

**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

We return this morning to Mark's Gospel, and we find ourselves beginning one of the longest selections of Jesus' teaching, which begins in Mark 9:30 and runs through 10:45. Twice more, we will hear Jesus predict his suffering, death, and resurrection; twice, we will see him use children (those without status) to teach his disciples about what is truly important in God's Kingdom. We will hear bracing teaching on how to deal with sin and what God's intentions were for marriage; and we will see Jesus deal with the rich young ruler and his disciples on the necessity of surrender and service in God's Kingdom.

In all of this, we are brought again and again to who Jesus is and what he has come to do — which means we are brought repeatedly to the demand for faith and following. As we rest upon Jesus as he is offered to us in the Gospel, we find that he is more than enough for us. He is the one who loves us from everlasting to everlasting, the one who is the faithful shepherd for our souls, the one to whom and through whom we make confession, the one who rescues us. Jesus is all the world to us — and corporate worship both reminds and reforms us so that this is the case. Ask God this morning to shape your heart to hear and follow our faithful Savior, Lord, and friend!

## WELCOME TO INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

As a fellowship of believers, we like to know all who are worshipping with us today, so please fill out the Friendship Pad and pass it down the aisle. If you are a visitor, thank you for joining us. Any questions about our church? We encourage you to ask a member on your aisle, an usher, or a minister for help. They can answer your questions or assist you in finding someone who can.

More opportunities for teaching and fellowship at IPC are listed in the back of this bulletin. Visitors interested in joining IPC are invited to attend our next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*. For more information or to register, please contact Tameria Rackley, (901) 685-8206, or [trackley@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:trackley@ipcmemphis.org).

Our Sunday morning Worship Services are shown via live stream in the Chapel for families with babies/young children, latecomers, or any other reason you might be more comfortable there. Additionally, a fully-staffed nursery is available during all services.

We also live stream our 8:30 and 11:00 services at [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org). Please note: the link will be active only on Sunday morning. In addition, audio recordings of this morning's sermon are available in the bookstore immediately following the 8:30 worship service, or during the following week on our website.

Please see an usher if you need a hearing amplification device.

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE SECOND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN  
*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE MEDITATION

"I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

J.S. Bach

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 90

*The Minister:* Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

*The Congregation:* You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

*The Minister:* The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

*The Congregation:* So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days!

*The Minister:* Amen! Let us worship God!

*The Reverend Parker Tenent, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)*  
*The Reverend Robert Browning, Associate Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

No. 30

### THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

## THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

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O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.*

## THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O God of grace, you have imputed my sin to Jesus, my substitute; you have imputed his righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe, decking me with jewels of holiness. But in my Christian walk, I am still in rags; my best prayers are stained with sin; my tears of sorrow are not pure; I need to repent of my repentance. Grant me the sweetness of your mercy and the reality of your forgiveness. Grant too that I would never lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding beauty of holiness, and the exceeding wonder of grace. In Jesus' name, *Amen*.

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As we grow in Christ, the wonder of God's grace and the power of Christ's blood become sweeter to us. God's Word says, "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." Thanks be to God for the power of Christ's blood for forgiveness and restoration! — *1 Peter 2:24-25*

## THE DOXOLOGY

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Children (kindergarten) may be dismissed to their worship leader on the last verse.*

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q and A 84-86

### Question and Answer 84

*The Minister:* What does every sin deserve?

*The Congregation:* Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

### Question and Answer 85

*The Minister:* What does God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?

*The Congregation:* To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.

### Question and Answer 86

*The Minister:* What is faith in Jesus Christ?

*The Congregation:* Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

## THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

**THE OFFERTORY** "Thy Will Be Done" from *Hymns Triumphant* arr. Holdridge  
*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;  
How art thou pale with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!  
How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!

