

OUR MISSION: DEPENDING ON JESUS TO RESTORE OUR (IMPERFECT) LIVES

PFC CONNECTION

"AWE-WHO-JOY-NOW-TOO (& How These 3 Letter Words Connect to Our Unique Mission"

Dear PFC Folk,

Recently we have been introducing and rolling out our new PFC Mission, Values, Measures and Strategy. (Please see the summary below this article)

Our mission is stated as follows: Depending on Jesus to Restore Our (Imperfect) Lives. In order for our mission to come to fruition we need AWE>WHO>JOY>NOW>TOO. You say, "What?!"

If we want our lives restored, if we want to see the lives of lost people restored we need this. We need to be in AWE of Jesus. AWE of Jesus (and His love, forgiveness, and salvation) leads to really seeing WHO God is. Depending on WHO God is and what His Word says about us, tells us WHO we are. Knowing WHO God is and knowing WHO we are leads to deep, un-breakable JOY. A permanent orientation of JOY in our heart from Jesus frees us to live courageously in the NOW. Freed from our past, excited for our future, our NOW is lived fully and we seek relationships in our Oikos to share Jesus with others TOO. PFC does not exist for those who are already part of the family; we long to see others depend on Jesus to have their life restored TOO.

Depend on Jesus, Pastor Corey

PFC Mission/Vision: Depending on Jesus to Restore Our (Imperfect) Lives.

The shorter vision tagline: [Depending on Jesus, Restoring Lives]

Values: Trust, Relationships, Truth, Serving

Measures Questions- that keep us on track:

- 1) How is my daily talk with God?
- 2) What am I busy about?
- 3) How have I made myself available to Jesus today?
- 4) How do I daily serve my neighbor?
- 5) Do I give time to let others help me grow?

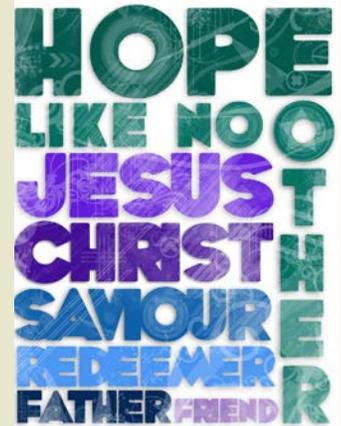
Strategy: Worship, Spiritual Growth, Serving/Sharing

Worship leads to> AWE, WHO, JOY

Spiritual Growth leads to> Living in the NOW

Serving + Sharing leads to > Seeing others depend on Jesus TOO

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LENT/HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Soup Supper Series- Depending on Jesus- continues through **Wednesday March 23rd**. **Soup's served at 6pm**, with the devotion by Pastor Corey beginning near 6:30pm. The devotion is followed by PFC people sharing their "Depending on Jesus" stories from their own life. Lots of different soups are available, including "child-friendly" soups. Childcare is also available for little ones. This is a very casual event, all are welcome to attend. Invite your friends and family!

Maundy Thursday- March 24th 7pm Lord's Supper Service

Come and receive the Lord's Supper (aka communion) and hear the scriptures that are the foundation upon which we celebrate this sacred worship meal. This is a time of remembering how Jesus instituted this important meal. All are invited and welcome. Childcare is provided for little ones downstairs.

Good Friday- "Tenebrae" Service of the Cross- March 25th 7:30pm

The "Tenebrae" service is a somber, dark service where we listen to all of the words spoken by Jesus Christ from the cross. Tenebrae is Latin for "darkness." It is called this, because this service considers the darkness of Christ's spiritual suffering on the cross. In addition, this service ends in complete darkness. It is an abrupt and very dark service, but there is no better way to contemplate the suffering of Jesus Christ for each of us on Good Friday than to participate in this service. This service is not suitable for very young children. But childcare is available in the basement.

Resurrection Sunday Sunrise Service 6:30am at the Palouse Cemetery

Join us at the cemetery for a hope-filled Sunrise Service at 6:30am. You will find us near the back of the cemetery. Dress warmly.



