



# THE PROCLAIMER

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Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" <sup>29</sup> "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:28-31

I am sitting in my desk chair trying to decide if I should go for a walk, take a bike ride, or go to the gym. My chair is comfortable enough. I have work to do (like writing for the Proclaimer). Exercise would mean changing my clothes, getting uncomfortable, taking time away from the many other good tasks of the day. But I know I should exercise. I've been told it's good for me. I have even experienced the benefits to my body, mind, and soul. But there are other good things that often seem to take priority.

There are many reasons people do not "go to church" – gather with God's people to receive His gifts.

- + Sometimes we are physically unable to get to church – due to illness or recovering from a procedure.

(In these cases, I would love to "bring church to you" – visit you with God's Word and Sacrament. Please contact me!)

- + Sometimes we have good reasons

- schedule conflicts with work or kids' sports, family gatherings, need for sleeping in.

Sleep/rest is good. Family gatherings are good – God gives the good gift of family.

Sports are a great way for kids (and adults) to learn cooperation and many other lessons in maturity (and to get some exercise!)

A friend of mine tells the story (which I have used in many ways) of when his daughter was 5 years old. They went to the grocery store for ice cream. She wanted the good ice cream (Rocky Road). But the grocery store was out of it. They went across town, but that store was closed. They went to a third store and, wonderfully, they had Rocky Road! (Perhaps this is a story about perseverance.) But as they were about to get the "good ice cream", my friend's daughter saw... IT... not the good ice cream, but the BEST dessert – Drumsticks. They had to choose to set aside the good ice cream for the best dessert.

How often do we go for what is good, immediate, and temporary... but miss out on what is best and eternal?

*What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?* Matthew 16:26 Perhaps, like me, you are feeling the guilt of having made the good choice in the past. Then be reminded that God's best, eternal gift – is His forgiveness. God's grace in Jesus Christ covers you, your life, your past decisions! God gives all good gifts. And the goodness of the gifts is seen by the light of the best – God's mercy and love for you. Let's encourage one another to receive God's best gifts together. And to exercise our faith in His love.

And now I think I'll contemplate God's gifts for soul, mind, and body... and go for a bike ride.

Growing together in God's great gift,

Pastor John

## THE WORD IN AUGUST

8/3/2025	8/10/2025	8/17/2025	8/24/2025	8/31/2025
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26	Genesis 15:1-6	Jeremiah 23:16-29	Isaiah 66:18-23	Proverbs 25:2-10
Colossians 3:1-11	Hebrews 11:1-16	Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3	Hebrews 12:4-24	Hebrews 13:1-17
Luke 12:13-21	Luke 12:22-34	Luke 12:49-53	Luke 13:22-30	Luke 14:1-14

### WORSHIP THEMES IN AUGUST

August 3 – Look to Jesus  
 August 10 – The gift or the wrapping?  
 August 17 – Holy Division  
 August 24 – What's Behind Door #1?  
 August 31 – Liberian Children's Ministry

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

*Invite your friends and neighbors to Sunday morning  
 Bible Study – we have coffee and goodies*

*Sundays 9:15 am*

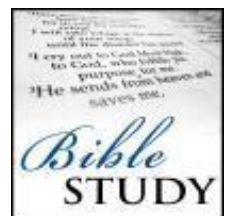
***The Word of God Fulfilled:  
 The Book of Hebrews***

### Official Acts in July

**July 19 – Wedding – Vicki Melms and Jonathon Timpe**

#### Adult Bible Studies:

- ✝ **SUNDAY** Adult Bible Study – Sundays, 9:15 a.m. – The Word of God Fulfilled: The Book of Hebrews
- ✝ **TUESDAY WEEKLY READINGS STUDY** – 9:00 a.m. at PoP – and on Facebook Live
- ✝ **THURSDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON BREAK FOR SUMMER**
- ✝ **THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON BREAK FOR SUMMER**
- ✝ **NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS** – Would you like to talk about what it means to be a Christian, Lutheran, and member of Prince of Peace? Contact Pastor John to join the conversation!



