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Going Beyond Our Walls to Build God's Kingdom

Pastor's Message

Put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts. Clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22, 24

Most of us have a rough idea what an image is. Look in a mirror. The person that grins back at you is not you, or even your face, but your face's image. You can't touch the image, but you can see it. It's very real.

We see images in other places. We see them in the camera of our phones. We see them chiseled into marble and painted onto canvas. We see them even in our minds. We can also have a small library of mental images of other people. You can call to mind the face of a beloved person, even one who has died years ago. You can picture that face – the shape of the nose, the set of the eyes, the characteristic smile.

An image is a kind of counterpart, a duplicate, a likeness. And a most striking and mysterious thing the Bible says about us is that we are made, and are now being remade, in the *image of God*. What does that mean? Theologians have been arguing about it for centuries now. Part of the reason for the argument is that the Bible doesn't give a precise explanation of the image. But it does include goodness, righteousness and holiness, knowledge and dominion (Gen 1:31; Eph 4:24; Col 3:10; Gen 1:28; Ps 8:4-8). Perhaps every created and recreated perfection is part of the image of God.

But one thing follows immediately. The perfections that are part of our "new nature" must be reflected in our *self-image*. Of course daily repentance is a part of daily spiritual hygiene. But the sin we reject belongs more on the border than in the center of our self-image. Aren't we images of God! Doesn't Scripture testify that we're being renewed in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness to conform to Christ! Isn't it a plain fact that almighty God thinks we are people worth dying for! Did we really think he was only salvaging junk?

O Lord our God, please move us away from the old things, the old self, the old manner of life. Let us put on Christ, including faith, hope, and love. In His name, Amen.

Pastor Manish

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



It's the "Battle of the Badges"

**Saturday, AUGUST 2ND in the Auditorium
From 8:30 am to 11:30 am**

**For your convenience, you may make an appointment at
www.vitalant.org. Or you may walk-in anytime that morning.**

Peralta Methodist Women, Mary Circle

*Mary Circle will meet in August
on Tuesday, August 12, at 9:30 am
in the Fellowship Hall.*

*Join us for Prayer, Devotion, and Fellowship
Jeanette from St. Vincent de Paul
will be presenting our program.*



In August we'll meet on August 14th and 28th in the Conference Room in the Community Building beginning at 1:00 pm.

We have some new members joining us recently, and want to extend an invitation to anyone who is seeking a place to help them on their journey, too. We are a caring, supportive group and welcome newcomers at any time.



DID YOU KNOW???

Your church has been hosting a team of 30 volunteers that will be entering the Western New Mexico Women's Correctional Facility in Grants on August 14-17 to minister to 24 residents there, using the Kairos Prison Ministry program. We have had three of our four full-day Saturday trainings at Peralta Methodist, with another one scheduled for August 9th.

We have volunteers coming to our wonderful PMC facility from Las Cruces, Ruidoso, Santa Fe, Belen, Veguita, Rio Rancho, Albuquerque and of course, from our own Los Lunas, Peralta, Bosque Farms community. They range in age from 33 to 84 years old! They love coming here for their training. Nine of our volunteers are brand new to Kairos and it has been such a blessing to watch the veteran volunteers welcoming them and coming alongside of them as they learn how we will present Jesus to 24 prison residents on the 3 ½ day event.

This year, we have eight volunteers, from our Peralta Methodist family, who have prayed and have opened their hearts to God's calling to be a part of this year's women's Kairos team.

They are: Brenda Wolf, Erin Emmons, Julieanne Frasier, Jane Owensby, Bernice Hughes, and Micky Killough, who will serve on the "inside" team, and Wayne and Lanna Sharp, who will serve on the "outside" team (picking up food and delivering to the prison at the appointed times, praying for the Kairos volunteers and participants, and anything else that we need for them to do).

Putting on a Kairos Weekend requires help from the Christian community that does **not** feel a calling to actually go into the prison, but wants to support the efforts of those who do.

We need, please:

HOMEMADE COOKIES (2 ½ inches in diameter, no nuts, no raisins, no sprinkles) and packed into 1 quart freezer ziplocks (no sliders)

DECORATED PLACEMATS (no stickers, no glitter, no glue, no tape, first name and age)

DECORATED WALL POSTERS (no stickers, no glitter, no glue, no tape, first name and age)

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS (each Kairos Weekend costs approximately \$10,000--lodging for volunteers and food for volunteers and residents are our primary expenses) and **PRAYERS** (please sign up for a 30-minute slot in our prayer vigil).

All items should be turned in to one of the PMC Kairos volunteers by August 12th.

