

Palouse Federated Church

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

Pastor's Column: How Much Potential Do You Have?

Do you think of yourself as somebody who God could use for eternal purposes?

Each of our sermons in September will be designed to demonstrate to us that God creates each person with the potential to have eternal impact.

- On September 5th I will aim to show from Psalm 139 how God created you, and how God's constant presence and power is available to you to live a life of eternal significance. You are fearfully and wonderfully made.
- On September 12th - We will discover what makes God throw a party in heaven. It is incredible, but biblically true, that you helping people find their way to Christ, causes a divine celebration. Woh! You can cause Heaven parties!
- On September 19th- [Palouse Days Sunday- hey- invite your friends in town and out of town friends]- This is a fun message that looks at Jesus giving us permission to be shrewd for good causes. Specifically we will look at how we can use earthly resources for eternal gain. You get permission to be shrewd.
- On September 26th - We will deal with the agony of the world. We will listen to God's Word for how we can make a difference in fighting the injustice in the world. We will see there are eternal reasons for not giving up the good fight for justice. You can make a difference.

You have the potential to have an impact on eternal matters. This is not because you are a super-hero or something weird, it is simply because God chose to involve humans in history making activities. God chooses to let us help in the turn-around of lives, in bringing lost souls home, and in fighting for the values of Heaven while on Earth.

Don't let anybody tell you that you can't make a difference in this world. **You and God are an unstoppable team. And not only can you make a difference in this world you can make a difference in eternity.**

God created you in His image with the intent of filling you with His Spirit in order to enable you to do good works for the eternal Kingdom. Join us for every Sunday in September- and take a step closer to your true human potential.

Let's Serve Christ Together,
Pastor Corey



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Do You Thirst for More in Life? ~ Betty Sawyer

Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst." John 4:13

These are the living water words, from an evangelism project small groups are taking on for Palouse Day, Sept 18. It's called "Thirst No More."

"We wanted to add to our summer of service (SOS) by handing out water bottles as a RAK (random act of kindness)," commented Kay Tronsen. The idea grew with scripture and an invitation to worship with us placed on Idaho Ice water bottles. "I could even give these living water bottles out to my dance student families," responded Camille Wadleigh.

The bottles will be loaded on a pickup "float" for Palouse Days and handed out during the parade. **Volunteers are needed to walk the parade route and hand out bottles with a good word to those who receive them. Join us to make signs on Friday evening, Sept 17 or help out with coolers and ice. IF you want to be a part of this refreshing idea, email sawyers@potlatch.com or call 858-2170. Family volunteers welcome!**

"Come unto me, all who are weary, and I will give you rest," said Jesus, and enjoy his refreshing Word, the Living Water we all need everyday.

"The most important task in life is not what you do but who you become." John Ortberg

Getting to Know You: The Laughary's ~ by Pinky Glass

You may have heard the expression "There are no coincidences" and that certainly is true for the timing of this article on Pastor Corey and family. Six years ago this month Pastor Corey, Tina and Danny came to the Palouse Federated Church, our small community of Palouse and into our hearts. I asked Tina to give me some of the basic background and update information on the family and this is what she wrote

"Pastor Corey and Tina will be celebrating 2 exciting anniversaries this month. September 15th marks 6 exciting and rewarding years serving at Palouse Federated Church. September 25th marks 11 wonderful years of marriage. Pastor Corey and Tina both grew up in Spokane. Corey, who is the 5th of 6 children then attended college at the University of Chicago where he was a member of the wrestling team and then transferred and received his Bachelor's Degree from Whitworth College. He went on to earn his Masters of Theological Study from the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia Pennsylvania. In addition to service at Palouse Federated Church Corey also enjoys meeting youngsters and their families as the Preschool-Kindergarten bus driver. He also serves as a mentor to about 12 other American Baptist Pastors in the Northwest.

Corey has always been an athlete competing in soccer, wrestling and cross country in high school and later coaching both soccer and wrestling. He has enjoyed being the assistant coach of the Pullman Parks and Rec wrestling team the past two years. He also loves to golf, eat hot dogs and exercise. In the past 3 years Corey has dropped over 50 pounds!

