

# Connections

January 2023

## Y'all

Corey Laughary, Pastor



Are you ready for some fun and deep Truth from God's Word? I am pumped up for the new message series we are starting January 8th. It's a 7-week series called "Y'all" and it's all based on "you" statements in the New Testament that are in the plural.

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Commonly the Bible translates the plural "you-all" into simply "you" and the reader doesn't know that the message is aimed at the whole group of us. Knowing "Y'all" statements makes a difference and not just a grammatical one. With so many unnoticed "y'all" statements, we can easily read the Bible more individualistically than God wants. No doubt there is much scripture that is directed to teach us about individual choices and faith. But, much of the scripture is aimed at us as a group, aka the church.

I am looking forward to sharing some essential "Y'all" statements in the New Testament that are addressed to all of us. With each "Y'all" we will also look at corresponding scriptures that tell us how we should live together. Many of these statements are what we call "one another" scriptures - like "Love one another" (John 13:34) or "Forgive one another" (Ephesians 4:32). But some of them will be "if/then" scriptures - as in: IF we are the body of Christ, THEN we should honor the different body parts of Christ's Church (1 Cor. 12).

I am really excited for this series. My desire is to proclaim scriptures that will build us up as Christ's Church as we start the new year of 2023 together. This will be a good time of encouragement and learning for new believers and mature believers alike.

For a fun online tool to help you have eyes to see plural "you" statements, check out [www.yallversion.com](http://www.yallversion.com) - a great tool that identifies the 2nd person plural "y'alls" and more for the reader.

We are in this together y'all!

*Pastor Corey*

PS - If you don't like the "y'all" for grammatical reasons - your first spiritual lesson in 2023 will be to lighten up!



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Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.  
Ephesians 4:32

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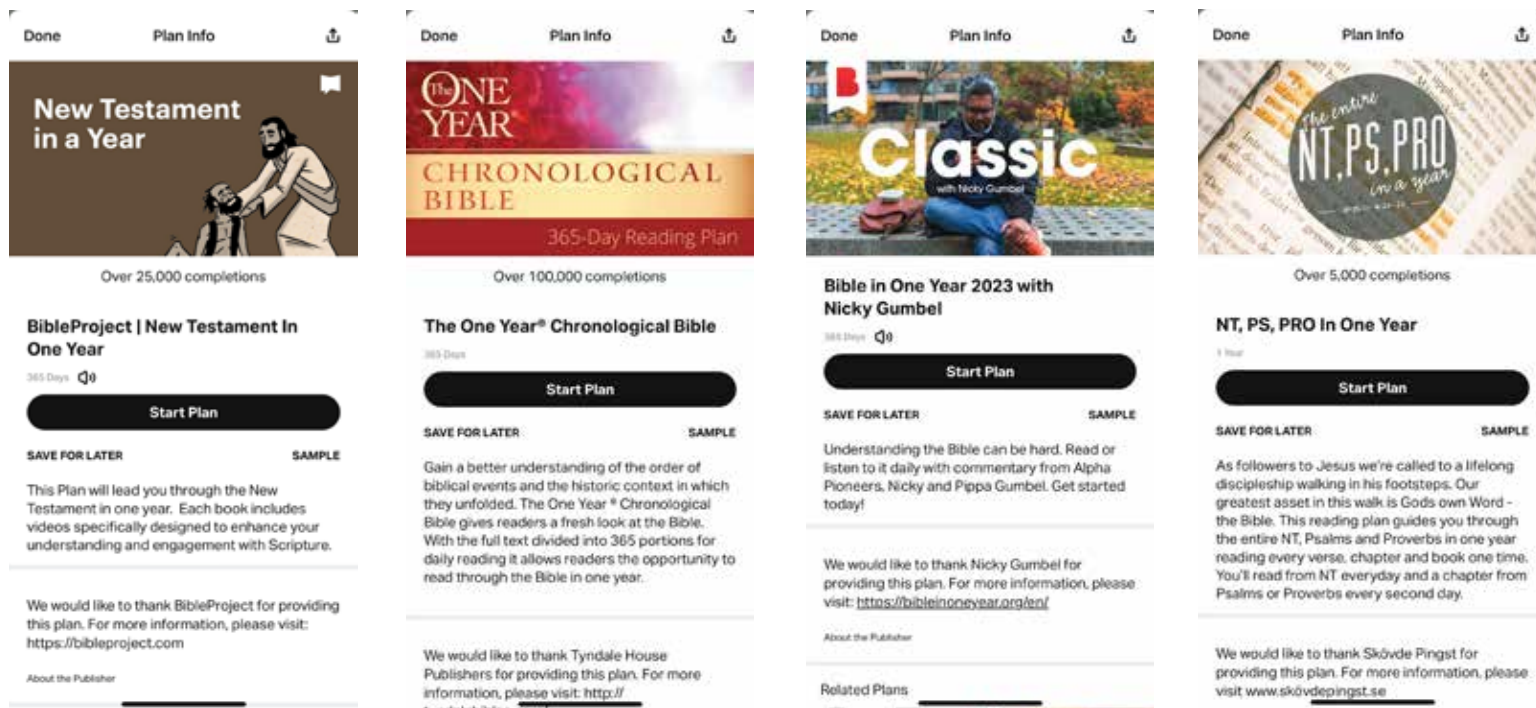


