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Pastor's Column:

A Catechism of Our Church Mission Statement

Definition- "**Catechism**"- giving a brief summary of the basic principles of Christianity in question and answer form. Our Mission Statement: "We exist to worship God and to form one another into loving servants of Christ and the world."

What does it mean to worship God? Answer: To worship God is to proclaim God as Lord of all.

How do we worship God? Answer: We do this in song, listening, prayer and learning on Sunday mornings. Proclaiming that God is truly in control, as we seek to listen to God, and speak to God in prayer. We worship each day when we live out a life of trusting that God is Lord of all. Therefore our family life, work life, retired life, recreation life and community service can all be lived as acts of worship if we do them in a way that admits God is Lord of all- in control.

What does it mean to "form one another"? Answer: To form one another is to help each other, by the power of the Holy Spirit, grow in our relationship as followers of Jesus Christ.

How do we form one another? Answer: In our small groups, bible studies, conversations and relationships we seek to encourage and challenge one another to be healthy followers of Jesus Christ. We believe that God is forming us, as the potter forms a lump of clay into a pot. God uses many ways to form people. One main way is using scripture and other people to form us into more willing servants of Jesus Christ. Learning is part of being formed. Accountability is part of being formed. Serving is part of being formed. May we each seek to give permission to one another to form each other into the person that Christ is calling us to be. May we seek humbly to be used by Jesus Christ in the spiritual formation of others. We do not, however, learn our way to God. The first step of formation is submitting to God in worship, as the scriptures say "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." (Prov. 1:7a)

What does it mean to be "loving servants of Christ and the world"? Answer: Jesus Christ came to teach us how to love God and one another, the main end goal of the church is to become the loving servants He desires us to be. We are called to love one another in the church, to love our neighbors in our communities, and to love our enemies. We are called to be people who care for the needs of others as much as, or more than, our own.

How do we become loving servants? Answer: Primarily you let God love you and this love will change you into a loving servant. That means you must spend time with God in worship, prayer, study and service. You pray for God's Spirit to convert your heart to that of a selfless servant of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom. You then listen and look for opportunities to serve. As your heart is changed into a loving servant, you will find plenty of opportunities to serve, for the world is a broken and hurting world. We serve not to earn our salvation. But because we are saved by Christ, and because the Spirit converts our hearts, we find ourselves becoming people of loving service.

In Christ, ~ Pastor Corey

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One Great Hour of Sharing - Offering Collected During Sundays in May

For over 60 years, Christians in the United States have shared their material resources with a hurting world through One Great Hour of Sharing, bringing joy to those who receive and those who give. Following in Jesus' footsteps, we give our hard-earned resources through this offering to help build homes, schools, medical clinics, clean water and sewage facilities, in villages devastated by earthquakes, floods, and poverty bring safety, shelter, and food to refugees after often violent circumstances have made their hometowns uninhabitable nurture stronger futures and self sufficiency through health care, education, job training, and tools for livelihoods. Sharing aligns our lives with God's own life and work in our world. It is a way of opening ourselves more fully to what God is up to - and inviting God to reach more deeply into us. Sharing will joyfully transform us as we help transform the world. One Great Hour of Sharing: it's all about sharing - sharing resources and changing lives.

Please give generously! ~Peggy Collier

From Your Executive Board: April Meeting

The meeting was called to order and Butch offered the opening prayer. Bob presented the minutes from the last meeting and they were approved. Butch presented the February budget/treasurer's report and it was approved. It was reported during the Diaconate report that there were four baptisms the previous month including Delaney and Kari Watkins, Ben Barstow, and Camille Wadleigh. New doors to the basement and nursery are in the bidding process. A new sweeper vacuum that is light and powerful was purchased from building funds and the new projector for the sanctuary has been ordered. It was paid for by a private donor. Pastor Corey reported that he will be changing internet service providers. This may mean that Pastor Corey's email address will change, but this has yet to be determined. The congregation will be notified if Pastor Corey's email changes. The Quarterly PFC Business meeting was held on April 17, 2011 @ 10:17AM at which time the membership voted to approve the changes to the constitution.

