

# Palouse Federated Church

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October 2011

## Pastor's Column:

*"Pastor- people say they 'hear' from God, but I never have- what's wrong with me?"*

I have been asked the question numerous times from kids, parent and seniors alike. People want to hear from God. Some have. Some have heard that others have heard from God, but they don't think they have ever heard from God. So what gives? I will tell you this- God speaks!

We often don't recognize the voice of God. In the whole month of October we will be learning about God's "whispers"- learning from Holy Scripture and a good book entitled "The Power of a Whisper" by Bill Hybels. Our first sermon this month is about young Samuel not recognizing the voice of God (1 Samuel 3). We will talk about how God speaks, how we listen, and how we can have the guts to respond to what we hear from God.

We are having this as a theme in our worship and messages, as well as at Wednesday evening potlucks at 6:15pm. My prayer would be that **EVERYONE** in our church body would be listening for the whispers of God by the end of October. God's voice is not always dramatic, it is most usually a quiet, still, directive voice. Like that of a good parent whispering encouragement into your soul. The Holy Spirit is God's presence in this world, and the Spirit is present in every person who trusts Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. The Holy Spirit is active and speaking, and I am excited to hear what you all hear from the Spirit this month.

Listening with you,  
~ Pastor Corey

P.S. What do you think of this vision: "Harvesting the Palouse for Jesus Christ"

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

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Palouse Regional Dodgeball Tournament!

On Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> Pastor Mark will be hosting a dodgeball tournament for youth from across the area here at the Palouse school gymnasium. Last year the day brought teens and leaders from churches as far away as Spokane and Coeur - d'Alene! This year we are planning for a bigger turnout and we could use volunteers and donations. The tournament will be for students' 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade and will start at 2pm. At the conclusion of the tournament our church will host an awards dinner at 5:30. The menu for the dinner will be spaghetti, salad, and garlic bread. We are looking for people to help donate meat, sauce, noodles and bread, and/or we are looking for cooks to prepare and serve the big crew as they head back to the church. Please contact Mark or indicate on your comment card if you are willing to support the cause!



### Call Out For Clothing and Costumes!

Young Life is going to be hosting a photo-booth as a camp fundraiser in October during the community's Haunted Palouse. We are looking for a clean alternative to scary costumes and gore and we need your help. We are looking for wigs, crazy hats, sport coats/suits, sweaters, vests, jackets (especially vintage items) that people can put on and pose for a candid shot! These items can be loaned (we will return them), or you can donate them (we will keep them) to Young Life. Please call Mark Sawyer if you have some items you would like to donate.

*"Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."*

*John 3:20-21*

#### October Birthday's

Kathy Casey, October 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Matthew Dymkoski, October 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Dorey Tuttle, October 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Don White, October 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Pat Flansburg, October 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Nancy Wolf, October 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Tecla Blood, October 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Tristan West, October 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Dawn Daggett, October 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Arnetta Tompkins, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Janet Barstow, October 29<sup>th</sup>



## The Brunner Family Story ~ Cheri Brunner

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The Brunners: Emily, Cheri, Alana, and Gary



Gary and I moved to Palouse from Long Beach, WA on Jan. 1, 2008. Both our daughters Alana and Emily were in their last year at WSU. We bought the Parrish land just out of town. We now had 15 beautiful acres and two barns so we bought a trailer to put into one of the barns to live in while we planned our next house building project. It would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> house Gary has built for us in 25 years. He knew just what to do and went to work in April 2009.

We both got jobs right away, Gary at the Colfax hospital in the surgery department and me at Little Sprouts. Gary worked 2 days a week and worked on the house the rest of the time. I worked every week day and helped him on the weekends usually cleaning up building messes. We were so pleased to find so many friendly people in Palouse and we felt at home right away especially when we started attending Palouse Federated church. PFC turned out to be the best church we have ever attended and have thanked God many times for bringing us to Palouse and PFC. Life here was an adventure and fun. We planted an orchard, had a large garden in the corral area, built a house and met new friends. Our girls came over to help when they could. On May 2009 we had a big graduation party in the barn and they left on adventures of their own, soon afterwards. Emily went to Hawaii for an internship working with endangered birds and Alana to Africa working for the WSU Soil Science program. We were so happy for our girls and life was going along well for us all.

