

Connections

November 2022

Thanking God for Big & “Small”

Corey Laughary, Pastor



Psalms 107:1-2 (NLT)

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
His faithful love endures forever.

² Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out!
Tell others he has redeemed you from your enemies.

God is eternal, all powerful, all wise, and all compassionate. That’s BIG stuff. Maker of giant stars and billions of galaxies. Amazing. But God is also into the details. The seemingly small stuff. You are one of some 7 billion+ people on planet Earth. The Bible says God knows the hairs of your head. Not only that, but God knows when birds fall from the sky (Matthew 10:29). Nothing escapes God’s notice (Hebrews 4:13). The little things are not of small importance to God. Small stuff matters. Life is made up of seconds, brief conversations, a laugh that lightens your day, a near-miss collision that causes you to reflect. Small stuff matters. We need to be thankful for the big and the small.

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This month is dedicated to centering on giving our Lord thanks for the big, small and everything in between. I encourage you to deeply engage in our gratitude campaign this month. There are tools for

you to reflect on God’s goodness to us all. There’s a 30-day booklet to help you keep a list of 3 things each day, that might be “common” or “small,” but are truly blessings for which to be grateful.

Friends - God is good! We will give thanks to the Lord - His love endures forever!

Has the Lord worked redemption in your life, then speak out! Every day of your life is a testimony to God’s goodness - speak out and give God thanks!

Depending on Jesus,

Pastor Corey

“
Rejoice always,
pray without
ceasing, give
thanks in all
circumstances; for
this is the will of
God in Christ
Jesus for you.

*1 Thessalonians
5:16-18*

Everyday thanks...
Every day gratitude.

30 days of thanksgiving to
deepen your gratitude.



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Year-Round Gratitude

Hua Ming Newman

Why do we only focus on gratitude in November? Doesn't God call us to give thanks all the time?

In the Youth Group each week, we do an activity called "High/Low/High." The kids take turns telling the group a high of the week, low of the week, then another high. Why? Simply because it's important to identify things during the week that were good; it helps us to be thankful.



Something I often talk to the youth about is how putting ourselves around people who have bad behavior or do negative things can make us more likely to start doing those things. It's the same if we allow our lives to focus on the negative in the world, we can become more negative. In my life, when I focus on all the bad things around me and everything I dislike,

I really become a sour person. It changes how I interact with other people, and it really makes me feel frustrated. But, if I focus on all that I am grateful for, it brings my attitude up and I feel more content.

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How we view the world really affects our emotions. God wants us to be thankful because he knows that it will lift our spirit. Being thankful can help not just yourself, but the people around you.

Telling someone that you are thankful for something they did will encourage them because they too will feel appreciative.

This next month, and forevermore, I challenge you to think of three things you are grateful for each day. When youth have trouble finding three things they are grateful for, I encourage them to not just think of the big things, but the little things, like having a good breakfast or waking up in a comfy bed. Let's start every day thinking about the amazing things and people God has put in our lives, and may our gratitude last all the year long.

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Betty Sawyer

The month of November is one of my favorites. I'm so thankful that it is a time to be grateful without spooks, "gotta buy gifts season," "gotta get a card or chocolates for someone I love," wear green or get pinched, chocolate bunnies, etc. November is simply and wonderfully a time to be grateful.



In order to reflect on gratitude, here are some prompts you may wish to use:

- I thank you Jesus for:
- I am so appreciative of:
- I am glad I can:
- I am grateful for these relationships:
- I saw these beautiful things today:
- The best part of my day has been:
- I value learning these difficult lessons:
- The best experiences of my life have been:

These could be great discussion starters in your meetings, dinner conversations or on the road.

Enjoy a month of gratitude. And be thankful for all our God has in His awesome plans for us.

"All is Well" - Advent is Around the Corner

Pastor Corey Laughary

"All is well"? Really? A look around the world today doesn't lead to many declaring, "All is well." Inflation. Divided communities and angry politics. War between Russia and Ukraine. Disease and water issues plague many around the world. All is well? Not quite.

But this is the hopeful truth - for those who hope in Christ, all is well.

