. They are often bitter, cynical and deep down, angry and afraid. The shallow soul is like the seed that falls on the rocky soil. It's a soul that is superficial and self-absorbed. According to the scripture, our souls pant for deep waters. *"To speak of depth means that there is more going on than what we see on the surface. To love deeply or care deeply or value deeply means we have devoted time, and effort and thought. "Depth" is an expression of spiritual vastness."* A soul can have depth when it's connected to God. The third type of soul is the cluttered soul. This soul is like the soil that falls among thorns which grow and choke the plants. Jesus referenced the condition that is fraught with worry, busyness, and preoccupation for things of this world. And then there's the seed that falls on the good soil. A soul that thrives and flourishes is one that seeks first after God.

Renowned author and professor, the late Dallas Willard writes, *"The Lord God formed man from dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. **You're a soul made by God, made for God, and made to need God, which means you were not made to be self-sufficient** (my emphasis)...what is running your life at any given moment is your soul. Not external circumstances, not your thoughts not your intentions, not even your feelings, but our soul. The soul is that aspect of your whole being that correlates, integrates, and enlivens everything going on in the various dimensions of the self. The soul is the life center of human beings."*

So how goes it with your soul? Our Lord calls us to live rooted in Christ, drawing life from the Living Water, in order to *"experience the deep contentment, joy, and confidence in our everyday life with God."* Perhaps in this new year the best resolution we can make is to tend to the care of our souls. Our souls are waiting!



If this intrigues you to learn more, we invite you to come to our class on "Soul Keeping", Wednesday evenings, at 5:15PM in the Genesis Room. Child care is provided.

**Adult Education at PCJH
January, 2018**

Sunday Morning Class Schedule (9:00AM, Genesis Room)

Starting January 7, 2018



The Book of Ephesians - "**Discovering Our True Identity**"; a **Study on the Book of Ephesians.** *From beginning to end, the book invites us to discover our new identity in Christ on this journey of faith. Together we will explore practical ways to fulfill our calling and purpose as followers of Jesus.* Led by Rev. Tammy Mitchell

Wednesday Evening Class Schedule: 5:15PM,

Genesis Room - January 3, and 10, 2018: "Soul Keeping" with John Ortberg



In *Soul Keeping*, John Ortberg helps you rediscover your soul—the best connection to God there is—and find out why it's hurting and why neglecting it has set so many believers so far back spiritually.

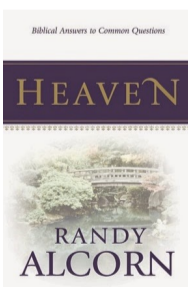
In this video-based study, Ortberg shows that caring for your soul is necessary for your Christian life. John shows participants what your soul is, why it is important, how to assess your soul's health, and how to care for it so that we can have a meaningful and beautiful life with God and others. Discussions led by Rev. Tamara Mitchell.

Starting January 17- "Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus"

Building on the powerful story and arguments, the (now late) Nabeel Qureshi, a former Muslim who became a Christian, explores Muslim culture and how it interfaces with Christianity. Topics include "understanding Muslims", "Testing the New Testament", Jesus: Mortal Messiah or Divine Son of God, and so on. This 8 week video based study will benefit everyone. Discussion led by Rev. Tammy Mitchell

Wednesdays at 7:00PM, Matthew Room

Ascent : A Gathering for the 20's and 30's



Heaven by Randy Alcorn - What is Heaven really going to be like? What will we look like? What will we do? We all have questions about Heaven and now after 25 years of research, Dr. Randy Alcorn presents his results. Join us for lively discussion and interaction. Led by Rev. Ben Pascal.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!

DROP THE KIDS OFF AT
PCJH AND HAVE AN
EVENING TO
YOURSELVES!

JANUARY 19, 2018 | 5:30-8:00 PM

WHAT'S HAPPENING

WHO: CHILDREN CRADLE THROUGH 5TH GRADE

WHAT: CRAFT, GAMES, STORIES, BOUNCE HOUSES

WHEN: FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH FROM 5:30-8PM

WHERE: PCJH HAYDEN HALL (NORTH ENTRANCE)

COST: SUGGESTED \$5 PER FAMILY

HOW:

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED BUT NOT
REQUIRED! CONTACT DYLAN WADE
(DWADE@PCJH.ORG) FOR MORE
INFORMATION.

*CHILDREN SHOULD COME WITH A TUMMY FULL OF DINNER
AND ANY NECESSARY SUPPLIES TO ENSURE THEIR PERSONAL
COMFORT, PLEASE.*



The Stewardship Team is excited to announce that PCJH met our budgeted goals for tithes and offerings in 2017. So many prayers, and so much loving generosity have worked to support our church. We are all so grateful for this generosity, and grateful that PCJH is in a strong position to carry on its mission of serving God and our community.

