

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

Pastors Column: What are our Core Principles?

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I present here before you some "Core Principles" that I have been praying over, as principles that are foundational to how we function as a Church.

This month my "Core Values" were printed (they are available on the information table in the Fellowship Hall), and these Core Principles are born out of foundational core values. I focused on my personal first Core Value, of "Constant Communion with Christ." We each should consider what our core values are as individuals, as families, and as a church body. I believe as a church we share some Core Principles. These beliefs are solid, and present with us and in us, even in the most difficult times. In fact they are the

beliefs we cling to when troubles or suffering arise. These are not intended as a substitute for our doctrine beliefs, but built on top of our biblical beliefs.

Proposed "Core Principles" of PFC

Our story is part of God's great story.

My life, my family, my money, my death, my suffering- none of it should be separate from God- and all of it should cause me to ask "How is this part of God's Big Story?" What do we tell people who are going through the worst time in their life?

- We believe that God knows our struggle, and does not want it to go to "waste"
- Psalm 119:50, "My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my

life." NIV

- God's promise of Salvation, redemption, and growth- is a life preserver to the sinking
- Life has meaning- even the bad stuff- in God.
- We are here with you- to serve you in any way we can.

We believe God can change whoever God wants to-

The Gospel by God's grace when received by true faith will save and transform anyone into a new creation, regardless of a people's pasts.

We must pray in all things-

We pray not in order to inform God, but to join Him, and align our will with His. We pray in any and all situations.

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Psalm 33:20-22
(NIV1984)

²⁰ *We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.*
²¹ *In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.* ²² *May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.*

Pictures Needed for the Church Scrapbook ~ Diana Cochran

Please look through your pictures so that we may update the church photo books. If you have any, you can leave them in the drawers under where the photo books are displayed. Please label them as to what event and what year. Thank you for your help.



Bible Reading for 2013 – 6 chapters each day ~ Pastor Corey

I have come to believe that Christians should strive to read the Bible annually. This may sound daunting to some, but many of our fellow believers did this in 2012, and it requires only 4 chapters, on average, of reading per day. This can usually be done in 10-20 minutes of thoughtfully devoted time.

This year I want to challenge you to consider

a reading step that is slightly more intense than just reading through the Bible once.

I encourage you to read 6 chapters a day. If you read 3 chapters of the Old Testament (minus the Psalms) a day, and 3 chapters of the New Testament and Psalms a day, you will read the Old Testament through once, and the New Testament and Psalms through twice

in one year. You can read the Old Testament in the morning and the New Testament in the evening. Or you could read it all at one setting. I am definitely in favor of starting the day with scripture reading and prayer, before you begin your daily busyness. There is no substitute for preparing your mind with prayer and scripture. If you want a different kind of reading plan, contact Pastor Corey

Let It Snow ~ Pinky Glass

The story remains true, whenever sister Nancy visits in the winter she brings along a snowstorm. She and Gordon arrived from sunny Tucson the afternoon of December 19th. The weatherman reported it would snow that afternoon. They had hardly gotten into the van when the first snowflake fell. It took over two hours to drive from Spokane to Pullman that evening with a whiteout condition. The snow blew over the roadway, and visibility was very poor. I found

the noisy center strip to be very comforting when I had my left front tire on it, at least I knew I was in the middle-of-the-road and just had to move a foot or so to the right when I met traffic, which wasn't very often. They enjoyed sitting in the nice warm house, looking out at the snow.

Lots of stories were shared when all the family got together at Mom and Dad's old home, now Mike, Darcie and Emily's home on Christmas, about going sledding on

Dill's Hill, building forts and snow ball fights when we were young. Seems like we had a lot more snow back then, but I guess we were just shorter and it seemed like there was more. Nancy and Gordon have returned to Tucson and report that while they don't have snow, they are having some 30° weather at night.

Special Occasions

January Birthdays

- Jill Griffin, Jan 6th
- Amy Browse, Jan 7th
- Don Comstock, Jan 7th
- Sarah Anderson, Jan 10th
- HettyLee Laughary, Jan 11th
- Sarah Willmore, Jan 12th
- Chris Bofenkamp, Jan 13th
- Nathan Aston, Jan 18th

- Dean Huber, Jan 18th
- Sheryl Hodges, Jan 20th
- Cliff Knauff, Jan 21st
- Mark Sawyer, Jan 21st
- Ed Gehring, Jan 23rd
- Pr. Corey Laughary, Jan 25th
- Kay Tronsen, Jan 26th
- Pat Collier, Jan 29th

January Anniversary's

- Connie & Erik Newman, Jan 1st
- Janet & Ben Barstow, Jan 3rd
- Amy & Jeff West, Jan 7th
- Patti Green-Kent & Scott Kent, Jan 16th
- Dixie & GA Perry, Jan 16th

Classes to help you Grow your Faith

PFC 101 is a class for those new to our church, or those considering baptism or membership. The class is 45minutes to one hour in length. Pastor Corey gives you the mission and history of our church. You are encouraged to ask any and every question you have about our church, God and the Bible. – January 13th at 12:15pm