In Christ we have the promise that we can never be separated from His love (Romans 8). No war, no disease, no angry neighbor, no corrupt politician, no lost job, no election result I don't like, no inflation - NOTHING - can separate me from Jesus if I have given my life to Him.

In Christ we know that there will be a 2nd Advent. Advent - means that Jesus Christ is coming to the world. He arrived into the world once as a baby and He will return as king (Hebrews 9:28).

All is well because Christ is King and will return - and He has made a home for His people (Revelation 21:3-4):

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Get ready for a truly blessed Advent season where we REST in the HOPE of CHRIST - His PEACE, JOY and LOVE.

**Congregational
MEETING**

Sunday, Nov. 27 at 11:15 AM

Join us for our third quarter financial and ministry updates. The executive board will present the 2023 budget and board elections will take place. Board candidates are Brenda Cook & Cam Heusser.



*Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends
John 15:13*

GARFIELD VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY

**Thursday November 10, 2022
9:30 a.m.
Garfield-Palouse Middle School
Gymnasium**

Program Itinerary

Star Spangled Banner
Palouse High School Wind Ensemble

"Declaration"
Garfield-Palouse Elementary Singers

INTRODUCTION OF VETERANS
Phil Weagraff

"Armed Forces Medley"
Palouse High School Wind Ensemble

Veterans Day Student Essay winners
TBA

"Tell My Father"
Men's Trio
Doug Morgan, Craig Wilson and David Buri

Special Keynote Speaker
2LT Mitchell Jamison

Veterans and Guest Reception in the Gymnasium



Harvest
of Community
Dinner
Honoring

**AMERICAN
LEGION**
Potlatch American Legion Post 81
VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.
Potlatch VFW Post 10300

November 13 at 5 PM
Palouse Federated Church
635 N Bridge St
Palouse, WA
palousechurch.org

FREE
All Are Welcome

We are excited to honor the VFW/American Legion Potlatch Post. They have served admirably at countless memorial and funeral services for veterans. They do this in all kinds of weather and often with just a few days of notice. They have added to their original service to our nation by continuing to serve our communities.

Please join us at the annual Harvest of Community Dinner, Sunday November 13th at 5 PM to give thanks for our honored guests.



Palouse Food Pantry
November 21
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.

Kindness for Kids Food Pantry



The Kindness for Kids food pantry at the school is in need of:

- Tuna or canned chicken.
- Individual cereal cups (the ones you just put the milk in and use it as a bowl).
- Fresh fruit or veggies.
- Cheese sticks.
- Individual packets of nuts.
- Canned fruit and/or veggies (applesauce, peaches, corn, green beans, etc.).

Bring your donations to the church and leave them in the clear plastic bins.





Youth Group
6th - 9th Grades
Wednesdays
6:30 - 8 PM
NEW - Join us for Dinner - NEW
Stay for Bible Study
Games & Fun



Sunday School classes meet weekly for kids age 3 and potty-trained through 5th Grade. Meet us downstairs for class every Sunday from 11:15 AM - Noon.



WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS
11:15 AM

FIND OUR TABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER YOU GRAB A SNACK AT COFFEE HOUR.

WE'LL CONNECT FOR A QUICK CHAT AND SOME DEEP BIBLE TRUTHS!

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL CHECK-IN WITH BETTY SAWYER



Theme:
Take Courage
Matthew 14:27

December 2-4 at Ross Point
\$85 | Register by 11/13 and save \$10
Register at www.rosspoint.org
Contact Hua Ming Newman with any questions:
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Veterans Day Service

11/11 at 11 AM

PFC Bell Tower

Join Us As We Remember And Give Thanks



Bible Study Schedule
Contact the Church for More Information

- 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

Join us for Game Night
Wednesday 11/23 at 6 PM
Snacks & Fun!
All are Welcome




Christmas Program practices start 11/6. All ages welcome. Contact Hua Ming Newman or Camille Wadleigh if you would like to participate.

New Life for Women in Bangladesh

Jeanine White, Global Consultant
International Ministries



When Walt and I first arrived in Bangladesh forty-five years ago, we thought our mission was reaching out to lead men to faith in Jesus. We thought the men would then lead their wives to faith.

