



Weekly News 05/5/2024

6th Sunday of Easter

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Today: “Courage to Tear Down Walls” • Acts 10:34-48; 1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17 • The good news of God’s peace through Jesus has a way of overcoming obstacles, breaking down barriers, and spreading to people of different backgrounds. The inclusive nature of Jesus’ mission is remarkable. The Scripture from Acts 10 illustrates the Spirit’s power to grab our attention. The Spirit opens our eyes to see things from God’s perspective. It opens our hearts to those not like us. It opens our hands to courageously tear down the walls that keep God’s love from flowing to others. *How will God’s Spirit enlist you to make Jesus’ love more accessible to someone this week?*

About this series: “Resurrecting Courage” • It takes courage to be a Christian—but perhaps not for the reasons that might immediately come to mind. Some have suggested that the challenge the church faces is less about how our society lost its way, but that it is that the church has forgotten “to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly” with the One who IS the way (Micah 6:8; John 14:6). This Easter season we look at snapshots of the early Christian to gain a sense of how those walking with Jesus submitted to His power and authority and were radically transformed by His grace. May we, too, have courage to walk with Jesus authentically, unapologetic that we bear His name, and committed to show His love and mercy with radical grace.

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

https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/2024_05_05-Trad-Easter-6.pdf

Bible Classes

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

PARENTS’ SUPPORT GROUP – NEW – Sundays at 10:00am • “Unselfie: Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in Our All-About-Me World” • facilitated by Carol and Kurt Bickel in the Board Room (Admin building)

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>

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.

Mother’s Day Luncheon – Sunday, May 12 at 12:30pm in the FLC • All families of Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz are invited to the Mother’s Day Luncheon prepared and served by the men of the 11am Spanish service. We will have delicious food, special music, and great fellowship. We hope to see you there!

Festival of Pentecost – Sunday, May 19 – Come Celebrate!!!

- **Combined/Bilingual Worship (Day of Pentecost) –one worship service for all God’s people at 10:30am** •
- **Meal/Pot Luck at 12:00 Noon** (last names beginning with A-L, please bring a dessert; M-Q, a side dish or salad; and R-Z, a main dish to share) | Join, celebrate and feast as one people of God, one Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz
- **Congregational Meeting to celebrate God’s work among us + Election of Board of Directors Members**

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 6-10 • Let us pray and give thanks to our preschool teachers as this week is teacher appreciation week. We appreciate them for all that they do in being there for the children and teaching them as they grow.

Food Pantry Distribution Date Changed: Saturday, May 18 • The date for food pantry this month has been changed to Saturday May 18. Next month the dates will remain the same on the 4th Saturday.

Youth Pool Party hosted by the Gerken family: 4:00pm-6:00pm • The Gerken family will be hosting the youth pool party at the pool in their HOA. It’s just a few blocks away from his home. There will be drinks and snacks poolside and you get to enjoy a large pool. Not a swimmer? That’s okay, you are still invited to attend and hangout! The address will be provided sometime in the next weeks.

RaiseRight: Support our Youth Ministry with your Graduation Gifts! • Simply go to RaiseRight.com and select the cards you want, and our Youth will receive a percentage back of each card purchased, depending on the value. This is a quick way to do your shopping AND support our teens in advance of the 2025 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. You can use this ID code: **CFA82EEB65547** to identify Prince of Peace Youth as the organization you want to benefit from your order and start shopping.

Compassion Project – Donations Needed! • The Compassion Project is requesting donations for the following items: new men's large and extra-large underwear boxer shorts, AA and AAA batteries, and toothbrushes. All items can be dropped off in the church office file cabinet labeled "Compassion project". The items will be delivered to the Samaritan Resource Center. Thank you for helping those in need.

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.

Vacation Bible Camp Updates!

