

Palouse Federated Church

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September 2011

Pastor's Column: God at Work

What is God doing in His Church?

Soon we are going to start seeing brief video testimonies during our worship services of some of our very own people sharing about what God is doing in their life. Pastor Mark is hard at work interviewing folks and editing these videos. They are proof that God is at work in the Church. And the Church is not a building, or a program, or a service- it is God's people. I am excited to see these videos with you- and to "boast in the Lord" together. The Old Testament prophet first introduced this term of "boasting in the Lord" (Jeremiah 9:24). Paul quotes Jeremiah in 1 Corinthians 1:30-31 when he tells his readers to not think too highly of themselves, and to admit that all the "righteousness, holiness and redemption" in our life comes from Jesus Christ. Testimony, or sharing your faith, is an ancient Christian practice. It is not self-bragging by any means. Rightly done it is a true self-assessment about how a person has seen God work in their life. True testimony is a confession that any good that has come out of our Christian life is the result of God's Spirit at work in us.

So allow me to brag on God a bit. I have seen God present and at work in various ways lately. I have had men and women step up to doing ministry they've never done before, God giving the strength and courage to do so. I have had a few men in particular come to me lately and tell me they want to grow in their faith. Now when males come to their pastor and say "I want to grow" I know it is not simply them doing it, and I also know it's more than pressure from their wife. It is the move of God in the heart of man to desire to grow in faith.

Do you see God moving in your life? It doesn't have to be a breathtaking conversion, or earth shattering new ministry. It can be as simple as a desire to grow in your faith. It can be that you notice you are drawn more and more to pray for your neighbor and enemy. I believe God works in His people, that is what God is busy doing. But I think we fail to share what God does in our lives, and so sometimes we think God's not up to much. So we are going to try to find a way to humbly and rightly share what God is doing in our midst. If you have a story to share- or you know of someone who has a God story to share, please contact me or Pastor Mark, we would love to hear your story and find a way to bless God's people with an example of God at work.

In Christ,
~ Pastor Corey

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

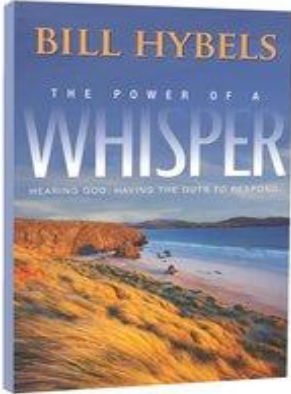
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The Power of a Whisper, by Bill Hybels – Coming in October

Through sermons, small groups and Wednesday night meals- we will explore how God's Spirit speaks into our lives as Christians. Together we will be learning how to hear from God. And we will learn how to have the guts to respond to what we hear

World Mission Offering

World Mission Offering will begin in September and October. Last year more than \$3 million was received through WMO to support global mission through International Ministries (IM). We are deeply thankful for you and your churches contributions, and so are people around the world who are experiencing the mercy of Christ thanks to your generosity.

Of the \$3 million received from U.S. and Puerto Rico churches and individuals, \$2.7 million (or about 90%) is being used to support 100 IM missionaries. The remaining \$470,000 (about 10%) goes to provide support for partners in vital Christian ministries around the world.

Thank you for giving to the World Mission Offering!

*The Lord appointed seventy others
(saying), "Heal the sick...and tell them,
'The kingdom of God is near you.'"*

— Luke 10: 1, 9

September Birthday's

John Browse, September 1st
Nancy Hawbaker, September 1st
Karen Huber, September 1st
Verna Comstock, September 2nd
Kent Keller, September 6th
Darrick Blood, September 7th
Mary Tuck, September 8th
Lyssa Blood, September 13th
Zelma Foster, September 16th
Sharon White, September 16th
Steven Griffin, September 19th
Zoe Laughary, September 19th
Shyra Hallan, September 23rd
Ellery Blood, September 26th
Andi Edwards, September 26th
Chris Thurman, September 26th
David Hill, September 16th
Alvira Spangler, September 30th

September Anniversary's

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

*This comes to bring a birthday prayer
that God will keep you in His care
and that His love will follow you
on every day, the whole year through!*



Above: Dave Ramsey

A few years ago I was driving somewhere and heard a talk show host respond to a caller's question asking how he was with the statement, Better than I deserve. I thought that was just a clever response until I listened for a while. I soon learned it was a financial call in show and decided to see what else this man had to say. I found myself smiling and nodding in agreement with his comments and thinking that it was just common sense. After a station break he started his next segment stating, "I tell it to you just like your grandmother would accept I keep my teeth in." Fortunately I was driving for quite some time and heard him sign off with, "Ultimately there is only one way to financial peace and that is to walk daily with the Prince of Peace, Christ Jesus."

