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East Asia Vision Trip

This month, Pastor Jeremy will partner with Michael and Noah from the River Church in Moxee, as well as Scott and Travis from Richland Baptist Church for a Vision Trip to East Asia. Pray for them as they travel October 2-12. Their goal is to visit our brothers and sisters serving over there and explore ways to support them.



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As I See It ... by Pastor Frank Johnson The Dead Can Still Teach Us.

"Tradition," writes G. K. Chesterton in *Orthodoxy*, "means giving votes to the most obscure of all classes, our ancestors. It is the democracy of the dead" (from chapter 4, "The Ethics of Elfland").

Every year in October, some branches of the Christian faith celebrate the dawning of the Reformation (even as some other branches ignore or vilify it), marked by the date that Martin Luther posted his *95 Theses* for academic debate. He chose October 31, 1517, to do so, a date that already had become encrusted with extra-Biblical and even pagan practices. He never dreamed that his little invitation to academic debate would be lifted from its context at the university, published far and wide, and set off a movement that still rocks the world, Christian and otherwise.

We can learn from those Reformers still and from many others who lived before and after them. What is so refreshing about reading (almost invariably in translation for me) great souls of the past is that they usually address questions that we, too, ask, but they answer them in a different manner and from a different cultural milieu. Even Christian writers from the past who share our essential convictions often draw attention to ideas and practices that we neglect. Now and then, they hold to viewpoints that we can't share completely, but they just as often challenge us to think more Christianly about matters we take for granted.

In 1944, C. S. Lewis wrote the preface to a new edition of a classic by Athanasius called *On the Incarnation of the*

Word of God. That little pamphlet was first sent out into the world in the mid-4th century, when professing Christians were hotly debating the very nature of Jesus Christ. Lewis obviously thought reading such books would really be good for us at present. "Every age has its own outlook," he writes. "It is specially good at seeing certain truths and specially liable to make certain mistakes." He goes on: "The only palliative is to keep the clean sea breeze of the centuries blowing through our minds, and this can be done only by reading old books." What is so great about this now is that many of these "classics" can be read for free online or with a digital reader.

As I see it, this is just an extension of what Paul observes about the Old Covenant Scriptures: "For as many things as were written beforehand were written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and through the encouragement of the scriptures we might keep on having this hope" (Romans 15:4, JSV). Every time we open our Bibles, we are learning from those long dead who have had profound and eternity shaping experience with God. Their viewpoint is foundational for ours. As we read the books of those who have lived since that time, we learn that people are still having profound and eternity shaping experience with God. And that encourages us to persevere, indeed!

My love in Christ,

Pastor Frank



In the Coming Month: October 2018

Sundays	9 a.m. Bible Study Hour, and 10:15 a.m. Worship
Mondays 7:00 p.m.	Ladies Prayer Walk
Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.	Life Group at Johnson's, 808 E. Capitol
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.	Prayer Group at the church's facilities, room 202
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.	Ignition (youth group, grades 6-12)
Thursdays 6:00 p.m.	Life Group at Jim & Laura Bisonnette's, 2406 N. Ellington
Thursdays 7:00 p.m.	Life Group at 1001 E. Mountainview
Thursdays 7:00 p.m.	Crosswalk (Collegiate students and young adults)
Fridays 4:30 p.m.	LIFE Group at Briarwood Commons, 1001 S. Chestnut St.
Wed. Oct 3, 6:30 p.m.	Cornerstone Kids Club
Sun. Oct 7	Message from Kurt Lenhoff, NW Baptist Foundation Stewardship Catalyst. Estate Planning Workshop 2 p.m.
Sun. Oct 14, 4:30 p.m.	Christmas Choir Rehearsals begin
Sat. Oct 13, 8 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Fri. Oct 19	NCM Iron Chef
Sat. Oct 20, 9 a.m.	Women's Breakfast
Sun. Oct 28	Pray 4 Every Home Potluck Meal after service



Stacia's Notes: Youth Ministry Update

Youth Greetings

Peace be with you! I am experiencing God bring peace and it has been such a blessing to see. We talked about peace last week at Ignition and we were challenged to memorize Isaiah 26:3 which says, "You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you." This has been a prayer and promise to hold onto in these busy weeks. Isn't it good to know that God is faithful and generous to give when we are in need?

Ignition

We are continuing through the Fruit of the Spirit this Fall and enjoying each week! We play a game that involves fruit each time and last week it involved oranges, nylons, and what resembled elephant trunks on each of us. It was hilarious and a good way for us to have fun together! I am thankful that things that cause us to laugh together help us to fellowship together which draws us closer to God together. Church life is good, healthy, and beautiful because of this!

We are still welcoming some new 6th graders this Fall and encourage all those in the 6th-12th grades to join us from 7-8:30pm on Wednesday nights. We do have fun together, but we also open God's word each week and learn about our Savior, Jesus!

Highlight Story:

September really has flown by! When I think back over the month and what I have been blessed to see happen among our youth, I realize how long ago Labor Day weekend and our Rodeo Parking fundraiser seems! With that event, one of our biggest of the year, I am always thankful for the help and volunteers we get, as well as encouraged by the time I get to spend with those of you who volunteer! Thank you for the hours you gave to that endeavor. We raised \$4100 for our youth program this coming year! This will help teenagers engage in events that will get them out of their comfort zone and into a place they can hear, see, and experience God at work. This is a great thing!

One of the other highlights has been inviting and seeing some new sixth graders get involved in Ignition or in Sunday School. Autumn, sibling of alumni student Aren, has been coming on Wednesday nights. To see her open up and start to be involved in our discussions as well as beat the rest of us at silly fruit games has been really exciting to see. I can remember times in my life when a place felt like home, like I could be myself. It's those places and times that I have grown so much in the Lord. Being a part of this church family has been that for me! I pray that God will continue to use this church family and our youth group to be that place for young and old alike in our community!

