

### ALL CHURCH RALLY Wednesday, January 9

Join us on January 9, for an all church rally at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. We will launch the winter with a time of worship, vision and encouragement from Pastor Ray and the leadership team, as well as, a time of calling on God in prayer for the future of our church. We truly believe that God is moving and if we want to see Him do the supernatural, we need to pray. Everyone is invited; kids, youth, young adults, singles and families of all ages. We want everyone to share in the excitement of what God is doing at Portland Christian Center! We will finish the evening in some of our ministry teams and departments hearing from our pastors about what 2019 holds for their ministry.

# **LET'S GROW**

#### **Message from Pastor Ray Noah**



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2 Peter 1:2-3 tells us, "May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord. By His divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life... In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises... work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen."

Every authentic, healthy follower of Christ wants to grow spiritually. That's usually right up there at the top of everyone's wish list particularly as they begin a new

year. But just how does one experience spiritual growth? That's the \$64,000 question, isn't it?

According to Peter, there is to be a pretty active partnership in this business of growth. God is the senior partner, you the junior. And here's the deal: God has done His part in setting you up for spiritual growth. Notice that in verse 3, God has given us "*Everything*" we need to live a godly life! God has set you up, my friend, to be a growing, godly believer. Me, too! Now, look at 2 Peter 1:5-8 for our growth assignment.

"In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of *moral excellence*, and moral excellence with *knowledge*, and knowledge with *self-control*, and self-control with *patient endurance*, and patient endurance with *godliness*, and godliness with *brotherly affection*, and brotherly affection with *love* for everyone. The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Notice the seven key catalytic agents written in bold above. These are the key areas that you can and must intentionally grow. And they are the very things that will make you more productive in your faith and useful to your Lord. That's your assignment in 2019. God has already given you everything you need for growth, so get out there and "grow" for it!

With You In The Journey of Growth,

Pastor Rav Patot

### SUNDAYS IN JANUARY New Series : Grow 9:00 & 10:30 AM

Join us for a new series, beginning in January focusing on your growth as a disciple of Christ and the growth of His Church. Explore the truth of scripture with us each Sunday morning in the Chapel at 9:00 AM and the Sanctuary at 10:30 AM.

### MIDWEEK CONNECTION Wednesdays, Beginning January 9

We want all of the Portland Christian Center family to grow in their faith, and experience true transformation. We encourage you to go beyond weekend services to do this. Whether you are a parent, senior, youth or child, we have a place for you to belong on Wednesday nights! Join us for workshops and activities the entire family will enjoy!

# CHILDREN

### SUNDAYS

#### PRESCHOOL SUNDAYS (3 YEARS - PRE-K) Sundays, 9:00 & 10:30 AM, Room 209

Age appropriate Bible stories, crafts, songs and fun play introduce Bible basics.

#### KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL (K-3<sup>TH</sup> GRADE) Sundays, 9:00 AM, Room 203

Join us in a small group setting that allows for kids to grow in God and their friendships with each other.

#### "OWN IT" CLASS (4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE) Sundays, 9:00 AM, Room 207

In this class we take our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders on a journey to discover the essential knowledge of the truths of the Bible.

#### JUNIOR BIBLE QUIZ Sundays, 9:00 AM, Rooms 205 & 207

If you want your kids to be literate in the Bible—look no further. Every week kids learn, memorize and apply scripture in a fun meaningful way.

#### KIDS CHURCH Sundays, 10:30 AM, Trailhead

Kids Church is the main event for elementary kids in K-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Kids learn to live for Jesus through exciting praise and worship, Bible teaching, puppets, skits, games and object lessons.

### WEDNESDAYS

#### KIDS PRAISE COMPANY Wednesdays, 6:00 PM, Room 217

This top-quality kids, choir for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade, is more than singing! Kids get a musical education, have tons of fun together, and perform God-honoring musicals and concerts for our community.

#### PRESCHOOL CLUB Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Room 209

Rainbows club (3 years - Pre-K) focuses on concepts of being a helper and Bible truths along with learning how to work together and be a friend.

#### BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Rooms 217 & 200 Wing

Royal Rangers and Mpact Girls clubs (K-5<sup>th</sup>) encourage kids in their journey to become who God created them to be. Friendships are built as they earn awards, learn valuable life-skills and grow closer to Jesus.