Please contact Micky Killough or Bernice Hughes if you have questions or can provide any of the listed items. We have directions for Kairos cookies, blank place mats, and prayer vigil sign up sheets.

Thank you to the Church Family!

AfterShock Youth Group

Turning the hearts of youth and families to God and each other. *Haggai 2:6-7*

CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY WHOM YOU WILL SERVE, AS FOR ME

"Some of you are saying, I am a follower of Paul; and others say that they are for Apollos or for Peter; and some that they alone are the true followers of Christ. And so, in effect, you have broken Christ into many pieces. But did I, Paul, die for your sins? Were any of you baptized in my name?" 1Corinthians 1:12-13

"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand"

Mark 3:24-25

"But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise" 2 Corinthians 10:12b

"If you pay attention to what I have quoted from the Scriptures, you won't be proud of one of your leaders at the expense of another. For what gives you the right to make such a judgment? What do you have that God has not given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift?"

1 Corinthians 4:6b-7

"But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife"

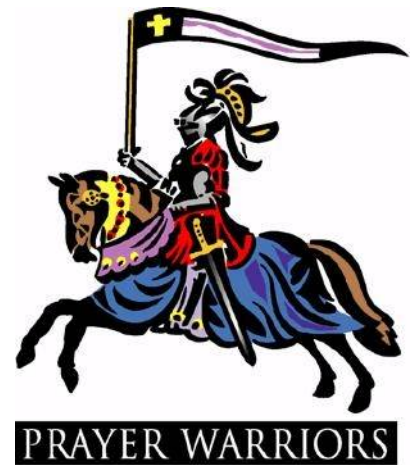
2 Timothy 2:23

"I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they maybe one as we are one" John 17:11

"See how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
Psalm 133:1

"Whoever has ears let them hear" Matthew 13:9;14-15

In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: "You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving; For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise, they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.



If you would like to be a part of Prayer Warriors, you may call Ruth or the Church Office, to be added to the email list.

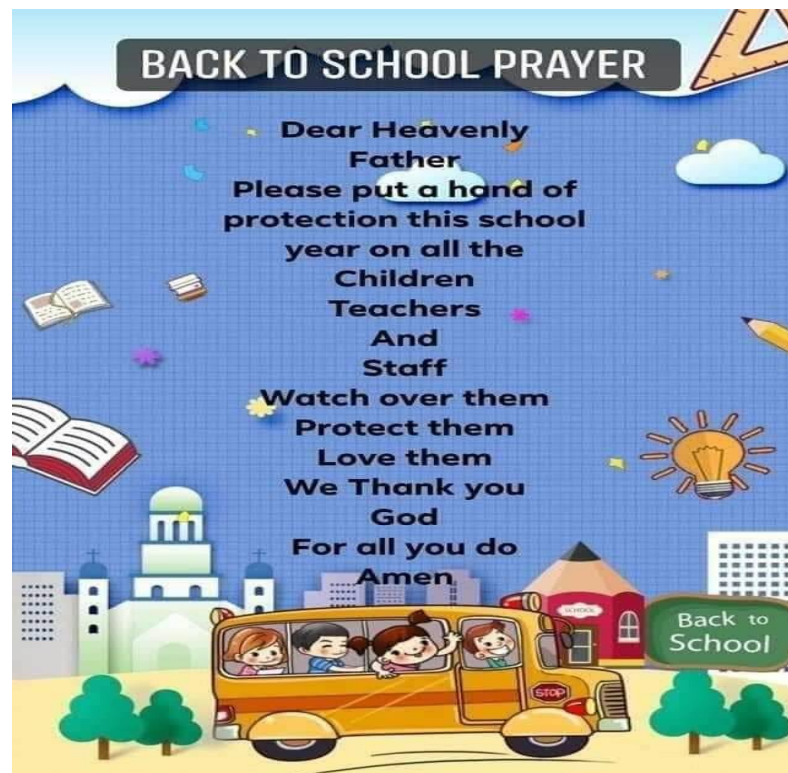
Please be in prayer for each of these listed on our continuing prayer list below. And, if you know of anyone else who needs to be added, please call Ruth or the church office, 865-9334.