Our Camp Needs Donations to Allow Kids to Dive into All of Our Activities • Many of our activities are supply heavy. We have been blessed over the years to have many items donated that are needed to hold this major program. *(This list is will be updated regularly until the week before Camp)*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4EAAAC2CABFC1-48873915-scuba#/>

Vacation Bible Camp – Registration is filling up! Register Now to Ensure You

Don't Miss out! • Last summer, we filled all of our spaces 2 weeks before camp started, and we are ahead of that pace for SCUBA. Don't wait, sign up your child now to ensure that they do not have to be placed on our waiting list. | <https://vbspro.events/p/f716b8>

SCUBA is planned for June 10-14 from 9:00 am- 12:15 pm daily. It is a fun, "undersea" adventure to help kids Age 4-Grade 5 (rising 6th) to explore what it means to be Jesus' friend. The music, games, skits, science experiments, snacks and more all point to Jesus. It is fun, action packed, and we would love to see your child there!

Volunteers are needed for SCUBA Vacation Bible Camp – June 10-14 • We have some KEY Leadership positions, especially in our preschool programming, that need more adult volunteers. We are looking for Station leaders or Co-Station leaders. Other areas that need caring volunteers include Preschool Bible story, Preschool Crafts, Preschool Science and Preschool Games. Our Dive Camp Instructors (volunteer small group leaders) will handle supervising and any discipline necessary. If interested in learning more, please fill out our online volunteer form or contact DCE Eric Gerken. | <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/615cba>

Help Us Reach Our Goal! • As important as the supply list is, **the major need for VBC this year is monetary.** The price of the curriculum and supplies that we get from the publisher have gone up. This increase came after the budget for 2024 was submitted. In addition, this year we will be providing T-shirts for all of our campers and volunteers. These shirts are not just Bible Camp shirts, but are shirts that will sport the logo "PoP Kids" and kids will be encouraged to wear them to future activities for them and their families at the church.

Our Endowment Committee has partially funded these shirts but has also challenged the congregation to rally around this ministry effort and raise the remaining \$750 to ensure that every child and volunteer gets a "PoP Kids" t-shirt. That brings us to a **\$1000 goal for the financial support of VBC and the launch of our PoP Kids program to further engage families in our neighborhood and community.** *Won't you prayerfully consider a gift and/or a supply donation today?* | <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/give/online>

In Person SCUBA Volunteer Training – Saturday, June 2 at 10:00 am • We still need several more Youth and Adults to fill volunteer roles for VBC. If you have not yet volunteered and can help on the mornings of June 10-14, please sign up today. This is a GREAT way to get volunteer hours for school. Here is the link to register:

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Official Notice: Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 19 at 12:15pm (following the Combined Pentecost

Worship Service) – Election of BOD Members • At the Congregational Meeting, members are elected to the Board of Directors and updates for key ministry initiatives are presented.

Board of Directors—Slate of Nominees Announced • The Board of Directors approved the slate of nominees for open positions on the Board as presented by the nominating committee: Paul Browder, Nina Cavalli-Rojas*; Jason Hoge, Brooke McKinnon*, Tony Steinbronn*, and Silquia Velez (*indicates incumbent). Biography information for our candidates will be available next week.



Additional information from our bylaws about the nominations process is below:

BYLAWS - ARTICLE IV - ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The nominating committee consisting of the continuing directors and pastor shall draw up a slate of nominees for each vacant position on the Board of Directors. An eligible nominee shall be an active voting member (Article V and VI of the Constitution) of the congregation. Each nominee shall be contacted to verify his or her willingness to accept the nomination. Additional nominations by any voting member may be made during a two-week period following the publication of the slate of nominees as chosen by the nominating committee. Such additional nominations shall be made in writing to the chair of the nominating committee, providing said nominee meets the requirements for eligibility above and has expressed his or her willingness to serve. Prior to balloting a final slate of all nominees shall be published. Elections shall be held during the May/June congregational meeting. The installation of newly elected directors will take place on a Sunday prior to the July meeting of the Board of Directors. In the event of a tie vote for any director, a second ballot shall be cast etc., until one candidate has a majority.

