

# Palouse Federated Church

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## Pastor's Column:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you ever read something and as you read you truly felt your soul warmed? Or have you been in a spiritually dry place in your life, and you read a scripture or good book and it really is like living water to parched land?

I have been there. Most recently I had a conviction that I was just "going through the motions" in parts of my life. Things appeared fine. There was no major crisis in my life. But truly my soul was getting a bit arid. The routine winds of life were just naturally taking their toll, and I was not doing what was needed to have my soul nourished and renewed. It was at this time that I was re-introduced to a book I read years ago, the title "The Pursuit of Holiness." As I re-read this book, the Holy Spirit convicted me of my need for true holiness, I could feel the parched areas of my life being replenished. I could truly feel spiritual relief. It's a good book, it may not be the book for you (after all the first time I read this book, it did nothing significant for me), but my point is not about the book in particular but how God used it to lead me to a very important point.

The point: I must live life as a continual pursuit of God's Truth. In my Christian life I have always believed this point that I must pursue and hunger for God's truth, but there's a constant human temptation to think you have "enough" of God in your life.

I must never think I have "arrived" spiritually. There is a constant human temptation to stop pursuing more of Christ's presence in our life.

I discovered that my soul was truly hungering for God's Word, and though I was regular in my daily readings and devotions, my past habits were not enough spiritual food for the current needs of my soul. God calls us to continual healthy spiritual growth. This means that sometimes habits and disciplines that used to provide spiritual nourishment will not satisfy our needs going into the future.

We must seek after God's Word in scripture. We should be as regular as we can reading and studying scripture, not for legal obedience, but because our souls need food to grow. We should hunger to hear the Word preached. We should be open to reading good books, open to deeper prayer, open to new ways of bringing the food of God's Truth to our soul.

I really pray that through the various ministries and resources of our local church you can find ample nourishment for your soul. BUT none of us is to be passive in our spiritual life, receiving God's Truth only when it happens to cross our path. Being passive with our spiritual growth would be like a child who never learns to feed himself. A young child must be fed, and can only eat what is put right in front of his/her mouth. But as we mature we feed ourselves, we get our own food.

So let me ask you- Are you pursuing after God's Truth? Do you hunger for His Word? If "Yes"- great, may it always be so. If "No"- may you be convicted in your heart and mind, as I was convicted, that you are starving your soul. This is no trivial matter, you must begin the pursuit.

The good news is God wants to continually increase our spiritual life and the Holy Spirit of God is the one who empowers us to grow and learn.

~In Christ, Pastor Corey

*Our Mission:  
Worshiping  
God and  
Forming one  
another into  
loving servants  
of Christ and  
the world*

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## Sunday School Update ~ Brenda Cook

Teacher and Attendance update— We have continued teaching Sunday School with a “team teaching” approach. Our goal is to have 2 teachers per classroom—to take turns teaching on different Sundays. Our Children’s Ministry Team members are: ShaiAnn Collier and Robin Woltering teaching Elementary grades 2-5 (average attendance is 12 kids), Tereasa and Gordy Hemphill and Betsy Rawls teaching age 4 through 1st grade (average attendance is 6 kids), and Olivia Barron, Tricia Johnson, and helper Holly Brown teaching toddlers age 2 ½-4 (average attendance is 5 kids). We welcome Sarah Anderson in co-teaching the toddler room (taking Olivia's place so she can teach our new Jr high class). Thanks to Sarah for her willingness to teach our little toddlers! Ashley Stewart is taking care of our babies under age 2 1/2 in our nursery/childcare. It takes a lot of committed volunteers to teach the children of our congregation!

**Please thank these teachers when you see them!**

## Parents of Sunday School Children – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

\* Please do not leave your children downstairs without your supervision. The toddlers should not be the only ones in their classroom before the service. We do not have teachers or any adults to watch the kids prior to the start of Sunday school. Please have your children stay upstairs with you until they are excused from the service.

\* Please talk to your kids about staying safe in front of church. We have seen many kids running through the parking lot as cars are leaving and playing on the bell tower. We are concerned for their safety.

