

# Connections

April 2023

## Words Matter

Corey Laughary, Pastor

Every word Jesus said from the cross is deep and worth pondering. We will wrap up our “Words that Matter” journey on Resurrection Sunday. But before we do, I want to challenge all of us to spend time with the whole set of phrases Jesus uttered and ask the Lord in prayer, “What Lord are you wanting me to hear for my journey with You?” Which “word” from the cross is the Holy Spirit particularly emphasizing to you this year? Ponder that word, meditate on its meaning. May the Lord meet you in this pondering and bless you with encouragement, peace and wisdom.

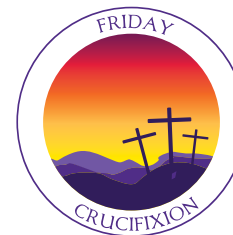


Depending on Jesus,  
*Pastor Corey*

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Oh the deep, deep  
love of Jesus  
Spread His praise  
from shore to shore  
How He loveth,  
ever loveth  
Changeth never,  
nevermore.

Oh the Deep Deep  
Love of Jesus

## HOLY WEEK



### Palm Sunday - April 2

10 AM Worship at PFC with Communion  
1:30 PM Worship at Bishop Place

### Maundy Thursday - April 6 - 7:30 PM

Join us for our Maundy Thursday Service, where we remember the institution of the Lord's Supper and Jesus' command to all who follow Him to love one another.

### Good Friday - April 7 - 7:30 PM

Join us for a somber tenebrae service, reflecting on Jesus' last seven words from the cross.

### Resurrection Sunday - April 9

6 AM | Sunrise Service at Palouse Greenwood Cemetery  
10 AM | Sunday Worship at PFC  
1:30 PM | Sunday Worship at Bishop Place

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## Sunday's Coming

Corey Laughary, Pastor

Good Friday - is very good. What a God we have that Jesus would live the life that we could not live, a perfect one, and die the death we deserve, all for the joy of reuniting us with God for eternity. Good Friday is very good because He who knew no sin became sin so that we might become the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21). However, the good news is incomplete without the very good news of Sunday, the resurrection. There is no Christianity without the resurrection. There is no hope without the conquering of death by Jesus. The resurrection proves that there is no darkness that is greater than our Lord. At the cross Jesus took the great cloud of the darkness of sin, evil and death upon Himself and took it to the grave. There could be no greater cloud of darkness than the one that came upon Jesus on that Friday. And make no mistake, He took that gross, terrible, bitter, evil dark cloud to the place of death when He died that very real death. But the good news is that even our cumulative mess of sin and evil could not bind the love of the Father and the Spirit for the Son. The Spirit raised the Son of God from the dead - and the cloud of sin, death and evil was left there. The old has gone, the new has come. He opened the door to the new and eternal Kingdom of Heaven.

When Jesus was raised from the dead He was a new beginning for all who will connect to Him through faith. A new age has come where people can enter into God's holy presence, and have God's Holy Spirit present in their lives, because Jesus has made us righteous and covered over all our sin and shame.

Friends - Christ is victor! The cross is good news, it shows His deep love and commitment to remedy our great ills. Friends - Christ has risen! The empty tomb is good news. It shows that there is a new life available that is not bound to the powers of sin, evil and death. They have been overcome and replaced by life, hope, peace, joy and love. Good Friday leaves us stunned and asking all kinds of questions about Jesus and what He was doing on the cross. But Sunday is coming - and when it does, it brings all things together - and God tells us the whole wonderful plan He has been authoring to bring people into His Kingdom. God loves you friend. He wants the Spirit in your life. He wants you in eternity too. He wants you in the Kingdom now.

Depending on Jesus,  
*Pastor Corey*

## LIFE LESSONS CLASS OF 2023

**DO YOU KNOW A GRADUATING SENIOR WHO COULD BENEFIT FROM THE LIFE LESSONS PROGRAM AND SCHOLARSHIP? LET US KNOW OR SHARE THE SCHEDULE WITH THEM.**

**FINANCES | APRIL 23 | 5 - 7 PM  
PALOUSE FEDERATED CHURCH  
635 N BRIDGE ST, PALOUSE**

**RELATIONSHIPS | APRIL 30 | 3-5 PM  
GARFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH  
210 N 5TH ST, GARFIELD**

**YOUR FUTURE | MAY 07 | 5 - 7 PM  
CALVARY CHAPEL OF THE PALOUSE  
215 E CHURCH ST, PALOUSE**

**\$250 AWARD**

1. ATTEND ALL 3 CLASSES
2. MEET ONCE WITH A MENTOR
3. RECEIVE THE AWARD!

**DINNER & DESSERT  
FUN TALK ON A RELEVANT TOPIC  
PRACTICAL WISDOM FOR LIFE  
QUESTIONS ARE WELCOME**

**YOUR COMMUNITY LOVES YOU  
AND WANTS TO BLESS YOU**

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## SPONSOR A SCHOLARSHIP

**EACH YEAR GARFIELD AND PALOUSE CHURCHES OFFER THE LIFE LESSONS PROGRAM TO GRADUATING SENIORS FROM OUR LOCAL AREA. SOON-TO-BE GRADUATES TAKE CLASSES ON FINANCES, RELATIONSHIPS AND THEIR FUTURE. THEY ALSO MEET WITH MENTORS AS PART OF THE PROCESS. THE STUDENTS WHO COMPLETE THE WHOLE PROGRAM RECEIVE A \$250 AWARD.**

**WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN GIVING FINANCIALLY TO SPONSOR ONE OR MORE OF THE \$250 AWARDS? GIFTS IN ANY AMOUNT ARE ACCEPTED. JUST NOTE "LIFE LESSONS" ON A GIVING ENVELOPE OR THE MEMO LINE OF YOUR CHECK TO PFC. YOU CAN ALSO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE AT THE LIFE LESSONS EVENTS - REACH OUT TO PASTOR COREY.**

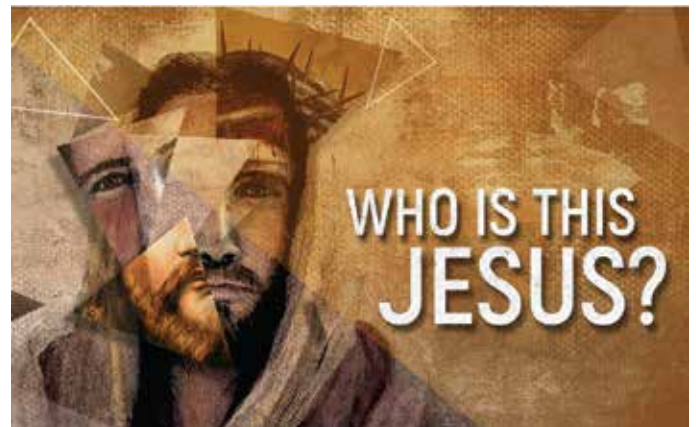


## Christology Class

Wednesday Nights 6:30 PM

**Starting on Wednesday, April 12,** Pastor Corey will be leading a Christology Class. In the study of Christology, we seek a biblical understanding of Jesus Christ, which is crucial to our salvation. Many cults and world religions claim to believe in Jesus Christ, however, they don't believe in the Jesus Christ presented in the Bible. Understanding the Jesus of the Bible will be our task.

As we focus in our study on Christ, we learn that Jesus had to be man so that He could die - and had to be God so that His death would pay for our sins. A proper understanding of Christ is the foundation for all other areas of Christian theology and, for the individual, has great impact as we learn the heart of God and explore God's deep and never-ending love for us.





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



**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

Mon. | 4 PM | Ladies at Laughary's  
 Tues. | 5:30 AM | Men  
 Tues. | 10 AM | Mixed Group  
 Wed. | 10 AM | Ladies  
 Wed. | 6:30 PM | Christology Class  
 Starts 4/12

**QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**APRIL 23 - 10:15 AM**  
**IN-PERSON & ZOOM**



**The Churches of Garfield & Palouse**  
**Invite You:**

**Worship Night**  
**April 30 at 6:30 PM**

**Palouse Federated Church**  
**635 N Bridge St in Palouse**

**Make plans to join with Christians from our communities as we worship together.**



# **PALOUSE PACERS FITNESS CLUB**

**SUNDAYS AT 5 PM**

**SUNDAYS AT 5PM FOLKS ARE INVITED TO MEET ON MAIN STREET IN FRONT OF TLC VETERINARY CLINIC/PALOUSE BREWERY TO BE PART OF THE "PALOUSE PACERS FITNESS CLUB."**

**PEOPLE CAN RUN THE DISTANCE AND PACE OF THEIR CHOOSING. THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS AND ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO HAVE A WEEKLY RUN, JOG OR WALK. YOU CAN STOP IN A LOCAL RESTAURANT FOR A BITE TO EAT FOLLOWING IF YOU LIKE.**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO START AN OUTREACH WALKING GROUP?**

- ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WALKING WITH OTHERS?**
- DO YOU WANT TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH THOSE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH FAMILY?**
- CONSIDER PARTNERING TOGETHER WITH OTHER PFC FOLKS AND STARTING A WEEKLY WALKING GROUP. WE HAVE A FUND THAT CAN HELP SUPPORT FITNESS OUTREACH. THE FUND COULD BE USED ON T-SHIRTS, SHOES, WATER BOTTLES - ANYTHING REASONABLE THAT WOULD MAKE YOUR GROUP MORE FUN AND EFFECTIVE.**
- CONTACT PASTOR COREY IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.**



## Living Like Monks, Praying Like Fools - a Book Report

Tina Laughary, CCT Director

After hearing an interview with author and pastor Tyler Staton about his new book on prayer, I knew I had to read it. Tyler speaks about prayer not as an academic exercise but rather as a deep, emotional and spiritual gift. Listening to Tyler talk about his conversations with God, makes me want to join in and become a part of that conversation.



