

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

Meet Mark, Brittany & Hatley Sawyer: **New Associate Pastor and Family**



Mark is the youngest of four Sawyer kids who grew up with Palouse Federated, and attended every Sunday, rain or shine. He's a 27 year old young man with a wife, Brittany of 3 ½ years and a 3 month old baby girl, Hatley Elizabeth. He wants to serve God in all that he does and his training is vast and varied.

"I grew up going to Sunday School at Palouse Federated from the first week I was born," he comments. Ross Point Camp made a huge impact on his life because that's where he met Brittany, at Jr High Camp. Brittany grew up in Spokane, attended Ferris High and was active in her church, Grace Baptist, since her dad, Garry Oliver, is a pastor and mom Judy, is a piano teacher.

Both Mark and Brittany attended the University of Idaho and were engaged to be married during their studies there. They both were able to go with a Campus Crusade for Christ trip to Solvenia, which was an awesome time for both to share Jesus with a hurting world. Training with Campus Crusade has helped them learn about discipling and reaching out through relational evangelism. Mark also gained 3 years of discipleship training through Campus Crusade, while at the U of I.

Young Life has also been a big part of their lives. Mark has been instrumental in setting up a Young Life group and committee in the Kahlotus area, where he taught Agricultural Education for 3 years following his days as an Idaho Vandal. He also started a Young Life group and has an active committee keeping it going on the island of Saipan, in the Pacific, where he and Brittany taught school for 2 years. His Young Life quote: "We earn the right to be heard. We purposefully love on kids until they ask us why. Once they ask, we share the truths of Jesus, and we continue to love them regardless of their choice to follow Christ with their own lives."

Brittany has an art education degree from the University of Idaho and hopes to put it to good use here. "I'd like to start a craft night at the church," she says, "so mothers and ladies can have a night to relax without responsibilities of homes and children." She'd like to open their home to a small group Bible Study. She also loves motherhood. Her blog has many photos of their sweet young family. See <http://markandbrittany.blogspot.com/>

Young married groups are important to this Sawyer team. They were active and very enriched in their faith while being a part of Worldwide Marriage Encounter groups the past two years. They're sharing the love of God with others and in their own marriage.

Take time to welcome Mark, Brittany and Hatley. They moved to Palouse in June when their schools were out on Saipan. They enjoyed teaching right along the beach at a Saipan Community Christian School there. They attended church in an outdoor setting and made some terrific friends there. They brought their first baby, Hatley, into the world there, and a little piece of Saipan and "island time" will be with them for a long time.

Their future is full of plans to live in this area, work with Palouse Federated outreach ministries and area schools, driving bus or substituting while spreading the joy of knowing Jesus.

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PFC – LLC: a Leadership Learning Community

Past, present and future leaders of Palouse Federated Church are gathering quarterly to learn together, encourage one another, hold each other accountable to leadership goals, as well as to dream about God's plans for the Palouse. We call this process "L.E.A.D."

L- Learning,
E – Encouragement
A- Accountability
D- Dreaming/Discerning

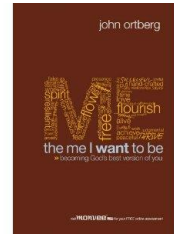
Our next meeting will be **Saturday Aug. 21st from 9am to Noon.** We will be reading a book in advance of this meeting, entitled "**Church is a Team Sport**" by Putman (\$14, available at the church). Our topic for this meeting will be "Doing Ministry as a Team." If you are interested in reading the book and attending the meeting email Pastor Corey pastorcorey@palouse.com or call him at 878-1509.



Pastor's Column: Looking Inward Without Navel-Gazing...

Or "The Me I Want To Be"

- Who did God create me to be?
- How do I know who God made me to be anyways?
- And if I figure that out, then how do I become that person?



