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DEPENDING ON JESUS

TAKE A LEAP...

Tim Sievers

From Genesis to Revelation, there's one overarching theme to the Bible - redemption. In Exodus, for instance, we read the story of how, under the leadership of Moses, God redeemed his people out of slavery in Egypt and established a covenant relationship with them. If you continue reading the Old Testament, and come to the book of Joshua, you'll encounter the continuation of that story as Joshua takes up the mantle of leadership for the Israelites following the death of Moses. It's Joshua, who is God's choice to lead the Israelites in conquest of the Promised Land to finally give them rest.

Joshua 3, which recounts how the Israelites finally crossed the Jordan River and came into the Promised Land is one of my favorite passages of scripture. The Lord speaks to Joshua, who then relays to the Israelites the course of Action God has revealed to him:

¹⁰ And Joshua said, "Here is how you shall know that the living God is among you and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Hivites, the Perizzites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, and the Jebusites. ¹¹ Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is passing over before you into the Jordan. ¹² Now therefore take twelve men from the tribes of Israel, from each tribe a man. ¹³ And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap."

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As the chapter continues, we read that the people set out to pass over the Jordan. If you know anything about the story of God's people up to this point, you know they don't always follow God's instruction (this is, of course, as true today as it was then). In my mind, I'm anticipating they're going to mess this up. Time and again they've questioned God's instruction and caused themselves unimaginable suffering in addition to delaying the fulfillment of God's promises to them. As I read, I anticipate the priests coming to the Jordan River and standing there. On the edge of receiving the long-awaited Promised Land, I imagine them pausing at the river's edge, their hearts filling with doubt and then turning away once again in disobedience. Thankfully, that's not what happened. God commanded the priests to carry the ark of the covenant into the Jordan and that's what they did. And I imagine it took great faith to take a step into the overflowing banks of the river swollen with the spring rains and snowmelt, knowing, under ordinary circumstances, it would be their demise. Interestingly, God doesn't create a path across the Jordan as they approach the river, it's not until the "soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the Lord" rest in the waters that the water stops flowing and the Israelites are able to cross on dry land.

In today's vernacular, you might say it required a "leap of faith." This is just one of many stories in the Bible about God's people stepping out in faith to follow God's leading.



Just take a look at the Hall of Heroes in Hebrews 11 and you'll see the likes of Noah, Moses, Abraham and many others, all of whom, when things just didn't make sense, stepped out in faith, allowing God to do amazing and wonderful things as he continues to work his story of redemption.

Now, 2020 is a leap year - that's what got me thinking about leaps of faith in the first place. In this leap year, as in all others, we have one extra day in the year. We move from 28 days to 29 in February and from 365 to 366 in the year. One extra day. 24 extra hours. 1,440 extra minutes. 86,400 extra seconds. What are you going to do with them? Will you waste this extra time binging on Netflix or worrying about the world? Or...could you prayerfully consider what God is calling you to and ask him for the courage to finally step out in faith?

Maybe you've sensed the call of God to believe in him and start living for the Kingdom. Maybe he's calling you to make a public profession of faith through baptism. Maybe he's calling you to be more open with your faith and start sharing Jesus with the people in your Oikos. Maybe, he's calling you to a place of service in the church or community. Maybe he's calling you to sacrificial giving. Maybe he's put a desire in your heart for missions and you've been ignoring it. Maybe he's calling you to seek forgiveness from someone you've wronged or to offer forgiveness to someone who has deeply wounded you. God always is calling us deeper into relationship with him. He's always working his plan of redemption. And the truth is, it often requires us choosing to take a leap of faith.

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Throughout the month of February we'll have a new display in the hallway outside the sanctuary to serve as a reminder that the story of God's people is full of those who faced incredible odds but stepped out in faith to follow God's call. As you come to church and see that display, it's my prayer that you'll be encouraged to make a personal leap of faith and really deepen your relationship with our God.