Everything changed on Dec. 9, 2009 on Sunday morning early Gary had a stroke. Alana just had returned from Africa and was looking for a job. She came to help me get Gary out of the trailer and into the car. We drove to Colfax hospital and a helicopter took him to Sacred Heart. Alana and I drove up to Spokane. Our lives as we knew were altered forever. This is when we came to realize our Awesome God was with us and brought dozens of people to help. Our church family was wonderfully kind and came to our rescue. Emily came home from Hawaii, she and Alana lead a team of people to finish our house enough for us to move into. Gary had the sheet rock up but there was a lot more to do. I was able to stay at a condo in Airway Heights thanks to a generous person to be near Gary and visit him every day. It was very hard but cards, phone calls and visitors came pouring in which brought me comfort, hope and much needed help.

I brought Gary home Jan 20, 2010. So much was done to help me get Gary into the house. A gravel driveway was put around the back of the house and a ramp to push him in his wheelchair into the house was made.

into the house was made. We were both stunned at how clean and organized the house was. We had left such a mess and now it was beautiful! The girls were planning to stay with us a year so I could go back to work and they would help Gary. But little did you know what would happen just 2 weeks after we came home. Alana started having bad headaches right when we came home and only got worse. After looking for help for her in a couple places we took her to the Colfax hospital. The Doctor did tests then said she was healthy but asked to get an MRI to be done. By 6 o'clock on Feb 2, 2010 we learned she had a growing, bleeding tumor in her brain and was taken away to Seattle that evening. Emily went with her; we could not go as Gary was unable to travel at all. It was a horrifying moment we will never forget. Friends of the girls still in college came over that night and we all prayed together for Alana. The girls met many Christian friends in college they continue to help and support Alana in many ways. It took a week of testing Alana as she had just come back from Africa. They were looking for an African disease. When none was found they decided on brain surgery and took a large sized tumor from the left front area of her brain.

Five days more of testing and then the shocking news; it was glioblastoma, brain cancer. We can only say our belief in our loving God brought us through this unreal time in our lives. Alana underwent 6 weeks of radiation and 14 months of chemo. Emily stayed with her and drove her back and forth to the hospital; a very difficult time for them. Emily stayed for about 2 months then left for another internship in Texas.

Gracious friends in Moses Lake allowed the girls could stay in their condo in Issaquah for as long as they needed for free. We were so thankful for this. The girls enjoyed living there, about half hour drive from the hospital.

We thank our loving God for helping her through this terrifying time. We also thank our church friends in Palouse and Long Beach for all their financial support, love, prayers and help. We would never have been able to stay in our house or pay our bills without financial help.

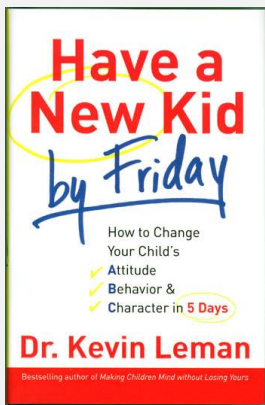
Alana is having MRI's every other month now and her brain is clear of any cancer! We are very pleased and thankful! She is working as a nanny in Issaquah and doing very well. Gary is doing better and now can drive and go places by himself. He wants to be all better and we pray that way every day.

We serve a remarkable, wonderful, awesome God who comes through for us and we are ever so grateful for his ever presence in our lives.

*Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen ~ Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## Small Group News

Do you want to grow in your knowledge of the Bible? Do you have a group of people to pray regularly with? Do you want your life to grow spiritually? If so, then a small group is for you. Check our weekly bulletin or contact the church office 509-878-1509, or [thelaugers@yahoo.com](mailto:thelaugers@yahoo.com) for more information.



## Parenting Class

Coming in January - A Parenting Class: entitled "New Kid By Friday" will be offered. You can find "New Kid by Friday" information online at <http://www.haveaneewkidbyfriday.com/>

[Sammie is from Palouse and is serving at the Portland Rescue Mission]

# A Story from the Streets ~ By Sammie Holden

As I walked down the steps of the Burnside Bridge I noticed a girl, probably around my age that seemed to have tears streaking mascara down her face. I could see tired eyes weighing her options when I asked her if she wanted to come with me and get her feet washed, drink some coffee and put up her feet for a short while at the Mission. She said "sure" with a look of indifference, probably thinking I wanted something from her like everyone else on the streets. As we walked together to where the other women were getting their feet washed, she didn't say much if anything at all to any of my questions.

