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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 14-18 9 AM TO NOON

August is here and that means it's time to start thinking about going back to school—and so we are—Bible School! August 14-18, volunteers from our church and community will come together to put on the Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School and teach kids that they are lovingly created by God and built for a purpose! But don't worry—it's not all school and studying! We'll be crafting, snacking, singing, playing games, inventing, AND learning about Jesus!

Make plans to join us today as a participant (age 4 - 5th Grade), or a volunteer. Register (for FREE) online:

www.palousechurch.org/vbs

Contact VBS Director Heidi Fluegel for more information:

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A STORY WORTH TELLING

Tracy Lee Sievers
& Tim Sievers

We love a well-told story; and we imagine, like us, most people enjoy the art of storytelling - whether as the teller or the listener. There's just something about stories that captivate our hearts and minds. Storytelling helps us effectively communicate ideas and emotions. Simply put, a well-told story has the power to make an impact. Jesus himself employed the art of storytelling to communicate important truths to first-century Jews and Gentiles.

If we really think about it, stories are a part of our lives every day. There are, however, some stories we don't tell often enough - stories so powerful and close to us that perhaps we feel awkward sharing them. Inside of a faith community, these types of stories have another name - "testimonies." A testimony isn't unique to Christianity, we see them all the time

in television and radio commercials and newspaper advertising - people providing first-person evidence of how a product or service changed their life. As consumers we give these products and services more consideration because of the "weight" of the testimony.

In the context of the church, a testimony usually recounts an individual's conversion story or a time when God moved powerfully in their life. Kevin Harney, pastor and author of *Organic Outreach for Individuals*, says: "Followers of Jesus don't have one testimony; we have many. Because God is active and working in our lives, we have new stories to tell every day. These stories, or testimonies, recount how God is present and powerful."

"Simply put, a well-told story has the power to make an impact."

Your testimony might be the story of an answered prayer, physical healing, restoration of shattered hearts, the rebuilding of a broken marriage, newfound freedom

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from fear and worry, release from addiction, forgiveness of sin, comfort of the lonely, receiving new purpose or direction, attaining financial peace - the list goes on and on.

These testimony stories are worth telling! They share the truth of a loving God that cares deeply about humanity - about you and your neighbor.

This month, we want to encourage you to share one of your testimonies (faith stories) with someone who hasn't heard it before. Consider telling one of your stories to someone on your Oikos list that you've been praying for or, perhaps, ask a trusted friend to help you practice. Either way - your stories need to be told because they need to be heard!

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If you're still nervous about sharing, consider that telling your testimony can encourage other believers. Not only that, Jesus can use your story to meet people right where they are! Praying for your Oikos is important, but sharing your testimony with those same people can make a big difference too. Kevin Harney writes, "A testimony is not so much about us as it is about the presence and power of the God who is alive in us."

If you're still unsure about sharing your story with a friend, co-worker or family member, consider these three tips:

- ◆ Pray, asking God to help you be more comfortable sharing your testimony;
- ◆ Pray, that God will begin to show you opportunities to naturally share, and
- ◆ Pray, that He will bring to mind the right testimony story for the moment, and that you will act with boldness when you sense it's time to share.

"People...need to hear the stories of love, dependence and redemption that transformed our lives."

Together we can encourage one another with our testimonies and help bring the good news of Jesus to the people in our lives that need to hear the stories of love, dependence and redemption that transformed our lives.

Happy storytelling!

Tim Sievers
Communication &
Connection Director

Tracy Lee Sievers
Outreach Influence Team Leader

SUMMER CAMP REFLECTIONS

Pastor Corey Laughary

57! Why is that number important? It's the number of youth who attended a Ross Point summer camp from the greater Palouse area. That is amazing! And I praise God for those 57 kids, each of whom had a spiritual and fun experience at our favorite camp.

I was honored this year to serve at two summer camps - Junior Camp, which serves 4th-6th graders and High School Camp.

At Junior Camp, I spent the week with a cabin full of energetic youngsters. Honestly, being a cabin counselor is a lot of hard work - it's a 24-hour-a-day job for the time you are there. But, as difficult as it is, it also is very rewarding. It is truly a deep blessing to pray with the kids and study God's Word with them - seeing them open their heart to the Lord.

