

# PFC CONNECTION

## DEPENDING ON JESUS TO RESTORE OUR (IMPERFECT) LIVES

### OUR KEY VALUES: TRUST, RELATIONSHIPS, TRUTH, AND SERVING

By Pastor Corey Laughary

As we live out our mission of “Depending on Jesus to Restore Our (Imperfect) Lives” we are guided by our key values:

- Trust
- Relationships
- Truth
- Serving

**Trust** is a synonym for faith. We trust God. Our Christian life starts when we trust Jesus to forgive our sins and make us new.

Trust is ongoing in our lives, and crucial in relationships. We must build trust with one another. We seek to be people that other people can trust.

If PFC is going to be effective in leading people to “Depend on Jesus” we must be people who trust Jesus and live trustworthy lives.

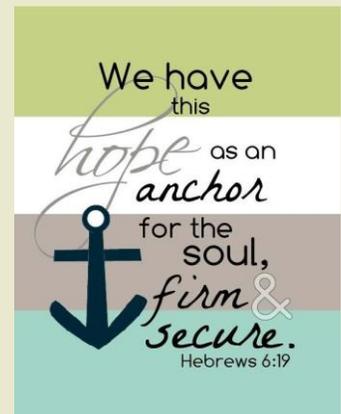
**Relationships** make up most of life. We must cherish our relationship with Christ. Being a Christian means having a committed relationship with Jesus Christ.

Relationships with family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors fill our days. We must see these relationships as people we can love and serve. One way we say this is the Greek New Testament word “Oikos”- which means “extended household.”

If PFC is going to be effective in seeing people “Depend on Jesus,” we must be people who are connecting in healthy and loving ways with the people in our life.

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We believe in ultimate, inspired **Truth**. We believe the Bible is God's written Word. We believe it contains His plan for "restoring our (imperfect) lives." God's Truth is essential for every aspect of our life.

We need to be people who seek to learn the Truth, and then follow through by living out what the Truth teaches. If PFC is going to be successful in seeing lives "restored" it will be because God's Truth is shared in sermons, classes, Bible studies, and person to person.

Jesus Christ came as a servant (Philippians 2), and like Him we should be committed to **servicing** others. They will know we are Christians by our love (John 15). We serve not because we have to or because it will impress others, but because it is the best way to live.

Serving includes helping people in times of physical, spiritual, emotional or even relational need. They might be grieving or they might need a meal. We need to be ready to serve at an individual's point of need. Serving also includes sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others. In fact, helping people to receive Jesus and depend on Him is the best act of service. The truth is, people often won't listen to what we believe if we aren't willing to love and serve them first.

This is just a brief summary of our four key values. I hope you can see why we landed on these four: Trust, Relationships, Truth and Serving.

Are these values present in your life? In what ways could you grow in living out these values?

Depending on Jesus, Pastor Corey

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## **PALOUSE LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST**

Leaders of any and all Palouse area organizations, charities, and institutions are invited to the "Palouse Leadership Breakfast" on Saturday April 30 at 8 a.m.

This event aims to bless those who serve to make our community a great place to live, work, play and worship. If you would like to attend or volunteer at the breakfast please contact Pastor Corey.

## **WHAT'S NEXT.... ACTS**

Now that we have gone through the Gospel of Luke, Pastor Corey will begin preaching through the Book of Acts starting Sunday, April 10.

Acts picks up where the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) end. The full title of Acts is: "The Acts of the Apostles," and it includes stories of the early leaders of the Christian movement and how the Holy Spirit led them to share Jesus with the world.

It is an amazing collection of stories that is really one story – Jesus and His saving good news being shared with people.

Pastor Corey will alternate Sunday morning messages between Acts and the book of Exodus. We will be in both books for quite a while, taking the occasional break for holidays and guest preachers. 😊

Sunday evening messages will continue to be based on the book of Ephesians.

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## **WELCOME TO THE SIEVERS FAMILY!**

PFC is pleased to welcome Tim and Tracy Lee Sievers and their three children into the PFC family.

Tim is on staff at PFC as our new Communication and Connection Director. In this position, he is in charge of all written, electronic, Web and social media communication, as well as our technology (computers, audio, video, etc.). Tim also oversees the guest experience and greeters. There's a bit more detail to his position and a full description is available for those who want to know – just contact Pastor Corey.