**What is the Bible all about?** God revealing His love and mercy from the beginning to today!

Join Pastor John and Deaconess Intern Amy as we study through the narrative of the Bible!

This new study will be held on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays** of the month beginning on **Wednesday September 3, 2025**, from 6:30 pm -8:00pm.



## Raising Kids God's Way

We are taking a break over the summer.

Watch the bulletin and slides for information about our meeting in September.

If you have any questions or would like more information, talk to Jordan Jones or Amy Genszler.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES!!

Sunday School will begin for kiddos in grades **pre-k through 6th grade** on **Sunday, September 7th**. Look for registrations coming soon! Sunday school lessons for this coming year are being planned, so watch for a sign-up soon to volunteer to teach a week. If you are interested in teaching Sunday School on a regular basis, please see Alison Laurell or text or call 419-699-9687. Thank you!

**-Attention parents of kiddos in 5th through 12th grade....** please use the link provided to complete a survey regarding Sunday school. We would like to expand our current classes and provide a class for our older kids if the need is there. Thank you for taking the time to complete it to provide us with as much information as possible! <https://forms.gle/U1HN1WNz14hQ23CQ8>

**-We are looking for someone or a group of individuals** who would be interested in being a Sunday School teacher for our older kids that attend in grade 5 through 12. We would love to provide a class for our older kiddos if the need is there and would love to have someone who can take that on. Please talk to Alison Laurell or text or call 419-699-9687 if you are interested in taking on this role. Thank you!

### Catechism – Walking in the Promises of God

First Communion and Confirmation classes at Prince of Peace are for all students entering 4th -8th grade.

**First Communion** is a two-session class for students and parents. Contact Pastor John to schedule class.

**Confirmation** is a two-year class for families with students 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Student

Confirmation classes are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Families meet once a month.



**AN INFORMATION MEETING** for all families interested in **First Communion or Confirmation**

classes will be held on **Sunday, August 17** at noon. If you are interested but unable to attend this meeting, contact Pastor John.

**We will welcome Joe Boway** the last weekend in August.

*Ohio Tax-Free Week(end) is 8/1-8/14. A great time to get supplies for the Liberian Children's Ministry!*

### **Refit on the Bay....is now at Prince of Peace!!!!**

Join the Refit on the Bay gang for an hour of fun dance and toning fitness. The time will fly, and friends will be made as you follow along with us and our family-friendly playlist. Class begins at **6:30PM every Tuesday** in the Prince of Peace Family Education Resource Center!! We will be accepting a suggested donation of \$3.00 if participants want to contribute to offset the cost of using the church facility but payment is not required to attend the class. This class is for men, women, and even children—anyone that wants to dance with us is welcome!!! No childcare is offered at this time. If you have any questions, please talk to Tina Daniels or Melle Koch.

### **Do you know someone who would like to use the FRC for an event?**

There is a usage agreement to sign.

There is a fee for non-members and an optional custodial fee for members.

Contact Madison to schedule.

## LIFEWISE ACADEMY

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#### Would you like to see a Bible Education Program started for students in the Oregon City School District?

The work is in progress to have classes of children from all three elementary schools in Oregon attending LifeWise classes by the end of 2025. Pastor Don is available to sit down with individuals and couples to share the Plan, and to build an awareness of how these classes can become a reality in our community.

LifeWise Academy offers Bible education for public school students during school hours. Almost no one knows this is possible. LifeWise Academy is bringing this back like it was when some of our elder members were in school and attended a church. Under a little-known Supreme Court ruling, which has been upheld multiple times, LifeWise empowers communities to provide Bible education and development of character traits for their public-school students during school hours.