Key Scripture for 2016: Hebrews 12:2

2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

LIFE LESSONS SESSION 1 – MARCH 13TH AT 2PM

Pray for our 3rd Annual outreach program to area high school seniors. Life Lessons is designed to give Christ-centered, practical, Bible-based wisdom to high school seniors in the areas of: finance, relationships and their future. The program is sponsored by PFC, Garfield Community Church, Garfield Christian Fellowship and GarPal Young Life. Each student is required to attend all 3 sessions, and either read a Christian book in one of the topic areas, or meet with an approved adult mentor about one of the topic areas. Seniors who complete the program receive a \$250 cash award. If you would like to serve in this ministry in some way, please contact Pastor Corey.

ROSS POINT WOMEN'S RETREAT, APRIL 22-24, 2016

Join us as many local women are speaking, directing and/or planning numerous fun and meaningful activities for all the ladies who attend the Women's Retreat this year, **April 22-24**. Registration for this fun event is completed online by going to www.rosspoint.org and clicking on REGISTER HERE. If you have an account, enter your username and password. If you don't have an account, create a new account and complete your registration. Please contact the Ross Point office at 208 773-1655 for assistance.

Women will be immersed in the love of God as they listen to scriptures, interact with small groups, pray, laugh, EAT great food, SLEEP in comfy beds, network with other women and listen to the still small voice of God. We are excited to share our two guest speakers; Tina Laughary will share a talk on "Trust and Hope in the LORD" and Evelyn Savocho, will share "The reason for my Hope."

There is a talent show on Saturday night, so bring your favorite song, dance or skit to share.

The retreat begins at 6 PM (suppertime) on Friday night and ends after 11 AM worship on Sunday morning. For rides or more information, contact Betty Sawyer.



THE BEST VALENTINES GIFT OF ALL

~ BY TINA LAUGHARY

A couple years ago I read a book that changed the way I think about marriage. The book is by Timothy Keller and it is called, "The Meaning of Marriage." Keller's hypothesis is that the purpose of marriage as God intended it, is far different than what our culture believes. Research shows that most men choose their partner based on physical attraction while most women choose their partner based on their ability to provide for them financially. Keller believes both of these tendencies to be misguided. He believes our role as husband and wife is to help shape and form one another into the image of Christ. Therefore we should choose a spouse who we believe will have the courage and conviction to point out areas of sin in our lives and the humility to receive our correction as well.

Culture tells us to find someone who can "complete me" but as Christians we know that God alone can do that. Humans were not created to "complete" each other. Attempting to do so is attempting to take the place of God, and this will always end in failure, frustration and hurt. In his infinitely loving plan God chooses to allow us to have a spouse who can be encourager, friend and loving partner. Our job as a spouse is to be a humble and consistent accountability partner. There is something intensely intimate about being vulnerable enough to allow someone to point out areas in your life that need to change. There is something incredibly brave about choosing to be the one to share these things with the person on earth whom you love the most. A marriage where both husband and wife are brave and vulnerable with each other is a rare and beautiful thing.

Self-deception is something we all struggle with. We do not see ourselves accurately. This is why having a partner who is willing to tell it like it is can be incredibly valuable for our spiritual growth and our growth as a human being. I am so thankful for our God who created marriage! I am also incredibly grateful for my incredible husband who spoiled me on Valentine's Day. No, there were no chocolates or roses (though he does sometimes give me those). What he gave me was an excellent daily devotional book for the two of us to go through together and a CD recording of a lecture on marriage. No—these aren't what the world would consider romantic gifts but to this girl who understands the meaning of marriage—they are the best gifts ever.

Ephesians 5:22-32: ²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

GIVING THANKS BEYOND OURSELVES ~ BY KAY TRONSEN

John Piper reminds Christians that “gratitude is a virtue most worthy of our cultivation. Indeed, in all the Christian life, gratitude is to be planted, watered, dressed, and harvested. Gratitude gets at the very essence of what it means to be created, finite, fallen, redeemed, and sustained by the God of all grace.” I write this with a heart of gratitude for the way PFC members have responded to the call to support our brothers and sisters in Christ in Uganda. We were able to meet all their needs on their Christmas gift list (including medical attention for all the children, and providing clothing and school supplies). We have fed them, prayed for them, provided fresh water for them and their community, helped improve their physical structures, and schooling costs. We have paid teacher salaries, provided a special diet for Praise, Pastor Martin’s two-year daughter, as well as encouraged them in Christ-centered fellowship.

