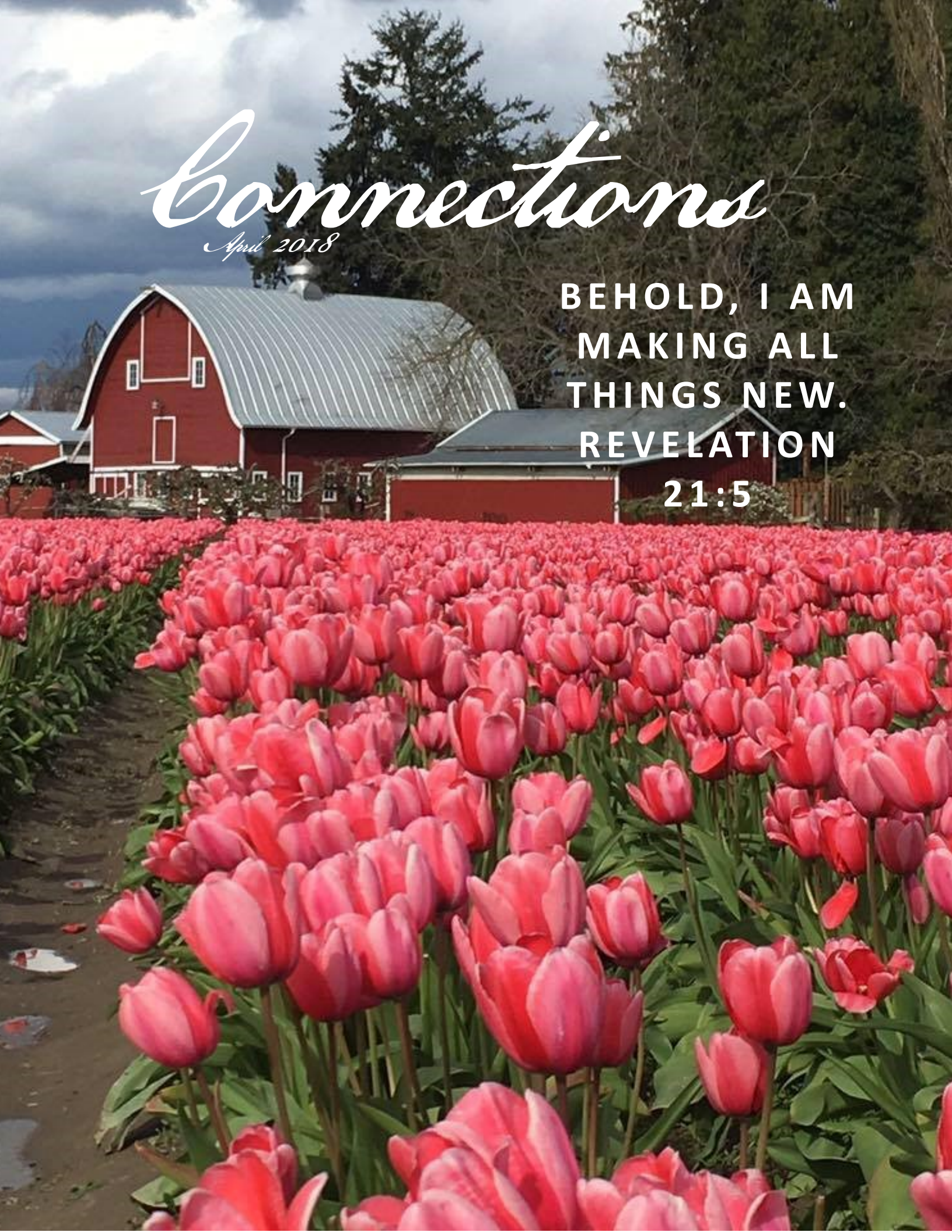


# *Connections*

*April 2018*

BEHOLD, I AM  
MAKING ALL  
THINGS NEW.  
REVELATION  
21:5



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# KILLING THE WEEDS

Tina Laughary



The older I get, the warmer I like the weather to be. Don't get me wrong, glistening snow is beautiful from the protective window pane of my well-insulated house; but when I step outside my preferred temperature is about 85 degrees. So, I am thrilled with the promise of springtime. Longer days, warmer temperatures and bright sunshine are good for my soul... reminders that summer is coming! I also love the new life

**"The light of truth always renders the darkness powerless."**

that Spring brings. Singing birds, budding branches and bright green colors are sure signs that Spring has arrived. I love planning and planting my little garden. Each year, I plot how to make the most of my small space and choose to plant produce (most of) our family would enjoy eating. However, there is one variety of growth—one type of new life that I do not like. I absolutely detest

weeds. The dark earth of a freshly plowed garden is ripe with expectation until those unwanted invaders rear their ugly heads. I think there will be growth in heaven, but I do not think there will be weeds.

