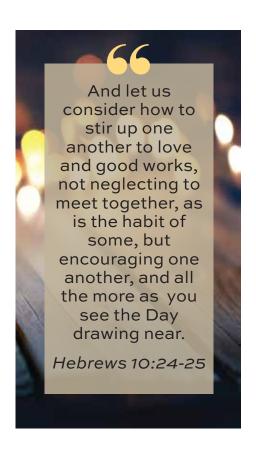
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## **Re-Grouping Forever**

Corey Laughary, Pastor

"Church" - the true meaning of this word is "a grouping of Christian believers."

"Reconcile" – one old definition of this word, is to bring together again, as in, to share in each other's council again - to be in a group together.

It's a question I've heard 100 times, maybe a thousand...

"Pastor, when will they all come back to church? Why aren't they here?"

The honest truth is we have been shaped by the last 2 years, all of us, whether we like it or not.

We are not yet fully re-grouped. But, I've been thinking about this a lot, and the truth is that the Church is an ongoing re-grouping process. The Church, the Body of Christ, exists to serve God's mission to live as His people of praise who are inviting others into the Kingdom of God life. We are constantly trying to be about Christ's work of re-grouping His sheep. He is the Great Shepherd and He is calling all His sheep together. We aren't all together yet!



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So, though the last 2 years have tried to splinter, divide, and diminish the groupings of Christians - our Lord is not distracted from His mission. He is still reconciling people to Himself. And if He is still on mission, then, as His people, we must also be about His business.

The Church of Jesus Christ has ALWAYS been about re-grouping. It's not just the last 2 years. No. The whole history of humanity is filled with movements and issues that divide people from God and each other. The Church's mission now and always is to draw people together, from every corner, and re-group under the banner of Christ.

Depending on Jesus,

Pastor Corey

# **Sunday Service Schedule Change**

**Starting Sunday, May 29**, we will have one united worship service at 10 AM. We hope you can make plans to join us as we Worship Together - United.

Childcare for children age 3 and potty-trained through age 8 will continue in the basement classrooms with Bible stories.





#### Life Lessons

In the month of May, Garfield and Palouse Churches together with GarPal YoungLife are working together to reach out to area High School seniors.

"Seniors are at a crucial point in their when they are making all kinds of life-changing decisions. We want them to know that the people of Christ love them and that God loves them..."

The Life Lessons outreach has been serving area seniors since 2014, providing guidance from our Christian faith perspective on the topics of finances, relationships, and the future.

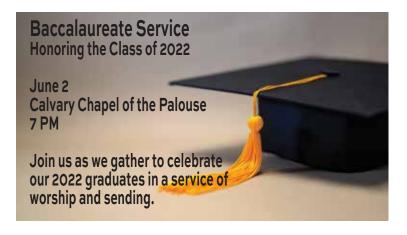
But, it's good to ask the question: Why do we invest resources in reaching youth, especially when we know many of them will be moving away soon?

The simple answer is that we invest money, time and effort into youth because they matter to God. Of course, we know Jesus Christ loves all people, but this part of the world is our mission field. Reaching High

School seniors is part of that God-given mission. Seniors are at a crucial point in their life when they are making all kinds of life-changing decisions. We want them to know that the people of Christ love them and that God loves them, and His Bible has much wisdom for how to live a good life, but also contains the good news of how to be in relationship with God.

Would you please pray for our outreach to High School seniors? Please pray a blessing for them and their families. Pray that they would have hearts to hear of God's love for them. Pray that they would receive God's wisdom for their life.

Thank you for helping to serve these young people!





# Palouse Food Pantry May 25 & June 29 1-2:30 PM & By Appointment Calvary Chapel of Palouse

Order Online: palousefoodpantry@gmail.com Or Call the Pantry: (509) 595-3048 In-person pick up, or delivery by request.

