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GRIEF IS LOVE

By Leanne Collier



I sit here in our home in Newburgh, Indiana, looking out the window at an overcast day in our neighborhood, green leaves finally filling out the space on all the trees, and my eyes settle on a set of very still wind-chimes nestled above the box-woods. These wind chimes, a recent memorial gift, were placed in that precise location in front of my office window, so I might hear them throughout the day, to quiet my mind. But, lately...they are very still. Quiet all on their own.

That quietness feels like an exclamation point to my thoughts lately. Pastor Corey reached out a couple weeks ago and asked if I might write something for the church newsletter. "Of course, sure!" I responded. I am typically an open book and try and live a life with complete transparency. Some might even say I'm seldom short on words. But now, here I sit, literally at the last minute...searching for thoughts to share and all I hear is... quiet.

The truth is, I don't know what to write.

Of course, I want to say "thank you." Of course, I want to share the heartfelt gratitude our family feels for this amazing community of people coming together the way they did. Friends, family, strangers - these beautiful, loving and caring hearts that took the time to organize an event so quickly; and who encouraged others to participate, and who took time out of their lives to honor a teenage girl from across the nation most had never even met before or maybe just briefly knew on the outer edges, perhaps just as a very young child years ago. Believe me, when I say...our gratitude is endless and your actions are so humbling to us.

I will be very honest. It took me a while to gather the courage to look through the photos of the Sunshine in Motion event. Each time I sat down to peek through the online album, I would see all those faces...oh my...so many faces. We moved away from the Palouse area right when Davis was born - February of 2001. So these were faces we hadn't seen in years. People we knew from our early marriage, people whose faces stunned me, extended family, acquaintances, people that surely had forgotten us after all these years...even faces we'd never met before. I mean, we expected people back home had heard about the accident, likely felt a moment of sadness for our family, maybe even sent a card, and then of course, moved on with their daily lives. But, so many people actually took time out of their own lives to be right there together, with us in spirit, with our daughter in spirit, walking or running in her name, 2,027 miles away from us in my husband's home town.

I've got to tell you, for me personally, looking at that album, seeing each photo of each face...it completely overwhelmed me. It was as if each one, each recognition of the person, brought about something, some THING that forced the breath out of me, pulling oxygen up out of my lungs, taking the color from my complexion, and filling my eyes with unending tears. I recognized that feeling.

It was the same feeling I get when I walk into her room.

It's overwhelming grief.

And what I've learned through the last 127 days is that....

Grief is love!

Our grief is not limited to the love we felt for Davis just while she was alive here on earth. Imagine, if you can, the love we felt for her while she was alive and right here daily with us. Then, imagine that love as a circle surrounding her and us both. It was never ending, but we were all encompassed by and in it. It would just fill and fill and expand and expand, getting larger and larger, growing and growing with each special moment.

But, grief...ahhh...grief is all the other love that you didn't know existed - it's the love on the outside of that circle, and maybe instead of just a circle, it's that the circle is more like a balloon. And one night, without warning and despite your best efforts to protect and keep the balloon intact, it pops. And all the love, that you didn't even know was there in that space on the outside - a space without boundaries, time or distance - comes rushing over you like a wave, rolling you around and around. And it just keeps going on...forever.

It's the love you didn't know you felt...it's the love you had yet to show.

It's the love you feel from people who share in your heart-ache.

It's the love you feel from Christ, connected to Him through his own death and life.

I realize now when I am overcome with sorrow, when I can't breathe, when I can do nothing more than weep, Christ is right beside me and He is weeping right along with me. He sends others, like you, to shoulder some of those tears and hold me upright and to share in the heartache across the miles and through the years.

So, in my quietness today...in the stillness of those wind chimes right outside out my window, apparently, I do know what to write.

Thank you.

And may God bless this community and this church and all of the young lives who will meet Christ for the very first time because of the camp scholarships funds raised from the Sunshine in Motion race. May those young people begin a relationship with Jesus so that when the day comes and their own balloon pops, which it will, one way or another... they too understand, Jesus is right there, waiting with open arms, loving, welcoming, and even weeping with them.