For High School Camp, I again served as director and spoke at some sessions. I had a great staff team that battled illness and injuries throughout the week but leaned on the Lord to get them through. Our own 11 AM worship team (Bill & Nancy Dernell together with Dale & Kay Tronsen) led the worship sessions with true servant-hearts.

Every time I am involved with ministry to High School youth I am encouraged at how God's grace meets them where they are and challenges them to a deeper walk with Him. If all you know about youth comes from the media you might be shocked to see the worship, study and discussion that takes place during summer camp. Three times during the

week we had to cut game playing out of our schedule to extend worship, study and discussion time.

On Sunday July 23rd at our 11 AM worship service we were blessed to baptize three of high school campers from our own church: Courtney Catron, Kris Murphy, and Alex Urquhart.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who served this summer at Ross Point Camp. I know I say it every year, but that's because it's always true - I wish more people would consider volunteering at camp and supporting the youth who attend. There are many roles to fill - a job for everyone. Please pray about and carefully consider the opportunity to serve at camp next summer.

Finally, I want to express my thanks to all who gave to our scholarship fund. A special thank you to Neil Myott's family, as his memorial fund went directly to camp scholarships this year. This special boost of giving was perfectly timed by God because we've never had this many youth receive scholarships in one summer.

I invite you to join me in praying for the youth who attended camp this summer. Pray that God would lead them to depend on Him more and more; and that the seeds that were planted would grow into true faith. Pray for conversions, baptisms, and more spiritual growth.

Depending on Jesus,
Pastor Corey



BY THE NUMBERS

57 Area Youth
17 Volunteers
From PFC
39 Scholarships
3 Baptisms

\$4,036 Awarded

NEXT STEPS

What's the next step in your spiritual journey?

Baptism?
Membership?
Bible Study?
Service?

September 16
@ 10:15 AM

Bible Studies

Starting Point: Bible

Wednesday, August 2
6:30 PM @ PFC

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Mom's Bible Study
& Parenting Class
Sermon Scriptures
8:15 AM @ PFC
Free Child Care Provided

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

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Study
Sermon Scriptures
10 AM @ PFC

READING & UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WORD

STARTING POINT

Bible

Could you use some basic help in understanding how to study the Bible?

Are there questions you want to ask about the Bible, but you might be embarrassed to do so in another Bible study?

Are you new to the Bible?

If you answered yes to any of those questions, or if you just want a safe place to start learning from the Bible, please consider attending Starting Point.

Our other Bible studies are GREAT. But sometimes it can be intimidating to join a Bible study group that has been meeting for a long time. We understand - and that's why we offer Starting Point: Bible.

On the first Wednesday of every month we meet around the table in the Fellowship Hall. Our next session is August 2nd at 6:30 PM.

If you are interested in Starting Point: Bible, fill out a communication card, call Pastor Corey at (509) 336-9154 or e-mail him: corey@palousechurch.org.

DAVE RAMSEY'S

FINANCIAL *Peace* UNIVERSITY

Financial Peace University, a 9-week class taught by Dave Ramsey via DVD, and facilitated by volunteers from Palouse Federated Church, has helped many families work their way out of debt and find Financial Peace.

Palouse Federated Church is considering offering the class again this Fall.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Tina Laughary by August 13 at:

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YOUVERSION AKA THE BIBLE APP



If you have a smart phone or tablet you can have the Bible with you anywhere you go using the FREE App from YouVersion - "The Bible."



You also can access the same information on your computer by visiting YouVersion's Web site at: www.bible.com.

The Bible App provides access to many English translations of the Bible and also includes Bible reading plans and resources to deepen your study of God's Word. Consider arming your device with the Bible App today.

A kid's version, "The Bible for Kids," also is available and has engaging Bible stories and games to help kids grow their knowledge and faith.

For questions about installing or using the Bible App, please contact Tim Sievers, Mikel Nisse or Pastor Corey.

SHAKING THE ROCKS OUT

Tina Laughary

Recently, as I prepared to go on my morning run, I slipped on my running shoes and laced them up. Unfortunately, it became clear after only a couple of steps that I had a problem. It felt like I had a huge rock in the heel of one of my shoes. I stopped where I was and quickly took the shoe off and shook it. Out came a tiny little pebble which had been responsible for my discomfort. That pebble reminded me of a, now famous, family story:



My dad and brothers had spent the day working out in the field with my Uncle Robert. My uncle was a hard working and weathered man who had no time to take breaks or take it easy. After several hours of labor in the field, my uncle turned to my dad and brothers to apologize, "I am sorry, I

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hate to do it, but I'm going to have to stop for a minute. There's a rock in my shoe and it's driving me crazy." As he took off the boot and shook it--out fell a fork! No kidding! It was an actual fork! He had been working all morning with a fork in his boot! Now, how tough does your foot have to be to not notice a fork in your boot!?!"

