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give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods   sing your praise;   bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. On the day   called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.	
All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.  For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.	
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me. The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands."	
Psalm 138 (ESV)	

### THANKFULNESS

Pastor Corey Laughary

Hi Friends,

I am really thankful that Tim Sievers introduced the November gratefulness campaign three years ago. If you weren't around in 2016, that was the first November that Tim introduced the "10,000 Reasons" wall - a place for us all to express our thankfulness.



As I think about being thankful, one of the things that convicts me is that it often is not my normal state of mind. The scriptures call us to be thankful. Paul writes, "Give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thess. 5:17a). No matter what, we who are in Christ are called to be thankful. This can be very challenging! There are many circumstances in life and situations in the world that don't stir up gratefulness; so how am I to give thanks in all circumstances?

Well first, Paul didn't write "give thanks FOR all circumstances," but rather "IN all circumstances." We don't have to give thanks FOR the difficult, unjust and painful circumstances we experience. But, as followers of Christ, we do give thanks that no matter where we find ourselves, God's love is true and real and He is good and will never abandon us.

Psalm 136:1 says, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever." No matter what, God's love for you endures!

If you find yourself in chronic pain - God's love endures for you!

If you find yourself with difficulty in your family - God's love endures for you!

If you find yourself concerned with our nation's issues - God's love endures for you!

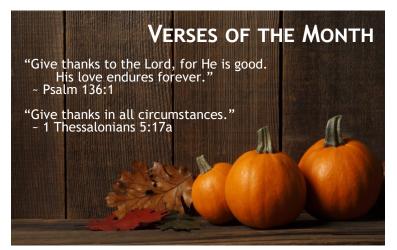
If you find yourself disappointed with your own decisions - God's love endures for you!

If you are in Christ, there is NOTHING that can separate you from His love! (Romans 8)

So friends, let us give thanks to the Lord, no matter what, because His love is strong - it is greater than any trial, trouble, trauma, or even death itself!

Depending on Jesus with Gratefulness,

Pastor Corey





### Harvest of Community Dinner

**Honoring Palouse Area Veterans** 

Nov. 11 @ 5 PM
Palouse Federated Church
Cost: FREE

Join us as we give thanks for our community and for those who have served to protect and defend our country and our values.

We are collecting photos of Veterans for a tribute video - please submit your photo with accompanying name, branch of service and service dates by 11/7/18 to Tim Sievers - tim@palousechurch.org.



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Thursday, Nov. 22 7:45 AM Heritage Park in Palouse (next to the market) Donuts, Coffee, Cocoa & Hot Cider

Donations Provide Children's Books & Programming For the Palouse Library The 14th Annual Turkey Leg Fun Run takes place at Heritage Park in Palouse on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22 at 7:45 AM. Each year, residents of Palouse and the surrounding area come out early on Thanksgiving Day to have a little fun and raise funds to support the library.

The Turkey Leg began 14 years ago as a grassroots effort of local residents with a deep desire to ensure that the children of Palouse always have access to their favorite books.

Since its inception, more than \$14,000 has been raised to provide children's books and programming for the Palouse Library.



PALOUSE LIBRARIAN BEV PIERCE WITH HER FAVORITE TURKEY LEG BOOK, "THE DAY THE CRAYONS

With your support, the youth of our community can continue to have access to quality books and children's programming for years to come!



### Tom's Turkey Dinner Give Out

Tom's Turkey Dinner Give Out for the Palouse Food Pantry will take place Nov. 19 from 5 - 6 PM at Calvary Chapel, located at 215 E. Church St. in Palouse. This opportunity is for individuals and families living in the 99161 ZIP Code.

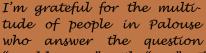
If you failed to sign up at the October distribution, please call the Food Pantry at (509) 595-3048 to get on the list.

The Palouse Food Pantry also will have its normal distribution on Nov. 28 from 1 - 2 PM and 4:30 - 6 PM, also at Calvary Chapel.



### REFLECTIONS ON GRATITUDE

Janet Barstow





"would you..." with "yes!" The success of Palouse Day and Haunted Palouse are prime examples of what happens because of those people. No matter how seemingly small the deed may be, they all add up to making Palouse the kind of community people want to live, work and play in. Those "yes" answers encourage others to keep on doing their "yes" things as well. Thank you Palouse! I'm very proud to call you my home.













