

Palouse Federated Church

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August 2011

Pastor's Column: 30 Days of Prayer?

I have an idea, and it's a good one because I stole it from some really smart people. Are you ready for it? Ok- here it is:

- We should pray regularly for people we know who don't know Jesus.

Okay- I am being a bit tongue in cheek here. But I think many of you would agree with me that it is too easy to forget to pray for our friends and family who are not yet Christ followers. Sometimes we just give up, or other things come up, and before we know it our prayers are absent of any petition for those who are not yet with Christ.

So here's the plan....

- **Step 1: choose one or two people** in your regularly daily life- who you know isn't close to God right now, and may even be someone who doesn't believe in Jesus Christ or God at all
- **Step 2: pray for that person or persons every day** for the whole month of August

You may find yourself asking: what do I pray?

Well the **first week** I would suggest that you pray for God to make your heart very compassionate towards that person and for God to give you direction on serving and sharing with them.

Then in the **second week** I would suggest that you pray for opportunities to serve that person. Maybe you invite them to go fishing or for tea at your home, or go on a shopping trip with them. Maybe they have a really bad day and call you- and you offer to pray with them.

The **third week** I would pray for them to connect with other followers of Christ who could be good influences on their life. And you can be part of the answer to this prayer. You could invite them to a dinner or a church event where there are other believers.

The **fourth week** I would ask you to pray for an opportunity to invite them to worship and a Bible Study. Now if you aren't in a Bible study- that would mean you need to find one (we will have some new ones starting up in September). Most people will often say yes to a friend inviting them to worship, so go for it! And offer to give them a ride, or whatever is helpful to get them there.

Will you take the 30 days of prayer challenge this month? I pray you do.

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

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Communication Cards ~Pinky Glass

Have you noticed that each Sunday there is an entry in the bulletin encouraging you to turn in your communication card? And either Pastor Corey or Pastor Mark, or both, mention it during the service? You may think - I already know about the card, but maybe there is one person visiting our church that day that doesn't know about it and will share information about interests, needs or just say they are glad to be here. These cards are for everyone.

If you have filled one out before with all of your relevant information then all you need to do is write your name. I like the suggestions on the back that can give me some practical ideas on how to utilize the information presented in the service. I don't know about you, but frequently I will think, how can I use this info or how does it apply to me? Our pastors take the time to prepare ideas and if only one hits dead center then they have accomplished their mission. There is also space to tell about a concern or a need or a thanks or praise or any information you feel led to share. Is a great time to just say "Thank You" too.

I must admit I rarely check the memorizing block. Sometimes remembering my keys is about all I can manage and many of you have followed me out the door with my keys in your hand so that just reinforces my memory deficit.

One week I did check it though, it was when we were encouraged to remember the prayer - "May Your Spirit Work In Me." Not trusting myself to remember even those 6 words, I typed it on the computer, printed it out and pasted it on my steering wheel. Now I can remember it anytime - I just say MY SWIM, the first letter of each word, also a reminder to do my exercises.

So try out that communication card each week- it shows you're paying attention, helps your pew neighbor feel less conscious about turning theirs in, and who knows it may challenge you to remember the lesson like it did for me.



Blast from the Past ~ Pinky Glass

Summer 1996 newsletter: "John and Betty Sawyer were pleased with the great amount of family and friends who came to their 25th anniversary party. Their daughters Angela, Julie and Suzanne and son, Mark hosted the party. Thanks kids"

*This comes to bring a birthday prayer
that God will keep you in His care
and that His love will follow you
on every day, the whole year through!*

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August Birthday's

Dwayne Griffin – August 3rd
 Brittany Sawyer – August 4th
 Emily Carson – August 7th
 Larry Foster – August 7th
 Walt Reid – August 10th
 Delores Forbes – August 13th
 Carol Towne – August 17th
 Jennifer Wallace – August 17th
 Joan Miller – August 30th
 Gary Dicus – August 31st

August Anniversary's

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



Wil and Andi Edwards met in August 1997 at WSU in Chemistry lab. Wil was planning on eventually applying to Pharmacy School, while Andi had her sights set on Veterinary School. The two found that they had much in common. Both grew up on small farms in rural communities. Wil, the son of Bill and Sunny Edwards, hails from Chewelah, a small town north of Spokane, where he helped care for his family's small herd of cattle. Andi, daughter of Reg and Janelle Parsons, grew up right here in Palouse, on the family farm.

