

# Palouse Federated Church

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January 2012

## Pastor's Column:

So a new-year begins and it causes a great many of us to think about what we could improve on with the fresh set of days laying out in front of us.

*Will we exercise more?*

*Maybe we will read more?*

*Worry less?*

*Commit to volunteering?*

Whatever your commitment in particular, and even if you are one of those who makes a resolution not to make any resolutions, I think we all generally want to be healthy.

So we are going to have a five-part message series starting January 8<sup>th</sup> that will get down to the rock solid truth about our health. We won't be talking trends of the moment, we will be hearing ancient wisdom about our health.

We will begin by diagnosing our actual current situation. Without a proper diagnosis, how does one know what to work on? We want to build on a "rock" foundation and not have just new "trends of sand" in our life. We want permanent healthy change.

**Advanced warning** that we will be talking about adult topics during this series. We will discuss our bodies and sexuality, as well as food on January 15th. We will also discuss exercise of the mind and heart that help to keep us emotionally and spiritually fit.

We will discuss how to make healthy changes and decisions in our life. And we will head into February and cover the topics of having healthy limits and habits in our life. I pray that I will be able to prove that healthy limits and habits come more easily in our life when we are at peace with God's Calling on our life.

So are you healthy? Physically? Relationally? Emotionally? Spiritually? Do you have more good habits or bad habits? Do you know, without a doubt, what your divine calling is?

I am excited that 2012 lays out in front of us. And I believe God can fill it full of health.

~In Christ, Pastor Corey

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

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## THANK YOU ~ Brenda Cook

A HUGE THANK YOU to Tereasa Hemphill and Olivia Barron for their children's ministry programs this month. Tereasa lead and coordinated the 2nd "Parents Day Out" event which welcomed about 45 kids and kept them busy while their parents enjoyed a break.

Olivia led and coordinated our children's Christmas Program which was a play entitled "Christmas Around the World" which included kids aged 2- 5th graders.

You've put lots of time, effort and energy into these wonderful events and I am so thankful for you both and your willingness to serve our community and church family in this way!



Share God's Word

<sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" <sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. ~ Matthew 22:36-38

### January Birthday's

Jill Griffin, January 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Amy Browse, January 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Don Comstock, January 7<sup>th</sup>  
 HettyLee Laughary, January 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Sarah Willmore, January 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Dean Huber, January 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Cliff Knauff, January 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Mark Sawyer, January 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Kassandra Woodall, January 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Pr. Corey Laughary, January 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Holly Brown, January 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Pat Collier, January 29<sup>th</sup>

### January Anniversary's

Janet & Ben Barstow, January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Amy & Jeff West, January 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Patti Green-Kent & Scott Kent, Jan 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Dixie & GA Perry, January 16<sup>th</sup>



**Did you know that 3 men from Palouse are going to northern Thailand to help install a water plumbing system that will support an entire village with clean water?** The first two weeks of February, Bob Brown, Mikel Nisse, and Mark Sawyer along with a team from Nebraska will be traveling to a northern hill-tribe village of Thailand. Hill-tribe villagers are refugees from China, Burma, and Laos. They currently inhabit the mountainous border areas between Thailand, Laos and Burma (now Myanmar). There are 6 distinct tribes all with their own language and customs, none of which are considered Thai citizens. Because they are unrecognized by the Thai government, they are unable to gain employment or public services such as education, health care, and sanitation. The hill tribes are subsistence farmers who use primitive technology to grow limited crops. The living conditions are considered 3<sup>rd</sup> world where the infant mortality rate is near 50% and the average annual income per family is less than \$50.

The American discovery team of 12 people (including the 3 men from Palouse) will be joining the Integrated Tribal Development Program (ITDP) in Thailand who supports multiple villages with training and support. ITDP has a website worth checking out at [itdpthai.org](http://itdpthai.org). ITDP has essentially stepped in where the Thai government has passed over. Since most of the villagers are not Thai citizens, they are not allowed to seek employment. Therefore the means of income is through the production and sale of opium or selling their children to human traffickers- whatever they can do to survive. ITDP helps build sustainable agriculture products like free-trade coffee and sustainable safe water. Yet the foundation of the IDTP recognizes that sanitation and agriculture pale in the need for their eternal salvation. Life in Christ is the true sustainable source that ITDP focuses on sharing.