### WHAT IS LOVE?

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Don't you love love? Isn't love the best? We love each other, we love coffee, we love nature, we love school...okay...maybe that's a stretch... but it seems in a culture where love is the answer, what could be wrong? Really, everything - since that kind of love, isn't actually love!



WHAT IS LOVE? is our theme for the Winter Retreat this year at Ross Point. Please come! Bring your friends, your siblings, your enemies, that cute kid in math, everyone - to learn about REAL LOVE. Our theme verses will be 1 Corinthians 13 1-13, so if you want spoilers, read it ahead of time!

### What to Bring:

Bring warm, casual clothing (be prepared outdoor for and recreational activities), sleeping bag and pillow, toiletries, towels, your Bible and notebook, and expectations for an awesome weekend.



### What Not to Bring:

Please leave behind watches, phones and other electronic devices. Let's make this a cell phone free weekend!

### Registration Information:

This retreat is for students in grades 6 - 12. The cost of this fun filled, exciting weekend is only \$77. Registration begins at 7:00 PM on Friday night (no early birds, please). The retreat ends at 2:00 PM on Sunday.

### Save \$\$\$ with the Early Registration Discount:

If your registration and \$25 non-refundable deposit is received by Nov. 16, you receive \$10.00 off your retreat fee. Register online at www.rosspoint.org.

### Scholarships:

Scholarships are available. Just contact Pastor Corey, Ariel Schulz, or Brenda Cook by contacting the church office at 878-1509.

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### WITH GRATEFULNESS... FROM YOUNG LIFE

Betty Sawyer

Our annual fundraising banquet, "Party with a Purpose," raised funds to help staff and volunteers continue sharing the gospel with our kids.



We are grateful for all 27 people who donated 41 items for our auction. Many items were a hit including a beautiful bench and cutting board from Justin Brown, three nights at Princeton Highlands, Bill and Nancy Dernell's retreat center in Princeton, Idaho, Karen Huber's beautiful handcrafted quilts, and Connie Kuehner's baskets of preserves and pies for a year. We thank all for the donations and for those who gave so generously! Dale Rose, of Harvard, Idaho, was our delightful auctioneer who made the evening extra fun.

The cost of the event was underwritten by our generous sponsors including: Hemphill Heating & Electric, HUB International, McLeod's Palouse Market, Sid's Pharmacy, Wadell & Reed Feuerstein Group, Bagott Motors, Coldwell Banker Tomlinson - Patti Green Kent, Palouse Welding & Maching, Sawyer Farm, St. Elmo Hotel, Turnbow Flat Farm, Banner Bank, JE Love Co., Palouse Grain Growers as well as several anonymous donors. We are grateful!

Our Cooks, Daniel and Nicole Wegner are the best! They shopped, chopped, baked, and plated beautiful chicken pot pies with green salad. THANK YOU for appetizing plates! And thank you to Young Life volunteer leaders and Young Life kids who served!

The meal was topped off with a terrific dessert of creamfilled cupcakes courtesy of Darlene Perkins and Teresa Myott. THANK YOU!

Mark Sawyer shared good news of Young Life kids being

baptized and three recent marriages of Young Life alumni he officiated. Club and Campaigners continue to meet every other Monday with a retreat coming in November at Camp Sanders where the kids always hear about the love of Jesus.

A special thank you to Marcus and Lori Eiland, along with Garth and Christi Mader, who represented Palouse Empire Young Life and helped make the evening a success.

IF YOU missed the banquet, you still can pledge to be a monthly supporter with a gift of \$10, \$30 or \$100 a month. Ask Tim Sievers or Mark Sawyer for a form and be sure to write "WA52" on both the form and your check to make sure your funds are earmarked to help the youth of our community. Mail your donations to:

Young Life Income Processing P.O. Box 70065 Prescott, AZ 86304

It's quick and easy to give online too if that's what you prefer. Just go to <a href="https://www.younglife.org">www.younglife.org</a>, choose "Give" and follow the prompts (use your ZIP code to select our ministry - WA52).

Thanks for your continued support of Gar-Pal Young Life! Because of you, we're giving the youth of Garfield and Palouse the opportunity to choose a relationship with Jesus; and there's nothing more important than that!