Please feel free to introduce yourself to Tim and Tracy Lee and make them feel welcome. Look for the Sievers family profile later in the newsletter.

- Pastor Corey on behalf of PFC Executive Board

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## **BIBLE BOOK READING CHALLENGE**

Pastor Corey is about to begin a series on the Book of Acts. This is a good time to begin reading through Acts to familiarize yourself with the story.

Parents - Acts has some stories that are very fun to read to your children at home, consider doing so at dinner or bedtime.

If you read one chapter per day from The Acts of the Apostles, you should finish in less than a month. Give it a go!

## IF YOU HAVEN'T TRIED SUNDAY NIGHT – YOU'RE MISSING OUT

Sunday night service is simple. Just Bible teaching, prayer, and communion. Lately 25 or more people have been attending the evening service, but there's room for plenty more.

Many people are attracted to the "laid back" environment. Childcare is available for kids ages 8 and under, and people of all ages attend the service. The teaching is engaging, and the fellowship is genuine.

Maybe **you** should try our Sunday night Simple Service at 6 p.m.!

Come early at 5 p.m. and bring a dish to pass for the church and community dinner – it's a great way to connect with friends. Together with the simple service you'll leave having nurtured your body and your soul!

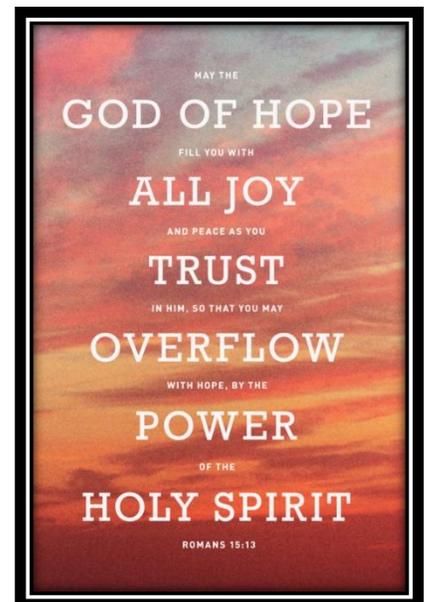
The teachings are currently from Ephesians.

## REMINDER: ROSS POINT WOMEN'S RETREAT, APRIL 22-24, 2016

This is a gentle reminder that we genuinely want you to join us for the Women's Retreat this year, **April 22-24**. Registration for this fun event is completed online by going to [www.rosspoint.org](http://www.rosspoint.org) and clicking on "REGISTER HERE." If you have an account, enter your username and password. If you don't have an account, create one and complete your registration online. *Remember, early registration will save you \$10 but you must register by April 8.* Please contact the Ross Point office at (208) 773-1655 for assistance.

Consider this time of renewal for yourself and give yourself this

opportunity to be immersed in the love of God. We will focus on our themes "Trust" and "Hope." The retreat begins at 6 p.m. (supper time) on Friday night and ends after 11 a.m. worship on Sunday morning. For rides or more information contact Betty Sawyer.



## LIFE AFTER LENT

By Tina Laughary

I love the rhythm of the church calendar. In December of each year I love to settle into Advent; it's a time to prepare for the coming of a savior. We take time to meditate on humanity's need for a savior and my own personal need as a sinful person to be saved. It is a time to remember that all have fallen short. We all are in need of a Messiah to come to us, to save us.

In Winter comes Lent—A time to sacrifice, to remember how good our God is. We acknowledge just how much He sacrificed for us on the cross. Of course Lent ends, not just with the celebration of Good Friday, when we remember Christ's death upon that cross but with Resurrection Sunday when we celebrate Christ's victory over death—not just his own death but death as a whole.

With Resurrection Sunday 2016 in the books it is time to enter into a new season, the season between Lent and Advent. I want to spend these months celebrating the goodness of God to us. I want to stand in holy fear, in reverent awe of the Creator of all that exists. I want to take that awe and turn it into gratitude, a gratitude that moves me to action. I want to share the love of Christ through my words and actions because I do not deserve God's goodness and yet he gives it to me anyway.

It's easy to talk about living a life of gratitude. But it is also easy to complain. When we complain it is like taking for granted all of the things that are going right, that we do not deserve. With all that God has given us, none of which we deserve, what is there we have to complain about. I want to start a "No Complaint Club." A sort of—accountability group (mostly for myself) where we can lovingly remind one another that we are choosing not to complain.

