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## NEW YEAR OF PURPOSE

*By Tina Laughary*



How do you plan to begin your new year? If you are like me you have probably thought of a list of good habits you hope to establish in the New Year. Yes, I am a person who faithfully lists out what some call resolutions and what I like to call "Goals for the New Year." In church circles, one of the most common New Year's goals must be some variation of spending more time in the Bible or having a daily quiet time with God or something similar. If this is you I say "Hooray!" Nothing will have a more positive impact on your life that committing to regularly connect with our God. I do however, encourage you to have a specific plan and some type of accountability. Inevitably, the hectic schedule of your life will threaten to rob you of your goal and you will end up having it slip away by February.

Recently, a few friends asked me to join them in reading "The Purpose Driven Life," by Rick Warren. If you have never read the book, it has 40 short chapters, each of which can easily be read in about 10 minutes. The book covers the basics of how to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. What I find truly remarkable about this book is that it is understandable and challenging to brand new Christians but also challenging and encouraging to those of us who have followed Jesus for years. Reading the book with others doesn't mean you have to get together every day. It can simply mean that you each read the book on your own and then daily send an e-mail or text-message or call one another to discuss

your thoughts on what you read.

I believe a journey through the Purpose Driven Life would be a wonderful way to start 2017. I also strongly encourage you to find a friend to share the journey with. Despite our best intentions, hectic schedules can derail our best ideas so having accountability is a must. Having a friend or family member process questions like, "Why did God create me?" and "What is the purpose of my life?" can be quite helpful. I challenge you to consider if God may be calling you on a 40 day journey with Him. Think now about someone you trust to hold you accountable and process the information with you.

Let us start 2017 strong. We do not know what the year will hold for us. There will be joy, there will be sadness. God will be with us through it all. Let us live this year with direction, and with purpose.

### THROUGH MY BIBLE

## 2017 Bible Reading Plans

PFC has a variety of Bible Reading Plans to help you dig deeper into scripture and strengthen your faith. Pick one up in the Fellowship Hall and you'll be on your way to reading through the Bible in a year.

There also are some electronic Bible Reading Plans available. YouVersion.com offers great plans. Select a plan to read through the Bible in a year, or choose one to deepen your prayer life, grow in your leadership, find purpose in your work or overcome addiction. There's a plan for everyone.





## THE FIGHT

### SUNDAY NIGHTS AT 6 PM

By Pastor Corey Laughary

Dear Friends,

I have really been looking forward to this five-part sermon series for Sunday Nights at PFC: "The Fight."

"The Fight" is based on the "Armor of God" from the sixth chapter of Paul's letter to the Ephesians. You see, I am convinced that more Christians need to actively engage in a spiritual fight for their own health, sanity and relationships. God gives us the direction, the truth and the Holy Spirit - but we need to fight!

Throughout the series, each Sunday evening will start with a soup supper at 5 PM, closely followed by a discussion about "Fighting Busyness" at 5:30 - that's the undercard event. The "Main Event," starts at 6 PM with sermons from Ephesians 6, followed by the Lord's Supper.

We meet in the Fellowship Hall, childcare is provided, and everyone is welcome to attend.

If you want to start this year off right and put some "punch" into your spiritual life, then come out to Sunday Nights at PFC.

Depending on Jesus - and fighting the good fight,  
*Pastor Corey*



## Soup's On

Every Sunday Night from January 1 to February 5 we'll gather together before our evening service at 5 PM for a Soup Supper—All are welcome! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to bring a soup or bread.

At 5:30 PM we'll have a short devotion and discussion on "Fighting Busyness" followed by the 6 PM service. Come for the whole evening, or just from 5-6 PM, the choice is yours. Childcare is provided from 5:30 PM onward.



## OIKOS FOR THE NEW YEAR

### REFRESH YOUR LIST

The New Year is a good time to take a deeper look at your Oikos list and do some updating. Are there some people that need to be added to your list? Perhaps a person or two has faded out of your life, and needs to move off your list. These are natural changes that happen in our life, don't feel guilty about them. Remember to keep your list stocked with 8-15 people that you regularly interact with; reminding yourself to pray for them daily and look for ways you can bless them and share Jesus' love with them. See the information tables around the church for new Oikos bookmarks.



### SUNDAY EVENING SERMON SCHEDULE

#### 6 PM SERVICE

- 1/01 The Fight: True Strength
- 1/08 The Fight: Spiritual War
- 1/15 The Fight: The Armor (Part 1)
- 1/22 The Fight: The Armor (Part 2)
- 1/29 The Fight: Keep Alert by Prayer
- 2/05 The Fight: Praying for Others

# NEXT STEPS

What's the next step in your spiritual journey?