\* Please come pick up your children as soon as you are able after the service. They are not allowed to go upstairs until a parent comes to get them. It will also help some of the teachers get to the nursery sooner to pick up their little ones.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**

### February Birthday’s

Kevin Knauff, February 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Amy Culley, February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Jeff Kent, February 8<sup>th</sup>  
 James Keller, February 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Norm Schorzman, February 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Riley Pederson, February 10<sup>th</sup>  
 John Sawyer, February 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Tyler Thurman, February 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Tyler Barstow, February 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Mike Dymkoski, February 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Amberly Boone, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Bud Bagott, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Kimberly Honn, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Tonya Knauff, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Brenda Brown, February 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Verlan Cochran, February 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Kenzi Pederson, February 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Angela Cochran, February 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Peggy Collier, February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Elaina Flansburg, February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Ralph Heinlen, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

### February Birthday’s

Kyle Waterhouse, February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Kenny Pederson, February 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Marie Dymkoski, February 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Ami Kramer, February 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Jeff West, February 29<sup>th</sup>



### February Anniversary’s

Norm & Sandy Schorzman, February 6<sup>th</sup>

**September, 1996**, Betty Sawyer wrote an article for our church newsletter entitled "Palouse Federated Church.... a 'launching pad.'"

She said;

"I can't help but reflect on the sermon about our mission here at Palouse Federated. John and I began attending here 22 years ago, when Angela was a baby. We found a group who would love, care for and meet the needs of our growing family. As our church continues to incorporate the various Christian traditions and act as salt in the reaching out to, and being involved in the community, I have a lot to personally thank Palouse Federated Church for.

I feel like I'm stepping out this week to act as salt in Potlatch High School. I've taken a teaching job in Family and Consumer Sciences and hope to serve as an ambassador of God by proclaiming and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. I may not be able to proclaim His Love in words, but in actions and deeds. I know I'll be chained to the gospel of Christ as I present lessons on family consumerism. But that's where I'm thankful.

Palouse Federated Church has grounded me and my family, for these past 22 years, in Jesus Christ. I know God could have done it alone, but many of you have had a significant part in my growth, my husband's, and my children's. I'm just so thankful for Pastors Roberts, Rogers, T. C. s, Johnsons, and now Sayers. Interim Pastors Seimers, Jacobsens and Ganos have been wonderful witnesses of God's Love to us all. People who send cards, give best wishes and prayers and/or send in food during a crisis are proclaiming His Love. I've seen it in action over and over. I appreciate this church!

And now, as I enter the work world full-time, I ask for prayers for students, other faculty, administrators, and teachers as we begin another school year. I look on it as a year of ministry to a lot of kids who need Jesus and His Love. I thank this church for launching me and my family out into the world. You are the greatest!"

A Pinky note, I know Betty has helped many, many young people both scholastically and personally these past 16 years at Potlatch High School. She and her family continue to actively participate in and support the Palouse Federated Church. Their children also act as salt sharing their love of Jesus Christ in their families and the communities in which they now live. (and by the way, we gained an Assoc Pastor as an added bonus) !

A 2nd Pinky note. I have to smile when Mother's say they are entering the work force -what do you call making a home, raising a family, and being a partner with Farmer John on the Sawyer Family Farm, and oh yes, completing your teaching credentials?



### HEARTS IN MOTION ~ Taylor White

This spring break, I will be going to Zacapa, Guatemala with Hearts in Motion (HIM), a program that focuses on the medical, educational, and welfare related needs of impoverished areas. I will be accompanying a team of oral surgeons and dental professionals along with 24 other WSU students. We will be interacting with, comforting, and helping patients as well as working in a daycare and on various construction projects. We will be treating children and adults with serious, and often life threatening, dental issues such as cleft palate. Although the WSU Honors College is funding my plane ticket, I must pay a program cost (\$1100) in order to afford food, equipment (We will travel with all medical supplies.), and housing. We also need vitamins to take; all types are welcome: children's, prenatal, adult, etc. I ask for your prayers for the Hearts in Motion and student team as we embark on our journey to do something larger than ourselves, to learn, and to lend a hand. **Please come to a delicious Guatemalan dinner at the church on February 15<sup>th</sup> to learn more about Hearts in Motion, the trip and ask any questions.** You can also visit [heartsinmotion.org](http://heartsinmotion.org) for more information.


