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

Pastors Column: Friends in Christ

On the last Sunday morning of February I preached a message from Luke 5:1-11, a story where Jesus calls Peter, James and John to become His disciples.

At one point in the story Jesus tells Peter (called Simon in the story) to "put out into the deep" (Luke 5:4). From what I've read the deep part of the Sea of Galilee is not the best place to fish. Jesus took Peter to the place where it was deep, in order to teach Peter to truly trust Him.

God doesn't call you to be a shallow Christian. Consider what the Apostle Paul wrote at the end of his life to Timothy: "The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 16 But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen." 1 Timothy 1:15-17 ESV

Things to note in this scripture:

- Near the end of his life Paul was still growing in appreciation that Jesus came to save sinners (v.15)
- Paul was still learning the depth of sin in his heart, and considered himself "foremost" amongst sinners (v.15)
- The more we see our depth of sin, the more we learn the depth of Christ's "perfect patience" (v. 16)
- Growing in knowing our need for Christ should cause us to give Him

glory and honor (v.17)

Jesus didn't come into the world to create a Christianity that is a mile wide and an inch deep. Sometimes we buy into this type of faith, cutting and pasting clichés from others into our life without truly letting God take us into the deep places in our heart where our only hope is to trust Him.

Please consider:

- No matter your age God wants to keep growing your relationship with Him.
- Part of letting God take us "deep" is learning the motives for our sins
- Another part of letting God "deep" is learning whether we have selfish motives for the "good" religious stuff we do, or do we do our faith and life for God's glory alone.

Part of my prayer for this season with PFC is that we are going deep. This is why we are studying the same scripture at Soup Supper Bible Study on Wednesdays as we hear on Sunday morning. I am attempting to bring out deep truths from the scripture. But truthfully even if we hear the same thing twice, most of us need to. We are not so "advanced" that we can hear or study a scripture once and move on. Instead we should hear it, read it, study it, and let it sink deep into our heart until God actually catches us and we learn not just the meaning of the scripture but what God means to do in our life with the scripture.

Glad to be heading to the "deep" with Him and you,

Pastor Corey

"Blessed is he



who reads aloud

...and blessed are those who hear..."

- REV. 1:3

Welcome new PFC Church Member, Scott Beeson

The PFC Executive Board approved Scott Beeson to be a member of Palouse Federated Church. Scott is from Palouse, and was baptized as a Christian in a church in Oklahoma while he was serving in the military. Scott and his wife Torrey regularly attend the Sunday evening worship service.

Wednesday Soup Suppers & Study

Supper starts at 6pm with a study at 6:30pm entitled "Going into the Deep"

Join us Wednesday nights through March for Soup Suppers and a study of God's Word. Pastor Corey is leading the study on

the scripture that he will preach on the coming Sunday morning. Part of the aim of his teaching on Wednesday night is to teach how to study the scripture, giving us principles, questions, and tools that we can rightly study the Bible

for ourselves. You don't have to bring soup or bread to come to the supper. Childcare is available for the youngsters during the Bible study. We do find that kids age 6 and above can get a lot out of the study time.

Executive Board Report

Bill Demell chaired the February meeting, we welcome Bill as the Chairman of the Board.

A good discussion of our mission and vision was held and we are working towards new goals and strategies for the Board.

Executive Board discussed the plan for the sanctuary stage changes. The stage has since been altered to a single level. Thank

you to all who worked hard to get the job done!

Plans and discussion were also held on some kitchen upgrades and improvements. Two new stoves have been installed. One natural gas and the other electric, we shopped a local "ding and dent" store for the best options. The kitchen was fitted for natural gas. The Board moved to have Pullman

Heating do the work. While doing the work they added a natural gas option for the outside area behind the church for a potential future BBQ. A garbage disposal was added to the sink by the window in the kitchen. A water filter was added to the ice maker, there had been a problem with the taste of the ice. All the kitchen improvements have been paid for with a generous \$5000 donation.

Special Occasions - March

Birthdays

Darin Watkins, 1st
 Juliana Geshay, 1st
 Connor Hunt, 3rd
 Robby Johnson, 3rd
 Paula Echanove, 3rd
 Jerry Foster, 4th
 Ally Urquhart, 5th
 Beau Fisher, 6th
 Nate Culley, 1th
 Suzanne Holing, 11th
 Brian Beninendi, 16th
 Quinton Jacobs, 16th

Mike Sanderson, 16th
 Taylor White, 22nd
 Judy Gehring, 22nd
 Eli Elder, 23rd
 Tianna Woltering, 24th
 Nicole Wegner, 25th
 Butch Smith, 29th

Anniversary's

Tucson and Sue Smith, 1st
 Larry & Zelma Foster, 19th

Bud & Joanie Bagott, 21st
 David & Nancy Hill, 31st

Is your name not here? Send information to griffin@palouse.com

Theology 101 9am, March 9th (childcare available)

Don't be scared by the word "Theology," it simply means: the study of God. On March 9th we will be learning and discussing the basics of Christian theology.

