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POKE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Matthew 28:17-20

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Dear Friends,

From the Bible references posted above on each issue of The Ranger we quote: Matthew 28:19, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of The Holy Ghost." And Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." It was from these verses, plus the idea that Poke Run being a pioneer church should reach out and witness in far away places that the Rev. Roy S. Brice chose the name, "The Ranger" for this church newsletter. It actually originated back in World War II days when the Rugh group began sending monthly letters to all our servicemen and women. After the war, the letters continued going out to all our young people away from home, and also to church members who moved away. In 1972 Mr. Brice conceived the idea of a newsletter to go out on a quarterly basis, not only to those in distant places, but to every church family. So "The Ranger" was born. At present there are 485 copies needed for the mailing list, and from responses we get from time to time we know it is greatly enjoyed and appreciated. We thank you, Mr. Brice, for your supervision, planning, contributions and encouragement as each issue has been put together these many years. You will be greatly missed in this capacity. We sincerely hope that you will continue to contribute articles of spiritual inspiration and to keep us posted on your retirement activities.

To Rev. Brice --

Our family came to live in Poke Run in 1945, the same year as you became our Pastor. I was President of our church group and Mrs. Brice was a member. The group had twenty-four members, four of which are still living. The four living members are Madge Daugherty, Pearl Tomer, Helen Brewer and myself. In those days we met in the homes with each member taking their turn having the group.

I taught the Women's Bible Class for a number of years. I have many happy memories as well as some sad ones through the years.

Thank you for your visits to the hospitals during our family illnesses and for your many services to all during these many years.

Bertha Johnston

This is the time for extending congratulations to all young people who have graduated from High School or College. Keith Alan Linsenbigler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar D. Linsenbigler, Jr. graduated from Franklin Regional High School. Christa Lee Lightner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford D. Lightner, received a diploma from Greensburg-Salem High School and is enrolled at the Greensburg campus of The Univ. of Pittsburgh. From Kiski Area High School are: Nadine Linda Dunmire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Dunmire, member of the National Honor Society and graduating with high honors; Donald F. Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Henry; Gregory Allen Kiebler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland F. Kiebler; Laurie Ann Powers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Powers; Paula Ann Rubright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald A. Rubright; Ronna Louise Ryman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Ryman, Sr., who is planning to attend Indiana State University, Indiana, PA.; Valerie Jean Striner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Striner, who will be pursuing a career in the Navy and will be leaving in August for basic training in Orlando, Florida; James Lee Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie W. Thompson; and Sandra Kay Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson C. Thompson.

James W. Dunmire II, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Dunmire, received an Associate of Science degree in Business Administration on May 17, 1981, at Edinboro State College, Edinboro, Pa. Besides being on the Dean's list, Jim was elected undergrad "Man of the Year" by Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity. He is currently manager of The College Park Apartments in Edinboro. His wife, the former Sandra Powers, is in her 4th year at Edinboro, majoring in psychology. Kevin Lightner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford D. Lightner has transferred to University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg Campus, after two years at Slippery Rock State College. Joyce Striner, daughter of The John Striner's, is completing her first year at the New Kensington campus of Penn State University, in the field of Medical Technology.

Robert D. Peterson, grandson of Mrs. Mary Steele and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peterson, graduated from Marion Center High School on June 4, 1981, and has qualified for the U. S. Military Academy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Peterson (Kay Steele) and will be admitted to West Point on July 1, 1981. Carol McCutcheon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley McCutcheon (Mary Lou Bowman) and granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Bowman, graduated from Apollo-Ridge in June. Susan Henry, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Leland T. Henry, Jr. and granddaughter of Mrs. Helen Walker, was a 1981 graduate of Churchill Valley High School and is enrolled at The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where both her father and grandfather, Dr. Leland T. Henry, went to school. A granddaughter of the W. Blair Kieblers, Molly Susan Mixer, received her B. S. degree in Nursing on May 10, 1981, from Villa Maria College in Erie, PA. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bruce Mixer (Carol Kiebler) of Mercer. Michael Leonard Hartman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard C. Hartman, completed his basic training and graduated on May 8, 1981 at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. After spending ten days leave visiting his family he is now stationed at Ft. Stewart, Georgia with the U. S. Army.