Recently, I was reflecting on new spiritual life. I have been so blessed to experience several dear ones surrender their hearts and lives to Jesus. Watching them grow and blossom is even more thrilling than watching Spring unfold on the Palouse. The wonder and joy of new life in Christ is like no other. Though no two people are exactly alike, new Christians often go through some similar experiences. When a new believer learns and begins to understand the realities of what Jesus did for them on the cross, it does several things. Often, they feel humbled by Jesus' sacrifice. They experience joy for their newfound salvation, gratitude for a free gift they do not deserve and they are compelled to share the Good News with others. As I was thinking about these realities and emotions new believers experience, I was reminded too of the common weeds that threaten to attack new believers.

Satan, the Devil, the Evil One is the sower of weeds. Weeds are the lies he tells us to try to stunt our growth, to choke out blossoming new life. Nothing angers him more than a new Christian, growing and thriving in Christ. He attempts to choke out such growth by perpetrating lies.

Common weeds include guilt, doubt and fear. When we realize the price Christ paid for our sins we realize just how ugly our sin is, which can lead to guilt and even shame. While it is good and healthy to feel convicted of our sin, it is a tactic of the evil one to burden us down with guilt. Guilt cripples us from fulfilling God's purpose for our life. Doubt often creeps in when our non-Christian friends and family complain about our new Christian lifestyle. Understandably, they feel confused and betrayed when we have a new love and passion in our life that they don't share. Sometimes they will act out by questioning our devotion and conviction—by planting the seeds of doubt. Satan specializes in fear. He tells us we aren't worthy of God's love, aren't capable of living the Christian lifestyle—can't handle the pressures of living for Jesus in this world. He reminds us of our past sins, tempts us to define ourselves by our old behaviors. He tells us we are failures - unlovable and unchangeable.

There is a way to render these weeds powerless—to really kill them. We learn about weed killer from Jesus. The cure for Satan's lies is *truth*. To really "round-up" and rid our-

selves of his weeds we must expose his lies to the light of Christ—the truth in scripture. In Matthew 4 we read of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, how each time Jesus is tempted, he refutes the evil one by quoting scripture. The light of truth always renders the darkness powerless. Jesus sums it up in Matthew 4:4, "Jesus answered, 'It is written: Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Whether you are a new Christian, just beginning to bud and grow for the first time, or you have been a mature Christian for years, we all struggle with weeds. If we long to have true and lasting weed control in our lives, we must immerse ourselves in the truth. Remember the truth of the gospel—Jesus died to save us from all of our sins - past present and future. Do not let guilt, doubt and fear stunt your growth. Let the truth of scripture overwhelm you. Hide it in your heart and keep it with you.

Weeds may continue to poke through the surface of your heart, but you do not have to let them grow.

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**MEN'S BREAKFAST  
SATURDAY, APRIL 21  
7:30 AM COOKING  
8 AM EATING  
ALL ARE WELCOME**

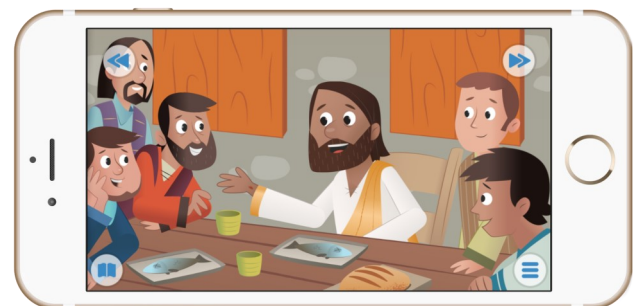
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The Bible App  
FOR KIDS

Did you know that YouVersion has created a Bible App just for kids?