**Prayers and donations are much appreciated! Thank you!**

# Consider Consistent Contributions ~ Pastor Corey

I've been talking about the 3 C's of giving for a couple years now. For a brief review...

- **Considered** giving...think through and budget ahead of time what is right to give to God based on your income.
- **Consistent** giving... do this month in, month out- not so much "because the church needs it"- but instead because God wants to transform all of us into givers.
- **Contributions** think about giving not only as a financial matter, but how you can contribute time, prayers, vision and encouragement to God's work in our local ministries.

Today I want to think deeper about the word "Consistent"- and look at all the implications for our giving life. Usually we refer to consistent contributions as sticking to your giving commitment, month in and month out. But it means more than that. Consistent also means that you apply your giving convictions throughout the entirety of life. Example: If you have a commitment to give 10% of your income, this means not just giving 10% of a monthly paycheck, but also giving 10% of money made on investments, 10% of gifts, 10% on profit from selling a home, 10% on inheritance. Why should we do this type of consistent giving? Well first off we should not do it simply in a legalistic way, as if we owe God- and are paying off our guilt. No, indeed we should give consistently across our whole life, and all the different types of income we might have, because we are each time admitting that God is our true provider, and with each contribution we are saying "I believe and am committed to giving to God's work in the world." Consistent giving will also develop discipline in the life of the giver. If you are used to always giving a portion to God, no matter where the income comes from, this is a sign that God has taught you the discipline of giving.

<u>UPCOMING EVENTS:</u>	<u>Free to a Loving Home:</u>	<u>GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES:</u>
<p><b>February 3-4, 2012, Ross Point Men's Retreat</b></p> <p><b>February 5' 2012, Sabbatical Discussion Meeting at 3pm</b></p> <p><b>February 12, 2012, PFC 101</b></p> <p><b>February 15, 2012, Taylor White's Guatemalan dinner for Hearts in Motion</b></p> <p><b>February 24-26, 2012, Ross Point Women's Retreat</b></p>	 <p><b>Kimball Console Piano with matching bench. Talk to Kay or Dale Tronsen, or call 509-230-8157.</b></p>	<p><b>PFC 101 Class:</b> <i>This class is designed for anyone wanting to be baptized or to become a member of the PFC. Please talk with Pastor Corey about the next available class.</i></p> <p><b>Small Groups Available- We Exist To Form One Another:</b> <i>Growing in Christ is best done in relationship with other Christians. Being part of a small group is a healthy way to "do life." Your group will be a safe, confidential place where you can learn, share life joys and struggles, and serve and pray for one another. Through your group you will grow deeper in Christ. You should gain confidence in your spiritual gifts and learn to use them to serve Christ and the world. Several small groups are currently functioning at the PFC including several bible studies. For more information please talk to Pastor Corey.</i></p>



<b>Church Data</b>		
	<b>Total Church Attendance</b>	<b>Sunday School Attendance</b>
January 1, 2012	82	7
January 8, 2012	137	41
January 15, 2012	146	39
January 22, 2012	133	31

## Alana Brunner Returns to Uganda

God willing and by God's providence, on March 1st Alana Brunner will be returning to Uganda for two months. Angela Cochran will be traveling with her for the first two weeks of the trip.

There are two purposes to this trip. The first is to serve, spend time with and encourage children, ultimately showing them that they are loved by their Creator and Father and that there is incredible hope in Him. The other is to visit homes for children around the country and get ideas for Father's Heart as she and others seek God's direction.

What's planned? Currently Alana is hoping to spend a good portion of her time with the family at Father's Heart Children's Home ([hopeandfutureforachild.com](http://hopeandfutureforachild.com)) She has also been asked to visit Hope 4 All Children in Uganda, a home for aids orphans in Jinja, and to teach basic English to primary students. Alana would also like to visit New Hope for Uganda ([newhopeuganda.org](http://newhopeuganda.org)) a sustainable orphanage and school near Kasana.