After many years of schooling, traveling, and lots of fun, Wil and Andi married in June of 2002. Wil graduated from Pharmacy School in 2003, and Andi graduated from Veterinary School in spring of 2005. Expecting their first child that fall, they began looking for the perfect place to settle down permanently. Wil was working for Safeway Pharmacy in Moscow at the time, and Andi had found a part time position at North Palouse Vet Clinic in Potlatch, so Palouse seemed like the perfect place to look for a home. They bought a home in Palouse and moved in one month before their daughter, Lola was born in November 2005.



Lola & Rowan

The young family spent much of their spare time spending time with family and friends, as well as camping, hiking and traveling. In April 2007, the Edwards became the owners of Northwest Pharmacy in Potlatch. This allowed more time together as a family, as well as providing an opportunity to become more involved in the local communities. It soon became apparent that something was missing, however, and the family expanded in February 2008 to include a son, Rowan.

The Edwards family moved from their home in Palouse to Andi's grandmother's house just outside of town in 2009. The family thoroughly enjoys their farm home, spending lots of time playing outdoors, gardening, and working on the home. The Edwards enjoy outdoor hobbies such as hiking, fishing and camping. Wil likes to work on his garden, collect firewood, and work on outdoor home improvement projects. Andi enjoys horseback riding, running, and spending time with her vast array of pets and livestock. Both love to cook and to entertain friends in their home. Lola and Rowan are busy kids. They love to play games, visit with family, and do almost any outdoor activity. Lola will be starting Kindergarten this year, and Rowan will be going to preschool for the first time.

The Edwards feel very blessed to live in such a wonderful community, and hope to continue to live in and serve this community for many, many years to come.

Upcoming Sermons

August Sermons:

- August 7, 2011, Matthew 14:22-23, "The Walk"
- August 14, 2011, Mark 10:35-45 & Mark 1:16-20, "Are You A Follower or Servant?", Associate Pastor Mark Sawyer
- August 21, 2011, 1 Peter 2:9, 4:1-11, and Romans 12, "Take the Leap" Associate Pastor Mark Sawyer
- August 28, 2011, Matthew 16:21-28, "The How?"

September Sermons:

- September 4, 2011, Matthew 18:15-20, "How to Handle Sin"
- September 11, 2011, Matthew 18:21-35, "Mercy"



Bible Book(s) of the Months & A Challenge—Ruth, 1 Thessalonians and 2 Thessalonians

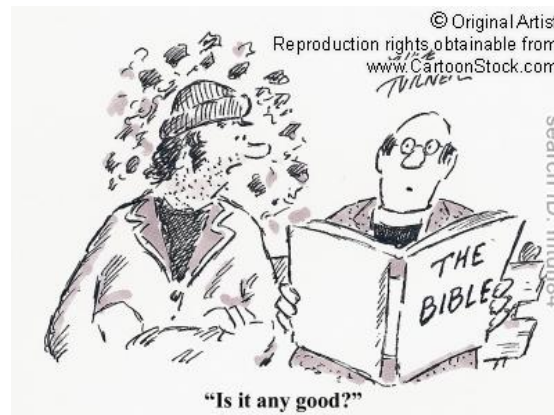
The reading schedule for 3 books of the Bible is below. August is a harvest month around here- as most all of us know. But do you know there are harvest themes and scenes in the Bible?

CHALLENGE: Read the Bible books of the month (you can read them faster than the schedule is laid out) and write up any ways you see the idea of "Harvest" becoming involved in any of the scripture. Note: It may not always say the word "harvest"- but there may be themes of harvest or "God's harvest" in the reading.