As I got back to my run, with the story of Uncle Robert fresh in my mind, I began thinking about how sin is like a rock in

your shoe. When we first become convicted of our sins and realize that we are in need of forgiveness, we go to Jesus who paid the price for our forgiveness on the cross. 1 John 1:9 tells us:

"If we confess our sins He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

Once Jesus has wiped our slate clean, we must strive to keep our slate clean. Christians aren't perfect and often we will find ourselves in need of forgiveness once again. When we commit a sin - do something we know is wrong - the Holy Spirit, living inside of us, makes us feel uncomfortable - like that pebble in my shoe.

I don't like feeling that way - it makes walking through my day difficult and painful. I have to stop and get rid of it, which I do by asking God for forgiveness and seeking to turn away from the sin (this is called repenting) to keep from repeating the sin again. This is the rhythm of life when we keep short accounts. We take care of sin quickly when the Holy Spirit points it out to us and we actively attempt to turn from it and stay away from it.

Unfortunately, we don't always keep short accounts, do we? It is possible to ignore the conviction of the Holy Spirit and this is what we sometimes do. We commit a sin and the Holy Spirit, lovingly and clearly points out our wrong, but instead of confessing and repenting we make excuses, we justify our behavior, pretending not to hear Him or just blatantly ignoring Him. When we do this consistently, over time our hearts become calloused. Much like my uncle's feet had slowly become hardened by ignoring pain over time, we get so used to living with the uncomfortable tension that we learn how to turn that part of us off. Before we know it, we have ignored the conviction of sin so long that the sin has grown unchecked. The white lie that once sent us asking for forgiveness has become a pattern of lies and dishonesty. The idle word spoken about a neighbor has become a pattern of gossip. The lustful glance left unchecked has become an adulteress affair. It is no longer a pebble in our shoe. We now are running around with a fork in our boot.

I haven't researched this officially, but I can almost guarantee that living with a fork in your boot causes all kinds of damage. Sin does the same thing, it cripples us, and yet we refuse to get rid of it.

It happens people. It happens often. Faithful, Jesus-loving believers wake up in a state of sin that they never imagined they were capable of. Almost always, these situations are a product of a "small" sin left unchecked. We brush off the conviction of the Holy Spirit only to find ourselves capable of things we would never have imagined. What makes this extra scary is that it could happen to any of us. So often I remember the wisdom, "there but by the grace of God go I."

Proverbs 4:23 tells us:

"Therefore, guard your heart (or "keep it with all vigilance," ESV) for from it flow the springs of life."

What does guarding your heart look like? Well I talked about that in my July article and there is so much more to say, but I think it all boils down to this: heed the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your life. First, get familiar with the Holy Spirit through reading scripture and by spending time in quiet reflection - listening. Second, do not ignore Him! When he guides you to do something--get busy. When you feel that uneasy feeling, that conviction of sin, confess and repent quickly.

Many of us in God's church are running around with rocks in our shoes. Let us take the time, humble ourselves and shake the rocks out before we become calloused and find ourselves in the middle of a field with a fork in our boot.

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**One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING**

One Great Hour of Sharing is an 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.

Thank you for your generous support - More than \$900 was given this year by folks at PFC.

CALLING TO SERVE

On July 23, Pastor Corey preached a message challenging us to consider our personal call to serve. If you missed it, listen online at www.palousechurch.org/sermons.

Are you living God's call to serve others? What is it? Or do you need help figuring out what your calling to serve is?

Contact Pastor Corey for a conversation, prayer or more information.

OIKOS - "EXTENDED HOUSEHOLD"

Oikos is a Greek word meaning extended household. Pastor Tom Mercer says your Oikos is made up of 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.

An Oikos list is your personal "household" of relationships. Pick up and fill out one of our new Oikos Prayer Cards and start praying for the people in your Oikos to grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Already have a list—maybe you need to revisit it and add or remove people who have moved in and out of your sphere of influence.

And remember—pray for them daily.

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!