Grief is Love. And love has no boundaries.

Sunshine in Motion

5K FUN RUN HONORING
DAVIS COLLIER



The Sunshine in Motion Fun Run, honoring Davis Collier, raised \$5,600+ for high school aged youth to attend Ross Point Camp or Young Life Camp for the first time.

If you are a high school aged youth from Potlatch or Garfield-Palosue who wants to attend camp for the first time, contact Pastor Corey Laughary by e-mail or text:

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EXTENDING LIFE - EXTENDING HOPE

By Kay Tronsen

Our friends from Uganda stared at the snow-covered ski slope on Mt. Spokane, WA, with wonder. Since it was May, the snow was not the Christmas-card quality we might want for someone's first experience of snow, but it, apparently, was enough. The journey to Mt. Spokane and the state of Washington by way of Memphis, TN, was a journey of healing, life, and hope for Martin, Mary, and Praise Kisimba, including making new friends, and meeting old friends face-to-face for the first time.



The journey began with a diagnosis for little three-year old Praise of a congenital heart defect that caused her to be sick and weak. Through the Gift of Life Mid-South organization, Praise and her parents were flown to Memphis, TN, on March 12 where they discovered Praise had measles, delaying surgery until April 9. Through the support of Rotary Club of Memphis and the Rotary Club of East Memphis, the Kisimbas were well-supported and shepherded through the process by Christine Pascus, Rotarian Volunteer and Gift of Life Board Member. A Gift of Life Volunteer, MaryAnn Overman, was an important member in the family's support, offering meals, shopping, sightseeing, and packing eight suitcases for their trip home, a daunting task recognized by any world traveler. During my visit in Memphis, MaryAnn also invited Praise and I for Praise's first Easter Egg Hunt. As we left for the hunt, Praise said something to her parents that made them laugh. I asked what she said, and they replied, "I'll bring you some chickens."

So how did they end up in Washington state, you might ask? How did they end up visiting a small church in a small rural farming community, 90 miles south of Spokane, close to Pullman, WA, the home of Washington State University? Ah, that's a God-breathed story well worth telling again

and again. A WSU college student, whose family lived in Palouse and attended Palouse Federated Church (PFC), was sent to Uganda as part of her degree program in 2009. Her soil-sampling equipment stranded in customs, Alana Brunner Hunter had time to explore Uganda and make Christian friends. Returning back to the USA, she experienced some unsettling circumstances: her father had a stroke, and she discovered she had glioblastoma and began cancer treatments as a young college student.

But she never forgot her friends in Uganda. Following her treatment and a time of recovery, Alana returned to Uganda in 2012 with another church member, Angie Cochran. They met Martin and his first wife, Katali, who, much later, died from high blood pressure the day after giving birth to Praise. Because of this meeting, Alana learned about their school, orphanage, and ministry to orphans in a small village about fourteen miles from Jinja, Uganda. Alana and Angie lived with them for several weeks, returning home to Palouse, WA, presenting our small church in Palouse with their need and asking how we might partner with that ministry half a world away.

And partner we have. From that beginning have come other trips to Uganda by PFC members in 2015 and again at the end of 2016. During the last trip in December 2016, PFC members carried Christmas boxes for each child and staff at the Hope 4 All Children Ministry which were provided specif-

ically for them, by name, by other church members. For some children, this was the first Christmas gift they had ever received. One trip, in 2012, friends of PFC carried funds to purchase additional land that had become available. In 2015, the church sent funds to build new latrines since a local health inspector judged theirs as inadequate.

With the help of Living Water International, in 2014, a borehole (well) was drilled that provided the small ministry with clean, safe water, an essential need in Africa. Pastor Martin has faithfully shared this water with the community surrounding them. All manner of children and adults arrive daily at the well to carry away water in a variety of containers, by a variety of means. In 2018, PFC paid for the repairs to the well. Throughout the years of support, money was provided by PFC members to build and, later, finish, a home for Pastor Martin and his children, and, later, his new wife, Mary, and her children.

