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

Pastors Column: Catechism continued..

In last month's newsletter I addressed the first two questions of the Westminster Shorter Catechism (see <http://shortercatechism.com>).

The Westminster Shorter Catechism was finished in 1647. It stands as a composition meant for educating people on the basics of Christianity. Authored by English Reformers, it has been studied by tens of millions of believers, many of whom have memorized its content. You may not agree with all its content. My own personal favorite "belief document" is the longer London Baptist Confession of 1689 (<http://www.1689.com/confession.html>).

The Bible is the basis for both of these documents. And both of them come with scripture "proofs." I have included the scripture proof of question #3 as an example.

Questions #3:

Q: What do the scriptures principally teach?

A: The scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Micah 6:8. He hath shewed

thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

John 20:31. But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

John 3:16. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Question #3 is so very helpful. Many are confused about the main, driving point of the Bible. It is given so that we can know what to believe about God, and then how to live out our beliefs. Pretty simple. So when somebody asks you, "What is the Bible about?" You can say, "It's about who God is, and how we are to obey God."

Question #4:

Q: What is God?

A: God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

"Blessed is he



who reads aloud
 ...and blessed are
 those who hear..."
 - REV. 1:3

Pastors Column... continued

Just so you know question #4 has eight different scriptural proofs for its answer and could have many more. God's nature and attributes are described all over the Bible. Question #4 flows from #3. If the Bible is about

teaching us what we are to believe about God, it naturally follows that someone would ask, "Well then, tell me who God is?" I would challenge you to memorize the answer to #4, so that the next time you are thinking about God,

or a friend asks you about God, you can have clear thinking. What is God? God is an infinite, eternal Spirit, who never changes. God never changes, even one bit in being, wisdom, power, holiness justice, goodness and truth.

Leadership Breakfast – May 11th, 9am

All Palouse Area Leaders Invited
 Sharon White is coordinating volunteers for the breakfast.
 Remember to pray for our area leaders!
 If you want to attend the event, please RSVP with Pastor Corey.
 If you know a leader that should be invited, please inform Pastor Corey

Uganda Trip: Our Missionaries-John & Fay Batchelder

The executive Board of the church has voted to help support John and Fay Batchelder to go to Uganda to serve at the Hope 4 All Children orphanage. This is the orphanage that Alana Brunner and Angie Cochran have visited in the past. We have an ongoing relationship with the church and orphanage there,

and the Batchelders, who have much international experience, are helping us to discern how to secure the land purchase for the church and orphanage. Generous donations helped to cover the cost of one airfare and mission funds helped cover the cost of the other airfare. Donations

from our congregation as well as fund raising done by Alana Brunner in numerous locations has raised, is dedicated to the long term support of the ministry there in Uganda.

Please pray for the Batchelders they are travelling May 6-13th.

Special Occasions - May

Birthdays

- Judy Eagan, 5th
- Bridger Waterhouse, 10th
- Randy Zhem, 10th
- Gabby Urquhart, 12th
- Bill Dernell, 13th
- Delaney Watkins, 14th
- Cathy Blood, 14th
- Danny Kent, 15th
- Verna Parsons, 15th
- Brittany Beaudry, 18th

- Amy Heusser, 20th
- Sandy Schorzman, 22nd
- Madison Woltering, 23rd
- Mitchell Dymkoski, 27th
- Matthew Coyle, 28th
- Cam Heusser, 29th

- Will & Penny Thurman, 12th
- Mike & Marie Dymkoski, 12th
- Tim & Melanie Whestine-Richel

Anniversary's

- Tim & Tami Southern, 10th

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



2013 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

We will be collecting for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during the month of May. The theme for this year's offering is "Sharing Brings Joy", and the verse is from 2Corinthians 9:7-8: "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

There is a humorous response to this verse which is often seen on church marquees or in newsletters which reads: "God loves a cheerful giver, but God accepts from a grouch."