~ Board Chair, Butch Smith

PFC PHOTO DIRECTORY

Cathy Blood has begun working on a Palouse Federated Church photo directory. We are asking all of you to email (cathyblood@gmail.com) in family or individual photos to Cathy for this directory. The directory will only contain names and photos, no address information will be included.



May Birthdays

Mary Barstow, May 2nd
 Bridger Waterhouse, May 10th
 Randy Zhem, May 10th
 Gordon Tassell, Jr., May 12th
 Cathy Blood, May 14th
 Whitney Heusser, May 15th
 Danny Kent, May 15th
 Verna Parsons, May 15th
 Majorie Bognar, May 16th
 Lyle West, May 18th
 Amy Heusser, May 20th
 Sandy Schorzman, May 22nd
 Annie Manning, May 24th
 Mitchell Dymkoski, May 27th

May Anniversary's

Mike & Marie Dymkoski, May 12th
 Will & Penny Thurman, May 12th



Caption: "Resurrection Sunday Beauties"

Getting to Know Your Neighbors – Bob, Brenda & Holly Brown



Who we are: Bob and Brenda Brown have lived in Palouse for over 17 years. After meeting in graduate school at the University of Georgia, they moved to the area for work; Bob with the US Forest Service, headquartered in Moscow where he studies forest erosion and Brenda with WSU where she is a professor of human development. Bob and Brenda have a 7th grade daughter, Holly. Bob is originally from Oklahoma and Brenda grew up in Oregon.

Our faith journeys and how we found our way to PFC: Bob was raised in the Methodist Church and Brenda grew up Catholic, but had in adulthood attended a variety of different Protestant churches, with the most time spent as part of a Disciples of Christ congregation in Portland, OR. When they met in grad school, neither was actively involved in a church, nor was a relationship with God really foremost in their lives. When they moved to Palouse and started a family, faith and a church home became a focus. Brenda reports “I was seeking a place where I could feel accepted and allowed to ask questions about who God is and what a real relationship with God looks like. I didn’t know if I could find a place where both Bob and I would be comfortable, given our different church backgrounds and experience.” During a day of moving a mutual friend, Sharon and Mike White told the Brown’s about their great experience with PFC. This was in late summer of 2005. Brenda checked out the church’s booth at Palouse Days and attended the following Sunday. Brenda remembers “It is always a little uncomfortable for me to enter a new situation, and church was even more “new” for me. It was during the period when PFC had different summer worship hours and I got confused about whether they were on summer or fall hours, so I walked in during the middle of the service! As you might imagine, I felt awkward and embarrassed, but I was welcomed with open arms. I felt like I had found a home from the very beginning.”

Brenda wasn’t sure if Bob was going to feel the same way, but it became clear quickly that Bob and Holly also had found a home at PFC. Since that fall, Holly has become firmly ensconced in the youth group, having been a regular Sunday school attendee; she has been to camp at Ross Point a number of times. Both Bob and Brenda feel service to the church is an important way to give back to a place that has provided their family an opportunity for spiritual growth. Bob serves on the church board, runs the web site and is a “once and while” tech guy, insuring computers and sound systems are in working order. Bob records the sermons on Sundays and posts them on the web site for your listening pleasure. Brenda served on the diaconate, is part of a small group leadership team with Robin Rilette and is the constructor of the banners that hang in the church sanctuary.

Getting to Know Your Neighbors – continued ~

Note: Holly & Bob got to travel back East as part of the GarPal Middle School Trip