Congratulations to all the above and also to Lisa Heinlein, Kelly Scott, Lois Striner, and former member Brenda Hostetler, who made "The Top Ten" at Washington Junior High. They were honored at a banquet on Saturday, May 16, 1981 at the Kiski Senior High, with their parents. Lois was the fourth daughter of the John Striners to make "The Top Ten".

We extend our very best wishes to John H. Gearhard, who retired this spring after thirty-five years of teaching in the secondary field. He will now be free to relax as a full-time farmer! We are also happy for Mrs. Vincente Aquino (Sharlene Fitzsimmons) who is putting her wide experience with the Spanish language to good use as a secretary-interpreter for a firm in Monroeville that has business dealings in Spanish-speaking countries. Congratulations are also in order for Poke Run elder, James W. Dummire, who was appointed a Ruling Elder Commissioner from The Presbytery of Redstone to the 193rd General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in The United States of America, meeting at Houston, Texas, beginning May 19th. He was elected to the Peacemaking Committee and Sub-Committee on Global Concerns which deals with such items as Mexican migrant workers, The El Salvador unrest and The North Ireland conflict. Jim considered it an honor to have this opportunity to go to General Assembly. Preceding the Congregational meeting on Sunday, June 7, 1981, he presented Mr. Brice with a Western string tie, bearing the head of a longhorn steer. Since Mr. Brice is a farmer at heart, Jim thought this would be a most fitting memento to bring back from Texas!

The spring meeting of Redstone Presbyterial Association was held at Poke Run on April 22, 1981 with approximately 200 in attendance. Highlights of the program were The Bicentennial Puppets from the Avonmore Church, "Be Aware of the Past" -- Fern Brown from the U. P. W. Executive Committee speaking on "Mission Here and Now" -- and Margaret Craig Gnatuk giving us glimpses of her recent mission journey to Latin America. The four quilts made by the churches of each district were all on display as was also the quilt assembled with patches from all over the U. S. for the 1979 National Meeting at Purdue. District I fall meeting will be held in October in The First Presbyterian Church of Vandergrift.

Poke Run Church School has completed another successful year of Vacation Church School from June 8th through 12th with the final program on Sunday evening, June 14, 1981. The theme for the 1981 school was "God's People Living with Promise." The average daily attendance was sixty students. Those giving of their time, talents, and energy in conducting this worthy project were Helen Silvis, supervisor; Laurie Martin, director of music; Becky Lange, Karen and Debbie Staymates, Barbara Weyel, Marge Bazella, Lillian Robron, and Lori Moneymaker, nursery; Irma McDivitt and Marilyn Miller, kindergarten; Beverly Tagliati and Carol Thompson, first and second grades; Carol Bowman and Amy Gebrosky, third and fourth grades; Karen and Lisa Heinlein, fifth and sixth grades. Serving on the refreshment committee were Janice Troup, Kathy Moneymaker, Sandy and Barbara Thompson, Nancy Painter, Ruth Ryman, and Monique Metzgar. Many thanks to the teachers and all who made contributions for the success of this project!

Rick Learn, our choir director, is seeking volunteers to help with the Young Adult Handicapped this summer. Please contact him after church service. "God never asks about our ability or inability, but about our Availability." -- from the Youth Day Bulletin, 1980.

The Youth Group is anticipating being involved in Work Camp at Pine Springs in June. Their assistance with the parking at the District I Communion Service on April 5, 1981, and the Redstone Presbytery meeting on June 16, 1981 was greatly appreciated.

A special meeting of The Congregation of Poke Run Presbyterian Church was called by The Session for immediately following the 11:00 A. M. Worship service on Sunday, June 7, 1981, for the purpose of electing the Pulpit Nominating Committee and to care for other matters pertaining thereto. (This meeting was moderated by Dr. William R. Johnston of Murrysville. Dr. Johnston has been elected by the Presbytery of Redstone to be the Moderator of the Poke Run Church.) Those elected to this committee are: Glenn T. Ross, Mrs. C. McKee Speer, Mrs. John A. Hughes, James P. Thompson, Mrs. Eugene J. Zerbini, Ronald W. Bowman, Miss Amy Ruth Gebrosky, Mrs. Alice K. Herren and G. Edward Sharer. This committee held its first meeting on Monday evening, June 15, 1981 and have other meetings scheduled.