The above are all important personal growth questions. All of them are addressed in the book, "**The Me I Want to Be,**" authored by **John Ortberg.** At first I was very skeptical of this book, because the titled seemed so "me" centered. But the book came highly recommended, and I have enjoyed everything else I have read of Ortberg's, so I gave it a chance. I was pleasantly surprised. The book is very Holy Spirit centered. Ortberg claims that the Bible says we are created to be a channel of the Holy Spirit. A unique vessel that God can flow through to do good and show beauty in the world. I definitely agree. Ortberg spends a great deal of time giving practical advice and stories on how a person learns who God created them to be, as well as how they get there. There is too much good stuff to boil down into one article. Ortberg's stories and illustrations are usually either hilarious or insightful, and often both.

I enjoyed this book so much that I will be shifting some of my sermon topics in September to cover a good amount of the content of "The Me I Want to Be."

I want to encourage you to purchase the book, and/or to join one of the small groups that will be discussing and learning from the book. At least 3 of our groups, including 2 new evening home groups starting in September, will be leading 8 week sessions on the book. Look for more information in the coming weeks about the time and location of the groups. In the meantime- be assured that God created you to be a unique demonstration of God's creativity. There is a beautiful life of good available to us all.

I pray you have a good August- and my desire is for you to use some of your hot summer days to read, pray and listen for who God wants you to be.

~ In Christ, Pastor Corey

????? HAVE YOU HEARD THE LATEST ?????

If you were able to attend our quarterly congregational meeting on July 25th you heard Pastor Corey address some upcoming projects that have either already begun or are about to begin. Mark Sawyer came on board July 1st as our Associate Pastor. Mentored by Pastor Corey he will be actively involved with the formation of some of our ministry teams as well as various projects as they become identified. One such project is an immediate need, downstairs where our Sunday School classes meet. Already this week two of the classroom walls have been removed and a new wall constructed resulting in 2 larger classrooms rather than the 3 smaller existing ones. Volunteers are putting in the new flooring, donated earlier in the year, and painting of the rooms, which will be complete in time for Vacation Bible School. Pastor Mark would like anyone who knows of minor carpenter type needs in the community to contact him and if we are able to accomplish the work, he will coordinate the process.

Another project underway is the training of members for the visitation team. These individuals will assist Pastor Corey in meeting with individuals in hospitals, various care facilities or in the home. If you would be interested in joining this ministry team please contact Pastors Corey or Mark.

In the next few weeks Pastor Corey's office will change places with the existing Cry Room. You may recall that one of the recommendations of the Assessment Team was to have the Cry Room moved further from the Sanctuary. Some of you may remember the Child Care room was utilized as a Pastor's office previously. Consideration of other recommendations from the Assessment Team, as well as previously identified needs, are being researched and possible actions considered.

There is a listing on the back of the Church Bulletin of various Team Leaders and what their area of responsibility is. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the appropriate leader or a Board Member or Pastor. Be assured that while many ideas are being discussed **no actions takes place until it is discussed and voted by you, the Congregation.**

**BABY SHOWER:
Calling All Ladies!**

Hopefully you have gotten to meet Palouse Federated Church's new associate minister Mark Sawyer. We are thrilled to welcome, not only Mark—but also his wonderful wife Brittany and beautiful daughter Hatley to our church family. We will be throwing a shower for Brittany and Hatley on **Tuesday, August 31st at 6:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Cake will be served and childcare will be available. This will be a great opportunity to meet Brittany and Hatley and enjoy some fun together! Although gifts are NOT required, Hatley could use some clothes (sizes 6 months & up). Mark, Brittany and Hatley are a wonderful addition to our church and we are glad they are here! If you have any questions or would like to help with preparations please contact Tina at 878-1334 or tclaughary@yahoo.com



Special Occasions

August Birthday's

Dwayne Griffin – August 3rd
Eva Jensen – August 3rd
Brittany Sawyer – August 4th
Delores Forbes – August 13th

August Anniversary's

Dorey & Robert Tuttle
– August 22nd
Sharon & Mike White
– August 26th

Summer Camps - Recap

Palouse Federated Church was able to support 35 campers to attend a Ross Point Camp this summer. From the youngest age 3-7 year olds, who attended "My First Camp" with their parent(s), to the oldest- 9 of our youth that attended High School Camp- and the other camps in between, we were well represented at Ross Point Camp.