PFC has continued to send monthly support to buy food, medicine, clothing, and pay education fees for older children. The ministry in Uganda provides about 80 meals a day to help feed children from the surrounding poor community. Their small, under-provisioned elementary school educates children from the community for free. Beginning in 2017, church members paid for teacher's college for one young man who has taught at the school since the ministry started, first mentored by Martin's first wife, herself a teacher. For just \$300 a term, an amount totally out of reach for most Ugandans, he will soon receive his teacher's certificate along with the huge amount of hope that began when someone offered to pay his tuition. Mary remarked on the change in him because of this hope, because he had a renewed purpose and saw himself as someone worth investing in.

While the Gift of Life organization surely extended Praise's life, as they have for many other children, other efforts have extended hope through relationships, through support, and God-given provision. As one church member remarked, even though we can't help *everyone* in Africa, we can help *this* one small orphanage ministry to which God has connected us.

Martin, Mary, and Praise will return home to Uganda to resume their lives after two months away. They will face the daily hardships and dilemmas that we are spared as Americans. Yet, they have many future hopes and dreams: building more adequate school space, providing food for more children, sending more students to secondary school and college, building something lasting in their corner of the world.

As Pastor Martin packed an empty juice container with snow to take with him from Mt. Spokane that day in May, I tried to tell him it would melt, but he insisted. As we arrived at our dinner location some time later, he was laughing with Mary. He said he wanted to take the snow to Uganda, but it had already started melting on that short journey, and he was laughing at himself; it hadn't made it very far. We live worlds apart, both in terms of culture and experience, but life and hope, no matter how they come, are essential to all of us, and stretch further than a bit of ice.

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What's the next step in your spiritual journey?

Next Class
July 15
@ 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. May 16 @ 6:30 PM

STARTING POINT

The May Starting Point has been rescheduled for May 30 at 6:30 PM and the June Starting Point is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20 at 6:30 PM.

Starting Point is a once monthly class that meets for six sessions to help participants develop the skills and abilities to study scripture and gain understanding. The following topics will be addressed:

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Our Sunday School classes wrapped up for the year on May 20, completing a year of learning about Jesus and doing fun activities with new friends joining us as well as new teachers.

We added a new classroom for the high-schoolers, converting the old kitchen into space for them (some finishing touches to complete yet, but please come and take a look).

This is our largest attended year in at least the last decade with an average Sunday attendance varying from 24-30 youth! Thank you to our teachers for their faithful commitment every Sunday to teach our community's children.

Please thank our teachers!

P S | Carol Fielder, Anita McGovern
& Bertha Paul

K-2 | Justin Brown

3-5 | Paula Schwartz

6-8 | Lisa Jeffers & Brenda Cook

H S | Mike Patrick



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.

8to15

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.

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.



SAVE \$ FOR SUMMER CAMP

Register at: www.rosspoint.org

- ♦ Sibling Savings! After the first child, each additional sibling from the same family that attends camp receives a \$25 discount.
- ♦ Bring a New Camper! Receive a \$25 discount for every new, first-time camper you bring.

Please note, if you receive a scholarship of any amount from PFC, you are responsible for the extra \$10 if you miss the early registration deadline (May 20).

Scholarship forms are available on the camp bulletin board which is located at the top of the basement stairs. See the form for more information on our scholarship agreement. Please return your completed forms to the church office.

OUR GOOD GOOD FATHER

By Ariel Schulz

Going into college scared me because of all of the stories and statistics about Christians walking away from their faith when they made the transition from high school. I've heard more stories than I could count about why people dislike God. But, rather than believing them, I look back on what Christ has done for me in my life and realize the "god" that these people dislike so much isn't the same God I serve and that I wouldn't like their god very much either.

The second phrase in the first verse resonates with my soul on a very deep level.