**There are ways you can be a part of this trip, even if you stay here in Palouse!** The number one priority to be part of our team is to give of your time through **prayer**. Once we get our basic itinerary for being in-country we will provide prayer cards for you to specifically pray for our days in Thailand. You can also give of your **resources to help our trip**. We are accepting **small toys** that we will bring to village children like small “beanie-baby” type stuffed animals, and matchbox cars. We also need **flattened soccer balls with pumps to inflate them** when we arrive. We are hoping to receive some of these **items at our Epiphany service on Wednesday January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. Prior to the Epiphany service we will have a Support Thailand Discovery Team dinner at 6pm. Our meal will include some Asian dishes like soup, rice, stir fry, and curry, but like most Asian restaurants we’ll have some American food as well! We’ll have hotdogs and chips for those who want to come but not enjoy the oriental food. (Is there a correlation of the 3 men going to Thailand serving Orient food on Epiphany? I’ll humbly accept the title of Wise Man if you feel it’s appropriate!) The dinner is a fund raising event based on donations, and during the dinner we will show pictures and movies of previous water project team in Thailand. Please come join us!

## HOW CAN YOU HELP THE TEAM:

- Prayer
- Financial Donations
- Small Toys (beanie babies/matchbox cars)
- Deflated Soccer Balls with inflation pumps



# The Love of Christ

## Ephesians 3:19-21

*19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. ~ NIV*

<u>UPCOMING EVENTS:</u>	<u>SAVE THE DATES:</u>	<u>GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES:</u>
<p><b>January 4<sup>th</sup>, Thaliand Water Project Fundraising Dinner at 6pm</b></p> <p><b>January 4<sup>th</sup>, Epiphany Service at 7pm celebrating the arrival of the wise men "from the East" who came to worship the Christ child.</b></p> <p><b>January 21<sup>st</sup>, Men's Breakfast, 7:30am Cook, 8am Eat</b></p> <p><b>January 29<sup>th</sup> - 10:15am Palouse Federated Church Annual Business Meeting</b></p>	<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 24-26, 2012, Ross Point Women's Retreat</b></p>	<p><b>PFC 101 Class:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Small Groups Available- We Exist To Form One Another:</b> 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.</p>



<b>Church Data</b>	<b>Total Church Attendance</b>	<b>Sunday School Attendance</b>	<b>Plate Offering</b>
December 4, 2011	113	29	\$3,861.00
December 11, 2011	146	36	\$2,653.07
December 18, 2011	138	32	\$2,298.59
December 24, 2011	7pm- 85	11pm- 40	
December 25, 2011	63		\$871.00



## SABBATICAL OPEN MEETING & DISCUSSION

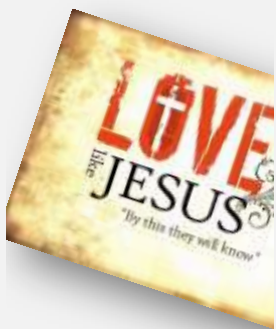
An open discussion and working meeting on the details of the Sabbatical will be held on **February 5<sup>th</sup>**, at **3pm** at the church. Your input and questions are welcome regarding the June 10-Aug 10 Sabbatical for Pastor Corey"

## What's the Purpose of a Pastor Sabbatical?

From: [www.my-pastor.com/pastor-sabbatical.html](http://www.my-pastor.com/pastor-sabbatical.html)

In general terms, a sabbatical strengthens and further develops a pastor's ability to serve the church. This happens when your pastor experiences the results of a well planned sabbath. These results include the following:

- **New Perspective.** Perhaps most significant, your pastor will gain a new understanding of the world in which your church ministers. This will deepen his own insight and positively affect his preaching and his service.
- **Spiritual Renewal.** One of the easiest places to dry out spiritually is in the pulpit. A pastor is constantly talking and teaching about the spiritual life. But because it is so much a part of his conversation and work, maintaining and developing his own spiritual seems less important. So it is easy to neglect. A pastor sabbatical can be a time to renew spiritual disciplines that got lost in the busy-ness of life.
- **Rest.** Pastor sabbaticals are not vacations. However, intense stress needs more than a week or two to break away from. It will take your pastor a month just to unwind from the stresses of every day ministry.
- **Education.** Whether or not he actually earns a degree or certificate, a pastor sabbatical is educational. He will learn from his travels, from his research, from new relationships, and from quiet times alone with God.
- **Renewed Passion and Vision.** All of the above results lead to this. Your pastor will return from his sabbatical with a clearer sense of mission and the renewed energy to work toward accomplishing it.



**WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE?**

Scripture reading  
 Jesus  
 Christ  
 together  
 believers  
 Admonishing  
 confessing  
 praising  
 Hymns  
 church body  
 convicted  
 Fellowship  
 Preaching  
 God  
 Singing  
 Praying  
 Lord's Supper  
 edification  
 music  
 Spiritual songs  
 Psalms  
 Teaching  
 Unity  
 sermon  
 Gospel

# Locked In the Church for 12 Hours: Pastor Mark Sawyer

Have you ever experienced the Lord of the Rings movies, chili covered nachos and stick-on mustaches all in one night? How about adding 23 teenagers with caffeinated soda and energy drinks to the mix! I'm assuming most of you haven't had this experience, and I'm also guessing you probably wouldn't want it! Yet those were some of the ingredients that made our Christmas Break Lock-In a success which was held here at the Palouse Federated Church building. Aside from playing games to win candy decorations for a ginger-bread house competition, the 18 middle school students and the 5 high school helpers got to hear a message about Christmas. The message wasn't a typical Christmas message though. I literally brought the teens through the first 12 chapters of Exodus teaching the story of Moses and the 10 plagues. I shared how the Israelites wanted God to rescue them, but they didn't necessarily want to follow God's plan when life was hard. I challenged the teens to trust God completely, even when life doesn't seem to go our way. I also taught how the Passover lambs saved the Israelites and made the connection to Christmas where the Lamb of God was born to saves us all today. Despite no sleep from 7pm-7am, the lock-in was a great opportunity to build relationships with local teens and to share a message of hope. As you read this article will you say a prayer for the teens who attended the lock-in? Pray that they will build their life upon God's truth and allow Jesus to be their savior.



## WEEKLY YOUTH EVENTS

Sundays, 2-4pm, **Open Gym**  
at the GP High School Upper  
Gym

Sundays, 5-7pm, **Youth  
Group**

Mondays, 7pm, **Young Life**



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## **PRAYERS & PRAISES**

Our prayers are with the family of JR Young, the family of Bob West, the Thailand Mission Team: Bob Brown, Mikel Nisse and Mark Sawyer, 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.



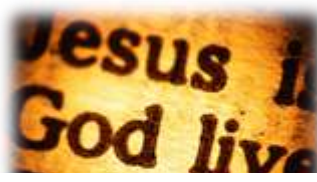
### **A Message of Appreciation**

On Behalf of the Bob West family, we would like to thank all of you for your loving support and thoughtfulness during this difficult time ~  
Frances West.

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

This year we are going to have a goal of reading the whole Bible through in one-year. There are many different ways do to achieve this goal. The January schedule mapped out below is a chronological schedule. The intent 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 book 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.

Day 1 --- <a href="#">Genesis 1-3</a>	Day 12 --- <a href="#">Job 32-34</a>	Day 23 --- <a href="#">Genesis 32-34</a>
Day 2 --- <a href="#">Genesis 4-7</a>	Day 13 --- <a href="#">Job 35-37</a>	Day 24 --- <a href="#">Genesis 35-37</a>
Day 3 --- <a href="#">Genesis 8-11</a>	Day 14 --- <a href="#">Job 38-39</a>	Day 25 --- <a href="#">Genesis 38-40</a>
Day 4 --- <a href="#">Job 1-5</a>	Day 15 --- <a href="#">Job 40-42</a>	Day 26 --- <a href="#">Genesis 41-42</a>
Day 5 --- <a href="#">Job 6-9</a>	Day 16 --- <a href="#">Genesis 12-15</a>	Day 27 --- <a href="#">Genesis 43-45</a>
Day 6 --- <a href="#">Job 10-13</a>	Day 17 --- <a href="#">Genesis 16-18</a>	Day 28 --- <a href="#">Genesis 46-47</a>
Day 7 --- <a href="#">Job 14-16</a>	Day 18 --- <a href="#">Genesis 19-21</a>	Day 29 --- <a href="#">Genesis 48-50</a>
Day 8 --- <a href="#">Job 17-20</a>	Day 19 --- <a href="#">Genesis 22-24</a>	Day 30 --- <a href="#">Exodus 1-3</a>
Day 9 --- <a href="#">Job 21-23</a>	Day 20 --- <a href="#">Genesis 25-26</a>	Day 31 --- <a href="#">Exodus 4-6</a>
Day 10 --- <a href="#">Job 24-28</a>	Day 21 --- <a href="#">Genesis 27-29</a>	
Day 11 --- <a href="#">Job 29-31</a>	Day 22 --- <a href="#">Genesis 30-31</a>	



## New VISION Statement ~ Pastor Corey

### Thank You PFC Donors

~ Butch Smith

Because of your generous giving, Palouse Federated Church had a very successful 2011.

