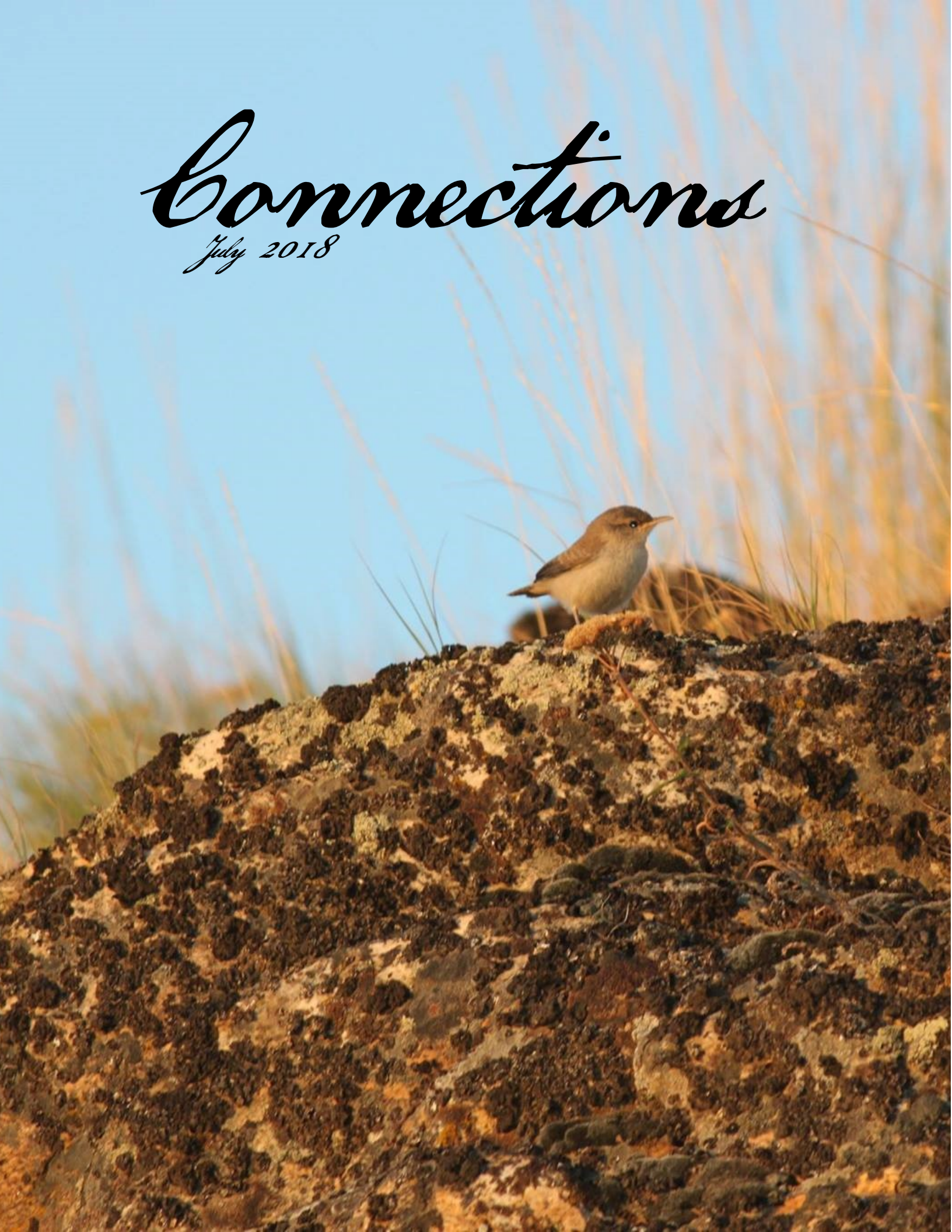


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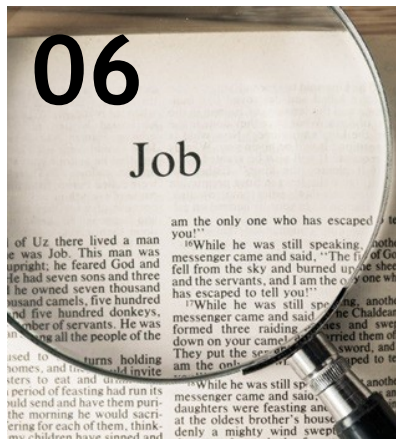
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Job

am the only one who has escaped, I tell you!"

"While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, 'The fire of God fell from the sky and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!'"

"While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, 'The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camel-caravans, carried them off. They put the sword to the necks of the camels, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!'"

