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From The Pastor's Desk
“Our Journey to Easter”

March

In the early church Easter (Resurrection Day) was a time of great celebration. New believers were baptized that day as a sign of the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection. These new believers were brought to the shore of a lake or river. They wore their old clothes and when it was time for baptism, they would discard the old clothes. After their baptism they would be clothed in new white robes to signify the new life they entered into because of what the Lord Jesus Christ had done for them. It seems to me that this year as we journey through Lent (40 days leading to Easter or Resurrection Day) we are starting to shake off the old clothes of the pandemic and its effects. While there is still much brokenness in our world, we have been given a sure and certain hope in the Lord Jesus' death and resurrection which we will celebrate on Easter (April 17th).

During this season of Lent, part of our preparation for Easter is to walk together, as a church family, through the book of James. James, the brother of Jesus, challenges us to look at our lives and start discarding some of the “old clothes” that are really not consistent with life in Jesus Christ. He touches on our attitude toward trials and challenges, issues with anger, learning to listen, using our words to build up rather than tearing down, and the need to refrain from showing favoritism, to name a few. I encourage you to prayerfully read the book of James during Lent and ask the Lord to show you what needs to be set aside and what new clothes you need to put on.

All of this leads up to our Hope of Easter emphasis. We all need hope and the only lasting and solid hope is found in the Lord Jesus Christ. Palm Sunday, Good Friday (April 15 @ 7p) and Easter will emphasize this hope and following Easter we will look together at what difference the Resurrection makes in our lives. This is good news and we want to share the good news of hope in Jesus Christ with the world. We are going to work hard to get the word out and give you a chance to invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members! Please pray about who you might invite and ask the Holy Spirit to provide the opportunity to extend those invitations. People are thinking about the Christian faith and church during the Easter season and an invitation from a friend can be all it takes.

Blessings,

Pastor Paul Fredericks



We have coffee hour openings so please sign up on Sunday or call Bonnie if you are interested.

March 6– Fellowship Team

March 13– Jeremy & Wendy Poteet

March 20– Carolyn Montague

March 27– Anne Walker

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Home-bound Communion

The first Sunday of every month is an opportunity for our church family to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through partaking in the Lord's Supper. We want everyone who has placed their faith in Jesus Christ to have the opportunity to participate, but we are aware that some in our family are not able to get out due to bad weather or physical problems. However, our Deacons will be available to bring Communion to those who want to receive it on that Sunday. Please call the church office (786-1594) and let us know if you aren't going to be able to be in church and would like to have Communion in your home.



Your journey from mourning to JOY. Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. GriefShare support group is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences.

**This Bible based, 13 week ministry will meet
Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30p March 15-June 7**

If you would like information for yourself, family member or friend, brochures are in the narthex or call Jacki @ 786-1594.

Learn more about GriefShare at www.griefshare.org

Hope of the Resurrection Seminars-POSTPONED

In January we had two seminars with excellent speakers. The first covered planning funeral arrangements and memorial services. The second covered estate planning and long term care insurance.

In light of concerns from presenters and attendees we chose to postpone the last two seminars. We will look at getting these rescheduled this spring.

If you missed the first two you can find the video on our website along with the handouts. We also have extra handouts available in the narthex.

www.prosserpres.org

The Heart of Giving ~ Stewardship Emphasis

Thank you for your generous response in committing to the Lord's work in this upcoming year. Pledges received (to date) totaled \$216,280 which is an increase from last year of \$21,710. Five people are new givers and two are new to pledging. God is Good! Thank you!

Giving options:

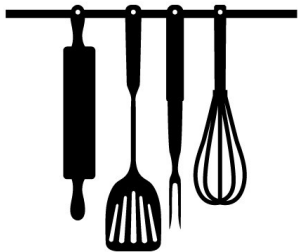
- bring to worship on Sunday's
- mail your check (we have a secure, locked mailbox)
- drop your check off at the office
- set up bill pay through your bank
- go to our website and look for the giving tab

RENOVATE

RENOVATE 3 YEAR GIVING TOTAL (2018-2020):
\$432,041.40 (96% of pledges were fulfilled)

RENOVATE EXTENSION (1/2021-6/2023):
Total Recv'd: \$85,652.00

LOAN BALANCE 2/28/22: \$161,058.36



Appliance replacement:

Our 17 year old commercial refrigerator has served us well but we have had to replace it. The total cost for our replacement was \$2278.00 If you would like to help with this expense please put a check in the offering plate with refrigerator in the memo line. Thank you!

Update on Isaac from Thailand

Isaac, a 12-year-old boy in Thailand, was born with severe scoliosis. He was orphaned at a young age and his relatives lived in a rural mountain village and didn't have access to a hospital to treat him. His family moved to a community just outside of Chiang Mai City when he was about 7 years old, which is where Jojo's Sanctuary staff met him a few years later. They took Isaac and his family to get a medical assessment and the doctor determined Isaac needed intensive corrective spinal surgery in order to have a normal life. Due to Covid lockdowns and costs, the needed surgery was postponed, and during this time, his spinal curvature has become significantly pronounced.

Jojo's Sanctuary (www.jojosthailand.org) started in 2016 providing child protection workshops for at-risk children and youth in Chiang Mai Province. The organization has grown as it has provided support and education for youth and families at higher risk of abuse or dropping out of school. Isaac and his family were members of Building Family Dreams, a family strengthening program for low-income families. We at Covenant Presbyterian Church have supported Jojo's Sanctuary for many years. They are working on getting Isaac insurance at the hospital, and this plus what the family can provide will cover some of the costs, but \$5500 is still needed. *Will you join us as we help this family achieve their dream of a normal life for Isaac?*

We have set up a GoFundMe page (<https://gofund.me/d7d71ba3>) for donations or you may bring your donation to the church and label for Isaac's surgery. More information is on our website too (www.prosserpres.org).