As we take part in this offering, we join Christians around the nation in multiplying our gifts for the common good. Our sharing embodies the compassion to which Jesus calls us. Together our gifts nurture stronger futures and self-sufficiency through health care, education, job training, and tools for livelihoods. Together, our gifts bring safety, shelter, and food to refugees after circumstances have made their hometowns uninhabitable. Together, our gifts build homes, schools, medical clinics, and clean water and sewage facilities in villages devastated by earthquakes, floods, and poverty.

Thank you for your joy-filled sharing!
Peggy Collier

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 and friends of Zach Dvorak, Nancy Stephens (Dale Tronsen's sister), Tracy Milano & family (cancer), John & Fay Batchelder (our missionaries to Uganda), expectant Moms in our community, God's Kingdom to advance in the hearts of all of us, for people to have new encounters with God's gracious love, for people to come into a true relationship with Jesus Christ, 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. If you have prayer concerns and/or praises, please give them to the pastor.

Active Duty Service

Members:

Jason Evenson (Afghanistan), Mitch Kriebel (California), Shawn Tompkins (Germany), 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), Steven Tronsen (Texas), Tim Slempe (Afghanistan)

May 29th Baccalaureate 7pm, PFC

Please come and show support for the 2013 graduating class of the Gar-Pal High School. The Baccalaureate service is a worship and prayer service. We invite all the graduates and their families, but it is also great when friends and neighbors come out to show their support.



To be like Christ,
To serve like Christ,
To know like Christ.

Couples Dancing (for everyone)

Camille Wadleigh- Instructor

7-9pm, 2nd Saturday of the month, Palouse Community Center

\$5 per couple as a donation to benefit the GarPal Young Life

Questions? Call Judy Willcox 878-1836

Summer Internship: Introducing Bridger Landle

Why are we having an intern?

- We believe we are able to bless an intern with an opportunity to grow in the Lord and serve Him using their God-given gifts. We desire to be a “blessing” church
- We have a vision to help grow and equip young Christian believers that we send out of Palouse to serve God’s Kingdom in other places. We desire to be a “sending” church.
- Besides blessing and sending out an intern, we will be blessed by receiving creativity and work from partnering with the intern.

What are the goals of having an intern?

- To give the intern a blessed experience of serving in the local church, in the hopes that they will have an appreciation for small town/rural church ministry.

- To equip the intern with basic Christian leadership experiences that will help them to be a servant leader in another church in God’s Kingdom.
- To have the intern develop an event or outreach, in partnership with the people of PFC, that will be a reflection of their gifts and will benefit our congregation and community.

Who is our intern?

- The Executive Board, at our April meeting, approved a proposal to hire Bridger Landle as our 2013 summer intern. Bridger grew up in Palouse, is a graduate of GarPal High School and Whitworth University. He will begin attending Arizona State University in the Fall to begin a master’s degree in philosophy. We hope to have Bridger write biographical piece for next month’s newsletter.

When will Bridger arrive, work, leave?

- Bridger will begin his internship in the beginning of June and work through most of the summer, leaving some time in August to head to Arizona.
- The internship position is schedule to be a part-time position, likely 20 hours per week.
- Bridger will be working on teaching a couple of classes (probably in the area of ethics and philosophy, his expertise), an outreach project to the community in the area of communication, and helping us with our online and social media presence. He also should be around most Sundays, and you might see him at some Bible studies or other events.

Make sure to welcome Bridger when you see him!

HOW DO WE PUT SIN TO DEATH?

SCRIPTURE: COLOSSIANS 3:1-10, Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of god. 2 set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 for you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in god. 4 when Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. 5 put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 because of these, the wrath of god is coming. 7 you used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 but now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its creator.