"While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, 'Your daughters were feasting and dancing at the oldest brother's house, and suddenly a mighty wind swept in and



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FREEDOM

Ravi Zacharias, Origin, Meaning, Morality and Destiny (Four Quick Freedom in Christ Testimonies)

By Pastor Corey Laughary



Jesus Christ gives the deepest, best and most freeing answers to the four big areas of questions all humanity asks. These four areas can be summarized as questions of "origin, morality, meaning, and destiny" (R. Zacharias). Below are four short stories (100 words or fewer) from my life, one for each major question. These are from my story, but they also are examples of how we each have stories from our own life that we can share with others to help them receive freedom in Christ.

Origin: Where do we come from?

Growing up, I remember going to the cemetery to honor the graves and lives of deceased family members. As a kid I started wondering, "Am I just one person in a long line of people who will end up here?" When I read the Bible I learned the freeing truth that I am from the mind of God, and that God knit me together and made a plan for my life before I was born. It was freeing for my soul to know my life is part of God's plan.

Morality: What are the rules and guidelines for right living?

Tina and I struggled with the best way to use money when we were young and married. What's the best way, the right way, the healthy way to treat finances? We had no peace or spiritual freedom in this area - and very little money, and

too much debt. Then, through Christian friends, we were taught God's ways of doing finances. Living out these simple practices of budgeting, planning, saving, communicating and giving gave us financial peace.

Meaning: What is life all about?

My life changing moment happened because I had no good answers about why I existed and if my life had any true meaning. I had been living a selfish life. I came to a crisis moment where I was just hollow. I threw out a prayer to God, "Are you real?" I didn't expect an answer. But God spoke to my heart saying, "I am real, I am here and I will never leave you." From that night on, Jesus changed my life. I started reading His teachings. God's purpose for my life - to love God and people, became clear.

"It was freeing for my soul to know my life is part of God's plan."

Destiny: What happens after I die?

I remember my grandpa dying a painful death from cancer. His death scared me. I was in middle school and I wasn't sure what happened after we die. I lived in fear. I heard in church that life after death was available, but I couldn't trust that offer. When I finally spent time reading the Bible, and meeting people who had a deep, almost unexplainable peace in Jesus as they were dying, I came to believe that God's promise of everlasting life in Jesus is absolutely true and this brought me deep peace.

These four simple stories demonstrate how God and His Word have brought freedom and peace to my life. Please consider thinking out or writing out similar stories from your life. Give God all the credit and praise Him for what He has done. Preparing these stories will also prepare you to be ready to share a story from your life that might help and encourage someone else in their journey.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT RETURNS TO THE PALOUSE

Mark your calendars for August 7 and join the community of Palouse as we gather from 5 to 8 PM for a fun evening in the beautiful Hayton-Greene Park in downtown Palouse.

Sponsored by Palouse Chamber of Commerce, National Night Out aims especially to welcome new residents to Palouse, with a wide array of displays, activities and information about all Palouse has to offer.

You don't need to be a newcomer to attend and have a good time. The Lions Club will be cooking their famous burgers and there will be plenty of fun things for kids to do. Sign up (it's free!) for a chance to win prizes donated by local businesses. Watch for details to come!



If you're interested in promoting your organization or community activity, contact Debbie Goetz, Paula Echanove or Janet Barstow.

LIFE LESSONS BY THE NUMBERS

3 SESSIONS
19 PARTICIPANTS
19 MENTORING SESSIONS
19 AWARDS
\$4,750 IN SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN

Each year our community offers the Life Lessons Scholarship Program to area high school seniors. Students participate in sessions discussing finances, relationships and their future, and receive real-life wisdom from adult mentors who care about them and their future.

As these and the rest of our Gar-Pal graduates take the next step in their journey, remember to pray for them and for their families. Making the transition from high school to college and career can be difficult to navigate and they need our prayers and encouragement.

If you would like to financially support Life Lessons to keep it going next year, consider making a financial gift to Palouse Federated Church and simply designate "Life Lessons" on the check or envelope.



THIS MOMENT MATTERS

By Tina Laughary

Today is important. Today is a one of a kind day. Tomorrow will be different, unique in its own right, and by definition, it won't be today. There will never be another today, this is the only one you will get. What will you do with yours? Will you wish it away because you are excited about tomorrow? Will you let it pass by without taking advantage of all it has to offer. Will you stop and be thankful for the gift of today—admitting that you don't deserve it, didn't earn it and have no control over it? None of us deserve it, by the way. None of us did anything to earn the gift of life. It is free—entrusted to us by our maker God. What would He want you to do with that gift? Would he want you to let it carelessly slip through your fingers...thankless?