# Bible Study Schedule

**Contact the Church for More Information** 

Sun. 5:30 PM High School (Includes Dinner)

Mon. 11 AM | Ladies Zoom

Tues. 5:30 AM Men

Tues. 10 AM | Mixed Group

Wed. 10 AM Ladies

Wed. 6:30 PM | Middle School

Wed. 6:30 PM | Spiritual Growth Group



#### Sunday School Break - May 29 through the Fall

We will announce the return date in September. Thanks to all our teachers for making Sunday School possible this year: Brenda Cook, Glenda McLain, Justin Brown, Betty Sawyer, and Camille Wadleigh.

# 2022 Mission Giving Allocation

Each year, the Executive Board determines an allocation formula for our mission giving - 10% of all tithes and offerings. The Hope for All Children Orphanage in Uganda receives \$750 monthly for a total of \$9,000 annually and the remaining amount is, distributed quarterly to our mission partners. This year, our partners include:

Mission Aviation Fellowship/Adams Family: 27%

Walt White: 23%

Adult & Teen Challenge: 12%

Family Promise of the Palouse: 12%

Ross Point Camp: 10% Mission Northwest: 9% Palouse Care Network: 7%

In the coming months, we'll get to know some of our mission partners a little better. This month we start with our partners in Uganda and the Palouse Care Network.

## Hope for All Children Orphanage Buwenge, Uganda

We currently are supporting students at the Hope for All Children Orphanage with their schooling through their completion of secondary school (equivalent to high school for us) Some students, because of their orphan status, started school late and finish secondary school older than the normal aged student. But, our commitment is to join Hope for All Children in supporting them until their basic education is complete.



Let's join together in praying for the youth we support:

Safina Nakaima (16 yrs. - S2)

Fenakansi Amuza (17 yrs. - P 7)

Naboosa Leah (14 yrs. - P7)

Naigobi Tahiya (13 yrs. - P6)

Kyubbe Namulondo (12 yrs. - P5)

Kisakye Harriet (16 yrs. - Vocational)

Abbey Musasizi (S3)

Sumanya Nabirye (19 yrs. - S2)

Muzafalu Guliku (18 yrs. - P7)

Lydia Nakalembe (14 yrs. - P.7)

- \* P Primary
- \* S Secondary



**Palouse Care Network** is a faith-based non-profit serving the Palouse region of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, offering resources, education, and a sexual health medical clinic. Palouse Care Network is a non-discriminatory, judgement-free organization promoting life, health, and hope.

Palouse Care Network believes that human life has invaluable worth and significance in all of its dimensions, including the unborn, the aged, the weak, the mentally impaired, the physically challenged, and every other condition in which humanness is expressed from conception to the grave.

#### 2022 Baby Bottle Fundraiser

The 2022 baby bottle fundraiser to support Palouse Care Network is held from Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th, to Father's Day, Sunday, June 19th, and money raised will change the lives of children and families!



Starting on Mother's Day, you can pick up a baby bottle at the church. Return it by Father's Day and all proceeds get passed along to support the mission of Palouse Care Network.



# **Youth Group Activities**

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8)
Wednesdays | 6:30 - 7:30 PM

High School Bible Study (Grades 9-12) Sundays | 5:30 PM

Please contact Hua Ming Newman with any questions:
(509) 878-1509
huaming@palousechurch.org

(Vanessa Moore is on leave for May & June)



Pentecost Sunday June 5

Pentecost, literally meaning "fiftieth day" in Greek, is a feast day in the church marking the end of the Easter season and celebrating a new beginning as we mark the arrival of the great Comforter and Advocate that Jesus promised when he left this earth: the Holy Spirit.

We read in the book of Acts how the disciples were celebrating *Shavuot*, a commemoration of God giving the law to Moses on Mt. Sinai, when they experienced something otherworldly, as a strong gush of wind filled the space they were in and what appeared to be flames hovered over each of them and they began to speak in languages they had never spoken before. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Peter and the other disciples proclaimed salvation through Christ and the gift of the Comforter and Advocate - thousands were saved!