*Choir and Congregation*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

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# THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

"In Christ Alone"

*Drew Lucas and James Brown, Guitars Tim Keith, Bass*

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, he is my  
2. In Christ a-lone! who took on flesh, full-ness of  
3. There in the ground his bod-y lay, Light of the  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

light, my strength, my song; this Cor-ner-  
God in help-less Babe! This Gift of  
world by dark-ness slain; then burst-ing  
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first

stone, this sol-id ground, firm through the  
love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the  
forth in glo-rious day, up from the  
cry to fi-nal breath, Je-sus com-

fierc-est drought and storm. What heights of  
ones he came to save. 'Til on that  
grave he rose a-gain! And as he  
mands my des-ti-ny. No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace when fears are  
cross as Je-sus died, the wrath of  
stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has  
hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er

stilled, when striv-ings cease. My com-fort-er, my all in  
God was sat-is-fied. For ev-'ry sin on him was  
lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is  
pluck me from his hand; 'til he re-turns or calls me

all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.  
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

# THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." — *1 Corinthians 11:26*

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

No. 498

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE RESPONSE

Folk

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

*Choir and Congregation*

Isaac Watts

Gift of Love

Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,  
that were a pres - - ent far too small;  
love so a - maz - - ing, so di - - vine,  
de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

## THE POSTLUDE

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

Scholtes/arr. Held





# EVENING PRAISE

THE SECOND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

*Six O' clock*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 116

*Minister:* I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.  
Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

*Congregation:* The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I  
suffered distress and anguish.

*Minister:* Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

*Congregation:* Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. The Lord preserves  
the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

*Minister:* Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.  
Amen! Let us worship God!

## INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”

Words: William Kirkpatrick

Music: Darwin Jordan



1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je -  
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to  
 3. Food he dail - y gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing  
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je -



ho - vah praise; I will sing the glo - ri - ous prais - es,  
 be his aid; he is blest whose hope of bless - ing  
 pris - 'ner free, rais - es those bowed down with an - guish,  
 ho - vah praise; I will sing the glo - ri - ous prais - es,



of my God thru all my days. Put no con - fi -  
 on the Lord his God is stayed. Heav'n and earth the  
 makes the sight - less eyes to see. Well Je - ho - vah  
 of my God thru all my days. O - ver all God



dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;  
 Lord cre - a - ted, seas and all that they con - tain;  
 loves the right - eous, and the stran - ger he be - friends,  
 reigns for - ev - er, through all ag - es he is King;



he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing,  
 he de - liv - ers from op - press - ion,  
 helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow,  
 un - to him, thy God, O Zi - on,



and his pur - pos - es shall end.  
 right - eous - ness he will main - tain.  
 judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.  
 joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

# SONG OF PRAISE

“Isaiah 43”

Words: Isaiah 43:1-3

Music: Anonymous



1. When you pass through the wa-ters I will be with you,  
walk through the fire you'll not be burned,



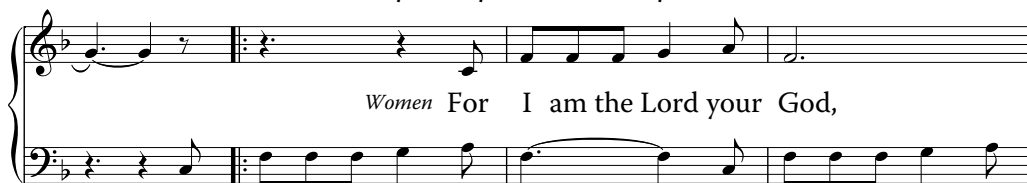
and the waves will not o-ver-come you.  
and the flames will not con-sume you.



Do not fear, for I have re-deemed you.  
Do not fear, for I have re-deemed you.

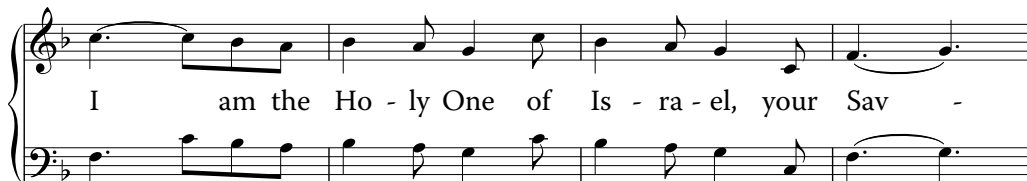


I have called you by name, you are mine.  
I have called you by name, you are mine.



