

June 2018

Providence Ponderings

Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus

Ahoy, mateys! Get ready for an adventure to an uncharted island where you are rescued by Jesus! You'll learn that God is always with you at Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus, our 2018 VBS!

At VBS, you'll learn to hold on to God's promises when you are lonely, when you worry, when you struggle, when you do wrong, and when you feel powerless.

NEW DATES! Our VBS will take place on Monday, July 23, through Thursday, July 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Register today at www.pccbargersville.org/VBS.



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Honoring our graduates

These graduates will be recognized during the Worship Service on Sunday, June 3. Each graduate will be gifted with a Dave Ramsey book and a Parker pen.



Lindsey Abercrombie
Franklin Community High School

Jessica Black
Bachelor's Degree in Religious Studies, Christian Education
Central Christian College of the Bible



Alison Mathena
Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy
Indiana University

Kyle Mathena
Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture
Purdue University

Jackson Sample
Greenfield Community High School

Tyler White
Bachelor's Degrees in Finance and Sports Management
Missouri Valley College

Relay For Life

Join us at Relay For Life on Saturday, June 9, from noon to midnight at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. You may register for our team, Providence Prayer Partners, [online](#) or on the sign-up sheet at the back of the Sanctuary. Or just come out to show your support!

We would like to register as many cancer survivors as possible. If you know of any survivors who would like to participate, contact Shari Stark so they can be honored. There will be a free dessert social for survivors at 7 p.m. at the event.



Please invite everyone you know to take part in this powerful event. For more information, contact Shari Stark at 317-750-5892.

Missions - Serving His world

Bridges Alliance of Johnson County

Bridges Alliance of Johnson County, a program aimed at alleviating poverty throughout the community, is looking for volunteers and donors to help support the effort. You can find a complete list of volunteer opportunities at www.bridgesalliancejc.org.

Krista Goff

This January, I had the joy of visiting the OneHope offices in Florida... While walking down the hallway, the Spirit of God very clearly spoke to me. "Krista, this will be your last time in the OneHope offices. It's time to start saying goodbye..."

Knowing my Greek visa would expire in July 2018, I'd been praying about what to do next... I had my first answer - it's time to transition out of OneHope. As I sought God about the answer to my second question, it became evident that although there are still opportunities for ministry in Greece, God is calling me back to the States for a season... God has given me great peace and multiple confirmations regarding this decision.

What about the ministry in Greece? I will travel back as often as God permits... Katerina, my dear friend and colleague, is passionate to continue the ministry we've started together...



What's next? Great question! I am asking God that question myself and appreciate your prayers in this area. On July 2, I am flying back to the States... I have many dreams in my heart... Whatever happens, my heart will always be for bringing the nations to Christ... God has taken us on a bigger adventure than I could have ever imagined. We've had the joy of sharing God's word with over 1 million children throughout nearly 20 countries in Europe and Australia the past six years. I could never have made it

without the faithful love and support of each one of you. From the bottom of my heart, thank you!

CSI Ministries

Pray for:

- us as we explore new areas of Belize where we have met some people very active in ministry who have invited us to assist and partner with them.
- wisdom and discernment on all of our fields as we work to be good stewards of resources while evaluating where to assist amidst overwhelming needs.
- for three teams that had to cancel for various significant reasons this summer in Jamaica. Praying that their circumstances will be resolved. It would be good to fill those open weeks.

Praise God for:

- excellent board meetings this past month and for the board member's faithful service.
- a good relationship developing with a ministry in Haiti.
- for stories of God moving in people's lives after they served on trips.
- for talks with new churches and groups as they explore being more involved in missions.

Providence Christian Church Mission Partners

Silvia Balcazar - Ecuador
Samuel Chung - China
Luis Jaime Duran Buendia - Peru
Mike Ginter - CSI
Krista Goff - Greece
Marggy Hensley - CSI
Sovann Keo - Cambodia
Ricardo Marquez - Ecuador

Duyen Nguyen - Vietnam
Elva Novillo Quito - Ecuador
Elizabeth Nyakudanga - Zimbabwe
Leonor Solis - Ecuador
Yon Chesly Suarez Chavez - Peru
Dr. Mary Ruth Wise - Peru
Florentino Zarate - Peru

Christ Youth Bible Clubs
Food 4 Souls
Interchurch Food Pantry
of Johnson County
KIC-IT
Multiplication Network
Ministries
St. Thomas Free Clinic

News from the congregation

Sympathy

PCC extends our sympathy to Chad (Heather) Fox and Joe (Michelle) Fox and family upon the death of Ned Fox, Chad and Joe's father.