### BEING MORTAL

IF YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE DYING, WHAT WOULD MATTER MOST?

### **FRONTLINE**®

JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY SHOWING OF THE DOCUMENTARY "BEING MORTAL," BY DR. ATUL GAWANDE, AS HE EXPLORES WHAT MATTERS MOST TO PATIENTS AND FAMILIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS ILLNESS. FOLLOWING THE FILM IS AN INTERACTIVE GROUP DISCUSSION WITH TRAINED ADVANCE CARE PLANNING FACILITATORS. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

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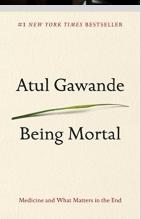
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### GIVING THANKS FOR THE BEST GIFT OF ALL

Tracy Lee Sievers Outreach Influence Team Leader

How do you express gratitude for a gift? Do you write a note? Maybe you share your thankfulness by making a phone call? Perhaps you tell the person "thank you" and give them a hug.



Take a moment to answer this question: What's the best gift you've ever received?

When asked that last question, most of us would think of something we received as a birthday or Christmas present before we think about the saving grace given by God through the sacrifice of His son, Jesus Christ. Because it lasts an eternity, salvation through Jesus really is the best gift anyone could receive.

The Lord loves to hear us say "thank you," just as our friends and family do when they give us gifts. God's gift to

"If you have received the gift of salvation through Jesus, then share your gift!"

us is so great and so important He also wants us to share His gift! There are a lot of things we share daily with each other. Just this week, I got excited about a product I'd found at a store in Pullman, and I posted excitedly on my Facebook page and extolled all the virtues of it with my children. But, do we get that excited about the gift of salvation?

A relationship with Jesus Christ changes lives! It changed mine! I

hope it has changed yours! If you haven't yet made the decision to put your trust in Jesus, I know that anyone on the leadership team here at Palouse Federated Church would love to share with you about it.

If you have received the gift of salvation through Jesus, then share your gift! You can do it authentically by simply starting a conversation, sharing your experience, and sharing the gratitude you have for the sacrifice that was made for you and all who would receive it!

If you want to learn more about how to simply and authentically share about God's amazing gift, I'd be happy to share some resources with you and talk more! Drop me an e-mail at <a href="mailto:tracylee19@hotmail.com">tracylee19@hotmail.com</a> or give me a call at (509) 878-1380 so I can hook you up with information about how to reach out naturally with the love of Jesus Christ.

### **OIKOS - WHAT IS IT?**

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



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

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

### REFLECTIONS ON GRATITUDE Mike Patrick

In this season of gratitude,

In this season of gratitude, I'm thankful for the many things I have been so richly blessed with that are so beyond what I deserve. One



time as a kid, I remember complaining about my shoes. My mom replied with something like; "Mike, while you are complaining about your shoes, think about the person that does not have any feet. Be thankful that you have feet to put those shoes you have on." Still today her statement reminds me just how blessed I am.

Most days I start my morning prayers writing a "Thankful 10" - the things with which God has blessed me. Some items that I particularly appreciate get repeated, however, I also look for new things - things I often take for granted, such as fingers or a person in my life and the more obvious things such as the gift of faith. Or, maybe it is something I hadn't considered a blessing until I consider how it has made me grow. What I am grateful for is all the many blessings given me.

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### HOLIDAY GUARDRAILS

Tina Laughary

The older I get, the more I am convinced that discipline is the key to a success life. It is discipline that leads us away from tempting situations and reminds us to do what is best, instead of what is easiest. Often, we know the way we quiet to behave or react we



way we ought to behave or react, we just lack the discipline that makes these behaviors second nature for us. Discipline does not "make" us holy and I certainly don't want to imply that we can in any way earn our salvation. Disciplines are merely our guardrails—they can keep us from tumbling over the ledge while we make our way down the right path.

"Discipline isn't fun, but it is what we need. It keeps us strong enough to endure the trials of life and be ready to be used by God in whatever capacity He calls us."