By introducing children to 41 of the "big" Bible stories, the Bible App for Kids helps them understand the overall story that the Bible is telling. Kid-friendly navigation helps them find and select whichever story they want, then reads it aloud to them in a friendly narrative style. Throughout each story, fun, interactive animations keep children engaged, and select stories even include games designed to help them learn, understand, and retain important Bible story concepts.



## RESTORATION & COMMUNICATION

Pastor Corey Laughary

For the last several weeks, we have been in the midst of a sermon series on "Restoration," looking at both Old Testament and New Testament scriptures to discover how serious God is about restoring relationship with His people. On "Easter" we always look at resurrection stories, but this year, the focus will be on why the resurrection is so compelling as God's act of restoration. Tim Sievers will wrap up the Restoration Series on Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup> with a sermon entitled: "Restoration in Revelation." *Revelation*, the final book in the Bible, has amazing imagery of God's cosmic restoration plan. From the beginning of the Bible through to the very end, God is working His perfect plan of restoration. I hope you were able to join in on the restoration journey through sermons, Bible studies, or even our crazy podcasts - if you missed anything, check out: [www.palousechurch.org](http://www.palousechurch.org) for downloads or contact Tim in the office.



### Communication

God's amazing restoration plan is not a secret for Christians to keep to ourselves; rather, it is our sacred mission to clearly **communicate** the Good News of God's restoration plan - and that will be the focus of our next Sunday morning series. We'll look at Acts 17 & 18 to learn how Christians in the early Church shared the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world around them.

So much of life is communication - whether with our words, actions, inactions, facial expressions or even body language, we as people can't help but be communicating. My hope, is that from their example, we can learn important lessons about sharing the Good News and answer the questions:

What are we communicating with our life?  
How well are we communicating it?

I hope you can join us through April for our sermon series, Bible studies, and podcasts and depend on Jesus to grow in effective communication.

Depending on Jesus,  
*Pastor Corey*

### CHURCH ON A HILL PODCAST



Each week, Pastor Corey Laughary and Tim Sievers co-host the Church on a Hill Podcast - reviewing the sermon, discussing upcoming events and ministry opportunities and generally having a good time. There's usually a joke or two thrown in to lighten things up.

Each podcast is about 20 minutes so it's easy to listen to on your way to or from Pullman or Moscow...or anytime!

You can find us on the "SoundCloud" App (for smartphones, tablets, etc.) - search "Palouse Church on a Hill," or you can click on the link in the weekly e-mail or on Facebook.

If you have ideas for topics or guests let us know! And we would love to have your feedback, so please, let us know how we're doing.

READING & UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WORD

STARTING POINT

Bible

Our Starting Point course will resume Wednesday, April 18 at 6:30 PM. Starting Point is a once monthly class that meets for six sessions to explore the following topics:

- Why Bible study is important.
- Tools for Bible study.
- Understanding the Big Picture of a Bible book.
- Understanding how to study a single Bible passage.
- Interpreting the Bible.
- Life Application.

To sign up, check the box on your communication card or contact Pastor Corey: [corey@palousechurch.org](mailto:corey@palousechurch.org)

## PLENTY GOOD ROOM: GOSPEL SONGS & SPIRITUALS

A Benefit Concert  
for



**Serenity House**  
**Admission by Donation**

**Friday, April 13 @ 7 PM**

**Featuring**  
**Caroline (Hilty-Jones) Germaine**  
**Pianist**  
**Nancy Grunewald**  
**Vocalist**



What's the next step in your spiritual journey?

Next Class  
May 6  
@ 10:15 AM

## NEXT STEPS

### Bible Studies

#### Monday

Ladies Bible Study  
Sermon Scriptures  
3 PM @ Tina Laughary's

#### Tuesday

Men's Way Too Early Study  
Sermon Scriptures  
5:30 AM @ PFC

New Testament Bible Study  
10 AM @ PFC  
(Free Child Care Available by Request)

#### Wednesday

Ladies Bible Study  
Sermon Scriptures  
9 AM @ PFC

Starting Point: Bible | Wed. April 18 @ 6:30 PM

### BAPTISM

If you are a believer in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and haven't been baptized, now is the time to step up to publicly proclaim what Jesus Christ has done for you. Talk to Pastor Corey about baptism anytime. Baptism is something that Jesus commanded the Church to do (Matt. 28). It is truly a joyous occasion, and should not be feared for any reason. **We are having baptisms April 29. Talk to Pastor Corey if you want to be baptized!**



### OIKOS - WHAT IS IT?

Your Oikos is the 8 to 15 people you interact with on a regular basis that God has supernaturally and strategically placed in your life - friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers. Nobody is better equipped to share the truth of Jesus with them than you.