*Women* For I am the Lord your God,

*Men* For I am the Lord your God, for I am the Lord your



I am the Ho-ly One of Is-ra-el, your Sav-

God. I am the Ho-ly One of Is-ra-el, your Sav-



-ior. -ior. Do not fear.

-ior. For -ior. I am the Lord. I am the

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Do not fear. Do not fear.

Lord. I am the Lord. I am the

Do not fear. 1. When you fear. 2. When you fear. I am the Lord.

Lord. 2. When you I am the Lord.

Detailed description: The image shows two systems of musical notation. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system has the lyrics 'Do not fear. Do not fear.' on the vocal line and 'Lord. I am the Lord. I am the' on the piano line. The second system has the lyrics 'Do not fear. 1. When you fear. 2. When you fear. I am the Lord.' on the vocal line and 'Lord. 2. When you I am the Lord.' on the piano line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

## PASSING THE PEACE

*Minister:* Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." And so, the peace of Christ always be with you.

*Congregation:* And also with you.

*Minister:* Let us offer one another a word of peace.

*Please greet one another, saying "Peace be with you."*

# SONG OF PRAISE

## "O Great God"

Based on The Valley of Vision prayer,  
"Regeneration"

Music and Words by Bob Kauflin



1. O great God of high-est heav'n oc-cu-py my low-ly  
blind-ed by my sin, had no ears to hear your  
now to live a life that's de-pend-ent on your



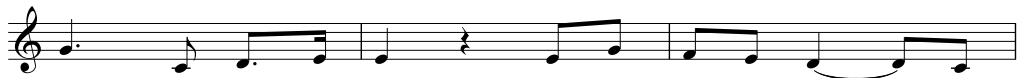
heart. Own it all and reign su-preme, con-quer  
voice, did not know your love with-in, had no  
grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the



ev-ery reb-el pow'r. Let no vice or sin re-  
taste for heav-en's joys. Then your Spir-it gave me  
e-vils that I face. You are wor-thy to be



main that re-sists your ho-ly war. You have  
life, o-pened up your Word to me through the  
praised with my ev-ery thought and deed. O great



loved and pur-chased me, make me yours for-ev-er-  
gos-pel of your Son, gave me end-less hope and  
God of high-est heav'n. glo-ri-fy your Name through



more. I was peace. 3. Help me  
me.

*Children (K-5<sup>th</sup>) may be dismissed to Four Corners during the last verse.*

# SONG OF PRAISE

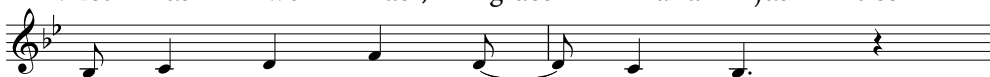
## “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

Words: John Newton

Music: Laura Taylor



1. Let us love and sing and won - der,  
 2. Let us love the Lord who bought us,  
 3. Let us sing, though fierce temp - ta - tion  
 4. Let us won - der, grace and jus - tice



let us praise the Sa - vior's name!  
 pit - ied us when en - e - mies,  
 threat - en hard to bear us down!  
 join and point to mer - cy's store.



He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,  
 called us by his grace, and taught us,  
 For the Lord, our strong Sal - va - tion,  
 When through grace in Christ our trust is



he has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame. He has  
 gave us ears and gave us eyes. He has  
 holds in view the con - queror's crown. He who  
 jus - tice smiles and asks no more. He who



washed us with his blood, he has washed us with his blood,  
 washed us with his blood, he has washed us with his blood,  
 washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood,  
 washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood,



he has washed us with his blood,  
 he has washed us with his blood,  
 he who washed us with his blood,  
 he who washed us with his blood



he has brought us nigh to God.  
 he pres - ents our souls to God.  
 soon will bring us home to God.  
 has se - cured our way to God.

5. Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high.  
Here they trusted him before us, Now their praises fill the sky.  
Thou hast washed us with thy blood, thou hast washed us with thy blood,  
Thou hast washed us with thy blood, thou are worthy Lamb of God.

