

Palouse Federated Church

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***Our Mission: We exist to
worship God and to form one
another into loving servants of
Christ and the World***

PFC ASSESSMENT

Our church is in the process of undergoing a church assessment by ABCNW. What is a church assessment? It is a learning process, where an outside and objective group, does research on our congregation and makes a report about the health of the church and recommendations for how the church can best move forward. Who is ABCNW? They are the "American Baptist Churches of the Northwest" - a regional Baptist organization to which our church belongs. This is the organization that recognizes Pastor Corey's ordination, and is located at Ross Point Camp in Post Falls, Idaho.

Recently you may have received an email from ABCNW executive minister Charles Revis. This email was a request for you to take a survey regarding our church. (There were actually a couple of emails because of a format mistake in the first version of the survey.) This electronic survey is part of a church assessment that ABCNW is doing on our church, at our request. The survey email was sent to attendees and members of Palouse Federated Church. I encourage you to take the survey. It is anonymous. If you are an attendee of member of Palouse Federated Church would you mind taking a little time to do 2 online surveys for a church assessment we are doing. One is short (<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22AEMSTR5PX>) and one is a bit longer, <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22ADL644LAW> I think they will take about 20 minutes for both. Your input is invaluable. Paper copies of the survey are available, please ask Pastor Corey.

The Assessment culminates in the "Assessment Weekend" on April 30-May 2. Rev. Revis and another church consultant will come to Palouse to do interviews, see our church and community first hand, and to present some of their conclusions. This was something that was presented to the congregation at our budget meeting at the end of 2009, and at the annual meeting recently.

I will be sharing more about the assessment in the coming days and weeks. I apologize for any confusion with the first survey emails. I hope this clears up any confusion. Please know that you can ask me any question about the assessment process (or anything else for that matter).

Pastor Corey and the Executive Board



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Haiti Opportunity

Are you interested in a short-term working mission trip to Haiti? There is an opportunity through ABCNW- a regional organization of which we are a part. The Rev. Gene Gentry a long-time missionary to Haiti, who knows local languages, will lead this trip. The work will be demolition and construction work. Dates: July 22-31 Accommodations are very primitive. Participants should be physically fit and emotionally secure, as you will deal with difficult situations. Approximate cost is \$2000. Contact Pastor Corey if interested.

PFC Memorial Library

The Memorial library is getting new books and materials as the Pastor determines what the needs are and as donations come in. The records are being entered into the computer, Library card applications are now available for prospective users to fill out.

Applications are available during the coffee hour on Sundays, from Monika Kriebel, Brenda Brown or Pastor Corey. If you are interested in helping with the Palouse Federated Church Memorial Library please contact Judy Willcox.



Pastor's Column: Resurrection Sunday

*God put death to death with His death.
God brings life out of death through His life.*

Resurrection Sunday (Easter) is a celebration that God has defeated death- and made a way for us to have life everlasting. It is in and through the life of Jesus Christ that our life takes on a divine dimension now and forever. Consider some of what Jesus' actions that significant week all those centuries ago:

Thursday: Ate dinner with some friends who didn't quite understand what he was up to, and made all kinds of promises they couldn't keep. One would completely betray him. But he washes their feet, and eats with them anyway.

Friday: After being arrested, a belittled and tortured Jesus is pushed through the judicial "system" of his people and the Romans. He is stripped, and nailed to a cross. He is lifted up for all to see and as a means to intimidate the masses, sending them the message not to behave like this man. A sign was put over his head to mock him, "Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews." He dies.

Saturday: This day has launched much debate. Part of Christian tradition holds that Jesus descended into Hell on Saturday to do some battle there. There is very little scripture to support this claim (Eph. 4:9 is an example of a vague scripture on the topic), but it has been proclaimed by Christians since the very early creeds. It is entirely plausible and the Bible leaves the possibility open.

Sunday: He was not in the grave. Jesus was alive. He was first seen by some of the women who had followed Him. He was not dead, and He was not a ghost- His body was alive and resurrected. Death had been defeated and Life of God reigns. So why do we make a big deal about Resurrection Sunday and "Holy Week", because it is the turning point for all of human history, where death is swallowed up through the Savior Jesus Christ. So what will we do in response:

Thursday: We are offering you to have a special service with friends and family. A "servant service"- where you will serve one another by washing each other's feet at 7pm. You must sign up in advance, with at least one other willing person.

Friday: We will have a service at Holy Trinity Chapel to remember the darkness of the Cross. We will hear all of the last words of Jesus from the cross and we will leave in darkness. 7pm at the Holy Trinity Church on North Bridge in Palouse.