Tina was certified as a Health Unit Coordinator and worked in the medical field until returning to school and earning a Bachelor's Degree in Theology from Eastern University in St. Davids Pennsylvania. While she and Pastor Corey were in school she worked at Starbucks and couldn't get enough of all the free coffee! Tina loves her current role as full time homemaker and mommy to 3 active little ones. She also enjoys volunteering as a consultant for the American Baptist Churches of the Northwest, helping churches who are searching for pastors. Tina's hobbies include a love for baking and creating healthy recipes. She also enjoys exercising. These hobbies combined have helped her lose over 120 pounds.

The Laughary children include 7 year old Danny who will be entering the 2nd grade this year. Danny loves wrestling, super-heroes, and reading. His mom and dad can't seem to keep him supplied in chapter books, mysteries being his favorite. Zoe will be turning 5 years old on the 19th of September and is anxious to try her hand at Kindergarten. Zoe loves Barbies, princesses and being in charge. She is her momma's #1 helper in the kitchen! HettyLee is 2 ½ years old—and very good at it. She is extremely curious and has no fear. Her favorite thing to do is to pray at meal times, "Dear Jesus, I hungry—a-men"

What a joy to have such a wonderful family, guiding us in our daily walk with God. If I try to mention the accomplishments that have taken place in our church and our community I would surely forget some for they are too numerous to name.

In his first "From the Pastor" article of October 2004 Pastor Corey wrote. "We are partners. Our ministry together will only be as meaningful and effectual as the amount of God's grace we allow into our everyday life. For it is God's grace that fuels the church and its servants. Let God fill you up with grace. Don't try to serve without it. Read a Psalm, or a Gospel scripture slowly and meditate on grace-- It's in there"

PFC Library Update- Memorial Library in honor of Zena Broughton

Have you noticed recently that the bookshelves in the Fellowship Hall have been a bit disorganized? There have also been a number of signs indicating you are **not** to remove books from the shelves. If you look at the bookshelves today you will see they look very nice and neat, however they have big strips of blue tape across them and a sign saying, "Do not take any books off the shelves." Are you puzzled by this? It seems we are trying to encourage people not to read books, but in actuality, what is happening is Judy Willcox, with her wealth of library skills and knowledge, and her helpers have been busy cataloguing all of the books and getting them organized and "user friendly." Prior to this process a person would usually just look along the rows and rows of book and see if anything "jumped out at them."

Very soon there will be a notebook listing all of the titles of the books and how to find them and we will be encouraging you to make frequent visits to the Palouse Federated Church Library in memory of Zena Broughton, another gifted librarian. Judy will write an article explaining how all this is to be done in the near future. They are approaching the end of this labor of love. Let them know how much their hard work is appreciated.

Getting to Know You ~ by Pinky Glass

In an effort to get to know each other better we will highlight various members of our congregation in our monthly newsletters. Yes, that may mean you, so start trying to remember some of the things that make you YOU. Many of you may remember the "Everyone is important to God" series that Betty Sawyer began and then I attempted to keep the tradition going. You can look through the past editions of the newsletters to locate them. The folders containing the past newsletters are, located on the bottom shelf of the scrapbook table.

Special Occasions

Birthdays

Karen Huber – September 1st
 Nancy Hawbaker – September 1st
 Verna Comstock – September 2nd
 Kent Keller – September 6th
 Darrick Blood – September 7th
 Lyssa Blood – September 13th
 Zelma Foster – September 16th
 Sharon White – September 16th
 Zoe Laughary – September 19th
 Steven Griffin – September 19th
 Ellery Blood – September 26th
 Chris Thurman – September 26th
 Andra Edwards – September 26th

Anniversary's

Butch & Joyce Smith – September 6th
 Ed & Judy Gehring – September 10th
 Mark & Connie Keuhner – September 10th
 John & Nancy Hawbaker – September 10th
 Bob & Frances West – September 21st
 Ellery & Alexa Blood – September 25th
 Corey & Tina Laughary – September 25th