We will discuss:

- * The nature of God
- * The nature of mankind
- * Salvation
- * Scripture
- * The Church

Pray for pastor Corey as this will be a fun but tough class for him to teach in a two hour format. The goal of the class is to provide the very basic understanding of Christian beliefs. We will not be able to go deep into any one particular belief in order that we can cover all the topics. However, Pastor Corey will provide further reading and learning tools for anyone who wants to go deeper into any theological area.

1 Corinthians 15:1-3

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ...

We give thanks for our Veterans, we pray for those actively serving. We thank God for missionaries and pray for those serving in this manner. We pray for the family of Nancy Hawbaker, Mike Collier, Traci Milano, Ashley (Angie Cochran's great granddaughter) and her family, the family of Brandon Anderson pregnant Moms in our community, John Sawyer, Susan Woodall, Connie Atkinson, people in our community to come to Christ. We pray for the youth of our community, our whole community, marriages in our communities, people

who are visiting in worship, for the leaders of our church, communities, states and nation

Active Duty Service Members:

- Jason Evenson (Afghanistan)
- Mitch Kriebel (Afghanistan)
- Shawn Tompkins (Afghanistan)
- Mark Tronsen (Japan)
- Steven Griffin (Texas)
- Zach Spear (Hawaii)
- Michael Forbes (Egypt)
- Danielle Tavenner (Oklahoma)
- Nick Burgess (Virginia)
- Adam Burnett (Shaw AFB)
- Kristina Pillai (Afghanistan)
- Liza Chavira (Afghanistan)

Membership List Available – Please Review

Pastor Corey and the Executive Board of PFC did a basic review of the church membership at the February Board meeting. The current Membership list will be made available to the congregation at-large on the information table. The intention is to give you an opportunity to review this membership list to ensure that it is accurate. If you find an inaccuracy, please contact Pastor Corey.

Classes coming April

PFC 101, Sunday April 7th, 12:15pm

Bible 101, Thursday, April 25th, 6-9pm

Giving Opportunity

Up to \$2000 in new donations will be matched by an anonymous donor when given to the Hope4All Children Orphanage in Uganda!

PFC Directory Revision ~Tecla Blood

I have recently started working on the Church Directory. The church purchased a program to make a Directory and I have made a good start on it. We are short on pictures. If you did not have a family picture taken at the church, have someone take your picture and email it to me at

tblood@cpcinternet.com.

Please add the names of all the people in your picture in the order they appear. I will contact people later to be sure I have correct and updated information. I will keep everyone up to date on the progress of the directory through the newsletter.

Why Become A Member?

When you become a disciple of Jesus Christ the Bible teaches that you become a part, or member, of His Body (Romans 12). Christ's Body, the Church in the whole world, is made up of all different kinds of people in all kinds of locations. Local Christians gather together and form congregations. That's what we are as Palouse Federated Church. Becoming a member of our local congregation of Christians is in no way required for salvation or entrance into Christ's Body. However, we truly believe Christ calls His Disciples to join a local movement of believers, and when you become a member of a local church, you are proclaiming that you believe in Christ and support His Mission happening through the local church. Members of

a local church body are people who are committed to giving towards and working for the work of Christ in their location. So if you care about Jesus Christ and the local mission of your church, you should become a member of it. Being a member then allows you to vote on major issues in the church, such as the calling and dismissal of a pastor, the election of Board members and other offices, the purchase and sale of property and the amendment of our constitution. Members care about building up the local church, not for its own sake, but rather so that it can effectively witness Christ to its community through word and deed. For more information- contact pastor Corey.

New Books for You

We have a table right at the top of the stairs that is full of books and other resources. This is the Kenny Graves memorial book table. Its purpose is to help introduce people to basic Christianity. We want to help people outside of the faith or new to faith with solid information about the faith. It is in memory of a man who died in 2006 shortly after becoming a Christian. Take a look at these new titles. You can keep or borrow these books and you are invited to give them to a friend or family member who you believe would be blessed by them.