Well I was hooked! I tuned in the next day and the next, etc. As you probably realize - I had discovered the Dave Ramsey show. Since that time many people seemed to have done the same and he is widely syndicated on over 500 stations. He is also on TV but I haven't been able to find him in our locale. I have seen the TV show when I travel from time to time. I don't find I miss that much when I can't see the TV broadcast, I know what he looks like and he just sits and talks to the camera.

Now depending on when you hear his program you might have a variety of reactions, he is not for the faint of heart sometimes. He seemed to share the same opinion of many of us when the Congress was arguing about the budget recently. You might even think that he isn't acting much like a Christian but I found myself totally agreeing with him, I was just letting him do my talking. He has some trigger words, for example, if he is talking about mega banks and collection agencies - "scum" frequently is uttered. I have bought many of his Total Money Makeover Books, especially when he puts them on sale for \$9.00, which he does frequently, and then I pass them forward to use his terminology. It seems to me he is trying to spread the word, little "w", on how to take control of our finances and ultimately our lives. He has many presentations around the United States where thousands of people listen to his "common sense" approach. He had been a millionaire at one time, and due to his mismanagement and pure stupidity, his words not mine, lost everything. Through hard work and paying attention, he is once again very wealthy. He gets great joy when people following his program call in and yell "I'm (We're) debt freeeeeeeeee." He is based out of Nashville and when I visited my friends there recently I just wanted to stop by and stick my head in the door and say "Thanks Dave, keep up the good work," just like you would drop by a good friend's office and visit. I'm pushy but even I knew that wouldn't be possible.

He sponsors many programs, such as the upcoming Financial Peace University which will begin here at our church September 8th. He is quite sure that the government cannot fix our economy but believes each of us working together can. You can listen to him on the radio from 10am until noon on 950AM and noon to 3pm on 590 AM, sometimes they will be a repeat but not always. Next time someone asks you how you are, try responding with, Better than I deserve, after all it is true isn't it?

Upcoming Sermons

September Sermons:

- September 4, 2011, Matthew 18:15-20, "How to Handle Sin"
- September 11, 2011, Matthew 18:21-35, "Mercy"
- September 18, 2011, Matthew 20:1-16, "Grace"
- September 25, 2011, Matthew 21:23-32, "Being a Servant Church or Messy Church"

October Sermons, "The Power of a Whisper":

- October 2, 2011, The Whisper-Led Life
- October 9, 2011, Divine Input for Day-to-Day
- October 16, 2011, Practice, Practice, Practice
- October 30, 2011, Wide Open for God



"For those of you who doze through today's sermon, you can find it on our Web site."

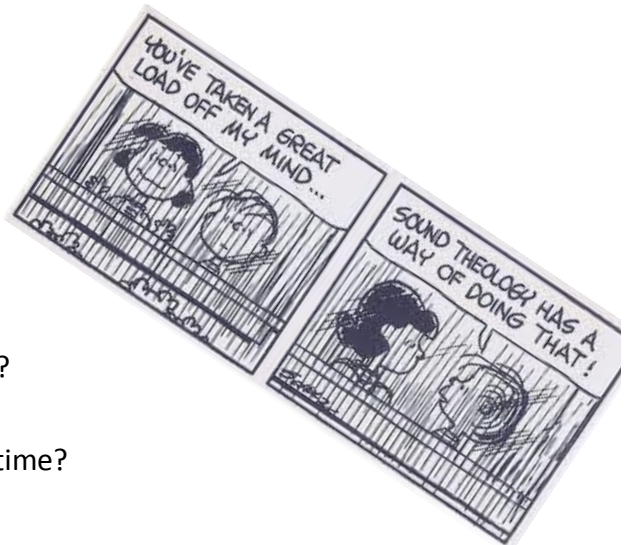
Sunday Night Theology – (childcare available)

Starting September 4th "The Reason for God" at 6pm

We will be having 6 sessions discussing the big questions around God. This group is good for believer and skeptic alike. If you are a believer it will strengthen your understanding of the faith and give you sensitivity toward skeptics. For those who have doubts, these sessions will be helpful in your journey. We will use a DVD session followed by our own discussion each week. In the DVD Pastor and bestselling author of "The Prodigal God" Timothy Keller meets with a group of people over six sessions to address their doubts and objections to Christianity. Using literature, philosophy, real-life experiences, and the Bible, Keller and the group explore the truth of Christianity.

