



Weekly News 10/08/2023

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Today: "The God Who Gives...Growth" • 2 Peter 1:3-11; Matthew 7:24-29; Isaiah 5:1-7 • We serve a giving God whose Son met us where we are and gave us a new identity in Him. Even though Jesus meets us right where we are and loves us just as we are, He never just leaves us to be who we were. His love, His power, His Spirit bring transformation—He causes us to grow. A part of this new life He has given us is that we put effort and energy into growing His people. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we actively engage in this process of growing, for it is God's design that we would bear fruit as we bring Him glory.

To view or print Sunday's 9am Worship bulletin:

https://www.poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023_10_08-Trad-Pentecost-19-003.pdf

Bible Classes

Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class at 10:00 am • The class is led by Jim Essig. We are looking at the Gospel of Luke. Classes are in the Music Room during our 10:00 am Education Hour, between the 9 am & 11 am worship services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR AGE 4 – GRADE 5: Heart of God • This year, our Sunday School will be digging into the "Heart of God." Our volunteers will help children understand God's attributes through Bible stories, crafts, games and more. Each week the children will learn about who God is and how we can follow Him. The children will have a lot of fun and learn important faith lessons at the same time. | <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/57d9c8>

YOUTH SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS (6th-12th) • We are currently exploring "Parables"- the stories that Jesus used to teach. How do these stories help a modern teen? How do we relate to stories about shepherds and Samaritans and kings holding banquets? Come join the discussion as we enjoy some fun activities that will help us explore the depths of God's love for us. Meet in the Office Conference Room each Sunday at 10:00am

The Mid-week Bible Class for Adults • Wednesday Mornings 9:30am – 10:30am in the Board Room. Our topic is looking at Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday's theme. Led by Pastor Ken.

Altar Flowers • To sponsor Altar Flowers in celebration of a special occasion, in memory of a loved one, or simply out of thanksgiving to God, you can do so at <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/flowers> or by contacting the office. **Today's altar flowers** were given by Bob Eldredge in loving memory of his wife, Colleen Eldredge.

Youth Spirit Night – Broadway Pizzeria – Tuesday, October 10 from 5pm-8pm • Every 2nd Tuesday of the month, Broadway Pizzeria will donate 15% of your total bill to our Youth Ministry. Please remember to say you are supporting PoP Youth at check out. (1700 Woolco Way – on the other side of Semoran from the church, near Sedano's)

Blessing of The Bibles - Sunday, October 15 – All Services • We are asking everyone to bring their Bible to church. During the Children's Message in each service, everyone, children, and adults, will be asked to raise up their Bible to be prayed over. This can be a "normal" Bible, a children's picture Bible, an E-book, or whatever you use to read God's Word. If you don't have your own copy of God's word and would like one, contact DCE, Eric Gerken.

First Bibles/ 3rd Grade Bibles – Reserve Your Child's Bible Today! • To make sure we have enough bibles please sign up online to reserve a bible for your child. PoP's plan is to make sure every child has access to God's word in their home. <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/a93227> | **Blessing of the Bibles is Sunday, October 15 at all services.**

Thanksgiving Basket Outreach - Donations Needed • This year we are doing things a little early so we can properly plan and prepare to provide turkeys to families in need. Please donate online or in person during the week or on Sunday mornings at worship. Please mark your donation as "Thanksgiving Outreach" <https://www.poporlando.com/give/>

Trunk or Treat – Volunteers & Donations Needed! - Sunday October 29 at 4pm • We are seeking volunteers to help us host a wonderful event for families from our church, Preschool and community. We need 20 or more people to decorate trunks and greet our trunk or treaters, volunteers to help with carnival games, crafts, information tables and candy donations. Please sign up online if you're interested. For more information contact DCE Eric Gerken.

Volunteer Signup: <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/bd322e> | eric.gerken@poporlando.com

Food Pantry Fund Drive As we begin the final quarter of the year, we are inviting our community to support the works of the Food Pantry at PoP/PdP. **Our goal is to raise \$25,000** (either in one-time gifts or regular recurring gifts).

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To make donations you can give online or give by check. If giving online, please choose "Food Pantry" item from the drop-down menu. If giving by check, please make sure to add "Food Pantry" in the note section.