In reality this whole trip is in God's hands Greatly looking forward to seeing what He is going to do. Prayers would be and are greatly appreciated!

## Sabbatical for Our Pastor & Family

You've been hearing about the plan for Pastor Corey and his family to be on sabbatical for 8 weeks this summer. In case you've missed those previous communications, a *sabbatical* is a time away from one's regular responsibilities to become renewed, refreshed and ready to return with a new energy and commitment to one's work. The board has approved a plan for Corey and the family to be away from mid-June to mid-August. The Pastoral Relations Committee would like to share with you its thinking about the critical importance of this time of rest for the pastor and his family.

Serving a congregation in the highly active and effective way that Pastor Corey and Tina are serving our church is hard emotional and spiritual work. It takes great reserves of spiritual energy to meet the needs of our church body, and Corey has also been serving in the role of community pastor in Palouse for a large portion of his time with us. It is important for a pastor to have time to refresh himself, and now is the right time for Corey to do this. After 7.5 years with us, there is a need to recharge the battery, so to speak, and we fully support the board's decision to grant this time away.

It is important to recognize that this plan for a sabbatical is not due to some problem or difficulty. It is a commonly-employed, proactive approach to insuring we have our pastoral couple with us for years to come. By supporting them with time away to renew and refresh, we are investing in them, in their success as our spiritual leaders and guides, and thus in the future of our congregational life. So while the main reason to support this plan is to support Corey and Tina, we believe that there will be additional benefits to the congregation. For example, Corey intends to seek continuing education in the area of "spiritual coaching" with the intent to identify and train those with a gift for this kind of service. His educational rejuvenation will bring new ideas to us. Moreover, it is likely that with the pastor away on leave, there will be opportunities for church members to grow into our own, perhaps neglected, spiritual gifts.

We recognize that there may be some anxiety created by the thought of being without our senior pastor for 8 weeks. You may have ideas about how we can take best advantage of what is in fact a blessing for all of us. In order to provide an opportunity for congregants of PFC to express their ideas, questions, concerns and desires for this time, **a meeting is planned for Feb. 5, 2012 at 3:00 PM.** Please join us for a conversation.

~ *The Pastoral Relations Committee*  
(Brenda Brown, Casey Blood, Kent Keller)

### ***New Jr High Class for Grades 5-8, Starts February 5<sup>th</sup>***

**Sundays from 10:30-11:00!** "Who is God? Does He care what I do with my life? Students will learn that God loves them no matter what; Jesus Christ is the only way to have a relationship with God; and the Holy Spirit lights the way to God"-- excerpt from the book *The Christian Life: Uncommon Junior High* series by Kara Powell.

This class will be led by Olivia Barron and Heidi Fleugel and will meet in the classroom across from the downstairs kitchen.

## Creating Gar-Pal Friends of Youth (GPFY)

~ Pastor Mark Sawyer

Gar-Pal Young Life is in need of a partnering non-profit organization. With the nature of our small towns and the unique situation of combined school districts we have a vision for meeting the need of local teens in ways that are not covered under the large umbrella of the organization Young Life. Specifically we want to create a non-profit organization by the name of *Gar-Pal Friends of Youth* so that we can own and insure a passenger bus, and have a local bank account to manage fundraising dollars and expenditures.

We feel that this organization would create an opportunity to raise funds to support our local Young Life club as well as help with other local groups and organizations that could utilize a form of mass transportation. These benefits would come from owning a surplus school bus that we could rent out, or donate to local causes. Some initial community uses could be for a rooster bus for families and community members to attend district tournament games, or use for churches' to attend camps and retreats. We could also rent out the use of the bus with a local qualified driver to help support the cost of owning and maintaining a passenger bus. Most of all, the bus would be used on a weekly basis to transport teens to Young Life events in Garfield and Palouse. All these opportunities are not possible through the organization of Young Life because they legitimately have to limit their risk as a large organization and will not own, use or insure a vehicle over 10 passengers.