Questions that will be considered in our 6 sessions:

- Has science disproved Christianity?
- Is the Bible true?
- How can anyone say there is only one way to God?
- What about other religions?
- Why are there so many rules?
- Why is the church responsible for so much injustice?
- Why are Christians such hypocrites?
- How can God be full of love and wrath at the same time?
- Is there a hell?



**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL
OPERATION**

Kid-To-Kid

The kids at Pandamania learned about "Operation Kid-to-Kid" during Crafts and Missions at VBS. It is designed to show our kids how powerful and wonderful it feels to give while providing a meaningful gift to show God's love and His Word to the children who receive the gifts. This year we colored 10 "Jesus loves me" backpacks and bookmarks for children in Latin America. Thru Biblica, we will send the backpacks, bookmarks and \$2 for each child to receive a Spanish Bible inside. Biblica's first outreach mission will take place in Dominican Republic in November. We pray these simple gifts help children know that someone cares for them and gives them something useful for school. The picture shows 2 of the backpacks that our children and crew members designed. (The children also got to color one for themselves-which they really enjoyed)!

Thank you for supporting VBS!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

THANK YOU VBS LEADERS!

A HUGE THANKS and JOB WELL DONE for ShaiAnn Collier and Nicole Flansburg for leading and organizing Vacation Bible School for over 100 kids and volunteers! I am so grateful for all your time and energy and hard work that you put in for this very successful 'event' at our church. I pray that God has blessed you in using your gifts/talents for all those children!

Sincerely, Brenda Cook



SUNDAY SCHOOL SQUARE NEWS!

Our Fall Sunday School session begins September 18th, at the 11am service with our set teachers for the school year. God has blessed our program with wonderful volunteers who very eagerly accepted to teach our children. We are so thankful! Your children's teachers are:

TODDLERS: Tricia Johnson and Olivia Barron

PRE-K: Betsy Rawls and Tereasa Hemphill

Elem: Robin Woltering and ShaiAnn Collier

~Brenda Cook, Children's Ministry Team Leader

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Thursday, September 8th at 6:30pm

Money fights and money problems are the number one cause of divorce in America today. Whether you are married or single financial problems can bring fear and steal your peace. Having a plan and a goal for your financial future can help bring a sense of peace into your life. Imagine what the people of God could do for the Kingdom of God if they were debt-free. Imagine what your life would feel like if thinking about money brought you joy and not stress.

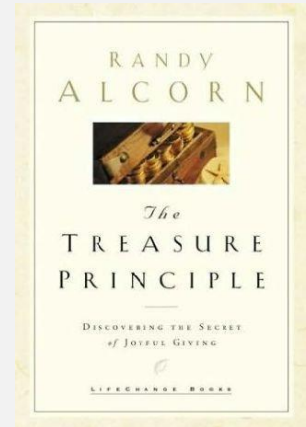
We are excited to bring Financial Peace University to Palouse Federated Church. It is a 13 week class by financial counselor Dave Ramsey via DVD. If you or someone you know needs financial peace in your life this class is for you. **Hurry, class begins Thursday September 8th.** For more information call Tina at 878-1334.



Praise God for a successful 2011 VBS and the safe arrival of Kylie Genevieve Tiegs to Rob & Julie Tiegs! Our prayers are with the family of Rosemary Keller, the family of Bill Holway, all the harvest workers and their families, Zoe Jersak (mother of Joanie Bagott), the staff, students and administrators who have started the new school year, the family of Terry Hall, JR Young, GA Perry, our community, , marriages in our local communities, the youth of our community, people who are visiting in worship, for those in need of a relationship with Christ, our local, state, organizational and national leaders, for those struggling with difficult situations at home- whether illness, emotional, financial or relational, our neighbors, our nation, our troops & our communities.

August Church Data

	Total Church Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	Plate Offering
August 7, 2011	126	36	\$3,499.00
August 14, 2011	71	11	\$1,828.00
August 21, 2011	90	18	\$2,716.50
August 28, 2011	82	12	\$1,405.75



Recommended Reading

Book: "The Treasure Principles" by Randy Alcorn

Review by: Pastor Corey

This short book is a fun read about how to put your resources into best use in God's plan. The author lost most of his worldly wealth and had to learn how to live in relative poverty. His change of life gave him a new gift of having an eternal perspective regarding his possessions and finances. This book can be read quickly- but its effects could impact someone for the rest of their life and eternal life. If you have questions about giving, finances, or even heaven, this is a great starter book to read.



