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THRIVING IN BABYLON

DANIEL'S GUIDE TO IMPACTING YOUR CULTURE

APRIL 22, 2018

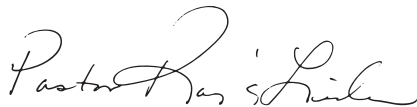
Thriving In Babylon
Pastor Ray Noah

WELCOME

TO PORTLAND CHRISTIAN CENTER

Making Jesus Famous—that is the mission of Portland Christian Center. In our church, throughout our community, and all around the world, the goal of PCC missions is to preach the Good News of God's love through the saving work of Jesus Christ. That is why we passionately pray, "God, send us around the world with the news of your saving power and your eternal plan for all mankind" (Psalm 67:2). Today, whether you are with us for the first time, or you been with us for a lifetime, we invite you to join us in this most incredible missional adventure!

May you be blessed,



Ray and Linda Noah

AS OUR GUEST TODAY

We invite you to fill out a Friendship Card found in the back of the pew. Please take it to the Welcome Center in the lobby for a special welcome gift. We look forward to learning how we can help, pray for and connect you with our church family.



FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

FAMILY ROOM

The Family Room is located at the front of the children's wing for parents and those with young children. Live video of the 10:30 AM service is available in the room.

MOTHER'S COMFORT ROOM

The Mother's Comfort Room is located by the Nursery. Live video of the 10:30 AM service is available in the room.

WIGGLE SPACE

The Wiggle Space is located at the front of the children's wing, designed to keep your active little ones engaged while you mingle in the lobby.

FOR YOUR CHILDREN & STUDENTS

We believe that investing in our children is one of the best things we can do as a church. Each Sunday we have great opportunities for children to grow, from birth through college.

NURSERY CARE

STARTING AT 9:00 AM | NEWBORN – 2 YEARS IN THE NURSERY

CHILDREN'S OPPORTUNITIES

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM | SUNDAY SCHOOL & KIDS CHURCH

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

9:00 AM | SUNDAY SCHOOL

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NEW SUNDAY SERIES— LAUGH OUT LOUD

BEGINNING MAY 6, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

"Don't worry about anything!" "Rejoice in the Lord always!" "Think about all you can praise God for and be glad about!" ***You have got to be kidding! With all the pressure, worry, and despair in my life, and with all the craziness in the world, you're telling me I ought to be worry-free and happy-go-lucky?***

Yes! And the divinely inspired, thoroughly uplifting book of Philippians shows you how. The Apostle Paul, who penned this letter of joy from a jail cell, of all places, knew just a little about meeting difficulty with joyfulness. Spend some time with Paul and he will quickly inspire you to kiss all your troubles goodbye and say hello to deeply authentic, outrageous joy. So get ready, because no matter what you're facing, Philippians will have you living the laugh-out-loud life sooner than you expect! If an entire nation turned to acknowledge the splendor of the living God, so can we.



Let Us Celebrate!

Today, we honor and celebrate Pastors Ray and Linda Noah for 10-years of exceptional leadership as the Lead Pastors of Portland Christian Center. Please express your gratitude and appreciation to them today!

JESUS AMONG SECULAR GODS

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00 PM

As belief in the secular gods of atheism, hedonism, relativism, and humanism continues to grow, it's more important than ever for believers to be able to defend and share the claims of Christ. Join us for our upcoming main gathering series, Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. This six-session Bible study challenges the popular and trending philosophies of the day, presenting compelling evidence for absolute truth as found in Jesus and revealed in Scripture. Register today at pcctoday.com.

CHILD DEDICATIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 10:30 AM

If you have not dedicated your child to the Lord yet, you are invited to join us for our child dedication service on Mother's Day. For more information and an application visit, pcctoday.com/child-dedication.

MEN'S DINNER

THURSDAY, MAY, 10, 6:00 PM

Whether you're single or have been married for 50 years, you won't want to miss this time! Pastor Rory Rodgers will be our guest speaker for the evening. Rory has a burden to share the Gospel of Jesus to the people of the Himalayans. Through a series of difficult family tragedies, God showed himself strong to Rory. He chose to remain faithful to God and is now the Lead Pastor of a congregation in Prineville, Oregon. Come and hear Rory exhort the men of Portland Christian Center to take hold of their faith. As always, dinner is free! Register and let us know you are coming at pcctoday.com/men.

YOUNG FAMILIES SERIES WIRED DIFFERENTLY

SUNDAYS, 9:00 AM

Does your spouse's behavior sometimes make you cringe? "She needs to lighten up." "He needs to help out more." "She thinks 15 minutes late is on time." "He thinks showing up on time is late." The two of you do and see things differently, but that doesn't mean one is right and one is wrong. Rather, your differences are a fundamental part of who you are. Join us for this new series as we help resolve personality conflicts and appreciate what's unique about your mate and yourself!