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# Reading the Bible in 2023

With a new year starting it is great to set a goal for spending time in scripture and prayer. There are so many tools to help you dive into scripture and grow in prayer. We highly recommend Bible.com, that also goes by the name of YouVersion as an app for smartphones and tablets. You can select PFC as “My Church” on YouVersion and find recommended plans from us. Some plans you could choose to do in 2023: New Testament in a Year, One Year Chronological Bible, Bible in One Year 2023 with Nicky Gumbel, or NT, PS, PRO In One Year (That’s New Testament, Psalms & Proverbs). We can also provide paper copies of Bible reading plans for 2023.



## 2023 Emphasis: Prayer

Pastor Corey Laughary

I want to grow in my communication with God - that is to say, I want deeper practices of prayer in my life. I want this for you all too. Will you join me in choosing to emphasize a deepening prayer life as a goal for 2023?

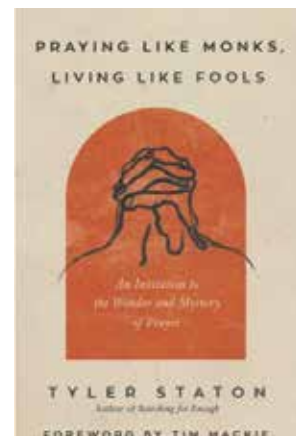
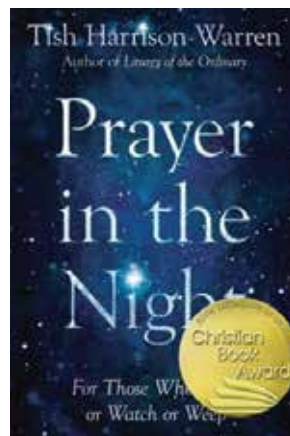
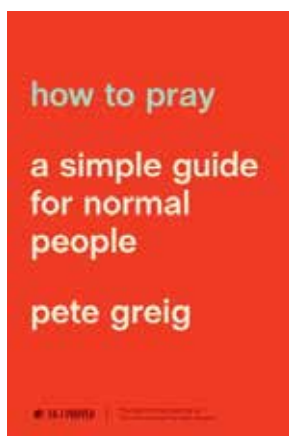
Recently God has been renewing me and teaching me more about prayer. In some ways I feel like a beginner all over again, but it is truly refreshing and joyous.

### Online Tool Recommendations:

- Lectio 365 App - A daily prayer tool from the 24-7 Prayer Movement and Pete Grieg (a recommended prayer book author).
- The One Minute Pause App - a free app that has a 31-day plan as well as other pre-recorded guided prayers that help you pray.
- Bible App - (aka YouVersion and Bible.com) - has a daily guided prayer option.

### Prayer Book Recommendations:

- “How to Pray: A Simple Guide for Normal People” by Pete Grieg - A great straightforward book that teaches and guides the reader into a deeper prayer life. This book will bless a beginner and an experienced prayer person. Pete Grieg is the leader of the international 24-7 prayer movement.



- “Prayer in the Night” by Tish Harrison Warren - A wonderful read that taps into Christian traditions of prayer, particularly “compline” or nighttime prayer. This book helps you pray with the words from Christian tradition, this helps greatly for those who don’t have the words to pray. This book also explores deep issues of praying through suffering, loss, and doubts. The author is an Anglican priest.
- Tyler Staton, “Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools” by Tyler Staton - From Pastor Corey – “I love, love, love this book! This book is part autobiography of Tyler, who is now a pastor in Portland. This book made me laugh and rejoice, but more importantly he graciously helped me step into deeper prayer.”

