



The Messenger

“To Know Christ and to Make Him known” November 2018

“The Love of God Shed Abroad in Your Heart”

Romans 5:1-5 KJV

“Therefor being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Recently, I had a fresh anointing in the Holy Spirit. I believe it began on January 1, 2018 when a friend prayed that I would experience God’s love for me at a deeper level than ever before. She asked me to anchor myself in Ephesians 3: 14-21. Through out this year I have been seeking more and more of God’s love for me. I wanted more experience’s of God’s love for me. It might sound selfish. It might sound simple. But it has been profound. I have had many experiences of God’s love for me, but I wanted fresh experiences and a deeper knowledge of God’s love. My soul was seeking deep growth and renewal. If you could use the same, read on! What can Romans 5 teach us about how to practically experience more of God’s love for us?

First it is a work born out of God’s loving and kind heart toward us. We receive fresh experiences of God’s love for us when we ask and surrender to the Holy Spirit. God wants this for us. God will do this work for us, in us, and through us. We experience the first wares when we begin to grapple with the love of God for us. We are embraced by this love at the moment of our justification (salvation). Gladly, God gives us more of this love everyday. He is not stingy. We do not need to ration. There is enough for us all. So don’t be shy. ASK. The Holy Spirit will wrap you in fresh experiences of this love right this moment. Your faith in Him is enough, and your faith will grow as you let him love you.

Second, we experience fresh waves of God’s love for us when we let the love of God shine to every part of us. I’m Irish. We have active imaginations, this is a gift. I like to imagine God’s love as warm sunshine on a cool spring day in Ohio. (continued)



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The light is welcome and healing, thawing out the places in my soul that the winter has made cold. The light brings life, growth and healing wherever it touches. When you encounter God's love in new ways, you will never be met with shame. God's love will heal and restore you. God's love will shift your focus. John Wesley said, "The love of God displaces their love of sin, defeating its power in the lives." So where the light reveals more sin, God will pour into you more of this love. This will heal you and bring you joy and hope and even more love.

Finally these fresh experiences of God's love will begin to change how you see other people. The more you become convinced of God's love for you; the more God pours his love into every inch of you; the more you will leak. I promise it will change the way you hear others. It will change how you see others. It will change how you speak to others. It will change how you serve others. But something else occurs within you. As you love others with the overflow of God's love for you God pours more of His love into you. The more you love others, the more of God's love you will receive.



God loves you, and so do I!

Love Melanie





Christmas is around the corner. Yes, I know Halloween was only a few days ago, but soon our calendars will speed up as the Holidays approach. The Ministry staff have been planning and praying over the Advent Season. This year we developed a mission statement for Advent to help us focus and plan for the season. *"This Advent season we want to build disciples of Jesus Christ by increasing the church's*

excitement and participation in worship and providing opportunities for every person to have healing encounters with Jesus Christ." To this end, we have crafted an Advent Calendar full of joy and healing. Our theme this year is "Coming Home," celebrating the first advent of Christ and joyfully celebrating his second coming. Additionally, we have created an Advent Devotional to guide you through the season, which will be available the week of Thanksgiving. We hope to see you all at each of these special events.



Wednesday, November 28, 5:30 PM

Church Wide Decorating & Dinner

We will provide the dinner and cookies. Come make your own Advent Wreath, help decorate cookies for the homebound, decorate the Church, sing carols, and just old-fashioned fun!



Saturday, December 1 to Sunday, December 2

24-hour Prayer Vigil to prepare your heart for Christmas.

Sign up to pray for an hour by yourself or with your family or group of friends. A special vigil with guided prayer stations to help you keep the reason for the season.



Sunday December 16, 10:45 AM

Our talented choir will be presenting their Christmas Musical, Finding Bethlehem, at the 10:45 service.



Sunday, December 16, 6-8 PM

Everyone is invited to a traditional cookie exchange at the Pastor's House. We will roast marshmallows, eat cookies, drink milk, sing carols, and have good old-fashioned fun. Bring cookies and/or a side dish to share.



Wednesday, December 19, 6:30 PM

A service for those who are grieving or for whom the holidays are difficult. Come to an evening of hope, help, and healing. Not every Christmas Season is full of joy. We want to provide a safe and meaningful space for you to encounter Christ in the midst of wherever you are this Christmas.



Monday, December 24, 5:30 PM

Christmas Candlelight Service

A traditional service for the entire family.

Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus with carols and candles.

MISSIONS

Cuba Update & Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who donated and helped with our first Cuban Mission trip. Pastora Yolanda is deeply grateful and humbled for all that you have already done for our sister church in Valle Dos, Mayari. Holy Spirit is pouring out gifts, signs, and wonders on the people of Cuba and they are experiencing a sustained season of revival. I believe that as we develop our partnership with our sister church we will experience much of the same. I have had several people ask me how they can help. Here are four ways you can help:

1. Continue to give to Hearts for Missions.
2. Make a Blessing Bag for Kids! (I will collect the bags and deliver them in January)

How to Make a Blessing Bag

Inside a Gallon Zip-lock bag place:

1 bar of soap and 1 washcloth

1 tooth brush and travel sized toothpaste

Comb

Candy (not chocolate)

Lip balm

Stickers

For girls: hair things, small doll

For boys: small matchbox car or dinosaur

Pair of Socks & Underwear

Donate towards a Washing Machine for the Church & Bicycle for the Pastor

3. For around \$400 US we can purchase a small washing machine for the church. Why is this important? This machine will be used to wash the clothes for the entire community and Yolanda will use this time as a way to present the Gospel. Our sister church Pastor is also attending seminary which is quite a distance away and needs a bicycle, so she doesn't have to walk the entire way. We can ship a bicycle to her from a special ministry for \$175.
4. Join us on one of next trips. Attend an informational meeting about our upcoming trips in June and October 2019 on Sunday November 11 at 5pm in the Pastor's Office. Even if you are just a little curious, come find out what it is all about.

