



The Ranger

JUNE 2013

“Reading the Bible” by Pastor Pete

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The church secretary will be out during the week of June 10th; messages and emails will be checked. If you have any office needs for that week, please contact Amy Wilkinson during the week of June 3rd.

Thank you.

When it comes to reading the Bible we will all agree at some time or other that it can be a difficult, even daunting process. Some parts are not too hard to read, a few are even pleasant, and at times we can get lost in a good story. But all in all, most of us struggle. Yet it is a reformed tradition for each individual, adults and children both, to have private times of Bible reading and prayer. This is one of the fundamental practices that our church has followed until recent times.

There are various ways to read through Scripture. One way is to find a schedule of reading that will take you through the Bible in a year, or two years, or even three. Speed is not important; the daily discipline of sitting down and reading is, even if for only a few moments. Our church puts out a daily lectionary that will take you through the New Testament yearly and the Old Testament every two years. This is a good way to keep the whole story in front of you. There are other ways to do this and a little imagination will help you find yours.

Lately I have broken my reading into three parts. For the first ten minutes I just read, starting in Genesis, ten minutes non-stop, reading at the same rate I would read a novel, and reading to the end and starting over. This means I miss a lot of details, but I get a broader view of the entire book. Then I take one verse and really dig into it with all the tools and knowledge I have. I try to figure out what is going on, what the writer is doing, how ancient social practices fit in,

what the original writer meant and the original reader heard. Then I work on one book over a three month period, exploring viewpoints much different than mine.

In the first part, reading ten minutes at a clip, I just started through Leviticus, again. Leviticus is one of the books, the primary one perhaps, where we get stuck. Genesis is not too hard to read and we have the momentum of a strong beginning. Exodus, if we don't ask too many questions is not too bad either, although the details of the tabernacle can be wearying. Now how much blue thread was that? But Leviticus, all those laws, laws that make no sense, or do they make sense if we take, first a big view, and then dig a little deeper, and perhaps challenge ourselves.

The big view is this. As you read about the sacrifices you will notice, if you take a little time, that they all involve personal commitment. They also involve personal involvement. An example of this is in the second chapter. “When anyone brings a grain offering to the Lord, he shall pour oil on it ... he shall put frankincense on it ... and he shall bring it. Even more closely coupled to the sacrifice is this, from the very first chapter. “If the offering is a burnt offering from the herd ... (you) shall lay your hand on the head of the burnt offering ... before you slaughter the animal. This is up close and personal.

And what does all this have

to do with me? – a very good question. Experts in ancient customs will tell us that the sacrificial system in place in Israel at this time was a system widely practiced. If you read the ancient Greek legends you will find it all over the place. To these ancient peoples it carried great meaning, meaning long lost to us. It involved them body and mind. It was real, as real as flesh and blood. What we can learn from them is this. Worship is intended to be something that we participate in at deep levels. One did not simply bring a sacrifice and drop it off at the gate or in front of an altar. One took it from one's most valuable personal holdings, your own precious grain or animal, and you were literally in touch with it throughout the entire process, right down to feeling the animal quivering under your fingertips.

Another way to say this is that we give our entire selves to God, body, mind, and spirit as we come before Him with our own most personal gifts of prayer and praise and songs and worship and Word.



Thank You

To everyone who served during our 11.am Worship services in May.

May Greeters: Shyrl Stange, Josh Porterfield, Bob & Margaret McBride, Sandy, Shelly & Caileigh Chappel and Walt & Becky Lange

May Lectors: Doug Ross, Nikki McQuaide, Chad McCutcheon and Laurie Martin

Thank you to Boy Scout Troop #522 for the lovely flowers on Mother's Day!



For our prayers Dolly Remaley, Thelma McCutcheon, Conrad McQuaide, Karen Lightner, Clifford Lightner, Irene Clark, Irma McDivitt, James Powers, Carolyn Buckley, Grace Hartman, Steve Morcheid, Robin, Tom Kimble, Grace Young, Amy McQuaide, Bob Bierer, Lil Bowman, Pat Lengauer, Norm Reinhart, Nelson Thompson, Joanne Fitzsimmons, Walt Lange, Jim Thompson and those who serve in the military.

If you wish to add someone to our prayer list, please call the church office.