Thank you for supporting our campers with prayers and donations. There were many youth who attended summer camp for the first time this summer. We have heard great positive feedback about camp. "One youth came up to the church personally to shake my hand and thank the church for the scholarship," stated Pastor Corey. Pastor Corey also related that a student let him know via facebook that the week was great and "it was a great time to connect with God." This was from an unchurched youth in our area. There are also a couple of thank you notes from campers posted on the church bulletin boards.



Alana Brunner & Father's Heart

The Executive Board endorsed Alana Brunner as a missionary worthy of support for her work she is doing to raise support and awareness for the Father's Heart Orphanage in Uganda. Even in the midst of chemotherapy treatment for her glioblastoma, Alana has spoken at churches and a camp about Father's Heart and is helping to arrange donations to cover their needs.

Alana also communicates with the director of Father's Heart and is helping him prepare budgets and work towards purchasing property for a more sustainable future. It is Alana's dream to help Father's Heart purchase this land. We want to help make this dream come true. Palouse Federated Church can receive donations to pass on to Alana for her personal financial needs, as well as receive donations that Alana can forward to Father's Heart. Donations to PFC are always tax deductible. You will be hearing about some upcoming fundraisers for Father's Heart in the months ahead.

If you would like to make a donation simply mark your envelope or check with: "Alana Brunner Fund" or "Father's Heart" and mail it to PFC, Box 535, Palouse, WA 99161.

Bible Book(s) of the Month of August – Hebrews & Song of Songs

For these hot summer days, we are suggesting some reading that deal with “hot” issues. Hebrews was a book written early in the Christian movement to Jewish Christians who were under persecution for following Jesus as the Messiah. They were getting “heat” for their beliefs, and the author of Hebrews was encouraging them to stay the course. Titus, Philemon and Jude are among the shortest books of the New Testament. Each of these has a personal correspondence feel to them. These short letters can be encouraging and challenging. The last book on the reading schedule is “The Song of Songs” also called “The Song of Solomon.” This by far is the most erotic book in the Bible. The book is mostly a dialogue between a man and a woman in love. Though the book never mentions God directly, it teaches us a great deal about love that God gives us to share within a committed marriage relationship.

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| _ Day 1 — Hebrews 1:1 - 2:3 | _ Day 19 — Titus 1:4 - 2:4 |
| _ Day 2 — Hebrews 2:4 - 3:2 | _ Day 20 — Titus 2:5 - 3:5 |
| _ Day 3 — Hebrews 3:3 - 3:19 | _ Day 21 — Titus 3:6 - 3:15 |
| _ Day 4 — Hebrews 4:1 - 5:1 | _ _____ Philemon 1:1 - 1:6 |
| _ Day 5 — Hebrews 5:2 - 6:4 | _ Day 22 — Philemon 1:7 - 1:22 |
| _ Day 6 — Hebrews 6:5 - 7:1 | _ Day 23 — Philemon 1:23 - 1:25 |
| _ Day 7 — Hebrews 7:2 - 7:18 | _ _____ Jude 1:1 - 1:13 |
| _ Day 8 — Hebrews 7:19 - 8:7 | _ Day 24 — Jude 1:14 - 1:25 |
| _ Day 9 — Hebrews 8:8 - 9:11 | _ _____ Song of Solomon 1:1 - 1:4 |
| _ Day 10 — Hebrews 9:12 - 9:28 | _ Day 25 — Song of Solomon 1:5 - 2:3 |
| _ Day 11 — Hebrews 10:1 - 10:17 | _ Day 26 — Song of Solomon 2:4 - 3:2 |
| _ Day 12 — Hebrews 10:18 - 10:34 | _ Day 27 — Song of Solomon 3:3 - 4:7 |
| _ Day 13 — Hebrews 10:35 - 11:12 | _ Day 28 — Song of Solomon 4:8 - 5:7 |
| _ Day 14 — Hebrews 11:13 - 11:29 | _ Day 29 — Song of Solomon 5:8 - 6:7 |
| _ Day 15 — Hebrews 11:30 - 12:6 | _ Day 30 — Song of Solomon 6:8 - 7:10 |
| _ Day 16 — Hebrews 12:7 - 12:23 | _ Day 31 — Song of Solomon 7:11 - 8:14 |
| _ Day 17 — Hebrews 12:24 - 13:11 | |
| _ Day 18 — Hebrews 13:12 - 13:25 | |
| _ _____ Titus 1:1 - 1:3 | |