Vacation Bible School Success –

by Nicole Flansburg

On any given day at this year's Vacation Bible School, PandaMania, you would find 100+ bodies in the Palouse Federated Church! There were 64 pre-kindergarten through 5th graders, 26 Middle School and High School aged helpers, and 22 adults who all pitched in this year to make the event a fun and great learning experience! Kids had a great time at Bamboo Blast Games, learned Bible stories at the Wild Bible Adventures station, made and ate snacks at Treetop Treats, created works of art at Crazy Crafts & Missions, and got to sing and dance around during the opening session of Party Time Sing & Play. A very special ending to each of the days at the Rowdy Wrap Up included a presentation on the big screen in the sanctuary of photos of the kids doing activities throughout the morning, set to this year's theme music. The Panda Pre School kids were welcomed and dismissed from the sanctuary gatherings with a very special chant and clap, with high fives all the way up and down the main aisle.'

When Calyn Brantner, 9 years old, was asked what her favorite part of this year's Vacation Bible School was, she said this, "the Wild Bible Adventures because it was funny. It was especially funny when Jonah came out of the whale's mouth, because they said that he smelled like sardines, but my friend Olivia said it smelled like bacon!" On this particular day during the story time, a can of sardines was used as a prop. Calyn's favorite song on the CD this year is "God is Watching Over You."

This year's Co-Chairs of the event, Shai Ann Collier and Nicole Flansburg, were thrilled with the turnout of kids and volunteers, and are already looking forward to tackling another themed event for next year. Donations to PandaMania were greatly appreciated, and both event chairs are impressed with the amount of support that the Palouse and surrounding communities have given to Vacation Bible School.

All 112 people had God in their hearts and on their minds for an entire week during PandaMania. We praise God for the opportunity to serve him, and Shai and Nicole will be back to work planning for next year soon!

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)

October 1st- Young Life
Fundraising Banquet- Banquet will
be held in Garfield at the school
cafeteria and teens that volunteer
as servers will get a free YL t-shirt!

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. (All clothing donations
must be turned in by September
30th.)

General Youth Events:

Sunday September 11th- Nuart
Block Party- 8 Christian Bands on
Main Street of Moscow 2pm-
10pm

Saturday Sept 17th-Palouse Day's
Fun Run - Fundraiser for Young
Life, teens are encouraged to
come volunteer and help raise
money for YL Camp scholarships.

Sunday October 9th- 2nd Annual
Palouse Regional Dodgeball
Tournament.

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

"Giving When It Hurts" – Pastor Mark Sawyer

The 5th chapter of Francis Chan's book Crazy Love is titled "Serving Leftovers to a Holy God" and the title alone makes quite a statement. The thought of giving God my leftovers makes me question what I give to God. Sometimes we rationalize the giving of our worship, our time and resources by thinking of our sacrifice as a quantitative offering. This book challenged me to question the quality of when we give rather than the amount. The chapter essentially exposed the truth that Jesus' call to commitment is clear: all or nothing.

"So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth."

—Revelation 3:16

So how do we respond to such a teaching? Rather than beating myself up and listening to lies of Satan reminding me of the times I fail and support a lukewarm spiritual life, I need to listen for God's voice. God does not condemn us, he invites us to surrender. He challenges us to give not out of our excess, but to give out of our core. To give until it hurts.

To help make this lesson real among our middle school teens, our youth group is organizing a clothing drive to send summer clothes from our wardrobes to a poverty-stricken region of the Philippines. Furthermore, I am challenging the students to not merely give out of excess. It is easy to look through our overstuffed drawers and closets to give away what we don't use or care for any longer... But what if we gave our best, or our favorite clothes to someone without any? That is an example of giving from the core, and as I challenge our teens to do this with clothing, I want to challenge our church to do that with their finances, time and talents... Are YOU giving God your leftovers?

"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

-Luke 12:48

Young Life Month of Prayer for Youth ~ Kay Tronsen

The Young Life Committee invites you to pray for one specific teen every day through the month of September. I want to encourage you as you begin to pray to remember that there is no greater thing you can do than pray. Martin Luther wrote, "Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of His willingness." We have such a willing God who desires to change hearts, lives, families, and destinies! I've also come to realize that prayer leads us into the heart of God – we begin to see what He yearns for and pray with sincere desire for those things. If you didn't have an opportunity to pick up a prepared bookmark with the name of a student on it, and would like to take part, please e-mail me. I would be like to send you one specific Gar-Pal high school student to pray for. My e-mail is kay.tronsen@yahoo.com. Of course, if you already know a high-school student, and want to pray for them all month, that is fine as well. The more we pray, the more we open up endless opportunities for God to work. Keen at it! God is listening.

September

<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:
Office/community/visiting Hours
Mon-Thurs 9:30am-5:30pm
On-Call for Emergencies 24/7

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 form one another into loving
 servants of Christ and the World.*

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Sunday Schedule

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

Leviticus 19:9

“When you reap the **harvest** of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your **harvest**.”

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