4 General Principles

- *You must set your faith on Christ.* (Fill your soul with the consideration of who Jesus is and what he's done for you)
- *You must rely on the Holy Spirit.* "A man may easier see without eyes and speak without a tongue, than mortify a sin without the Spirit."
- *You must be truly converted.*
- *You must intend universal obedience.* If you don't intend to obey God in every area, you don't hate sin; you hate the particular sin that is bothering you. Which means you don't love Christ; you love yourself. A particularly strong, besetting sin commonly issues from a careless, negligent spiritual life in general.

9 Specific Directives

- *Get a clear and abiding sense upon your mind of the guilt, danger, and evil of your sin.*
- *Load your conscience with the guilt, danger and evil of your besetting sin.*
- *Long for deliverance from the power of sin.* "Longing, breathing, and panting after deliverance is a grace in itself, that has a mighty power to conform the soul into the likeness of the thing longed after... Unless you long for deliverance you shall not have it."
- *Consider whether you are prone toward a particular sin because of your personality or disposition.* This should awaken your zeal. "So great an advantage is given to sin and Satan by your temper and disposition, that without extraordinary watchfulness, care, and diligence, they [sin and Satan] will prevail against your soul."
- *Consider what occasions your sin uses to exert itself, and watch against them all.*
- *Fight strongly against the first actings of your lust.* "Sin is like water in a channel – once it breaks out, it will have its course."
- *Dwell on thoughts that humble you and remind you of your sinfulness.*
- *Know the warning signs of particularly dangerous sin patterns:* persistent, habitual sin; secret pleas of the heart to leave sin alone; giving into sin without struggle; ignoring the conviction of the Holy Spirit; avoiding sin because you fear punishment. If a lust has any of these symptoms, it cannot be dealt with by an ordinary course of mortification; it requires extraordinary measures.
- *Do not speak peace to yourself before God speaks peace to you.*

Be killing sin, or it will be killing you.

Ross Point Camps!

Summer Camp is Coming Soon! And if you've never been to Ross Point Camp before, come to **"Camp Fun Day Open House" at Ross Point in Post Falls on May 5th from 3-6pm** to get a taste of what camp is all about! \$5 per person includes lots of camp activities for all ages & dinner over the campfire. Come check out what camp is all about! Please Call 208-773-1655 or go to www.rosspoint.org to sign up.

My First Camp: children under 2nd grade and their parent: June 28-29

Middler Camp: youth grades 2nd-4th: July 7-10

Junior Camp: for youth grades 4th-6th: July 7-12

Junior High Camp: youth grades 6th-9th: June 23-28

Senior High Camp: youth grades 9th-12th: June 30-July 5

Ross Point youth camps are designed to challenge youth to stretch their faith and grow in their spiritual formation through biblical teaching with life values. Ross Point offers activities, trained staff, friendship, and even scholarships to assure your children have life-changing experiences and wonderful memories. Please go to <http://www.rosspoint.org/> for details or call Brenda Cook (878-2010) or Pastor Corey (878-1509) with any questions you might have.

PFC will give 50% scholarships to youth campers who participate in at least one fundraiser. We give 100% scholarships to kids who have not been to camp before. If a youth does not attend PFC, we still want to get them to camp. Please contact Brenda Cook (878-2010) or Pastor Corey for more info.

Fellowship: May Discipline ~ Tina Laughary

When most of us think of the word “fellowship” we picture a room where people sit to drink coffee and chit-chat. Yes, that is an image of fellowship but I would like to suggest the discipline of fellowship is something a bit more. God created us to be communal people. We were not meant to live this life alone but to be with one another. We were created in the image of God. We exist in the relationship of the Trinity. He has graciously crafted each one of us with a specific personality and set of gifts that are completely unique. These gifts were not given to us to be used selfishly for our own good but to share with all. In the discipline of fellowship we come together, to learn from each other, encourage and assist one another, and grow together.