*I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think you're like
But I've heard the tender whispers
Of love in the dead of night
And you tell me that you're pleased
And that I'm never alone...*

My *dead of night* has many faces depending on where I'm at in life and how I'm doing; it's been lonely times with no true friends, periods where I haven't felt God's presence in quite some time, stretches of depression and anxiety. But more important than any *dead of night* that I've experienced are the *tender whispers* that I've heard in those moments, as simple as a beautiful sunset and as big as a feeling of peace and love. These whispers can often be missed, and we don't give God the credit, but I've found that God whispers to me more than He shouts (1 Kings 19:11-12). And, it's when I start looking for



**You're a good good father,
It's who you are,
It's who you are,
It's who you are,
And I'm loved by you
It's who I am,
It's who I am,
It's who I am.**

Questions? Ask Brenda Cook, Mikel Nisse or Ariel Schulz.

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

If you're a high-school aged youth from Potlatch or Garfield-Palouse and you're attending Ross Point Camp or Young Life Camp for the first time, you can apply for the Sunshine in Motion Scholarship (full scholarships) - contact Pastor Corey.



Him that I realize He's been with me all along.

It's my belief that every sin is rooted in searching for an answer that only God can provide in all the wrong places. Searching for love, comfort, joy, peace, belonging, purpose - the list goes on and on - but, when it comes down to it, we'll always have areas of our life that our lacking until we look to God to fill whatever void we're seeking to have filled. *He knows just what we need before we say a word*, but God is a gentleman and won't force Himself onto us, we need only ask and He will answer (Matthew 7:7-8).

"But more important than any dead of night that I've experienced are the tender whispers that I've heard in those moments..."

When I stop and think about how great God's love for me is - I'm speechless. He pursues me, supports me, has so, so much patience with me, lived for me, died for me, and rose again for me. That's a love I could never deserve and it gives me peace in times when I should have none. 2018 has been a rough year for me, but God's peace has been with me at times when I should have none. Just as His love overwhelms me, His gift of unexplainable peace is similarly overwhelming, bringing a halt to the consuming anxieties, fears and worries to which I often fall prey. God truly is our Good, Good, Father.

Check out the link below to listen to Chris Tomlin singing the song "Good, Good Father."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CqybalesbuA>



HEROES AND GOD'S HANDIWORK

By Tina Laughary



On May 15, Major League Baseball announced that second-baseman Robinson Cano of the Seattle Mariners will serve an 80-game suspension for testing positive for a banned substance. The baseball super-star, a man who was lifted up by many as an example and role-model for children both on and off the field came crashing down. After getting over my initial shock and disappointment (Mariners fans can't catch a break!), I reflected on the fact that Robinson Cano is no different from any other human on this planet. He is an imperfect man, a sinner just like me. I began to think about what Robinson Cano must be feeling. Yes, he had gotten caught breaking rules and now he must be punished, but something more than that is going on too. He let down a whole lot of people. Thousands of children, and plenty of adults, were heartbroken to hear of Cano's suspension. In a very small way, I can relate to Robinson Cano.

"I felt proud and terrified at the same time. While I love the fact that, at times, my daughter actually likes me, I do not feel as though I deserve to be anyone's hero. In the words of Josephine March from the book *Little Women*, 'I am afraid I am hopelessly flawed.'"

Last month we celebrated Mother's Day and I have to tell you that no Mother's Day comes around without bringing me a significant amount of guilt. While celebrating mothers and talking about how awesome they are, I cannot help but think I do not measure up as a mother. People tell stories of what amazing lengths their mothers went to and I always think, "my poor kids." Earlier in the school year, my daughter was chosen student-of-the-month. They interviewed her and asked who her hero was and she said it was her mom (awe!!!). I felt proud and terrified at the same time. While I love the fact that, at times, my daughter actually likes me, I do not feel as though I deserve to be any-

one's hero. In the words of Josephine March from the book *Little Women*, "I am afraid I am hopelessly flawed." I am guessing that as Father's Day approaches there will be plenty of dads feeling the exact same way.