One of the most memorable occasions in the last weeks of Mr. Brice's Poke Run pastorate would be the meeting of Redstone Presbytery there, on June 16, 1981, in this 200th year of the Presbytery. Preceding the dinner in Fellowship Hall served by the Women's Association, a meaningful worship service was held around the tables in which the participants "broke bread together." Involved in this service were the Presbytery Worship Committee, the Rev. Mr. Gary Weaver, Senior Pastor from Westmont Church, Johnstown, PA, and Miss Valerie Jean Striner, pianist. A very special segment of the meeting which continued in the sanctuary after the meal was the ceremony honoring the Rev. Roy S. Brice on his coming retirement. After a talk by Dr. William Johnston touching on Mr. Brice's accomplishments, the Rev. Mr. David Foresman, Moderator of Redstone Presbytery, presented Mr. Brice with a Certificate signifying as follows:

"In the name of
The United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
it is certified that
ROY S. BRICE
Having satisfied all the requirements of the Form of Government of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, is at his own request, and by regular action of Presbytery, granted the status of
HONORABLE RETIREMENT
with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto, beginning the First day of September in the year of our Lord Nineteen-Eightyone

David P. Foresman
Moderator

Attest: J. Harry Fisher
Stated Clerk

By action of Redstone Presbytery

'You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide.' _____ John 15:16"

The presentation was followed by a standing ovation. Mr. Brice responded with an expression of appreciation for the honor bestowed upon him by Presbytery, and for-to quote: "a wonderful congregation of God's people who, year in and year out -- generation after generation -- have given support to the total cause of Jesus Christ."

Our best wishes to all newlyweds! The first three weddings mentioned took place in the sanctuary with The Rev. Mr. Roy S. Brice officiating. On March 28, 1981, Terri Nadine Miller and Donald James Altman, daughter of Homer F. Miller and Mrs. Deemer (Carol) Harkelroad. On April 11, 1981, Kimberly Ann McDivitt and Douglas Jay Painter. Kimberly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McDivitt and Douglas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Painter. They had their reception in Fellowship Hall served by Circle 1. On May 22, 1981, Jessica J. Logan and Donald J. Dively, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Dively.

April 4, 1981, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Janet L. Gebrosky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gebrosky, to Daniel Sahn. Both are attending the University of Oklahoma, Janet doing research in the laboratory, and Dan working on his Doctorate in Microbiology and doing cancer research. They will be moving to Atlanta, Georgia, in September where he will be doing post-graduate work at The Center for Disease Control.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Pfeffer wish to thank all their Poke Run friends, and especially Mr. Brice, for their cards, visits, flowers and prayers during their recent illnesses.

Mrs. Stella Elwood takes this means of expressing her deep appreciation to Mr. Brice and to all of the congregation and community for their prayers and many other kind remembrances during her recent hospitalization.

Mrs. Elizabeth Turney wishes to thank the many friends for the many cards, flowers and visits while she was a patient at the Allegheny Valley Hospital during February and March, 1981. Also "Thanks" to Reverend Brice for the prayers and consoling visits.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schutzler traveled to California by train recently to visit their son and family, The Jerry Schutzlers in El Torro. The John Gearhard family celebrated several June occasions - birthdays, a 30th wedding anniversary, and most important, John's retirement -- at a family dinner. Glenn Gearhard has completed his junior year at Penn State and is presently attending Officers Candidate School at The Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia.

This clipping from back in the 1800's from "The National Stockman" was found in a book belonging to Belle M. Metzgar, mother of James H. Metzgar.

"THE JUNE FROST"

The "June Frost" of 1859, frequently mentioned, occurred on Sunday morning, the 5th; that is, the night of Saturday and Sunday, the 4th and 5th. A field of Neshannock potatoes is remembered that was worked on Saturday and was in the finest condition with the tops nearly a foot high; by noon Sunday everything was level with the surface of the ground and it was thought the crop was gone. In time, however, new sprouts came up and there was a fair half crop.

The wheat, all that was in head, was ruined. Some that had not come out was only partially injured. The corn, nearly a foot high, was badly hurt. Many went over the fields Monday and Tuesday, with scissors, clipping off the ruined leaves; but those who furrowed out and replanted did best. A field planted on Thursday, the 9th, made a good crop. The fall proved to be very favorable for late ripening.