For a great online talk on prayer by Tim Mackie the creator of the “Bible Project,” see the 24-7 prayer channel on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/@247Prayer> - look for session 3 at their recent conference. You will find other great content on this YouTube channel, included Tyler Staton, one of our recommended prayer book authors.





**Youth Group  
6th - 9th Grades  
Wednesdays  
at Garfield Community Church  
6:30 - 8 PM  
Join us for Dinner  
Stay for Bible Study  
Games & Fun**

**Live Chat**

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

**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 | Spiritual Growth Group



## Something New

Hua Ming Newman



This month our theme is “Something New,” and we have a lot of new things coming this year with Youth Group and Sunday school.

Starting with youth group, we have been partnering with the Garfield churches (Garfield Community Church and Garfield Christian Fellowship) for several months now. In the month of January, we will be having Youth Group at the Garfield Community Church and then alternate monthly between Palouse Federated Church and Garfield Community. I want to give a big thanks to Pastors Marty Masten and Dean Walker for all their hard work on making this possible.

In the beginning of October, we started doing Ministry dinners for the Youth Group and I want to thank everyone who has donated their time, and delicious meals, to make that possible. Since then, we have had an average of nine students attending weekly. We will be looking for meal help again in February – keep your eyes open for the sign-up sheet.



## New After-School Program Coming

In Sunday School, we have had lower numbers of children, so we've decided to take a break for the time being, while we work on a different program for them – a weekly after-school program that will likely start toward the end of January. Please pray for our children's ministry as we make this transition and be praying about how you can support this important kingdom building ministry. **Let me know if you'd like more information or if you want to help.** I want to give a huge thank you to all of the teachers who have put in time to help make Sunday School possible – your efforts and dedication have brought the love of Jesus to so many youth through the years!

### Spiritual Growth Group

Wednesday Nights 6:30 PM

Starting Wednesday, January 4th we will be doing “The Prayer Course” on Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. You can learn more about “The Prayer Course” at:

<https://prayercourse.org/about/>

This course is 8 weeks long and will help all of us who attend to learn and grow in our prayer life with God. This will take us all the way into Lent, and then we will switch Wednesday nights to Soup Suppers that will consider the 7 sayings of Jesus from the cross.



# Thanks FOR Giving at Christmas

Your kindness sent 32 food boxes (see image at right) and food vouchers to area families in need this Christmas.

10 individuals at Lakeland Village received gifts because of you.

And the children at Hope for All Children Orphanage in Uganda had a special Christmas meal and celebration and received new clothes (photos below).





# Anchored in Gratitude

**As we wrap up 2022 and head into the new year, 2023, a year full of challenge and possibility, let us remember that for which we are grateful and use that gratitude as an anchor for our lives. This list comes from the gratitude cards and magnetic leaves from the Tower of Gratitude that were written during our Gratitude Campaign:**

Jesus – my family – friends and family – my family – friends – my mom and dad – my mom and dog – Jordan Martin – Jesus – Ella and family – my family – my Christian family too – Jesus – Ella – Jesus! – William – Dan – Loren – Weldon – Jim – Frank – friends – mom – calm peace – turkeys – Butter (the dog) – prayer – dad – my family and those who served – Tily my kitty – grace of God everyday! – food – local schools – my dog and my home – family and the Lord – my dog – friends – Ella and Lane – my sisters in Christ – this Holy Spirit filled church family – God for waking me up every morning to have another day – Hank at the Pullman Hospital, great technician – God’s protection and blessings – Bible Study – when he helps me when I fall – the one singular spark of hope that is always there to light the fire that is our soul, no matter what, or who, is trying to destroy it, it’s always there – me not dead – video games and food – dino nuggies – cross country – nerf – God – video games – food – jokes – family – God’s love – I am thankful for my family that includes life long friends – family and friends – I am thankful that I have been born again, that I have Jesus in my heart, that I now have everlasting life and will live with the Lord forever – Thankful God reveals Himself to us through the beauty of His creation – sunny walks – the ability to appreciate – thanks for our farmer neighbors who helped in fall work – good health – thankful for another day we can be here today – The Holy Spirit – I am thankful for all of my Christians friends – Palouse Federated Church – so thankful to be here another day, thank you God – thankful for my awesome husband! – our Christian extended family and friends – Hope – thank you for Mackie! – my best friend – kind people – thankful for living in Pullman’s weather and not the East Coast – God’s amazing graciousness! – I am grateful for this local church and faithful teaching – Bible Study – church – kindness – good food and people who make food – community – 5:30 AM Tuesday group – Jesus! – Paula and Michael Echanove and Claire too! – our church choir – beautiful music – family and friends – church – I am thankful for my mom – I am so grateful for God’s healing hand – I am thankful for friends – waking up – hope – a shed full of fire wood – food – I am thankful for my community – family –