“Don't waste a moment...each one matters.”

I hear it time and again, and I am guilty of saying it myself, “I can't wait until...” Don't wish away this moment. It won't be better when it is warmer, when it is colder, when your children are older, when you are an empty nester, when you are finished with school, when you are finished paying for college, when you get the vacation, the

house, the car you have been saving for, when the baby can walk, when the grand baby is born...you get the idea. Don't wish for the future. Don't long for the past either. As much as we try to romanticize it, yesterday had its share of trouble too.

This world is not all there is. There is a never-ending future spent with God in glory awaiting those who believe in Him. But he put us here for a reason. He placed you and me on this earth at this time for a reason. Let's not miss it. Let's be fully engaged in the here and now.

My summer goal is to embrace each moment, to be open to being used by God and be fully present today. Don't waste a moment...each one matters.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING & BBQ

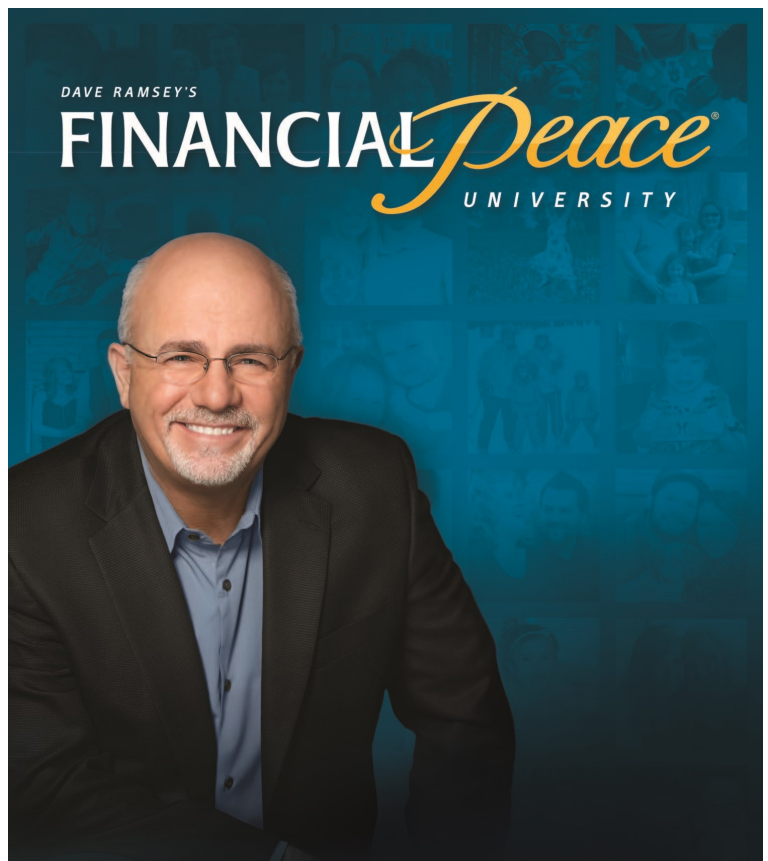
Make plans to gather July 15 at 5 PM for our Quarterly Business

Meeting. We'll eat together and receive financial and ministry updates!

Burgers & Hot Dogs Provided

Bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

See you there!



Palouse Federated Church
Sundays 5-6 PM | Starting Sept. 2
Childcare Provided
\$149/Family
(On sale now for \$129.00)

REGISTER AT
<https://fpu.com/1066901>

Financial Peace University is a 9-week class taught via DVD by renowned financial expert Dave Ramsey that teaches you how to take control of your finances and win with money. Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 2 from 5 - 6 PM at PFC and continue to meet weekly on Sunday evenings through Oct. 29.

Learn From Life-Changing Lessons

Watch entertaining videos, get your questions answered with financial coaching assistance, and stay on track with digital tools.

- ◆ Budget, save and pay off debt.
- ◆ Get on the same page with your spouse.
- ◆ Identify which types of insurance you need.
- ◆ Plan and save for major expenses.
- ◆ Invest for your future, give generously, and more.

The class costs \$129, but it is an investment in your future that you will not regret. To register, or to get more information, go to www.daveramsey.com or talk to Tina Laughary who will facilitate this year's class.

This class is open to the community, you do not have to attend PFC to join.

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
CANCELED 7/23 & 7/30

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. July 18 @ 6:30 PM

STARTING POINT

The July Starting Point is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18 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



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.
- ♦ **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.

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.



