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VBS UPDATE

Heidi Fluegel

This year's Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School was a resounding success! Our Bible Buddies - Skyler the bowerbird, Bubba the whale, Tina Termite, Decker the crab, and Abbee the mason bee - helped us learn important truths: that God made you, God is for you, God is always with you, God will always love you, and God made you for a reason. Wow, God!



We started the week with 88 kids and crew leaders, and by the end of the week, we were up to 94 kids and crew leaders! That is amazing! We had so many crew leaders this year that were excited to be here and passed that enthusiasm on to the kids.

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A huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers that helped make VBS run smoothly this year, from the station leaders and crew leaders to the decorators

to the kitchen crew and everyone else who helped out and donated supplies. We couldn't have done it without all of your support.



YOUTH MINISTRY HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

EXCITING NEWS

The Palouse Federated Church Youth Ministry is gearing up for an exciting 2017-18 school year. Our leadership team includes Scott and Ariel Schulz (ministry contact people and administrative leaders), Mikel Nisse and Matthew Sawhill. Each of the four leaders will have opportunities to teach. Our mission is to help disciple the youth of our church and community, by coming alongside what the church and families already are doing.



Starting Sept. 3, the Youth Ministry will meet from 3-5 PM at the church. Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join in the fun.

Keep your ears open for other exciting additions to the ministry.

Are you a parent, grandparent, or neighbor that would like to get regular youth ministry updates via e-mail or text? Please contact:

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Ariel Schulz
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arielschulz17@outlook.com

Youth Group
6th - 12th Grades
Sundays 3-5 PM

LIFELONG LEARNING

WHY STUDY THE BIBLE

Pastor Corey Laughary

"Back to school!" For some kids and adults, those three words spur sincere happiness, and yet for others, the same words send waves of disappointment. However you may feel about school, the truth is that learning is not just for kids and college students - it is essential to life and personal growth. Becoming a lifelong learner is an important discipline that will yield tremendous benefit throughout your entire life.



"The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight. Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her."

Proverbs 4:7-8 ESV

Wisdom is knowledge put to use well in real-life situations. The Bible teaches that we should seek wisdom and "prize" it "highly," that means it should be a high priority in our personal life and our life as a church. How do you make learning a priority in your life? Here are some ideas:

- ♦ Start a Bible reading plan to read portions of the Bible you have never read, or haven't read in a while.
- ♦ Meet with a mentor, that means someone wiser than you, at least a few times a year, and talk about life - listen and learn.
- ♦ Join a Bible Study this Fall, we have many in our church, or if you have never attended Sunday Nights @ PFC - you could treat that as your Bible Study.
- ♦ Make a list of non-fiction books that you want to read in the next 9 months.

"Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance...The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Proverbs 1:5, 7 ESV

Proverbs teaches us that we are never done learning. Even the "wise" can increase in learning. Only "fools despise wisdom," nobody wants to be a fool!

Learning is not really about being smart, and smarter than the next guy or gal. Learning is really about gaining wisdom to live better with others. Martin Luther King Jr. said it well:

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

So - we must seek to apply what we learn from the Bible, or books, or mentors to our everyday life and relationships. And that's when our learning is truly cemented in our life.

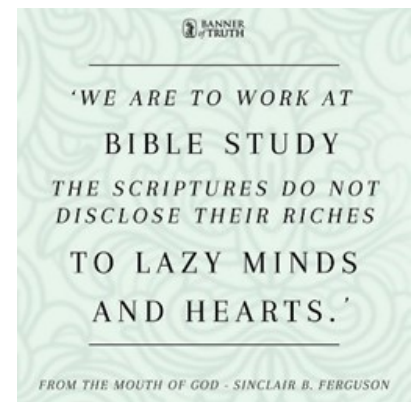
Benjamin Franklin perhaps put it best when he wrote:

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

If you choose to join a Bible Study this Fall, please know that you will be welcomed. Your questions are also welcome and appreciated. As Bruce Lee said, "A wise man can learn more from a foolish question than a fool can learn from a wise answer." We each can learn from each other, that's much of the point of group Bible study. I lead three studies,

and I most often learn more from the group members than the commentaries I read to prepare for the study.