August Sermon Information

- Aug. 1st: Col. 3:1-7 “Christ is Our Life- Integrity and Boundaries Part IV”- Pastor Mark
- Aug. 8th: Luke 12:32-40 “Long Term Financial Preparation”- Pastor Corey
- Aug. 15th: Luke 12:35-40 “Ready for the Unexpected”- Pastor Corey
- Aug. 22nd: Luke 13:10-17, “What Jesus Thinks about Sabbath”- Pastor Corey
- Aug. 29th: Luke 14:1,7-14 “What Jesus Thinks about Dinner Parties”- Pastor Corey

Consider Consistent Contributions!

Consider what you want to give monthly to support the church’s ministries and mission. **Be Consistent** in giving what you considered is the right amount, whether you are in town or not (using online bill-pay, or mailing donations is done by several folks). **Your Contributions** combined are what fund the ministries, mission and maintenance of our church. Thank you for giving! We pray God blesses you in the consistent, considerate contributions. If you are in the midst of financial trouble and need counseling, food, or help- please call the church office 878-1509.

Building & Repair Team

Would you like serving God by getting your hands dirty and fixing things around the church or at someone’s home? Then the Building and Repair Team ministry is for you. This new ministry team is looking for people to join. Participation does NOT require committee meetings and you will only be asked to do tasks that fit with your skill-set and schedule. If you are interested email or talk to Associate Pastor Mark Sawyer at mark_sawyer@hotmail.com or call 509-939-2143

Coming Soon....

- Renovated downstairs classrooms- with new flooring and fresh paint!
- New safety railing on the balcony- increasing it to a safe height of 42 inches.
- New location of Pastor Corey's office- switching to the Cry Room, and making the present Pastor's office the new Nursery
- Visitation Ministry should have trained ministers by the end of August
- Building & Repair Team- is already working on our facility and helping out neighbors!
- -New Home Groups coming soon...For married, single, male or female.

2010 Leadership Tune-Up Conference

**September 27-29, Monday Noon – Wednesday Breakfast
Ross Point Camp, Post Falls, Idaho**

A leadership conference for Ministers and Church Leaders with JP Moreland and James Purves. **Register** through American Baptist Churches of the Northwest.

Brochures are on the hallway table, and available online at www.abcnw.org/leadership-tuneup



Dear God,

This is my friend whom I love and this is my prayer for them. Help them live their life to the fullest. Please promote my friend and cause them to excel above their expectations. Help them shine in the darkest places where it is impossible to love. Protect them at all times, lift them up when they need you the most, and let them know when they walk with you, they will always be safe.

~ Your Loving Servant

Prayer Requests

Praise God for the safe return and positive experiences of Jeff Kent (CTI Ministries)! Praise God for the recent Baptisms of Alena, Tatiana and Tayna! Our prayers are with Levi Johnstone (auger accident), the families of Kathleen & William Russell, Barbara (leukemia), Scott (car accident), Renee (safety & health), the family of Fleeta Patton, the family of Lorraine White, the family of Beryl Kinzer, Jeff Kent (CTI ministries trip), Mark, Brittany & Hatley Sawyer, Families and Youth of Palouse, the youth of Palouse as they transition into new chapters of their life, people who are visiting in worship, for those in need of a relationship with Christ, 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	Plate Offering
June 13, 2010	82	14	\$2,499.00
June 20, 2010	69	9	\$1,775.11
June 27, 2010	84	11	\$1,390.67
July 4, 2010	86	N/A	\$4,018.00
July 11, 2010	96	13	\$1,279.00
July 18, 2010	90	N/A	\$2,377.00
July 25, 2010	79	9	\$1,227.00