Thank you for all you have already done.

Gloria A Dios!

Pastor Melanie



We will be holding our **2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off** Sunday, November 11th, at 12:00PM

in the Rob Reynolds Hall. So dust off those recipes and get ready to be a part of, or perhaps even win, or friendly competition all for a good cause. Each bid for your favorite will be a quarter and the money raised will go to Hearts for Missions.



Please join us for the monthly Worship Service at **Lake Placid**

Health Care Center on Sunday, November 11th at 3:45pm. What a blessing this service is to all the residents who look forward to it and especially to those volunteers that participate.



Chat n' Chew

Please join us for **Chat n' Chew** Monday, November 19th at 6:00pm. We will be meeting at Bo David's for food, fun, and fellowship.

Call Peggy Branch at 465-9223 to reserve your spot.



Coffee Fellowship is in need of some hosts for November 25 and all Sundays in

December. If you would like to sign up for a Sunday Morning please see the sign up sheet in The Fellowship Hall.

Community
Thanksgiving
Worship



On Sunday, November 18th, at 7:00PM in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, the

Lake Placid Christian Ministerial Association is sponsoring a Community Thanksgiving Worship Service. Several local pastors will be participating in the service. Special music will be provided by a community choir. If you would like to participate in the choir please call Joshua Klatt (863-446-3062). Everyone is invited to come and worship with fellow brothers and sisters who share a common belief in the good news of Jesus Christ. An offering will be collected to support Manna Ministries and New Testament Mission. In addition, please bring canned goods for Manna Ministries








Join us as we wrap up or Wednesday Night Dinners and bible study for this year. We will meet on November 7th and

November 14th. On Wednesday November 28th please join us for dinner and cookie decorating as we spend the evening decorating our beautiful sanctuary and the Rob Reynolds hall for the upcoming Advent Season.



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4	5 Janette Schuecking Pete Richie	6	7 Elizabeth Hogan	8 Gayle Samperi	9	10
11 Henry Herbert Mike Houser	12	13 Carolyn Mead	14 Lauren Nicolai	15 Jackie Moore	16 Ruth Schanely	17 Alicen Burnett Ida Heller
18	19 Katrina Villacampa	20	21 P.L. Keen Cindy Lewis	22	23	24 Claude Burnett Leigh Anne Dohman
25	26 Ray Dambrell Ginny Holt Katie Knipper Tim Moore	27	28 Avis Keen	29 Lynette Horne	30	



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4 All Saint's Day Service Communion Sunday	5	6  10:00AM Change of Pace (LBC) 6:00PM Missions Team Meeting (LH)	7 5:30PM Wed Night Dinner (RRH) 6:30PM Kids Club (CH) Youth Deep Dive (LH) Adult Bible Study (LBC) 7:00PM Choir	8	9	10 2:00PM Rexford Darrow Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
11  Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Return  12:00PM 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off 3:45PM LP Healthcare Worship Service	12  12:00PM Veterans Day Salute DeVane Park 6:00PM Children's Leadership Team Meeting (LH) 6:00PM Decorating Committee Meeting (LBC)	13 10:00AM Change of Pace (LBC) 6:00PM LVCS Board Meeting (LBC)	14 5:30PM Wed Night Dinner (RRH) 6:30PM Kids Club (CH) Youth Deep Dive (LH) Adult Bible Study (LBC) 7:00PM Choir	15	16	17
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25 5:00PM Youth Deep Dive Decorating Party	26	27	28 6:00PM Come Decorate the Sanctuary 6:30PM Youth Deep Dive	29	30	



Sunday School Classes at 9:30am

Nursery	Martha Oliveras	Birth-5 years old	Nursery
SonShine Club	Volunteers	K-3rd Grade	Clubhouse
45 Zone	Scott & Sally Durban	4th & 5th Grade	Upper Room
Youth Class	Cory Fierbaugh	6th-12th Grade	Rob Reynolds Hall
Ladies Bible Class	Team of Teachers	Discussions & Lectures	Ladies Bible Class
Men's Bible Class	John Causey	Discussion Class	Men's Bible Class
Pathfinders	Melissa Russell	Discussion Class	Room 203
Wesley Fellowship	Troy White	Discussion Class	Room 204

Small Groups-Heart Groups

Weekly Opportunities

Monday	Ladies 6:00pm Carlene Clark	217 N Main St. 863-441-0200	Sunday Worship	8:30am & 10:45am	Sanctuary
Tuesday	Adults 7:00pm George Hill	114 Lakefront Ct 863-465-2503	Sunday Fellowship	9:15-10:40am	Rob Reynolds Hall
Thursday	Adults 7:00pm Hartman's	158 Blue Moon Ave 863-465-0695	Sunday School	9:30am	Various
Friday	Men's 8:00am Claude Burnett	McDonald's 863-464-0330	Sunday Youth Night	5:00pm	Lighthouse
			Wednesday Youth	6:30pm	Lighthouse
			Deep Dive		

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