Pick up and fill out one of our OIKOS Prayer Cards and start praying for the people in your OIKOS to grow in their relationship with Jesus.

**Or...Download the OIKOS App today - search "8to15" in your app store.**

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## COLOSSIANS

~ COMPLETE IN CHRIST ~



### COMPLETE IN CHRIST: COLOSSIANS

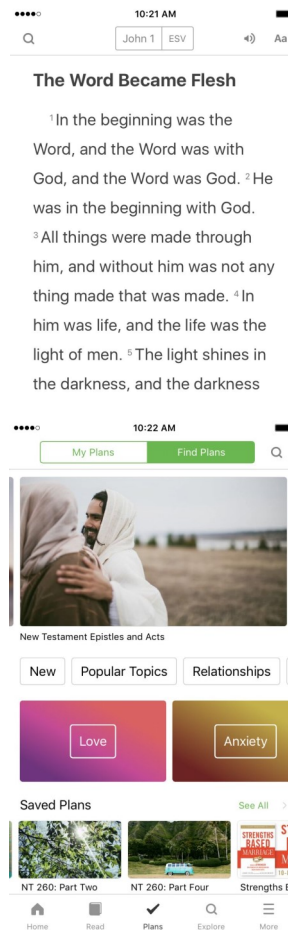
You're invited to Sunday Nights @ PFC our weekly service at 6 PM. If you've never been, it's a laid back-group that meets in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Corey teaches for about 45 minutes and we have the Lord's Supper together. It's a simple time of learning and spiritual growth. We are studying Paul's letter to the Colossians - a little letter that is deeply encouraging and calls us to find our secure identity in Christ. Sunday Nights @ PFC is open to all and free childcare is available for families who need it. We hope to see you there!

## YouVersion

The Bible App can help you read the scripture and strengthen your faith. Look for it in the App Store!



- ◆ Read the Bible, or let audio versions read the Bible to you.
- ◆ Subscribe to **Plans**, daily portions of Scripture paired with devotional, audio, or video selections.
- ◆ Add **bookmarks, highlights** and private or public **notes** to any verse in the Bible.
- ◆ **Compare** versions to see how different translations of the Bible express a given passage.
- ◆ Easily **share** Bible passages on social media, in texts, or via e-mail.
- ◆ **Create verse images**, shareable Bible art, that uses your own photos or free background images.
- ◆ Add **friends**, helping you experience the Bible in community.





Summer camp at Ross Point is quickly approaching. Camp is a great time to meet new friends, learn about Jesus, and as one of our campers said at the talent show - have a little "self-vacation."

Now is a great time to put camp on your calendar of summer fun. Sign up today:

2018  
PANCAKE SUPPER  
FUNDRAISER  
\$2,800+

<http://rosspoint.org/events/youth-camps>.

If you are interested in a scholarship - contact Brenda Cook or one of the youth leaders.

|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Junior High (6th-9th)<br>June 17-22     | My First Camp (<2nd)<br>June 22-23  |
| Middler Camp (2nd-4th)<br>June 24-27    | Junior Camp (4th-6th)<br>June 24-29 |
| High School Camp (9th-12th)<br>July 1-6 |                                     |

Speaking of Camp Scholarships - a special thanks to all of you who donated items for the Pancake Supper, helped in the kitchen and attended the talent show. Because of your generosity, we raised more than \$2,800 to help send kids and youth to camp this year! WOW!

#### 2017 CAMP STATS

44 Scholarships  
60 + Campers  
8 first-time campers

ROSS POINT SPRING YOUTH RETREAT  
APRIL 6-8



EQUIP is a new church-wide leadership initiative designed to nurture the skills and disciplines of the Christian life to equip ourselves to live as Christ calls us to live.

Our first training, April 25 at 7 PM, is "Creating a Culture of Care."

In his letter to the Philippian Christians, Paul urges them to live in unity and love and to consider others before self.

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others..."

