#### Service of Worship

September 16 - 10:30 AM

Thank you for silencing your cell phone during morning worship.

#### As We Gather

To worship is a verb that must have an object. We do not just worship; we worship God. To lose that focus is to turn away from worshiping God. It may be to be caught by a distraction, even to have creative thoughts, but to worship demands the all-important focus upon God.

This is not easy to do. There are many interruptions to our focus upon God, — anxieties, guilt, physical pain, relationships to others, plans — on and on.

The worshiper must then find a

way to refocus upon God whom we cannot see with our eyes. It has been pointed out that twelve minutes is about the limit of one's ability to stay on track. Aware of this, the worship leader finds ways to regather the attention of a gathered congregation through thoughts, stories, pictures, music, even quiet.

Our granddaughter, Leilani, was explaining to her mother why she does not listen. Her answer was, "I think I have short-term focus loss." There was a quiet pause before she said, "Yes, that's it. I have short-term ...what was that again?"

The one thing that helps us to refocus is our spiritual need that only true worship of God can fill. When we respond to the call to refocus upon God, the miracle of worship happens once again.

-- Fred Shively

#### **Music for Reflection**

Allen Lucas, Staff Organist
"Prelude on CRIMOND" -- Al Lucas (2018)
(Text reference: Hymn # 657)
"Meditation on a 4 Note Theme" -- Al Lucas (2018)
"Fantasie on CRUCIFER" -- Al Lucas (2018)
(Text reference: Hymn # 369)

Musical improvisation is the creative activity of immediate ("in the moment") musical composition, which combines performance with communication of emotions and instrumental technique.

#### Songs of Celebration and Healing

"No Longer Slaves"
"A Child of God" chorus only

#### What's Happening at Park Place

Pastor Carma Wood

#### Greetings from Anderson University

John Pistole, President

#### **Invitation to Godly Play**

Pastor David Markle

Children ages four and up are invited to come and follow the Godly Play banner to continue worship together.

The children will be in the back hallway to the left of the

Sanctuary after the service.

Today's lesson:

Younger students: The Great Family

Older students: The Story of Sarah

#### Gifts of the People

Pastor David Markle Focus: Match the Message

#### **Worship Through Giving**

"Improvisation on HYFRYDOL" -- Al Lucas (2018) (Text reference: Hymn # 250)

#### Call to Prayer

Pastor Carma Wood

How has God uniquely positioned YOU to give life?

How has God uniquely positioned THIS CHURCH to give life?

What is your dream for Park Place?

#### Song of Prayer

"It Is Well"

#### **Prayers of the People**

John Pistole

#### From God's Word

I John 5:1-12

#### Anthem of Life

Sanctuary Choir
"Let Everything with Breath, Praise God" -- Lloyd Larson

#### **Today's Message**

Pastor David Markle "Know the Life" I John 5:1-21

#### **Hymn of Response**

"Blessed Assurance" (650)

#### **Benediction**

Pastor David Markle

#### **Sending Out**

"Peroration on ODE TO JOY" -- Al Lucas (2018)

#### OF SPECIAL INTEREST

#### CONSULTING STEP 1: CALLING ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS OF PARK PLACE...WE NEED YOU!

On September 28 you will be receiving an email with a link to our Congregational Assessment Survey. Each active member of Park Place Church of God in your household who is over the age of sixteen is invited to take the assessment. Please watch for this important email. The survey will be available September 28 through October 14.

If you do not use email, a print version will be available at the church office (during regular business hours) or at our weekend services beginning Sunday, September 30. A member of our office staff or volunteer team member will then enter your responses *in digital form* to NL Moore. In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact a member of the Servant Leadership Board or Pastoral Staff.

Thanks in advance for your participation! Let us continue in prayer for God's mighty hand upon the people, leaders, and future of Park Place Church of God.

-- Park Place Servant Leadership Board

#### MATCH THE MESSAGE

We have an opportunity to take a small step to update our look in the Sanctuary, provide a Bible more easily understood by every worshiper, and heighten the potential for spiritual growth in our worship experiences. Through the gift of a generous donor, we hope to place a new, attractive, hardcover edition of *The Message* alongside each hymnal and the *New Revised Standard Version* Bible in our pew racks.

Our donor will purchase the first twenty copies of *The Message* Bible and then will match any purchase made by our members at large. Each copy is available for \$20. The copy you purchase may be placed in memory of a loved one.

Let us take this small step toward our future by providing a fresh copy of *The Message* throughout the Sanctuary! Stop by the information table in the Narthex to provide a copy of *The Message*.

#### **MINISTRIES UPDATE**

Family Ministries Pastor search team: Annie Wood Bell, Janet Brewer, Arthur Kelly, Daniel Willowby, David Markle, chair. This team had their first meeting. We appreciate your prayers.

Children's Center Director search team: This team is being formed. Carole Greenwalt will serve as chair.