We are mimicking the group *Mid-Columbia Friends of Youth*, who formed a similar non-profit organization to own and maintain a local building for Young Life. To create this organization we will need a minimum of 3 adults in the community who are willing to help set up the paperwork to create a non-profit organization, open a bank account locally and then meet a few times a year to talk "business" as they manage the money of the GPFY account, and insure and oversee the operations of owning a bus. This is a great step forward for our communities and I pray that God will provide someone like you to join us on this endeavor.

## Going Hungry – So Others Don't Have To

~ Pastor Mark Sawyer

Worldwide, 925 million people are hungry. Every day, as many as 11,000 children under age 5 die due to hunger-related causes. That's one kid every 8 seconds.

These statistics shouldn't sit well with our hearts as we live in abundance in America. That is why every year hundreds of thousands of students participate in a 30-Hour Famine resourced by World Vision. These students choose to go without food for 30 hours and they learn what it takes to overcome hunger. They also raise funds to help feed hungry children and families around the world. They refuse to be told they can't make a difference.

Every \$30 raised by your group can help feed and care for a child for a month. And because the Famine is powered by World Vision, you're not just feeding kids for today — you're helping them and their families overcome poverty for a lifetime.

This year our local youth are hosting a 30-hour famine at our PFC building on March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be host to American Baptist Church youth groups from Spokane, and the PL Youth Group from Potlatch. We intend on having a lot of fun, but also learning about God's heart for HIS world and how we can look to serve others in need.

Be aware that we will start our Famine Fundraising mid February as we try to beat our 2011 gifts of over \$1200. For questions or if you would like to volunteer to help our efforts please e-mail Pastor Mark: [mark\\_sawyer@hotmail.com](mailto:mark_sawyer@hotmail.com)

## Sledding & Snow Day

**Sunday, February 19, 2012 at 3 PM from the Palouse Federated Church Parking Lot.**



**February 19-20<sup>th</sup>**

**Purpose:** Fun and Fellowship for teens, 5th grade-12th grade. (Younger students may attend with a chaperone or parent)

**Destination:** Palouse Divide Lodge (Former North/South Ski bowl) Hwy 6, Milepost 23 Princeton Idaho 83857

**Designated Supervisor of Activity:** Mark Sawyer- 509-939-2143 (Please Call with any Concerns)

**Chaperone(s):** Parent Volunteers

**Method of transportation:** Volunteer adults and chaperones will drive students in personal vehicles.

**Cost:** \$30 includes meals, lodging, and snow sports. \$30 represents the cost of sleeping on the floor with a sleeping-bag; if you would like to sleep in a bed the cost is \$45/person.

**What to Bring:** Snow clothes, extra set of dry clothes, sleeping bag/pillow, towel and toiletries. Sleds/snowboards, camera. Students may bring their own snacks and drinks if desired.

**Contact Information:** There will be no cell phone coverage at the venue. If an emergency arises please Contact Shirley Hathaway at Palouse Divide 208.245.3552

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

Our prayers are with the family of Michelle Hertz, Connie Newman's Grandma Moore, Garry Oliver (Brittany Sawyer's father), Naom Barr, Patsy Dunning & Darlene Dunning (Jill Griffin's Mom & Grandma), Ray, the Bible Study at Eastern State Hospital, the upcoming Ross Point Camp Retreats, Youth group, those in need, the youth of our community, all the staff, teachers and students in our community, our community, the marriages in our communities, people who are visiting in worship, for those in need of a relationship with Christ.

\*Thailand Mission Team: Bob Brown, Mikel Nisse and Mark Sawyer: Team is gone January 31<sup>st</sup> through February 14<sup>th</sup>



## A Message of Appreciation

We are very grateful to the person at Christmas time who gave us money. You did not know (but God did) we had a large bill for a Saebo Flex a Wrist Hand Finger Orthosis. This was for Gary's hand to help it move and supply messages to his brain that he had a hand to use. Many thanks as the money helped pay for this instrument he is using now.