There are three conditions:

1. **Off school property.** Upon the completion of our new family life resource center, we would be in a position to host some of these classes for a nearby Elementary School.
2. **Privately funded.** Since no government funds can be used for this program, it would be wise and good to have the support of many churches in our community. This is a process of letting many know how they can be participants in this mission.
3. **Parent permitted.** Parental permission is required for a child's participation. Therefore, it is each family's choice once it is organized and available to them. This too is in the process of happening, especially for Coy School which will have their classes in our Family Resource Center classrooms.

**According to** a 2024 national poll, more than 75% of Americans believe public school students need moral and character education. And more than half of all Americans support the teaching of biblical values to public school students. LifeWise Academy makes that possible and gives local folks like us an opportunity to volunteer and help in the process. It is already happening in 1,000 school districts, Coast to Coast, located in 33 states.

**Watch for an opportunity to hear more and ask questions about LifeWise here at Prince of Peace.** You may even find an opportunity to help this effort for the ministry to children.

#### How is God calling you to help provide Bible education during school hours?

Contact Cathy Burson 419-290-6755

[lifewise.org/oregoncityoh](http://lifewise.org/oregoncityoh)

See the handout for more details.



## COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

JOIN US on **Sunday September 21, 2025**, for our Fall Open House!! We will have tables set up in the new Fellowship Room that will have information about all of our ministries here at Prince of Peace! Each team should start discussing what materials/items you want on your table that show what your ministry does. Be creative!

**Any questions, concerns, ideas, talk to Deaconess Intern Amy Genszler** or text her at 262-343-1046.

We will also have snacks and drinks so if you want to help in the kitchen let Amy know! This is a celebration and an exciting way to invite people from the community into our beautiful new space, show them around, munch on snacks, and learn about all the things that we do here. Be a part of the new ways God is leading us in to share His love with others!!



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## **SHARING JESUS WITH ALL GENERATIONS – BUILDING TO REACH MORE:**

### **Expanded Family Ministry at Prince of Peace**

*We thank God for the many construction workers, and all involved!*

*Watch for more details and invite your friends to the*

### ***Community Open House this fall – September 21!***

Various ministries of PoP will have tables to share and encourage you in many ways to help!

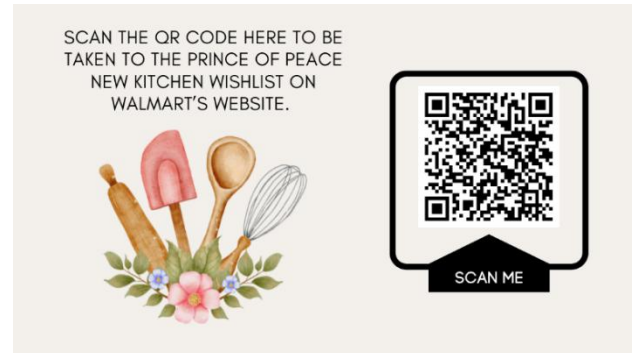
### ***Your help is needed to plan the Open House!***

***If you would like to be part of the Open House Planning Team, contact Deaconess Intern Amy.***



Check out Wish lists on both Amazon and Wal-Mart as we Share Jesus with all Generations and Build to Reach More!

As we shift from a “construction loan” to a mortgage, we prepare for our next Capital Campaign. **Interested in helping out?** Contact Jim Bragg or Pastor John



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**LITTLE FREE FOOD PANTRY UPDATE:** If anyone is a Thrivent member and would like to apply for a \$250 Action card, we would greatly appreciate it. It will be used to provide personal care products to help people in need in our community.

POP is hosting a **once-a-month food pantry** through Seagate Food Bank. It is on the **fourth Saturday** of the month from 10-11am. If you would like to help with the Saturday distribution, or the Friday pick up and packing of food, please contact Cathy Reichow.

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**Properties Team:** Check the bulletin board to sign up for *projects and minor repairs*. Please contact Dan 419-392-1470 or Cathy 419-392-1468 with any questions.