The prices of wheat and flour went up with a bound, but came down by and by. A large acreage of buckwheat was put out. The fruit of course was all cut off, but there was 17 years previously a frost, which many had forgotten; the writer among the number, until his memory was revived. A short article, copied into the Ohio State Journal (Columbus) from the issue of the same journal for June 11, 1842, is as follows

"The Season." --

"We place the fact on record for future reference--our readers do not need it as an item of news--that on the morning of this the 11th day of June, 1842, we were visited with a frost! 'A chilling frost,' both visible and tangible. During a residence of many years in Ohio, we do not recollect to have experienced the like before."

There is said to be also a still colder year on record, the year 1816, when there was frost in every one of the months. But none of us remembers that!

Miss Harriet Lesley of Oceanport, New Jersey is spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Mary Steele. Capt. Rodger L. Flotta, stationed in England surprised his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Flotta with a visit while he was enroute flying on an assignment and was able to spend a few days in this area. He is a pilot in the U. S. Air Force.

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(Mrs. Ruth Gebrosky)
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(Larry Baker)

Frontice Drawing -- We are deeply grateful to Mrs. Donald P. Lengauer for the frontice drawing on "The Ranger" -- wondering in what way her artistic skill will find expression on the front of the September issue.

Narrative -- We likewise marvel at the wondrous way Mrs. W. Blair Kiebler has narrated the recent events in our congregation. Many thanks Betty and thanks to all who contribute to "The Ranger" from time to time.

THANKS FOR THE DELIGHTFUL SURPRISE!

Rev. Roy S. Brice wishes to report that the nature of the (dedication) March issue of THE RANGER came as complete surprise. He is deeply grateful for the many and generous words of praise which it contained. Many hours of thoughtful writing must have gone into such heartwarming endeavor. Thanks to one and all for this "deed of kindness done" -- expressive of Christian love.

Items for the September issue of THE RANGER should be reduced to precise writing and placed in the box in the table in the Narthex. The September issue will probably be ready for mailing on or near Monday, September 21st. Please remember the importance of reporting address changes. Errors or omissions relating to issues of THE RANGER should be reported to the Church Office.

HOLY COMMUNION

11:00 A. M.
Sunday, July 19th

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

11:00 A. M.
Sunday, July 26th

AVOIDING THE SUMMER SLUMP THROUGH "THE SPIRIT OF THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS" --

"The Spirit of The Every Member Canvass is that Spirit which leads all the members of a congregation to regard themselves as valuable and responsible stewards in a total sense (time, talents, possessions, and influence) on a year-round and life-time basis, thereby giving evidence of the acceptance of the cause of God in Christ through the Church as having the first claim upon Christians." (Definition formulated by R. S. B., and bestowed as a loving legacy to Poke Run Church, "a wonderful congregation of God's people who, year in and year out -- generation after generation -- have given support to the total cause of Jesus Christ.")

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THE ACHIEVEMENT GOALS -- For Realization by or before The 200th Anniversary of Poke Run Presbyterian Church in October of 1985

Seven person centered achievement ogals have been approved by the congregation. If enthusiastically implemented under the power and inspiration of God, these goals ought to set loose spiritual forces for good even greater than those generated by the two major property programs of the Poke Run Church.

The seven achievement goals are in quotes below -- with ideas relating to their realization. Please add your own ideas, and begin at once to be supportive of this achievements program.

Achievement Goal Number I -- "The realization of a Congregation Totally SPIRIT Inspired and Permeated."

God guided and motivated -- with the membership individually and corporately nourished through reading and study of The Bible and through private and public prayer.

Achievement Goal Number II -- "Poke Run Presbyterian Church, being incorporated for the purpose of the Worship of Almighty God, consciously and committedly both in theory and in practice regard the Church School as a first and valid phase of this worship; and, to this end, organize, operate, and participate in the instructive things of Christ, thus causing Poke Run Church to be a Resource Center of Christian Education."

The Church School emphasis to include the concept of the total educational program of the congregation -- this total supplying channels for spiritual influence leading to conversion to Christ, growth in Christian grace, and commitment to the cause of Christ.

Achievement Goal Number III -- "New Confirmed Membership Increase of at least 200 persons."

Implementations by Working and Witnessing Groups, such as:

The Fisherman Club	Order of Andrew	St. Luke Circle -- Healthy Helpers
Census and Survey Squad	Loving Listeners	Good Samaritan Exemplars
Staplers and Stampers	Story Tellers	"Hello my name is" ... Welcomers
Scripture Storers	Waiters Upon God	Spiritual Risk Takers

Achievement Goal Number IV -- "Completion of the \$60,000.00 in Additional Funds Spiritual Renewal and Mission Advance Program -- within the next two years from October 19, 1980, in terms of dollar amounts given to each of the three separate \$20,000.00 allocations."