A CHALLENGE FOR ALL MOMS ~ Tina Laughary

How well do you know your child's friends? Whether the beginning of school fills your heart with joy or sadness (or a mix of both), school has come and with it an opportunity to get to know new people. **Chances are there will be children in your child's class that you don't really know.** Serving our community means getting to know them, their needs and life circumstances. We have an excellent opportunity to do just that. What a better place to start than with the children our kids spend time with everyday. By getting to know not only their classmates but their parents and siblings you can learn what their needs are and better see how God might use you to fill those needs. **Never underestimate the possibility that you might be the answer to someone else's prayer.** So have a barbecue, a party or just a play-date. Invite another mom to coffee or just chat on the phone. May God bless you and your family as you begin another school year filled with excitement and possibilities.

EXCITING CHANGES IN STORE FOR CHILDCARE AT PFC ~ Tina Laughary

We are excited to announce some changes to the Sunday morning childcare system at PFC. **The time has come for us to say goodbye to Jennie Browse who has faithfully and lovingly cared for our children the past two years.** Though we are sad to see Jennie go we are excited for her future as she begins classes at Whitworth University. Good luck Jennie! **Taking Jennie's place will be Annie Manning.** Many of you may remember Annie as she began working with the children at PFC 5 years ago when she was just 16. Annie is now a senior at Washington State University. She also has been the manager of the Palouse City Pool for 2 years. She is very capable and we are thrilled that she has agreed to come help us out on Sunday mornings.

Following a suggestion we received during our church assessment, we are also moving the location of our childcare room. **In the next week Pastor Corey will be moving his office to the current cry room vacating a beautiful space to be used by our youngest church-goers.** This follows a good deal of prayer and thought about the best location for small children during worship, as well as a good location for Pastor's office. The current cry-room is actually a bit larger in square footage, so Pastor Corey is getting a bit more space. The new "cry-room" will be a more comfortable distance away from the sanctuary for parents. **The move will take place Tuesday, Sept. 7th at 11:15am. Volunteers are welcome.**

Whether you have little ones or not, drop by in the next couple of weeks to see our progress. **Along with our new space we will be implementing some new guidelines to ensure the health and safety of the children.** Parents will need to sign their children both in and out of the childcare room and also report any allergies the child may have. It will take us some time to perfect our new system but we intend to make it wonderful. Thank you all for your willingness to allow change to help us better share the love of Jesus Christ with the families of our community.

FINANCES

- Thank you for your consistent contributions! We have come through the summer months just about where we needed to be at the end of eight months. Summer giving was down a bit, but not significantly.
- Thank you for funding the Vacation Bible School- at last count \$1212.00 was donated! This means we covered our expenses, and have a little bit of money to begin the process for next year. Thank You!
- FYI- The building improvements in the basement are not being paid out of our annual budget. These costs are being covered by groups who give donations when they use our building. Also, a great amount of the paint and flooring was donated by church members. Make sure to take a tour!

Bible Book of the Month of September – Ephesians

The Apostle Paul likely authored the letter to the Church at Ephesus from his jail cell in Rome. This was most likely a circular letter, meaning that it was read at multiple locations, of which Ephesus was the primary location. Ephesians is worthy of close study. We have prepared a 25 day reading schedule that has very short reading assignments. The point in doing so is to get you to really think and pray through your readings. You can amend the reading verses to read more or less. If you need a study guide or resource- check the library- it will soon be finished and has numerous helpful books for Bible study.