Fruits of Faith

Sunday, April 28

9:00 Traditional: 131 | 11:00 Contemporary: 57 | 11:00 Spanish: 81 | TOTAL: 269

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

April 7 offerings \$12,666
April 14 offerings \$10,070
April 21 offerings \$12,351
April 28 offerings \$ 9,001 needed each week: \$12,403

Year-to-Date Giving as of 4/28/2024:

Budgeted: \$210,864 | Received: \$199,331 | Behind year-to-date: \$11,533

Your gifts and offerings, your prayers and service to the Lord—they make a difference here, and for all eternity.

PRAYERS

Hospice: John Blessing | **Recovering:** Barbara Conyers, Sloan Davis, Sheila Johnson, Camille Neville, Debbie Noss, Denny O'Neil, Nancy Plotnikoff, Norma Poutre, Jeff Powell, Sheila Roberts, Cindy Sibly, Pete Spudich, Jerry Warnock, Pat Williams

Healing and Strength: Karen Adkins, Dave & Mary Ann Ault, Kurt Bickel, Rebecca Brooks, Delores B, Michael B, Donna C, Danny Conlin, Elizabeth Dawson, Sheila Dean, Sarah Dierking, Steven Dorsagano, Gail Eaton, John Elmore, Amanda Fearce, Judy Finnie, Leonard G, Rev. Dennis Glander, Michael Halstead, Joe Heinz, Jim & Pam Ingersoll, Chris & Kristen Ivanic, Bill Jordan, Jerry Jordan, Kelli Kalinowski, Norma Kress, Merle Kroepflin, Henry Leon, Jim Lord, Larry Martinez, Jason McCartin, Kathy McCartin, Michael McCarty, Maddie, George Meder, Lewis Mendez, Christopher Miller, Mario Muniz, Skylar Newport, Rick Perre, Miriam Rivera, David Rodgers, Nitzza Rohena, David Schloemer, Rex Serio, Hannah Steinbronn, Shirley Stockett, Carmen & Juan, Rosalee Wessel, Ted Wessel, Cricket Winters, Leon W, Linda Zamsky | **Family & Friends:** Stephanie, Matthew, Samantha, Jason, Daniel Baudry, Debbie Holly, Nicole Wernsing, Carlyn and Sarah (both fighting cancer)

Receiving Treatments: Ellen Boogher, Sarah vonBraun, Joshula Flowers, Cameron LaPointe, Elvie Lord, Pastor Brian Roberts, Elena Santana, Jeff S, Tina T, Janet V, Vincent Ward, 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, Linda Jackson, Otto Krumpholc, Mary K.M, Jean LaPointe, Micki & Sal LoBue, Todd O, Betty Schnell, Michael, Noel, & Roger V, Harry Wahl

Special: Jesus, as we walk with You, pour Your courage into us. Help us always be attentive to the prompting of the Spirit. Give us courage to go to people and do whatever it takes to make your love and peace accessible to them. • We pray for our troubled world, longing for the day that wars and violence will cease over all the earth, the day when all wrongs will be righted, and the Lord's justice will prevail. We also pray for those who have experienced natural disasters. Love have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy. • We pray for all teachers during this teacher appreciation week. • 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.

Prayers 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: Jake Allison, Zachary Carbonell, Cody Dowling, Kyle Holysz, Matthew Rojas, Amanda S, Greg S, Geoffrey W

May Anniversaries

May 4 – Cheryl & Dave Strauss
May 6 – Kristen & Chris Ivanic
May 10 – Jen & Jason Hoge
May 11 – Pam & Jim Ingersoll
 Numeena & John Otto
May 15 – Karen & Don Melic
May 20 – Peg & Ken Green



May Birthdays

May 2 – Nina Rojas
May 4 – Jimmy Fuller III
May 5 – Uranie Nelson
May 6 – Jeff Robertson
May 10 – Cheryl Strauss
May 14 – Pam Robertson
May 18 – Kim Davis

May 23 – Camille Neville

May 24 – Pam Koenig
 Dianne Essig



Missing a birthday or anniversary and wish to add to the list? Please email staff@poporlando.com

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*– Sonia Tellez is helping in our office while Adriana is out on maternity leave. Sonia, we are grateful for you!
Adriana, congratulations—and welcome little Noah!*



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