Maybe your hero is a professional athlete, actor or musician. Maybe your hero is your grandmother, high school math teacher or a parent. It doesn't really matter who your hero is, they all have a few things in common. They are human. They will fail. They have flaws. They are a sinner. If you are wondering if your hero measures up, Romans 3:23 answers that question. It tells us that all have sinned, every person falls short. No one is perfect. But, there is some really good news here! You don't have to be perfect to be someone's hero. You can have a hero too! You can have someone you look to, admire and want to be like even though they aren't perfect!

"Be alert and watch Him use the imperfect to do the extraordinary."

This is why I can relate so easily to the mini-series Pastor Corey is preaching on imperfect heroes. On Mother's day he focused on Sarah, the wife of Abraham—mother of the Jewish people. Though she was imperfect and at times filled with doubt, God chose to use her to birth His chosen people. On Father's Day we will study my favorite group of imperfect heroes—the 12 disciples. Though they had seen Jesus heal many people and perform super-human miracles they lacked the faith necessary to heal a demon-possessed boy. They failed at the task Jesus had given them. They couldn't get it done, didn't have enough faith. But man, oh man, did God ever go on to use those men. After the resurrection of Christ, these 11 men (along with some very faithful women) spent the rest of their lives spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. More than 2,000 years later, I am sitting here writing about Jesus because God chose to use imperfect people.

The bad news is that none of us are perfect, not you, not me, not your father or mother or mine, not Robinson Cano, Sarah or Jesus' own disciples. The good news is that God can use us anyway. Don't put the burden of "perfection" on any human. But if you do—prepare to be disappointed. God alone is perfect. He also is creative and supremely good. Be alert and watch Him use the imperfect to do the extraordinary.

UGANDA TIMELINE



2009 | Alana Brunner Hunter visits Uganda as part of her degree program at Washington State University.

2012 | Alana and Angie Cochran visit Uganda and meet Martin and Katali and learn about their school, orphanage and ministry.

2012 | John Batchelder visits and helps with land purchase.

2014 | In partnership with Living Water International - a borehole (well) is installed to provide clean, safe water for the orphanage and community.

2015 | PFC sends funds to build new latrines and a house for Pastor Martin and his family.

2016 | Dale & Kay Tronsen, with their daughter Sandra and grandson Connor visit Uganda - bringing Christmas boxes for the staff and children.

2018 | Martin, Mary & Praise arrive in Memphis for Praise's heart surgery thanks to the Gift of Life Foundation Mid-South, LeBonheur Children's Hospital, and our new ministry partners in Nevada.

Uganda Podcasts with Pastor Martin:

<https://soundcloud.com/palousechurchonahill/church-on-a-hill-pastor-martin>

<https://soundcloud.com/palousechurchonahill/church-on-a-hill-pastor>

Pastor Corey's Podcast Discussing the History of the Uganda Ministry:

<https://soundcloud.com/palousechurchonahill/church-on-a-hill-uganda-051618>

Help guide the future of our Uganda Ministry: 6/3 @ 5 PM



TONY KETTEL SKATE PARK OPENS

By Nicole Flansburg

After 17 years, thousands of volunteer service hours and more than \$121,000 in private fundraising efforts, Palouse Skatepark, Inc. will open the Palouse Skatepark to the public on June 2. An opening ceremony at 9 AM will recognize donors and key volunteers, followed by a "learn to skateboard, skate, and use the park," lesson until noon. At the noon whistle, the park will open to the general public.



**Grand Opening
June 2, 2018
9 AM**

**Learn to
Skateboard, Skate
& Use the Park
Lesson Follows**

**Opens to Public
Noon**

In many ways, this has been a unique DIY effort. Most skateparks are built with public dollars using state and city funding on city-owned property. However, few skateparks are created on private property then opened to the public, as our project will be! After the generous donation of the property by Tony Kettel and her family, the Palouse skatepark was built entirely through grassroots fundraising, private donations, and a grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation.