## GRACE MOMENT



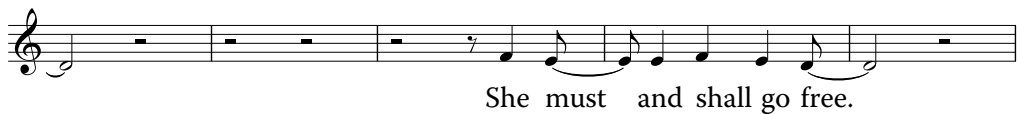




still speaks with power, "All her debts



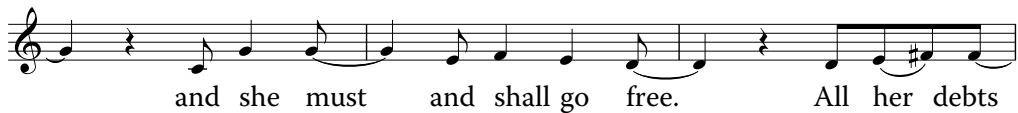
were cast on me, and she must and shall go free."



She must and shall go free.



**2**  
All her debts were cast on me,



and she must and shall go free. All her debts



were cast on me, and she must



and shall go free. **1.** All her debts **2.** free.



And she must and shall go free.



And she must and shall go free."

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:1-18 (*pew Bible page 877*)

*The Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

## HOMILY

“Don’t Ever Give Up Asking”

*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*

*Senior Pastor*

# SONG OF PRAISE

## “How Great Is Our God”

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin



1. The splen- dor of a King clothed in ma - jes - ty,  
2. Age to age he stands and time is in his hands;



let all the earth re - joice, all the earth re - joice.  
Be - gin - ning and The End, Be - gin - ning and The End,



He wraps him - self in light and  
The God - head, Three in One,



dark - ness tries to hide and trem - bles at his voice,  
Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son, The Li - on and The Lamb,



trem - bles at his voice. How great  
The Li - on and The Lamb.



is our God, sing with me how

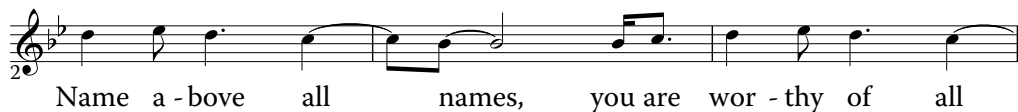


great is our God, and all will see, how great, how great



is our God. You're the

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Name a -bove all names, you are wor - thy of all



praise. My heart will sing how great is our God.



*chorus*  
How great is our God, sing with me, how great is our God



and all will see, how great, how great is our God.

## BENEDICTION



## THE FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God.

### DEATH

*We extend our sympathy to*

Whitney and James McDonald on the death of her mother, Clara Slack Farmer, on August 20.

### BIRTH

*Congratulations to*

Courtney and Ben Willoughby on the birth of their daughter, Lucy Taylor Willoughby, on August 17.

### CHURCH OFFICE AND BOOKSTORE CLOSED

The church office and bookstore will be closed tomorrow in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

### INSTALLATION SERVICE AND RECEPTION FOR THE REVEREND ROBERT O. BROWNING

*Sunday, September 16*

The Reverend Robert O. Browning will be installed as associate pastor of Independent Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 16, at the 11:00 worship service.

A reception will immediately follow.

### OUR CHURCH TODAY | SEPTEMBER 2

8:30 a.m. ....	Worship Service
8:30 a.m. ....	Children's Church (Kindergarten)
9:45 a.m. ....	Sunday School
11:00 a.m. ....	Worship Service
11:00 a.m. ....	Children's Church (Kindergarten)
4:30 p.m. ....	Sunday Evening Praise Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. ....	Sunday Evening Praise   Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. ....	Children migrate to Four Corners from Sunday Evening Praise



## SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45-10:45

Nursery & Preschool –  
*First floor, rooms divided by age*  
Kindergarten — *Room 220-222*