Men's Breakfast will take place Saturday, August 19. We gather at 7:30 AM to cook and start eating at 8 AM. Bring a friend and your favorite breakfast item to share.

JOY FOR THE JOURNEY

PHILIPPIANS

SUNDAY NIGHTS @ PFC

Joy for the Journey | Philippians Study

Sunday Nights @ PFC is our weekly Simple Service (teaching & communion). We're studying the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians - a letter filled with encouragement, love and helpful instruction for living the Christian life.

Make plans to join us on Sundays at 6 PM. All are welcome! Childcare is available beginning at 5:45 PM.

AT THE CAR WASH

Brenda Cook

We've already heard lots of great stories from camp this summer! It's clear that everyone had a great time and learned a lot about Jesus, all the while strengthening existing relationships and making new friends. We had 57 youth from the area attend camp at Ross Point this summer - 39 with scholarships from PFC!

On July 20 we held our annual car wash fundraiser at Banner Bank in Palouse. Thanks to your generous donations we raised more than \$600 to support youth scholarships. Another \$245 was donated on Camp Sunday as the youth group helped lead our worship services and shared about the impact camp had in their lives. THANK YOU!

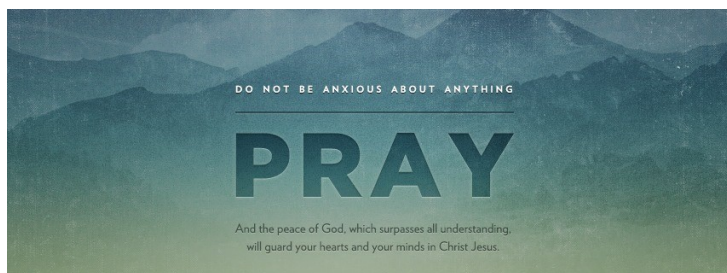
For those students still needing more volunteer hours, VBS is coming up August 14-18 and I hope to have a cleaning day in the Sunday School classrooms later this summer. Please contact me if you would like to help with either of these events.



PFC WEB SITE

As part of our branding efforts, we've launched a new Web site. It looks different, but you still can access all the same great features—from online sermons and the monthly newsletter to information about our ministries and our Sunday schedule. We even have new features like integrated registration forms for special events like VBS. Check it out!

www.palousechurch.org



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- ♦ Willy Mayhan—ongoing health concerns.
- ♦ Gerry West—health concerns.
- ♦ Brittany Sawyer's Uncle Jon—Early onset Alzheimer's.
- ♦ Idella Griffin—recovering from a broken vertebrae.
- ♦ Camille Wadleigh's mother—ongoing health concerns.
- ♦ Tim Petty—who pastors a sister church in Sunnyside and has an aggressive form of malignant melanoma.
- ♦ Oralene Romjue—undergoing a new round of chemo.
- ♦ Keith Sievers—continued health concerns.
- ♦ Don Comstock's health.
- ♦ Mylee Fruits, friend of the Sievers with cystic fibrosis.
- ♦ Bruce Baldwin—recovering from bone marrow transplant.
- ♦ Patty Myott and her declining eyesight.
- ♦ Callie Anderson (4-year-old with cancer)
- ♦ Judy Hart (stroke)
- ♦ Sue Foster (cancer)
- ♦ Brenda Brown (cancer)
- ♦ Meredith Willcox-Norris (cancer)
- ♦ Carol Heinlen's niece Barbara (cancer)
- ♦ National and community leaders.
- ♦ Your Oikos—those that God has strategically and super-naturally placed in your life.
- ♦ Active duty service members.

PRAISES AND PRAYERS FOR THESE MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES:

- ♦ Praise God for our Summer Camp program and pray for the youth—that they might continue to grow their relationship with Jesus!
- ♦ 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	Bob & Dory Tuttle
Reuben Merry	Joanie Bagott	Don Gilliland
Arnetta Tompkins	Frances West	

Miss a Sermon? | www.palousechurch.org

Click on "Resources" then "Sermons"
CDs or mp3 files also are available upon request—
contact Tim Sievers in the church office.

A PLACE AT THE TABLE YOUNG LIFE BANQUET

Betty Sawyer

"A Place at the Table," the Gar-Pal Young Life banquet will take place at Palouse Federated Church on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 5 PM to raise support for our Young Life youth.

