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The PBC Messenger



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June 2018

Are you a follower or a disciple?

We have begun to talk a lot about discipleship. We all acknowledge the need to make disciples and quote Matthew 28:18-20 every time the topic surfaces. But, what does that really mean? What is our plan for getting the assignment that Jesus gave to His church accomplished?

Dallas Willard said, since making disciples is the main task of the church, every church ought to be able to answer these questions:

- What is our plan for making disciples of Jesus?
- Is our plan working?

Neil Cole has started hundreds of churches in the USA and in thirty-one countries around the world. He says, "Ultimately each church will be evaluated by only one thing, its disciples. Your church is only as good as its disciples. It does not matter how good your praise, preaching, programs or property are. If your disciples are passive, needy, consumerist, and not moving in the direction of radical obedience, your church is not good."

There is nothing better than sharing in the joy of someone coming to Jesus. But what new Christians, and those who have been walking with Christ for years, need to realize is that becoming a Christian is just the first step. Being a Christian isn't something you do one time and then only give half-hearted devotion to afterwards. Being a Christian is a journey, a lifestyle. And we must remember that Jesus established some principles of discipleship to help us on that journey.

Jesus expects every person that follows Him to take it seriously. In His earthly ministry He wasn't interested in drawing a big crowd just for the sake of bragging about the numbers. Jesus wanted to transform people into completely surrendered, fully committed disciples.

Matthew 16:24 – If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

Luke 14:27 – And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

Jesus is not part of his disciple's life. Jesus IS his life. During the time when Jesus walked the earth what it meant to be a disciple was that one gave up everything in order to follow his master. And that is exactly what Jesus calls us to become is His disciple.

Bill Hull is a discipleship guru of sorts. He says, "God's primary plan for the Church is for disciples of Jesus to develop other men and women into disciples! There is probably no other more primary matter of negligence in the Church today than our failure to follow the Lord's command to develop disciples. Because of this gross neglect, many Christians think of themselves as an audience to be entertained rather than an army ready to march...Discipleship must function as the heart of church ministry."

My Question: Are you a follower or a disciple?

William Barclay says, It is possible to be a follower of Jesus without being a disciple; to be a camp follower without being a soldier of the king; to be a hanger-on in some great work without pulling one's weight. Once someone was talking to a great scholar about a younger man, He said, 'So and so tells me that he was one of your students.' The teacher answered devastatingly, "He may have attended my lectures, but he was not one of my students." There is a world of difference between attending lectures and being a student. It is one of the supreme handicaps of the Church that in the Church there are so many distant followers of Jesus and so few real disciples.

Jesus was serious about discipleship. We must be as well. Please pray for our Strategic Planning Team as we study the scriptures and pursue a discipleship plan for PBC that will reflect the heart of Jesus. Pray that we will all be faithful to His commission to make disciples.



Dine and Design Fundraiser for Uganda 2018

June 23 — 5-8 PM
PBC Fellowship Hall
\$50/Person
Includes dinner, canvas, materials and instruction



Baptist Women is taking on a new format of Missions Mentoring and Meeting.

Our meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
Next Meeting July 24th

Upcoming Event: "Father's Day Event"
Sunday, June 10 at 5:00 PM
Home of Travis & Kristy Gardner
106 Thompson Land, Princeton
Bring a fishing pole, bait and lawn chair

LLL's Luncheon

(Living Long and Loving it!)

June 12 at NOON!!

The main dish will be provided by the group in charge.
Lets have a good time with good food and fellowship.

Uganda Mission 2018



Spaghetti Lunch

Sunday, July 15
After Worship

Plan to stay and enjoy some good, homemade spaghetti with us.

There will no charge for the lunch but donations will be accepted.

There will also be cakes auctioned and a silent auction of other items.

June Calendar

2018

Weekly Events

Sunday
9:45am Sunday School
10:55am Worship
10:55am Children's Church

Wednesday
10:00am Morning Bible Study
6:30pm Summer Nights
6:30pm Youth Bible Study
6:45pm College Bible
8:00pm Choir

June 2018

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| Prison Ministry - 6:00 PM | 4 |
| Father's Day Event - 5:00 PM | 10 |
| C.A.R.E. Ministry - 5:00 PM | 11 |
| LLL'S Luncheon - 12:00 PM | 12 |
| Father's Day | 17 |
| Deacons Meeting - 7:00 PM | 17 |
| NO C.A.R.E. Ministry | 25 |
| JBA General Board Meeting - 7:00 PM | 28 |



Sunday June 17, 2018
7:00 PM

Tithes and Offerings April, 2018

General Fund MTD — \$29,199.24
Monthly Requirement — \$28,875.00

Happy Birthday

June Birthdays

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| 1 | Evan Gronendyke |
| 2 | Willie Ann Davenport |
| 3 | Megan W Lee |
| 5 | Ernest Jeffords |
| 6 | Clara Parrish, Ray Autry, Jr., Mason Rachels |
| 7 | Harvey L Jordan |
| 8 | Kristy Gardner |
| 10 | Ann Potter |
| 12 | Loreece Radford, Phil Pearson |
| 13 | Beverly Best, Rollin Gronendyke, Janet Martin |
| 16 | Sylvia Wiggs |
| 21 | Paul Howell |
| 23 | Ray Hilliard |
| 24 | Gary Rhodes |
| 28 | Beth Pearce Barbour |
| 29 | RJ Smith |



Gaylon Pope and Sweetwater

Sunday, August 12 at 6 PM
In Concert at PBC

Children’s Ministry

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday Nights 6:30-8:00

June 6, 13, and 20

Music, Supper, and Devotion/Games

June 24-28

VBS

June 2018 Flower Schedule

3 - COMMUNION/CHURCH CONFERENCE

10 - Wiggs Family in honor of their Family Reunion

17 - Arthur & Debbie Stephenson in memory of his parents, Lillie Mae & Herman Stephenson, Jr.