I know from personal experience how difficult it can be to take that step of faith when God is calling you into the unknown. If you need a little encouragement...just look to the Bible - it's full of the stories of God's people who have taken leaps of faith. Hebrews 11 briefly describes the many leaps of faith that have advanced the story of God's people to where we are today. Check it out, meditate on this chapter, and go back and read the more complete stories elsewhere in the scriptures, and may the stories of God's people stepping out in faith encourage you to take your own leap of faith in 2020!



PALOUSE CHURCH ON A HILL PODCAST

Each week, Pastor Corey Laughary and Tim Sievers co-host the Palouse Church on a Hill Podcast - reviewing the sermon, discussing upcoming church and community events and ministry opportunities, and generally having a good time. Each podcast is about 20 minutes, so it's easy to listen to on your way to or from Pullman, Moscow...or anytime!

Find us on Apple Podcasts, TuneIn, Google Play Music and the SoundCloud App (for smartphones, tablets, etc.) - search "Palouse Church on a Hill," or click on the link in the weekly e-mail or on the church's Facebook page.

The podcast is a great way to keep up with what's happening when you're on the go. Check it out and feel free to share it with a friend.

If you need help connecting to the Podcast, contact Pastor Corey or Tim in the church office and they'll be glad to help you out.

If you enjoy the Palouse Church on a Hill Podcast, make sure you share it on social media.



STRENGTHENING Families PROGRAM

FOR PARENTS AND YOUTH 10-14

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

Brenda Cook, RN BSN



Palouse Federated Church will host a free 8-session Strengthening Families Program for Parent/Guardians and their youth ages 10-14 on Sunday evenings from Feb. 9 to March 29. The program was developed more than 20 years ago by Iowa State University and is presented by Pullman Regional Hospital, Whitman County Health Clinics and Washington State University.

Strengthening Families is an evidence-based parent, youth, and family skills-building curriculum presented by three SFP certified instructors. The program successfully increases protective factors for youth in the 10-14 age bracket, increases communication skills and family togetherness, and reduces risk factors such as substance abuse, violence and conflict. It is a well-developed, fun, and engaging program for the family.

The first session, Feb. 09, is a meet and greet! It is a shorter meeting also open to families who have not registered yet but have questions and want more information.

Schedule

5:30 - 6 PM | Free light dinner

6 - 7 PM | Youth activities separate from parents

Each training complements the other in the 2nd hour.

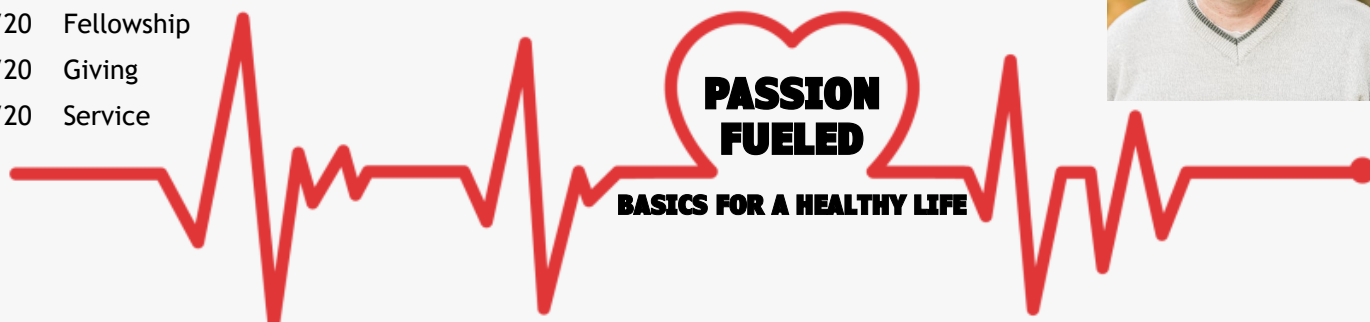
7 - 8 PM | Youth and parents together for activities that improve relational skills.

If you have questions, please contact Brenda Cook at: bjcook@hotmail.com

PASSION FUELED: BASICS FOR A HEALTHY LIFE

For the next several weeks we will consider how God fuels true spiritual passion in our life. Our passion in life is fueled by God's essential truths. We will be considering some of these basic essential truths.