Thank you!

Thank you!

PCC says thank you to Deb Clark Howard, aka The Bug Lady, for spraying the Shelter House and playground.

PCC says thank you to Mike Boyd for the beautiful handmade wooden communion boxes.



Thank you notes

Thanks so much for the expressions of sympathy at the death of my sister.

God bless you,
Louise Spicer

We want to thank you Providence Christian Church family for the beautiful throw blanket, delicious meal, hugs, cards, and prayers following the loss of my Daddy. Your support, care, and concern have meant so much! We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving family of God!

Kevin and Jeri Thompson and the family of Jerry Bartley

Welcome to Intern Pastor Hunter Chadwell

Student Pastor Hunter Chadwell began a 10-week internship on Monday, May 21. He is a senior at Central Christian College of the Bible in Moberly, Mo., and he is completing his bachelor internship this summer. The last day of his internship will be Monday, July 30.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Tyler White and Michaela Smith who were engaged on Saturday, May 5, the day of Tyler's graduation from Missouri Valley College.



Congratulations to Tyler White who as a senior catcher on the Missouri Valley College baseball team was named an All-Conference member of the Heart of America Conference (NAIA)!

Congratulations to Coach Andy Findley and the Franklin High School boys golf team for being the 2018 Mid-State Conference champs!

Congratulations to James Kocher for his second place finish in the shot put at a seniors state track meet! Jim missed the gold medal by only five inches but came away with the silver medal.

Sunday Flowers

The flowers in front of the pulpit on Mother's Day were donated in memory of all the loved ones we miss.

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Communion meditation by Bruce Findley

Several members of the congregation asked us to publish Bruce Findley's recent communion meditation. We hope you enjoy reading Bruce's meditation.

This past year, Franklin Schools changed virtually all of the school bus routes before school started. I had driven my route several years, so it was an adjustment for both me and my new students who had never ridden my bus before. I now only haul middle school and high school students.

It has been interesting for sure – some changes, some things still the same. Kids have concerns and struggles in their lives. That is not a change. Which side of the tracks they live on makes no difference in whether they have issues and stress in their lives. That is no change either, in my opinion. However, with a new group of kids, it seems I have heard more this year or for sure different concerns.

I make it a point to call every student by their first name when they get on my bus. I might comment on if they are dressed up or have a new hairstyle, or perhaps a good-natured dig. When they get off at school, I tell them to have a good day or to behave. In the afternoon, I do it again. Most of the kids respond, some do not. But I do think I get to know some of the kids, and some seem to appreciate the attention and wish me a good day as well.

One morning at a group stop in a neighborhood, a student was out walking her parents' dog and had gotten locked out. She came to the

stop and told me not to wait obviously, go ahead. To me, the responsible thing to do. That evening on the way home, she brings up the morning situation and tells me that it was expensive. "How?" I asked. She said her mother made her pay \$5 to haul her to school and another \$5 to take her to Central Nine because she had missed the bus and the mom had to get up and take her to school. Not sure I would vote her mom of the year!

I had another student who had behaved poorly, or in today's language "made poor choices." I told him to straighten up and cut it out. His immediate response, "You can't do that. I am going to call the police on you." That was a first for me. I asked if he had a phone. He said yes. So I wrote my name on a piece of paper, gave it to him, and told him when he called the police to give them my name but to also tell them what he had done wrong. I never heard from the police, but what got me was a few students seemed concerned that the police were going to be called. I took that as having the police involved in their lives was fairly common to solve problems.

Another day as I was letting a student off, I told him to have a good evening. He paused, pointed to a car in his driveway, and matter of factly said, "With that car in my driveway, there is no way I have a good evening."

I have students getting on my bus in tears, some are barely awake. Some kids it seems to be are in no great hurry to go toward their house in the afternoon. They take their time going up the driveway. Some kids, regardless of their address, it seems to have undesirable or unimaginable home lives.