With hope in Christ,

Your Youth Director,

Stacia Harmsen

Pastor Jeremy's Updates

Collegiate Ministry

Central is off to a booming start once again, and our group of young men and women have been working hard to reach out to new and returning students. Thank you to all who helped make the fall potluck such a great success. Not only was the food delicious, but conversation around the table was rich.

Crosswalk

This fall during Crosswalk, we will be looking at the person of Jesus, through what He said about Himself. Pray with us that each of the "I Am" statements will give us a more clear picture of the God who came to walk with us and give His life on our behalf. And pray that week after week God will lead us to students who need to know of His love, truth and goodness, and that we can be bridges to Him.

Activities

Quick summary of welcome-week activities that you were praying for last month. We were able to invite almost 200 students to join in free food, Thursday Crosswalk and Sunday services, all while bringing smiles and treats to freshmen and transfer students. We were also excited to have several come and join us for a BBQ and Crosswalk and on Sunday the 23rd. God is at work, and we know He will continue to work as we give ourselves to Him! This month, we will be having NCM Iron Chef on October 19, a wonderful opportunity for students to invite their friends to have fun together in a completely non-threatening environment. Pray that many non-believing students would respond with a "yes" to the invite of their Christian friends.

Fall Conference

The first weekend of November will be our annual NCM Fall Conference, held this year in Auburn. Our group will be helping by leading the musical elements of worship while we're there, and a professor from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will be our guest sharing Scripture with us. Pray that leading up to the conference, and that during our time away, God would speak into our lives and challenge us to grow ever closer to Him in faith and service.

Thank you for loving students well, and I pray that many would find a home with us this year, and find Jesus forever!

His,

Jeremy



Visit from Kurt Lenhoff

On **October 7**, we will have the opportunity to hear from NWBF Stewardship Catalyst Kurt Lenhoff for an fast moving interactive **Estate Planning Workshop at 2 p.m.** He is going to unpack the inherent relationship between God's grace and estate planning as an expression of worship. Anyone is welcome to come listen to his financial encouragement and teaching.



Pray 4 Every Home

At the NW Baptist Convention (NWBC) in fall of 2017, leaders of the NWBC presented a new project that is being developed all over the country. It is called Pray 4 Every Home ministry (www.pray4everyhome.org). The concept is simple: using databases of names and addresses that are readily available to the public, this ministry identifies the people, by name, who live around a given address and make those names available for prayer.

Here's how it works.

- You go to the website (above),
- Create an account,
- and then every day you receive via email the names of five of your closest neighbors.

That's it! Then, you set aside some time when you receive the email to pray for them. What if every one of us did this regularly for our neighbors? What an impact could be made for the kingdom of God! What doors for possible witness could be opened with these neighbors! Our NWBC has purchased the program that gives us access to pray for every home in the Northwest. We should get signed up right away and begin praying, then see how God works in the lives of our neighbors and in our lives as a result.

*We will hold a **potluck meal Sunday, Oct 28** after the morning service in which to promote this project. Bring food, bring friends, and let's support one another in prayer!



Christmas Choir

If you've been thinking about joining the CSBC Choir, now would be a wonderful time. **Starting Sunday afternoon, October 14**, we will rehearse weekly in the Fellowship Hall in preparation for our December 9 performance. No previous choir experience is necessary, just willingness to learn and do your best and work with others. We are excited to share some wonderful music with the congregation, as well as hear from the CSBC kids choir and the Preschool choir. (And our choir celebration wouldn't be complete without a cookie social to follow.)

Rehearsal times will be limited, so we will want to start strong and be consistent throughout. We will also have childcare for choir members during each rehearsal. Please join us in celebrating the coming of Jesus!



Women's Ministry Events

Welcome to Fall! Our **weekly prayer walks** for October will continue on **Monday nights**, but we'll meet each week at **6pm (new time!) at the CWU Wildcat Statue outside of the SURC**. That way we have lighted paths to follow as the days grow colder and darker. Bring along any prayer requests you might have, and a nice comfy sweatshirt!

October's Woman's Breakfast is 9am on Saturday, Oct. 20. We are still working through the book 100 Favorite Verses, to look afresh at familiar truths. Along with the short discussion, we will also have a light breakfast and lots of good fellowship. Bring your friends and see you there!

Men's Ministry Events

Monthly Breakfast

Monthly breakfast has resumed! **Saturday October 13th at 8 a.m.** gentlemen are invited to meet in the fellowship hall for food and fellowship.

Upcoming Retreat

All men ages 13 and older are invited to the upcoming retreat put on by the Inaugural *Central Washington Baptist Association*. See info below-

- Location: Lazy F Camp and Retreat Center just outside of Ellensburg
- **November 30– December 1** (Friday evening through Saturday evening)
- \$78.01 per person



Cornerstone Kids Club

We will be kicking off the year on October 3rd! Kids 1st - 5th grade are welcome to join us on **Wednesday nights at 6:30** for a fun time of games, music, bible study, and activities! This year, Halloween falls on a Wednesday, so we will be having a fun dress-up night! (no scary costumes!). If you are interested in helping with Cornerstone Kids Club or have questions, contact Janelle Johnson at 509-859-4490.

We Need You!

Call for Sunday School Workers

God has blessed our church with beautiful children. We are in need of adults to help teach during the Sunday School hour. If you have a willing heart and are open to training, we want you! Contact Dwight Bolton or the church office for more information.

Nursery Helpers

Anyone wishing to help with the babies and toddlers during the Sunday School hour or worship service time can contact MaryDawn Buntin or the church office.