Spiritual growth takes effort. Studying the Bible and growing our faith takes work. As preacher and writer Sinclair Ferguson wrote, "We are to work at Bible study. The scriptures do not disclose their riches to lazy minds and hearts."



So I encourage you take the "Back to school" attitude to your faith. Pick up a book and read. Make a Bible reading plan. Join a study group. Ask a mentor to meet with you. Whatever approaches you choose, **choose to seek wisdom!**

Depending on Jesus,

Pastor Corey



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 September 6th 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.

BOB TUTTLE'S MEMORIAL

We are giving thanks for the good and long life of Robert "Bob" Tuttle on Sept. 9th at 2 PM, at Palouse Federated Church. A reception with snacks, cookies, and veggies will follow the service. We invite you to come and celebrate Bob's life. Memorial gifts can be given to PFC in honor of Bob.

What's the next step in your spiritual journey?

Baptism?
Membership?
Bible Study?
Service?

September 16
@ 10:15 AM

NEXT STEPS

Bible Studies

Starting Point: Bible
Wednesday, September 6
6:30 PM @ PFC



Monday
Ladies Bible Study
Sermon Scriptures
2 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
9 AM @ PFC



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE FORMING

Do you like #'s? Are you interested in serving our church? Do you want to know more about how we construct our annual budget? We are putting together a team that will meet a few times from September through November to work on the 2018 Budget and develop a proposal for the Executive Board. Our church's constitution calls this team the "Stewardship Committee."

If you are interested in serving, please contact:

Connie Kuehner
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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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL



SUNDAY SCHOOL TO RESUME 9/17

Sunday School classes will resume Sept. 17 and will meet from 10:15 - 10:55 AM. Snacks for children will be available in their classrooms. Please send children to class as soon as possible so they don't miss out on the learning and fun!

Pre-School /Kindergarten | Carol Fielder | Downstairs
(Must be Potty-Trained)

Grades 1-2 | Justin Brown | Downstairs

Grades 3-5 | Paula Schwartz | Downstairs

Middle School | Lisa Jeffers | Downstairs

High School | Mike & Chenelle Patrick | Pastor's Office
High School Only Starts September 24

SUN, MOON & MAKER OF THE STARS

Tina Laughary

Where were you August 21st, 2017? Chances are, you were observing or at least aware of, The Great American Eclipse—the first total solar eclipse in the continental United States since 1979. As always, God's timing is perfect. The eclipse came at just the right time.



"In the midst of our human power struggle, God sent an undeniable reminder of who is in control."

As I sat with my husband at the kitchen table that Monday morning preparing for the day I couldn't help but think how powerless we are as people. Sure, we can construct rocket ships that blast out of earth's atmosphere but what can those rockets do to control the universe? Absolutely nothing. If they are lucky, and a million things go perfectly, they are able only to observe what God alone has the power to control. How small we are.

The week preceding the eclipse was filled with racist riots and imperfect responses. In the midst of our human power struggle, God sent an undeniable reminder of who is in control.

Our fallen human nature tells us that the universe revolves around us. We make idols of our possessions, our looks, our ideology and whatever else makes us feel superi-

or. Meanwhile, reality speaks a completely different story - the story of a creator who existed always. A creator who chose to speak humanity into existence. A creator who formed the mountains, painted the sky, sparked fire and provided life-giving water. God has all of the power, while humanity has but a façade of strength.

The eclipse was a beautiful reminder of who orders the universe, counts the stars and allows for our existence. On August 21, 2017 it didn't matter if your soul was filled with hatred, sadness, hope or love. It didn't matter the color of your skin or your social status; we all looked toward the heavens as the sun above us was eclipsed by the moon and the sky darkened.

God alone can save us from our sinful desires. He alone is Holy. He chose to send His son to our broken world to save us from ourselves. Why can't we admit that we are all broken? We are all wrong. We are all sinners in need of a savior.