- 02/02/20 Worship
- 02/09/20 Fellowship
- 02/16/20 Giving
- 02/23/20 Service



NEXT STEPS

What's the
next step in
your journey?



**February 09
@ 10:15 AM
Pastor's Office**

Bible Studies



Tuesday

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

2 Thessalonians Bible Study
9:45 AM @ PFC

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Study
Sermon Scriptures
9 AM @ PFC

Youth Group
6:30 PM @ PFC

2 Thessalonians Bible Study
7 PM @ PFC



**Ash Wednesday Services
February 26, 2020**

**Coffee & Ashes
Holy Trinity Chapel
6:30-8:30 AM**

*Drop-in for a cup of coffee, a brief prayer
and the imposition of ashes.*

**Ash Wednesday Service
Palouse Federated Church
7 PM**

*Join us for a brief and solemn service of reflection at the start
of the Lenten season. Ashes will be available for those who
want them.*

**MEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15
7:30 AM COOKING
8 AM EATING
ALL ARE WELCOME**



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. We even have OIKOS Prayer Cards for Kids!

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



Youth Ministry News

Youth group meets weekly on Wednesday evenings in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM. We start with dinner, have a time of worship and learn from the Bible, then we end with some fun games and activities. If you know a youth who is in 6th grade or above, feel free to invite them to our youth group, or pass along their name to Pastor Corey, or Riley and Vanessa Moore, and we will make sure they are invited.



**YOUTH GROUP
6th - 12th Grades**

**Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM
Dinner Provided**

**Join us for Bible Study,
Worship & Fun**



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for the family and friends of Bev Glass, Adam Smith, Pedro Echanove, Gordon Gill & Sandy Downing.
- Pray for Roger Gamet, cancer.
- Pray for Sami Turnbough, cancer.
- Pray for John Bofenkamp, recovering from hip surgery.
- Pray for Sherry Bridges, recovering from surgery.
- Pray for Don Snekvik, cancer.
- Pray for Connie Decicio, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Chuck Laughary, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Stephen Beary, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Gloria Carmon, glaucoma.
- Pray for Phil Doramus, and Carrie, as they navigate Phil's cancer journey.
- Pray for Lori Peters, cancer.
- Pray for Doreen, friend of Molly Quigley, breast cancer.
- Pray for George Arland, cancer.
- Pray for Donald Fenner, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Susan, homelessness
- Pray for Kaynan Zachow, for strength in his new path.
- Pray for Pastor Martin's wife Mary, health concerns.
- Pray for Lynda Mills, heart issues.
- Pray for Sarah McCusker, Huntington's Disease.
- Pray for Ellen, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Don Comstock, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Barbra Vail, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Carol Stillman, cancer.
- Pray for Tecla Blood, ongoing health issues.
- Pray for Charlotte, friend of Don Gilliland, Parkinson's.
- Pray for Paula Fielder Leftwich, cancer.
- Pray for Monte, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Brittany Sawyer's Uncle Jon, Alzheimer's.
- Pray for Judy Hart, stroke.
- Pray for active duty service members.
- Pray for youth to come to Christ.
- Pray for your Oikos—those that God has strategically and supernaturally placed in your life.
- 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 renewal and revival in our region.
- Pray for our Bishop Place ministry and ministry team.
- Pray for Young Life.
- Pray for our International Mission Partners.
- Pray for Joe & Karen Adams and Konnor Massa, our new missionaries.
- Pray for the Bible study at Eastern State Hospital.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

Richard Kayser
Catherine Tuck
Arnetta Tompkins

Frances West
Don Gilliland
Norm Schorzman

Dory Tuttle
Steve Gill
Marge Brink

PREPARING FOR LENT

Pastor Corey Laughary



Carey Nieuwhof, a Canadian pastor, wrote a best-selling book called "Didn't see it Coming: Overcoming the 7 Greatest Challenges That No One Expects and Everyone Experiences." It's a very good book, and I encourage you to consider reading it through the season of Lent.

