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Depending on Jesus to Restore our (Imperfect) Lives

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## Mission Measures: Are You On Mission?

By Corey Laughary  
Pastor



As we seek to live out the mission of *“Depending on Jesus to Restore Our (Imperfect) Lives”* it is important that we measure whether this mission is being accomplished in our personal life, church ministries, and in our congregation as a whole. There are different ways to measure mission achievement and we intentionally chose the method of developing thought provoking questions that when asked and pondered, will truly help us all consider if we are *“Depending on Jesus.”*

The following five questions were crafted with our Mission and our Core Values of Trust, Relationships, Truth and Service in mind and were informed by our three-part strategy for mission achievement - Worship, Growth and Service (I will be writing a full article about that next month).

### How is my daily talk with God?

If we are going to seriously depend on Jesus, we must have regular conversation with God. This question is designed to help you consider the quality of your time with God. We

didn't want to simply ask, *“Did you talk with God today?”* A *“yes”* or *“no”* question like that robs you of the opportunity to really think and ponder about the quality of time you spend with God. Has it been brief and rushed, or is it intimate and rich?

**What am I busy about?** This question was designed in part as a response to one of the challenges of our culture today. Many people are busy, busy, busy. But what are they busy about? Are we so wrapped up in our activities that we have devalued our relationship with God and others? This question helps us thoughtfully consider the activities in our life, and if the activities line up with our values and our faith. If, as a church, we ask this question we may discover that we are doing a lot of ministries that are not central to our mission. If this is the case, changes must be made.

**How have I made myself available to Jesus today?** If we are *“Depending on Jesus”* then our life should show it. There are different ways to make ourselves available to Jesus. We can do so in a quiet time in the morning or by showing love to a neighbor, stranger, friend or family member. We give time to Jesus when we seek to learn from His Word.

**Mission** *(continued from page 1)*

This is a great question to ask at the end of the day. I am going to be using this as a question in my nighttime routine. Some days I might have to admit, "Jesus, I crowded you out of my day today. Forgive me, I was all about me and gave little space or time to You." You might also consider turning this question into a prayer for the beginning of the day: "Jesus, help me to make myself available to you today. Give me eyes to see where I can spend time with you, learn from you and serve you. Amen."

**How do I daily serve my neighbor?** Since service is one of our core values, and because "Depending on Jesus" means we must love our neighbor as He taught us, we designed a question to remind us that service is a daily choice and an ongoing lifestyle. The question isn't simply: Did I serve? But instead points us to the quality of our service. When I ask myself this question, sometimes I find that I need to correct an attitude toward a neighbor, or I might be convicted that I need to be more intentional about sharing Jesus with them. Often, I will answer that I need to connect with the person and find out how they are doing and if there are any needs I can help with or pray for.

**Do I give time to let others help me grow?** This is the only question that strictly speaking is a "yes" or "no" type question. You either give time in your schedule to spiritual growth, where someone else helps you grow spiritually or you don't. Personal spiritual growth takes commitment and time. We must listen to the Word preached. We can grow by meeting with a mentor, praying with a Christian friend, and participating in Bible study or small group. If we are truly depending on Jesus, and we know our lives are imperfect, then we know we have a need for help and growth. So how are you letting others help you grow?

As we consider the mission Christ gave his Church and the mission of our church I leave you with three additional questions to consider:

1. How can we, as Christ followers, help each other grow to Depend on Jesus?
2. How do we grow in our trust of Him and our thirst for the truth, improve the health of our relationships and serve our neighbors?
3. How can the church, as the body of Christ here in Palouse, live out our mission to Depend on Jesus to

Restore our (Imperfect) lives?

One step you can take today to help you keep these important questions in front of you is to cut out the graphic below and place the five "Depending on Jesus" measure questions somewhere you will see them every day - perhaps, on your bathroom mirror, in your Bible, on your fridge, wherever.

I look forward to being on this journey with you.

Depending on Jesus,

*Pastor Corey*

**And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.**

~ Hebrews 10:24-25



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## Mission Measures

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?