Some of you are probably thinking right now, "Where is Findley going with this medication?" So, like Pastor Steve, I will look at the clock and say, in conclusion, it's this!

Many years ago, I read an article about Jewell Hensley, a retiring longtime Indian Creek school bus driver. A good man, Jewell was quoted as saying, "I never saw a bad kid." I remember when I read that, I disagreed with Jewell. But now that I have driven 35-plus years, I think I agree with him. But I would add in a polite way of saying, some parents do a very poor job of raising and instructing their children.

Another statement I also believe, whether it is positive or negative, "Children learn what they live." I do think that cycle repeats itself. The negative repeat never ceases to amaze me either. If children are poorly behaved, ill mannered, disrespectful, I believe their parents are the same.

It is difficult if not impossible to imagine that if the one place you

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Prayer concerns

- Jennifer Burt's friend Shelly – Cancer
- Maggie (Michaela Smith's teammate) – Car accident
- Kevin Albright – Burns
- Kyra Baker – Recuperation
- A.J. Barr – Recuperation
- Alyssa Barr – Recuperation
- Laura Beck – Leukemia
- Kimberly Briskey – Recuperation
- Evelyn Brown – Health
- Ryan Byrd – Health concerns
- Linda Chadwell – Recuperation
- Larry Clark – Health
- Pauline Clem – Neurological
- Chris Coll – Throat cancer
- Dean Combs – Recuperation
- David Deer – Recuperation
- Pam Deer – Seizures
- Ed Denman – Cancer
- Brad Dillion – Cancer
- Linda Doult – Heart
- Christopher Eldridge – Heart
- Dennis Eldridge – Cancer
- Connie Facemire – Liver cancer
- Eric Ferguson – Kidneys
- Mark Findley – Cancer
- Marth Ann Findley – Recuperation
- Abbey Ferrari – Strokes
- Gary Francis – Heart
- Mae Goodwin – Heart and respiratory
- Zach Green – National Guard in Kuwait
- Bill Hatchett – Cancer
- Patti Heldman – Liver
- Phyllis Hellmich – Hospital
- Stacy Henderickson – Health concerns
- Bob Hoagland – Cancer, stroke
- Donald Julian – Stroke rehab
- Helen Klem – Kidney cancer
- Doris Leslie – Recuperation
- Lighthouse Shelter - Domestic violence victims
- Frank Marshall – Heart
- Elizabeth McDonald – Seizures
- Sandra McNicholas – Infection
- Baby Logan Miller – Healing
- David Morrison – Health concerns
- Shannon New – Respiratory issues
- Bryan Page – Melanoma
- Michael Parkhurst – Remission
- Michael Parkhurst – Health issues
- Andrea Parsley – Health concerns
- Julie Pottorff – Seizures
- Cindy Quevedo – Dialysis, kidney infection
- Brad Reed – Gallbladder
- Nicole Richards – Cancer
- Becky Ritter – Cancer
- Robert Ryon – Recuperation
- Eric Sample – Doctor care
- Carmen Sharp – Cancer
- Susan Sloop – Cancer remission
- Michaela Smith – Recuperation
- Mike Smitson – Stroke
- Josh Speidel – Brain injury
- Pam Spicer – Cancer
- Jaxon Stark – Health issues
- Tim Stearns – Vision
- Garvin Stewart – Home
- Judy Stewart – Esophageal surgery
- Kelli Street – Multiple sclerosis
- Emma Stumpf – Brain tumor
- Melanie Sublett – Cancer
- Maddox Vincent – Recuperation
- Kasie White – Possible tumor
- Max Wise – Juvenile diabetes
- Jamie Zeilinga – Recuperation

Meditation continued

would hope and expect to find comfort, care, compassion, concern, support, and acceptance and love did not, that if gathering around the dining table in your home was stressful, judgmental, combative, or even nonexistent, what a void that would be.

As Christians, we have this table to gather around, the only requirement to be fed, be accepted, be loved is to believe in Jesus. Regardless of age, when Jesus invites His children to share in this emblematic meal, He sees no bad children,

rather He accepts us all and wants us to learn as He taught, to love one another.

All are welcome.

Come.

Happy birthday!