She sat down on the soft couch and slumped into it as it enveloped her on all sides. I took her feet carefully onto my lap and massaged her feet, while she closed her eyes and rested quietly. Slowly one by one the other homeless women left, until she was the only homeless woman left with me and two other volunteers. One of the volunteers sat next to the woman and asked her gently, "So how are you?" The pain the woman had been trying to hide suddenly became evident on her face. She began to pour out her feeling of how she hated her life on the streets, how earlier that day, her "boyfriend" had prostituted her in exchange for Heroin. How she felt like garbage and used and how she felt numb inside because of what her life had become. So I took her hands and told her, "**Do you know what God says about you? He says you are precious and honored in my sight and I love you**". As we told her she needed to go home to her family and get clean from drugs and alcohol, that she is worth so much more than she has been told and believes about herself, she wept. I cried with her, angry at the lies the enemy had made her and so many of us women believe about ourselves, but I was also filled with hope and joy because God used us to speak His TRUTH into her life when she really needed to hear it. I walked her to the MAX line and bought her ticket to where her mom lived. I have no idea if she made it to her mom's place, or if she got clean or if she's back on the streets, but I hope that this was a turning point for her.

The beauty and horrible nature of life on the streets is that people reach real brokenness, they hit as low as they can go in life and the only place to look at that point is up. Unfortunately sometimes it takes a long time for people to truly be broken enough to surrender and ask God to help them. I can only hope and pray that this was the time that that woman could finally surrender to God's deep love and desire for her.

The two other volunteers and I felt the Holy Spirit moving in powerful ways that night and it was such an incredible experience to be a part of. I will always cherish the moments like this because it was such a raw and real expression of human emotion.

I think God is showing me that sometimes it takes many of these little moments in life for people to come to a place where they are willing to accept God's love and forgiveness, and as frustrating as it may be to love people who have messy lives and how many may not appreciate the things you do for them, we are called to love them and serve them as Jesus did for each of us. I am inspired by the words of the apostle Paul who said, "**I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus**" – **Philippians 3:14**. So that is what I will do here at the Mission, press on towards the goal.

## Making an impact ~ *By Pastor Mark Sawyer*

As a Young Life leader I try to come up with multiple excuses to show up where kids are; whether it is at school, at a sporting event, or at a city event. When I initiate these “excuses to show up” I typically succeed in my agenda of talking to teens to hear stories from their lives. This past week I visited the Gar-Pal high school building to talk with some faculty members with hopes of bumping into students to hear some stories. However before I spoke with any faculty members or students, I had an uplifting surprise. As I walked in the entrance to the school a small poster seemed to invite my eyes for a glance. Posted in the window of the district office was a picture that portrayed a mountainous lake met by steep hills covered with trees. This picture normally wouldn't have raised my attention, but there was a large building overlooking this “lake” that seemed too familiar. My heart thought, “That looks like Malibu Club,” but my mind said “Malibu would not be on the window of our district office.” Needless to say, my heart won over my logic and I walked toward the district office to see what this poster actually portrayed. As I got to the window, the picture was not what it seemed. It was not a mountainous lake, but rather an inlet of the Pacific Ocean. The building overlooking the inlet was however the dining hall from a Young Life Camp, the Malibu Club in British Columbia! Never had I seen this particular poster at any Young Life function. This wasn't a poster produced by a graphic designer or a professional print shop, it was created by someone locally because next to the main picture of the Malibu dining hall were pictures of the Gar-Pal Students that went to Malibu this summer! I immediately asked a district office worker where this poster came from, and she admitted that she had no idea! Apparently someone has initiated a guerrilla advertising scheme at the high school. The only words on the entire paper where “Malibu Club” in yellow font yet the message sent to me was loud and clear: We are making an impact. If Young Life is making an impact that means Christ is being shared and lives are being changed. I have yet to find the designer of this guerrilla poster operation, but when I do I will say “Well Done!”

