

# Chain of Lakes



A New Presbyterian Church forming in the North Metro

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## Ray Jones is coming to Chain of Lakes!

Rev. Ray Jones is the national coordinator for Evangelism for the Presbyterian Church (USA). He is flying from Louisville, Kentucky to be with us at



Chain of Lakes on the weekend of January 14-16. On Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> he will offer a retreat that shows how faith sharing (evangelism) is connected to serving

(social justice) and to discipleship. During the Retreat he will talk about engaging our culture, engaging the gospel, engaging the community, and engaging discipleship.

The Retreat will be held at Presbyterian Church of the Way from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. On Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup> he will be preaching at Chain of Lakes Church.

Pastor Paul encourages everyone at Chain of Lakes to sign up for this Retreat. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn from the best. To sign up, send an E-mail to [info@colpres.org](mailto:info@colpres.org)

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## VISION SUNDAY

On Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Vision Sunday. We will worship for about 45 minutes—during the sermon Pastor Paul will share a vision for the church and Chain of Lakes., and we will celebrate Communion. After

worship we will have our Annual Meeting where we'll hear about our new goals for the first half of 2011. We will also install our new members of the Steering Committee. The new members of the Steering Committee are Tiffany

Godfrey, Jonathan Tse and Angelica Van Iperen. Following the meeting we will enjoy a congregational meal. Pastor Paul's prayer is that when each of us leaves the Senior Center on that day we will be inspired by the possibilities for 2011.

## Notes from Pastor Paul



Many folks participated in our planning process for 2011. Our goal is to retain 20 new people by the end of May and then retain an additional 20 people by the end of the year. We have identified at least three strategies that we believe will

help us achieve this goal—1<sup>st</sup> time visitors, virtual/on-line communication and advertising. We'll share more of these ideas at the Annual Meeting. I am very confident that we will meet these goals for 2011. My confidence starts with God. God has called our church into being and has overtime consistently demonstrated that we have a call to be a church. During the Annual Meeting I'll share some examples of God's goodness to us. I also have confidence because I have confidence in the people of Chain of Lakes. You have demonstrated over time that when we are united at a goal, then we will achieve that goal. One of my tasks as your pastor this year will be to continue to keep the focus of our congregation on growing in new people.

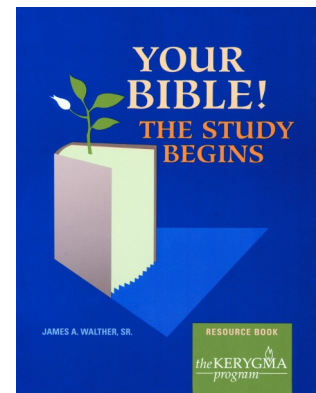
### Discovering Joy

Would you like to experience more joy in your life? The Scriptures consistently teach about joy, but how relevant is the teaching for busy people living in 2011 in the north Metro.

Starting Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> I am sharing a three-week sermon series called, "Discovering Joy!" In this series I will talk about receiving joy, letting go, and staying centered in the Almighty. This series is particularly aimed at people ages 45 and under.

### Adult Education

I will be teaching an Adult Education course called "Your Bible! The Study Begins" starting Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> before worship. Some of the topics we will cover will be "What is the Bible?" "How did the Bible come to be?" "What is the Old Testament about?" "What is the New Testament about?" "How has the Bible been preserved?" "How shall we study the Bible?" "What is the Place of the Bible in our lives?" If you are interested in participating, send an E-mail to [info@colpres.org](mailto:info@colpres.org)



### Reading the Old Testament

In addition to reading the congregational devotion that is shared in the bulletin, I have decided to read through the Old Testament in my devotional time this year. I've done this twice before and want to do it again. If you would like to read the Old Testament and then share comments about your reading with me, let me know. I could see us having conversation via E-mail about what we are reading. This is not a ministry of Chain of Lakes—it's just a personal request to see if anyone would like to join me. It's my experience that doing such a disciplined type of reading program goes better if it is done as a group. Reading through the Old Testament requires reading about two or three chapters (on the average) a day. If you would like to do this, send an E-mail to [info@colpres.org](mailto:info@colpres.org)





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## Chain of Lakes Church Purpose:

We are called to be an authentic, Christian community where:  
Strangers become friends  
Friends become disciples  
Disciples impact the world.