In his book, "Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools" Tyler talks about ancient prayer. He describes what prayer has looked like for hundreds of years--long before Jesus walked on this earth. He also shares how Jesus prayed and how He shaped the prayers of the church forever. But he doesn't leave prayer there—as an exercise taught and modeled by Jesus 2,000 years ago. Prayer is personal, a living and active part of the church—then, now and always.

Prayer changes lives. This isn't theoretical, it is undeniably true. When Tyler Staton was in middle school, he wasn't sure he believed in God. He was challenged by a mentor to "test" God for himself. Tyler decided that he would find out if God was real by starting every day of summer vacation praying to the God he wasn't sure he believed in. He convinced his mom to drive him to his middle school at dawn each day that summer. He walked laps around the school campus with a middle school student directory in his hand—praying over the school and each student. He spent the whole summer getting to know the God who loved him despite his doubt. This is just one of many stories of prayer Tyler recounts in his book. These stories are encouraging and inspiring.

Whether you are an experienced prayer warrior or a struggling novice filled with doubts, prayer is there for you. A gift from your loving Father who loves to hear the sound of your voice. I strongly recommend you check out—"Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools." We can all learn about prayer. We can all benefit from hearing about someone else's journey in prayer. In prayer, we can all become better acquainted with our God who longs to talk with us.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

### An Update...

Hua Ming Newman, Youth Leader



The Youth Group has been swapping back and forth from Palouse Federated Church and Garfield Community Church each month. We have four amazing people leading alongside of me - Charley Wilkinson, Sunni Prince, and Marty & Janice Masten.

In January, we focused on teaching the youth how to read the Bible and how to start devotions. In February, the leaders shared their personal testimonies all month, allowing the students to get to know more about their leaders. In March, we started a series called "The Five W's of Jesus," where the students will learn the who, what, when, where, and why of Jesus. This will lead us to Jesus' death and resurrection. We will end April with "Why I (we) should follow Jesus."

We have had eight students on average coming each week with the highest being 12. If you would like to volunteer in Youth Group please reach out.

Lastly I want to give a massive thank you to all those who have prepared dinner for the Youth Group. Thank You! We're back in Palouse for April and if you'd like to make dinner, please sign up on the clipboard in the Fellowship Hall!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### After-School Club Growing

Hua Ming Newman & Betty Sawyer

The Children's After-School Club has been going for about two months now. A special thank you to our teachers and helpers! Glenda McLain, Betty Sawyer, Carol Fielder, and Kim Greenwalt have been rotating teaching responsibilities each week and we also have amazing volunteer assistants: Bev Heusser, Sharon White, Brenda Brown, and Oralene Romjue - helping with crafts, snacks and whatever is needed.

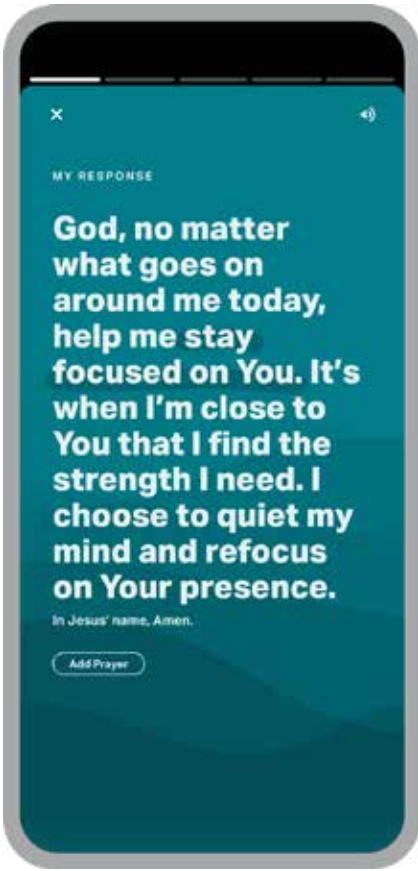
So far, we've had Bible stories about God as creator, Adam and Eve, Noah and God's Promises, and lessons on Abraham. We also are

learning the Books of the Old Testament in song - these kids learn fast! And the snacks are yummy after a hard day at school. To those who have provided snacks - the kids thank you!

Bus service from the grade school is available every Tuesday, and we start at 3:30 PM, once the kids arrive. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to stay and hear the upcoming stories of Jesus and His Resurrection. Invite any children you know to join in the fun.

If you have any questions about the After-School Club or want to help - please reach out to Hua Ming Newman - we'd love to help you find a way to serve!





## Upcoming Sermon Schedule

### LENT SERIES: WORDS THAT MATTER

April 02 The 7 Last Words of Jesus: Triumph - John 19:29-30

### RESURRECTION SUNDAY

April 09 The 7 Last Words of Jesus: Reunion - John 19:31-35 & Luke 23:44-48

### REVELATION CONTINUED

April 16 The Throne - Revelation 4

April 23 The Scroll & The Lamb - Revelation 5

April 30 The Seven Seals - Revelation 6

Join a Bible Reading Plan on the Bible App and read the scriptures along with others. This is a great way to read scripture together daily and go deeper with Jesus. 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!

## YouVersion

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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