Let's challenge each other to live in the awareness that our creator has come to us in our need, served us in our ignorance and saved us in our deficiency. Sacrifice isn't just for Lent. Reflection, meditation and an ever present awe of God should go with us from this season to the next. May our "awe" of God's unmerited goodness to us lead us to a life of gratitude, which has no place, no time for complaint.

## LIFE LESSONS – SESSION #2

**April 17, 2 p.m. at Garfield Christian Fellowship**

Be praying for our area High School Seniors who are attending this three-part outreach. In session #2 they will learn about relationships. Relationships with friends, family, and their God. We are praying for continued good turnout, and for open hearts to the Christian truths that are being presented.

Each student is given a \$250 award upon completion of the program. The scholarships are made possible largely due to the donations of PFC givers - Thank you!

If you are interested in more information or volunteering as a mentor, please contact Pastor Corey.

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Board contracted with Nathan's Painting to paint the South end and most of the West end of the PFC building. Additionally, they did touch up work done around the building. Work began on March 28 and was completed by the end of the week.

The cost of this work was estimated at \$9,700, and was made possible by the consistent donations of PFC givers. The Board takes very seriously the stewardship of your financial gifts and Nathan's Painting is a reputable company that provided the most affordable bid for a project that was getting past due. We hope you enjoy the finished look.

### **BE A-BLESSING CARD MINISTRY**

Check the card cabinet located in the Fellowship Hall for newly added cards. Please continue to pray for this card ministry outreach, that God will direct and guide us and that many lives would be touched, encouraged and reached by His love through simple expressions of care via hand-made cards. It is always encouraging to hear how He is working, if you have any stories to share! And if there are particular types of cards or any other feedback, feel free to leave a note in the little box in the cabinet.

**The next Card-Making Workshop will be Saturday, April 9 from 1-4 p.m.**

People can arrive late or leave early as needed, so if you want to come but can't invest 3 hours of your Saturday, that's okay! You'll have to make a short trek across the state line to the Bauer home, 1098 Four Mile Road, Viola ID, but it is easy to find – and it's closer than either Moscow or Pullman.

No crafty experience needed. Space constraints limit this activity to 9 people, so contact Paula to reserve a seat. 208-882-4945 or gemstatemom@gmail.com

## PRAYER REQUESTS: GOD HEARS THE PRAYERS OF HIS PEOPLE

- Your Oikos!
- The family & friends of Bo Ossinger.
- Meredith Willcox-Norris (cancer).
- Lisa (Angie Cochran's granddaughter having surgical complications).
- Sunday School, pray for the children and the teachers to be filled with His Spirit.
- We praise God for continued growth of the Bishop Place worship service; praying for Pastor Matt Jorgens and his family.
- Pray for the Bible study at Eastern State Hospital and all the residents there.
- We praise God for providing four volunteer youth ministry leaders.
- Pray for youth to come to Christ.
- Pray for our International Missionaries and partner church and orphanage in Uganda (pastors, teachers, and orphans).
- Pray for this hurting world, for all the people impacted by world suffering; from political violence and hate, human disasters, and injustice, praying these events will be used as an opportunity to expand our faith and bring others to the feet of Jesus.
- Pray for our local "shut- ins."
- Pray for our public servants, their families and communities.

**Active Duty Service Members:** Jason Evenson, Mitch Kriebel, Mark Tronsen, Zach Spear, Michael Forbes, Danielle Tavenner, Nick Burgess, Adam Burnett, Kristina Pillai, Tim Slemp, Ben Lynch, Liza Chavira, Jake Gehring, Gage Trout, and Johnathan Gehring.



### JUNE 11 – DUATHLON – ADDS A 10 MILE RUN OPTION

The Young Life sponsored Palouse River Duathlon is adding an event this year. The duathlon consists of running 2 miles, biking 10, and running 2 more miles, but this year participants can also choose to RUN ONLY for 10 miles through the beautiful Palouse River countryside. Saturday, June 11 is the date, so mark your calendars.

We need community members to help with the bike corral as courtesy volunteers, go out on the race track to give racers directions, or help with set up and tear down. GarPal Young Life receives 100% of the proceeds from the race so many kids will be helping along the way to earn their way to camp at Malibu, B.C. this July.