PRIZE: A Free book to any legitimate notes turned into Pastor Corey by Sept. 1st

- _ Day 1 — Ruth 1:1 - 1:8
- _ Day 2 — Ruth 1:9 - 1:16
- _ Day 3 — Ruth 1:17 - 2:2
- _ Day 4 — Ruth 2:3 - 2:9
- _ Day 5 — Ruth 2:10 - 2:16
- _ Day 6 — Ruth 2:17 - 2:23
- _ Day 7 — Ruth 3:1 - 3:7
- _ Day 8 — Ruth 3:8 - 3:14
- _ Day 9 — Ruth 3:15 - 4:3
- _ Day 10 — Ruth 4:4 - 4:10
- _ Day 11 — Ruth 4:11 - 4:17
- _ Day 12 — Ruth 4:18 - 4:22

- _ — 1 Thessalonians 1:1 - 1:2
- _ Day 13 — 1 Thessalonians 1:3 - 1:9
- _ Day 14 — 1 Thessalonians 1:10 - 2:6
- _ Day 15 — 1 Thessalonians 2:7 - 2:13
- _ Day 16 — 1 Thessalonians 2:14 - 2:20

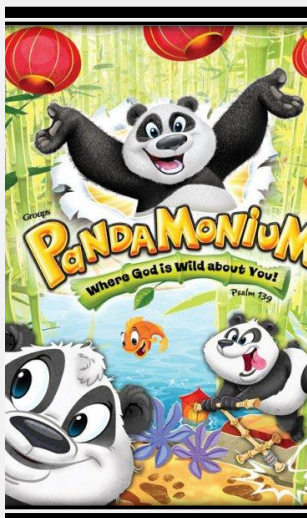


- _ Day 17 — 1 Thessalonians 3:1 - 3:7
- _ Day 18 — 1 Thessalonians 3:8 - 4:1
- _ Day 19 — 1 Thessalonians 4:2 - 4:8
- _ Day 20 — 1 Thessalonians 4:9 - 4:15
- _ Day 21 — 1 Thessalonians 4:16 - 5:4
- _ Day 22 — 1 Thessalonians 5:5 - 5:11
- _ Day 23 — 1 Thessalonians 5:12 - 5:18
- _ Day 24 — 1 Thessalonians 5:19 - 5:25
- _ Day 25 — 1 Thessalonians 5:26 - 5:28
- _ — 2 Thessalonians 1:1 - 1:4
- _ Day 26 — 2 Thessalonians 1:5 - 1:11
- _ Day 27 — 2 Thessalonians 1:12 - 2:6
- _ Day 28 — 2 Thessalonians 2:7 - 2:13
- _ Day 29 — 2 Thessalonians 2:14 - 3:3
- _ Day 30 — 2 Thessalonians 3:4 - 3:10
- _ Day 31 — 2 Thessalonians 3:11 - 3:18

**IT'S TIME FOR
SOME
PANDAMANIA
AT PALOUSE
FEDERATED
CHURCH**

**AUGUST 1ST –
AUGUST 5TH**

Vacation Bible
School at Palouse
Federated
Church, 9am-
11:30am -
Questions,
Contact Nicole
Flansburg 509-
878-1417 or Shai
Ann Collier - 509-
509-878-1884



PFC Vacation Bible School Donations Needed

Thank you for donating over \$1100 so far! We spend about \$15 dollar per child for the week and we plan on getting around 70 kids are so! Decorating is planned for Friday night the 29th from 6-8pm. So anyone that would like to help out, that would be great!! After church on Sunday 7th we need help tearing down stuff. If anyone has wrapping paper, bows, ribbons that they would like to donate please bring to church on Sunday. OH yes kids 6th grade through high school who would like to help out, please be at the church 5 pm for pizza on July 31st, this will last for about 1 hour! (Helpers please show up at 8am on August 1st)



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Wow! Just one more month of summer break for the kids! I am so grateful for the many volunteers teaching Sunday school this summer...and more of you volunteers will help us wrap up the summer. I know you are bringing lots of fun and fresh perspectives to class. Thank you all for your service! With the new month here, we are looking ahead to recruiting 2 teachers. We are in need of a Toddler class teacher and a preschool-kindergarten class teacher. Please remember that we want to have TWO teachers for each age group so that you can take turns with another teacher in order for you to attend church services or be out of town when you need to be. This gives you more flexibility with your own family in that you are NOT required to teach every Sunday. We found that this worked pretty well last year....and we will continue to have Family Sundays throughout the year as well. Please call or email me if you are interested and/or if you have more questions. THANK YOU! In Christ,

~Brenda Cook, Children's Ministry Team Leader

FINANCIAL

Update- "From First Time to All the Time" – by the PFC Executive Board
One of the big steps in Christian maturity is taking the step to set aside a monthly portion of your income to give to your local church. The first time an individual or family takes this step is a big decision of obedience before the Lord.