Bible 201- This is the first time we have offered this class. The goal is to give you the tools to understand and interpret stories of the Old Testament. We will work through a few examples of Old Testament stories. We will also consider how the Old Testament is related to the New Testament. If you struggle with the “blood and guts” of the Old Testament, this class is for you! We will ask “What does it mean that the Old Testament is the inspired Word of God?” and “How do these stories relate to Jesus?” – January 5th at 9am

Bible 202- This is the first time we have offered this class. The goal is to give you a whole understanding of the New Testament. You will be given the background and timeline of the New Testament history, as well as the background of the canonization of the New Testament (the process of assembling the Bible). We will see what the overarching themes of the entire New Testament are, as well as looking briefly at each book and what its specific themes are. - February 2nd at 9am

If you are interested or would like more information about any of these classes please speak to Pastor Corey at 878-1509 or thelaugers@yahoo.com

Praises & Prayers

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We give thanks for our Veterans, we pray for those actively serving. We pray for families of the victims of the shootings in Connecticut and Oregon. Our prayers are with Connie Atkinson, Don Comstock, parents in our community to come to Christ, those in need, the youth of our community, our community, the marriages in our communities, people who are visiting in

worship, for those in need of a relationship with Christ.

Active Duty Service Members: Jason Evenson (Afghanistan), Mitch Kriebel (Afghanistan), Shawn Tompkins (Afghanistan), Mark Tronsen (Japan), Steven Griffin (Oklahoma), Zach Spear (Hawaii), Michael Forbes (Egypt), Danielle Tavenner (Oklahoma), Nick Burgess (Virginia), and Adam Burnett (Shaw AFB).

PFC 2012

As we start the year 2013, I want to thank the congregation of PFC for your support during my six years on the Executive Board. During that time we have been able to grow our church for God.

gospel of Jesus Christ.

Bud Bagott, financial secretary, has completed the financial giving reports for 2012. He will be passing them out on Jan. 6th & 13th. Those that do not attend either of these services will be receiving them in the mail.

Your financial support and willingness to work on the many projects have allowed your church to spread the

In His service,
Butch Smith
&

PFC Class Schedule- Upcoming Classes to help grow your faith

PFC 101:

- January 13, 2013 - 12:15pm
- April 21, 2013 - 12:15pm

Bible 101:

- April 25, 2013 - 6-9pm

Bible 201: (Old Testament Narrative)

- January 5, 2013 - 9am-noon
- May 9, 2013 - 6-9pm

Bible 202 (New Testament)

- February 2, 2013, -9am-noon
- June 6, 2013 - 6-9pm

PFC 201 (Marks of a Leader)

- February 10, 2013 - 3-5pm

Theology 101

- March 9, 2013 9am-noon

That Wondrous Night ~Brenda Cook

THAT WONDROUS NIGHT-a choral reading written by Anna-Carolyn Gilbo-was performed by kids aged 2-10 at our 2012 Christmas program. Zoe Laughary and Ethan Cook narrated while the children dressed as angels and shepherds and sang the chorus as they acted out the birth of Jesus. A huge thank you to Nicole

Flansburg for directing and Darcy Eliason for accompanying on the piano!



The First Noel ~ Pinky Glass

Noel is a French word that may come from the Latin natalis, meaning "birth," or from the Latin novella, meaning "new." In one sense Noel refers to the whole Christmas season; in another it refers to the good news that Jesus Christ has come. The first Noel, this song says, was sung by an angel to poor shepherds. The chorus rings out like a corner paperboy – "News! News! News! Hear all about it! King of Israel born today!"

Early folk carols such as this one often had a memorable chorus and many stanzas, each presenting some

new aspect of the story. An individual or group could sing a stanza, perhaps one newly made up, and the whole crowd would join in the refrain.

"The first Noel" was first published in its present form by Williams Sandys in 1833.

It is inspiring to think of "us all" in the last stanza as crossing the boundaries of time. We modern believers join with medieval Christians to praise our Lord, who bought us all with His blood. Taken from The One Year Book of Hymns

Are you interested in a Mission Trip to Uganda?

Consider a journey to Hope 4 All Children Orphanage in March 2013

- Work with orphans
- Help with school, teach English
- Build a house
- Help with Gardening
- Possible water projects & repairs



The expected cost is roughly \$2000 for airfare and in country expenses.

If you are interested please speak to Angie Cochran or Contact Pastor Corey at 878-1509 or thelaugers@yahoo.com

New Bible Study led by Pastor Corey, Wednesday Nights at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

Giving: The Spiritual Discipline of January

~ Tina Laughary



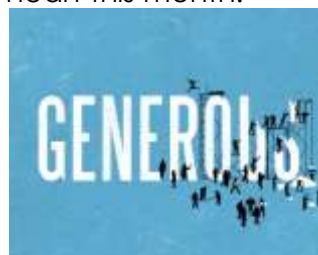
I am one of those strange people who loves to talk about money. Labeled by some as a nerd or stuffy, I prefer to think of myself as highly organized. Maybe it is because I am a student of Dave Ramsey, the financial counselor who teaches God's principles for handling money. I believe that money has huge potential influence on our lives. If we aren't organized with money and don't handle it correctly it has the potential to cause terrible stress, fear and pain. When handled correctly and put in its proper place in our lives, money has the potential to make us huge givers and generous people.