Vacation Bible School August 6 - 10

Volunteers & Participants
Register Online

www.palousechurch.org/VBS

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Thanks for your generous support of \$1,196 to support the One Great Hour of Sharing offering this year.

One Great Hour of Sharing is an ecumenical offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada.

One Great HOUR OF SHARING

SUMMERTIME SHARING

By Tracy Lee Sievers

Summer is a wonderful time to plan some time with people in your oikos! Oikos is the Greek word for extended household. Each of us has 8-15 people we see on a regular basis...that's your oikos. You may even run into different people in the summertime than you do the rest of the year. In the summer, people tend to spend more time outdoors and that means you may be able to build your relationship with neighbors you don't see during the colder months.



Summer is a great time to do intentional relational outreach. Plan a BBQ, ask your friend to go for a walk in the cool of the evening, make a date to go to the local pool with someone... There are many ways to build relationships with those in your life.

"If you lead with love, it won't be awkward at all."

Sometimes I get asked, "isn't it awkward to plan a get together just so I can share Jesus?" The answer to that is yes and no. Yes, it can be awkward if the only reason you're asking that person over for dinner is so you can tell them that they're a sinner and need Jesus! The key to

relational outreach is that we build our friendships *first*. If you are inviting your friend to garden with you because you genuinely enjoy her company then you're not awkward... you're loving! If an opportunity to share Jesus arises while you tend the plants then don't be shy, lovingly take that chance to tell them what a difference Jesus has made in your life. You may even be able to invite your friend to join you for a service or event at church. Before you and

your friend meet up, take a moment to pray that a door opens for you to share about your faith.

Don't be discouraged if your friend isn't interested right at that time. Just keep reaching out. Be friendly. Show the nonbelievers in your life that people who love Jesus are peaceful, gentle, loving, kind, patient, joyful, good, faithful, and self controlled - you know, the Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). You can keep praying for your friend in your heart. Look for more openings to spend time with your friend. Be authentic and be consistent. Live the gospel as best you can and your friend may take notice.

The best news of all is that Jesus loves your friend even more than you do! Now go make plans to hang out with him or her and remember to "always be ready to answer everyone who asked you to explain about the hope you have, but answer in a gentle way and with respect." (1 Peter 3:15b-16a). If you lead with love it won't be awkward at all!

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.

JOB READING PLAN

In August, during our Sunday morning worship services, we'll begin a six-week series in the book of Job. The book of Job consists of 42 chapters, so clearly, we won't be able to read it all during the series. It may be helpful to you to follow a reading plan to help familiarize yourself with the book and have a foundation for our time of learning. Consider following the proposed reading plan below:

DATE	READING	DATE	READING
July 1	Job 1	July 22	Job 22
July 2	Job 2	July 23	Job 23
July 3	Job 3	July 24	Job 24
July 4	Job 4	July 25	Job 25
July 5	Job 5	July 26	Job 26
July 6	Job 6	July 27	Job 27
July 7	Job 7	July 28	Job 28
July 8	Job 8	July 29	Job 29
July 9	Job 9	July 30	Job 30
July 10	Job 10	July 31	Job 31
July 11	Job 11	August 1	Job 32
July 12	Job 12	August 2	Job 33
July 13	Job 13	August 3	Job 34
July 14	Job 14	August 4	Job 35
July 15	Job 15	August 5	Job 36
July 16	Job 16	August 6	Job 37
July 17	Job 17	August 7	Job 38
July 18	Job 18	August 8	Job 39
July 19	Job 19	August 9	Job 40
July 20	Job 20	August 10	Job 41
July 21	Job 21	August 11	Job 42

The Bible Project offers several great videos about Job that you might enjoy as well. Just visit The Bible Project Web Site at: <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/job/>

Here's the Bible Project's summary of the book:

"Set in Uz, an obscure land far from Israel, during an unknown time period, the book of Job focuses on questions about God's justice and why good people suffer. Throughout the book, Job, his wife, and his friends speculate on why he, an upright man, suffers. Job accuses God of being unjust and not operating the world according to principles of justice, and his friends believe that Job's sin caused his suffering. Job decides to talk directly to God.

God reminds him that the world has order and beauty but is also wild and dangerous. While we do not always know why we suffer, we can bring our pain and grief to God and trust that He is wise and knows what He's doing."



PALOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL

featuring music by:

Matt Zook & John Elwood
Diamond Joe - Eric Jessup
Arman Bohn - Bart Budwig & Friends
Jessie James - The Senders

Sat. July 28th - 11am to 8pm
Hayton-Greene Park, Palouse, WA

Adults - \$10
Kids 6-16 - \$5
Kids Under 6 - Free!