24 - Pat Parks, Glenn & Dean Wiggs in memory of their father, Tommy Wiggs



What’s the Catch?

Temptation is a tricky thing—it always comes with a catch waiting to trip us up. But with temptation all around us, how do we avoid getting caught in its trap? In this series PBC youth will be discussing temptation and how there may be a catch to every temptation, there’s also always a way out.



Teens

Meet Each

Wednesday

6:45 - 8:00 PM

Sunday

9:45 - 10:45 AM

C.A.R.E. Ministry

The CARE Team meets June 11, 2018 at 5:00 PM. Join us if you can pray, help deliver meals, clean up after dinner or make follow up visits. Please notify the team if you know of any needs they can meet or anyone who needs encouragement to join our church family. We need drivers to deliver meals on second and fourth Monday nights.

C.A.R.E. Team Report

May 14, 2018

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| Members Present: | 9 |
| Meals Delivered | 25 |
| Visits | 1 |
| Cards Sent | 14 |

Prayers for all requests
Praises for many blessings

Baptism Service

**We will baptize new converts during worship June 17.
If you have not followed through with the church ordinance and would like to take part, please contact the church office to schedule an appointment to talk with Pastor Dwayne about your participation.**

Vacation Bible School



**Volunteers Needed - Please sign up on bulletin board
by the Fellowship Hall
June 24th - 28th from 6:30-8:00 PM**

June Nursery Schedule Sunday School & Worship

| Nursery Volunteers | |
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| 3 | Kayla Walker |
| 10 | Kathy O'Mara |
| 17 | Brittany Haddock |
| 24 | Samantha Crews |

Rotating Nursery Schedule

Karen Pearson & Kim Wellons
Joyce Dudley & Jean Starling

Personal Worship

Personal worship is vital to our day to day growth in Jesus. It is a time where we, as followers of Christ come before the Lord through prayer, scripture reading and studying, singing, being still in his presence, meditating on his word, fasting, and worshipping through other ways that are defined by the Holy Scriptures. Our time alone in the presence of the Lord can be a barometer for our spiritual health in Christ. If spending time in the presence of the Lord is a desire, even an anticipated time, then it is one that is growing and exciting. If spending time in the presence of the Lord is rarely done, then that person needs to review their relationship with Christ. Those followers that rarely spend time with Jesus are usually only seeking him for answered prayer concerns. Seldomly going before the Lord or just seeking to have needs met shows that an individual doesn't desire the Lord himself. Those individuals only want what they can get from God. God has become nothing more than a fixer to these types of individuals. It peaks the imagination if these individuals have even surrendered their lives to God. Although, these individuals seem to have the faith to go to the Lord in prayer but have truly missed out on the wondrous relationship of the Lord himself. Let us also remember that we cannot make God do anything. He does everything out of his will and good pleasure for his purposes of bring people to salvation though his son Jesus. So, the lack-there-of for our personal worship before the Lord reveals to us where our barometer is set on our spiritual health.

In the case of a low setting on the spiritual health barometer, there is a great need for this to be remedied. The only remedy is to get into the presence of the Lord through a regular time of prayer and scripture reading. If we lack the desire to be in the presence of God because we think other things are more important, then we need to ask ourselves why, what, and how. Why do we care about other things more than the Lord? What sin or sins do we need to repent of to be in the presence of the Lord? (Because sin blocks our desire to be in the presence of the Lord.) How are we going to change our habits to include personal worship as a priority?

Here is a litmus test for your personal time of worship. Take this time right now and pray and read through this passage, Psalm 46. So, pick up your bible and read this passage and then come back.

Here are a couple of signals that your spiritual health is low to nonexistent. You didn't even read the eleven verses of the passage. You had trouble finding your Bible. It felt like a waste of time. If after reading this there was no effect on you whatsoever, you are one who probably needs to surrender your life to Jesus.

Here are a couple of signals that your spiritual health is being maintained or growing. If after reading this your desire of being in the presence of the Lord is increased, then you are probably one who is in maintenance mode and needs to prioritize personal worship in their daily lives. If while reading this you actual began worshipping the Lord or sought out and studied the word more, you are probably one who regularly spends time in the presence of the Lord. Whatever your response to this passage of scripture, I pray that you will consider where your desire is to "Be still and know that [He] is God." Where is your barometer reading, in your desire for growth in your personal worship?

I pray that you will take this seriously. There are eternal implications found in our spiritual health in Christ for our lives, fellow believers, the bride of Christ (universal church), our friends who have not surrendered their lives to Jesus, our communities and our world. For believers it is what we get at the beginning of the relationship to the time we are standing in the presence of Christ and that is Christ himself. For those whose personal worship is seeking anything other than the Lord it is an eternity separated from Jesus in a place called hell. I pray that our hearts will ever be seeking the Savior in personal worship to him alone.

Blessings,

Trevor Clatterbuck
Associate Pastor of Worship