#### **ASSISTANT TEACHERS NEEDED**

There are assistant teacher openings at Park Place Children's Center. Experience with children in classroom settings preferred. Benefits and paid holidays as part of the package. Work with a great, supportive staff. Inquire between 1:00-3:00 pm Monday through Friday. Email resume to: btuttle@ppchog.org

#### Sharing in worship leadership:

Worship and the Arts Pastor: Carma Wood
Staff Organist: Allen Lucas; Staff Choral Director: Joani Brandon
Piano: Andrew Gale; Guitar: Ethan Harting; Drums: Joshua Walker
Vocals: Jen Carney, Sandra Overstreet
Godly Play Leaders: Jodie Ackerman, Julie Short, Carole Greenwalt, Dawn Roe
Sound/Audio Team: Paul Nicholson; Media: Erin Rockhill; Video: Kim Butler
Media design: Larry Stuart; Worship folder design: Loretta Davy



# Welcome to Park Place Church of God

#### This Week at Park Place

Sunday – September 16 6:00-7:15 pm Coffee House Worship, Community Center, Room 13

Monday – September 17

6:00 am Men's Prayer Group, Bob Evans restaurant

Tuesday - September 18

9:00 am Food Pantry Delivery, Community Center

6:00 pm Worship and Arts Team, Room 223 (The Upper Room)

6:00 pm DivorceCare4Kids, Community Center, Room 13

6:00 pm DivorceCare, Covenant Room

Wednesday – September 19 BODY LIFE

5:15-6:00 pm Meal and Fellowship, menu: Ham

\$7, adults; \$3, Students K-12th Grade; Free, College and Pre-K; \$20, families

6:00-7:30 pm

Adult Class, Covenant Room, They Met Jesus: Life-Changing Encounters, led by Pastor Markle and friends

Wednesday Night Kids, Room 137, Worship, led by Pastor Carma Wood

**Sanctuary Choir** 

6:00-8:00 pm Fusion Youth, The Upstairs

7:35-9:00 pm One Accord Adult Handbell Choir, Room B-25

6:00-7:30 pm GriefShare Seminar/Workshop, Bessie Byrum Lounge. If you or anyone you know has experienced the death of a loved one, this would be a wonderful place to come and find encouragement to face the challenges associated with such a loss. GriefShare is a video seminar that features top grief experts. If you want further information, you can call the church office, take a brochure in the Narthex, or contact Leah Helvering, 765-617-2886 or leahhelvering@gmail.com. More information can also be found on the web www.GriefShare.org.

#### Thursday - September 20

**6:00-7:30 pm "THEY MET JESUS,"** an 8-week Bible study, through October 25.The sessions will be held at Park Place Community Center, Room 13. Steve Hency will be the facilitator.

#### Friday - September 21

7:30-10:00 pm Fusion Youth Glow-in-the-Dark Night, The

Upstairs. A great opportunity for youth to invite their friends!

There will be food, music, and awesome glow-in-the-dark games!

Saturday - September 22

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Anderson City Market, Community Center in the front. In case of rain, the Market will be held in the gym.

Sunday - September 23

9:00 am Sunday School Classes for all ages

10:00 am The Gathering, in the Narthex

10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary, Dr. Barry Callen preaching, "Learning to Dance in the Rain." Text: 2 Corinthians 12:8-10.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AT PARK PLACE

Children's Security Tag System

Please obtain a security tag for your child if they would like to participate in Sunday morning classes and Godly Play. You may fill out a card designating security information at the Children's Ministry table located in the Narthex/Lobby at the south entrance to the Sanctuary.

- The worship setting at Park Place is experienced by children
  weekly in the Sanctuary. This is followed by their age level worship
  in Godly Play (ages 4 and up). The first Sunday of the month,
  children remain in worship with their families and church
  community to celebrate communion.
- Nursery Care is provided during the morning worship service for infants in the children's west wing, Room 157, and for two- and three-year-olds, also in the children's west wing, Room 159. There is a changing table in the Narthex women's and the family restrooms.

#### **GIVING REPORT, September 9, 2018**

Weekly budget \$ 16,274
Weekly Actual \$ 9,939
YTD Budget \$179,009
YTD Actual \$148,487

### PRAYER CONCERNS...

### HOSPITAL VISITATION SCHEDULE •• September 17 – September 23

Monday – Phil Bruzzese, Tuesday – Don Collins, Wednesday – Fred Shively -- Thursday – Bill White, Friday – Pastor David Markle, Weekend – Ron Jack

**HOSPITAL: Community North - Dan Ferree** 

**HOME/REHAB:** Dwight Grubbs, Kay Schlafer, Virginia Clay (Bethany Pointe), Joe Womack, Fran Hardman (Bethany Pointe), Ralph Hite, Laura Hoak, Judy Hensler, Arlo Newell, Mike Tincher, Tony Samaras Joyce Zimmerman, Sherrill Hayes, Charles Stanley, Ann Dunaway, Tony Samaras

**EXTENDED FAMILY:** Leslie Gross (daughter-in-law of Jacquie Gross), Bonnie Shaw (mother of Deb Breeden), Dick Hallett (friend of Ed and Ruth Bowser), Paula Brown (cousin of Janice Gaunt, Mississippi), SSgt. Ben Sutton and Eli Sutton (son-in-law and grandson of Terry and Marshall Lawrence, stationed in Japan), Phillip Pease (grandson of Marie Anderson), Elizabeth Brown (cousin of Janice Gaunt)

ASSISTED LIVING PRAYER FOCUS: Countryside Manor • Dan Ferree • Crown Pointe, Charlotte Brooks, Magaline Hoops-Heusel • Harter House, Dan Harman, Alma Hatch, Rosemary Williams • Middletown Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Ava Ahrendt • Mossy Oaks Retreat, Joyce Grubbs • Primrose Retirement Community, Dondeena Caldwell, Berny Falls, Ken and Arlene Hall, Harold Smith • Prairie Lakes Health Campus, (Noblesville), Dale Grubbs • Providence of Anderson, John Helvering, Jim Simpson, Margaurette Upshaw • Rawlins House, Don Barnes, Martha Lash • Riverwalk Commons (Noblesville), Dwight and Sue Dye, Harold Conrad • Vermillion Place, Billie Luther Williams

HOMEBOUND: Ken and Doris McCreary, Lorraine Withers