We will be using this book as a starting point for our Soup Suppers that start the first Wednesday in March, as we look at the seven challenges: Cynicism, Compromise, Disconnection, Irrelevance, Pride, Burnout and Emptiness.

"It's not a matter of if you'll run into these challenges; it's a matter of when. Be prepared."
—JOHN ACURRY, New York Times best-selling author

DIDN'T SEE IT COMING



Overcoming the 7 Greatest Challenges
That No One Expects
and Everyone Experiences

CAREY NIEUWHOF

"You have to read this book... An uncommonly perceptive and generous guide."
—ANN VOSKAMP, New York Times best-selling author

Each of us have encountered at least part of that list. I know that's true for me. As I was reading the chapter on "Burnout," I realized that I have been experiencing low-grade burnout. This means I was experiencing most of the symptoms of career burnout. This did not surprise me, nor did it surprise Tina when I told her. But a year ago I didn't see it coming. So it was relieving to read words that described my situation and what I could do about it.

To be clear I am working on myself, dealing with cumulative stress, processing grief, and allowing God's Spirit and Word to refuel my soul. I want to encourage you that God knows your struggles and has a path forward. There will be struggles and difficulties that you don't see coming, the important thing is to admit it and let God help you.

You can pick up the book on your own or get it here at the church later in February.

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PALOUSE FEDERATED CHURCH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JANUARY 26 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship & Sunday School 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place	27	28 5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 9:45 AM Bible Study* 3:30 - 4:45 PM STEAM Program @ Palouse Library	29 9 AM Ladies Bible Study* 6:30-8 PM Youth Group 7 PM 2 Thessalonians Bible Study	30	31 10:30 AM Play, Learn & Laugh Story Time @ Palouse Library (Ages 0-4)	FEBRUARY 01 <div> Save the Date! Ross Point Camp Youth Retreat April 3-5 \$77 </div>
02 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship & Sunday School 10:15 AM NextSteps 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place	03	04 5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 9:45 AM Bible Study* 3:30 - 4:45 PM STEAM Program @ Palouse Library	05 9 AM Ladies Bible Study* 6:30-8 PM Youth Group 7 PM 2 Thessalonians Bible Study	06	07 10:30 AM Play, Learn & Laugh Story Time @ Palouse Library (Ages 0-4)	08 <div> Register by 3/23 and save \$10. Register @ rosspoint.org </div>
09 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship & Sunday School 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place 5:30 PM Strengthening Families Program	10 6:45 PM Turkey Leg After Storytime @ Palouse Library—Come hear the new Turkey Leg books	11 5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 9:45 AM Bible Study*	12 9 AM Ladies Bible Study* 6:30-8 PM Youth Group 7 PM 2 Thessalonians Bible Study	13	14 10:30 AM Play, Learn & Laugh Story Time @ Palouse Library (Ages 0-4)	15 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast
16 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship & Sunday School 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place 5:30 PM Strengthening Families Program	17 1 - 3:30 PM Middle School/ High School Cooking Class @ Palouse Community Center	18 5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 9:45 AM Bible Study* 3:30 - 4:45 PM STEAM Program @ Palouse Library	19 9 AM Ladies Bible Study* 6:30-8 PM Youth Group 7 PM 2 Thessalonians Bible Study	20	21 10:30 AM Play, Learn & Laugh Story Time @ Palouse Library (Ages 0-4)	22
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Depending on Jesus to Restore Our [Imperfect] Lives

FEBRUARY

Feb. 02	9 & 11 AM & 1:30 PM	Passion-Fueled: Basics for a Healthy Life Worship	Amos 5:21-24
Feb. 09	9 & 11 AM & 1:30 PM	Passion-Fueled: Basics for a Healthy Life Fellowship	Acts 2:42 & Hebrews 10:25
Feb. 16	9 & 11 AM & 1:30 PM	Passion-Fueled: Basics for a Healthy Life Giving	2 Corinthians 9:6-12
Feb. 23	9 & 11 AM & 1:30 PM	Passion-Fueled: Basics for a Healthy Life Service (Tim Sievers)	1 Peter 4:9-11



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.



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