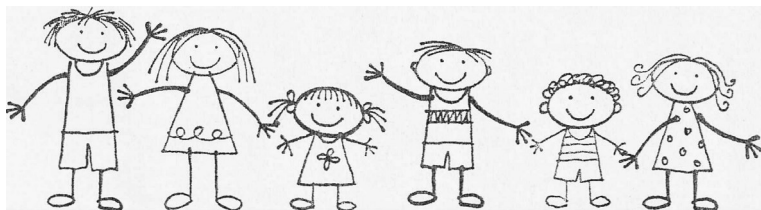


PROMISELAND



THE BEST HOUR OF EVERY KID'S WEEK!
Sunday's for children Kinder -5th grade.

Kids are dismissed after the Children's sermon in worship.



MARKET STREET KIDS

Kids to Jesus Kids to Kids Kids to Adults

Our Market Street Kids season has come to an end; we are so grateful we had the opportunity to have a MSK season this year! We made some adjustments in the schedule and it was well received by the kids (& their families) and volunteers. We had large group teaching time-small group teaching time- family style dinner and dessert- and each evening ended with a game and prayer!

The entire MSK Ministry Team will definitely miss serving Christ and the kids on Wednesdays.

Thank you to the MSK Ministry Team –Bible Time Teachers, Kitchen Crew, Dinner Dean, Table Parents and Clean-up Crew for a job well done!

Jojo's Sanctuary Annual Flower Basket Fundraiser

\$37/12" basket

Pre-order by March 27

Pick up at Grace Fellowship Church Saturday, April 23

JUST IN TIME FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Order form & payment instructions are in the narthex.

A portion of our mission giving supports Heather Askew's mission in Thailand.

www.jojosthailand.org

Social media platforms to keep connected:

Instagram: [prossercovenantpres](https://www.instagram.com/prossercovenantpres)

Twitter: [@PCovenantPres](https://twitter.com/PCovenantPres)

Church website: www.prosserpres.org

Find us on Facebook too!



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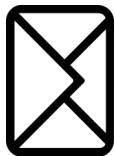
Dear Church Family,
Greg & I would like to thank everyone for all your prayers, lovely flowers, cards, and words of encouragement with the loss of my brother, Bruce Walker. Your kindness and thoughtfulness have been greatly appreciated.
Sincerely, Greg & Sandy Robertson

Thank you for the lovely luncheon that the ladies of the church prepared for our dad's, Don McFerran, service. Also thank you for the funeral service and all those that helped with preparing for and making the service run so smooth.

The Don McFerran Family
Donna, Jim & Jolene



Cheri Eisen, is a licensed physical therapist that is offering Wellness classes here at the church. She focuses on Geriatric wellness, fitness, strength, and general well-being. Classes are Monday & Thursday at 11am; \$5 each class. You may attend twice at no charge to see if this is something you would benefit from. Please call Cheri if you are interested at 816-510-5025.



Do we have your email address? We have a great email program that we use for prayer requests, upcoming church events, volunteer needs, and weekly updates. If you want to be added please call Bonnie.

Youth Group

Wednesday's 5:30-7:30p

dinner, Bible study, friends, fun, and ...



Save the Date!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST 15-19

MARCH 2022

March Birthdays:

3/01 Karen Bell
 3/02 Justin Cassidy
 3/02 Katie Don
 3/04 Audrey Bonham
 3/04 Jenny Urbanski
 3/06 Pat Humberstad
 3/09 Carole Pfeufer
 3/12 Taylor Andrews
 3/13 Elsa Anaya
 3/13 Logan Candanoza
 3/15 Dawn Fitzgerald
 3/15 Olga Slate
 3/17 Tammy Cassidy
 3/18 Jason Don
 3/18 Lily Jensen
 3/21 Margie Barmore
 3/22 Alan Jones
 3/24 Merritt Don
 3/27 Clare Padelford
 3/28 Wyatt Don



April Birthdays:

4/01 Zach Renollet
 4/02 Diana Martin
 4/04 Susan Nelson



March Anniversaries:

3/06 Carl & Marge Moore
 3/19 Paul & Ellie Fredericks
 3/27 Alan & Anne Walker

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10a Sun Terrace Bible Study	2 Youth Group 530-730p	3 11a Wellness Class	4	5
6 10a WORSHIP Nursery Available Promiseland Pastor's small group	7 1030a Amber Hills Bible Study 11a Wellness Class	8 10a Sun Terrace Bible Study	9 Youth Group 530-730p	10 11a Wellness Class	11	12 
13 10a WORSHIP Nursery Available Promiseland Pastor's small group	14 1030a Amber Hills Bible Study 11a Wellness Class 6p Session Mtg	15 10a Sun Terrace Bible Study 630p Griefshare	16 Youth Group 530-730p	17 11a Wellness Class	18	19
20 10a WORSHIP Nursery Available Promiseland Pastor's small group	21 1030a Amber Hills Bible Study 11a Wellness Class	22 10a Sun Terrace Bible Study 630p Griefshare	23 Youth Group 530-730p	24 11a Wellness Class	25	26 9-11a Deacon Orientation
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