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The View

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An “Upside-Down” Kingdom

I think that we all realize there is a lot at stake for the future of our country in the upcoming election. Whoever wins on November 3rd, you can bet that the divisive hatred will continue. The media will continue to propagate lies and spin. The parties and their representatives will continue to demonize those who disagree with them. The world around us will continue to live out its broken, fallen values. The real question before us – no matter what happens in this election or any other – is who our True King really is? Do we want to mimic our culture? Or, do we want to be people who live out an “upside-down” kingdom vision?

On a mount near the Sea of Galilee, nearly 2000 years ago, Jesus said the following:

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name because of the Son of Man.

Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

In the first century, as in the twenty-first, Jesus’ words sound crazy. Poverty, hunger, weeping, and oppression are decidedly NOT something we consider as blessing. Yet, Jesus says

“blessed” (the Greek word is the plural of *Makarios*. It means “truly happy, blessed, fortunate”) we are if these things are in our lives **and** we are Kingdom people, Son-of-Man people, Jesus’ people. Dallas Willard says these statements from Jesus are:

“... explanations and illustrations, drawn from the immediate setting, of the present availability of the kingdom through personal relationship to Jesus. They single out cases that provide proof that, in him, the rule of God from the heavens truly is available in life circumstances that are beyond all human hope.”

I want to be candid with you. I hope America holds together. Still, I am not going to be surprised for an instant if the next several months and years hold seething hatred, death, and persecution. Yet, no matter what, in Jesus Christ we can have the “rule of God from the heavens” breaking into our everyday lives. This is true whether we enter a time of prosperity or a time of Satanic oppression. Which King do you really want? Which kingdom are you most aligned with? Whatever happens November 4th, how you answer these questions will determine whether or not you (and I) will experience true blessing.

The Pastor’s Study



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Here is a brief look at what is coming up for PCC Youth:

PCC Youth Center “Student Zone” Renovation

Update: This project has hit a few snags. However, the architectural drawings are done and approved by the City of Meridian. We are hoping to land on a bid in the next week or two. Then, renovations should move forward quickly. It will be worth the wait when we get there!

Wednesday Nights: Regular Wednesday night PCC Youth meetings are in full swing on Wednesdays with fellowship, food, worship,

games, and God’s Word! All Middle School and High School students are welcome at the Youth Center/Gym at 6:30pm (we end at 8:00)!

Thanksgiving Week OFF: With the holidays quickly approaching, there will be some adjustments to the PCC Youth schedule. On Wednesday, November 18th we will have our *Thanksgiving Party*. We will then break for the Thanksgiving week and take Wednesday, November 25th off.

November 2020 Update for Adult Programs & Christian Education

Here is some of what is happening with Adult CE and relational discipleship in November and beyond:



We have leaders & groups ready for nearly every age & stage of life. Several of these have started and more are about to

kick off! If you want to be in a *Life Group*, please reach out to Pastor Jordan:

jcarter@pccmeridian.org OR (208) 569-1980.

Also, you can get more information and sign up for a group at the *Welcome Center*.

New Evangelism and Discipleship Classes: Duane McMurdie, our *Evangelism Director*, is currently working with some of our pastors to develop some abbreviated (4-6 week slots) classes that will rotate between the “Modern” and “Traditional” Worship times. These will likely start in the New Year (January 2021?) and focus on

God’s Word & Evangelism and *God’s Word & Discipleship*. These foundational groups/classes will be short-term engagements that will help you grow in your ability to embrace and share the gospel and live out the Christian life. More details TBA in the near future. If you are interested, please contact Duane McMurdie (dmcmaxx@gmail.com), Pastor Jordan (jcarter@pccmeridian.org) or Pastor Justin (jmcmurdie@pccmeridian.org) for more information.

“New Beginnings” Class Has Resumed: Our “New Beginnings” Sunday School class has resumed meeting on Sundays during the “Modern” Worship service in room 7/8. The team teachers for this are Debi Irish & Roy Johnson. If you are interested in joining a class, please contact office@pccmeridian.org to let them know of your interest and/or show up on Sunday mornings!



Children's Minister

AUTUMN MCMURDIE



Coming Up for PCC Kids

FALL FEST Was a Hit! Our first annual *Fall Fest* was a blast! We had a great turnout (100-150 kids & adults) throughout the evening as we enjoyed chili, hot dogs, games, contests, fires, fun and lots of good fellowship! Special thanks to Cailee Gilster, Lizz Garcia, and the McMurdie/Gilster *Life Group* for their hard work in planning and setting up. Pray that God uses this event to bring the new families that came to Himself & PCC!

PCC Kids is Rocking: We have about 30-40 kids coming on Sunday mornings between

our "Modern" and "Traditional" services. The "Modern" Service (i.e., 9:30am) in particular has often had at or above 30 kids. With all of this said, please consider the following: (1) Pray that God will lead us more workers who really love teaching and/or interacting with kids! (2) Consider whether you might be gifted/geared to help out at *PCC Kids* check-in? This area is one where we need more bodies. It isn't for everyone, but if you like meeting new people and welcoming in parents and kids, this is for you!