- * Pilgrim's Progress- a great, classic allegory of the Christian Life
- * Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis- a modern Christian classic on basic Christianity
- The Mortification of Sin by John Owen- a Puritan Classic on holy living. Not an easy read, but super helpful for dealing with sin in your life.
- Knowing God by J.I. Packer- another modern Christian classic on basic Christianity
- Church History: A Crash Course for the Curious by Christopher Catherwood- it's title says it all!
- The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer- A book on what it means to truly follow Christ



Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday- March 28th 7pm Service of the Lord's Supper at PFC

This will be a simple service with scripture, worship, a brief message and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. This service helps us remember when and why Jesus established the Lord's Supper. (childcare available- age 6 and up are encouraged to be with parents, as always it is your choice to have younger kids with you or not)

Good Friday- March 29th 7pm Tenebrae Service of the Cross

The Good Friday Tenebrae Service is a service that we hear all the seven sayings of Jesus Christ from the cross. Each time we hear Jesus say something from the cross we extinguish a candle. By the end of the service we are in total darkness. This service is designed to help you contemplate, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, the darkness that Jesus Christ experienced in dying on the cross. This is a very somber service and ends very abruptly. It can be very difficult for young children to attend, please consider this prior to bringing children.

Resurrection Sunday Sunrise Service- March 31st 6:30am

We will gather at the

Palouse Cemetery near the back of the cemetery at 6:30am- rain, snow, sleet, wind or sunshine we will be there. This is a service of joy and worship as we celebrate the Living God in a place of human death. The service is relatively brief, we will sing a couple of songs and there is a brief message.

Resurrection Sunday- aka "Easter" kind of just another Sunday- sort of...

Resurrection Sunday is March 31st this year. 9am, 11am & 6pm

As we like to joke at our house, "Easter is on a Sunday AGAIN this year!"

We celebrate that Jesus Christ rose from death on the third day. This is a good time to invite friends and family to worship with you, as they will potentially be more open to attending on this Holy day. However, I want you to consider that we celebrate the resurrection every Sunday. Christians are people of the Resurrection. Every Sunday is an opportunity to invite friends and family to worship. So consider inviting people the Sunday before and/or after Resurrection Sunday.

Resurrection Sunday is the annual recognition of God defeating death for us. And it is right and good to make a big deal of it. It is wrong, however, to believe that you can honor God by worshiping Him just on the big "holy days" and not have a regular life of worship. Some people will say, "Well pastor, some worship is better than no worship." That is only true if the "some worship" is truly worship and not false worship. God clearly says in the Bible that He detests false worship (Isaiah 1:12-17, Amos 5, and many more!). He wants changed hearts that live lives of true worship and justice all year round.

If there are Christians who think it is okay in God's eyes to be a "Christmas and Easter" Christian, you have a great misunderstanding of faith and God. He wants us all to be a full-time devoted worshiper of Him, all days, all seasons.

Jesus didn't rise from the grave just so we could have a holiday that makes us feel better about ourselves. He conquered death to give life to His believers so they could serve His mission now and glorify Him eternally.



Palm Sunday Pancake Supper – & Talent Show

Come join us for the Palm Sunday Pancake Supper and Camp Scholarship Fundraiser on **March 24th 6pm.** The cost of the dinner is by donation.

We are looking for hands to help, and food donations. All proceeds go to our camp scholarship fun. Please contact Pastor Corey to help out or for more info. Talent show follows the supper.



Service: March Discipline ~ Tina Laughary

Over the past several weeks I have spent a lot of time reflecting on service. What does it mean to be a servant? In what ways can a person serve? Often times we think of a servant as someone in a specific role. For instance a "public servant" can be a police officer, fire fighter or even a politician. It works the same inside the church. We say things like, "I serve on the church board" or, "I serve in the nursery". These are all perfectly valid and wonderful ways to serve God. But as I have reflected on service as a spiritual discipline I keep thinking about my grandmother.

Growing up, my parents never hired a babysitter. Every time my mom needed to be free of us kids she would load us up and take us to grandma's house. Each day we would have a project of some kind. We would bake bread or cinnamon rolls to deliver to neighbors. We would make a meal for a sick neighbor, pull weeds for an elderly neighbor or help a neighbor harvest their raspberries (ok she would help, I would eat raspberries.) We dusted wooden pews and cleaned church toilets too

but her greatest acts of service were to people who I never saw inside the church walls. They were for friends and neighbors who were sick, sad, lonely or overwhelmed. One of my favorite things to do with grandma was go visiting. We would sit in lawn chairs and drink ice tea while grandma would chat with the neighbor. These weren't gossip sessions, grandma would always ask with real concern about the person and their life. Then she would go home with a head full of ideas on how to make their burden a little lighter.

What my grandmother was demonstrating to me was a lifestyle of service. Jesus demonstrated it to His disciples as well. As we are studying in the gospel of Luke, Jesus healed and restored many people but He didn't do any "mass healings". He took the time to meet one on one with each person in need, learn what their issue was and then helped them. Jesus cared about people. He wanted them to repent of their sins and seek forgiveness and a restored relationship with His Father, but He taught them about His Father by meeting their needs, caring for them—truly serving them.