A memorial gift, from Mr. Edward Almes, was recently made to Poke Run in honor of Mrs. Beryl Elaine Simons who passed on April 1, 2013. Mr. Almes shared this about Mrs. Simons. "Beryl is the daughter of Ira and Florence Mitchell Lacey; also the Granddaughter of Charles and Ida Mae Mitchell. ...her ashes are to be interred with her Mother and Dad's cemetery lot in the Poke Run Cemetery....Beryl was a Dear Dear Lady....It will seem like Home for Beryl to be back at her Childhood Church among her Mitchell Families."

An additional note, according to the framed certificate in the Educational Wing hall, Beryl's grandfather Charles Mitchell is listed as a "charter member" of the "Junior Men's Bible Class" established in December 1918.



If you have appropriate News to share in the Ranger—please submit it to the office. The next Ranger deadline is June 23rd.

Thank you to everyone who comes out to help the Trustees on their Work Days—and to all those who see things that need done—and do them! Your acts are noticed and appreciated.



PUT AUGUST 18TH ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Poke Run member Andy Caldwell and the Shriner's Three Rivers Hillbilly Clan #53 will be hosting a "Poke Run Picnic" after the 11a.m. service.

More details will follow!

Poke Run Presbyterian Church Session Minutes April 9, 2013

The scheduled meeting of the Session met in the Sunday school rooms @ 7:00 pm. A quorum was present and, Rev. Peter Goetschius, Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer and devotions.

Elders present: Rev. Peter Goetschius -Moderator, Connie Cauvel - Clerk, Bob Thompson, Tim Martin, Meri Slaugenhaupt, Sandy Chappell, Ron Hileman, Cindy McQuaide, Linda Chicka, Josh Porterfield Assist. Clerk

Elders Excused: Glenn Ross, Tim Martin

Guests: Erin Bruce – Volunteer Sunday School Coordinator

Erin reported that her pre school class is going very well. She is looking for a Sunday School Teacher for grades 1-3 and volunteers for the Nursery during the late Service. There is a sign up sheet on the door. Erin is helping Linda Chicka with plans for Bible School.

MSC: To approve the Session Minutes of March 12, 2013

MSC: To accept the Deacon Minutes of March 4, 2013

MSC: To accept the Trustee Minutes February 28, 2013

MSC: to accept Treasurer Report

MSC: The church will send annual individual giving statements. (Quarterly giving statements will be discontinued unless requested by an individual.

Committee Reports:

Budget & Finance: Tim Martin – (did not meet)

Christian ED – Sandy Chappell & Erin Bruce

Good Friday Program went very well with an excellent turnout.

Mission and Stewardship: Linda Chicka Planning more activities with the Adelphoi kids for the summer, perhaps a cook out. We want the kids to see some “trusting relationships.” Food Bank volunteers needed April 20, 2013. Robin sent an email with a current update of her Missionary work. Bob Wilson is progressing with community garden. The scouts and Adelphoi kids will help to plant flowers on Thursday May 23, starting at 5 PM additional help is needed from Trustees and Church members.

Personnel: Bob Thompson & Doug Ross - Did not meet

Congregational Life: Glenn Ross Committee is planning the Music Appreciation Lunch after the 11:00 Service on May 19, 2013.

Technology – Josh Porterfield (did not meet)

Nominating – Pete will meet with them soon

Pastor Pete's report: March 2013 Soup for the Soul on Feb 27, Maundy Thursday Service Feb 28, Easter Sunrise Service only 6 attended.

MSC: To approve: Pete will be off on April 28, Gary Close will be here. Pete and Karen plan to visit Pete's brother who has been sick.

Old Business:

Triennium at Purdue University for our youth - Linda will discuss with her Sunday School Class

New Business:

Ron Hileman will look into AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and also ask them to host a training.

MSC: To approve Sheryl Stange as financial secretary

MSC: Andy Caldwell and the Shriner “Hillbillies” to host a picnic for us after late service on August 18, 2012. They are asking the church to provide desserts.

Close with prayer: Linda Chicka
Respectfully Submitted:

Adjourn: 8:52 PM

Approved: May 14, 2013



Connie Cauvel (Clerk of Session)

TREASURER AND OFFICE UPDATE

With the resignation of our Financial Secretary and the retirement of her assistant, there have been some changes in the office. **Shyrl Stange** will be collecting, counting and depositing the weekly offering. If you have any questions regarding this, you can reach her at: 724-327-0646. Treasurer, **Amy Wilkinson** will record receipt information, record individual giving and issue statements. Amy can be reached at: 724-335-0710.