1st grade — *Room 216*  
2nd grade — *Room 215*  
3rd grade — *Room 217*

4th grade — *Room 204*  
Junior High — *Room 155*  
Senior High — *Room 254*

College | Mr. Zach Hood | *Room 125*

20s Community | Dr. Sean Lucas and Teaching Team | *Room 131*

30s Community | Rev. Parker Tenent | *Fellowship Hall South*

40s Community | Rev. Jeremy Jones | *Fellowship Hall North*

50s Community | Rev. Ed Norton | *Chapel*

60s+ Community | Rev. Mike Malone | *Room 237*

The Westminster Class | Mr. Jurey Howard and Dr. Ray Wilson | *Room 233*

Line by Line Class | Mr. Rankin Fowlkes | *Room 132*

## OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 5

5:30 p.m. ....	Dinner   Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.....	Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. ....	DivorceCare   Room 233
6:15 p.m. ....	BLAST!   (K - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade)
6:30 p.m. ....	Wednesday Night Large Study Group   Chapel
6:30 p.m. ....	Grace Groups
6:30 p.m. ....	Jr. High Youth Group
7:15 p.m. ....	Sr. High Youth Group
7:30 p.m. ....	Adult Choir Rehearsal

### MENU FOR THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING

roasted lemon chicken, grilled vegetable medley, fingerling potatoes, yeast rolls,  
Key Lime pie, chocolate mousse  
Kid's box: chicken tenders

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LARGE STUDY GROUP

If you don't have a Grace Group, don't just stay home! Join us in the chapel on Wednesday nights, starting September 5 at 6:30 p.m., for a study of the Westminster Confession of Faith. If you ever wanted to understand the Reformed faith more comprehensively, there is not a better resource for that than the doctrinal standard of Presbyterianism. Led by Dr. Sean Lucas and the other IPC ministers, we will grow in our understanding of God's Word and grow in grace and obedience as a result.



## OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

IN THE WORD:  
BIBLE STUDY FOR MEN OF ALL AGES  
*with*  
DR. SEAN LUCAS  
Thursdays | 6:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
beginning Tuesday, September 11  
10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
*details at [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org)*

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DIVORCECARE  
*Find help. Discover hope. Experience healing.*  
Wednesdays, beginning September 5  
6:00-7:30 p.m. | Room 233

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BLAST!  
Building Lives Around Sound Truth  
Grades K-5 | Wednesday Nights at IPC  
beginning Wednesday, September 5  
*Register at [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org).*

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT GRACE GROUPS  
beginning September 5  
Coeds • Couples • Singles  
*Contact Parker Tenent,  
[ptenent@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:ptenent@ipcmemphis.org)*

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OPEN GYM TUESDAY  
beginning September 4 | 4:00-8:00 p.m.  
Open for IPC members and their guests.  
Recreation Staff will be on duty to hand out  
balls, lower goals, or set up Pickleball nets.

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IPC KNITTING MINISTRY RESUMES  
*Thursdays, beginning September 6 | 9:30 a.m. | Room 233*  
All interested knitters or crocheters are encouraged to bring their  
needles or hooks and come. Anyone wanting to learn how to  
knit or crochet is also welcome. For further details or questions,  
contact Susan Strong, (901) 756-5356 or [susansstrong@bellsouth.net](mailto:susansstrong@bellsouth.net).

FAITH AND WORK

2018 SEMINAR

*with*

DR. DONALD GUTHRIE

September 7-8

Men and women of all ages are welcome.

Cost is \$7, which includes meals.

For seminar reservations, contact

Tameria Rackley, [trackley@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:trackley@ipcmemphis.org).

*Child care available with reservations*

PRAYER MINISTRY

Men's Prayer Breakfast in Fellowship Hall | Tuesdays | 6:30 a.m.

*Come and join a group of men who meet faithfully for a time of prayer in the Fellowship Hall.*

*Enjoy a good, hot breakfast for \$3.00.*

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Women's Prayer Time | Room 237 | Tuesdays | 10:00 a.m.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration for Youth Basketball | open through October 1

99 Balloons rEcess | September 7\*

Ice Cream Social | September 9, following Sunday Evening Praise

Faith and Work Fellowship Gathering | September 20 | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Chapel

Fall Fest and Church Picnic | September 30, following 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

*\*(Parents-Night-Out for Families with children ages 12 and under who have special needs)*



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