October 2019

PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

The Aslan Announcer

Parent-Teacher Conferences

- Parent-Teacher Conference week is November 18-22, 2019
- **Sign-up sheets will be posted Monday, November 4th** in the main school building.
- Parents of **4K** students: Mrs. Bathel will be doing her Parent-Teacher Conferences later on in the school year, and will be touch with you about dates.
- Parents of students in **grades K-5** are asked to stop by the office between November 4th and November 15th to sign-up and schedule conferences.
- **Grades 6-8** will be scheduled on an individual basis. Please speak with the teacher if you have questions or concerns regarding this.
- **All Grades will** be observing ****minimum days—noon release—** November 18-22nd.
- Extended Day will still be available until 6pm.

Please Note:

- **No hot lunches** during Parent-Teacher Conference Week

Veterans Day Assembly 2019

To the families and friends of PCS and all Veterans in our community:

It is with great honor and pride that the students and staff of Providence Christian School invite you to attend a special event honoring military veterans in our community.

Providence Christian School believes in the commitment of all people toward patriotic service to our country. It is important that the legacy of military service be passed on to those who are growing up in this nation with all of its freedoms. The presence of current and retired military personnel at this assembly provides an excellent example to our students of their sacrificial service to our country. If you have served, it would be wonderful if you could wear your uniform—even a small part of it, such as a cap, scarf, or medal.

We are so proud of our military families, and we wish to honor those who have served the United States of America.

Please join us for our annual

Veterans Day

Assembly

November 1, 2019

10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Fundraising Corner

General Mills Box Tops

- The Box Tops program now has an easy to use app! Instead of collecting physical Box Tops, all you have to do is scan your receipts into the app, and it will automatically apply them to our school account. Easy as that!

No More Cartridges for Kids

- Thank you for your many years of contributions to this program. Unfortunately, they have changed their program to the point where it is not cost effective for us to participate anymore.

Amerigas School Days Program

- If you use Amerigas Propane Company, save your receipts for PCS and they will pay us $.02/gallon for every gallon on those receipts.
- Want to help even more? Ask your friends and family, or even local businesses, to save their receipts for us as well!
- It needs to be an original receipt to be valid, but if you let Amerigas know that you are participating in their school program, they will be glad to give you a second receipt. Receipts can be dropped off in the front office anytime.

Recycling Fundraiser

- PCS continues to collect aluminum cans, glass bottles, and plastic bottles to raise money for our school.
- Collections can even be dropped during Morning Drop-Off. No need to get our of your car-just pop your trunk and your donations will be collected!
- **We are still in need of a PCS Parent Volunteer to be our Recycling Coordinator.** If you are interested, please contact Ellen Walker at: 530.672.6657.

Principals Place

Lamplighter
BUILDING CHARACTER . . . ONE STORY AT A TIME

Mark Hamby

-Lamplighter
www.lamplighter.net

On TV in America today, everything's extreme: extreme makeover, extreme house-over, extreme jumping-out-of-airplanes-without-parachutes, etc. Why are we attracted to these extreme experiences? We have moved so far away from God that we're not getting our relational needs met. Instead, we try to fulfill our needs out in the world through these extreme activities. The more extreme the activity, the better the adrenaline rush, and the more self-destructive we become. In order to get our needs met, we need a higher and higher level of extreme experience.

The early church father, Saint Augustine, once prayed, "*You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.*" Only God can truly satisfy our relational needs and give us peace. But when we fully surrender our needs to God, we put ourselves in a very dangerous, extreme place. Do you know why? Because God may need to extremely challenge us in order to extremely change us.