Note that the session has approved that Giving Statements will be issued only at year's end unless otherwise requested. If you wish to receive an earlier statement, please contact Amy Wilkinson at 724-335-0710.

First Fruits: Poke Run Church has committed to giving \$3,125 to Redstone Presbytery for the "Mission of the Larger Church." This comes to about \$27.50 per member. To date, the congregation has given specifically to this in the amount of 40% of the pledge. The Budget & Finance Committee hopes that you will consider giving to *First Fruits* to close the gap on the remaining balance of our pledge. (see the *First Fruits* envelope included in the boxed offering cards, or indicate *First Fruits* on your check or envelope.) **As always, all checks should be made out to "Poke Run Church."**

Road Fund: Session has approved the Poke Run Trustees' recommendation to establish a "Road Fund." They are now in the process of acquiring estimates of cost. If you wish to contribute to this fund, please indicate "Road Fund" on your gift, but **as always, all checks should be made out to "Poke Run Church."**

The **2012 Annual Report** is now available. Copies will be placed in the Narthex if you wish to have one.

Secretary Lil Bowman is still out on an extended medical leave. Amy Wilkinson continues to fill in for her in the Poke Run office. **Daily office hours remain 9am-2pm, as much as possible. If you need to stop in during a weekday, it is best to call first.**

Current plans are to continue issuing a monthly "**Ranger**" through the summer. It will be an abridged version to keep everyone up to date with church happenings.

An updated **Church Directory** is now available in the Narthex. If you have any additions or corrections, please contact the office.

The office is updating the Poke Run **website**. www.pokerunchurch.com. Call the office if you have anything to add.

DIRECTORY UPDATE: Please add Kody Cessna to Keith Cessna's family if you picked up your copy prior to June 1.



Calling All Women in the Church

Poke Run's Presbyterian Women will hold their Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00pm. Circle 2 will host with a theme of "PW Birthday offering." Kathy Pehanich, Volunteer Coordinator at Redstone, Murrys ville will be the guest speaker.

Please join us!

Circle 2: will not have any meetings in June, July or August.

Circle 4: will be meeting on June 6 at 12:00 p.m. The hostess will be Freda Bowman and the leader will be Frieda Mahen.

The **Birthday Offering** is a PW offering collected in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering funds up to five projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support, such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns.

Pictures from the Community Dinner



Thank you to all who helped with or attended the Poke Run Presbyterian Women's Community Dinner. What a wonderful time and a delicious meal.





Poke Run Graduation Sunday, May 12,



Katie Ballas “..would like to thank the church for the beautiful necklace and everyone who has helped me grow through Christ throughout my years in the church. It means a lot to know I have so many people I can share this momentous milestone in my life with.”



1985 Poke Run Presbyterian Church Cookbook from the kitchen of Irma McDivitt

“Calico Beans”

Pork & Beans	1 lb. Bacon, cut up
Butter beans	3/4 c. brown sugar
Green lima beans	2 T. vinegar
Kidney beans	1/2 c. ketchup
1 lb. ground beef	1 tsp. salt
1 onion, chopped	



Brown ground beef and onion together. Then brown bacon and drain.
Drain 1 can of each of the beans. Combine all together. Bake 45 minutes, 350°.

Tribute to Our Military Veterans

Over the past 5 years, we have paid tribute to the military veterans buried in the Poke Run Cemetery by planting flowers on their graves prior to Memorial Day weekend. On the next few pages we would like to honor all the men and women of Poke Run Church, who have served in the Armed Forces to help preserve the freedoms we are blessed with today. This listing is just a beginning to document our veterans both living and deceased. We know this list is incomplete. If you know someone who has been part of our congregation at any time that is missing from this listing, please contact the church office and provide their name, the dates of their service and the military branch with which they served. If you see any errors in these records, please contact us with corrections.

* Deceased, buried at another location

** Deceased, buried at Poke Run

? Unknown status

Revolutionary War Veterans

John Adams, Sr.**	Adam Carnahan**	James Chambers**
John Guthrie**	Charles Harkless**	Nathaniel McBrier**
William McLaughlin**	Boltzer Trout**	

War of 1812

Thomas Carnahan**	Major John Hamilton**	Robert McQuilkin**
Samuel McQuilkin**	Jesse Miller**	