Baptism?  
Membership?  
Bible Study?  
Service?

Next class  
January 15 @ 10:15 AM

## ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE

PFC has launched a new online giving portal for people to quickly and securely make donations online. You have always been able to work with your own bank and do bill-pay, but now we have an option for people to give with other online options including one-time and recurring credit/debit cards or bank drafts. With people using check-books less and less, online giving is not the way of the future - it is truly necessary for the present. Please know if you give this way PFC leaders are still following the same rules of confidentiality regarding giving that we have for giving done in person, and you also will still receive an annual donation receipt.



If you want to use online giving to make your regular tithe/offering, just click the "Online Giving" button at the top of the church's Web site:

[www.pfc.palousechurch.org](http://www.pfc.palousechurch.org)

Thank you for giving to PFC!

## Year-End Giving Receipts/Tax Letters Going Out Soon

If you made donations to PFC during the 2016 calendar year - thank you very much! Before the end of January you should receive a donation receipt letter that you can use for your tax return. If you have questions please contact Bob Brown: [bobbrown@palouse.com](mailto:bobbrown@palouse.com)

### Thanks for Giving at Christmas

Because of your generosity this Christmas, Pastor Corey was able to deliver \$2,300 in food vouchers to about 70 individuals.

Additionally, your gifts provided for the needs of the two Eastern State Hospital residents we "adopted," and provided 12 coats for other residents!

AND...More than \$4,000 was given for ministry in Uganda!

## READING & UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WORD STARTING POINT *Bible*

Are you wanting to read and study the Bible, but not sure where to start?

Are you wanting to be part of a group with PFC- but not sure which one to join?

Our new group "Starting Point: Bible" is for you. We are offering a once a month, one hour class on the first Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting is **Jan. 4 at 6:30 p.m.**

Pastor Corey and team will lead this group and help give you a good "starting point" with the Bible. The goal of the 6 session class will be to give you a Bible introduction, as well as practical help for how to use the Bible in everyday real life.

If you are interested in "Starting Point: Bible" fill out a communication card on Sunday, e-mail Pastor Corey [thelaugers@yahoo.com](mailto:thelaugers@yahoo.com) or call his cell (509) 336-9154. Child-care will be provided for any who need it.

**February Starting Point: Feb. 1**

## PFC CONNECT WEEKLY E-MAIL

If you haven't been receiving our "PFC Weekly E-mail" and you would like to, please send your e-mail address to Tim Sievers at: [timasievers@gmail.com](mailto:timasievers@gmail.com) or share your e-mail address on your communication card on Sunday. The Weekly E-mail is a great way to keep updated on PFC events, prayers, and community needs.

## ANNUAL MEETING 2017

PFC's Annual Ministry and Business meeting will take place Sunday, January 29 at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a potluck luncheon following the second service. Together we'll give God thanks for all He did in 2016 through PFC.



# LAW & ORDER

On January 8th we begin a two-part series on Sunday mornings: Law & Order: The 10 Commandments Then & Now.

The 10 Commandments are core to understanding the moral behavior God wants from us. Come to morning worship on January 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and hear the good news about the 10 Commandments.

Parents, this is good way to introduce or reinforce the teaching of morals in your household. **Attend with your children and receive a Ten Commandments tool you can use at home.**

## The Birth of Jesus - A Christmas Play for Children

About 25 youngsters took part in our Christmas play this year on a sparkling cold Sunday evening. We told the Christmas story with three fine narrators: Zoe Laughary, Ainsley Sievers and Lola Edwards. Children of all ages became actors in the story of Jesus' birth. Children sang *Joy to the World* and, of course, *Away in A Manger*. A special thank you to Camille Wadleigh for being our play director this year, Betty Sawyer for her assistance on piano and Brenda Cook, the costume mistress! The program ended with twinkling star wands in the hands of all the children...waving toward the manger where baby Jesus lay. Glory to God in the Highest!

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's Breakfast will take place Saturday, Jan. 21. We gather at 7:30 AM to cook and start eating at 8 AM. Bring your favorite breakfast item to share and bring a friend.

8to15

**Did you know there's an Oikos app for iPhone and Android? Search "8to15" in your app store and you'll be on your way to receiving daily reminders to pray for your Oikos!**

## Young Life Leader Group Growing!



Mark Sawyer, GarPal Young Life Teacher-Staff, reports that there are possibilities of having 8 Young Life leaders/volunteers interested in moving Young Life forward. Several recruits (three Washington State University students and a father) interested in joining the leadership team are in the process of filling out applications and going through the training process. Soon, they will be working alongside our existing leaders: Mikel Nisse, Beth Parrish and Malia Frame. Young Life is blessed to have adults who RWOK - Reach into the World of Kids.