### ***September Church Data***

	<b>Total Church Attendance</b>	<b>Sunday School Attendance</b>	<b>Plate Offering</b>
September 4, 2011	95	8	\$1,995.21
September 11, 2011	96	7	\$3,266.50
September 18, 2011	117	29	\$2,134.01
September 25, 2011	91	23	\$2,020.00

### **World Mission Offering ~ Peggy Collier**

During the month of October, we will be collecting the World Mission Offering. Last year churches in the United States & Puerto Rico, and individuals gave more than \$3 million to support the work of the Lord through American Baptist International Ministries' World Mission Offering. The largest portion, \$2,570,000, was used to support more than 100 missionaries serving in countries around the world.

Funding through the World Mission Offering is very important. Your missionaries are able to carry on the work of the Lord – thanks to you. And they are encouraged through your prayers and generous support of them through the World Mission Offering.

The remaining \$470,000 is being used this year to provide support for International Ministries' global Christian partners and programs, including schools, seminaries and colleges, health clinics, agricultural projects, peace initiatives, and anti-human trafficking programs. Thank you for remembering the poor, the sick, the homeless and the heartbroken through your gifts to the World Mission Offering.

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

Our prayers are with the family of Fletcher Voss, the family of Jeanette Askins, the family of Robert Ferguson (Amy Browse's father), the family of Bill Weeks, Louise Leedersten, Arnetta Tompkins, the staff, students beginning college, our youth athletes, all the staff, teachers and students in our community, our whole community, the marriages in our communities, 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, nation, our troops & our communities.



**“Praying for the Harvest of Jesus Christ on the Palouse”**

### **Bible Reading Plan: by Pastor Corey**

Below is a 47 day bible reading plan covering five great New Testament books- Matthew, 1 John, Hebrews, Philippians, and Ephesians. Each day is probably about 10 minutes of reading- but I encourage you to read slow and thoughtfully. 47 is a strange number, why did I do it this way? I figure for a couple of reasons. Firstly, try a few days where you have two different readings in the day, maybe a morning and evening, or a mid-day and do it all in a month. Or use this as  $\frac{3}{4}$ 's of a two month reading schedule- and find two weeks (14 days) of bible reading that you pick out yourself. In order to balance this very New Testament schedule- you may decide to read Proverbs for two weeks, or maybe Psalms or Genesis. You could do this in the middle of your schedule- or at the end.

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| _ Day 1 — Matthew 1     | _ Day 17 — Matthew 18 | _____ Hebrews 1              |
| _ Day 2 — Matthew 2 - 3 | _ Day 18 — Matthew 19 | _ Day 32 — Hebrews 2 - 3     |
| _ Day 3 — Matthew 4     | _ Day 19 — Matthew 20 | _ Day 33 — Hebrews 4 - 5     |
| _ Day 4 — Matthew 5     | _ Day 20 — Matthew 21 | _ Day 34 — Hebrews 6         |
| _ Day 5 — Matthew 6     | _ Day 21 — Matthew 22 | _ Day 35 — Hebrews 7         |
| _ Day 6 — Matthew 7     | _ Day 22 — Matthew 23 | _ Day 36 — Hebrews 8 - 9     |
| _ Day 7 — Matthew 8     | _ Day 23 — Matthew 24 | _ Day 37 — Hebrews 10        |
| _ Day 8 — Matthew 9     | _ Day 24 — Matthew 25 | _ Day 38 — Hebrews 11        |
| _ Day 9 — Matthew 10    | _ Day 25 — Matthew 26 | _ Day 39 — Hebrews 12        |
| _ Day 10 — Matthew 11   | _ Day 26 — Matthew 27 | _ Day 40 — Hebrews 13        |
| _ Day 11 — Matthew 12   | _ Day 27 — Matthew 28 | _____ Philippians 1          |
| _ Day 12 — Matthew 13   | _____ 1 John 1        | _ Day 41 — Philippians 2     |
| _ Day 13 — Matthew 14   | _ Day 28 — 1 John 2   | _ Day 42 — Philippians 3 - 4 |
| _ Day 14 — Matthew 15   | _ Day 29 — 1 John 3   | _ Day 43 — Ephesians 1       |
| _ Day 15 — Matthew 16   | _ Day 30 — 1 John 4   | _ Day 44 — Ephesians 2 - 3   |
| _ Day 16 — Matthew 17   | _ Day 31 — 1 John 5   | _ Day 45 — Ephesians 4       |
|                         |                       | _ Day 46 — Ephesians 5       |
|                         |                       | _ Day 47 — Ephesians 6       |