Civil War

John Barber**	Jacob A Boose**	Jesse Allen Clements**
Theophilus S Callen**	Unknown Clements**	Thomas B Clements**
Robert Euwer**	James Hall**	Albert M Haney**
Andrew R Hill**	George H Hill**	Hugh Kirkwood**
David G Lindsay**	George Ludwig**	Samuel McCutcheon**
James McKeever**	William A Shaw**	Joseph South**
John C Speer**	David R Steele**	Alex Thompson**
James K Thompson**	Joseph M Thompson**	Mj William B Thompson**
James R Trout**	A G Walker**	Josiah H D Wigle**
James H Wiley**	John W Wilson**	William Smith**

World War I

Frank W Anderson** Army	Guy Sylvester Beighley**	George H Borland**
Harold A Branthoover**	Franklin H Brooks**	Archie B Crooks** AEF
Hunter L Crooks** Army	Joseph Harold Dickson**	Capt John B Hartman** Army
Thomas I Henry**	Earl M Hilborn** Air Services	Roy Clifford Hilborn** Army
Ira W Lacey** Army	Arthur C McCutcheon** Army	James Hiram Metzgar**
Neil S Patton** Student Army Training Corp	Frederick Metzgar Potts**	Raymond T Ressler** Navy
George Rowan**	Elliott J Shaffer**	George Gibson Sharer** Army
Louis Simon Shondelmyer**	John A Tarr** Army	Bortz Walter**
J C Spurgeon Wilson**		

World War II

George F Alcorn?	Joseph Nichols Alcorn** Marines	Carl E Almes?
James H Ayers*	Paul R Ayers*	Charles S Ayers?
Conrad L Ayers?	Steven Ballas* Army	Herbert Lloyd Beacom**
Alvin George Beech**	Jack Blair Army Air Force	Joseph G Bowman* Army
Lawrence E Bowman** Army	Raymond V Bowman** Army	Anna M Bowman?
Arthur B Bowman?	R Glenn Bowman?	Roy K Brunner?
Leonard L Cochran?	Charles G Craig?	Pearl Edith Crooks**
A Ray Davenport?	Albert E Davis** Army	Margaret M (Young) Davis** Army
John L Deegan?	Thomas G Dickson**	Gomer R Edwards**
Senes P Emmert?	Edward C Festor?	Samuel H Gallaher?
John H Gearhard** Marines	Homer Glunt?	Darrel Gordon?
Alfred L Gross?	Robert N Hall** Army	George T Hamilton?
Glenn H Hartman	Harrold Dale Hawk** Army	James E Hill** Marines
George A Hill**	William J Hill?	John A Hughes** Army
J Banks Hunter**	Richard Keltz** Army Air Force	Robert E Kiebler** Navy
William Merle Kipp** Navy	Ivan C Kipp?	Carl R Kuhns?
Ruth C Lesley** Marines	Robert C Lesley** Navy	J Robert Lesley?
Robert Wilson Long?	Howard Earl Lynch?	Kenneth M Mahen?
William E Martin** Army	Thomas L May** Navy	John H McBryar?
Bernard McCluske**	Earl J McCullough?	John S McCurdy*or**
Paul L McCutcheon	Earl M McCutcheon** Army Air Force	Leonard C McCutcheon**
Dean A McCutcheon?	Gene H McCutcheon?	Gilbert W McCutcheon?
Lawrence Arthur McDivitt, Jr.**	Dr Paul E McElroy**	Calvin W McElroy?
C. Bernard McQuaide** Army	James E McQuaide** Navy	Richard J Menk** Navy
William E Middleby, Jr.?	Maynard M Miller	Ray V Miller?
Samuel D Miller?	John G Mondics**	Albert L Nahar Jr**
James S Orr** Army Air Force	John J Parrotta** Army	Morris N Patton** Army
Edward J Reese**	Murray M Remaley?	Albert Leroy Rubright** Army
Charles George Rubright** Army	Clair J Rubright?	Lawrence V Rubright** Army
Arthur B Rugh?	Wilson J Rugh?	John E Sekon?
George Edward Sharer**	Joseph L Shetler**	Floyd T Shields?
Robert L Shondelmyer** Army	Harry C Silvis* Army Air Corp	Joseph R Silvis** Army
John H Silvis?	William Everett Sloan**	Fred Smith** Army
Geno M Sottoriva** Army	Paul Allen Stark**	Robert Arthur Steele** Army
Stacy Lester Stiles** Navy	John Striner* Army Air Corp	Oliver A Tanner** Army
Herbert J Tarr**	Nelson C Thompson Navy	James M Thompson

World War II (cont)