We are called to care for each other, for our neighbor, both inside and outside the church. Furthermore, scripture says we will be known for our love for one another. But how do we create that culture of care. Join us at EQUIP and find out! ALL ARE INVITED!

## On the Move

Starting in April, Youth Group is moving to Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM. We'll begin with worship and teaching and end with games so that students can leave early if necessary but not miss the teaching.



## QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING APRIL 15 @ 10:15 AM

Join us Sunday, April 15 as we gather to fellowship and to share updates on ministry activities at Palouse Federated Church. All are welcome!



Each year, area churches, in partnership with Palouse Federated Church, offer a scholarship opportunity for high school seniors. The program helps students transition from youth to adulthood, and from high school to college and career through participation in three sessions covering a variety of topics including: personal finances, healthy relationships and finally a discussion of the future. Students leave Life Lessons knowing they are loved and supported by the community and church; and that Jesus loves them and has a plan for their lives.

Life Lessons 2018 begins this month. Participants who successfully complete the program receive a \$250 scholarship.

Sessions will take place:

April 22 @ 2 PM | Palouse Federated Church

April 29 @ 2 PM | Location TBD

May 6 @ 2 PM | Location TBD

Please be praying for the youth who will attend. If you want to support the Life Lessons Scholarships financially, you can designate a gift at any time - just write "Life Lessons" on your check or giving envelope.



## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- ◆ Pray for the family and friends of Vicki Burnham.
- ◆ Pray for Brooke Bankus, Gar-Pal Student, for health & strength.
- ◆ Pray for Gage Redmon, deployed overseas.
- ◆ Pray for Jeff & Kati Webb, ongoing health concerns.
- ◆ Pray for Kelley, friend of John & Audrey Ayers, malignant lung tumor.
- ◆ Pray for Keiona Zachow, Multiple Sclerosis.
- ◆ Pray for Praise Kisimba—in Memphis for heart surgery.
- ◆ Pray for Amy West, cancer.
- ◆ Pray for Tecla Blood, ongoing health issues.
- ◆ Pray for Carrie Doramus' dad, Richard, dementia.
- ◆ Pray for Charlotte, friend of Don Gilliland, Parkinson's.
- ◆ Pray for Don Gilliland, ongoing health issues.
- ◆ Paula Fielder Leftwich, cancer.
- ◆ Monte, friend of Tecla Blood—ongoing health concerns.
- ◆ Willy Mayhan—ongoing health concerns.
- ◆ Brittany Sawyer's Uncle Jon—Early onset Alzheimer's.
- ◆ Oralene Romjue, cancer.
- ◆ Patty Myott and her declining eyesight.
- ◆ Judy Hart, stroke.
- ◆ Meredith Willcox-Norris, cancer.
- ◆ National and community leaders.
- ◆ Pray for our nation - that peace, compassion, love and unity win out over hate, discord and division.
- ◆ Your Oikos—those that God has strategically and supernaturally placed in your life.
- ◆ Active duty service members.

## PRaises AND PRAYERS FOR THESE MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES:

- ◆ Pray for our Life Lessons Outreach to area High School seniors.
- ◆ Pray for our International Mission Partners.
- ◆ Praise God for the repaired water well in Uganda!
- ◆ Pray for the Bible study at Eastern State Hospital and the residents.
- ◆ Praise God for our 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  
Reuben Merry  
Arnetta Tompkins