What makes us think that our faulty opinions should pass as truth? God alone decides what is true. We are but characters in the story He began writing in the beginning. God says that all women, men and children are equally loved, equally valued and equally created in His image. All nations, races and ethnicities were intricately designed by the One who created a massive ball of flaming gas to warm us and sustain us. He is the same maker who, on August 21, 2017, allowed the moon to block our view of it for a few brilliant moments. Let us unite, Christians, to serve our good, good Father who first loved us. His world is hurting. He wants us, His church, to represent Him with love and compassion.

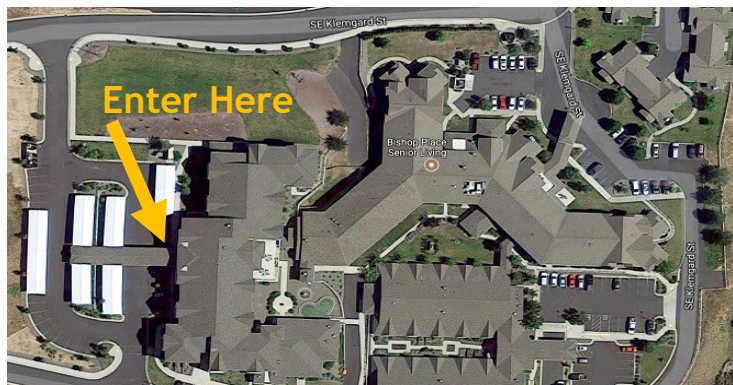
Bishop Place Changes

Pastor Corey Laughary

On behalf of our whole PFC family I want to extend a huge thank you to Rev. Matt Jorgens for his service as our Bishop Place Ministry Leader for the last couple of years. His weekly messages and kindness to the attendees of our worship service there was deeply appreciated. I know the residents appreciated his biblically-based sermons, and his good sense of humor. Would you please consider joining us at Bishop Place in their social room near the Independent Living entrance (the backside of Bishop Place) on Sunday Sept. 10th at 1:30 PM. We will have a worship service and a "thank you" party for Pastor Matt.

I am very glad that the PFC Executive Board extended the invitation to Tim Sievers to step up into the role of Bishop Place Ministry Leader. Tim will be leading a team of PFC folks and Bishop Place folks, to work together to develop our ministry there even further. If you are interested in serving on the Bishop Place team, read Tim's article, and get in contact with him. Please be praying for our ministry to Pullman via our Bishop Place ministry.

Map of Bishop Place



ONWARD

Tim Sievers



I'm pleased and excited to begin serving as the Bishop Place Ministry Team Leader. We have a wonderful group of people who worship together at Bishop Place every Sunday and I look forward to being with them every week!

For those of you who haven't attended worship at Bishop Place and wonder what it's like, it's much like a Sunday morning worship service at Palouse Federated Church. We worship through singing, reading scripture, prayer and through teaching.

Our vision is to better integrate our ministry at Bishop Place and our church so that our people become more connected. Worship at Bishop Place isn't only for residents, it's for everyone!

I will be preaching the same scripture passage as Pastor Corey every Sunday. We won't be preaching the same sermon, but we will be journeying together through God's Word!

We need people to join our Ministry Team, to help assemble materials for Sunday worship and lead through singing and playing piano. We also long for your to join us for worship.

Would you join me in praying for our ministry? And pray too about how you might be able to help us spread the Good News of Jesus and help more people to Depend on Jesus to Restore their [Imperfect] Lives.



Join us Sunday, September 10 at 1:30 PM at Bishop Place as we worship together and celebrate Pastor Matt's ministry.

YOUNG LIFE NEWS

Betty Sawyer

GarPal Young Life is actively gearing up for a busy year of ministry with our youth. The staff of 7 volunteers join Mark Sawyer in envisioning future goals and building relationships with high school youth. The entire staff recently went on a retreat near Bluewood to plan out the year and are being challenged to reach out to more and more youth.

Students will attend Washington Family Ranch Young Life Camp next summer and will be actively fundraising for this life-changing week in July (Cost is \$700 per student).

Pray for our volunteers and staff while they continue forming relationships with youth who may not think they need Jesus.