BUT- the next step is equally important.

What is the next step? The next step is becoming a regular giver who commits a portion of their income each and every month to go to their local church. We like to call it the 3 C's of giving- Considered- Consistent- Contributions
Is it time you make a considered commitment of what to give to the local church?

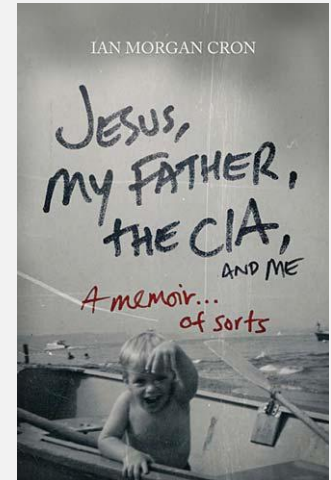
**COMING SOON... Financial Peace University ...
Starting September 8th – Thursdays, 6:30pm. Cost: \$95**



Praise God for the official start of Young Life! Our prayers are with vacation bible school, the missing girls in Saipan -Faloma & Maleina Luhk, the family of Tom Green (Patti Green-Kent's brother), the family of Neal Rilette (Robin Rilette's father), the family of Kirk Tate, the family of Lauren Forbes, JR Young (cancer/complications), GA Perry (injuries from a fall), Chris Beaver (Car Accident), Terry Hall (lung cancer), Adelina Elizabeth (Ralph & Carol Heinlen's newest great-granddaughter), Annie, Mark and Young Life, marriages in our local communities, the youth of our community, people who are visiting in worship, for those in need of a relationship with Christ, our local, state, organizational and national leaders, for those struggling with difficult situations at home- whether illness, emotional, financial or relational, our neighbors, our nation, our troops & our communities.

June/July Church Data

	Total Church Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	Plate Offering
June 5, 2011	96	21	\$2,410.75
June 12, 2011	100	21	\$3,000.00
June 19, 2011	99	15	\$1,464.00
June 26, 2011	78	16	\$1,225.00
July 3, 2011	64	3	\$3,912.00
July 10, 2011	87	14	\$2,049.00
July 17, 2011	105	17	\$2,364.19
July 24, 2011	101	16	\$1,449.00



Recommended Reading

Book: "Jesus, My Father, the CIA and Me" by Ian Morgan Cron

Review by: Pastor Corey

I am not the child of alcoholics. And to my knowledge my father never worked in the CIA. However, I still found the book "Jesus, My Father, the CIA and Me," a book about a child who grew up in a difficult home filled with alcoholism and secrets, a very rewarding read. I would recommend it on two levels:

1. I believe it can be helpful for those who did grow up in alcoholic or addicted homes.
2. It was an entertaining read.

I have a personal copy I can loan you, and I hope to have it in the library inventory soon.

Young Life is Up and Going – Pastor Mark Sawyer

This summer I (Pastor Mark) “officially” started Young Life Club in Garfield-Palouse. Club is best described as a party with a purpose. Club may take the form of laughter, smiles and dancing, but there are three F’s that are incorporated in every club: **Food, Faith, and Fun**. So far, the summer clubs have been held at the Sawyer’s home in Palouse where the theme has been getting wet!

- The first week, 16 teens showed up to brave a 100-foot slip-n-slide down a steep hill!
- The second week, 21 teens came and hurled water-balloons at each other using water balloon launchers (large slingshots made from surgical tubing!).

Both nights, the teens settled down over some barbequed hotdogs and heard a message from the Christian faith that made sense in their world. The first week, the club talk focused on times that we slip and fall in life (to go along with the slip-n-slide) and applied how we can always trust God to hold us together.

The second week’s club talk focused on eternity. I shared the illustration of going on top of Steptoe Butte and stretching a cable as far as your eye could see to the west . . . then taking the other end of the cable and stretching it to the east. Once the cable is pulled taut, it would represent eternity. If that distance, which is as far as the human eye can see, represents eternity, then if you were to approach the cable with a needle and made a scratch on the cable, that would represent our time here on earth. In the Bible, James chapter 4 shares that our life is but a mist.