The  
Property  
Team

We are taking orders for pavers for the Memorial Garden. There are two sizes - 4x8; 2 lines; \$75 and 8x8; 2 lines; \$125. Additional lines can be added for \$10. You can do up to three lines on the 4x8 and 4 lines on the 8x8. All proceeds will go into the Memorial Fund. Questions? Contact Cathy Reichow at [creichow1958@gmail.com](mailto:creichow1958@gmail.com).

***From the Properties Team – There are new IBC totes on the northwest side of Garage. One tote is for Aluminum cans and the other tote is for Steel. Please place your donated materials in the appropriate totes.***



*We will have hot dogs and S'mores...bring a snack to share and a game to play and we will hang out outside!! (weather permitting)  
This event is for ALL members of Prince of Peace and their friends too! Hope to see you there!!!*



As summer starts winding down, we are getting ready for a new year of preschool! We have been updating a few things in the room! We have openings in all our classes currently! Morning classes are filling up fast, we have quite a few spots open in the afternoon class. **If you know anyone who has a child who is 3 and looking for a preschool, give them a pamphlet**, our best advertising is us! We have them on the information table! **If you have a community board at your work or in your break room at work**, please take some pamphlets and post them!

As we are thinking about and praying for the new school year **consider being a prayer pal!** It's amazing to share with the parents and children that they always have someone praying for them. The parents appreciate the prayer, and it's important for them to have the support of our congregation as well!

While the back-to-school sales are starting up there are some things the preschool can always use throughout the year! **If you are feeling led to give, here are a few ideas:** glue Sticks, tissues, Lysol disinfectant spray, Lysol or Clorox wipes, items for scrap art (anything that can be glued on paper), card stock (plain or multi color). If you'd like to donate a gift card for us to continue to update our classroom: Amazon, Hobby Lobby, or Target. We will have a basket outside of the door for donations. We appreciate our church family and the continuous support throughout the year!

We currently have openings in all our classes, *but they are going fast!*

*If you know anyone who is looking for preschool, please have them email or call the preschool.*



***Registration forms for the 2025-2026 school year are available!***

***Everyone can help spread the word!***

There are Preschool Pamphlets in the Narthex,  
please take a couple and give them out!

***Grab a trifold brochure and get it into the hands of any and all  
parents of preschoolers that you know!!!***

-Preschool Staff

**Director/Teacher – Jamie Campbell**

**Teachers – Marianne Kelly and Wendy Kelly**

**Sub – Sarah Mendoza, Madison Campbell**

**Preschool Phone: 419-693-8661**

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## Men of the Church:

**Thursday Men's Bible Study is on Summer Break. See you in September!**

**Saturday Men's Breakfast:** check with Pastor Don and Jim Bragg about Breakfast over the summer months

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## Women of the Church:

**THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** is on summer break. See you in September!



**Women of Prince of Peace**—You are invited to join our POP LWML group!! Here are some items that you need to know...

~Please continue to color cards for Phil's Friends. They currently send out about 3000 cards per month to cancer patients in the U.S. All ages can color the cards! Please use crayon or colored pencil. Cards are on the LWML table. Place them in the envelope when completed. If you would like to learn more about Phil's Friends, go to <https://philsfriends.org>

### ~Short Term Mission Trips

*Volunteers travel to MOST Ministries in Ann Arbor on the third Tuesday of each month. The volunteers sort and clean eyeglasses and do the service projects. Please continue to collect eyeglasses. Contact Corinne Sattler (419-699-7724) for more information.*

### **MITE COLLECTION**

Please remember to bring in your MITE boxes at any time and drop them in the "big Mite Box" at the Information Table in the lobby! A supply of new Mite Boxes will be here soon. Watch for them on the table next to the large mite box in the narthex.



