
PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY NEWS

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... And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God.

Let them be a living and holy sacrifice – the kind he will accept.

When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask?

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.

Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how pleasing and perfect his will really is.

Romans 12: 1,2

PC (PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY) NEWS

We are sad to hear of Doris Falconer's recent stroke. Please keep her in your prayers as she begins the recovery process. She is currently at Sutter Lakeside Hospital.

Sabbath School Potluck: This month we will meet at Lem and Elme Martin's home on **Sabbath, February 11**. We will meet after church. Please come for a time of great food and fellowship. If anyone would like to have March's potluck at their home please let Lem Martin know.

PC Sabbath School Lesson Study:

We have almost finished our study of 1st Peter. We will begin studying 2nd Peter when we finish. 2nd Peter was written by Peter, one of the 12 apostles and the disciple commissioned by Jesus to take the gospel to the Jews. While 1st Peter was written just before the time that the Roman Emperor Nero began his persecution of Christians, 2nd Peter was written two or three years later after the persecution had intensified. 1st Peter was a letter of encouragement to the Christians who suffered, but 2nd Peter focuses on the church's internal problems, especially on the false teachers who were causing people to doubt their faith and turn away from Christianity. 2nd Peter combats their heresies by denouncing the evil motives of the false teachers and reaffirming Christianity's truths – the authority of scripture, the primacy of faith, and the certainty of Christ's return.

PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY OUTREACH MINISTRY (PCOM)

Basket Ministry:

We had a wonderful time visiting church members and giving them a basket last month. Please consider joining us this month; it is truly a blessing to the giver as well as the receiver. This month's basket ministry will be on February 11, following the potluck. We have many members that we would like to visit but are limited because we don't have enough people to deliver the baskets. This ministry is open to church members as well as Sabbath School members.

Mob Squad:

There is no mob squad activity at this time

Weed & Feed:

Our PC class needs to fertilize & weed our section of the church grounds. Plan to meet Sunday, February 5 at 9:00 am at the church. We will weed from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. As usual, after we weed and feed the grass, we will have a potluck brunch.

SPOTLIGHT

This month's Spotlight is on Ron Vliet. Ron has been attending our class for several years and can be counted on for his thought provoking questions that lead to many spirited discussions. Ron was born in Wellington, Kansas. He grew up during the depression years and his family moved frequently during his early and middle childhood as his father searched for work. By the time he reached high school his parents had settled in Otis, Oregon and he was able to spend all four of his high school years at Laurelwood Academy. It was at Laurelwood Academy that he met his future wife, Marge. Ron was in charge of the maintenance department at the Academy and one

day he got a call to fix the plumbing that had broken in one of the rooms in the girls' dormitory. It turned out that it was the room of a freshman named Marge and Ron and Marge became acquainted while he fixed her plumbing. They soon began dating and continued to date all through their high school years. After Ron graduated from Laurelwood he joined the Army and served our country in the Korean War. As soon as he was discharged he returned home and married Marge. He attended Walla Walla College and later began an RV business which he owned and operated for 21 years. Ron and Marge have 4 children: 2 boys who live in Hutchinson, Minnesota and Salem Oregon; Marta who lives in Pleasant Hill, and Karla who lives in Kelseyville. Both Ron and Marge have been life long Adventist Christians and have raised all of their children in the faith. After his retirement Ron and Marge moved to Lake County because at that time the prices of homes in Lake County were very reasonable. Ron and Marge are currently looking forward to a new phase in their lives – selling their home and traveling and living in their RV! We will miss them but know they will be returning frequently to visit Karla and hopefully our Sabbath School class!



PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISES

REQUESTS

Please pray for Doris Falconer and her family as she recovers from her recent stroke.

Please pray for Jennie Stair (our interpreter). She has many struggles in her life and could use our prayers and encouragement.

Please pray for Jay Senter's step-father and mother who are elderly. Hal, Jay's step-father is having many medical problems.

Please pray for Bev Senter who is having numerous health problems and discomfort.

Please pray for Pat Courtney. Her husband is very ill.

Please pray for Katherine Lewis. She has been having severe pain in her leg.

Please pray for Renee Tompkins as she begins her healing process.

PRAISES

Dave Majestic is very grateful to God that his request to his employer for release from Friday night and Saturday night assignments at work was granted.

Praise to the Lord that Pat Courtney has been able to use her God given artistic talents to witness to others through her art.

A praise that Jon Zastrow has taken an active role as leader in Men's Ministries and that Men's Ministries is growing.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

THE ABC'S OF LIFE

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of "Camp Complaining"
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To "thank" is a command
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
Xalting God most high
Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad,

BUT...

Zion waits in glory....where none are ever sad!

-Author Unknown-