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| _ Day 1 — Ephesians 1:1 - 1:7 | _ Day 13 — Ephesians 4:11 - 4:16 |
| _ Day 2 — Ephesians 1:8 - 1:14 | _ Day 14 — Ephesians 4:17 - 4:22 |
| _ Day 3 — Ephesians 1:15 - 1:21 | _ Day 15 — Ephesians 4:23 - 4:28 |
| _ Day 4 — Ephesians 1:22 - 2:5 | _ Day 16 — Ephesians 4:29 - 5:2 |
| _ Day 5 — Ephesians 2:6 - 2:11 | _ Day 17 — Ephesians 5:3 - 5:8 |
| _ Day 6 — Ephesians 2:12 - 2:17 | _ Day 18 — Ephesians 5:9 - 5:14 |
| _ Day 7 — Ephesians 2:18 - 3:1 | _ Day 19 — Ephesians 5:15 - 5:20 |
| _ Day 8 — Ephesians 3:2 - 3:7 | _ Day 20 — Ephesians 5:21 - 5:26 |
| _ Day 9 — Ephesians 3:8 - 3:13 | _ Day 21 — Ephesians 5:27 - 5:32 |
| _ Day 10 — Ephesians 3:14 - 3:19 | _ Day 22 — Ephesians 5:33 - 6:5 |
| _ Day 11 — Ephesians 3:20 - 4:4 | _ Day 23 — Ephesians 6:6 - 6:11 |
| _ Day 12 — Ephesians 4:5 - 4:10 | _ Day 24 — Ephesians 6:12 - 6:17 |
| | _ Day 25 — Ephesians 6:18 - 6:24 |

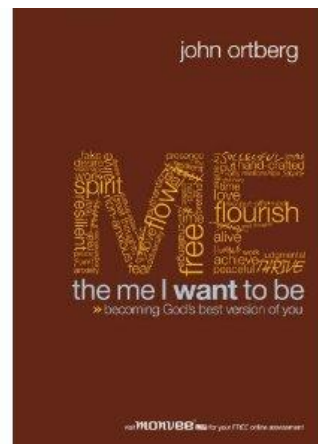
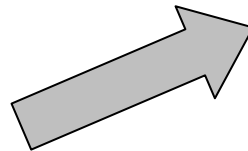


September & October Sermon Information

- September 5: Psalm 139:1-16, “God’s Everywhere”
- September 12: Luke 15:1-10, “What Causes Got to Party?”
- September 19: Luke 16:1-13, “Holy Shrewdness”
- September 26: Luke 16:19-31, “A Vision of Agony”

“The Me I Want To Be” Series

- October 3: “Discovering the Spirit”
- October 10: “Renewing My Mind”
- October 17: “Redeeming My Time”
- October 24: “Deepening My Relationships”
- October 31: “Transforming My Experience”



Message of Appreciation from Jeff Kent

I would like to thank the Palouse Federated Church for its contributions, both from the board and the congregation, for my mission trip to Taiwan with CTI Music Ministries. It was an amazing experience, and I really learned a lot about myself, God, and His work throughout the world. I look forward to giving a full presentation on my exploits sometime around the end of September, which will be announced as soon as a date has been decided on. Thanks again for your amazing support! God is good!!

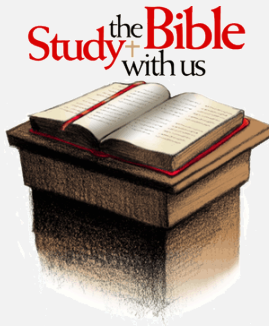
~ Jeff Kent

OPEN GYM BEGINS!

Open Gym will begin starting October 3rd at the Garfield-Palouse High School. Gym hours will be from 3-5pm on Sundays. Bring your family for some good times, healthy physical activity and time with neighbors and family. Open Gym is hosted by Will Thurman. For additional information or if you have questions please contact Will at 509-339-5973.

THE "NEW" SUNDAY NIGHT BEGINS SEPT. 19TH**WOMEN WITH YOUNG CHILDREN BIBLE STUDY**

"WOMEN WITH YOUNG CHILDREN" Bible study starting this fall! If you have young children and want to be involved with a group of moms in the same stage of life as you, come study God's Word with us and bring your children too! We meet Tuesdays at 9:30 at Brenda Cook's home starting Tuesday, Sept. 21. We will study thru a workbook together based on the book "The Me I Want To Be, Becoming God's Best Version of You" by John Ortberg over the first 6 weeks. Please call Brenda for details: 878-2010.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM LEADER NEEDED!**

If you are interested in leading the kids of our congregation in a Christmas program/drama, please contact Brenda Cook (878-2010) or Patty Green-Kent (595-3740) for more details. There are a lot of fun ideas available that are simple and easy. We have some great, experienced helpers but need a director.

