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**NEWS**  
John 11:25

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***Our Services***

**Sunday**

Sunday School      9:45 AM  
Worship            11:00 AM  
Evening            6:30 PM

**Wednesday**

Bible Study        6:30 PM

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**This will take place of evening services**

*I am the resurrection and the life. he who believes in Me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.*

## Reflecting the Son

### New Year: New You!

Yes, it is that time again...time to make a New Year's resolution. We always say that we won't do that, but openly or secretly we typically do. So, let me help you along your journey as you explore the possible list of resolutions you can make for 2018. How about a new you? It is possible, but it takes a strong commitment and faithfulness to make it happen. And it all starts with research.

I love how Luke opens the book of Acts, "I wrote the first narrative (Book of Luke), Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day He was taken up, after He had given orders through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. After He had suffered, He also presented Himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during 40 days and speaking about the kingdom of God." (Acts 1:1-3, HCSB) Luke again reminds his readers that the account that he was writing wasn't just an idea or story, but actual historical events that he felt compelled to research and document. Luke refers to this as "convincing proofs" not mere conjecture or superstition.

Do you think Luke had this all figured out and documented in a day? Of course not. This endeavor took time, resources, and effort. But as he continued to unbiasedly search for truth, he uncovered layer after layer of the undeniable gospel of Jesus Christ. Praise God that Luke took the time to do research, carefully examine the evidence, and record his findings so that we too may benefit from it. Now it is our turn to continue to research and examine the evidence so we can give our lives fully to Christ and advance the kingdom of God.

Ravi Zacharias says, "Man rejects God not because of intellectual demands nor scarcity of evidence, but a moral resistance that refuses to admit his need for God." In other words, there is plenty of reasonable and logical evidence for God, but many choose to ignore it so they can live however they want. So this New Year I challenge you, study God's Word and examine the evidence. Let the power of the "living and active" Word change not only how you think, but also who you are. Then, as a disciple of Jesus, go make more disciples!

May 2018 be a year where we all reach one more for Jesus,  
-Adam

## Encouragement Corner

### The Best of Intentions

So what's your New Year's resolution this year? What's that one thing that you've set your mind on...that one thing that you're determined to see through to the end? What was your resolution last year? Did you accomplish it? Did you manage to stick with it?

If I remember correctly, this past year I was determined to lose about ten pounds and exercise daily to improve my overall cardiovascular health. So...how did it go? Not well! Despite the slim pickings around the Copenhaver household at times, the scale reflected that I had actually gained about eight pounds as the year came to an end. In the words of my wife Veronica... "Obviously the boy isn't starving to death!"

Each year, many people make similar resolutions in regards to their faith. These best laid spiritual intentions come in a variety of forms: This year I'm going to attend Church services more frequently. This year I'm going to get involved and volunteer around the Church. This year I'm going to be better about reading the Bible and memorizing Scripture. This year I'm going to have a more consistent prayer life. This year I'm going to share my faith with someone.

Whatever form these spiritual resolutions come in, the end result is often the same. We envision what we know we could be or should be as followers of Christ, but as time passes, we fall short of bringing about any sort of change in these areas. Throughout the year such resolutions may come to mind, and we can almost find ourselves being comforted by the thought that we fully intend someday to find the determination and time to realize them. Somehow, through the best of these intentions, we begin to feel as though we have achieved something spiritually when in reality we are no better off this year than we were last.

Henry Ford once said, "You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do." Look at what James had to say about this matter in James 4:13-17.

"Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.' Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.' As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil. Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins."

It's been said, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions." If you know that there's something you should be doing in regards to your faith...be sure to resolve yourself to do more than resolve yourself to do it...but get it done!

Because He's The Truth,  
Bryan



with deepest  
*sympathy*

To the Gozelski Family,  
husband and father,  
John Gozelski passed away on  
November 7th, 2017

To the Murphy Family  
Tim and Raelynne's  
Daughter, Violet, passed away  
On November 30th, 2017

To the Harris Family  
J.T.'s father, Buddy Harris,  
passed away on  
December 4th, 2017

## Mission Spotlight



### PCM's Values

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### About PCM

We assist Polish Christians in becoming healthy, growing, self-supporting, and reproducing congregations. We do this by planting churches.

### Pray Continually

Pray Continually, God always answers prayer.  
When we pray what God desires, He says now.  
When we pray what he does not, He says no.  
When we pray in bad timing, He says slow.  
When we are the problem, He says grow.  
God sends comfort when we can only groan.  
As we walk in fellowship with Him,  
God always answers prayer, so Pray Continually!

Thanking God for the growth  
of His Kingdom

Joining in Baptism:  
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R. P. Richeson



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Sunday Services		Wednesday Events/Classes:	
9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 6:30 PM Evening Services		5:45 PM Soul Café Supper 6:30 PM Children's Program 6:30 PM Bible Study	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Sunday Services			Wednesday Classes			



## This may be your last PRINTED Newsletter!

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We are excited for this transition! Not just for it's cost effectiveness, but for the new upgrades we can gradually implement throughout 2018.

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