## SIEVERS FAMILY PROFILE



We are pleased to welcome Tim and Tracy Lee Sievers and their family to the PFC community. Tim is fulfilling the new position of Communication and Connection Director. Most recently he served as pastor of a sister church in Montana and he has extensive experience in nonprofit management and public relations.

Tim and Tracy Lee met at Greenville College in Illinois where Tim graduated with a degree in History and Political Science with a minor in Religion and Tracy Lee received a degree in Philosophy and Religion. After college they parted ways until they reconnected when Tracy Lee accepted a position as a morning show host on a Christian radio station in Kalamazoo, Michigan - Tim's home state. Soon after her arrival they were married in 2001. According to Tim, he chased her until Tracy Lee

finally caught him. Together they have three children, Ainsley (9), Arabella (7) and Asher (5) as well as a Maximilian's Pionus parrot, Bailee (15).

Tracy Lee is an avid knitter and has spent several years working at a boutique yarn shop in Kalispell, MT. She enjoys cooking with Tim, gardening and making up stories for her "smalls." She also serves as the Chapter Key Advisor (CKA) for the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority at Saginaw Valley State University in Saginaw, MI and as a CKA Coach for other advisors across the country.

Tim enjoys reading historical biographies with an emphasis on former presidents, and is nurturing a growing interest in poetry. He also maintains a small woodworking "shop" which he uses to create small handcrafted items such as pens, bottle stoppers and ornaments. Tim enjoys working in the garden with Tracy Lee, primarily because he likes to eat good food. Tim's recipes have three times earned top honors at the Huckleberry Days Bake Off in Whitefish, MT.

Ainsley enjoys reading and is a steam train aficionado and free-spirited Arabella loves to play with dolls and dance while Asher enjoys building with Legos and playing outdoors.

Together the family enjoys exploring National Parks and hiking. They look forward to exploring The Palouse and seeing how God reveals his character through his creation.

Tracy Lee and Tim insist on exposing the kids to community service and giving back by participating as a family in community volunteer opportunities. They have worked together in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters, Habitat for Humanity and many other important community organizations.

"We are incredibly humbled by the generosity and hospitality of the church family," said Tim. "In the weeks leading up to our arrival we felt incredibly supported by Pastor Corey and the Leadership Team and in the few days that we've been here, the entire church family has opened their servant's hearts to share the love of Christ with us. We look forward to getting to know you all better and to serving alongside of you all in the name of Jesus!"

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## PANCAKE FEED & TALENT SHOW CAMP FUNDRAISER

By Brenda Cook

\$720 was raised for our Ross Point Camp scholarship fund at our annual pancake feed and talent show on Palm Sunday! Thank you donors! We have very talented youth in our church family and very talented cooks too! Thank you to campers for coming to serve, cook, set-up, clean-up and show us your talents! So many youth came to help, it was hard to keep them all busy! A special thank you to Lindsey and Nicole for running the kitchen and making us a great meal!



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## APRIL SERMONS

- April 3** 9&11a.m., Guest Preacher Dennis Griner  
6 p.m., Guest Preacher Matt Jorgens
- April 10** 9&11a.m., Acts Introduction to "Depending on Jesus"  
6 p.m., "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One God and Father of All," Ephesians 4:1-6
- April 17** 9&11a.m. "Locusts: The Peril of Idolatry," Exodus 10:1-20  
6 p.m., "The Church, Part I," Ephesians 4:7-16
- April 24** 9 & 11a.m. "Depending on Jesus: Holy Spirit" Acts 1:1-11  
6 p.m., "The Church, Part 2," Ephesians 4:7-16

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**Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.**

**(Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV)**

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# PALOUSE FEDERATED CHURCH CALENDAR

APRIL 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>3 9 a.m.   Worship 10 a.m.   Fellowship 10:15 a.m.   Sunday School 11 a.m.   Worship 1:30 p.m.   Bishop Place Worship 4-6 p.m.   Youth Ministry 5 p.m.   Church &amp; Community Dinner 6 p.m.   Simple Service</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 5:30 a.m.   Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 9 a.m.   Mom's Bible Study* 10 a.m.   Bible Study*</p>	<p>6 10 a.m.   Ladies Bible Study* 7 p.m.   Youth Worship Practice</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 1-4pm: "Be-a-Blessing" Workshop – RSVP with Paula Bauer</p>
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