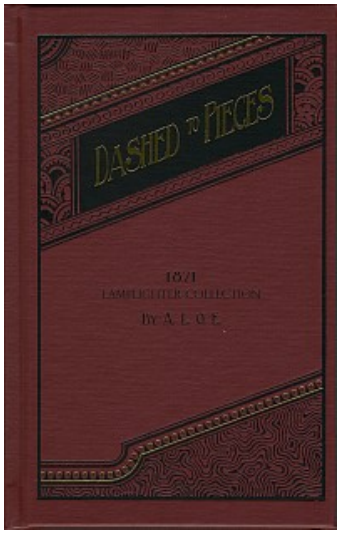
I know what this is like. I struggled with depression and several debilitating illnesses for years. God was breaking me down in extreme measures. But looking back, I realize that I went through those experiences because of my controlling, dominating, and manipulating behavior. You can't control others without damaging yourself. When I finally gave God back the control of my life, I discovered the truth of Philippians 4:19: "*My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.*"

God desires to fill us but we may need to be extremely emptied first.

Making ready a people prepared for the Lord,

-Mark Hamby

Dashed to Pieces is the story of a Roman general who, if he chooses to follow Christ, will lose status, power and luxury, as well as place his family in peril. This story will hold you to the edge of your seat.



FYI

- Please Remember that students are **not allowed to wear costumes to school** on October 31st.

Thank You

We had such a wonderful day celebrating our Grandparents and Senior Pals. A special thank you to everyone that helped with Grandparents Day, it was a success because of volunteers like you!

Volunteers Needed

Veteran's Day Assembly help needed:

Volunteers are needed for our annual Veteran's Day Assembly on November 1st.

Help is needed to:

- Decorate the day before *and* the day of our Veteran's Day Assembly
- Pick up cookies and sort them into decorative baggies
- Clean up after the assembly
- Various other duties

If you would like to serve in this capacity, please contact:

Ellen Walker at:
530.672.6657 or
receptionist_pcs@yahoo.com

October is Fire Safety Month

Fire Escape Planning

- Only 26% of families have actually developed and routinely practice a home fire escape plan. *
- 80% of Americans don't realize that home fires are the single most common disaster across the nation*
- The number of home fires the American Red Cross has responded to has risen 10% since 2000*
- Every 2 1/2 hours someone is killed in a home fire. In a typical year, 20,000 people are injured in home fires.**
- Having working smoke alarms reduces one's chances of dying in a fire by nearly half. **
- Children and older adults are twice as likely to die in a home fire as the American population at large. **

Preparedness Tips

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas.
- Test smoke alarm batteries every month and change them at least once a year.
- Make sure everyone in your family knows at least 2 ways to escape from every room of your home.
- Practice your fire escape plan at least twice a year. Designate a meeting spot outside and a safe distance from your home. Make sure all family members know the meeting spot.
- Have your family practice escaping from your home, practicing low crawling and at different times of the day. Make sure everyone knows how to call 9-1-1.
- Consider escape ladders for sleeping areas on the second or third floor. Make sure everyone in your home learns how to use them ahead of time by reading the manufacturer's instructions and understanding the steps to use them. Store them near the window where they will be used.
- Teach your family to stop, drop to the ground, and roll if their clothes catch on fire. Practice this with your children.
- Once you get out of your home, stay out under all circumstances, until a fire official gives you permission to go back inside.
- Never open doors that are warm to the touch.
- If smoke, heat, or flames block your exit routes, stay in the room with the door closed. If possible, place a towel under the door and call the fire department to alert them to your location in the home. Go to the window and signal for help waving a bright colored cloth or flashlight. DO NOT break the window, but open it from the top and bottom.
- Visit www.redcross.org/homefires for more information on creating fire escape plans

Sources: * US Fire Admin, ** National Fire Protection Assn.

How to Pray for Your Pastor

by Dr. Ronnie Floyd

Every Christ-follower engaged in a local church has a pastor. These followers of Christ should pray for their pastor.

Pastors may appear as though they are so strong they do not need prayer. But I can assure you, any pastor genuinely called to the ministry knows he needs prayer; earnest, passionate, and effective prayer. “Pray for me” should be the number one personal request from a pastor of the church he serves.