<https://poporlando.breezechms.com/give/online>

FLGA Youth Ministry Weekend – Last Day to Register! • Today is the last day to register your middle school or high school student for youth ministry weekend. Financial aid is available. We do not want registration fees to be a deterrent for any student. Please contact Eric Gerken for more information. | eric.gerken@poporlando.com |

Stars & Promises Christmas Tour – Purchase Tickets Today • On Monday, December 18, at 7 pm, PoP is hosting the 24th anniversary tour of Peter Mayer's acclaimed Christmas Concert. Peter Mayer is a singer, songwriter, and guitarist who has released 25 of his own albums, toured internationally with his own band, and was lead guitarist for Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer band for three decades. | **For Tickets:** https://www.eventbrite.com/e/peter-mayer-stars-promises-christmas-2023-orlando-fl-tickets-714795150537?aff=oddtcreator&mc_cid=9987e124e6&mc_eid=6fc9cfa451

Fruits of Faith

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9:00 Traditional: 93 | 11:00 Contemporary: 60 | 11:00 Spanish: 89 | TOTAL: 242

Giving: Thank you for your faithful engagement in our ministry through your gifts and offerings.

September 17 offerings \$9,530

September 24 offerings \$12,604

October 1 offerings \$14,523 needed each week: \$11,923.

PRAYERS

Prayers of Comfort: We pray for all those who grieve, especially for the families and friends of Joan Krumpholtz (memorial service Saturday, October 14, 2:30pm), & Eleanor Eaton (memorial service Sunday, October 15, at 2:00pm).

Thanksgiving: Raya Pokigo (recovering from surgery)

Palliative Care: Dorothy Reynolds

Recovering: Deaconess Ligia Borges, John B, Janice & Rev. Dennis Glander, Henry Leon, Camille Neville, Sheila Roberts, Cindy Sibly, Joni Steidly, Harry Wahl

Healing and Strength: Karen Adkins, Dave & Mary Ann Ault, Rebecca Brooks, Delores B, Michael B, Donna C, Danny Conlin, Alice Darling, Elizabeth Dawson, Sarah D, Steven Dorsagano, Gail Eaton, John Elmore, Amanda Fearce, Judy Finnie, Leonard G, Michael Halstead, Kristen Ivanic, Joe Heinz, Jim, Bill Jordan, Jerry Jordan, Merle Kroepelin, Jim Lord, Kathy McCartin, Michael McCarty, Maddie, Royanne Martin, George Meder, Lewis Mendez, Skylar Newport, Dale P., Rick Perre, Miriam Rivera, David Rodgers, Nitza Rohena, Rex Serio, Hannah Steinbronn, Shirley Stockett, Meridith Swanson, Ted Wessel, Cricket Winters, Leon W, Linda Zamsky

Receiving Treatments: Ellen B., Sarah vB, Ellen Boogher, Kent Jespersen, Cameron LaPointe, Doug P, Pastor Brian Roberts, Elena Santana, Marleen Schmidt, Jeff S, Tina T, Janet V, Debbie W, Staci Welburn, Dayton Whites, Brenda Williams, Michelle Zicarelli

Continued Care: Chuck Boogher, Rick Burns, Pat C., Kelly DeFrietas, Al & Linda Dicks, Bob E, Linda House, Minnie Hutchinson, Linda Jackson, Otto Krumpholtz, Mary K.M, Micki & Sal LoBue, Joyce Miller, Todd O, Betty Schnell, Caitlyn Thoms; Michael, Noel, & Roger V

Special: Lord Jesus, Your redemption has made us into the people of God and Your power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life. By Your Spirit's power, help us to apply ourselves, making every effort to grow, so that we would be effective, productive, drawing many to know and follow You, all to Your glory. • We continue to pray for those affected by natural disasters, wars, violence, and other realities of our fallen world. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. • We ask the Lord to be with President Biden, members of Congress, and the Supreme Court, as well as all state and local leaders. • Lord, watch over and keep our first responders safe.

For those in the military or deployed: We pray for those who serve our nation in the armed services and for those who are deployed, especially those connected with our PoP/PdeP family: Zachary Carbonell, Kyle Holysz, Matthew Rojas, Amanda S, Greg S, Geoffrey W.

Preschool Prayers—Class of the Month: This month we pray for our friends in the Bear Cubs class (1 y/o) - Ms. Aida, Dylan, Kevin, Leo, and Max

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