Holly Brown: The D.C. trip was simply amazing. This was my third time visiting the District of Columbia, I had never been to Boston or New York. My dad, Bob Brown and 38 others went with me on the trip and it was his first time to Boston and New York as well. Our first day was definitely our busiest; we got to our hotel around one or two in the morning, and were on the bus and heading to the Capital Building by seven in the morning. The capital building was great after which, on the steps of the capital, we met with Cathy McMorris Rodgers and got to ask any questions. That was very exciting we got to hear her opinion on things without the press twisting her words. After this we headed to the US Holocaust Museum, it was a very emotional time for a lot of people. We left the museum and headed to a happy place, the Smithsonian Institution. We had three of those museums to choose to visit, National Museum of Natural History, National Air & Space Museum, or the National Museum of American History. Then off for dinner at Union Station, following this we had a guided illuminations tour of the monuments. The tour was beautiful, it was wonderful to see the sights of D.C. lit up in bright lights. We headed back to the hotel around ten, it was an exciting day run on little sleep. Our second day was mostly spent driving to Virginia and Williamsburg, we arrived a little after noon. We had a great time in the 18th-century town. It was great to see an entire village set in the late 1700's. With our guides we acted out a court scene and the decision to go to war with the British. Those Virginians are a tough group. After this we departed for dinner at the Doraldo restaurant. We then went in for an early night at the hotel, we all watched a semi-final basketball game (of which I cannot remember who was playing). The next morning we headed to the famous Fords Theatre, it was really cool to see. After this we headed to the Arlington Cemetery, this was a place I will not forget. There are acres and acres of graves. It was a time that everyone got quiet. My dad and I saw my cousins' grave who just passed away in January 2010 while serving in Afghanistan. It was a solemn time, Hunter Woltring was actually the one to find his place of rest for us, we were grateful. Following our visit to the Arlington Cemetery we headed to the National Archives, which in my opinion was a disappointment. Just a very quick look at our Constitution, Bill of Rights and then back on the bus headed to Toby's Dinner Theater to enjoy a buffet and a play of "Happy Days" acted out by our waiters. The Inn of Gettysburg was our next over night. On our fifth day we visited the Gettysburg Battlefield where we had the BEST tour guide ever. He made it very interactive and kept us awake even with our lack of sleep. The guide told the story of the battle as we looked over the many battle markers. After the tour, we ate lunch and headed to the Amish farming communities of Pennsylvania and ate at the Plain & Fancy Restaurant. Following our meal, we headed to the big city of New York, New York. Immediately after arriving in New York City we rode an elevator to the "Top of the Rock", which was absolutely amazing it was beautiful to see all the big city lights from 70 stories up. We finally got to the hotel around eleven. Bright and early for our first day in New York we had a guided city walks tour. We saw so many sights from Time Square, New York Stock Exchange, Central Park to the wreckage of the Twin Towers. The bus ride ended our tour of New York with a visit to Madame Tussaud's wax museum, it was great. There were definitely a few times where I ran into one of the wax statues and apologized, they were incredibly realistic! My Dad waited and waited for a wax person to take a photo, we had to push him through. The museum had a scary section, they could learn a lot from our haunted Palouse. We had the rest of the afternoon to explore New York on our own. We returned to the hotel before four, to get ready and then head to BROADWAY. The forty of us took the New York City Subway to see, "Phantom of the Opera" it was insane, fantastic props. Sadly it was later in the week and we were exhausted many of our trip were asleep by the end of it. We got to take a cab back from Broadway to our hotel. Our seventh day on the east coast we stood in lines and then headed out on the Ferry to visit Ellis Island and Lady Liberty. She is quite a sight and now I can see how she is on many post cards. In the afternoon we had had a few hours to wonder the streets of China town, Little Italy and do some shopping. I think you can buy most anything in New York! We met the bus under the Manhattan Bridge and made our way to dinner at a BBQ restaurant then all aboard for Boston, MA. The final two nights were spent in Boston where we toured the freedom trail visiting the North Church and visited the graves of John Hancock and others. We had a guide who led our bus through Cambridge near MIT and on to Concord and Lexington where we visited the Minuteman National Park. We ended the day with dinner at Faneuil Hall and then some swimming at the hotel. Some met early the last morning of the trip to tour Fenway Park then off to Manchester, MA to fly home. It was quite an adventure for a group of small town kids and parents. It makes me want to visit again, but maybe stay longer in one place.

