

Welcome To Community

September 3, 2023

Today's Message

Supplanting Authority

Matthew 15:1-9

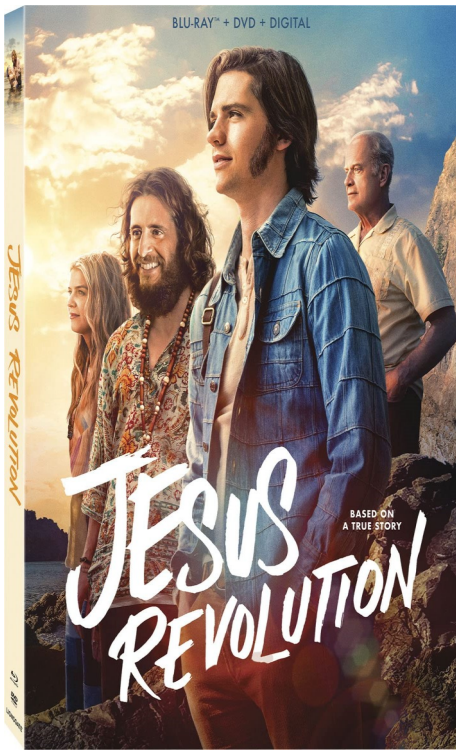


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 **CommunityChurch**
of Portage Lakes



Movie Night: TONIGHT at 6:30pm, join us for a Movie Night. We will be showing the film "Jesus Revolution" in the Worship Center. Jesus Revolution In the 1970s, Greg Laurie and a sea of young people descend on sunny Southern California to redefine truth through all means of liberation. Inadvertently, Laurie meets a charismatic street preacher and a pastor who open the doors to a church to a stream of wandering youth. What unfolds is a counterculture movement that becomes the greatest spiritual awakening in American history. Concessions will be available in the lobby. Childcare will be available for children 3 and up.

What's Happening

Membership Class: On Sunday, September 24th, come learn more about our church, our common faith, our common beliefs, our common commitment and what it means to be a member of a church. We will have a 2-part class on Sunday the 24th starting at 9:15am and again in the evening at 4:30pm. To learn more or to sign up call the Church office at 330-644-6121

College & Career: On September 23rd, we will be going apple picking at Rittman Orchard. We will meet in the church parking lot and caravan over to the orchard. The only cost is for any apples you would like to pick and you will pay the orchard directly. It will be from 1-3pm.

Choir: Choir is kicking off again for the fall! If you are interested in singing see Dave Schroyer for more details!

Encore: The September Luncheon has been canceled. Watch the bulletin and online for more information moving forward!

Encore: On Wednesday September 20th at 1:00pm we will be watching Monumental, In Search of America's National Treasure presented by Kirk Cameron. Long regarded as "the land of opportunity," there's no question the tiny band of religious outcasts who founded this country hit upon a formula for success that went way beyond what they could have imagined. How else can you explain the fact that they established a nation that has become the best example of civil, economic and religious liberty the world has ever known.

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Parents: PRACTICAL HELP FOR PARENTS! 6-week group for parents *"Loving Your Child Well"* It's a challenging time to be a parent. Numerous studies show that our children struggle with depression, self-esteem, and acceptance issues at a crisis level. As parents, we work hard to show love to our children, but research shows that **most children**, even those raised in loving homes, **doubt if they are genuinely and unconditionally loved**. In this group, we will be talking about the emotional needs of our children and learning **practical skills** that communicate love and acceptance. We will also talk about how to love our children through the challenging times of parenting, like when they are struggling with anger, and when we need to discipline them. This group will be led by Pastor Mike and Sandy Rybka. Mike and Sandy have 4 grown kids and 1 grandchild. **The group will meet in the parlor on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00, starting on September 6th through October 11th.**

Kid's Club: Wednesday nights are for the kids... Start **THIS WEEK** from 6:30pm-8pm, we will be returning with our Wednesday night Kid's Clubs. Games, stories, crafts, and discipleship are what your child will experience every Wednesday night. We have programming for children 3 years old through 5th grade and also childcare for parents attending Bible studies. Join us every week this fall and watch as your kids have the time of their lives.