# Uganda Mission Spotlight

Ministry Partner

**Hope for All Children Orphanage**

Buwenge, Uganda



## Training to Depend on Jesus

By Tina Laughary  
Spiritual Formation Director



I recently ran a 10k race that I didn't train for. I'm supposed to be resting my foot because of an injury so I wasn't supposed to be running. I showed up prepared to walk but at the last minute decided to go ahead and run. A couple hours later I began to regret my decision. The next day I realized I had shown poor judgment. Two days later I felt like an idiot. My whole body was angry with me! It caused me to reflect on how runners improve their performance. Simply put – they train. They carve out time in their schedules to practice, whether they are in the mood or not. The same can be said for musicians. Great musicians don't just pick up their instruments and play. They spend hour after hour rehearsing regularly to train their fingers and regulate their breathing. The result? A great musician can make a difficult piece of music look effortless.

Just about any goal we have in life takes work, intention and time to attain. *Depending on Jesus is no different.* We all have a fallen human nature that has to be trained and disciplined over time. Nobody decides to be like Jesus—and then just is. It takes effort and hard work.

The truth is, it isn't always convenient to make it to worship on Sunday. In fact, most of the time, it's inconvenient. We have to reserve and then protect the time in our schedule—for the whole family (which is no small task). We then have to get to worship—prepared to worship. If we wait until Sunday morning to decide if we “have time” to get to worship, it's just not going to happen.

The same is true with Bible study. “Waiting for the schedule to clear up” to commit to a weekly Bible Study is code for, “It's never going to happen.” I have to admit, even though I lead a Bible Study there are times when I wish I didn't have to do it. My “to-do” list is just too long and the hours in the day are far too precious. But here is the honest truth: I have never regretted going to Bible Study. Never. It has always been worth it.

Going to Sunday worship every week and attending a regular Bible Study does not MAKE you a Christian. It doesn't even mean you are trying to depend on Jesus. But if you are

honestly attempting to depend on Jesus and surrender your life to Him—regular worship and study are your training. You'll never improve without them. Check this month's calendar or the weekly program for a complete schedule of PFC Bible Studies. If you don't find one that accommodates your schedule—let us know. We'd love to make both worship and group study available to you.

## Bible Study Opportunities

### Monday

#### Ladies Bible Study

3 p.m. @ Tina Laughary's

### Tuesday

#### Men's Way Too Early Study

5:30 a.m. @ PFC

#### Mom's Bible Study

9 a.m. @ PFC

#### Ephesians Study

10 a.m. @ PFC

### Wednesday

#### Ladies Bible Study

10 a.m. @ PFC

#### Bible Study for All

6:30 p.m. @ PFC

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# PALOUSE RIVER DUATHLON AND 10 MILE RUN

6-11-2016

## REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Both races begin and end at Palouse Park. The duathlon is a 2 mile run, 10 miles of biking on multi-surfaces, and ends with another 2 mile run OR opt to run the 10 mile bike course. Pasta meal, prizes and t-shirt included.

DUATHLON INDIVIDUAL \$35 2 PERSON TEAM \$55 3 PERSON TEAM \$75

10 MILE RUN INDIVIDUAL ONLY \$30

Student price is \$10 off per person with I.D.

Prices are for **Early Registration** (On or before **May 27**)

\$5 increase per person after May 27.

**FOR MORE INFO:** contact Mark Sawyer, Race Director

(509) 939-2143 or palouseriverduathlon@gmail.com

or find us on Facebook: Palouse River Duathlon

**TO REGISTER:** [www.visitpalouse.com/duathlon](http://www.visitpalouse.com/duathlon)

100% of proceeds supporting teens through GarPal Young Life.

## Participants & Volunteers Needed

Participants in The Palouse River Duathlon can choose to take part individually or as 2 or 3 person teams that run for 2 miles, bike 10 miles, and run 2 more miles in the beautiful Palouse countryside on multi-surfaces. This year, participants also can choose to complete the newly added 10 mile course, which runs along the bike route beside the beautiful Palouse River for 10 miles, primarily on gravel surfaces. The race begins and ends at the scenic Palouse City Park on the west end of Main Street. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. There is a pre-race meeting at 8:30 a.m. and the race begins at 9 a.m.

Also included with your registration is an event t-shirt and a free post-race pasta meal. Awards will be given for the top three in each age and team division. Early registration ends May 27 when prices increase \$5.

The Palouse River Duathlon and 10 Mile Run is a favorite for those who love the great outdoors and rural setting. Youth from our area help set up and promote this race and 100% of all proceeds benefit GarPal Young Life kids and help them get to Summer camp.