God's generosity in our lives is something we celebrate every day. And today, we also celebrate the generous support of the PCJH family. Heartfelt thanks to everyone. So deeply appreciated.

Yours in Christ, The PCJH Stewardship Team

Coming This Summer....Whitworth University Summer Fellowship!

PCJH is excited to be a new ministry partner with Whitworth University, a Presbyterian affiliated university in Spokane, WA, in their Summer Fellowship Program. This program is designed to prepare students practically, theologically, and vocationally for a summer of ministry. The university selects, trains and places students according to their interests and calling. Through this partnership, various sites across the nation *strive to provide fellows with a framework in which students can grow in leadership, be mentored, learn through practical ministry experience and ultimately grow in their love of Christ.*



PCJH has a rich history of hosting interns that have provided leadership in various ministries. However, this is a different opportunity. The goals for a fellow are more comprehensive and encompassing. The goals and expectations for the site in which the fellow is placed are as follows:

1. **Leadership.** The fellowship is not designed to "fill a volunteer slot". It's designed to foster the development of a future spiritual leader. They will be given tangible leadership opportunities.
2. **Mentorship.** Each fellow will receive intentional mentoring and guidance from designated staff members in order to offer wisdom, advice and supervision.
3. **Practical Ministry Experience.** During the course of the time period (10-12 weeks), each fellow should get a concrete sense for what congregational ministry is in this context. They may shadow the pastors, take part of programs, assist in worship, attend staff meetings and so on.
4. **Embeddedness in Community.** The fellow is expected to really assimilate into homes or to hang out with other members and engage in the community at large.

Our Part! Our new vision for PCJH includes intentionally investing in young adults. This is one of many significant ways we can do exactly that. A critical aspect of this partnership is through the student's engagement with a host family. The host-family (term used generically) would provide a safe, home environment for the fellow. The goal with each homestay is for the student to see how Christian faith is embedded not only in the direct ministry setting, but in all of life. They discourage the student to stay with other staff members in order to provide a more holistic experience, and for them to get a "break" from the work environment.

Our commitment to this partnership is to provide housing for the fellow for 10-12 weeks. It would be preferable to have them stay in one location however, we are open to other options.

A Call to Prayer

- Pray for the student who will be coming our way. Pray for the selection process that is taking place at Whitworth. Pray that the Lord will prepare their hearts to come to PCJH.
- Pray for our congregation, that we would welcome and receive this new student with open arms, be willing to encourage them in ministry, and support them with friendship and care. And pray that we would receive their leadership and partnership in ministry.
- Pray for a homestay. Perhaps you would be willing to open up a room in your home for this student. Perhaps you know someone else who might welcome a young adult. Our goal is to have a homestay in place by the middle of February.

This is a very exciting opportunity for us as a congregation!
We will keep you posted as to the development of the process.
Any further information and other questions can be addressed by contacting
Rev. Tammy Mitchell at tmitchell@pcjh.org.

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January Birthdays 2018

Jan 1 Macey Maher
Jan 4 Colter Lane
Barbara VanGenderen
Jan 5 Tiffany Tate
Jan 6 Linda Hanlon
Brad Herman
Jan 7 Brian Remlinger
Jan 8 Ralph Hudelson
Michael Massie
Pastor Tammy Mitchell
Karin Unruh
Jan 11 Jennifer Baki
Sue Bybee
Ed Wigg
Cindy Zabriskie
Jan 12 Ingrid Watsabaugh
Jan 13 Donna Clark
Jan 14 Tom Jordan
Bill Neal
Nicole Robertson
Brian Smith
Jan 15 Liz Collins
Pam Flores
Therese Metherell
Jan 16 Rich Mueller
Jan 18 Richard Spencer
Meredith Woodford
Jan 19 Megan Zolnowsky
Jan 20 Ginger Jones
Jan 23 Marty Abdon
Katie Carr
Jan 24 Mark Barron
Scott Nickel
Jan 25 Bob Kopp
Bob Walton
Jan 26 Greg Fulton
Jan 27 Joyce Butcher
Liz Sparks
Jan 28 Patrica Agger
Effie Edwards
Rick Nelson
Jan 30 Neal Ford
Jan 31 Pastor Al Schoonover

**January, 2018
ANNIVERSARIES**

January 3
David & Marian Meyers
37 years

January 8
Bob & Karen Graham
10 years

Bob & Nancy Norton
41 years

January 15
John & Linda Hanlon
18 years

January 28
Trent & Erin Abel
6 years

January 29
MaryAnn & Jerry Tapp
68 years

**Another year
to create
precious
memories
together.
Another year
to discover
new things to
enjoy about
each other.
Another year
to strengthen
a
marriage that
defines
forever.