### **OLD GLASSES and CASES [an LWML project]**

There is a box on the table near the entrance in which you can place any old eyeglasses and cases that you would like to discard. (One person's junk is another person's treasure.) These items are donated to MOST [Mission Opportunities Short Term], a LCMS Ministry working with many congregations in Michigan and Ohio, who fit them with new lenses and take thousands of pairs of glasses giving them to many folks, in countries where optical services are non-existent. This is an opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

***We have had approval from the Pad Project to make more personal hygiene pads. We would like to get as many made for the summer as we can! If you would like to help sew precut material or cut material for more pads, please speak to Molly Miller. We will also be collecting new packaged ladies' underwear donations for the Pad Project. Please place them in the donation basket near the main entrance.***

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### **Knit and Pray:**

Do you know someone who is going through a hard time and would appreciate knowing that Jesus is with them? Please give them one of the prayer coverings and a printed prayer paper to let them know they are not alone. The closet is full of yarn for you to take to create prayer blankets.

**Thank you to all those who have donated yarn the past couple of months! We appreciate the support and prayers!**

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## FOOD PANTRY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

### UPDATED FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

We need food items due to cuts at Seagate. Boxed dinners, cereal, pasta and canned goods (i.e.: vegetables, soups). We hand out informational pamphlets to let everyone know that Jesus is our Lord and Savior, and he is the reason for all that we have and share. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Blessings to everyone! Thank you, Food pantry.

“Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.” Luke 6:38

Any questions or concerns please contact Connie Kuch 419.351.0436 or Debbie Haas 419.261.6840



**ELDERS IN TOUCH....** Our Elders Ministry Team is organized to be in touch with our members. They are working to contact all our members on a regular basis. Here is a list of our elders and the alphabetical groups to which they are assigned. Feel free to contact Pastor John, or one of our elders if we can serve you.

a. Tom Smith	419-343-8553	(Alder > Coffey)
b. Joe Daniels	419-266-5426	(Cornell > Geldien)
c. Mark Sattler	419-699-7723	(Genszler > Jones)
d. Lyle Stine	419-340-7818	(Keiser > Maletich)
e. Gary Garbers	419-693-7651	(Mayer > Peters)
f. Jim Bragg	419-690-2608	(Pfefferle > Sarns)
g. Don Halka	567-377-2248	(Sattler > VanCamp)
h. Phil Miller	419-691-7727	(Vanderhorst > Zieroff)

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## PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

If you need prayer (or know someone who does) contact the Prayer Chain. If you would like to join the Prayer Team in praying for our brothers and sisters regularly, join the Prayer Chain. *Contact Tina Daniels at [tinajoeboob@gmail.com](mailto:tinajoeboob@gmail.com)*

### Remember in Your Prayers:

**+for healing** – Gertrude Brant, Bill Crosser, Carol Crosser, Pam Downour, Pastor Kevin Duff, John Ewald, Caleb Fennewald, Kay Garbers, Deb Hartke, Chris Hoover, Jill Hughes, Mary McCallum, Bonnie Meier, Cathy Reichow, Dan Reichow, Philip Shasteen, Paige Smith, Richard Snyder, Kym Snyder, Perri Tiefel, Jon Timpe, Leann Winslow, Judy Young

**+for your church** – our vision and leaders and the commitment to follow God’s will

**+for those serving in the armed forces** –

Ty Garbers, Ricky Pratt, Cole Pollex, Andrew Genszler, Stacy Galla, Nate Millard, Andrew Pindor, Erik Simmons

**+for our missionaries** –

- Pastor Tim Heiney, Global Lutheran Outreach in Guinea, West Africa
- Mike and Becky Kuelker, IAM missionaries in Mexico
- Joe Boway, New Life Lutheran Church - missionary to the children in Liberia
- POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach), a mission to Muslims
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Bella Vita Network (The Pregnancy Center, Soul Purpose, The Haven)

**+our 'adopted' seminary students** –

-Deaconess Intern Amy Genszler

[deaconessamy@princeofpeaceoregon.com](mailto:deaconessamy@princeofpeaceoregon.com)