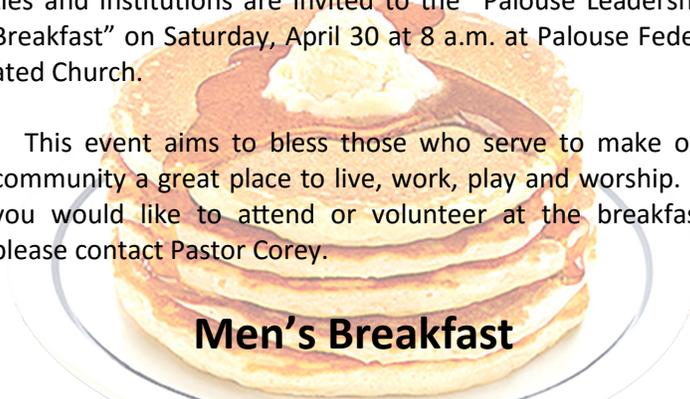
Volunteers are needed to help along the race route, with the post-race pasta meal and to set up and take down race signage. Contact Race Director Mark Sawyer to volunteer: palouseriverduathlon@gmail.com



## Leadership Breakfast

Leaders of any and all Palouse area organizations, charities and institutions are invited to the "Palouse Leadership Breakfast" on Saturday, April 30 at 8 a.m. at Palouse Federated Church.

This event aims to bless those who serve to make our community a great place to live, work, play and worship. If you would like to attend or volunteer at the breakfast, please contact Pastor Corey.



## Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for May 21. Cooking begins at 7:30 a.m. and eating at 8 a.m. Join men from our church and community, as we share a meal, get to know one another, and share a short devotional message.

## Be-A-Blessing Card Ministry

The Be-A-Blessing Card Ministry provides free cards to anyone and everyone to help us all become better at expressing our love and care for each other. Our sincere hope is that lives would be touched, encouraged and reached with God's love through these simple expressions of care.

Our next Workshop, Saturday, May 14 from 1—4 p.m., takes place at the Bauer home, 1098 Four Mile Rd., in Viola, ID. We will make cards to add to the card cabinet located in the Fellowship Hall. *Childcare is available at the church!*

No crafty experience is required. Space constraints limit this activity to 9 people, so contact Paula Bauer to reserve a seat: (208) 882-4945 or gemstatemom@gmail.com

## Life Lessons #3 | May 22 at 2 p.m. Garfield Community Church

Be praying for our area High School Seniors who are attending this three-part outreach. Already we've covered the topics of finances and relationships. In session three we'll look to the future and help students anticipate some of the challenges and joys of life they can look forward to.

There are 13 seniors participating this year and upon successful completion of the program each will be awarded a \$250 scholarship made possible by the generosity of many in the PFC community—Thank you!

If you're interested in more information or volunteering as a mentor, please contact Pastor Corey.



Pastor Corey prepares to deliver the Top 10 Must Know Relationship Principles with Life Lessons participants.



13 students from Palouse, Garfield and the surrounding area attended Life Lessons and learned about the importance of relationships—with the people around you...and with God.



Pastor Dean Walker from Garfield Christian Fellowship serves up ice cream to go with the homemade turnovers.

## Summer Camp

Summer camp at Ross Point is quickly approaching. Camping experiences are available for all ages and the early registration deadline is May 20. Scholarships are available - just contact Brenda Cook, Pastor Corey or Mikel Nisse. Register online at [www.rosspoint.org](http://www.rosspoint.org)



| Dates            | Camp             | Grade in Fall |
|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| June 19-24       | Junior High Camp | 6 - 9         |
| June 24-25       | My First Camp    | Age 7 & Under |
| June 26-29       | Middler Camp     | 2 - 4         |
| June 26 - July 1 | Junior Camp      | 4 - 6         |
| July 3-8         | Senior High Camp | 9 - 12        |



*Vacation Bible School*

**Jesus is the Light**

**August 1 - 5**



# NEXT STEPS

What's the next step in your spiritual journey?

Baptism?  
Membership?  
Bible Study?