Our project was also unusual because the vast majority of the park was built by volunteers, most of whom are skateboarders from outside of Palouse. They worked in the rain, snow, and blistering heat over the last three years to finish the park. Groups of students from the Gar-Pal FFA have cleared debris, organized construction materials, and landscaped. Team members are working to transform the plateau directly above the Palouse Skatepark into a demonstrative community, known as the "Tony Kettel Skate Gardens," and also are landscaping around the skate features below.

The park includes a grain auger, serving as a "pole jam" for advanced skaters as well as the large bowl, a smaller "Koi pond," banks, a granite ledge, manual pad, and a three-tiered skate-able amphitheater next to rolling concrete below a large piece of columnar basalt. The terms of use signage are mounted onto an old Barbershop Pole from historic downtown Palouse.

Skateboarders, skaters, and scooters will be able to roll through the entire park from end to end, but riders must learn their limitations and children must be supervised. It is a "use at your own risk" facility, and visitors are asked to be respectful of other users and the park itself. Motorized vehicles and bikes are not allowed. Helmets and pads are strongly encouraged, and spectators and passersby must be alert as the area is for recreational use. Palouse Skatepark, Inc. is extremely proud of the facility, and hopes that it will be a place for great memories. Skateparks are spaces where newcomers are welcomed and often mentored by experienced riders. Spectators and riders from near and far will drive to visit the park and bring business to local shops and restaurants.

We wish to thank everyone who supported the project both financially and through volunteer labor. With the generous donation of land, time, and money, this dream has become a reality. Thank you, also, to the organizers of the Knuckle SkrapeR's Spring BBQ and Hot Rod Gathering for sharing the day of their downtown event with our grand opening on June 2! We hope to see you at the park soon.



ARE YOU AN ADVOCATE?

By Tracy Lee Sievers

What are you excited to tell others about?

Perhaps it's a favorite sports team, college, television program, or restaurant. Have you recently discovered a new recipe, gardening technique, retail store, or fishing hole? The things we love, we become advocates for each and every day.



Think about it, as you interact with your friends, co-workers, and loved ones, you share things you've discovered and are excited about or things that you dislike.

We aren't shy about the "water cooler" banter regarding these everyday things but for some reason we tend to clam up when it comes to sharing Spiritual things. Why is that? These are things that really matter; things of eternal consequence. If you're a believer in Jesus Christ and His saving sacrifice on the cross then you are also called to spread the gospel (Matt. 28:19-20). Wouldn't you want to share that salvation message with those around you? We should care

about our neighbor's eternal home even more than we care about sharing that new InstaPot recipe!

Some of the barriers that keep us from being open about our faith include: fear of rejection, thinking "they will never change" or "they won't be interested," even anxiety about letting people see the "real you."

What are your barriers? What's holding you back from being authentic about your faith with your non-believing friends and family?

When we live an authentic life of faith, we are ambassadors for the Gospel. It shows those with whom we interact that faith is not for "weirdos" or "the culturally disconnected." The number one way to share your faith is to consistently live it in authentic ways. That can mean praying before a meal, being open about what you did over the weekend ("On Sunday I went to church and heard a great message from our pastor..."), inviting your friends and loved ones to a faith-based event, and just being a great friend or relative! And how we care for our neighbors says a lot about our faith too.

This month, take a moment and consider how you can be more intentionally authentic about letting your faith infiltrate every part of your life...including the time spent with those who have yet to believe.

GOD'S GOOD PLAN FOR FATHERS

By Pastor Corey Laughary

"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."

Ephesians 6:4



There is no automatic pilot for being a dad. No one is a perfect father, except for Father God. The rest of us are learning along the way. We make mistakes. We act selfishly at times. We neglect the important God-given spiritual role in our family. It is my personal conviction, and a conviction of many fathers in our area, that on the whole we need to do better. It's easy to opt out as a dad, it's common to parent in anger, but God's calling fathers to step up as a spiritual teacher and example in the family.

I don't say that last sentence lightly. I'm not on a pedestal of perfection as a dad. Being a consistent spiritual teacher at home, and parenting with loving discipline is something that doesn't come natural for me. I need God's help daily. I need scriptures like Ephesians 6:4 and others that call me to be a healthy parent, and convict me to live out my role as a spiritual teacher of my children.