Patty Myott  
Joanie Bagott  
Frances West

Dory Tuttle  
Don Gilliland  
Steve Gill

## GOOD FRIDAY TENABRAE SERVICE

*Good*  
FRIDAY

**MARCH 30 @ 7:30 PM  
PALOUSE FEDERATED CHURCH**



## RESURRECTION SUNDAY SERVICES

**CHRIST  
IS RISEN!**

**APRIL 1  
9 & 11 AM @ PFC  
1:30 PM @ BISHOP PLACE**

# APRIL SERMONS

|          |           |   |                      |
|----------|-----------|---|----------------------|
| April 1  | 9 & 11 AM | Restoration By Resurrection                 | 1 Cor. 15:1-8, 20-26 |
|          |           | NO AFTERNOON OR EVENING ACTIVITIES          |                      |
| April 8  | 9 & 11 AM | Restoration In Revelation                   | Revelation 21:1-5    |
|          | 6 PM      | Guest Speaker                               |                      |
| April 15 | 9 & 11 AM | Communication: Persuading                   | Acts 17:1-9          |
|          | 6 PM      | Complete in Christ   Tradition: Walk in Him | Colossians 2:6-7     |
| April 22 | 9 & 11 AM | Communication: Examining                    | Acts 17:10-15        |
|          | 6 PM      | Complete in Christ   Christ is Better       | Colossians 2:8-15    |
| April 29 | 9 & 11 AM | Communication: Engaging                     | Acts 17:16-34        |
|          | 6 PM      | Complete in Christ   Christology...Again    | Colossians 2:8-15    |



**BISHOP PLACE  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Sundays at 1:30 PM  
815 SE Klemgard St  
Pullman, WA 99163**

Do you use Spotify? Check out the PFC Worship Playlist and sing along with songs we sing at our 11 AM worship services.

Just search: "palousechurch"



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# PALOUSE FEDERATED CHURCH CALENDAR

APRIL 2018

| Sunday  | Monday | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|--------|---|---|----------|---|---|
| <b>RESURRECTION SUNDAY</b> 1<br><b>6:30 AM   Sunrise Service @ Greenwood Cemetery</b><br>9 AM   Worship<br>10:15 AM   Fellowship<br>10:15 AM   Sunday School<br>11 AM   Worship<br>1:30 PM   Bishop Place | 2      | 5:30 AM   Way too Early<br>Men's Bible Study*<br>10 AM   Bible Study*                         | 9 AM   Ladies Bible Study*  | 5        | 6   | 7   |
| 8<br>9 AM   Worship<br>10:15 AM   Fellowship<br>10:15 AM   Sunday School<br>11 AM   Worship<br>1:30 PM   Bishop Place<br>6 PM   Simple Service  | 9      | 5:30 AM   Way too Early<br>Men's Bible Study*<br>10 AM   Bible Study*                         | 11<br>9 AM   Ladies Bible Study*<br>6:30-8:30 PM   Youth Group                                    | 12       | <b>Youth Retreat @ Ross Point [4/6-8]</b><br>13<br><b>7 PM   Plenty Good Room: Gospel Songs &amp; Spirituals — Benefit for Friends of Hospice</b> | 14  |
| 15<br>9 AM   Worship<br><b>10:15 AM   Quarterly Mtg.</b><br>10:15 AM   Sunday School<br>11 AM   Worship<br>1:30 PM   Bishop Place<br>6 PM   Simple Service  | 16     | 5:30 AM   Way too Early<br>Men's Bible Study*<br>10 AM   Bible Study*<br>7 PM   Board Meeting | 18<br>9 AM   Ladies Bible Study*<br>6:30-8:30 PM   Youth Group<br><b>6:30 PM   Starting Point</b> | 19       | 20  | 21<br><b>7:30 AM   Men's Breakfast</b>                      |
| 22<br>9 AM   Worship<br>10:15 AM   Fellowship<br>10:15 AM   Sunday School<br>11 AM   Worship<br>1:30 PM   Bishop Place<br><b>2 PM   Life Lessons @ PFC</b><br>6 PM   Simple Service                       | 23     | 5:30 AM   Way too Early<br>Men's Bible Study*<br>10 AM   Bible Study*                         | 25<br>9 AM   Ladies Bible Study*<br>6:30-8:30 PM   Youth Group<br><b>7 PM   EQUIP Training</b>    | 26       | <b>Women's Retreat @ Ross Point [4/20-22]</b><br>27   | 28<br><b>8 AM   Palouse Leadership Breakfast</b>            |
| 29<br>9 AM   Worship<br>10:15 AM   Fellowship<br>10:15 AM   Sunday School<br>11 AM   Worship<br>1:30 PM   Bishop Place<br><b>2 PM   Life Lessons</b><br>6 PM   Simple Service                             | 30     | <b>MAY</b><br>5:30 AM   Way too Early<br>Men's Bible Study*<br>10 AM   Bible Study*           | 2<br>9 AM   Ladies Bible Study*<br>6:30-8:30 PM   Youth Group                                     | 3        | 4   | 5<br>Bible studies with an * indicate they are held at PFC. |

Depending on Jesus to Restore Our [Imperfect] Lives