LIFESKILLS SERIES LIVE FORGIVEN

BEGINS SUNDAY MAY 6, 9:00 AM

To live forgiven is the cry of the human heart and yet few of us ever really live in it. Instead, we strive to establish our worth through our performance, the approval of others, the latest self-help plan, or even religion. Do you struggle to shake the mistakes of your past? Do thoughts of the future bring anxiety? Are you troubled by unwanted patterns that have developed in your life? This new series offers liberating truths combined with practical application. For more information visit pcctoday.com.

JORDAN FELIZ CONCERT

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 7:00 PM

Don't miss out on this amazing night of worship! Jordan Feliz is coming to Portland Christian Center on The Future Tour with Blanca, For All Seasons, and local band Archers Rise! Tickets are not available through the church but can be purchased at jordanfeliz.com.



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WOMEN'S BUNCO NIGHT

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 6:30 PM

Come as you are for a night of food and fun! If you've never played before, don't worry, we begin with a practice round. Bring a friend and make a friend. For more information visit pcctoday.com/women.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER

WEDNESDAYS, 5:00 PM

Join your church family for a delicious meal with Chef Amy. On the menu this week is roasted turkey, dressing and green beans.. Located in the Trailhead from 5:00-6:30 PM. The cost for adults is \$6 and children are \$4 and max family price is \$25. For more information visit pcctoday.com/dinnermenu.

KIDS CHURCH SERIES LIFE IS A HIGHWAY

APRIL 15 - JUNE 3

Kid's buckle up and join Pastor Heather and her amazing team as we take a road trip together over the next nine weeks. We will be learning about the road signs of life that the Bible teaches. Lessons include one way to Heaven, how to stop sinful habits, and yield to God's Spirit. Each week will be full of exciting adventures and teachings that your kids will remember for a lifetime. Don't forget if they bring their Bibles, memorize verses, and bring back their take-home sheet they get to earn Bible bucks to spend in our store. We can't wait to have you join us.

JR. BIBLE QUIZ RESULTS

Jr. Bible Quiz (JBQ) is a great way to learn God's word in a fun and engaging environment. Our JBQ team finished strong in our final tournament in Medford: A Team 2nd place, individually Vanya Brodsky placed 4th and Ava Mitchell 2nd. B Team placed 3rd, individually Nicholas Brodsky 4th. C Team placed 1st, individually Lenna Brodsky placed 3rd and Caleb Mitchell 2nd. We meet Sunday at 9:00 AM, grades K-5. See our JBQ Coordinator, Tania Brodsky or Pastor Heather for more information.

SW NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 9:00 AM

The SW Neighborhood Cleanup Day will be on the Portland Christian Center campus May 5 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. This is an opportunity for our neighborhood and you to bring unwanted furniture, yard debris, wood, and scrap metal to be recycled. Suggested fee per trip is \$15. For more information, please visit swni.org/cleanups.

TODAY THIS WEEK

9:00 AM

Celebration Worship Service
Chapel

Preschool Sunday School
Rooms 101-102

Elementary Sunday School
Trailhead

Junior Bible Quiz
Trailhead

Middle School Sunday School
Fireside Room

High School Sunday School
Youth Center

Japanese Bible Study
Room 228

Young Families
Room 217-219

FaithBuilders
Room 229-230

LifeSkills
Gymnasium

10:30 AM

Celebration Worship Service
Sanctuary

Japanese Fellowship Church
Room 228

Preschool Kids Church
Rooms 101-102

Elementary Kids Church
Trailhead

12:00 PM

Young Families Restaurant Raid
Room 230

5:00 PM

Student Missions Dinner & Auction
Gymnasium

TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study
Chapel @ 9:15 AM

Men's Bible Study
Room 227 @ 9:15 AM

Intercessory Prayer
Room 227 @ 12:00 PM

Tuesday Open Gym Volleyball
Gymnasium @ 5:30 PM

Blueprint For Aging
Room 230 @ 6:30 PM

College-Age Ministry
Off-Campus @ 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

5:00 PM

Family Dinner | Trailhead
Roasted turkey, dressing and green beans.

6:00 PM

Invitation To Prayer | Sanctuary
Kids Praise Company Rehearsal | Room 217
Priority Choir Rehearsal | Worship Arts Center
Witness Choir Rehearsal | Room 221
Pastor's Circle | Chapel

7:00 PM

Professional Nursery | Nursery
Rainbows Preschool Club | Room 101
Royal Rangers Boys Club | Children's Wing
Mpact Girls Club | Children's Wing
Middle School | Fireside Room
High School | Youth Center
Main Gathering | Chapel
Different Children, Different Needs | Room 230
PCC Choir Rehearsal | Worship Arts Center
Men's Bible Study | Room 228
Women's Bible Study | Hospitality Center

THURSDAY

Young Adults Food & Fellowship
Off-Campus @ 6:30 PM

FRIDAY

Women's Bunco Night
Hospitality Center @ 6:30 PM

Encounter: Singles
Worship Arts Center @ 7:00 PM

High School Night of Worship
Youth Center @ 7:00 PM