Approximates: 16 months for completion
\$45,000.00 yet to be given or \$3.50 per month per member

Achievement Goal Number V -- "Procurement and Management of Endowment Funds in the sum of \$200,000.00, including the present endowment funds in the sum of Approximately \$50,000.00."

Some Ways and Means: Wills emphasis, memorials, percentage allocations of account balances, and pew rack Endowment Fund Envelopes.

Achievement Goal Number VI -- "Realization of desirable ends through the leadership of the Continuous Committee on Property Maintenance and Improvements, in accordance with the proposals pertaining to this Committee."

Including comprehensive planning for both major and minor projects.

Achievement Goal Number VII -- "An Enlarged Pulpit and Pastoral Ministry at Poke Run Presbyterian Church, in confirmation of the conviction that the Worship of Almighty God in every aspect is the First Priority for the Church of Jesus Christ."

Possibility Examples: 1. Annual Preaching Mission
2. Vacation -- Two Months of Guest Ministers
3. Part time Seminary Student or Assistant Pastor or both

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records and the role of the auditor in this process.

The second part of the document discusses the various methods used to collect and analyze data, including interviews, surveys, and focus groups.

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JULY And AUGUST are the concluding months of the pastorate of Rev. Roy S. Brice at the Poke Run Presbyterian Church -- a pastorate which began with his installation on January 14, 1945. His concluding worship service as Pastor is scheduled for Sunday, July 26, 1981. Guest Ministers have been scheduled to occupy the pulpit during the month of August. Some specifics relating to the July and August schedule are set forth below.

Conferences and Consultations for persons wishing to unite with Poke Run Church this summer -- by profession, by reaffirmation or by certificate of dismissal and recommendation -- are being held in the Church Office on Sundays at 10:00 A. M. For further information, please phone 327-5563. Perhaps you have neighbors who ought to be invited to the worship and work of Poke Run Church.

The persons wishing to unite with the Church are to meet with the Session at the conclusion of The Service in Preparation For Holy Communion at 8:00 P. M. on Sunday, July 12th; and they are to be publicly received during THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION at 11:00 A. M. on Sunday, July 19th.

"Custodians of Good News" will be the sermon subject for Sunday, July 5th.

Sunday, July 12th:

11:00 A. M. -- Sermon subject -- "God Was In Christ"

8:00 P. M. -- THE SERVICE IN PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION -- "Preparation For Affirmation" being the sermon subject.

(The Session will meet following the service.)

THE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE -- Sunday, July 19th, at 11:00 A. M.

Communion Meditation -- "When They Had Sung A Hymn"

(Please remind others of

Holy Communion!)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM -- 11:00 A. M. on Sunday, July 26th

Sermon subject -- "The Benediction"

(Parents with Children to be Baptized should contact the Pastor if they have not already done so. This baptismal service will conclude the pastorate of Roy S. Brice at Poke Run Church in terms of scheduled worship services. During his pastorate here at Poke Run 726 persons (605 children and 121 adults have thus far been Baptized.)

During July and August there will be Sunday Church School at 10:00 A. M. each Sunday for all age groups; and Youth Fellowship will meet as announced from week to week.

(MONTH OF AUGUST -- GUEST MINISTERS):

Sunday, August 2nd -- Dr. William M. Aber, Executive Presbyter (Redstone Presbytery)

Sunday, August 9th -- The Rev. Richard E. Sigler, Executive Presbyter (Kiskiminetas Presbytery)

Sunday, August 16th -- The Rev. David E. Foresman, Moderator of Redstone Presbytery

Sunday, August 23rd -- The Rev. D. Alan Martens, Tenth Pastor of Poke Run Church

Sunday, August 30th -- The Rev. Arthur R. Day, Pastor at West Newton United Presbyterian Church

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"THE RANGER" has for many years provided an instrument to the congregation and constituency of Poke Run Church to deepen friendship within the church family and across the miles. Through it the cause of Christ has been promoted in and by the membership and through the membership to far reaching places. THE RANGER! Ponder the timeless and timely significance of such a title for a Christian Newsletter. To have had the privilege of contributing towards the contents of THE RANGER from time to time I hereby record my pastoral thanks. (Roy S. Brice -- June, 1981

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