May 15 at 10:15 a.m.  
Pastor Corey's Office

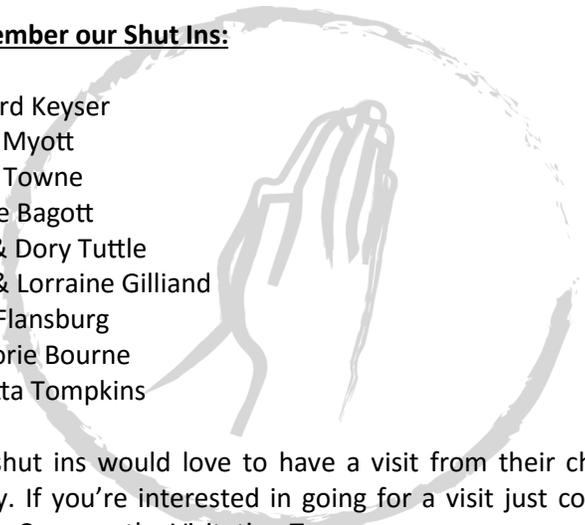
**Prayers for these individuals and families:**

- ◆ Carol Heinlen's niece Barbara is starting chemo and radiation for throat cancer.
- ◆ Oralene Romjue—that she can be the helpmate Jesus wants her to be and to take care of herself. Pray also that Ray will allow others to help him.
- ◆ Adrien and Mike Loehring and family (friends of Brittny Sawyer). Mike has stage 4 colon cancer and is beginning radiation.
- ◆ Linda (aunt of Amy West) has stage 4 cancer. Pray she is accepted into a trial/study that has promising results with other patients.
- ◆ The friends and family of Bo Ossinger.
- ◆ Lisa (Angie Cochran's granddaughter) - complications after surgery.
- ◆ Meredith Willcox-Norris (Cancer).
- ◆ Safety for our farmers during the Spring work season.
- ◆ Pray for your Oikos!

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

**Remember our Shut Ins:**

- Richard Keyser
- Patty Myott
- Carol Towne
- Joanie Bagott
- Bob & Dory Tuttle
- Don & Lorraine Gilliland
- Alan Flansburg
- Marjorie Bourne
- Arnetta Tompkins



Our shut ins would love to have a visit from their church family. If you're interested in going for a visit just contact Pastor Corey or the Visitation Team.

**Praises and Prayers for these Missions and Ministries:**

- ◆ PFC Sunday School – for the children and teachers to be filled with God's Spirit.
- ◆ Praise God for continued growth of the Bishop Place worship service. Pray for Pastor Matt Jorgens and his family.
- ◆ Bible study at Eastern State Hospital and all the residents there.
- ◆ Praise God for providing four volunteer youth ministry leaders. Pray for youth to come to Christ.
- ◆ Pray for our missionaries and partner church and orphanage in Uganda (pastors, teachers, orphans).

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| Jason Evenson     | Tim Slep          |
| Mitch Kriebel     | Ben Lynch         |
| Mark Tronsen      | Liza Chavira      |
| Zach Spear        | Jake Genring      |
| Michael Forbes    | Gage Trout        |
| Danielle Tavenner | Johnathan Gehring |
| Nick Burgess      |                   |
| Adam Burnett      |                   |
| Kristina Pillai   |                   |

**Active Duty  
Service Members**

# PRAYER

# May Sermon Schedule

|        |             |                                      |                       |
|--------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| May 1  | 9 & 11 a.m. | Darkness: The Peril of Faithlessness | Exodus 10:21-29       |
|        | 6 p.m.      | The Church (Part 1)                  | Ephesians 4:7-16      |
| May 8  | 9 & 11 a.m. | Depending on Jesus: The First Church | Acts 1:12-26          |
|        | 6 p.m.      | The Church (Part 2)                  | Ephesians 4:7-16      |
| May 15 | 9 & 11 a.m. | Depending on Jesus: Fire             | Acts 2:1-13           |
|        | 6 p.m.      | The Church (Part 3)                  | Ephesians 4:7-16      |
| May 22 | 9 & 11 a.m. | Death: The Peril of a Hardened Heart | Exodus 11 and 12:1-32 |
|        | 6 p.m.      | The Former Manner of Life (Part 1)   | Ephesians 4:17-24     |
| May 29 | 9 & 11 a.m. | The Exodus                           | Exodus 12:33-42       |
|        | 6 p.m.      | The Former Manner of Life (Part 2)   | Ephesians 4:17-24     |



**Day of  
Pentecost  
May 15  
(Wear Red!)**

## Sunday School Changes

Don't forget, Sunday School will take a break for the Summer beginning in May. The last Sunday School classes until Autumn will occur on May 22. A special thank you to all our teachers who help instill our children with Biblical knowledge to help them grow in their faith!