Palouse Federated Church Website

Looking for more information about Palouse Federated Church? Or maybe you would like to listen to a sermon online. You can find all of that and more at the Palouse Federated Church website. It's a great resource for you, your family & friends. Visit us at

<http://www.pfc.palousechurch.org/>

**A NEW LOOK IS COMING TO
OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL
ROOMS!!!!**

The Building & Repair Team is moving some walls in our Sunday school rooms to make the 3 small classrooms into 2 larger classrooms. As soon as they are done, a large painting project will begin. We are very excited for our children's space downstairs and we need help to meet our goal to finish by mid September before Fall session Sunday school starts.

We have 3 painting parties scheduled and would like to have 10-12 volunteers to help paint on each date.

Aug 17 8:30 a.m.-noon

Aug 19 9:00 a.m.-noon

Aug 24 6:00-9:00 pm

We also need to borrow paint roller handles, extension rods, and drop cloths. That way we can put many to work at the same time. Goodies and drinks will be provided. Childcare will be provided. Invite your friends, spouses and teen-agers! Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship room, or call Brenda Cook (878-2010) to sign up or for more details. Let's make our children's space more inviting and comfortable!



Sunday School

TEACHERS NEEDED!!!

The Sunday school "year" starts this Fall, Sept 12 and we only have 2 committed teachers. We are still in **need of 2 teachers for the Toddler class (age 2 1/2 – 3 1/2) and 2 teachers for the Pre-K class (age 3 1/2 - kindergarten)**. Please seriously consider teaching our little ones while understanding a few of our recent changes we've made to our program:

*The children start every Sunday upstairs in worship/singing time with their families or their teachers. Class time follows for about **45 min**. ***The two teachers per class will TAKE TURNS** teaching--they will work it out between them in alternating Sundays. Of course, if there is a teacher who would want to teach every Sunday, that would be fine too.

***Teachers will not be teaching on any Sundays on or near the major holidays.** Kids will come to church and stay with their families throughout the service. This allows the teachers a break during the holidays and a chance to be able to spend the holidays with their own families.

***The curriculum is fun, easy and full of many choices** of activities to do with the kids that are specific to the lesson. There are a lot of options given to you in how to get the main point across.

*We will offer a short class in how to teach little ones, what works best, and familiarize you with the curriculum and supplies. We want you to feel comfortable teaching!

PLEASE PRAY for our Sunday school program. We want to teach children that God loves them, help them grow in their faith, and provide a fun but safe and comfortable environment for them. AND we pray to GROW, GROW, GROW in our attendance! Please call either me or Pastor Corey for more information about teaching. I'm praying for YOU wonderful teachers already, trusting that God will provide for our program. Thank you! Brenda Cook, Children's Ministry Team Leader (878-2010)

August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 9am: Worship 10am: Fellowship 11am: Sunday School (age 2- 8 th grade) 11am: Worship	2 6:30 – 8pm TOPS	3 10am: Bible study @ church 7pm: Prayer Meeting	4 12pm: Community lunch	5	6	7
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Zeke the Guinea Pig, 2 Fawns, and a Missing Wallet ~ by Betty Sawyer

Philippians 4:6



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your mind in Christ Jesus."



A guinea pig that helps answer prayer?

"Daddy, can you build Zeke an outdoor cage so he can play outside?" asked my 7 year old granddaughter, Allison. Little did we know this request would be the working of one of Gods answered prayers in our lives. God uses ordinary circumstances to answer extraordinary prayers.