Stand on God’s Word When You Pray for Your Pastor

I think the strength of prayer stands on the authority of Holy Scripture. You need to stand on the infallibility and truthfulness of God’s Word when you pray for your pastor. I want to challenge you to pray while standing on *Colossians 1:9-12, “For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven’t stopped praying for you. We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, so that you may have endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints’ inheritance in the light.”*

Paul was praying this for the believers in Colossae, and these words can be prayed for your pastor.

5 Specific Ways to Pray for Your Pastor

Pray for your pastor to be:

1. Filled with the knowledge of God’s will

Pastors face the same dilemma people faced in the first century, when these words were penned originally. The knowledge of the world pours into the minds of pastors, but pastors need to have the full knowledge of God’s will. The will of God does not inflate a pastor’s ego, but it enlightens us to do what God wills for us to do.
Father, give my pastor the full knowledge of Your will in all things at all times, personally and for our church.

2. Filled with all spiritual wisdom

Pastors will view life from one of two perspectives: The world or the Spirit. Only the Holy Spirit will always lead a pastor to the Word of God and the will of God. The Spirit of God will lead a pastor to view life and ministry from God's perspective, not his own. His perspective will determine his decision making.
Heavenly Father, fill my pastor with Your wisdom and perspective about all things in his life, in our church, and in this world.

3. Filled with spiritual understanding

Pastors can operate and lead the church apart from information and facts, but not very effectively. *Spiritual understanding is the experience of seeing the facts and hearing the needed information, but being able to put these things together biblically, spiritually, and practically.* A pastor's leadership and decision making will be determined by the level of his spiritual understanding about whatever is before him.
Lord Jesus, fill my pastor with spiritual understanding that will help him put facts and information together biblically, spiritually, and practically.

4. Walk worthy of the Lord

God wants his people, especially God-called pastors, to live in a way that is worthy of Him. Pastors represent the Lord everywhere they go. Pastors cannot say one thing, but live a different way. Walking worthy always leads to pleasing God and bearing fruit in every way in life.
Oh Lord, empower my pastor to walk in a way that would exemplify You to all persons, pleasing You in all ways, and bearing fruit in every way before others.

5. Strengthened with God's power

Pastors should be full of spiritual vitality. Pastors need the spiritual strength to overcome the challenges of each day in ministry. Submission to God daily will lead to God's power. This power is so strong that a pastor is able to endure stress and suffering that ministry brings. It is so powerful that he will refuse to retaliate in any way toward difficult people and circumstances. It is even so strong that he will live life and do ministry with true joy that overflows with thanksgiving to God. Every pastor needs this kind of power.
Oh God, strengthen my pastor with Your power that fills him with spiritual life daily, including the difficult days of life and ministry; and leading him to persevere with joy and thanksgiving.

A Brief Word

The people of God have prayed for me through all these days I have served as a local church pastor. It is rare that I would not say to my church with all sincerity, "Please pray for me." I say it because it is the number one thing people can do for me. It is the number one thing you can do for your pastor. Pray for your pastor daily.

Now is the Time to Lead and to Pray,
Ronnie W. Floyd
Senior Pastor, Cross Church
President, National Day of Prayer

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8:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 12:	PCS Family BBQ & Potluck, 6pm-8pm
October 23:	Pizza Factory Jog-a-Thon Fundraiser, 4pm—8:00pm, 20% off all proceeds are donated back to our school!
October 25:	Jog-a-Thon
October 30:	Board Meeting—3:00pm
November 1:	Veteran's Day Assembly: 10:00am-11:30am
November 4:	Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-up Sheets are Posted
November 18-22:	Parent-Teacher Conferences—***Minimum Days, 12:00 p.m. release for grades 4K-8, no hot lunch, Extended Day will still be open until 6:00 p.m.***
November 25-29:	Thanksgiving Vacation

Visit our website* Event Calendar *for the most up-to-date schedule!