But these connections are not always easy – cross-cultural ties rarely are. It’s easy to get discouraged and wonder if we are doing any good there at all. In our last monthly meeting, our PFC Uganda Team was reminded of all the things we have done because we have banded together and just stepped out in faith: we have done all those things I listed above – we have fed hungry people and children and provided for very real, urgent needs. We found great encouragement in those reminders, while we acknowledge we are all new at this! Our team has had great ideas that didn’t pan out like we hoped, and we’ve had to regroup and rethink strategy. In light of recent discussions, we decided to redesign our sponsorship program. Instead of sponsorships, we are going to call our efforts, “Monthly for Uganda.” Members of our team have added labels to the PFC donation envelopes to help PFC folks donate towards specific areas of need, rather than for a specific child. If you are already sponsoring a child, we will be sending you a more detailed letter explaining our reasoning further.

We do not do all this alone! We know that God honors our efforts and our prayers. Please pause and join us at **8:57 pm** each evening and pray for Uganda, for our work there, and for the children. Who knows what God has in mind, years down the road, for those boys and girls who come to Christ in that setting? Let me end by invoking Paul from the letter of Ephesians. “I cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers.” Amen! May we plant, water, dress, and harvest gratitude for Christ’s glory.

PRAYER REQUESTS: GOD HEARS THE PRAYERS OF HIS PEOPLE

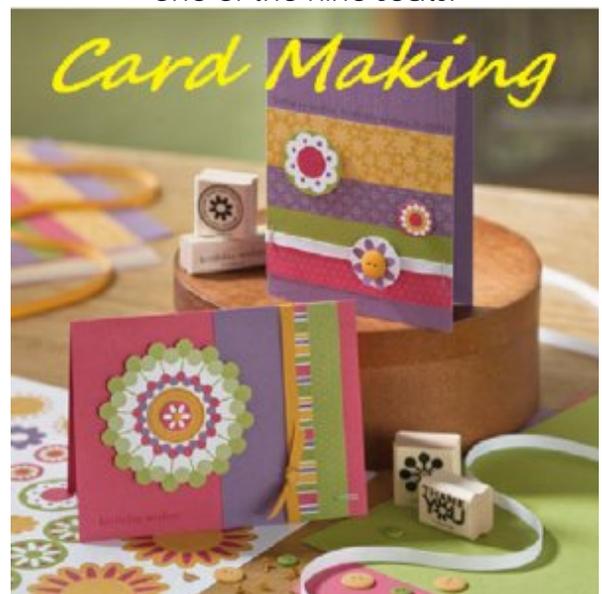


Pray for your Oikos! We pray for the family & friends of Konnor Stirling (Colfax teen who passed from Leukemia, parents: Janel & Tom Stirling) and the family & friends of Don White (Mike White's dad). We pray for Meredith Willcox-Norris (cancer), Jerrie Oliver, Kyle (ESH Resident whose father died), Nicole, Daniel and Gabriel Wegner, and for Don Comstock (medical) & Verna Comstock (his caregiver). We pray for our PFC Sunday school, we pray for all the children and the teachers to be filled with His Spirit. We praise God for continued growth of the Bishop Place worship service; praying for Pastor Matt & his family. We pray for the bible study at Eastern State Hospital & all the residents there. We praise God for providing 4 volunteer youth ministry leaders; please pray for youth to come to Christ. We pray for our International Missionaries and partner church and orphanage in Uganda (pastors, teachers, and orphans). We pray for

this hurting world, for all the people impacted by world suffering; from political violence and hate, human disasters, and injustice, praying these events will be used as an opportunity to expand our faith and bring others to the feet of Jesus. Please pray for our local "shut-ins." We pray for our public servants, their families and communities.

Active Duty Service Members: Jason Evenson, Mitch Kriebel, Mark Tronsen, Zach Spear, Michael Forbes, Danielle Tavenner, Nick Burgess, Adam Burnett, Kristina Pillai, Tim Slemp, Ben Lynch, Liza Chavira, Jake Gehring, Gage Trout, and Johnathan Gehring.