# LITTLES (BIRTH-2 YEARS)

Our Nursery is a safe, clean, loving environment to serve families and available during service times. For more information, contact Pastor Heather Lewandowski at *hlewandowski@pcctoday.com*.

## **YOUTH** (6-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

### SUNDAYS

#### PORTLAND YOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL Sundays, 9:00 AM, Fireside Room

This group is dedicated to reaching students, encouraging positive friendships and helping them grow in their faith. Students are encouraged to be an active servant with weekly ministries and to honor God daily with their lives. After this learning hour, sit together in the Sanctuary for Sunday service.

#### PORTLAND YOUTH HIGH SCHOOL Sundays, 9:00 AM, Youth Center

This is a group of high schoolers who are passionate about discovering who they are, who God is, and what this life is all about. After this learning hour, sit together with us in the Sanctuary for Sunday service.

### WEDNESDAYS

#### PORTLAND YOUTH Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Youth center and Fireside Room

Students in grades 6-12 meet each week for Portland Youth service. It's a service devoted to teenagers encountering God, making friends, growing together and making a difference. You can join us as early as 6:00 PM in Witness or Priority choirs, or in the gym for sports and hang out. At 7:00 PM, we all come together for an incredible worship service.

#### WITNESS

#### Begins Wednesday, January 16, 6:00 PM, Room 221

Witness, the middle school student choir, performs throughout the year. They are also featured in Portland's Christmas Celebration concerts every December. In June, Witness takes a five-day music/missions tour.

#### PRIORITY

#### Begins Wednesday, January 16, 6:00 PM, Worship Arts Center

Priority, the high school choir, performs in Sunday Celebration services and concerts in the community throughout the year. They are featured in Portland's Christmas Celebration concerts. Priority takes a nine-day music/missions tour every summer.

#### Learn More!

There are many ways to learn and connect at Portland Christian Center. Please take the time to go online at **pcctoday.com** to discover more or sign up.

# **ADULT LEARNING**

### SUNDAYS

#### YOUNG FAMILIES Sundays, 9:00 AM, Hospitality Center

This is a group for pre-married and married couples as well as parents with young children who come together each week, hang out, eat, learn and grow together. Kids are always welcome and childcare is provided for all ages.

#### LIFESKILLS Sundays, 9:00 AM, Room 230

All adults are welcome to join this group to learn the skills needed to live life in a way that honors God. This community meets in small groups around tables each week to hear solid teaching, engage in discussion and grow through life together.

#### FAITHBUILDERS Sundays, 9:00 AM, Room 217-219

Join FaithBuilders this winter to spend time with your friends, engage in study together, and discuss God's Word each week as your faith in Christ is built. This group is for all adults and is primarily made up of "boomers".

#### YOUNG ADULTS FOOD & FELLOWSHIP Sundays, 12:00 PM, Hospitality Center

Please join us on Sundays following the 10:30 AM service for food, fellowship, fun, and faith building. We are a group of young adults (college and young professionals) who love to gather after service to share a meal together, pray, and encourage one another.

#### JAPANESE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH Sundays, 9:00 & 10:30 AM, Room 228

Join us in Room 228 to worship the Lord in Japanese! We welcome anyone who speaks Japanese or is interested in a Japanese worship experience. Led by Pastor Hiro Noda.

### MONDAYS

#### YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUPS WINTER LAUNCH Begins January 14, 6:30 PM, Off Campus Every Second Monday of Each Month

If you are looking for genuine community, Spirit-filled biblical teaching, personal spiritual growth and connecting with others who are in the same walk of life, please join us every second Monday of the month for small groups. For more information, please contact Pastor Michael at *mfreitas@pcctoday.com*.

### TUESDAYS

#### WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY Begins January 15, 9:15 AM, Chapel

How is it possible to hold onto joy in times of sorrow? In this seven-session study by Lisa Harper, discover the redemptive side to Job's story of suffering. Learn to use pain to strengthen your faith, point others to the Gospel, and remember God's providence will never take you to a place where His grace will not sustain you. Join us for *Job, A Story of Unlikely Joy* this January and invite a friend to come with you too.