The banquet will feature a delectable dinner, powerful testimonies from Young Life participants, and a fun auction. We currently are looking for auction donations; if you would like to donate a pie, tickets to a special event, dessert of the month, house cleaning service, an oil change - or some other item or service, please contact Tecla Blood.

Thank you for your support and for helping the youth of our community connect to positive mentors, learn about Jesus and strengthen their faith!



PALOUSE RIVER RUN CHALLENGE

Betty Sawyer

The Gar-Pal Young Life Committee is challenging Palouse Federated Church to come out in support of Young Life by participating in the Palouse River Run Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, Sept. 16, during Palouse Day. There are 1.5K, 5K and 10K options - something for everyone. Following the race you'll still have time for the pancake breakfast with the Lions.

Sign in around 7:30 AM, walk or run with us, and then enjoy the rest of the Palouse Day festivities. Or, you could find a spot along the race route and cheer on participants.

Sign up today by filling out a registration form (located on the bulletin board outside the church office); online at active.com or find us on Facebook @ Palouse River Run.

Mark your calendars and sign up today to support our Gar-Pal youth!



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

We are excited to announce that Scott and Ariel Schulz will be joining the youth ministry team as leaders starting in September. Scott brings with him years of experience doing youth ministry in Lewiston, and Ariel is returning to serve after a brief absence.

Be praying for the whole youth ministry leadership team: Scott and Ariel Schulz, Mikel Nisse and Matthew Sawhill. Pray for a great upcoming school year filled with opportunities for ministry that truly change the lives of junior high and senior high youth in our area.

PALOUSE FEDERATED CHURCH CALENDAR

AUGUST 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY 30 9 AM Worship 10:17 AM Quarterly Mtg. 11 AM Worship 12:30 PM Tronsen Farewell Luncheon 1:30 PM Bishop Place 3 PM Youth Group 6 PM Simple Service	31	AUGUST 1 5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 9:30 AM Mom's Bible Study @ Betty Sawyer's 10 AM Bible Study*	2 10 AM Ladies Bible Study* @ Betty Sawyer's 6:30 PM Starting Point	3	4	5
6 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place 3 PM Youth Group 6 PM Simple Service	7 3 PM Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	8 5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 8:15 AM Mom's Bible Study & Parenting Class* 10 AM Bible Study*	9 10 AM Ladies Bible Study*	10	11	12
13 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place 3 PM Youth Group 5:30 PM VBS Helper Training 6 PM Simple Service	14 3 PM Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	15 5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 7 PM Board Meeting	16	17	18 7 PM VBS Helper Pool Party at the Palouse City Pool	19 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast
20	21 3 PM Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	22 5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 8:15 AM Mom's Bible Study & Parenting Class* 10 AM Bible Study*	23 10 AM Ladies Bible Study*	24	25	26
27	28 3 PM Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	29 5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 8:15 AM Mom's Bible Study & Parenting Class* 10 AM Bible Study*	30 10 AM Ladies Bible Study* 6:30 PM Church Leaders Meeting	31	1 SEPTEMBER	2 Bible studies with an * indicate they are held at PFC.

Depending on Jesus to Restore Our [Imperfect] Lives

AUGUST SERMONS

August 6	9 & 11 AM	Ministry: Christ & The Scriptures	Acts 13:13-43
	6 PM	Joy for the Journey: Live Better - Beyond Self	Philippians 2:15-18
August 13	9 & 11 AM	Ministry: Dealing With Opposition	Acts 13:44-52
	6 PM	Joy for the Journey: Partners in Ministry	Philippians 2:19-30
August 20	9 & 11 AM	Ministry: Dealing with Difficulties	Acts 14:8-28
	6 PM	Joy for the Journey: Rejoice in the Lord	Philippians 3:1
August 27	9 & 11 AM	40 Days & 40 Nights	Exodus 34:10-28
	6 PM	Joy for the Journey: Watch Out for False Teaching	Philippians 3:1-11

NEXT BAPTISM SERVICE
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH


BAPTISM
TAKE YOUR STEP

CONTACT PASTOR COREY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE BAPTIZED!

Are you a follower of Jesus, but you've never been baptized? Now is the time to step up and receive baptism to affirm the work God has done in your life.

BISHOP PLACE WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays at 1:30 PM
All Are Welcome

815 SE Klemgard St
Pullman, WA 99163



Assisted Living
Activity Room

Across Lobby at
Main Entrance