COMING UP:

Young Life Kickoff | Sept. 11 | 7:07 PM | Palouse Park

Palouse River Run | Sept. 16 | (See Article Below)

Young Life Banquet | Oct. 15 | (See Article At Right)

PALOUSE RIVER RUN CHALLENGE

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 below); 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!



"Everyone has a right to know the truth about Jesus Christ!"

- Jim Rayburn -

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 REGISTRATION | (Circle 1) - 5K Run/Walk | 10K Run/Walk | 1.5K Kids Race

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Gender _____ Age on 9/16/2017 _____

E-mail _____ T-Shirt Size: XXL, XL, L, M, S, Youth L

Note: For the safety of all participants, skateboards, scooters and skates of any kind are prohibited in this event.

Waiver of Liability: In consideration of my entry being accepted, I waive any and all claims for myself, my administrators, and my heirs against all officials, sponsors, and organizations connected with the Palouse River Run for injury or illness that may directly or indirectly result from my participation in this event. I attest that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event, and am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in this event. _____

Initial

Date

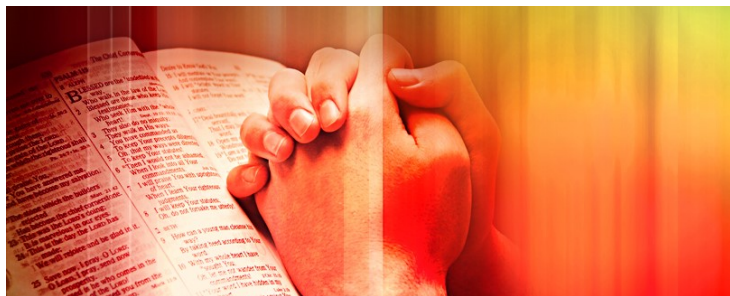
\$15 Pre-Registration (by 9/15) | \$20 Race-Day Registration | 18 & Younger \$5 Discount | Entry Fee \$ _____

Please Enclose Your Check Payable to PFC Young Life

Registration not refundable or transferable.

Contact: Mark Sawyer | msawyer@garpal.net | (509) 939-2143 | Find us on Facebook @Palouse River Run.

Send completed form and entry fee to: Gar-Pal Young Life, 225 S. River Road, Palouse, WA 99161



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- ◆ Family & Friends of Bob Tuttle, who recently passed away.
- ◆ Vicki Burnham (cancer)
- ◆ Paula Fielder Leftwich (cancer)
- ◆ Monte, friend of Tecla Blood—ongoing health concerns.
- ◆ 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— (Malignant Melanoma)
- ◆ Oralene Romjue (cancer)
- ◆ Don Comstock's health.
- ◆ 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 supernaturally 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 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	Dory Tuttle
Reuben Merry	Joanie Bagott	Don Gilliland
Arnetta Tompkins	Frances West	Steve Gill

Miss a Sermon? | www.palousechurch.org

Click on "Resources" then "Sermons"
CDs or mp3 files are available from Tim Sievers.

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!



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 Philippian Christians - 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.



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.

PALOUSE FEDERATED CHURCH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place 3 - 5 PM Youth Group 6 PM Simple Service					1 SEPTEMBER	2
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Depending on Jesus to Restore Our [Imperfect] Lives

SEPTEMBER SERMONS

Sept. 3	9 & 11 AM	Shining	Exodus 34:29-35
	6 PM	Joy for the Journey: Suffering to Gain	Philippians 3:1-11
Sept. 10	9 & 11 AM	Working & Giving	Exodus 35:1-29
	6 PM	Joy for the Journey: Pressing On	Philippians 3:12-16
Sept. 17	9 & 11 AM	Building	Exodus 35:30–36:38
	6 PM	Joy for the Journey: Stand Firm	Philippians 3:17–4:1
Sept. 24	9 & 11 AM	Leadership: Discerning God's Work	Acts 15:1-11
	6 PM	Joy for the Journey: Healing Hurts	Philippians 4:2-3

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

BISHOP PLACE WORSHIP SERVICE



Sundays at 1:30 PM
All Are Welcome

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