Bud Bagott, our Financial Secretary, over the next two weeks will be giving out individual financial letters to members of the congregation. Again, thank you for your support.

~Butch Smith,  
Board Chair



**Leviticus 27:30**

*“A **tithe** of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD. ~NIV*

***All generations together harvesting all generations of the Palouse for Jesus Christ.***

A few words about our vision statement...

We are a multi-generational church. We have people part of our faith community in their 90's, as well as a nursery full of children under 2 years of age. God has blessed us to be a multiple generation church. We are a church holds Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and the Bible as our source for truth and practice. We agree on the essential truths, and yet within us there is a healthy diversity of age and backgrounds. This makes us a church that can reach people at different stages of their life. Married, single, young, old...

The “harvest” God has called us to be a part of is the harvest of the good news of Jesus Christ changing lives. Our job is to proclaim the salvation message of Jesus Christ and live out the Bible’s teachings in our lives. As we do we will engage in harvest work in our homes, work places, friendships. This work happens when God uses us to help people cultivate the soil in their life, that the gospel may take root. It is a beautiful vision that God can use us mere Christians as part of the process to bring hope and everlasting life to people of the Palouse. Our church exists not to grow our church, but as we say in our mission statement (not to be confused with the above vision statement) “Worshipping God and forming one another into loving servants of Christ and the world.” All of this work we do is for God’s glory. He is the One who has saved us and formed us and teaches us to be loving to our neighbors.

May our vision and mission not be just words- but may it be taken into our hearts and lived in our lives.

### Sunday School Christmas Program, Thank You

~ by Olivia Barron

Thank you everyone who helped and came to support our Sunday school Christmas program this year! For those that missed it the theme was Christmas around the world. The kids learned that Jesus was born for everyone in the world and we can celebrate his birth no matter where we live or what language we speak. They performed a play on the 18th that included some hula dancers and adorable little angels. We had a great turn out of children ages 2-11 and I want to say thank you to all the parents, Sunday school teachers, pastor's, and participants.

# January

<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>9am:</b> Worship <b>10am:</b> Fellowship <b>11am:</b> Sunday Schl <b>11am:</b> Worship <b>5:00pm:</b> Youth Grp <b>6pm:</b> Theology <b>7pm:</b> Worship	<b>2</b> <b>6:30 – 8pm</b> TOPS	<b>3</b> <b>8:30am:</b> Bible study with Mom's @ PFC <b>8:30am:</b> Women's Bible study @ Penny Thurman's home <b>10am:</b> Bible study, PFC	<b>4</b> <b>6pm:</b> Thailand Water Project fundraising dinner <b>7pm:</b> Epiphany Service	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
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**Pastor Corey's schedule:**  
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*Our Mission: Worshiping God and forming one another into loving servants of Christ and the World.*

Find us on the Web:  
[www.pfc.palousechurch.org](http://www.pfc.palousechurch.org)  
 Check us out on Facebook!

### 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

## January Sermons, "Healthy"

- January 1, 2012, "The Brightness of Dawn," Isaiah 60:1-6

"Healthy" - a five-part series to help be truly healthy- starts Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup>. It will have an emphasis of being repentant, and honest with God as a foundation for true health. We want to build on a "rock" foundation and not have just new "trends of sand" in our life. We want permanent healthy change.

- January 8, 2012, Healthy: "Diagnosis," 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
- January 15, 2012, Healthy: "Body, Food & Sex," 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
- January 22, 2012, Healthy: "Life Changes," Mark 1:14-20
- January 29, 2012, Healthy: "Exercise of Heart & Mind," Psalm 111

## Palouse Community Center Grand Opening

**January 14<sup>th</sup>** ~ Palouse Community Center Grand Opening

- 8-11am Grand Opening Breakfast (donation requested)
- 11am Dedication
- 11am-3pm Needful Things open
- 11am – 3pm Open House, free refreshments
- 8pm-midnight Over-21 event – watch for details

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