# August Activities at PoP

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
3 Every Saturday/Sunday Schedule 5:30 PM (Saturday) Worship 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 2:00 PM A.A	4	5 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study  6:30PM Refit on the Bay  7:00 PM Elders	6	7	1	2
					8	9
10	11	12 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study  6:30PM Refit on the Bay	13	14	15	16
17  12:00PM Family Confirmation Information Meeting  FAITH IN THE STADIUM	18  7:00PM Mission & Ministry	19 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study  6:30PM Refit on the Bay	20	21	22  5:30PM Family Game Night Outdoors	23  10:00 AM Drive Through Food Pantry
24	25	26 9:00AM – Weekly Readings Study  6:30PM Refit on the Bay	27	28	29	30  Joe Boway
31  Joe Boway						
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# August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>David and Alice Williams</i>	2 <i>Gary and Kay Garbers</i> Nolan Madson
3	4 Molly Miller	5 Amanda Waldvogel Isaac Nichols Kristine Keiser	6 Sam Henneman Sarah Pagel	7 Avery Alder Elizabeth Breier-Sharlow	8 <i>Bob and Sue Pfefferle</i>	9 Madison Campbell Robert Keiser
10 Kylie Firsdon	11	12 Corrine Sattler	13 Richard Stanley	14 Brian Richards Jr.	15 Anna Rew-McCoy	16
17 Melle Koch	18 Madeline Jones	19	20 Seth Alder	21	22 Dillon Bailey	23 <i>Bob and Melle Koch</i> Levi Hill Ricky Pratt
24 Carol Angst <i>Don and Carolyn Weiss</i> <i>Gerry and Deb Hartke</i>	25 Lily Stine Millie Bailey	26	27	28	29 Brittany McCoy Hailey Thanasiu	30 Jenny Feehan Peggy Peters <i>Sam and Jordan Jones</i> Zeke Miller
31 <i>Jerry and Marcine Roepke</i>						

2025



Volunteer Schedule for August 2025	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeters	All God's people!		
Ushers	Talk with the Elder for the service		
Projection			
Camera			
Sound Board			
Readers	Stines	Don Halka	Amy Genszler
Acolytes			
Elder	Lyle Stine	Jim Bragg	Tom Smith
Communion Servers (Wine)	Talk with the Elder for the service		
Altar Guild			
Pew Care			

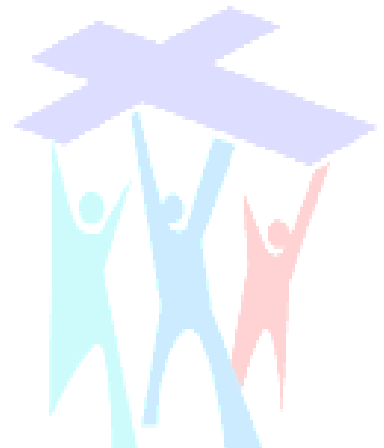
**We have many faithful people at Prince of Peace willing to serve in many ways.**

How has God gifted you to serve in His Church? Can you pour a glass of juice? Can you read? Can you pick up papers? Do you know anyone else with "special skills" like these?

You can serve your church family!

Contact Pastor John at any time!

Sharing Jesus – Living His Love  
Through Discipleship at Home  
and in Community



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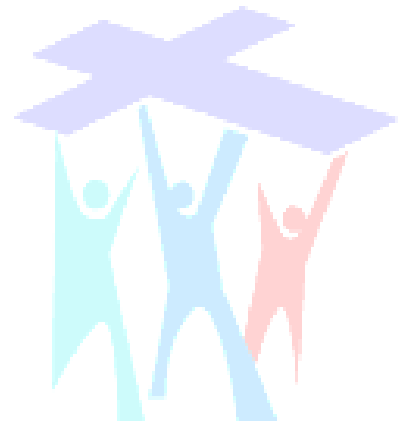
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Saturday Worship: 5:30 PM  
Sunday School: 9:15 AM  
Sunday Worship: 8:00 and 10:30 AM

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