~ With much appreciation, Gary and Cheri Brunner

## **Bible Reading Plan: ~ by Pastor Corey**

Are you reading through the Bible this year? We hear that many of you took up the challenge in last month's newsletter. It's okay to start a month late! There are many different ways to read the Bible in 11 months or one year. The February schedule mapped out below is a chronological schedule (The January reading schedule is in the newsletter online at [www.pfc.palousechurch.org](http://www.pfc.palousechurch.org) look under the "resources" tab). The intent of the plan we are using is to read the Bible in the actual order that it "unfolded." If you want to do something different than chronological, consider going to: <http://www.bibleplan.org> and take advantage of the many different free plans they offer on that website. If you don't do internet, consider simply doing this: read 2 chapters of the New Testament a day, and 2 chapters of the Old Testament a day. When you finish the New Testament (which will be much sooner than you finish the Old Testament) consider shifting your 2 chapters of reading over to the Old Testament- OR- read 2 chapters of the Gospels each day. Either way you will more than read the whole Bible in a year if you read 4 chapters of scripture each day. There are 929 chapters in the 66 books of the Bible, so you can get away with reading 3 chapters a day- but reading 4 will help you keep pace and will help you personalize and read areas twice that are especially helpful for you.

February 01, 2011 --- <a href="#">Exodus 7-9</a>	February 12, 2011 --- <a href="#">Exodus 39-40</a>	February 23, 2011 --- <a href="#">Numbers 1-2</a>
February 02, 2011 --- <a href="#">Exodus 10-12</a>	February 13, 2011 --- <a href="#">Leviticus 1-4</a>	February 24, 2011 --- <a href="#">Numbers 3-4</a>
February 03, 2011 --- <a href="#">Exodus 13-15</a>	February 14, 2011 --- <a href="#">Leviticus 5-7</a>	February 25, 2011 --- <a href="#">Numbers 5-6</a>
February 04, 2011 --- <a href="#">Exodus 16-18</a>	February 15, 2011 --- <a href="#">Leviticus 8-10</a>	February 26, 2011 --- <a href="#">Numbers 7</a>
February 05, 2011 --- <a href="#">Exodus 19-21</a>	February 16, 2011 --- <a href="#">Leviticus 11-13</a>	February 27, 2011 --- <a href="#">Numbers 8-10</a>
February 06, 2011 --- <a href="#">Exodus 22-24</a>	February 17, 2011 --- <a href="#">Leviticus 14-15</a>	February 28, 2011 --- <a href="#">Numbers 11-13</a>
February 07, 2011 --- <a href="#">Exodus 25-27</a>	February 18, 2011 --- <a href="#">Leviticus 16-18</a>	March 01, 2011 --- <a href="#">Numbers 14-15</a> -
February 08, 2011 --- <a href="#">Exodus 28-29</a>	February 19, 2011 --- <a href="#">Leviticus 19-21</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 90</a>
February 09, 2011 --- <a href="#">Exodus 30-32</a>	February 20, 2011 --- <a href="#">Leviticus 22-23</a>	March 02, 2011 --- <a href="#">Numbers 16-17</a>
February 10, 2011 --- <a href="#">Exodus 33-35</a>	February 21, 2011 --- <a href="#">Leviticus 24-25</a>	March 03, 2011 --- <a href="#">Numbers 18-20</a>
February 11, 2011 --- <a href="#">Exodus 36-38</a>	February 22, 2011 --- <a href="#">Leviticus 26-27</a>	March 04, 2011 --- <a href="#">Numbers 21-22</a>
		March 05, 2011 --- <a href="#">Numbers 23-25</a>
		March 06, 2011 --- <a href="#">Numbers 26-27</a>



## Ash Wednesday & Lent Soup Suppers

### Parenting Class Begins!

#### Starting Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

We will be offering a class on Sunday afternoons, starting in February, to help parents discover some new tools for helping with the common, everyday struggles that come along with parenting!