We are having changes to our Sunday night schedule. Gone is our traditional "youth group." But don't despair we are adding things for youth and adults that should be a lot of fun- and good for the soul.

First we are having a focused time of fun for the Junior High youth at 6:30pm

Second- We are adding a new third worship service, at 7pm. It will be more of a "coffee-house" style of worship. Meaning you will be seated around the round tables in the Fellowship Hall. The service will have the same sermon as the morning services, but the presentation will be more interactive. The music will be led by Pastor Mark on guitar. Our sincere hope and prayer is that more of our youth will regularly worship in this service, as they avoid the morning services. **We want to reach adults who aren't able to worship in the morning.** In no way at all are we wanting people who regularly worship in Sunday morning, to start regularly attending Sunday night instead. We are not adding this service in order to divide our current services, but rather to give opportunity for more people to worship.

Third- We are offering a time for high school youth to huddle with Pastor Mark after the worship service for a time of prayer and support around 8pm.

The new Sunday night Schedule

6:30-7pm- Wild Game Time- for 6th-8th Graders

7-8pm- NEW- Interactive Worship (for all ages- in the Fellowship Hall)

8-8:30pm- High School Huddle

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise God for your continued healing of Alana Brunner! Praise God for the safe arrival of baby Lauren to Aaron and Nicole Flansburg and little sister Elena! Praise God for a successful ministry through Vacation Bible School! Our prayers are with, Uganda and the children and staff at Father's Heart Orphanage, Alana Brunner, the family of Howard Patton, Don Gilliland, Jeffory & Dot Newkirk (Dot- cancer & surgery), Barbara Pierce who is Richard Miller's sister (healing), Scott (car accident), the families of Kathleen & William Russell, our soldiers who are serving in the heat overseas, 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.

Church Data

| | Total Church Attendance | Sunday School Attendance | Youth Group Attendance | Plate Offering |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| August 1, 2010 | 95 | 16 | n/a | \$3,024.50 |
| August 8, 2010 | 86 | 14 | n/a | \$2,019.00 |
| August 15, 2010 | 124 | 31 | n/a | \$2,082.00 |
| August 22, 2010 | 105 | 18 | n/a | \$1,232.00 |
| August 29, 2010 | 98 | 14 | n/a | |

SUNDAY SCHOOL SQUARE is coming to PFC...

Come take a peek downstairs at our Sunday school rooms...we are painting like crazy and we are excited for a new look! If you'd like to join in on the remodel, the next painting party is Sept 7th from 6pm-9pm.

No Sunday school on Sept 5th for Labor Day weekend...we will have a "family service" where children will stay with their families. We will have activity pages for the kids that will encourage them to listen and learn too! Childcare will still be provided for children under the age of 3.



JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOLERS

We are looking for helpers/crew leaders that can commit to helping in Sunday school classes. Our goal would be to pair up a teacher with the same helper--you would commit to teaching with her when she does (it would be about 2 Sundays a month). Fall Sunday school session starts Sept 12. Have fun getting to know the kids and learning how to teach God's Word to little ones. Please contact Brenda Cook(878-2010) or Pastor Corey for more info

The Right Fit: by Pastor Mark

Sometimes the best person for the job... is not the best person for the job. Things are often backwards to the ways of the world in God's kingdom. If we as a church, are sincere about bringing God's kingdom here to Palouse (as we pray "on earth as it is in heaven") then we need to cognitively recognize the fact that sometimes the first will be last and the last will be first.

Part of my mission to the church is to mobilize. When I think of the work mobilize I picture what many masculine minds depict: cars, engines, and tires.

I picture an old muscle car that hasn't seen the road under its tires for decades. It was made with a purpose, and sitting under a tin roof and collecting dust was not its intended design. It was specifically planned, carefully engineered, and bought with a price from an eager consumer... but somewhere within its lifecycle it was no longer functioning for its original purpose. I pray that our people are not a proverbial rusty, broken down muscle car. However, if they are, or if you are like a muscle car; there is always potential to be restored to be powerful, useful, and a head turner. For you too were specifically planned and created to be who you are and even where you are to be used by God.