NOVEMBER: MISSIONS MONTH

Autumn McMurdie is the *Missions Committee Chairperson* for 2020. She is looking for people who have a passion for connecting with, highlighting, and supporting PCC's missionaries. In order to help with this, we are going to use November 2020 as our "Missions Emphasis Month!"

Each week, Autumn will have a video or other highlight that will emphasize one of our key missions. We will also have a special visit from the Gideons and we will disburse & collect our *Operation Christmas Child* shoeboxes. Stay tuned to hear about the ways that PCC is supporting local and global partners to help spread the gospel! Also, if you want to be a part of the Missions Committee, contact Autumn amcmurdie@pccmeridian.org or 541.525.4682.

"Jesus and Hanukkah"

On Wednesday, November 11th at 6:30pm, Ryan Karp from *Chosen People Ministries* will be joining us at Parkview Christian Church to talk about Jewish evangelism and the amazing connections between Hanukkah and Jesus' claims to be Messiah. Join us for this special time of learning and sharing! A freewill offering will be taken.



This Samaritan's Purse international program provides gifts from Christians to children in need around the world. Pick up boxes to fill at the Children's check-in desk. If you want to participate, but not do the shopping, feel free to donate, marking your offering "Operation Christmas Child". The suggested donation is \$20 per box.

Boxes must be turned in by Nov. 15.



Prayer Chain Captain:

Bonnie Fredriksen
(208) 375-1390



ALL ARE INVITED!

November 14, 9:30 am

All men are welcome to come enjoy a time of fellowship as well as a hearty breakfast!

Where: Parkview Christian Church (Youth Center door)

Cost: There will be no charge for the breakfast BUT DONATIONS ACCEPTED!

Elders:

11/1 Debi Irish/Marcy Timm
11/8 Lyle Gessford/Bill Logsdon
11/15 Roy Johnson/Debi Irish
11/22 Barb Bowman/Lyle Gessford
11/29 Bill Logsdon/Roy Johnson

Deacons:

Mike Malone, Chairman
Barbara Bowman, Cal Bowman,
Ken Bruning, Jonah Crump, Lyle
Gessford, Hollis Johnson, Julie
Malone

***These Veterans have given us
their service information:***

Loren Blickenstaff, U.S. Army

Richard Cooke, Army Reserve

Chuck Crooks, U.S. Navy

Don Farley, U.S. Army

Lloyd Fritschle, U.S. Navy

Lyle Gessford, U.S. Army

Al Henderson, U.S. Army

Marv Koch, U.S. Army

***Bill Lee, Air Force & Idaho
Air National Guard***

Don Lowry, U.S. Air Force

Jack Maki, U.S. Army

Jim Nall, U.S. Navy

***Pat O'Loughlen, U.S. Marine
Corps***

George Pullman, U.S. Navy

John Shipley, Army Reserve

***Honoring Veterans on November 11
and all the other days of the year.***

November Birthdays

Judy Lee	11/04
Sandy Drake	11/05
Tristan Marsh	11/06
Tom Pe	11/06
Joyce Cooke	11/08
Calissa Estrada	11/12
Fredna Greene	11/12
Mark Hitesman	11/14
Denis Benson	11/16
Rose Hunt	11/16
Jack Maki	11/16
Bob LeMaster	11/17
Betty Gull	11/18
Becky Travis	11/21
Anita Liddiard	11/22
Bev Malinowski	11/27
Justin Travis	11/28



November Anniversaries

Wayne & Sharon Brown	11/05
Mike & Julie Malone	11/19
Oswin Edward & Marilyn (Abraham)	11/26

November Calendar

11/1	Daylight Savings Time		11/11	Chosen People	6:30 pm
11/1	Baby Shower	12:30 pm	11/14	Men's Breakfast	9:30 am
11/2	Elders Meeting	6 pm	11/18	Men's Coffee	8:30 am
11/3	Election Day	VOTE!!	11/18	Trustees Meeting	10 am
11/4	Men's Coffee	8:30 am	11/18	Prayer Group	6 pm
11/4	Prayer Group	6 pm	11/18	Youth Party	6:30 pm
11/4	Youth Group	6:30 pm	11/19	Finance Cmte	4:30 pm
11/11	Veterans Day	Office Open	11/19	General Bd. Mtg.	6 pm
11/11	Men's Coffee	8:30 am	11/25	Men's Coffee	8:30 am
11/11	Worship Cmte	4:00 pm	11/26	Thanksgiving Day	Office Closed
11/11	Prayer Group	6 pm	11/27	OFFICE CLOSED	
11/11	Youth Group	6:30 pm			

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Lizz Roberts	Children's Intern
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