Upcoming Sermons

May Sermons: emphasis on the New Testament and the word “martus” or martyr which means witness

- May 15, 2011, 1 Peter 2:19-25, “Good Suffering” or “How to be a Healthy Martyr, Part I”
- May 22, 2011, 1 Peter 2:2-10, “Living Stones” or “How to be a Healthy Martyr, part II”
- May 29, 2011, 1 Peter 3:13-22, “Answers” or “How to be a Healthy Martyr, Part III”



June Sermons: emphasis on the New Testament and the word “martus” or martyr which means witness

- June 5, 2011, Luke 24:44-53, “The Master’s Plan”
- June 12, 2011, 1 Corinthians 12:1-13, “Drinking The Spirit”
- June 19, 2011, Matthew 28:16-20, “Why PFC Exists”
- June 26, 2011, Genesis 22:1-14, “What Kind of Father”

Bible Book(s) of the Month – 1st and 2nd Peter

We believe Peter was killed during the reign of the Roman Emperor Nero, between AD 65-68. In the later years of his life we believe he composed the books, 1st and 2nd Peter. These books are letters written to early followers of Jesus Christ. The books concern themselves mainly with the life duties of Christians. Peter explores different facets of how we should live. He also explores how we should endure suffering. And near the end of 2nd Peter, he discusses the return of Christ. The daily reading samples are really small. I encourage you not to simply read these books, but to study them for 20-30 minutes a day. How? Read the verses. Ask yourselves what do these verses mean? What was Peter trying to communicate? It may help to use a Bible study resource from the library or from online. Here is the recommended reading schedule- feel free to modify the verses to read more or less per day in order to fit your study time

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| _ Day 1 — 1 Peter 1:1 - 1:7 | _ Day 13 — 1 Peter 4:13 - 4:19 |
| _ Day 2 — 1 Peter 1:8 - 1:14 | _ Day 14 — 1 Peter 5:1 - 5:7 |
| _ Day 3 — 1 Peter 1:15 - 1:21 | _ Day 15 — 1 Peter 5:8 - 5:14 |
| _ Day 4 — 1 Peter 1:22 - 2:3 | _ Day 16 — 2 Peter 1:1 - 1:7 |
| _ Day 5 — 1 Peter 2:4 - 2:10 | _ Day 17 — 2 Peter 1:8 - 1:14 |
| _ Day 6 — 1 Peter 2:11 - 2:17 | _ Day 18 — 2 Peter 1:15 - 1:21 |
| _ Day 7 — 1 Peter 2:18 - 2:24 | _ Day 19 — 2 Peter 2:1 - 2:7 |
| _ Day 8 — 1 Peter 2:25 - 3:6 | _ Day 20 — 2 Peter 2:8 - 2:14 |
| _ Day 9 — 1 Peter 3:7 - 3:13 | _ Day 21 — 2 Peter 2:15 - 2:21 |
| _ Day 10 — 1 Peter 3:14 - 3:20 | _ Day 22 — 2 Peter 2:22 - 3:5 |
| _ Day 11 — 1 Peter 3:21 - 4:5 | _ Day 23 — 2 Peter 3:6 - 3:11 |
| _ Day 12 — 1 Peter 4:6 - 4:12 | _ Day 24 — 2 Peter 3:12 - 3:18 |



PFC 101 – May 16th at Noon – All are Welcome!

PFC 101 is for those new to PFC- OR- those interested in church membership, child dedication or baptism. Pizza and childcare provided! Usually lasts around 45 minutes. Consider yourself invited!

Future Events

- May 13th – Men's Breakfast, 7:30am
Cook, 8am Eat
- May 16th - Dessert at the Laughary's 7pm
- May 22nd – PFC 101
- June 11th – Leadership Learning Community (LLC)

A Special Thank You to Kelsey Thurman

A special THANK YOU goes to Kelsey Thurman who was one of our primary preschool-kindergarten teachers this last year. The kids really enjoyed Kelsey-- & she often brought her brother Tyler to help and the kids really liked that! She will be busy preparing for her wedding over the next few weeks. We pray for Kelsey & Zack's (Spear) wedding plans to go smoothly, for a wonderful wedding day & for much joy together as a married couple.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM UPDATE

Parents, be sure to ask your child(ren) to share with you what they are learning each week! Most children love to show you their work and tell you the story behind their picture or craft. All Toddlers, Pre-K and Elementary kids should be taking home lesson papers and/or crafts that reflect the topic of the day. It's a great way to reinforce the lesson when you give them the opportunity to repeat it back. Here's what they will be learning this month:

TODDLERS--ages 2 & 3 (taught by Tereasa Hemphill): Creation-what God made for us! The underlying theme for kids this age is stressing every Sunday that Jesus loves them.