Happy
Anniversary!**

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Ruling Elders

Ruling Elders are the spiritual leaders of the church.
Session meetings are the third Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm.

2018	2019	2020
Barb Andrews <i>Youth Ministry</i>	Alan Lund* <i>Finance</i>	Ken Blount* <i>Clerk of Session & Adult Ministries</i>
Peter Keenan <i>Buildings & Grounds</i>	Barbara Carlsberg <i>Worship</i>	Caryn Haman <i>Personnel</i>
Warren VanGenderen <i>Mission</i>	Meg Womack <i>Congregational Life</i>	Kathy Robertson <i>Vision</i>
Pat Wright <i>Stewardship</i>	Aaron Nydam <i>Children's Ministry</i>	Tom Segerstrom <i>Nominating and Assimilaton</i>

Deacons

Deacons provide the ministry of compassion
and service for those in need.

Class of 2018	2019	2020
Jen Baki Barb Huhn* Paula Jorgenson Erin Rosenberg Deb Keenan Yvonne Henze* Tena Webb*	Liz Jorgenson Annie Mueller Marge McCallister Kenlyn Long* Dorothy Neckels Alicia Neathery Susan Hawkins	Nancy Brumsted * Jackie Montgomery * Carole Poole * Sandra Zender * Michael Schrotz Claudia Schrotz George Scarlett Bill Klyn

*serving second term

Facilities

Our facilities are available to rent for meetings, events, etc.
Please contact Cindy Dahlin for details, cdahlin@pcjh.org.

JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	2 NO LITTLE LAMBS	3 LITTLE LAMBS PROGRAM REOPENS No Wednesday After School Adventure 5:15 pm Adult Study 6:15pm Community Dinner	4 8am MS BREAKFAST 12noon Men's Group @ JH Grocery Community Room	5	6 8am Saturday Morning Men's Group 4-6pm JOY 2017 Summer Camp Reunion in Hayden Hall
7 Communion Sunday 8am Chapel Worship 9:00am ADULT CLASSES 9:00 am Middle School Sunday School 10:15am Worship Service w/ Sun- day School Ordination of Deacons/ Elders 11:45 am—Children's Choir Rehearsal Begins	8 MUSIC ACADEMY LESSONS RESUME	9 12 noon Women's Bible Study in Matthew	10 3pm After School Adventures 5:15 pm Adult Study 6:15pm Community Dinner 7pm ASCENT 7pm Adult Choir Begins	11 8am MS BREAKFAST 12noon Men's Group @ JH Grocery Community Room	12	13 8am Saturday Morning Men's Group
14 8am Chapel Worship 9:00am ADULT CLASSES 9:00 am Middle School Sunday School 9:30 Worship Service at the Gondola 10:15am Worship Service with Sunday School	15 JOY SUMMER CAMP 2018 Registration Begins online Martin Luther King's Birthday CHURCH OFFICE AND LIT- TLE LAMBS CLOSED	16 12 noon Women's Bible Study in Matthew 5:30pm Session Meeting	17 3pm After School Adventures 5:15 pm Adult Study 6:15pm Community Dinner 7pm ASCENT 7pm Adult Choir	18 8am MS BREAKFAST 12noon Men's Group @ JH Grocery Community Room	19 5:30pm-8pm Parents Night Out	20 8am Saturday Morning Men's Group
21 8am Chapel Worship 9:00am ADULT CLASSES 9:00 am Middle School Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Service with Sunday School 11:45am Children's Choir Rehearsal	22	23 12 noon Women's Bible Study in Matthew	24 3pm After School Adventures 5:15 pm Adult Study 6:15pm Community Dinner 7pm ASCENT 7PM Adult Choir	25 8am MS BREAKFAST 12noon Men's Group @ JH Grocery Community Room	26 NO LITTLE LAMBS	27 8am Saturday Morning Men's Group
28 8am Chapel Worship 9:00am ADULT CLASSES 9:00 am Middle School Sunday School 10:15am Worship Service with Sunday School Staff Appreciation Sunday ON LINE DIRECTORY PHOTOS in LOBBY 11:30 Delvry Class 11:45am Children's Choir	29	30 12 noon Women's Bible Study in Matthew	31 3pm After School Adventures 5:15 pm Adult Study 6:15pm Community Dinner 7pm ASCENT 7pm Adult Choir			

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