Our Freedom	Abundant Grace Free Store	Rev. Manish Shiralay	Nadia M
Ruth Romero	Lynn Schultz	Erma Ward	Mike Heppler
Don Gleichman	Lois Meadors	Daniel Gurule	Cheryl Huber
Cure for Cancer	Donna Duke	J'Amy Creel	Diego
USA Leaders	Larry & Melodie Huff	Michael Garrison	Richard & Linda Darnell
All Caregivers	Anne Cassidy-Vigil	Beth Barnett	All military & their families
Don Taylor	Ted George	Bruce Walters	John Dutil
Arlene Kochis	Nate Meyer	Jeremy Gray	David Martinez
		Cliff Steuben	Krista Storch
			Jim Kubisak



August 1 – Don Taylor
August 1 – Lois Meadors
August 5 – Jennifer Kropf
August 8 – Buddy York
August 20 – Gladys Ansley
August 20 – Kace Green
August 23 – Corrie
Vineyard
August 30 – Bart
Regelbrugge
August 30 – Naomi Jordan
August 31 – Virgil Proctor

August 13 – Tom and Sandy Blaine
August 15 – Karen and Frank Bonanno
August 21 – Paul and Mary Valigura
August 29 – Nick and Anna Gipson



Abundant Grace Free Store



This mission outreach began here at Peralta Methodist Church in 2010. The store is located at 203 Rio Communities Blvd, off of Hwy 47 (south).

Ava Heppler, current Board Member of the Free Store is reaching out to us to see where we can help. The Free Store is running very low on funds, and needs financial help soon! But there are also ways to volunteer time also. The store takes donations on Thursdays, from 9 am to 1 pm, and help is needed to sort through items and re-stock the

store for Saturdays. More hands on Saturdays between 9 am and 1 pm when the store is open for the community to 'shop' would also be a blessing, assisting the shoppers, serving coffee, etc.

To make a donation, simply send to "Abundant Grace Free Store, at 203 Rio Communities Blvd., Rio Communities, 87002. For more information on how to volunteer, please contact Ava.

Donations of items can be put in the shed at the north side of the Sanctuary building here. And a **GREAT THANKS** to Wyn and Mary who are loading and delivering your donated items to the Free Store. If YOU would like to help, we could use additional volunteers in this capacity too. **THANK YOU!!!!**



Mary Circle will host a Bake Sale at the church on Sunday, August 24th before and after worship.

Please stop by this event and treat yourself to something sweet to eat while helping these ladies support their mission & ministry.

5th Sunday potluck
Lunch –
Sunday August 30th



Potluck Fellowship

This fellowship will be held After the worship service – about 11:30 am in the auditorium

HELLO August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 EMMAUS, Fell Hall & Kitchen 6-8 pm	2  Auditorium 8:30 am to 11:30 am Memorial Service Sanctuary, 11:00 am
3 8:30/8:45 Sunday School 10:00 – Worship 4:00 - Bells 5:30 pm – AfterShock Youth	4  9:30 – Food Pantry 9:30 - Soulkeepers 5:30 – Scouts, Educ. Bldg. 7 pm – Scouts, Ed Bld	5 Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall 9 am to 1 pm 6 pm – Trustees' meeting	6 Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall 9 am to 1 pm 5:30 pm – Bible study #101	7	8	9 Threads of Love, Fell Hall 10:30 am KAIROS training, Comm. Bldg. 8 am to 6 pm
10 7 am – Men's Breakfast study; Fellowship Hall 8:30/8:45 Sunday School 10:00 – Worship 4 – Bells 5:30 – AfterShock Youth	11 9:30 am -Food Pantry 5:30 – Scouts, Educ. Bldg. 7 pm – Scouts, Educ Bldg.	12 Mary Circle, 9:30 am – Fell Hall Worship meeting, #101 6 pm Girl Scout Svc Unit, Fell Hall 6:30	13 5:30 – Bible study #101	14 1 pm – GriefShare, Conf Room	15	16
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24 7 am – Men's Breakfast study; Fellowship Hall 8:30/8:45 –Sunday School Mary Circle Bake Sale 10 am – Worship 4 – Bells 5:30 – AfterShock Youth	25 9:30 – Food Pantry 5:30 – Scouts, Educ. Bldg. 7 pm Scouts, Educ Bldg.	26 7 pm Order of Arrow, Fell Hall	27 5:00 pm – Children's Choir Kick-Off 5:30 – Bible study #101	28 1 pm – GriefShare, Conf Room	29	30
31 – 5th Sunday 8:30/8:45 – Sunday School 10:00 am – Worship 5TH SUNDAY POBLUCK LUNCH 4:00 pm – Bells No After Shock Youth	September 1 st FOOD PANTRY WILL BE OPEN 	September 2 Crafty Ladies, 9 am	September 3 Crafty Ladies, 9 am Bible Study #101, 5:30 6 pm – Adult Choir resumes rehearsals	September 4	September 5 EMMAUS, Fell Hall 6:00 pm	September 6