There are different reasons to become immobile, or inactive in a church. Whatever the reason may be, **I believe life flourishes within us when we give life away.** Finding a place in our church is more than being a warm body, or filling a need of an organization. It is filling a calling to your life and to the commission Jesus gave us to "Go therefore and make disciples." When you put your talents, emotions, and your spirit into a calling from God, you will no longer feel like a "has been" muscle car. By faith we believe that God's plan for our life is better than our own will. It may not seem logical or even attractive at times, but my personal testimony as well as others will always proclaim that living a life for Christ may not always be easy, but it will always be worth it.

To focus back to my statement: Sometimes the best person for the job... is not the best person for the job. I believe that **God has a calling for each individual of our church.** Not all invitations from God are to commit to a ministry that requires multiple hours per week. Therefore, we cannot allow busyness to be our excuse. We as a church need to release from our minds the performance driven mentality our society pushes and realize that it's not the quantity of time we commit to a person or project that brings about blessings or fulfillment. Just as easily as we overfill our work life, we can overfill our spiritual life and lose focus. For this reason, I say the "best person" for the job may not be the person who has done it in the past.

So as our church grows and needs arise, I pray that you hold the mindset of Isaiah: "Here I am Lord, send me."

Just because others have done VBS or Sunday school in the past and the need was taken care of, why can't you help now? God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called. Just because you worked with Youth last year doesn't mean that is where God is calling you this year... Often, we fill roles that have always been "our job." This mentality can create a stagnant environment, and it does not guarantee growth. For those of you who "wear many hats" within the church, what would happen if you quit? Who would fill in? Who should fill in? Multi-position leaders of the church may be stealing blessings of growing leaders who may not be the most experienced (the best man for the job), but with God's grace and his Spirit, God will make them the best man for the job.

My encouragement is to listen for God's voice. Don't turn down an opportunity based on your own logic. In the same way don't take on an opportunity just because you know you can. Let's keep God as our leader and with his discernment we can all be on his winning team and become THE RIGHT FIT.

From The Executive Board Chair

I want to correct some incorrect information I have heard that PFC is going to do some major building modification SOON. Dale Tronsen and the Building Vision Committee, has been asked by the board to develop a 3-5 year plan that we might want to consider as our church grows. Your board thinks it would be wise for PFC to have a long term plan for future growth in place and not wait until the growth happens. **There will be no major building modifications without prior notification and approval of the church members.** If you have any questions about what is going on in our church, I encourage you to contact Pastors Corey and Mark, myself or any of the board members.

On the to-do list: Painting + flooring in basement
Safety railing on balcony
Signage outside + downtown

~In His service, Butch Smith

September

| <i>Sun</i> | <i>Mon</i> | <i>Tue</i> | <i>Wed</i> | <i>Thu</i> | <i>Fri</i> | <i>Sat</i> |
|---|--------------------|--|--|------------|--|--|
| Pastor Corey's schedule: Driving Bus Mon-Fri 6:30-9am Office/community/visiting Hours Mon-Thurs 9:30am-5:30pm On-Call for Emergencies 24/7 | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | | | 12pm: Community lunch | | | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 9am: Worship 10am: Fellowship 11am: Sunday School (age 2- 8 th grade) 11am: Worship | 6:30 – 8pm TOPS | 10am: Bible study 11:15am: Pastor's office and cry room move 7pm: Prayer Meeting | 12pm: Community lunch | | | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
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| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 9am: Worship 10am: Fellowship 11am: Sunday School (age 2- 8 th grade) 11am: Worship 12:15pm: PFC 101 6:30pm: Youth Group | 6:30 – 8pm TOPS | 9:30am: Women's bible study at Brenda Cook's home 10am: Bible study @ church 7pm: Prayer Mtg | 12pm: Community lunch 7pm: NEW Life Group at Smith's home | | | Men's Breakfast 7:30am: Cook 8am: Eat |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |
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A Cross in My Pocket

~ by Pinky Glass

Visitation Ministry Update

Over the past three months Pastor Corey has been training a group of people to become ministers of visitation. The purpose of this new ministry is to complement pastoral visits with a larger group of people who help us to have better connection as a congregation. We are excited to announce that two members have completed the training process. **Carol Towne and Joyce Smith are Ministers of Visitation and we will soon have a service to recognize their ministry,** and deputize them into service. There are also 3 more people close to finishing training. Training will be offered again in the winter.