There are many different types of discipline. Spiritual disciplines like prayer, worship and study help keep us spiritually healthy. These disciplines ward off behaviors and draw us near to Relational disciplines like God. communication, courtesy and kindness keep us from isolation. gossip, envy, selfishness and deceit. Emotional disciplines like forgiveness, appropriate boundaries and laughter help lower stress and boost our well-There also are physical disciplines, like healthy eating, exercise and adequate sleep that keep our bodies functioning at

their fullest potential. Physical disciplines keep us from laziness, gluttony and sloth.

Hebrews 12:11-13 tells us:

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

Discipline isn't fun, but it is what we need. It keeps us strong enough to endure the trials of life and be ready to be used by God in whatever capacity He calls us.

Like most people, I struggle with certain areas of discipline in my life. Some seasons of life are better than others. I can be cruising along in a wonderful groove when my routines get disrupted for some reason and then my discipline waivers. It is always hard to restart good practices once the routine is broken. The holidays can be one of those disruptive times. With the holidays come so many special events, longer to-do lists and an overall abundance of time takers and habit disrupters. We must be vigilant to find the time to keep ourselves healthy and prepared to be used by God.

What keeps you from the discipline you know you need?

Here we all are the cusp of the joys and craziness of the holiday season. I am spending some time, in this calm before the storm, asking myself what practices I need to put in place to make sure I don't let all of my healthy disciplines become squeezed out of my schedule. I would recommend you do the same. Let us stay healthy this Holiday season. Let us stay ready and capable to follow God's leading and answer His call.

### VISITATION TEAM

We are looking for additional helpers to join our visitation ministry team. Team members visit members of the community and church. We have many folks that



would love a regular visit, and our current list sometimes is too long for Pastor and the current team members to visit regularly. Training is provided by Pastor Corey. If you are interested please contact Pastor.

### **PRAYER TEAM**

Are you willing to pray for the needs of our church and communities? If your answer is "yes" you could join the PFC prayer team. We ask prayer team members to pray for our church prayer list needs, as well as additional needs that are sent out by e-mail or phone. A healthy prayer ministry is vital for the life of the church! If you are interested in being part of the prayer team please contact Pastor Corey.

### HOSPITALITY TEAM

The Hospitality Team is looking for individuals to join a rotation of people helping to check-in students for Sunday School from 10 - 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings. Contact Tim Sievers if you want to serve.

### **DRAKE DAVIS FUNDRAISER**

Wednesday, Nov. 7 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Palouse Community Center Baked Potato & Taco Bar

Cost: By Donation

**Silent Auction** 

All proceeds will help Drake's family with medical expenses for his ongoing care.



All activities at Palouse
Federated Church are
Canceled on Nov. 7
and we urge you to
support Drake and
his family by attending and donating.



### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- ♦ Pray for Mary Kernan, broken arm & cancer.
- Pray for Drake Davis, GarPal student, broken leg.
- Pray for Lynda Mills, daughter-in-law of Angie Cochran, heart issues.
- Pray for Hua Ming Newman, recovering from surgery.
- Pray for the family and friends of Mike Lohring, friends, of Mark & Brittany Sawyer.
- Pray for Sarah McCusker, friend of Tracy Lee Sievers, advanced Huntington's Disease.
- Pray for Ellen, friend of Tecla Blood, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Ellery Blood, for safety during his deployment in Afghanistan.
- Pray for Don Comstock, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Brian, recovery from surgery to remove a cancerous kidney.
- Pray for a friend of Jeff Baldwin's whose daughter is struggling with drugs and anger.
- Pray for Barbra Vail, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Carol Stillman, cancer.
- Pray for Brock Hill, cancer.
- Pray for Bev Glass, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Gary Brunner, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Ralph Heinlen, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Jeff & Kati Webb, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Kelley, malignant lung tumor.
- Pray for Keiona Zachow, Multiple Sclerosis.
- Pray for Amy West, cancer.





Operation Christmas Child boxes are due by Nov. 19. Don't forget to include your \$9 donation to help cover the cost of shipping.

Did you know...Samaritan's Purse plans to collect more than 11 million boxes this year to distribute to kids around the world.