Public services and roles of

service in the church are wonderful and desperately needed. Some of you may be called to pursue them. However, I believe God is calling us all to pursue a lifestyle of service. Ask yourself, "who is my neighbor"? Who can you serve today? Is there a young mother who could use a hand with housework or just an encouraging phone call? Is there a teenage boy who needs to be mentored, shown how to be a man of God? Can you make a meal, scrub a floor, have an encouraging conversation or write a simple note? Opportunities for service abound. I aspire to someday be a role model for someone, the way my grandmother still is for me. She continues to serve and love people at 85 years old. You never retire from being a servant.



Death by Cold ~ Walt White

(Walt White is a Global Consultant Missionary with International Ministries. PFC supports Walt's work around the world in helping missionaries and indigenous people share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in more cross-culturally effective ways. Walt has 40 years of experience and lived over 10 years as a missionary in Bangladesh.- Pastor Corey)

"I'm freezing to death!" We say it so easily. So glibly. I said it. Record breaking cold hit Bangladesh a couple of weeks ago, the coldest in over 50 years and certainly the coldest since independence, over forty years ago. I was prepared for cool weather, but not the bitter cold. It did not freeze. It never does in Bangladesh, but it was down to 36 F. Where I was, it was only 46 F, not too cold by most standards. But it was not just an unusually low temperature that made it cold. It was a wet, foggy, windy cold. I do not know what the wind chill factor was, but it made the cold inescapable. No building or house has a heater, as for most of the year the heat is oppressive, so there was no place to get warm.

I had the luxury of having layers and layers of clothes to wear, a warm jacket and a building to take refuge in. But I was still cold, and I complained, "Man, I'm freezing to death!" Then I began to hear reports of those that had ACTUALLY died.

Reportedly, at least 300 people died in Bangladesh, but the actual count no one will know. Why? No warm clothes and no warm blankets. Houses made of woven strips of bamboo designed to let air slip through offered virtually NO protection. The elderly,

those ill or suffering malnutrition and children were most vulnerable. We worry in America about our excessive body fat index, but most of those that died had no fat to measure! No body insulation meant that the cold penetrated deeply and with no way or place to get warm, quickly one's internal body temperature would drop, and the "gripping cold" became a death grip.

I say many other things glibly, too, such as, "Life is full of choices." But for many, it is not. Countless people do not get the opportunity to choose such basic things as where they live, what their job will be, whom they marry, or even the God they worship. For all of these choices, one must have options. For many, life is simply thrust upon them, and one must simply bear one's lot.

I believe God wants each person to have the opportunity to be free from such things as hunger and cold. It is quite simply part of what we pray when we say, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done..." And it also means that God wants each person to have the freedom, the option, to choose to know and follow Christ. Thank you for your support so that NO ONE is left out in the cold!

Yours with deepest gratitude,

And get involved in the work of the Kingdom of God.



Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.

(1 Corinthians 15:58)

**JUST COME
AS YOU ARE**

Sunday Nights at PFC

If you haven't been to Sunday Nights you are missing out! It is a lot of fun.

At 5pm we have a fellowship around the table with a meal, conversation, questions of faith for Pastor Corey. Sometimes we play Bible word guessing games or 20 questions. Kids, teens, parents, seniors- folks of all ages have a good time of Christian Fellowship.

At 6pm we have a core group of 20 + people who come to study the Word of God and celebrate the Lord's Supper. We have room for more folks! We meet in the Fellowship Hall and the service includes no music and lasts about 1 hour. Currently we are studying the Sermon on the Mount, and for the next few weeks we are focusing on the Lord's Prayer.

There is always childcare available on Sunday night for young youngsters. We do find that kids age 6 and above can get a lot out of the study time.

March Calendar

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*Our Mission: Worshiping
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servants of Christ and the
World.*

Regular Sunday Schedule

9am Worship (childcare
available age 5 and
under)

10am- Fellowship Time

10:15am –Family Hour
Sunday School

11am – Worship (Childcare
available)

5pm – All Church Pizza
Potluck and Questions

6pm – Worship with
communion, "Simple
Service"

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March Sermons

- March 3, 2013, "Jesus is Cleanser and Forgiver" – Luke 5:12-26
- March 10, 2013, "Jesus Calls All Sinners" – Luke 5:27-39
- March 17, 2013, Guest Preacher, Mark Sawyer - Matthew 19:13-30
- March 24, 2013, Palm Sunday – Luke 19:28-40
- March 31, 2013, Resurrection Sunday, "Easter" – Luke 24:1-12

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