PRE-K--ages 4 thru kindergarten (taught by Betsy Rawls and Kelsey Thurman): Helping others learn about Jesus through Paul and his adventures in the book of Acts.

ELEMENTARY--grades 1-5 (taught by ShaiAnn Collier and Robin Woltering): The overall theme through the end of the school year is "Sticking with God: Knowing His Hope". In the month of May, they'll be learning that God gives us hope through His amazing works, through His strength, through Jesus, and through the promise of heaven.

Please feel free to ask me or your child's teacher if you have any questions or comments. Thanks! ~Brenda Cook, Children's Ministry Team Leader

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will be giving our teachers a break for the summer again between the weeks of June 19 through September 18. Over the past few summers, we have asked parents and volunteers to sign up for a Sunday or two to teach--and this has worked well. Please call or email me to pick the Sunday and class of your choice. We will need teachers for all three classes: Toddlers, preschool/kindergarten and the elementary class (grades 1-5). The SUMMER TEACHER'S MEETING will be on SUNDAY, JUNE 5 at 10:00 a.m.--come sign up to teach! We will pass out the fun and easy curriculum and show you around the rooms. Thank you for your help.

~Brenda Cook, Children's Ministry Team Leader

GOLDEN EGGS ON RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Do you have a child in Sunday School that brought home an EMPTY Golden Egg? After hearing the resurrection story by their teachers, the kids went on a short hunt for "Golden Eggs". After they each found one, we talked about what a Golden Egg symbolizes. A regular EGG symbolizes new life. A GOLDEN EGG symbolizes that life with Jesus in our hearts is precious, valuable, and worthy. An EMPTY GOLDEN EGG symbolizes the empty tomb, and that Jesus died for our sins but He is alive again and gives us NEW LIFE! The kids were encouraged to tell their families about their precious, empty Golden Egg.

PFC Memorial Library News ~ Judy Willcox

The PFC Memorial library is being well used. The library committee will meet this month to prepare new donated books for circulation and the shelves will be checked for correct shelving & organization. There will be a list of new additions to the collection on the check-out shelf and new patrons will receive their laminated cards. Look forward to booklists and short summaries of recommended books for reading this summer in the upcoming newsletters!

Advice on Giving, by Dave Ramsey

[A "tithe" is the first tenth of one's income]

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Save, spend and give—my big three principles. Most people forget about the giving part because they think I only scream "Save, save, save!" Giving liberates the soul of the giver. You never walk away feeling badly. Whether through a tithe, charitable contribution, or gift to a friend in need give away at least some of your money. Not only does it generate good, but it generates contentment. Remember, no one has ever become poor by giving. Is it acceptable to pause tithing in tough financial times? The Bible does not mention anything about "pausing" tithing. Neither does it say that we will go to Hell if we do not tithe. The tithe, which is a scriptural mandate, was not instituted for God's benefit because He already has all the money He needs. He does not need our money. So why does He ask us to give 10% to Him? Tithing was created for our benefit. It is to teach us how to keep God first in our lives and how to be unselfish people. Unselfish people make better husbands, wives, friends, relatives, employees and employers. God is trying to teach us how to prosper over time. Many people have observed that after they stopped tithing, their finances seemed to get worse. In the Book of Malachi, God promises that if you do not rob Him of your tithing, He will rebuke your devourers and protect you. If you cannot live off 90% of your income, then you cannot live off 100%. It does not require a miracle for you to get through the month. I think that if you sit down and look at your budget, you will see that you can make it while giving at least 10%. Read the Bible and take from it what you will, and if you tithe, do it out of love for God, not guilt. I do not beat people up for not tithing because Jesus certainly did not, but let me encourage you to keep tithing.