If you are a dad and you are reading this, and you feel like you are far from being a true spiritual teacher to your own child/children, I'd love to talk and pray with you. First, you are not alone. Second, every day is opportunity to personally grow in Christ and learn how to grow spiritually as a dad. God didn't screw up when he made you a dad. He's got a good plan for you.

Consider these first steps:

- ♦ Reach out to a Christian dad that's older than you and just talk about being a dad. They will be receptive and helpful.
- ♦ If you don't already pray for your kids daily, start today. Also, find a time to pray with them daily. If this is outside your comfort zone- good! Do it anyways.
- ♦ Consider a Bible study reading plan on the Bible App related to being a healthy father. Read the Bible daily. You can't teach what you don't know.
- ♦ Consider joining up with a group of Christian men for study, prayer and fellowship.

For those older Dads out there with grown children, or others reading this who aren't dads:

Will you join me in praying for Dads raising children in our area? Will you pray daily for a dad you know is struggling with parenting? Will you consider being a source of encouragement to a younger parent out there?

happy
**FATHER'S
DAY!**

Me and some of my Christian brothers have a vision that God is working one by one to reach and restore fathers spiritually in our area. We have been blessed to see some Dads have their life radically reoriented around Christ. It can and does happen- because we have the One True Good, Good Father who loves all His children.

Depending on Jesus as an [Imperfect] Dad,

Pastor Corey

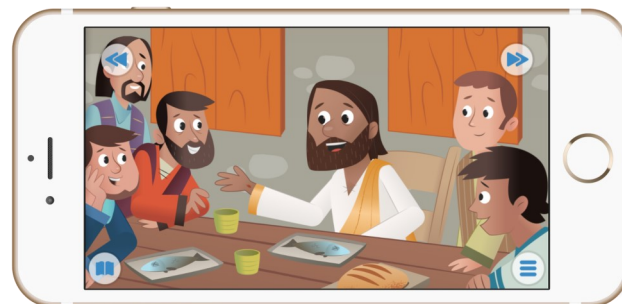
**MEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, JUNE 16
7:30 AM COOKING
8 AM EATING
ALL ARE WELCOME**



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.



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.
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- ♦ 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.



JUNE SERMONS

June 03	9 & 11 AM	Spirit: Evil Spirits	Acts 19:11-20
	6 PM	Complete in Christ: Fighting Particular Sin Battles	Colossians 3:5-11
June 10	9 & 11 AM	Spirit: Idols	Acts 19:21-41
	6 PM	Complete in Christ: Equality in Christ	Colossians 3:11
June 17	9 & 11 AM	Father's Day Imperfect Heroes	Mark 9:14-29
	6 PM	Canceled for Summer	
June 24	9 & 11 AM	Healing	James 5:13-20
	6 PM	Canceled for Summer	



**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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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- ◆ Pray for Ralph Heinlen, ongoing health concerns.
- ◆ Pray for Gerry West, transitioning to Regency in Pullman.
- ◆ 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, recovering from 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.
- ◆ 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 area High School graduates.
- ◆ 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	Patty Myott	Dory Tuttle
Reuben Merry	Joanie Bagott	Don Gilliland
Arnetta Tompkins	Frances West	Steve Gill
Gerry West		

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING SUNDAY, JULY 15 @ 5 PM



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FATHER'S DAY READINGS

Psalm 103:13

¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Matthew 7:9-11, 23:9

⁹ Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Matthew 23:9

⁹ And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.

Hebrews 12:7

⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

PALOUSE FEDERATED CHURCH CALENDAR

JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 27 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place 6 PM Simple Service	28 3 PM Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	29 5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 10 AM Bible Study*	30 9 AM Ladies Bible Study* 6:30-8:30 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Starting Point	31 7 PM Baccalaureate @ Garfield Christian Fellowship	JUNE 1	2 1 PM Gar-Pal High School Graduation
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Junior High Camp @ Ross Point Camp						
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Junior Camp @ Ross Point Camp						

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