PFC 101 – 9/19 @ 12:15pm

PFC-101 is a class for all those who are new to PFC, who are considering church membership and/or baptism. It is a fun time of meeting with Pastor Corey- he will give you the basics of the church history and mission and you have a chance to ask any questions you want, with no fear of being judged or mocked. **September 19th 12:15pm** in the Fellowship Hall- pizza and childcare available. About 45 minutes long. Free! Everyone is welcome to attend. If you know of someone Pastor Corey should invite, please let him know.

Some of you may remember a few years ago when I passed out, "A Cross in my pocket" on an Easter Sunday. I have begun stitching these pockets again and will be placing them in the welcome bags for new attendees to our services. I will also have them on the bulletin table so they are available for anyone interested in picking one up. It will take me a little longer to get the supply put together because the last time mother helped me stitch them and we made over 100 for that Sunday. I hope you will find them helpful to you.

A CROSS IN MY POCKET

I carry a Cross in my pocket
A simple reminder to me,
Of the fact that I am a Christian
No matter where I may be.

This little Cross is not magic
Nor is it a good luck charm,
It isn't meant to protect me
From every physical harm.

It's not for identification
For all the world to see,
It's simply an understanding
Between my Savior and me.

When I put my hand in my pocket
To bring out a coin or a key,
The Cross is there to remind me
Of the price He paid for me.

It reminds me too, to be thankful
For my blessings, day by day,
And should strive to serve Him better
In all that I do and say.

It's also a daily reminder
Of the peace and comfort, I share,
With all who know my Master
And give themselves to His care.

So I carry a Cross in my pocket
Reminding no one but me,
That Jesus Christ is Lord of my life
If only I'll let Him be



As I drove home from church last Sunday I was listening to KMBI. They told a story I thought was worth repeating. A man was driving down the road, as he approached a stop light that turned yellow he stopped his car. The driver behind him was angry he didn't go through it so he could too. He began honking his horn, shaking his fist and shouting. A policeman approached his car and asked him to get out of the car and he was placed in the police car and was then taken to the police station where he was questioned. Later the policeman took him back to his car and apologized for detaining him. The officer explained that when he observed the car with bumper stickers saying, Follow me to church and support Sunday school and the fish symbol, and he saw how he was acting the officer was sure the driver must have stolen the car. Moral of the story: remember your behavior may be the only sermon others witness.

The Me I Want to Be

“Your deepest longing is to be alive with God. To become the person God made you to be.” – John Ortberg

We are preparing for an exciting adventure as a church. In October we are going to focus in on themes in the book “The Me I Want to Be” a book that can help each of us take steps in becoming the person God created us to be.

How can you get involved in The Me I Want to Be campaign?

- **Join a small group** that is studying the book. Most of our groups are focusing on this book. Some are starting in September, and some are waiting until October to begin their study on the book. Pastor Mark and Brittany as well as Pastor Corey and Tina are starting two new small groups that will study the themes of the book throughout October.
- **Come to worship every Sunday in October.** All 5 of the Sundays in October will build on themes from the book. (see page 4 for sermon titles for October)
- Buy a book- Books will be available for \$17.50. There is a limited supply, place your order now! If we run out we can order more. If you can’t afford a book, don’t worry we can cover the cost of a book. There is also a teen edition of the book.