June 2
Peter Jochim

June 3
Annette Barr
Anna Boyd

June 4
Ruby June
Deb Wise

June 5
Ty Myers

June 6
Keith Cochran
Cedar Allen Curry
Irie Hunter
Jimmy Rodriguez

June 7
Steve Baker
Jerod Hartwell

June 9
Mike Short

June 11
Bracken Briskey
Casey Clark

June 13
Tyler Clark
Deb Parkhurst

June 16
Janice Hash
Hunter White

June 17
Becky Combs
Deb Stubbeman

June 20
Kyra Baker

June 21
Nick McGuire

June 23
Sawyer Nuetzmann
Kris Sorensen
Larry Torrance

June 27
Zach Ort

June 30
John G. Allen

July 1
Emmy Christenson

July 2
Brody Jones

July 6
Magan Miller

July 7
Christy Abercrombie
Kayla Leming
McDonnell

July 8
Allynn Christenson
Cassy Clark
Damon Clark
Lanny Sledge

July 12
Patti Heldman
Magen Love

July 13
Bill Thompson

July 14
Kimberly Briskey
Elvie Clark
Dennis McGuire
John Zeilinga

July 15
Roni Boehnlein
Trent Tomlinson

July 16
Curt Shoffner

July 17
Mitchell Smith

July 18
Christa Rinehold

July 21
Victoria Allen

July 22
Jess Legan
Jane Naylor

July 23
Judy Smith

July 25
Gayla Bullington
Kyle Mathena

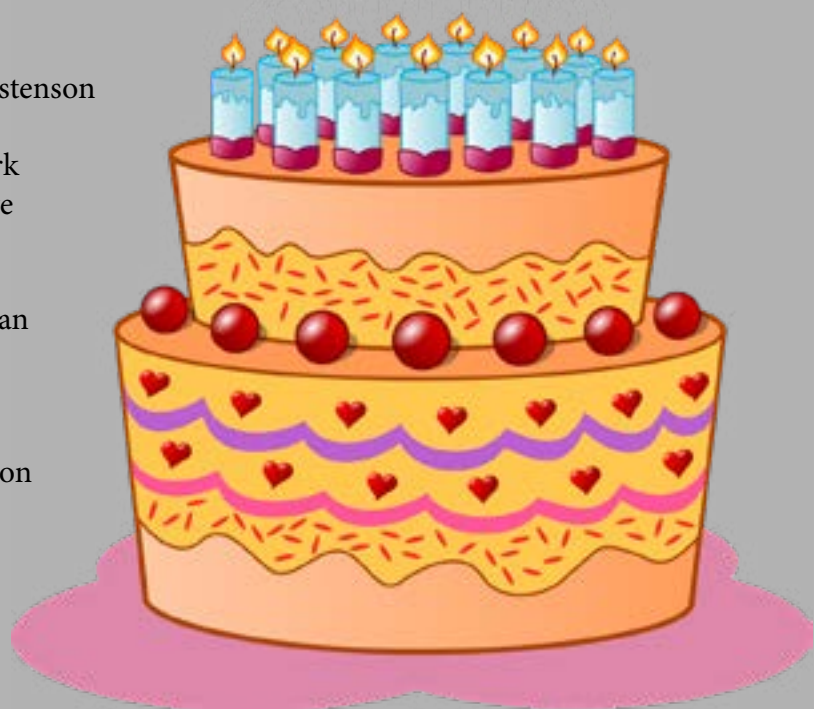
July 26
Luke Bolin
Michael Lutzke

July 27
Ronn Oren

July 29
Beca Legan

July 30
Andrea Findley
D.J. Nuetzmann

July 31
Kye Baker
Breonna Ramsey



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Providence Christian Church calendar

Sunday, June 3

Graduate Recognition Sunday
10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Sunday, June 3

Birthday Celebration
After the Worship Service in the
Fellowship Hall

Monday, June 4

Christian Women's Fellowship
6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 7

Ladies Day Out
12:30 p.m. at uPaint Pottery Studio

Saturday, June 9

Relay For Life
Noon to midnight at the
Johnson County Fairgrounds

Sunday, June 17

Father's Day
10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 20

Double Nickel
6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 23, through

Thursday, July 26
Vacation Bible School
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Keep track
of upcoming events
with our online
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Join us on Sundays!

**9 a.m. – Sunday School
10 a.m. – Worship**