Saturday: We have no services this day, but we encourage you to walk through the day contemplating what God did for you and for all humanity on the original "Holy Saturday." God faced down death and evil for you, so you can face the evil and death in this world with confidence that God is with you and for you.

Sunday: We will meet around the graves at the Palouse Cemetery at 6:30am and find that Jesus is still alive. Then we will continue to celebrate at the 9 and 11am services and worship the one that was once mockingly called "King" and we know that He indeed is the true King.

~ In Christ,
Pastor Corey

Meals Ministry

Over the past several years many of you have contributed to something we call, "the meals ministry". We have provided hot meals for those dealing with illness, injury, loss and recovery. From time to time it comes to our attention that someone is in need of a meal and I contact a list of people to help meet that need. However, my list is in desperate need of updating. So, if you would like to be added to the list of those willing to provide a meal please contact me. I prefer to do my contacting for the ministry via e-mail but I would be happy to make phone calls as needed. My e-mail is tclaughary@yahoo.com and my phone number is 878-1334. Thank you in advance for being willing to be a part of this important ministry.

~ Tina Laughary
May God's Peace Be With You!

Financial – Consider- Consistent- Contributions

Please consider giving to the camp scholarship fund. As we get closer to summer we need to fill this fund, in order to provide our youth with scholarships for Christian summer camp at Ross Point.

Thank you for your generous support of Palouse Federated Church and its ministries. We are 100% funded by your donations! God loves a cheerful giver.- Executive Board

Ross Point camp has camps for youth and families.

- "My First Camp" will be directed by Pastor Corey and Tina. This is a great camp for parents or grandparents and their young "camper"- pre-school through 2nd grade. It is one over night, and much fun! July 9-10, 2010
- Family Camps are a great affordable and spiritual vacation, July 18-24, 2010- Family Camp Alpha & July 25-31, 2010 – Family Camp Omega
- Youth camps are great for developing the faith of your youth while they have the time of their life, and make friendships that often last a life-time. Scholarships are available for youth camp. 50% for all campers and 100% for first time campers. Make sure your youth help with upcoming fundraisers, to help raise money for scholarships.
 - June 20-25, 2010 – Junior High Camp
 - June 27-July 2, 2010 – Senior High Camp
 - July 4-7, 2010 – Middler Camp
 - July 4-9, 2010 Junior Camp

April Birthday's

Adam Cochran – April 1
 Ava Hemphill – April 3
 Lauren Forbes – April 3
 Susan Elder – April 3
 Betty Ingalls – April 5
 Jeff Bofenkamp – April 9
 Sherry Weatherly – April 12
 Harley Willmore – April 12
 Emily Bagott – April 12
 Elvis Gregg – April 17
 Shai Ann Collier – April 19
 Susi Cochran – April 19
 Betty Sawyer – April 20
 Nancy Hill – April 25
 Terry Keller – April 26
 Bob Tuttle – April 29
 Casey Blood – April 29

April Anniversary's

Kari and Darin Watkins – April 20th

Special
 Occasions

"My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge."- Psalm 62:9

A Leadership Learning Community committed to promoting the mission of our church and developing a pool of leaders who want to serve in the church and in the community.

How does it work? We read a common book together in preparation for a quarterly meeting. In our meeting we learn together and encourage one another in our different positions of leadership.

What are you reading? This month we are reading "Got Style?" by Jeff Johnson, a book about how to share Jesus Christ, through your natural personality. Books are still available if you want one. It will help you identify how you can most naturally share the good news of Jesus Christ.

When and where do you meet next? We meet Saturday April 17th at 9am, at PFC Fellowship Hall.

Who can attend? Anyone who wants to join in the learning and conversation. You don't have to be an "up-front" public leader to participate. Whether you are an organizer type, a behind the scenes person, or just someone who really cares about the future of our church- you are welcome to come and join the Leadership Learning Community.

Bible Book(s) of the Month –Revelation

I know a lot of people scared of reading Revelation. Don't be! This book was written to encourage Christians. So be brave and read Revelation this month. Go to this website for some good level-headed information on Revelation:

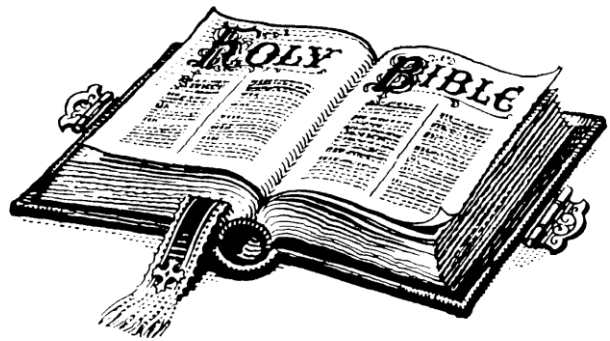
<http://www.americanbible.org/brcpages/studyguide-Revelation>

Here is a sample from that website of the American Bible Society:

"How is Revelation constructed?"