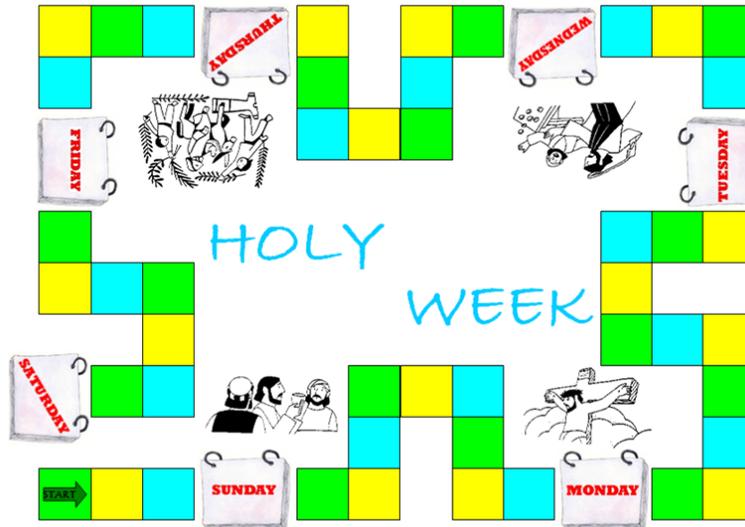
"Be A-Blessing" Card Ministry Workshop at Bauer's home on, **Saturday, March 12th, 1-4 pm**. Call 208-882-4945 or email gemstatemom@gmail.com to RSVP for one of the nine seats!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

~ BRENDA COOK

It has taken us 1 1/2 years, but our youngest class- ages 3 through 2nd grade- has studied and read about God and His people throughout the entire Old Testament! During this time, the kids have been challenged to learn short verses that reflect the point of the Bible story and they have done quite well. We have now started the New Testament and are excited to learn stories of Jesus' time on earth.



JUNE 11TH –DUATHLON – ADDS A 10 MILE RUN OPTION

The Young Life sponsored Palouse River Duathlon is adding an event this year. The duathlon consists of running 2 miles, biking 10, and running 2 more miles, but this year participants can choose to RUN ONLY for 10 miles through the beautiful Palouse River countryside. Saturday, June 11th is the date, so mark your calendars.

We need community members to help with the bike corral as courtesy volunteers, go out on the race track to give racers directions, or help with set up and tear down. GarPal Young Life receives \$100 of the proceeds from the race so many kids will be helping along the way to earn their way to camp at Malibu, B.C. this July.

MARCH 2016 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30am: Men's Bible Study * 8:30am: Mom's Bible Study * 10am: Bible Study *	2 10am: Ladies Bible Study * 6pm: Soup Suppers 6:30pm: Bible Study* 7pm, Youth Worship Practice	3	4	5
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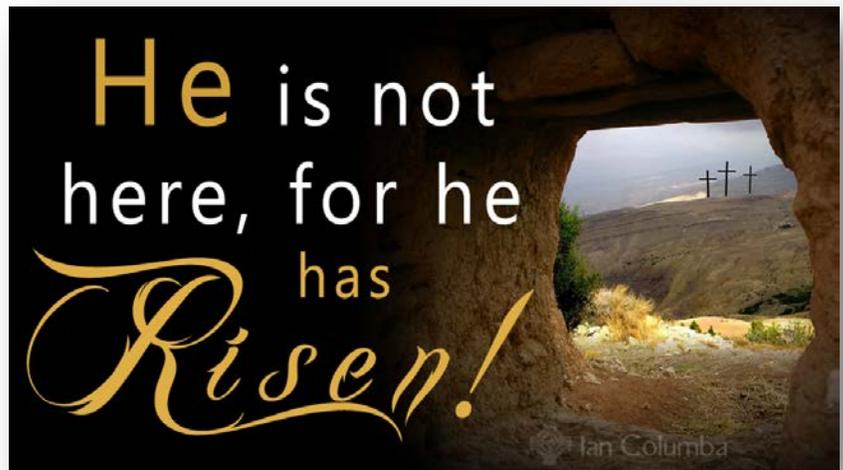
MARCH SERMONS

- March 6th, 9&11am "The Peril of Continued Disobedience," Exodus 9:1-12
 - 6pm, Part 1, "One in Christ," Ephesians 2:11-22
- March 13th, 9&11am "Hail: The Peril of Self-Centeredness," Exodus 9:13-35
 - 6pm, Part 2, "More Than We Can Imagine," Ephesians 3:14-21
- March 20th, 9&11am "Jesus Flips Tables," Matthew 21:12-17
 - NO EVENING SERVICE
- March 27th, 9 & 11am "What's Next?" Matthew 28:16-20
 - NO EVENING SERVICE

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