Today, the Holy Spirit still is at work in the lives of Jesus' disciples, helping us to bear witness to the gospel, build God's kingdom, and live spirit-filled lives. "If we live by the Spirt, let us also keep in step with the Spirit" (Gal. 5:25).

Let's celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, June 5! Wear the colors of the Spirit - red, orange, and yellow!

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

~ Galatians 5:22-23 ~





# **Ross Point Camp 2022**

#### **Camp Schedule**

My First Camp (Age 7 & Younger) | June 24-25

Middler Camp (Grades 2-4) | June 19-22

Junior High (Grades 6-9) | June 19-24

Junior (Grades 4-6) | July 3-8

Senior High (Grades 9-12) | July 3-8

Scholarships are Available

Contact Pastor Corey or Hua Ming Newman



# Cookie Fundraiser & Camp Scholarship Update

Thank you to everyone who purchased cookies to help raise funds to provide scholarships for youth and adults to attend camps and retreats at Ross Point Camp!

The cookie fundraiser raised: \$2,188

Total Camp Scholarship Fund: \$7,215.20

Do you know a youth or adult who would be blessed by an experience at a great Christian camp? We have scholarships available for youth summer camps and retreats. We also

> have scholarships available to help adults attend retreats. Contact Pastor Corey or Hua Ming Newman for more information.

## Children's Ministry Leadership Transition

Brenda Cook

It has been a wonderful experience serving you as the Children's Ministry Team leader for more than 11 years. It has stretched me and grown me spiritually, as well as in leading/mentoring. I am grateful that I was asked by Pastor Corey and

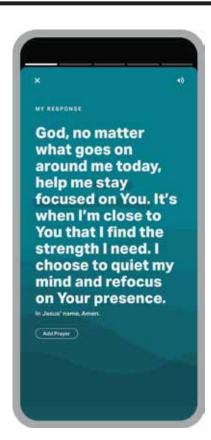


Tina so long ago, and after much hesitation and prayer, I accepted the challenge. I have had amazing experiences with our area children and I pray that I served them well.

I am now passing this responsibility on to Hua Ming Newman, whom most of you know to be energetic and innovative, as a new set of eyes usually are! He has a clear passion for teaching youth about Jesus. In addition to his current duties at church, this position comes with the responsibility of overseeing these main areas: Weekly Sunday School teachers and classes/curriculum, Vacation Bible School, fundraising for Ross Point Camp scholarships and being the area contact person for campers, and the children's Christmas program.

Will you pray with me in this transition for Hua Ming? And will you consider how you might be able to help serve in one or more of these areas of Children's Ministry? Together we can share the love of Jesus and teach the Gospel, while getting to know the children, becoming a familiar face, and a trusting adult/mentor for them. Thank you to those who have helped me over the years in our children's events and weekly Sunday School. There are so many of you to thank! It takes a big team to serve well. I hope to see you around and involved!

In Christ Alone, Brenda Cook



# "That You May Believe" Sermon Series Schedule Check out the scripture schedule below for upcoming sermons and Bible studies.

May 08 | Jesus Transforms Sorrow [John 16:16-24]

May 15 | Jesus & The Peace of His Overcoming [John 16:25-33]

May 22 Jesus Prays: Part 1 [John 17:1-26]

May 29 Jesus Prays: Part 2 [John 17:1-26]

June 5 | Jesus Prays: Part 3 [John 17:1-26] | Pentecost Sunday

June 12 Jesus Faces Arrest [John 18:1-11]

June 19 | Jesus Faces Religious Leaders [John 18:12-24]

June 26 | Jesus, Peter & Pilate [John 18:25-40]

Our "That You May Believe" sermon series is taking us through the Gospel of John. Consider joining a YouVersion Bible App reading plan this month. Contact Pastor Corey if you would like to join a John reading plan, or if you need help finding a different plan that works for you!



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