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# PALOUSE FEDERATED CHURCH CALENDAR

# MAY 2016

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday | Saturday   |
|--|---|--|---|---|--------|--|
| 1<br>9 a.m.   Worship<br>10 a.m.   Fellowship<br>10:15a.m.   Sunday School<br>11 a.m.   Worship<br>1:30 p.m.   Bishop Place<br>4-6 p.m.   Youth Ministry<br>5 p.m.   Community Dinner<br>6 p.m.   Simple Service                                   | 2<br>3 p.m.   Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's  | 3<br>5:30 a.m.   Way too Early<br>Men's Bible Study*<br>9 a.m.   Mom's Bible Study*<br>10 a.m.   Bible Study*  | 4<br>10 a.m.   Ladies Bible Study*<br>6:30 p.m.   Bible Study*<br>7:15 p.m.   Ignited Youth Worship Practice  | 5<br>5:30 p.m.   Youth Group<br>Game Night  | 6      | 7  |
| 8<br>9 a.m.   Worship<br>10 a.m.   Fellowship<br>10:15a.m.   Sunday School<br>11 a.m.   Worship<br>1:30 p.m.   Bishop Place<br>4-6 p.m.   Youth Ministry<br>5 p.m.   Community Dinner<br>6 p.m.   Simple Service                                   | 9<br>3 p.m.   Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's  | 10<br>5:30 a.m.   Way too Early<br>Men's Bible Study*<br>9 a.m.   Mom's Bible Study*<br>10 a.m.   Bible Study* | 11<br>10 a.m.   Ladies Bible Study*<br>6:30 p.m.   Bible Study*<br>7:15 p.m.   Ignited Youth Worship Practice | 12<br>5:30 p.m.   Youth Group<br>Game Night   | 13     | 14<br>1-4pm: "Be-a-Blessing" Workshop<br>RSVP with Paula Bauer         |
| 15<br>9 a.m.   Worship<br>10 a.m.   Fellowship<br>10:15 a.m.   Next Steps Class<br>10:15a.m.   Sunday School<br>11 a.m.   Worship<br>1:30 p.m.   Bishop Place<br>4-6 p.m.   Youth Ministry<br>5 p.m.   Community Dinner<br>6 p.m.   Simple Service | 16<br>3 p.m.   Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's | 17<br>5:30 a.m.   Way too Early<br>Men's Bible Study*<br>9 a.m.   Mom's Bible Study*<br>10 a.m.   Bible Study* | 18<br>10 a.m.   Ladies Bible Study*<br>6:30 p.m.   Bible Study*   | 19<br>5:30 p.m.   Youth Group<br>Game Night<br>7:15 p.m.   Ignited Youth Worship Practice | 20     | 21<br>Men's Breakfast at PFC<br>7:30 a.m. (cooking)<br>8 a.m. (eating) |
| 22<br>9 a.m.   Worship<br>10 a.m.   Fellowship<br>10:15a.m.   Sunday School<br>11 a.m.   Worship<br>1:30 p.m.   Bishop Place<br>2 p.m.   Life Lessons #3<br>4-6 p.m.   Youth Ministry<br>5 p.m.   Community Dinner<br>6 p.m.   Simple Service      | 23<br>3 p.m.   Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's | 24<br>5:30 a.m.   Way too Early<br>Men's Bible Study*<br>9 a.m.   Mom's Bible Study*<br>10 a.m.   Bible Study* | 25<br>10 a.m.   Ladies Bible Study*<br>6:30 p.m.   Bible Study*   | 26<br>5:30 p.m.   Youth Group<br>Game Night   | 27     | 28   |
| 29<br>9 a.m.   Worship<br>10 a.m.   Fellowship<br>10:15a.m.   Sunday School<br>11 a.m.   Worship<br>1:30 p.m.   Bishop Place<br>4-6 p.m.   Youth Ministry<br>5 p.m.   Community Dinner<br>6 p.m.   Simple Service                                  | 30<br>3 p.m.   Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's | 31<br>5:30 a.m.   Way too Early<br>Men's Bible Study*<br>9 a.m.   Mom's Bible Study*<br>10 a.m.   Bible Study* | <b>JUNE</b><br>1<br>10 a.m.   Ladies Bible Study*<br>6:30 p.m.   Bible Study*                                 | 2<br>5:30 p.m.   Youth Group<br>Game Night  | 3      | 4<br>Bible studies with an * indicate they are held at PFC.            |