Activities for the kids have been great. About 30 of the 80 kids in GPHS have participated in events this fall including a sledding party, "open-mic" night at the Green Frog, and Campaigners Bible Studies where 15 kids recently attended. Adult volunteers like Darlene Perkins, David and Melody Jones and Jim and Carol Fielder, along with Mark and Brittany Sawyer, have provided soup and opened their homes to the Campaigners in Garfield and in Palouse. Keep our youth and their leaders in your prayers.



Gar-Pal Young Life Club at Open Mic Night at the Green Frog.

## Adults Who Care - YL Committee

Young Life is making a difference in the lives of kids around the world because we are supported by adults who care about kids in their community. The local "committee" of adults provides a foundation of financial, administrative and moral support. Original members include Butch and Joyce Smith, Darlene Perkins and Betty Sawyer. Dennis and Vickie Griner, Tim and Tracy Lee Sievers, Connie Kuehner and Tecla Blood recently have added their efforts in planning the annual banquet and assisting the staff in fundraising and activities. If you're interested in helping with Young Life, contact Betty Sawyer at: [1bettysawyer@gmail.com](mailto:1bettysawyer@gmail.com).



The next Palouse Habitat for Humanity home will be built in Potlatch and we are currently looking for the next family we will partner with.

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian housing ministry financed through private donations and using volunteer labor to build homes with those in need of decent, affordable housing in Latah or Whitman County. Habitat is a hand up, not a hand out. Habitat partner families must save a down payment, put in time on the home build, and purchase the home from Habitat with a zero interest mortgage. Palouse Habitat sets the mortgage based on the cost to build the home.

Applicants must attend one of the following Applicant Informational Meetings to be selected for a home:

Wednesday	Jan. 25	6:30 PM	(Potlatch)
Saturday	Jan. 28	10:00 AM	(Moscow)
Tuesday	Jan. 31	6:30 PM	(Moscow)
Sunday	Feb. 5	2:00 PM	(Potlatch)

Moscow meeting location:

The United Church of Moscow  
123 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Moscow

Potlatch meeting location:

Scenic 6 Depot  
125 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Potlatch

Habitat volunteers will be available at two applicant help sessions at the same locations for those needing assistance with their applications.

Monday	Feb 13	4 – 7 PM	(Moscow)
Thursday	Feb 16	4 – 7 PM	(Potlatch)

If you know someone you believe would qualify for a home, please encourage them to attend an Applicant Informational Meeting or contact Jennifer Wallace, the Director of PHFH, at:

(208) 883-8502  
[habitat@palousehabitat.org](mailto:habitat@palousehabitat.org)  
[www.palousehabitat.org](http://www.palousehabitat.org)

**\*\* Application deadline is Monday, February 27 \*\***

## Bible Studies

### Monday

Ladies Bible Study  
Sermon Scriptures  
3 p.m. @ Tina Laughary's

### Tuesday

Men's Way Too Early Study  
Sermon Scriptures  
5:30 a.m. @ PFC

New Testament Bible Study  
Philippians  
10 a.m. @ PFC  
(Child Care Available)

### Wednesday

Ladies Bible Study  
Sermon Scriptures  
10 a.m. @ PFC

### **Starting Point: Bible**

Monthly on 1st Wednesday  
6:30 p.m. @ PFC

### **Couples Study Starting Soon**

See Jim & Carol Fielder for more information

## BISHOP PLACE WORSHIP SERVICE

*A Ministry of Palouse Federated Church*

Join the residents of Bishop Place in Pullman, for a service of hymns and the Word.

**Sundays at 1:30 p.m.**  
**All are welcome.**



## An Epiphany Prayer

Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!  
Darkness covers the earth and its people,  
but the radiance of God's Light burns away its shadows,  
illuminates the smallest corner,  
and heralds in the start of a new dawn,  
where hearts no longer fear, souls might be set free,  
and sister shall follow brother,  
nation shall follow nation,  
and kings and princes bow down in awe  
before the one who comes to reign.  
Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!  
Alleluia!