I challenged the teens to live the “scratch” in a way that affects eternity. It is easy for us to get caught up in the “scratch” or our time on earth. Yet, when we consider eternity, it almost seems trivial. However, our time is not trivial; we can choose to make a difference in our life and others when we choose to live for eternal things and not temporal. Paul writes in Colossians 3:2 to “set your mind on things above, not on earthly things.” This challenge still rings out to us in our century.

If you would like to find out more about GarPal Young Life, e-mail mark_sawyer@hotmail.com

Young Life GarPal is a multi-church ministry broadly supported by Christians in the area



Teens at Young Life hold towels as they await water balloons being hurled from launchers 50 yards away

Young Life September Prayer Event: One for One ~ Kay Tronsen

Want to make a difference in the lives of our local teens? Will you consider praying for a Gar-Pal student for the month of September? Our goal is to have one person pray for one student during the first month of school so that every student in the high school has someone praying for them. If you would like to take part, please e-mail me, and I’ll be sure that you get a name to pray for. My e-mail is kay.tronsen@yahoo.com OR you can call me at 509-230-8157 (my cell). I will also be handing out names during the services at PFC beginning mid-August. Let’s keep praying and trusting God for amazing things in the lives of the youth in our community.

“Give Water to the Thirsty.....” – Mark Sawyer

Want to help bring bring clean water to a village where there is none?



We take many things for granted in the United States, many of which relate to our health and sanitation. I, for example, am rarely grateful for clean, running water. I try to have a thankful heart, but I often forget how blessed we are in this nation.

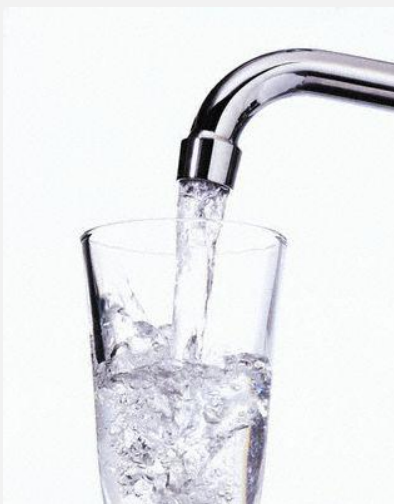
However, if we lived in a culture that spent hours a day fetching water for basic needs for our family, we would have an entirely new appreciation for running water. Can you imagine what a change that would make for an entire village of people to have clean, running water for the first time? Well, that is exactly the desire I have for the Palouse Federated Church – to take part in making such a dream come true.

We plan to partner with American Baptist Missions to send people like you from the Palouse to Thailand this winter to bring running water to a village of the northern hill tribes! Does this sound exciting? Scary? Nuts? Maybe a little of all three? Regardless of our feelings, I know that God works through people like us at PFC to do great things for his Kingdom when we choose to be obedient


The organizing group is from a farming community in Nebraska, and the trip coordinator, Waylon, is a crop duster pilot by trade. I know that our church family will fit in with their team well! The dates of the upcoming trip are departing Feb. 1st 2012, and returning Feb. 13th 2012. **We are hoping to send at least FOUR people from PFC.**

Are you interested? Would you accept an invitation to join this mission team? Before you say no, ask why not? Don't miss this opportunity to change other's lives and imprint yours for a lifetime!

Not able to go yourself? You can still take part! Watch for more information about this project coming in the future.



August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 6:30 – 8pm TOPS	2	3 12pm: Community lunch	4 12pm: Community lunch	5	6
VBS 						
7 9am: Worship 10am: Fellowship 10:15am: Sermon Prep 11am: Sunday School 11am: Worship 5:30pm: Youth Grp 6pm: ?'s of Truth 7pm: Worship	8 6:30 – 8pm TOPS	9 10:30am: Bible study, PFC	10 12pm: Community lunch	11	12	13
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Pastor Corey's schedule:
Office/community/visiting Hours
Mon-Thurs 9:30am-5:30pm
On-Call for Emergencies 24/7

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Sunday Schedule

9am Worship (childcare available age 5 and under)
10am- Fellowship Time
10:15am – Sermon Prep Group
11am – Sunday School
11am – Worship (Childcare available, Youth Sunday School Available, age 2 yrs through grade 8)
5:30pm – Youth Ministry
6pm – Questions of Truth
7pm – Worship

Exodus 23:16

*“Celebrate the Festival of **Harvest** with the firstfruits of the crops you sow in your field. “Celebrate the Festival of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field.”*



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