## Autumn Youth Calendar

### Events for High Schoolers:

**Young Life Club:** Monday  
Nights 7:30pm (If we are  
traveling to Moscow/Pullman  
we leave at 7:00pm)

### Events for Middle Schoolers:

**Youth Group:** Sunday Nights  
5:30-7:00pm

### **Spaghetti and Bingo Night:**

The middle school youth  
group is organizing a  
fundraising meal to support  
their clothing drive for a  
church in the Philippines.  
The date is yet to be  
determined for the dinner.

### General Youth Events:

**Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Annual Palouse Regional  
Dodgeball Tournament.

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>** Ross Point  
Youth Retreat- The theme  
this winter is "Redefining  
Popular" The Directors will be  
Mark and Brittany Sawyer.

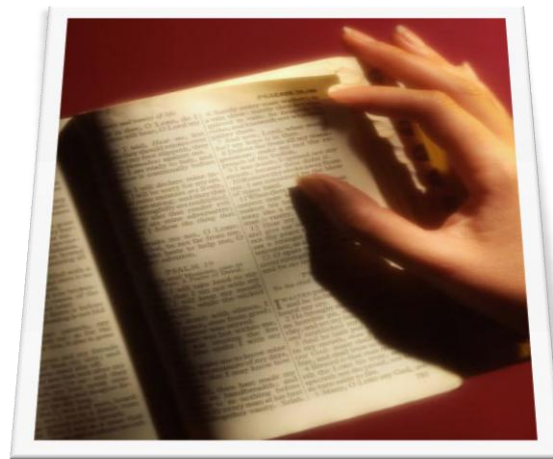


## New Women's Small Group Study

Living out the Christian life, "walking the walk" and not just "talking the talk" is a blessing, but let's face it, it can also be a big challenge! How do we meet that challenge?

Find out as Robin Rilette leads a five week study on Paul's letter to the Philippians, where he writes about encouraging and supporting one another in our life with Christ.

Thursdays beginning October 6th through November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:45 to 8:00 at the home of Robin Rilette. If you have any questions please call Robin at 509-878-1648.



## Library Report ~ Judy Willcox

### **Library use is good!**

Due to limited shelf space extra copies of all fiction books have been deleted from the library. The library committee will be meeting soon to prepare new donated books: look for them on the shelves by Thanksgiving. Thank you to a friend of the library for a generous donation to the Memorial Library (you know who you are!). Donations are gladly accepted anytime!

# October

<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:**  
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*We exist to worship God and to  
 form one another into loving  
 servants of Christ and the World.*

Find us on the Web:  
[www.pfc.palousechurch.org](http://www.pfc.palousechurch.org)  
 Check us out on Facebook!

### 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 5)

**5:30pm** – Youth Ministry

**6pm** – Theology

**7pm** – Worship

## “SINGERS & MUSICIANS NEEDED” – Betty Sawyer

The 9 AM Praise Team welcomes people who want to make a joyful noise unto the Lord with us. Watch for Sunday afternoon practice sessions in the Sunday bulletin. There's room for male and female voices and musicians!



## Upcoming Events

### October Sermons, “The Power of a Whisper”:

- October 2, 2011, “Does God Still Speak?”
- October 9, 2011, “What is God’s Frequency”
- October 16, 2011, “Whisper Listening Practices”
- October 23, 2011, “Persevering – The Thick and Thin of the Listening Life”
- October 30, 2011, Sharing Stories and Testimonies from our own church – “Whispers to P.F.C.”

### More Events:

- Dance Class on Mondays at 4pm
- Nov. 5th- 8:30am Palouse Leadership Breakfast
- Nov 5th 10:30- PFC-Leadership Learning Community- "Teaching the Faith"

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