# Prayer & Praise



## Prayers for these individuals and families:

- ◆ Pray for the family of Mitch York (Paula Echanove's brother).
- ◆ Pray for Bruce Baldwin's bone marrow transplant.
- ◆ Pray for Patty Myott and her declining eyesight.
- ◆ Pray for Donna Thompson (cancer)
- ◆ Pray for Virginia Baldwin
- ◆ Pray for Callie Anderson (4-year-old with cancer)
- ◆ Pray for Judy Hart (stroke)
- ◆ Pray for Sue Foster (cancer)
- ◆ Pray for Brenda Brown (cancer)
- ◆ Pray for Meredith Willcox-Norris (cancer)
- ◆ Carol Heinlen's niece Barbara (cancer)
- ◆ Pray for an additional female youth leader to join our ministry.
- ◆ Pray for our national and community leaders, their families and communities.
- ◆ Pray for your Oikos—those that God has strategically and supernaturally placed in your life.
- ◆ Pray for active duty service members.

## Praises and Prayers for these Missions and Ministries:

- ◆ Praise God for Dale & Kay Tronsen's trip to our partner church and orphanage in Uganda and for their safe return.
- ◆ Praise God for the Bishop Place worship service. Pray for Pastor Matt Jorgens and his family.
- ◆ Pray for the Bible study at Eastern State Hospital and the residents.
- ◆ Praise God for providing 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).

## Remember our Shut-Ins:

Richard Keyser	Patty Myott	Carol Towne
Reuben Merry	Joanie Bagott	Bob & Dory Tuttle
Virginia Baldwin	Arnetta Tompkins	Don & Lorraine Gilliland

*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.*

## The Visit of the Wise Men

### Matthew 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> "'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." <sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.



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# CHRISTMAS IN UGANDA 2016



Christmas in Uganda has been terrific for the Tronsen family. We will hear more from them when they return...but these photos show a little of what's been going on. Connor played a special role in handing out the gifts we sent. In addition to those gifts, the church has provided the Christmas feast (shown above) sheets, blankets, mosquito nets and towels.

**Left column:** Connor gives a Bible, the Christmas dinner. **Center column:** Children at the orphanage, a typical worship service and more gifts. **Right Column:** Sandra makes a friend and Connor gives more gifts.



# JANUARY SERMONS

Jan. 01	9 & 11 AM	Fear Not! God Has a Plan	Matthew 2:13-18
	6 PM	The Fight: True Strength	Ephesians 6
Jan. 08	9 & 11 AM	Law & Order: The 10 Commandments Then & Now (Part 1)	Exodus 20
	6 PM	The Fight: Spiritual War	Ephesians 6
Jan. 15	9 & 11 AM	Law & Order: The 10 Commandments Then & Now (Part 2)	Exodus 20
	6 PM	The Fight: The Armor (Part 1)	Ephesians 6
Jan. 22	9 & 11 AM	Saul: Terrorist Converted	Acts 9:1-18
	6 PM	The Fight: The Armor (Part 2)	Ephesians 6
Jan. 29	9 & 11 AM	Tim Sievers Preaches	2 Timothy 4:1-8
	6 PM	The Fight: Keep Alert By Prayer	Ephesians 6



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Click on “Resources” then “Audio Sermons”  
CDs or mp3 files also are available upon request—  
contact Tim Sievers.

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# PALOUSE FEDERATED CHURCH CALENDAR

# JANUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9 AM   Worship 10:15 AM   Fellowship Sunday School 11 AM   Worship/Baptisms 1:30 PM   Bishop Place 5 PM   Community Dinner 6 PM   Simple Service	<b>2</b> 3 PM   Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	<b>3</b> 5:30 AM   Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 10 AM   Bible Study*	<b>4</b> 10 AM   Ladies Bible Study* <b>6:30 PM   Starting Point</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9 AM   Worship 10:15 AM   Fellowship Sunday School 11 AM   Worship 1:30 PM   Bishop Place 5 PM   Community Dinner 6 PM   Simple Service	<b>9</b> 3 PM   Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	<b>10</b> 5:30 AM   Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 10 AM   Bible Study*	<b>11</b> 10 AM   Ladies Bible Study*	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9 AM   Worship 10:15 AM   Fellowship Sunday School 11 AM   Worship 1:30 PM   Bishop Place 5 PM   Community Dinner 6 PM   Simple Service	<b>16</b> 3 PM   Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	<b>17</b> 5:30 AM   Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 10 AM   Bible Study*	<b>18</b> 10 AM   Ladies Bible Study*	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:30 AM   Men's Breakfast
<b>22</b> 9 AM   Worship 10:15 AM   Fellowship Sunday School 11 AM   Worship 1:30 PM   Bishop Place 5 PM   Community Dinner 6 PM   Simple Service	<b>23</b> 3 PM   Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	<b>24</b> 5:30 AM   Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 10 AM   Bible Study*	<b>25</b> 10 AM   Ladies Bible Study* <b>6:30 PM   1-2-3 Magic                      Parenting Class</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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