Presented by the Palouse Arts Council
Beer garden sponsored by the Palouse Community Center, featuring Paradise Creek Brewery



CAR WASH FUNDRAISER FOR CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

July 12 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM
Banner Bank Parking Lot | Palouse, WA
Help the youth from our community get to summer camp.

By Donation

JULY SERMONS

July 1	9 & 11 AM	The Freedom Trail	John 8:31-36
July 8	9 & 11 AM	Paul: Teaching & Healing	Acts 20:1-16
July 15	9 & 11 AM	Paul: Encouraging the Elders	Acts 20:17-38
July 22	9 & 11 AM	Sean Neal	
July 29	9 & 11 AM	Little is Much	John 6:1-14



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 the family and friends of Gary Cochran.
- ◆ Pray for Brock Hill, cancer.
- ◆ Pray for Bev Glass, ongoing health concerns.
- ◆ Pray for Gary Brunner, ongoing health concerns.
- ◆ Pray for Mark Kuehner, ongoing health concerns.
- ◆ Pray for Ralph Heinlen, ongoing health concerns.
- ◆ Pray for Gerry West, transitioning to Regency.
- ◆ Pray for Brooke Bankus, 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	Catherine Tuck	

THANKS FROM THE COCHRAN FAMILY

The Cochran family wishes to thank the church for all the prayers and love given to us both before and after Gary's passing. Because of that, he was able to make a quick and fairly painless exit.

Thanks also to the ladies who did such a great job with lunch. That was Gary's last request that there be a good lunch at his memorial—you sure did make that happen.

Thanks again for your continued prayers for me as I go forward with my life.

Sincerely,
Angie Cochran

thank you!

Palouse Federated
Church now offers
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easy, safe and se-
cure. Make your tithe
or special gift anytime
from anywhere.



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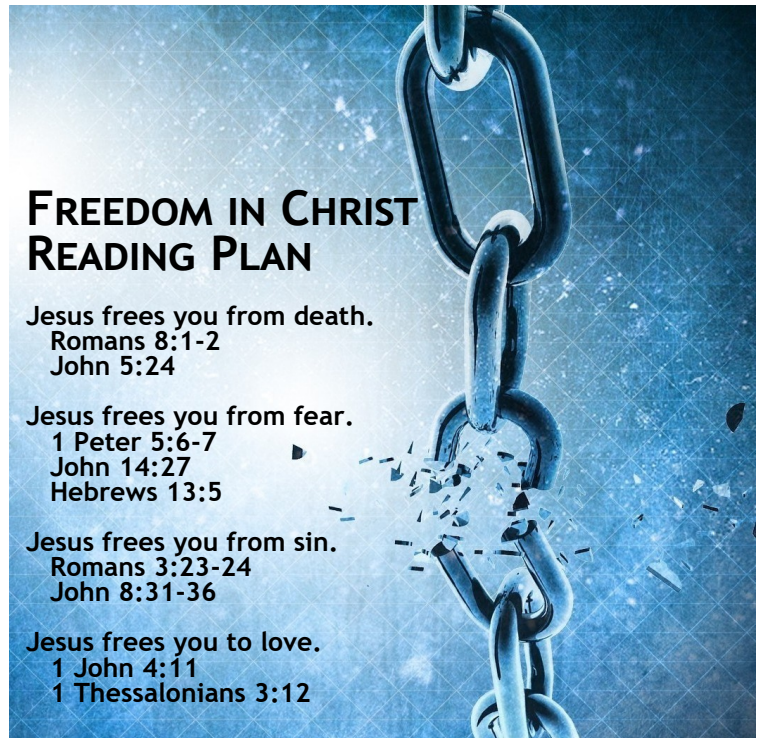
FREEDOM IN CHRIST READING PLAN

Jesus frees you from death.
Romans 8:1-2
John 5:24

Jesus frees you from fear.
1 Peter 5:6-7
John 14:27
Hebrews 13:5

Jesus frees you from sin.
Romans 3:23-24
John 8:31-36

Jesus frees you to love.
1 John 4:11
1 Thessalonians 3:12



PALOUSE FEDERATED CHURCH CALENDAR

JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place	2 3 PM Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	3 5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 10 AM Bible Study*	4 9 AM Ladies Bible Study*	5 5:30-7:30 PM Car Wash Fundraiser for Camp Schol- arships at Banner Bank Park- ing Lot in Palouse	6 	7
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Depending on Jesus to Restore Our [Imperfect] Lives