sweater weather – sports – GP Cross Country coaches – that Jesus carries the load – water – Jesus! – thankful for my church family! – I am thankful that God is good all the time! – I am grateful for community – Baby Jesus – spiritual songs – Bishop Place service on Sunday at 1:30 PM – the cooks, the setup crew, the clean up crew, the VFW and veterans – God’s goodness and grace – our veterans – our church – friends and family – farmers – food!! – I am thankful for this fantastic meal!! – I am grateful for changing seasons and weather – Ross Point Camp – Brian – Gavin – People who try to be nice – nature – ballet – friends – family – faith – I am thankful for friends and family – cars – best friends – thankful for family and friends – my family and friends – counselors – hot, strong coffee – health and happiness – friends and family – life – warm blankets – thankful for where we live in this entire world!! – Palouse...in, upon, above – thankful for a warm coat and hat and gloves – I am thankful for



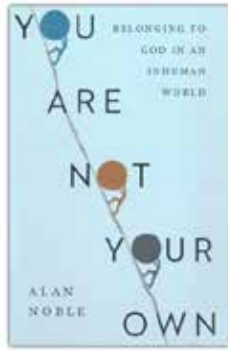
food – thankful for my warm house – food – thankful for all those that served our country to give us the freedom we have – thank you, Lord! Your grace is mighty! – I’m thankful the pews have been rehomed – birthday cake – love – fluffy puppies – warm blankets – cozy sweaters – tasty meals – good books – Thank you for our country and all its benefits – cucumber water – today I’m thankful for a recliner and a blanket – God in my life! PFC’s wonderful Sunday afternoon church service at Bishop Place, for Corey, Camille and pianist’s love for us – butter!! – thankful God walks with me everyday – thankful for veterans – warm hats – I am thankful for everybody – leaves – Jesus – so thankful for this special evening honoring our veterans – for my long life from Jesus – the delicious meal! – Thanks Browns & Whites! – For God – for my family – for my health – for my

friends at Bishop Place – for Palouse Federated Church – for Pastor Corey and family – I am thankful for my health, my family, and friends – I’m thankful for hijinks, practical jokes, fun, laughter – Bishop Place – So-o-o-o-o grateful for our friends at Bishop Place – The cooks that prepared our dinner! I’m thankful for TLS, A1, A2, A3 – I’m thankful for gatherings of friends and family – Thankful for community – Farmers and the fruit of their labor and the moisture to help them throughout the year – family – Grateful to God – this beautiful day – family – friends – thankful for my family, my friends, for God’s love for me, for my kitty Tily – I am grateful for forgiveness for my sins, my God is so merciful – I’m thankful for the community of Palouse! – thankful for loving family – thankful that VFW and past wars are recognized – God’s many blessings – thankful for the meal and the beautiful centerpieces – water slides – thankful for family and church family!



## Recommended Reads for 2023:

**“You are Not Your Own”** - by Alan Noble - A great book to help us look at the unhealthy individualism and identity issues that plague so many today.



**“The Last Supper on the Moon”** - by Levi Lusko - You’ll hear more about this book when we get to Lent.

**“The Marriage Devotional”** - by Levi and Jenny Lusko - Consider this book for you and your spouse.



## Upcoming Sermon Schedule

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

January 01	All is Well [Matthew 2:1-12]
January 08	Y’all Need Jesus [1 Corinthians 2:1-5, 3:1-3]
January 15	Y’all Need the Spirit [Romans 8:5-11]
January 22	Y’all Need Each Other [1 Corinthians 12:12-27]
January 29	Y’all Are Blessed [Ephesians 1]   Tyson West

Join a Bible Reading Plan on the Bible App (see page 2 for recommendations) and read the scriptures along with others. This is a great way to read scripture together daily and go deeper with Jesus as we start the New Year. Contact Pastor Corey if you would like to join a reading plan, or if you need help finding a different plan that works for you!

JANUARY 22 AT 11:15 AM

ANNUAL MEETING



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