Years went by and we realized that this was not happening. Later we learned that one of the few reasons a woman can divorce a man is if he becomes a Christian.

Instead we invited the group of men who had come to faith in Jesus to bring their wives to our house. That day I taught the women from the Gospel of John. I had the joyful experience of sharing with them that the first people Jesus met after his resurrection from the dead were women.



At the end of the day I prayed with them that if any of them had come to faith in Jesus, she would pray to receive him. Afterward, one of them said, "I have never traveled this far from home." She had come seventeen miles from her house on the train. "I did not know why my husband wanted me to come here. It is as if I had been blind but now I see." She was one who could read. We were later told that when the women went home, she would read the Bible to the others while they did chores together. Since then, house churches have been established in the areas where these women live.

Because of changing political climates, our residential visa was refused. Several years later, Walt worked with a few other men to establish a development organization that was focused on teaching illiterate people to read, save their money collectively, and develop income-generating businesses from funds they saved. The majority of the people who completed the literacy training were women!

Women in Bangladesh have been marginalized because they are women. Historically, girls have not been given priority to get an education. If a girl had a brother and there were limited resources in her family, her brother would be given the opportunity to go to school. If a girl were going to school, she might have to stop when she got to fifth or sixth grade as it might be considered "unsafe" for her to walk to school. In some areas, for financial reasons, the girl might be given in marriage when she was thirteen or fourteen years old. She would then go to live in the home of her in-laws and have too many chores to do to have time for school.

Now, through this development work, over 20,000 women have learned to read, write Bengali, and do basic math. They have started businesses so that their families could send their children to school. Here is one woman's story:

As a teenager, I was given in marriage to a young man who worked finding whatever job was available. Some days he rode a bicycle rickshaw. Other days he worked bent over planting rice seedlings. One day he was killed in an accident unloading logs from an ox cart.



Suddenly I was left with no income and two small children. Living in a small part of a relative's house, I wondered how I and my children could survive. Development workers came to my village and offered to provide teaching for a group of twenty women there. Shyly, I joined the group.

As the weeks went by, I was excited to be learning to read and do math. I was amazed that although I (like the others in the group) contributed a small amount of money, the account grew. After a few months, I borrowed from the account to raise chickens. As the chickens grew, they began to lay eggs. My children had better nutrition by eating the eggs, and I was able to sell some. During the second year of my training I was reading the booklets made available and learning to plant a kitchen garden, learning my legal rights, and learning how to better care for my children. I paid back the money from the first loan and took a bigger loan to buy a goat. As I made more money, I was able to live in my own small house and send my children to school. As my children grew in school, I grew in knowledge, skills, and experience. I now have confidence and take an active part in my community, standing up for the rights of women and looking out for the welfare of those who have suffered loss.

There are Bengali women living in village areas who lead these projects. They are my heroes. They work six days a week overseeing the groups that meet in their areas. In spite of the pandemic, I have been able to lead some of these women in Bible studies by Zoom. Over the past year, we have been taking a close look at who Jesus was, what he did, and what he taught. My goal is that these women will recognize that they can lead Bible studies by carefully looking at the Holy Bible and considering what it says.

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**Joe & Karen
Adams
Mission
Aviation
Fellowship
Lesotho,
Africa**



The Adams family will be with us 11/27 during our 10 AM worship service to share about their mission work.

“Letters from Jesus” Sermon Series Schedule

Check out the scripture schedule below for upcoming sermons and Bible studies.

November 06 To the Church in Sardis [Revelation 3:1-6]

November 13 To the Church in Philadelphia [Revelation 3:7-13]

November 20 To the Church in Laodicea [Revelation 3:14-22]

November 27 Letters from Jesus Conclusion

Start of Advent Season

In our “Letters from Jesus” sermon series (Revelation 1-3), we’ll receive instruction for humble, honest, holy, brave, passionate, kind, and loving faith in an age that puts all that to the test. Consider joining a YouVersion Bible App reading plan this month. Contact Pastor Corey if you would like to join a Revelation reading plan, or if you need help finding a different plan that works for you!

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Scan the QR Code to the right and make us “My Church” inside the YouVersion Bible App. You’ll be able to quickly find our worship events for taking notes and have access to our featured Bible reading plan.



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