Prayer Requests

Praise God for the safe arrival of Ellie Anne Collier to ShaiAnn and Matt Collier, the safe arrival of Evelyn Sarah Echanove, grandparents are Michael & Paula Echanove, and the safe arrival of Jackson Kinzer Krogh, Grandparents are Scott and Laurie Kinzer. Our prayers are with Wes Barfield, the family of Betty Perry, the family of Eva Jensen (Mark Keuhner's mother), marriages in our local communities, the youth of our community, people who are visiting in worship, for those in need of a relationship with Christ, our local, state, organizational and national leaders, for those struggling with difficult situations at home- whether illness, emotional, financial or relational, our neighbors, our nation, our troops & our communities.

January & February Church Data

	Total Church Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	Plate Offering
April 3, 2011	106	19	\$3,683.00
April 10, 2011	94	22	\$1,087.00
April 17, 2011	120	22	\$2,470.00
April 24, 2011	174	26	\$4,915.10
May 1, 2011	98	15	\$3,149.00

A Story of God's Provision for his Children ~ Gary & Cheri Brunner

On Sunday, April 3rd Gary asked me to go down to the barn and get the splitting maul. He wanted to try splitting wood as we have a lot of wood but much of it is too big and needed splitting in half. I got the maul and he used his one working arm but could not do it. So I said I would try, I am not the wood splitting type but I found I can do so many things I never thought I could do since Gary's stroke, all by God's strength for sure! Well, I swung that maul and split about a dozen pieces then said that was all I could do. Gary was pleased I could do it and so was I, but we still needed more done. I said we will just have to find someone to help us. We went into the house and not 10 minutes later 2 cars came driving up our driveway I was so surprised to see Kent and James Keller getting out of their cars holding axes! I ran down stairs and said, "I was just splitting wood, and could do no more". James showed us his newly sharpened ax and went right to work splitting many pieces with ease! God brought them here at just the right time and we were totally amazed! God is helping us through many people and we are very grateful, thankful and blessed. Thank you Ken and James you blessed us that day real good!



Give More Than A Meal, GIVE HOPE ~ Sammie Holden

I will be interning full time for a year (possibly longer) at a 100% UNPAID internship at the Portland Rescue Mission starting May 16th, 2011. *The Portland Rescue Mission strives to share the Word of God and demonstrate the love of Christ to transform the lives of homeless and addicted people.*

I will be interning in a few areas, beginning with a combination of Volunteer Coordination and Women's Outreach. This will include working at the administration office, recruiting, selecting and placing volunteers to make sure they have fruitful ministry opportunities as well as working with a team of volunteers on various projects downtown. The women's outreach will revolve around building intentional relationships with homeless women and meeting their immediate needs, such as providing water and clean socks as well as encouraging and praying with them. Women with children represent the fastest growing segment of homelessness.

Please! I need **YOUR** help to allow me to do this ministry! Will you prayerfully consider partnering with me?

- **Pray.** For the work that is being done through the Portland Rescue Mission, that lives would be changed and homeless men and women would find HOPE, real, eternal, lasting hope in Jesus Christ.
- **Volunteer.** Consider volunteering with the Portland Rescue Mission! I'll be working in volunteer coordination, so I'd love to get you involved!
- **Give.** This internship is 100% unpaid, which means I need to raise monthly support in order to pay for my living expenses.

My ideal monthly budget: \$1,300. This will cover costs such as transportation, student loans, health/dental insurance (which I currently don't have), personal needs, fundraising supplies as well as a small amount for savings in case of an emergency.

Praying Without Ceasing – Pastor Mark

In the apostle Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians he wraps up his letter with advice in chapter five. His advice includes thoughts like "don't pay back evil with evil," "Be Joyful always," and the one that has been sticking with me lately is his command to "pray continually" or as in some Bible translations, "pray without ceasing."

Whether you are a new Christian or a long term believer in Jesus, this can seem like a daunting task to "never stop praying." In fact, questions arise in my mind when I hear the command to "pray without ceasing". Could that be literally what Paul is asking? Did Paul himself go every waking hour of his ministry in prayer? Is it even possible?