The wallet was LOST. We had searched for it for five days....re-walking the paths to and from the farm shop, the pickup seat, the diaper bag and EVERYWHERE, looking for my son Mark's wallet. The wallet had a bank deposit in it that meant a lot to this starting associate pastor, who had just sold his favorite bicycle on the island of Saipan for his moving expenses back to the Palouse area of the northwest. And that wallet wasn't in his pants pocket when he got to the bank to make that deposit.

So the whole family helped re-trace his steps to try to find that wallet. Was it in the pickup? The grass? The diaper bag? The couch cushions? Much prayer was needed – and sent often – for us to find that wallet. Did we find it? No.

Crestfallen and discouraged, Mark had given it up for lost, and it appeared that all those cards, drivers' license, etc. had to be cancelled or renewed. It was a real "downer." But persistent prayers were still giving us powerful hope. A small group Bible Study lifted this request to God. How would this prayer be answered?

Here's where Zeke the guinea pig came into the picture. Allison's daddy decided to make that cage for Zeke to play in outside, in the grass. For wood, he walked over to the old house down the road to get some old barn wood that had been salvaged. While there, he decided to go out back and see if the doe and two fawns were still hanging out in the backyard. Our son Mark had reported seeing them there.

And what was lying in the grass, a wallet, intact after 5 days of searching.

So the bank deposit has been made, life will be a little easier, Zeke the guinea pig is happy out in his yard, and peace reigns again. The deer and her two fawns are worth a lot to this happy family! They are still there in fact, the doe is watching me right now as I write this.

Thank you Lord, for the lost being found, for guinea pigs, and fawns, and for the way you answer prayer in the most unusual ways.

Family News ~ Joan "Pinky" (Bagott) Glass

I remember 65 or so years ago, before we were a direct dealer, we had to go to Spokane to take delivery of new cars. All 5 of us went in one car and then Dad and Bud drove the new car home and Mom, Nancy and I rode in the other car. "Back then" you had to drive it 35 or 45 miles per hour for 100 miles or so to break the new one in, so we would follow the new car, a long slow ride home!! I sure am glad that isn't true now. My new blue van cruises right along. It has been to San Francisco, San Diego, Charleston, Illinois, Nashville Tennessee and back home. I didn't think I would ever get out of Kansas. Don't have my gold stripe yet, but will be coming soon. Nancy and Gordon were up for my birthday, I was an early birthday present for Mom, being born the day before her birthday so we would always have a double celebration. On the 19th we went to Applebee's and celebrated Mom's 100th birthday, toasting her with Pepsi (they don't carry Coke). So if you don't see me in the back row I may be out traveling - but I'll be back!

A Little History Lesson.... You'll Love This Lawyer!

Part of rebuilding New Orleans caused residents often to be challenged with the task of tracing home titles back potentially hundreds of years. With a community rich with history stretching back over two centuries, houses have been passed along through generations of family, sometimes making it quite difficult to establish ownership. Here's a great letter an attorney wrote to the FHA on behalf of a client:

You have to love this lawyer.....

A New Orleans lawyer sought an FHA loan for a client. He was told the loan would be granted if he could prove satisfactory title to a parcel of property being offered as collateral. The title to the property dated back to 1803, which took the lawyer three months to track down. After sending the information to the FHA, he received the following reply.

(Actual reply from FHA):

"Upon review of your letter adjoining your client's loan application, we note that the request is supported by an Abstract of Title. While we compliment the able manner in which you have prepared and presented the application, we must point out that you have only cleared title to the proposed collateral property back to 1803. Before final approval can be accorded, it will be necessary to clear the title back to its origin." Annoyed, the lawyer responded as follows:

(Actual response):