- 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.
- ◆ Pray for Paula Fielder Leftwich, cancer.
- Pray for Monte, friend of Tecla Blood—ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Willy Mayhan—ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Brittany Sawyer's Uncle Jon—Alzheimer's.
- Pray for Patty Myott, declining eyesight.
- Pray for Judy Hart, recovery from stroke.
- Pray for Meredith Willcox-Norris, cancer.
- Pray for our national and community leaders.
- Pray for our nation that peace, compassion, love and unity win out over hate, discord and division.
- Pray for your Oikos—those that God has strategically and supernaturally placed in your life.
- Pray for active duty service members.

### PRAISES AND PRAYERS FOR THESE MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES:

- Pray for YoungLife and WyldLife.
- Pray for our International Mission Partners.
- Praise God that all the school-aged children at the Hope for All Children Orphanage in Uganda will get to go to school this year!
- Pray for the Bible study at Eastern State Hospital and the residents.
- Praise God for our youth ministry leaders. Pray for youth to come to Christ.
- Pray for our missionaries and partner church and orphanage in Uganda (pastors, teachers, orphans).

### **REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:**

Richard Keyser Reuben Merry Arnetta Tompkins Gerry West Patty Myott Joanie Bagott Frances West Catherine Tuck Dory Tuttle Don Gilliland Steve Gill

### CHURCH ON A HILL PODCAST

Each week, Pastor Corey Laughary and Tim Sievers cohost 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 the church's Facebook page.

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## PALOUSE FEDERATED CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OCTOBER 28 9 AM   Worship 10:15 AM   Sunday School 10:15 AM   Fellowship 11 AM   Worship 1:30 PM   Bishop Place	29 3 PM   Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	5:30 AM  Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 10 AM   Bible Study* 3:30 PM   STEM After School Program @ Palouse Library	31 9 AM   Ladies Bible Study* 6:30-8:30 PM   Youth Group 7 PM   Wednesday Nights @ PFC	NOVEMBER 1	2 10:30 AM   Play, Learn & Laugh Story Time @ Palouse Library	9 AM—3 PM   Fall Craft Fair @ Palouse Community Center
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9 AM   Worship 10:15 AM   Sunday School 10:15 AM   Fellowship 10:15 AM   WextSteps Class 11 AM   Worship 1:30 PM   Bishop Place 5 PM   Harvest of Community Dinner	3 PM   Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	5:30 AM  Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 10 AM   Bible Study* 6:30 - 8 PM   Cribbage Club @ Palouse Library 7 PM   Board Meeting	9 AM   Ladies Bible Study* 6:30-8:30 PM   Youth Group 7 PM   Wednesday Nights @ PFC	15	16 10:30 AM   Play, Learn & Laugh Story Time @ Palouse Library	17 7:30 AM   Men's Breakfast
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25 9 AM   Worship 10:15 AM   Sunday School 10:15 AM   Fellowship 12:30 PM   Quarterly Business Meeting & Lunch 11 AM   Worship 1:30 PM   Bishop Place	3 PM   Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	5:30 AM  Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 10 AM   Bible Study*	28 9 AM   Ladies Bible Study* 1 - 2 PM & 4:30 - 6 PM   Food Pantry Distribution @ Calvary Chapel 6:30-8:30 PM   Youth Group 7 PM   Wednesday Nights @ PFC	Submit your event at: balousechurch.org/community-calendar-submissions/	30 10:30 AM   Play, Learn & Laugh Story Time @ Palouse Library  ent at: https://community-	DECEMBER 1 Roundtable Craft Sale @ Palouse Community Center Sisters at Heart Sale Bible studies with an * are held at PFC.

# Depending on Jesus to Restore Our [Imperfect] Lives

Nov. 04	9 & 11 AM	Give Thanks to the Lord: The Call	1 Samuel 16:6-13
Nov. 11	9 & 11 AM	Give Thanks to the Lord: The Promise	2 Samuel 7
Nov. 18	9 & 11 AM	Give Thanks to the Lord: The Song [Tim Sievers]	2 Samuel 22
Nov. 25	9 & 11 AM	[Mark Sawyer]	



### PULLMAN WORSHIP SERVICE

You're invited to join us for worship in Pullman at our Bishop Place Worship Service. Worship Services are at 1:30 PM in the Social Room - 815 SE Klemgard St.



### REFLECTIONS ON GRATITUDE

Michael Echanove

In this season of gratitude, I am eternally thankful for our family, friends and the sense of community that make up our lives - this is our home. May health and simple happiness always be cherished.