So what is the proper place of money in our lives? Freedom with money happens when we begin to see that we don't own any of our possessions, including our money. God is the owner of everything. He has placed us as stewards or managers over these things. It is up to us to handle them well for God—the true owner. God puts us in charge of money in order to

care for our families, and ourselves but also to bless us by allowing us to be givers. God wants us to be generous, because He is generous. We talk about giving as a spiritual discipline because it truly is. Giving takes effort and planning which makes it a discipline. But it is also a spiritual act of worship and obedience to God. It is good for our souls. Dave Ramsey believes the Bible outlines 2 types of giving. The first is called the tithe. The tithe is a gift of 10% of your income given to the local church. Ramsey suggests putting the tithe at the top of your monthly budget in order to remind yourself that it isn't optional. The second type of giving is called an offering. Offerings are money given above and beyond your tithe and they are to be freely given from surplus money. Here is an example. Let's say money is tight for you. You are trying to pay off debt or start an emergency fund. In this circumstance you

would give a 10% tithe of your income to your local church. Then let's say you have paid off all of your debt, your emergency fund is fully funded and you have some extra money. You would continue to give that 10% tithe to the local church but also give an offering to any need that God lays on your heart. What wonderful freedom to be able to generously give and be a blessing.

Certainly, the principles I have laid out are not the only ways to look at money. I do believe that they are Biblically sound and that they work. God doesn't "need" our money. God wants us to give because He knows it is good for us. Giving is a spiritual discipline that makes us less selfish and more like Christ. Let's all endeavor to have a more generous and giving heart this month.



Titus 1:2
² a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time,

Romans 8:39
³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 16:33
³³ "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

The Palouse Federated Church Leadership

At the last PFC Executive Board meeting in November after an opening prayer, the treasurer's report was presented and a discussion regarding the 2013 budget was held. It was decided to add a budget line item for capital improvements to the building and surrounding area. You may have noticed that recently gravel has been added to the parking area in front of the building. A discussion was held regarding board consideration of new insurance providers and potential changes are currently being investigated. The Christian education report was presented and dates were set for the Christmas program, cookie exchange, the community leaders' breakfast and caroling. New Members were voted on and we welcome Bill and Nancy Dernell to the membership of Palouse Federated Church. After closing in prayer, the meeting adjourned.

During the 4th quarter Palouse Federated Church business meeting in December Pastor Corey opened in prayer and introduced new PFC members Bill & Nancy Dernell. A review of personnel changes was provided along with an update of the events held during the past quarter including bible studies, Financial Peace University, Generation Change, mentoring, and Sunday night services. The congregation was provided an overview of the planned 2013 budget changes and the nominations for Executive Board positions was given and voted upon.

Your **2013 PFC Executive Board** members include; Gary Dicus, Bill Dernell, Darlene Schwartzman, Patti Green-Kent and Dale Tronsen. The board financial secretary is John "Bud" Bagott and treasurer is Carol Heinlen. The PFC Executive

Board meets the **3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm** in the fellowship hall.

The Worship Ministries team is led by Betty Sawyer and the Fellowship Kitchen team is led by Amy Browse.

PFC Stewardship Committee Carol Heinlen (Chairperson), Cheryl Tompkins
Connie Keuhner.

PFC Nominating Committee Penny Thurman
Gary Brunner.

The PFC Endowment Fund Committee
Oralene Romjue
Connie Keuhner
Dean Huber.

The PFC Pastoral Relations Committee
Peggy Collier
Brenda Brown
Kent Keller.

Upcoming Ross Point Camp Events

February 1-2
February 22-24
March 31
April 12-14
May 19

Men's Retreat
Women's Retreat
Easter Sunrise Service
Youth Retreat
Camp Fun Day

Rosspoint.org

The Christian Camp
PFC uses and supports

Let us not love with
WORDS or **TONGUE**,
but with **ACTIONS**
and in **TRUTH**.

January Calendar

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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Regular Sunday Schedule

9am Worship (childcare
available age 5 and
under)

10am- Fellowship Time

10:15am –Family Hour
Sunday School

11am – Worship (Childcare
available)

6pm – Worship with
communion, "Simple
Service"

We're on the Web!

See us at:
www.pfc.palousechurch.org
Check us out on
Facebook!

January Sermons

- January 6, 2013, "Humility & Divinity" – Luke 2:1-20
- January 13, 2013, "Jesus and Jerusalem – Part I: Jesus the Baby & Part II: Wise Child Jesus" – Luke 2:21-52
- January 20, 2013, "Valleys and Mountains" - Luke 3:1-20
- January 27, 2013, "Baptism" – Luke 3:21-22

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

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