**Have a New Kid by Friday**

How to Change Your Child's

- ✓ Attitude
- ✓ Behavior &
- ✓ Character in **5 Days**

**Dr. Kevin Leman**

Bestselling author of Making Children Mind without Losing Yours

"Have a New Kid by Friday" by Dr. Kevin Leman offers some great advice to smoothing out some of the ups and downs of raising children! We hope to have parents in all stages of parenting join our group - for a quick preview and idea of what is coming up we will be showing a preview on January 29th at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall and will answer any questions you may have! If you'd like more information, feel free to call or email Tricia Johnson at 509-878-1312 or [tricia\\_michelle@frontier.com](mailto:tricia_michelle@frontier.com)

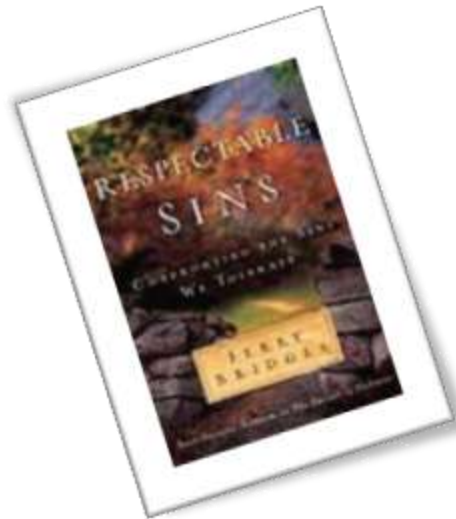
We will have two Ash Wednesday services, **February 22, 2012 6am and 7pm held at PFC.**

Ash Wednesday is an opportunity to get real about mortality. We receive a mark of ashes on our forehead. The traditional words we say during the service are "from dust we came, and to dust we shall return." Why would we have such a morbid service? We need to be reminded the truth about the frailty of life, the reality of death, and our hopelessness without Christ.

Lent is a six-week season that prepares us to truly appreciate Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. Ash Wednesday is the start to this season. It is an opportunity to truly confess our need for Christ, and if we don't to realize "the wages of sin are death."

#### ...Speaking of sin... Lent Soup Suppers begin on February 29<sup>th</sup>

Sermons and Wednesday Soup Suppers will be on the topic of "Respectable Sins." No DVD this year for Wednesday, instead Pastor Corey will be preparing mid-week messages for the soup supper gathering. Small groups will be encouraged to study the book, it will be worth it, or they can break for Lent and attend Wednesday evening for the message during Lent Soup Suppers.



Lent Book Resource "Respectable Sins" by Jerry Bridges (from the publishers' website). "Have Christians become so preoccupied with "major" sins that we have lost sight of our need to deal with more subtle sins?"

Author Jerry Bridges addresses the "acceptable" sins that we tend to tolerate in ourselves, including pride and anger. He goes to the heart of the matter, exploring our feelings of shame and grief and opening a new door to God's forgiveness and grace. Travel down the road of spiritual formation with Jerry and discover your true identity as a loved child of God. A discussion guide is available."

Our church will be selling this book title at our cost of \$14.00, almost \$6 off the cover price. Call or email the church office.

# February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9am: Worship 10am: Fellowship 10:30am Jr. High Class 11am: Sunday Schl 11am: Worship 2pm: Open Gym 3pm: Sabbatical Open Mtg/Discussion 6pm: Theology 7pm: Worship	<b>6</b> 6:30 – 8pm TOPS	<b>7</b> 8:30am: Bible study with Mom's @ PFC 10am: Bible study, PFC	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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<b>26</b> 9am: Worship 10am: Fellowship 10:15am: PFC Annual Meeting 10:30am Jr. High Class 11am: Sunday Schl 11am: Worship 2pm: Open Gym 5:00pm: Youth Grp 6pm: Theology 7pm: Worship	<b>27</b> 6:30 – 8pm TOPS	<b>28</b> 8:30am: Bible study with Mom's @ PFC 10am: Bible study, PFC	<b>29</b> 6pm: Lent Soup Supper and Message, PFC			

## February Sermons

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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 5)  
**5pm** – Youth Ministry  
**6pm** – Theology  
**7pm** – Worship

- February 5, 2012, Healthy, Part 5: "Limits, Habits and Divine Calling" Mark 1:29-39
- February 12, 2012, "Christ is Enough" Part I Mark 1:40-45
- February 19, 2012, "Christ is Enough" Part II Mark 9:2-9
- February 26, 2012, "Respectable Sins" Part I Mark 1:9-15

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