These questions I ask are not to place doubt in the scriptures, but rather to gain applicable wisdom from these inspired words of God. To best describe the mulling over of this command I would like to share with you a visual story of the conviction I have on my heart for praying without ceasing:

Imagine two friends Bill and Ted, choose to spend the day together. Picture how Bill calls Ted immediately when he wakes up to invite Ted to be with him for the entire day. So Ted goes to Bill's house for breakfast where Bill talks to him for about 15 seconds and then ignores him the rest of the meal. Ted continues to tag along for the day. He commutes with Bill to work, to lunch, to the market, basically spending time together all day as friends often do, however Bill ignored him the entire time. The only time Bill talked to Ted was for approximately 15 seconds at each meal. To make things worse, his speaking was an unnatural almost forced conversation. However, when Bill would address Ted, it was with kind words that ensured him that he appreciated their friendship and he loved spending time together. Ted ate up every word believing them to be sincere, yet he felt that their short conversation wasn't a conversation at all but rather a form of communication that only transmitted in one direction. Since Bill only talked and never listened, Ted wondered if Bill even cared about what he thought. Ted wondered what it would take to get Bill to listen and questioned the authenticity of their relationship...

Is this what true friends do? Ignore each other (when they are together) and only exchange words in a fashion that there is no listening, and only talking? Ideally I say "no" and hope it doesn't happen, and yet it does.

This picture is how God has convicted me on my prayer life. In my typical day I acknowledge that He is with me in the morning with a prayer, and I believe He is with me always. Yet, I only talk to God on "official" conversations rather than talking to him like a friend whom spends the day with me. This eats at my core and makes me question the love I have for God. (It doesn't make me question my salvation, but it makes me question my priorities.)

To apply this concept to you, I ask: How can we as believers not only remember that God is with us, but also involve him in our lives (even the details of walking to the car, sending an e-mail, looking up a phone number). I believe it starts with asking Him HOW we should pray. If we have the Spirit in us, He will teach us how to listen, and how to live a life that is not inwardly focused.

I encourage you to consider what areas of your life, and specifically what times of the day that you ignore God? I also encourage you to convict your heart to pray through daily motions of life, and hopefully see things with a new perspective and new agenda. God's love doesn't force us to do anything, and that freedom shows true love. Let us honor his love by pursuing a life that involves "praying without ceasing."

MAY

<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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Pastor Corey's schedule:
 Driving Bus Mon-Fri 6:30-9:45am
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 Mon-Thurs 9:30am-5:30pm
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 one another into loving servants of
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Sunday Schedule

9am Worship (childcare available age 5
 and under)
10am- Fellowship Time
10:15am – Sermon Prep Group
11am – Sunday School
11am – Worship (Childcare available,
 Youth Sunday School Available, age
 2 yrs through grade 8)
5:30pm – Youth Ministry
6pm – Questions of Truth
7pm – Worship

Questions of Truth (QOT) – Sunday Nights 6-7pm

Questions of Truth, or QOT for short, is a group where people can ask questions and explore theological truths, questions of faith, doubt, good, evil and just about anything else. The group is for the committed to the exploration, discussion, defense and promotion of Christianity. We hope this can be a place for believer and non-believer to feel welcome to discuss, learn and grow. Childcare is provided.

Here are some hopeful upcoming topics for Questions of truth:

- Original Sin- Original Blessing?
- What to do with the Old Testament?
- Where/how did we end up with the 'Bible'?
- What is biblical interpretation?
- Heaven and Hell
- What is the 'incarnation'?
- What is 'atonement'?
- Exploring the Trinity
- How is 'heresy' determined? Or what is 'orthodoxy'?
- The Major Christian divisions- 1. Orthodox- Catholic split 2. Reformation splits 3. Pentecostal movements
- Eschatology aka The End Times
- What is 'missiology'?
- Snapshot of Global Christianity

As always- I enjoy serving you, and have enjoyed this discussion group. I pray it can continue with vitality. Whether you believe and follow Jesus Christ, or not, the goal with QOT will be to gain a better understanding of the truth within the Christian movement.

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