This complicated book was written in a series of sections that show the struggle of the church against the enemies of God. This struggle begins in the story of seven earthly churches and ends with a vision of God's great victory and the completely new heaven and earth that God will bring in the future. Revelation can be outlined in the following way:

- John's prophecy and prayer (1:1-8)
- Vision for the seven churches (1:9 - 3:12)
- Vision of God and the Lamb (4:1 - 5:14)
- Opening the seven seals (6:1 - 8:5)
- The seven trumpets (8:6 - 11:19)
- The opponents of God (12:1 - 13:18)
- Visions of God's judgment and protection (14:1 - 16:21)
- Victory over the enemies of God (17:1 - 20:15)
- God makes all things new (21:1 - 22:5)
- Final promises, blessings, and warnings (22:6-21)"



Here is a reading schedule to read the book in one month:

_ 4/1/2010 — Revelation 1	_ 4/14/2010 — Revelation 13
_ 4/2/2010 — Revelation 2	_ 4/15/2010 — Revelation 14
_ 4/4/2010 — Revelation 3 - 4	_ 4/16/2010 — Revelation 15 - 16
_ 4/5/2010 — Revelation 5	_ 4/18/2010 — Revelation 17
_ 4/6/2010 — Revelation 6	_ 4/19/2010 — Revelation 18
_ 4/7/2010 — Revelation 7	_ 4/20/2010 — Revelation 19
_ 4/8/2010 — Revelation 8	_ 4/21/2010 — Revelation 20
_ 4/9/2010 — Revelation 9	_ 4/22/2010 — Revelation 21
_ 4/11/2010 — Revelation 10	_ 4/23/2010 — Revelation 22
_ 4/12/2010 — Revelation 11	
_ 4/13/2010 — Revelation 12	

Have fun reading! – Pastor Corey

Chi Alpha Mission to Tanzania! ~ Sammie Holden

Sammie Holden is a young woman from our congregation about to embark on an exciting mission. She will be traveling overseas to Tanzania soon with a group of six of her colleagues from Chi Alpha. She and the rest of her group are leaving May 11th and will stay in Tanzania through the 28th. They will be hiking across the Livingstone Mountain Range to a village called Lifuma where they will be teaching seminars on HIV/AIDS and ministering to the village. The group will also be working at an orphanage in Morogoro as well as going to Zanzibar which is 99% Muslim. They are not sure what they will be doing there but Sammie has asked that people would pray for fruitful ministry and that they would continually be filled with the Holy

Spirit.

Sammie and each individual from the group must raise \$3500 for this trip, which means they will need to raise around \$21000 for the trip. It's going to be an intense trip so they are asking that people would pray for them in before and during this endeavor.

If you would like to donate to this cause, please make checks payable to XA missions with Tanzania 2010 in the memo line and give them to Sammie or they can be mailed to Chi Alpha 740 NE Campus St Pullman, WA 99163. Donations are tax deductible, but in order to ensure you receive the tax deduction please be sure that your donations are made out to Chi Alpha Tanzania 2010 and not to Sammie

"You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in Your bottle. You have recorded each one in Your book" ~ Psalm 56:8 (NLT)



Give & Take Schedule

April 4th- No Give and Take- enjoy visiting with friends and guests

April 11th- Collaborate: Mission- Sharing from Sammie Holden

April 18th- Collaborate: Message- John 10:22-30

April 25th- Collaborate: Message- Rev. 21:1-6, "Pastor- Can you summarize the End of the World for me?"

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise God for the good health report for Cheryl Good and the safe arrival of Zula Bell! Our prayers are with the family of Wyatt Lynas, Charlie Privette (infant having surgery), the family of Mel Ingalls, Joanie Bagott (transition), Sherry (heart surgery), Tereasa Hemphill (surgery), Lauren & Delores Forbes, Patti Green-Kent's Mom (surgery), Billie and her father (both have cancer), George & Yvonne in Chile (friends of Robin Rilette), Tecla Blood, the family of Tyler Brady, the family of Terry Schell, Village of Hope efforts, Chi Alpha 2010 Tanzania mission trip, Kathleen Hagen & her brother (cancer), those with broken relationships, those in need of physical healing, for those in emotional or spiritual pain, our community leaders, local families in financial crisis, people who are visiting in worship, for those in need of a relationship with Christ, families of the Palouse area, our neighbors, our nation, our troops & our communities.