Author John Ortberg is senior pastor of Menlo Park Presbyterian Church in Menlo Park, California. He is the bestselling author of *Know Doubt; When the Game is Over; It All Goes Back in the Box; The Life You’ve Always Wanted; and God is Closer Than You Think*

“Paint-a-stud” Fundraiser – Palouse Days

We will help serve with the “Paint-a-stud” fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. This is a fun project where 2x4’s are painted for inclusion in the new habitat home. Cost for a 2x4 is \$10, and you can write a prayer, message, scripture, or just paint a nice picture on the board- it’s your choice. This is a great way to support the building of Debbie Mitzimberg’s home, as well as give her and her son K.C. a blessing.

At Palouse Days we will also host information on “Father’s Heart Orphanage” in Uganda, a ministry that Alana Brunner of our church family is working hard to support. Encourage friends and family to stop by and say hi to Alana and learn more about what is going on with Father’s Heart.

Also...

Betty Sawyer will be leading a crew of people who will hand out water bottles with the PFC worship schedule, and a brief message on them. If you would like to help, call Betty at 858-2170. (The water bottle project is supported by the evangelism grant in our budget. If you ever have an idea to do something to spread the good news of Christ, or to do a good work in the community, considering asking the board for evangelism grant funding. They like to say “yes.”)

A Brunner Thank You

We want to thank Kay and Dale Tronsen, Bud Bagott and Corey Laughary for blessings us this last couple weeks. Make Me a Blessing song rings true for these caring friends in the Lord. Corey came by quickly the other day to move a heavy bag of mortar out of our truck when Gary called him for help. Gary and I got some concrete blocks and proceeded to dig out a slanting wall of dirt to place the blocks. With Gary’s physical limits I do most all the hard labor around here and I thank God for giving me the strength to do this. One day we were out there and Bud was driving by and decided to stop and see what was happening. He jumped right in and helped me dig and place a bunch of blocks and also took many blocks off the truck. A few days later Kay and Dale came by and saw what was happening and they both began to help move more dirt and wheel barrow it away. Bud came by a second time to move the blocks still in the truck. So they would not fall down if the truck was driven. Gary and I are so blessed by so many people in Palouse and we are overwhelmed and grateful. Thank you dear friends!

Ephesians 3:20 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 the glory in the church and in Jesus Christ throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

“Redemption is always the redemption of creation. What happens when you flourish is, you become more you. You become more that person God had in mind when He first thought you up. God wants you to become a new creation, but new doesn’t mean completely different. Instead it’s like a old motorcycle that gets restored to its intended beauty.” John Ortberg, *The Me I Want to Be*

New Life-Groups

Smiths & Griners host a new Life Group

- Wednesdays, 7:00pm @ the Smith’s -639 N. F Street
- The starting date will be September 22nd
- Studying Ephesians
- A Eight-Week Study
- Call Butch and Joyce Smith for more information at 509-878-1939
- All adults welcome

Pastor Mark and Brittany Sawyer host a new Life Group

- Tuesdays, 6:30pm @ the Sawyers 705 E Houghton
- Will begin October 5th
- Studying “The Me I Want to Be”
- A Six-Week Study
- Call 509-939-2143 for more info.
- Childcare available- all adults welcome

Tina and Pastor Corey host a new Life Group

- Thursdays, 7pm @ the Parsonage- 620 N. Mary
- Begins October 7th
- Studying “The Me I Want to Be”
- A Six-Week Study
- Call 509-878-1334 for more info.
- NO Childcare- sorry- all adults welcome

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Sunday Schedule

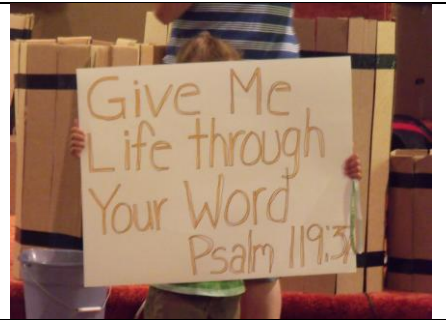
9am Worship (childcare available age 5 and under)

10am- Fellowship Time

11am – Sunday School

11am – Worship (Childcare available, Youth Sunday School Available, age 2 yrs through grade 8)

Starting 9/19 New Sunday Night Schedule



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