Leslie W Thompson* Army	L Otis Thompson?	Harold H Troup?
Raymond W Troup?	Paul E Walker?	W Floyd Walter?
William A Wells** Army Air Force	Waldo Meryl Jr Wiester** Navy	Donald E Wible** Army Air Force
Joseph F Yedlicka, Jr.?	James D Yedlicka?	George W Young** Navy
Dean E Young?	James B Young?	John Andrew Youra** Navy
Rudolph Zeravica**		

Korean War

William W Caldwell	Deemer M Harkleroad**	Raymond A Hartman?
Francis Burrell Henry** Army	Paul Eugene "Pork" Keibler**	John Richard Kistler** Army
Frank F Lavrich** Army Air Force	Larry Lee McDivitt**	Clarence R McIntyre, Jr.* Army
Charles W Moore**	Richard C Painter** Army	Raymond C Robson**
Lawrence V Rubright** Army	Richard Ryman* Air Force	William Boyd Speer**
Elton Staymates**	Lloyd J Tawney**	Lawrence R Tomer** Navy

Vietnam

Timothy Ray Branthoover** Army	John P Chicka Army	Gerald Roy Christy** Coast Guard
Richard W Davenport** Army	Peter Goetschius Air Force	William E Kroh**
Walter Lange Air Force	James Thomspon Army	Sally McDivitt Villot**
William Kenneth Witherow** Air Force		

Post WW II Service or Unknown

Timothy J Ballas Iraq & Afghanistan Army	John A Borland**	Joe (Chester) Bowman Desert Storm Army
Douglas Bruce 1986-1998 Air Force	Timothy S Elwood Army	Glenn E Gearhard Gulf Wars Marines
Norman Conrad Germroth**	Michael Goetschius Air Force	Valerie Hansen
Zack Kemerer Afganistan Marines	Tom Kimble Army / National Guard / Navy	Robert McBride Army
Curtis B McQuaide Navy	Helen Lee Moore Army	Andrew Wray Mountan Navy
James Powers 1953-1957 Air Force	Jenny Smith Air Force	Kimberly Smith Air Force
William Smith Navy	Edward C Stange** Navy	Dean S Walker**
James Allen Walker, Sr.* Navy	W Glenn Weigand**	David W Wilkinson Marines

SUPPORT BSA TROOP 552

3rd ANNUAL MULCH SALE

HIGH QUALITY HARDWOOD MULCH

NATURAL – 3 CUBIC FOOT BAG – \$5.00

RED, BROWN OR BLACK DYED – 2 CUBIC FOOT BAG – \$5.00

FREE LOCAL DELIVERY

Contact Jeff Wilkinson at 724-335-0710

Pine Springs Camp

Brochures are now available on-line or in the church office for attending camp at Pine Springs this summer. Again, Poke Run will offer full camperships for anyone wishing to attend retreats or summer camp. Please contact the church office (724-327-5563) or Laurie Martin (724-727-3361) if you are interested.

Pine Springs is most grateful for the many forms of support that Poke Run has offered for many years. Please continue to keep the ministry of Pine Springs Camp in your prayers and actions.



HAPPENING IN OUR PRESBYTERY

June 1 Community United Presbyterian, New Alexandria- **Strawberry Festival**, 4:30-7pm

HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

June 4th Kiski Area School District Graduation

Thursdays 3-5:30pm Vandergrift Farmer's Market—located along Columbia Ave.

Poke Run Church

June 2013

Offering - Congregational Life

“Look to the Lord and his strength, seek his face always.”

1 Chron. 16:11

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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2 8:30 & 11am WORSHIP 9:45am SUNDAY SCH 7pm BIBLE STUDY	3	4 7pm PW meeting	5 Nominating 7pm	6 6:30pm SCOUTS	7	8
9 8:30 & 11am WORSHIP 9:45am SUNDAY SCH 7pm BIBLE STUDY	10 MISSION & STEWARDSHIP 7pm	11 SESSION 7pm	12 Nominating 7pm	13 6:30pm SCOUTS	14	15
16 8:30 & 11am WORSHIP 9:45am SUNDAY SCH 7pm BIBLE STUDY Father's Day		18	19	20 Cong Life 10am 6:30pm SCOUTS	21	22
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30 8:30 & 11am WORSHIP 9:45am SUNDAY SCH 7pm BIBLE STUDY						



You can now find Poke Run Presbyterian Church on Facebook!

Facebook “Likes” as of May 24th— 44 Join in!

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 21ST -25TH
MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND
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