What does fellowship look like? It is living life together. It is engaging in activities like worship, prayer, study and even celebration with one another. Fellowship can be as formal as a Sunday morning worship service and as informal as meeting a friend for coffee. It

doesn't matter where you are as much as it matters the content of what your meeting is about. Fellowship doesn't waste a single moment of togetherness with gossip or slander. This world we live in can be tough and filled with challenges. We need encouragement, insight and prayer from our Christian brothers and sisters—this is true fellowship. We live life together on purpose, lifting each other up and going through the ups and downs together.

If fellowship is such a wonderful thing, why does it take discipline? We live in a culture that strongly promotes being an individual, looking out for number one, being self-sufficient. In our culture, it can be seen as a weakness to admit you need someone's help or that you don't have all the answers. Biblical wisdom knows better than the “wisdom” of our culture. Scripture teaches that admitting we are weak and need help is the beginning of true strength. Growth comes from a humble and open spirit. Fellowship requires vulnerability to listen to and accept the help of others.

This does not come naturally. It takes practice, it takes intentionality and it takes discipline.

The next time you find yourself together with other believers, I challenge you to be aware of where your discussion takes you. Are you engaged in conversation that is “fluff” and has no consequence or are you lifting one another up, pointing one another toward Christ and bearing one another's burdens. I challenge you to Fellowship.



Upcoming Classes

May 9th - Bible 201 6pm-
O.T. Narratives

May 19th Prayer 101
3pm

May Calendar

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 1pm: Women's Bible Study at Tina Laughary's 6:30pm Bible Study	2	3 10am: Women's Bible Study	4
5 9am: Worship 10am: Fellowship 10:15am Family Hour SS 11am: Worship 5pm: All Church Potluck 6pm: Worship	6 6:30 – 8pm TOPS	7 5:30am: Men's Bible Study 8:30am: Bible Study for Moms 9am: Women's Study Arrasmith's 11am: Bible Study 6:30pm: Divorce Care group 7pm: Women's Bible Study at D. Schwartzman's	8 1pm: Women's Bible Study at Tina Laughary's 6:30pm Bible Study	9 6pm: Bible 201, Old Testament	10 8am: VBS planning meeting 10am: Women's Bible Study	11 9am: Palouse Leadership Breakfast 7-9pm: Couples Dancing, Palouse Community Center \$5 donation for GarPal YoungLife
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Regular Sunday Schedule

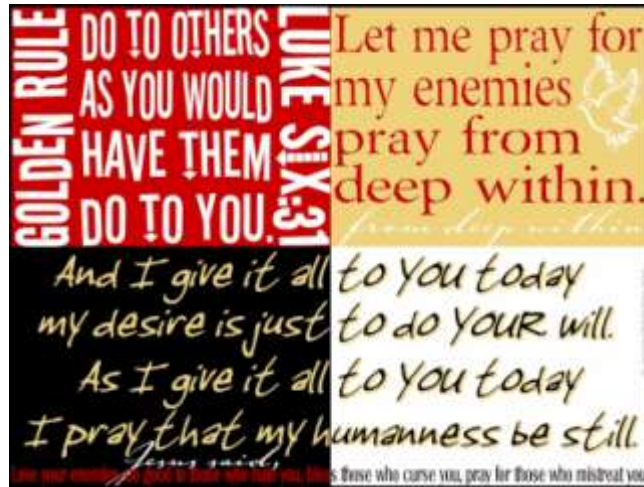
- 9am** Worship (childcare available age 5 and under)
- 10am**- Fellowship Time
- 10:15am** –Family Hour
Sunday School
- 11am** – Worship (Childcare available)
- 5pm** – All Church Potluck and Questions of Faith
- 6pm** – Worship with communion, "Simple Service" (Childcare available)

We're on the Web!

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

May Sermons

- May 5, 2013, "Blessings & Woes" – Luke 6:20-26
- May 12, 2013, "Loved to Love" – Luke 6:27-36
- May 19, 2013, "Right Discernment" – Luke 6:37-45
- May 26, 2013, "The True Foundation" – Luke 6:46-49



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