

# Welcome To Community

September 17, 2023

Today's Message

## The Humility of Great Faith

Matthew 15: 21-31



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 **CommunityChurch**  
of Portage Lakes



Men's

# PICNIC & Cornhole

In Pavilion & Field    Sunday, Sept 17    Food, Games, & Fun  
5-9pm



GET THE SCOOP ON

# Women @ Community

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 | 2-4PM | CCPL LOBBY

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP, ICECREAM, AND LEARN MORE ABOUT WOMEN'S MINISTRY!

# UPCOMING



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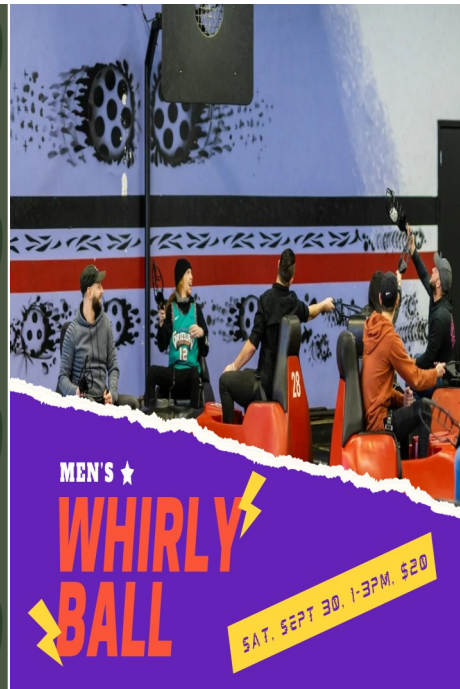
*Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin...*

Zechariah 4:10 NLT

# MOPS OF PORTAGE LAKES

MOTHERHOOD | FRIENDSHIP | ENCOURAGEMENT

EXPECTING MOMS - MOTHERS OF KINDERGARTENERS



MEN'S ★

# WHIRLY BALL

SAT. SEPT 30, 1-3PM, \$20

# 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.

**Veterans:** All interested vets are invited to attend Sept monthly meeting in church Lobby 6:30 pm Thursday, Sep 21. For more info call: Harry Warner 330 703 5101.

**Kids:** Come join us for our Fall Baptism Class! In this two-week session, we will be explaining what baptism is and why we get baptized. This is the perfect opportunity for your child to gain a deeper understanding of their faith journey, and for families to grow together. The dates are September 20th and 27th at 5:30pm. You can sign up at [ccpl.life/connect](http://ccpl.life/connect).

**Kids** On Tuesday, October 3rd we are inviting children 2nd grade through 5th grade to come and learn how to play chimes! This will be an hour long commitment weekly. We are practicing for a Christmas time performance.

**Kids:** Kids Serve Day Serving is something we see Jesus lift up himself to his disciples. On Saturday, September 30th we will be giving our church the same opportunity to serve. We will be hosting work crews who will be going into our community and serving. From house clean-ups to yard work to projects right here at our church, we have something for everyone and every skill level. This is perfect for a family or even an individual! You can sign-up at the coffee bar on a sign-up sheet.

**Ladies:** Monday Evening Bible Study starting on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm 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! 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](mailto:billiejean1221@yahoo.com) or Kristen Johnson at (440)228-5547 or at [kabsjohnson@yahoo.com](mailto:kabsjohnson@yahoo.com)) so we can have your study materials ready.

**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

**Marriage Ministry:** On Saturday, September 30th from 3:30pm–7pm we are hosting an introductory event at Ramseyer Farms. This event is to introduce a new ministry focused on Marriage. Those in the early to middle stages of marriage may find encouragement and inspiration from those who are more experienced in their marital journey. Together we hope to grow in our understanding and practice of God's design for marriage and family. Admission cost is \$20 per couple, and we 20 initial spots remaining. Please register both members of a couple. Please sign up as soon as possible so we can order additional tickets if needed. Sign-up sheets are at the Connect Center. Tickets will be provided upon payment.

**Mens:** Tuesday Night Men's Bible Study is starting back up on September 19<sup>th</sup>. 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!

## Prayer Needs

Our Missionary Prayer Focus: **Rick & Susan Nivens** with **Wycliffe Bible Institute** [www.wycliffe.org](http://www.wycliffe.org). Wycliffe Bible Translators Rick and Susan Nivens serve with Wycliffe in the Republic of Indonesia, where there are 700+ languages and 1300 ethnic groups. Wycliffe USA was founded in 1942 by Wm. Cameron Townsend and is named after John Wycliffe who was responsible for the first complete English translation of the whole Bible into Middle English. Wycliffe has the goal "for people from every language to understand the Bible and be transformed."

**\_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  
330-882-9857

Email

Sonya DeBerte  
[fearzero@aol.com](mailto:fearzero@aol.com)

## Giving

Last Week's General Fund Giving **\$13,801**

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

Cash or Check payable to "Community Church of Portage Lakes" Online at [www.CCPL.life/Give](http://www.CCPL.life/Give)

## This Week

### Sunday

5:00PM Men's Picnic  
6:30PM SNG  
6:30PM Life 301

### Monday

12:30PM Ladies Prayer Group

### Tuesday

6:30AM Men's Bible Study  
8:00AM Breakfast at HM  
9:30AM Tuesday's Act Study  
6:30PM Men's Evening Study  
7:00PM C & C Small Group  
7:00PM MOPS

### Wednesday

1:00PM Elder Matinee  
6:30PM Broken Vessels Study  
6:30PM Kids Clubs  
6:30PM Youth Small Groups  
6:30PM Parenting Class  
6:30PM Prayer Group  
7:00PM Choir

### Thursday

6:30PM Veterans Group  
7:00PM Galvanized

### Friday

### Saturday

1:00PM C&C Apple Picking  
2:00PM Women's Social