### WEDNESDAYS

#### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY Begins January 16, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Room 228

This changes everything! Your money, your story, your life. Learn God's way of handling money with Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University*. Your cost of \$100 will be the best investment you'll ever make. Join us for an amazing, nine-week money makeover. For more information or to register go to *pcctoday.com/financial-peace-university*.

#### MAIN GATHERING : THE PRAYER MEETING Begins January 16, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Pastor Ray and Pastor Matt invite you to join them at the prayer meeting. Each week, you will receive teaching on the fundamentals of calling on God and then engage in powerful prayer and times of ministry together. Let's pray together and watch as God does incredible things in our lives and at Portland Christian Center.

#### WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY Begins January 16, 7:00 PM, Hospitality Center

See Tuesday's description.

#### LOVE & LOGIC: EARLY CHILDHOOD PARENTING MADE FUN Begins January 16, 7:00 PM, Room 230

It's never too early to use Love and Logic; it even works on the tiny ones! Turn the terrible two's into the terrific two's with easy to use steps. This class is directed towards those with children birth through 6 years. Cost: \$25 per person, \$40 couple and \$10 alumni. Register online at *pcctoday.com*.

#### MEN'S SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY Begins January 16, 7:00 PM, Room 229

Men, scripture tells us that, "You use steel to sharpen steel, and one friend sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17 MSG) It is good for men to do life together, study scripture together and support each other. Join us each week to read and discuss God's Word and apply it to our lives.

# ADULTS (CONTINUED)

### FRIDAYS

#### ENCOUNTER: SINGLES Fridays, 7:00 PM, Worship Arts Center

Encounter is our amazing Christian singles community for single adults in their 30s and 40s. Are you looking for a community of friends who become like family? Want to show Jesus to your neighbors by serving them in fun, new ways? Encounter is a place where you can do just that. Whether it's during weekly gatherings or a hike around the gorgeous Pacific Northwest, you'll build friendships, give back to the community, and be challenged to get closer to Jesus. More information is available at *pcctoday.com/singles*.

#### YOUNG ADULT WORSHIP NIGHT Quarterly, 6:30 PM, Youth Center

Are you a young adult looking for an awesome worship night filled with heartfelt music, meaningful teaching, and transparent discussion? Search no more! Please join us in the Youth Center for a wonderful worship experience. Light dessert, tea and coffee will be served. Check out our event calender for our next quarterly worship night at *pcctoday.com/youngadults/*.

# WORSHIP

#### PORTLAND CHRISTIAN CENTER CHOIR Sunday, 10:30 AM & Wednesday, 7:00 PM

The Portland Christian Center Worship Choir is a vital instrument in the corporate worship experience and expression of our church. In addition to leading in worship on Sunday mornings, the choir shares the love of God to our community through special seasonal events, including Portland's Christmas Celebration. If you enjoy singing and want to make an impact on thousands of lives for the glory of God, the Portland Christian Center Worship Choir might be the place for you!

#### PORTLAND CHRISTIAN CENTER INSTRUMENTAL MINISTRIES Sundays, 10:30 AM & Thursdays, 7:00 PM

The Portland Christian Center Instrumental Ministries, including rhythm section and orchestral instruments, are a key part of our weekly worship experiences. One of the highlights of the year for our orchestra ministry is accompanying the Portland Christian Center Choir for the Portland's Christmas Celebration concerts, as well as the annual Symphony of Hymns concert.



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# WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

### MEET AND GREET SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 12:00 PM

Are you new to Portland Christian Center? Join us on Sunday, January 13, following the Celebration service in the Hospitality Center for light snacks and time to get to know each other.

### MEMBERSHIP CLASS wednesday, january 16, 6:30 pm

Pastor Ray invites you to join him for our Portland Christian Center Membership Class, on Wednesday, January 16 at 6:30 PM in the Chapel, to share his mission and vision for Portland Christian Center! This class is designed to clearly explain to you God's hand on this church and our plans for the future.

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING sunday, january 27, 5:00 pm

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the Annual Business Meeting at 5:00 PM on Sunday, January 27. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary and all members are encouraged to attend.

### **BIBLE READING PLAN** 3 WAYS TO GET YOUR READING PLAN

Start reading the Bible today—there is no better time, and there's no reason to wait. You can now get your Bible reading plan one of three ways:







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