"Your letter regarding title in Case No.189156 has been received. I note that you wish to have title extended further than the 206 years covered by the present application. I was unaware that any educated person in this country, particularly those working in the property area, would not know that Louisiana was purchased by the United States from France, in 1803 the year of origin identified in our application. For the edification of uninformed FHA bureaucrats, the title to the land prior to U.S. ownership was obtained from France, which had acquired it by Right of Conquest from Spain. The land came into the possession of Spain by Right of Discovery made in the year 1492 by a sea captain named Christopher Columbus, who had been granted the privilege of seeking a new route to India by the Spanish monarch, Queen Isabella. The good Queen Isabella, being a pious woman and almost as careful about titles as the FHA, took the precaution of securing the blessing of the Pope before she sold her jewels to finance Columbus's expedition...Now the Pope, as I'm sure you may know, is the emissary of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and God, it is commonly accepted, created this world. Therefore, I believe it is safe to presume that God also made that part of the world called Louisiana. God, therefore, would be the owner of origin and His origins date back to before the beginning of time, the world as we know it, and the FHA. I hope you find God's original claim to be satisfactory.

Now, may we have our darn loan?"

The loan was immediately approved



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010

August 9 - 13

Mon – Fri 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Preschool – 6th grade

VBS is just around the corner! The kids and helpers joining the High Seas Expedition will dive into God's Word and never be the same again! Not only do kids experience amazing bible adventures but they'll also watch for God in everyday life. Kids discover that God is active in our lives and that his fingerprints are *everywhere!*

There are several ways you can help:

- Pray** for a great VBS where kids worship God and grow in faith.
- Invite** all the kids you know! Spread the word that PFC has a fun-filled VBS
- Volunteer** to help-from decorating to snacks to clean up-there is a job for you.
- Donate.** It costs about **\$15.00 per kid** for the whole week. This covers snacks, crafts, curriculum, and a missions outreach project. We have a **goal of reaching 70 youth** through VBS this summer. Please see the donation poster on the door of the sanctuary or just designate VBS on any donations that are mailed in.



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

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Sunday Schedule

9am Worship (childcare available age 5
 and under)
10am- Fellowship Time
11am – Sunday School
11am – Worship (Childcare available,
 Youth Sunday School Available, age
 2 yrs through grade 8)

Associate Pastor's Column ~ Mark Sawyer

Moving boxes, diapers, and relationships have been the recurring themes for our family as we settle into our new home in Palouse. Initially we shivered and rattled our teeth as we left our humid 88 degree tropic setting of Saipan to encounter chilly 50 degree evenings back here on the Palouse. However, our bodies are beginning to acclimate and our spirits are high as we spend time with family and reunite with friends from the past.

In August, our family has a busy month planned. The weekend of the 6th and 7th we will bring Hatley on her first road trip to Seattle to visit our family Rob, Julie, and Mya Tieg. Another outing for us Sawyers, (right in the middle of harvest) is that I (Mark) have plans to compete in an Xterra Triathlon in McCall Idaho on the 22nd. This Xterra race is a ¾ mile swim, 20 mile mountain bike, and a 6 mile trail run. I may not be in as good of shape as I was for the triathlons in Saipan, but I'm working hard now and you might catch me rolling down gravel roads on my bike or swimming laps at the pool as I continue my training.

Within the church, I am thrilled to be in a new leadership role. I am excited to be a part of a church that is in the growth life-cycle as mentioned in our recent assessment. There is no opportunity in life that is more rewarding than helping people grow in an authentic relationship with Christ. An authentic relationship to me is when we can transfer the head knowledge of knowing Christ is the Savior, and moving it to our heart and saying "Christ is MY savior." Because there is a difference in being attracted to Christ and being attached to Christ, my prayer is that not only the Palouse Federated Church, but also the entire community will come into an authentic relationship with Christ. That would be the true incarnation of "on earth as it is in heaven."

I do ask that you keep us in your prayers. We ask for safety and protection, and also for our future opportunities within the community. Brittany is pursuing some job opportunities within the Gar-Pal School district, and likewise, I am getting connected with bus driving for the Gar-Pal and the Potlatch School districts. Thank you to those who have been praying for us! We have been blessed and highly favored by our loving Lord, and much has come as answers to prayers.

~ Blessings to you,
 Pastor Mark

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