Kid's Club: Starting September 5th, we are sending a group of missionaries on Tuesdays to run an after school program at Coventry Elementary School. Pray for them as they bring the gospel into our school!

Mens: Tuesday Night Men's Bible Study is starting back up on September 19th. We will meet from 6:30 – 8:00pm in Room 128. Our discussion topic will be the foundational deep truths of Genesis chapters 1-11 as it applies in today's society. For questions, contact Brad Johnson at (330) 361-0221 – text or call. We look forward to your participation!

Ladies: Get the scoop on Women's Ministry on Saturday, September 23rd from 2pm-4pm in the lobby. Join us for fellowship, ice-cream and learn more about Women's Ministry!

Ladies: "For such a time as this" Prayer Gathering continues to meet on Wednesdays 6:30-8pm. Let's come together to pray for our church. Contact Sue Rowan with questions. 330-715-4968

Ladies: Monday Evening Bible Study starting on Monday, September 25th at 6:30opm in the Chapel. "God's Great Love, Remarkable Plan, and Beautiful Design for Women of the Bible and for Us" Please join us as we study the lives of women in the Bible; connect with their stories; and learn more about God's character through His interactions with them. As we take part in this study, we will be reminded that the women in the Bible were not perfect, but they still were a part of God's story and ours. Like each of these women, you are not perfect and you will make mistakes. But, like these women, God also deems your life worthy to be an important part of His story. Your life can help share God's love with others and lead them to a saving relationship with Him. Please sign up by either joining our group online or by contacting Billy or Kristen (Billie Arny (330)414-8185 or at billiejean1221@yahoo.com or Kristen Johnson at (440)228-5547 or at kabsjohnson@yahoo.com) so we can have your study materials ready.

Prayer Needs

Our Missionary Prayer Focus: **Stephanie Mizener** with **Wycliffe WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS**, wycliffe.org -- Stephanie Mizener serves with an affiliate of Wycliffe (Summer Institute of Linguistics) in a country of 200 million with 75 distinct languages. Their work includes the development of an oral Bible, the first step in development of an alphabet leading to a Biblical text. Worldwide, more than 1600 languages still need translations.

[_Friends Who Are Sick](#) - Dave Baker, Nancy Banwart, David Benjamin, Alan Buckley, Cynthia Burdette, Don Burdette, Katie Butcher, Mike Cameron, Ralph Carris, Wes Cox, Dorothy Green, Charlene Inherst, Gene Inherst, Judy Mervine, Judy Odom, Grace Patterson, Terri Pfaff, Casey Roscoe, Mary Ellen Seibert, BJ Smith, Anita VanBuskirk, Keith Virden, Richard Fox (Coalridge), Al Moses (AlterCare)

Special Prayer Needs

If you have a prayer request and would like to call the prayer chains

Daytime
8am-6pm
Mona Hoppstock
234-678-8006
Kathy Walker
330-607-4134

Evening
6-10pm
Bonnie Hutchison
330-644-5352
Diana Pryor

Email
Sonya DeBerte
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Giving

Cash or Check payable to "Community Church of Portage Lakes" Online at www.CCPL.life/Give

Last Week's General Fund Giving **\$16,153**

Weekly General Fund Need **\$17,345**

This Week

Sunday **Communion**
6:30PM Jesus Revolution

Monday **Office Closed**
Labor Day

Tuesday
6:30AM Men's Bible Study
8:00AM Breakfast at HM
1:00PM Prayers & Stamping
6:30PM Mission Board
6:30PM Deacon's Meeting
7:00PM C & C Small Group

Wednesday
6:30PM Broken Vessels Study
6:30PM Kids Clubs
6:30PM Youth Small Groups
6:30PM Parenting Class
6:30PM Prayer Group

Thursday
7:00PM Galvanized

Friday

Saturday