Church Data

	Total Church Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	Youth Group Attendance	Plate Offering
February 28, 2010	94	14	15	\$1,308.00
March 7, 2010	99	17	17	\$3,649.00
March 14, 2010	89	14	8	\$1,174.45
March 21, 2010	91	19	15	\$1,019.00

CTI Music Ministries by JD Kent

This summer, from June 8-July 17, 2010, I will be serving as a missionary with CTI (Carpenter's Tools International) Music Ministries. I am so excited about this opportunity! I am looking forward to seeing the hand of God at work and share in the life and ministry of a CTI music team!

What is CTI Music Ministries?

CTI is an organization that sends music teams of young people all over North America and across the globe to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with youth through contemporary music. They are an associate ministry of Youth for Christ International and have been an organized ministry for more than 30 years. I will be partnering with this ministry by joining one of the summer music teams as a vocalist for 6 weeks.

My summer will look a little like this:

Our days will be more than full. After 2 intense weeks of training, my team and I will travel to a foreign country. We will set-up and tear down our equipment several times a day, perform many concerts, put on dramas, share the Gospel, interact and share our passion with those we meet. We will be working with a partner ministry already established in the country we visit. When we return home, our associate ministry team will remain, following up with those who expressed interest in learning more about God. We will be stretched this summer- physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

How can you help?

Be a part of my support team!

What does a support team member do?

I welcome your prayers for me, for the team, and for the people whom God will place in our path.

I welcome your financial support. While I have made myself available to commit to traveling overseas, I don't have all the resources to cover the costs. The cost for the summer program is **\$4,350, \$2,000 of which has been fronted by the PFC, and \$1,000 of which will be a match from the PFC to other sources.** This covers travel, food, lodging, administrative preparation, and training. Opportunities for monthly or bimonthly giving are available, no amount is too small. **Financial support can also be given online, www.ctimusic.org.**

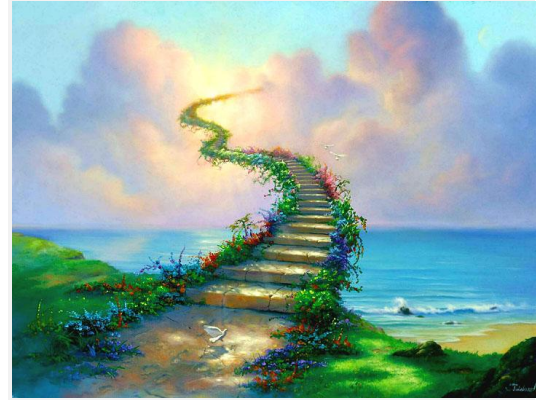
Pray always!

I want to express my gratitude for considering supporting me through prayer and/or finances.

Thank You!

Your partnership means so much to me! This kind of investment will help so many. I hope you will be part of it. Thanks for your time and consideration. God bless!

For more information about CTI and their ministry, check out their website: www.ctimusic.org



God is Good

~ by Sierra Hoffman (PFC Youth)

God created
The sun in the sky.
And all the birds
That fly by.

He Created heaven
And the earth,
And all the babies
In their birth.

In heaven,
The pearly gates,
When I die
I'll walk through them;
Full of Glory; not of hate.

I end this poem
With true words;
God is great,
God is good.



APRIL

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 7pm: Maudy Thursday Services	2 7pm: Tenebrae Services at Holy Trinity Church	3
4 9am: Worship 10am: Fellowship 10:15am: Give & Take 11am: Sunday School (age 2- 8 th grade) 11am: Worship 6:00pm: Youth Group	5 6:30 – 8pm TOPS	6 9am: Women’s Bible Study @ Kay Tronsen’s home 9:30am: Women’s Bible study @Brenda Cook’s 10am: Bible study @ church 7pm: Prayer Meeting	7 12pm: Community lunch 7:00pm: Women’s Bible study @ PFC	8	9	10
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Sunday Schedule

9am Worship (childcare available age 5
 and under)

10am- Fellowship Time

10:15am – Give & Take

11am – Sunday School

11am – Worship (Childcare available,
 Youth Sunday School Available, age
 2 yrs through grade 8)

April Sermons & Events

April Sermons

- April 4th, Resurrection Day, John 20:1-18, “Amazed”
- April 11th, 2nd Sunday of Easter, Revelation 1:4-8, “The Present Future”
- April 18th, 3rd Sunday of Easter, Acts 9:1-20, “Terrorist Converted”
- April 25th, 4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday), John 10:22-30, “The Ultimate Security System”

Holy Week Events

- Thursday, April 1st – Maundy Thursday – Servant Service @ PFC 7:00pm
- Good Friday, April 2nd – Service @ Holy Trinity Church Palouse, 7:30pm
- Sunday, April 4th, 6:30am Sunrise Service, 9:00am & 11:00am services

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