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WE ARE COMMITTED TO FOLLOWING GOD TOGETHER
CONNECTED WITH HIM, COMMITTED TO EACH OTHER
AND PARTICIPATING IN HIS LIFE TOGETHER

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For the month of October PCF is having a Tech Drive!
This fundraiser is happening in hopes to replace some of our older,
broken and out of date technology.

Items we hope to replace/purchase with the funds raised are;
the Student Ministry Building projector, the Student Building and
sanctuary computers, the PCF internet network and
software for the computers.

Our goal for the month of October is \$10,000.

This would allow us to make all of these updates with ease.
If you have any questions please speak with one of the deacons or email
deacons@welcometopcf.org.

Each week there will be a tech drive update to help everyone know
where we are in regards to our GOAL!



Come be a part of the body and join the discussion and growth at a Life Group.
Groups meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Check out the fliers next to
the information table in the entryway for contact information and maps
to each Life Group location.

*Please note the Gustafson's Key Peninsula Life Group is now meeting 6:30-8pm.

Life group stories for this season will be about families; mothers, fathers and siblings.

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When the Fog Cleared

By: Kurt Mach

I awoke earlier than the others, which was not unusual. Raising my head, I looked out and saw the early morning mist had already lifted a few feet off of the ground. The sheep pen was not a bad place to sleep; especially now that fall was pointing to winter. Because we worked here too, we didn't even notice the smell any more. But the ground was soft with straw and the warmth of the animals was an added blessing when night-time temperatures dropped. I wondered what the day would bring.

Some friends and I were among the most fortunate of Jerusalem's orphans. We had been given work tending the young lambs being raised for ceremonial offerings in the temple. Prior to being chosen for this I spent most of my nights in a cave outside of town with many of the other abandoned children; down the road from the leper colony. We traded off responsibilities during the day to multiply the number of us who got the chance to enjoy the benefits of belonging to a group that had a purpose. The owners were generous and fed us once a day with bread and soup. Before this we never knew when we might get a meal. It had all changed after that amazing, strange day none of us expected.

We had all heard the stories about Jesus of Nazareth. It was impossible to live in Jerusalem and not hear about Him. The closer you got to the temple, the more you heard; especially from the priests as they walked and talked. The thing about being a street orphan was that regular people acted as if you didn't even exist. They never looked at you and talked among themselves openly as though you couldn't hear either. If anyone important would have believed us we could have told some information the temple leaders thought was private.

Then, one day a group of us heard that Jesus was teaching in a field outside of town. So off we went to see and hear the man so many strange things were being said about. We caught up with the stragglers of what turned out to be a huge crowd sitting on a hillside while he spoke to them about all sorts of stuff. Sometimes he told really cool stories, and other times he talked about things that left me completely puzzled. He talked for a long time and as the day wore on I was glad my stomach was not the only one grumbling.

He had stopped talking and sat down as the men who were always close by him huddled around. After a little while they began to walk out among us handing out bread and fish to everyone in this

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huge crowd. I was excited, along with everyone else and while we were still eating word began to circulate that he was generating all of this food from a small meal brought along by just one person. At first I didn't believe it at all, but soon everyone was repeating it as fact and amazement swept through the whole crowd. He had said something about never being hungry again and the next day I was chosen to join the group tending the lambs. What was I supposed to think?

Now, several weeks later, I had just finished my morning chores and been cut loose for the rest of the day when one of my friends ran up and said Jesus was back in the area. We took off.

This time we outran most of the people trying to get to where the rumor said he would be and got to a house just as people were streaming in behind him; at least that's what we heard. Slipping in, unnoticed as usual, we quietly moved into a corner of the room, hoping to escape being seen and told to leave. He sat on a chair and began teaching again. Once he started talking everyone's attention was fastened on him and it looked as if we were safe for the time being.

Right in the middle of this, suddenly we all heard several people up on the roof above us. Everyone except Jesus looked up, but he just kept talking. Then, whoever was up on the roof began ripping it apart! Everyone in the room was looking back and forth from Jesus to the roof and back again. He kept on teaching as if nothing unusual was happening. When they began to break through a few pieces of material fell down into the room as the hole grew and people raised their forearms over their heads for protection, but no one was willing to move and give up their spot. The room was packed.

Eventually Jesus stopped talking and looked up at the hole in the roof, too. After two men looked down through the hole, they leaned back and then began lowering another man down into the room in a sling attached to long ropes. It was obvious he was coming all the way down so the people below squished closer together to make room and the man ended up laying on the floor right in front of Jesus. Don't ask me how, but we all knew the man was crippled and couldn't walk. He just lay there looking up at Jesus. Jesus looked back at him and smiled.

Jesus looked back up at the men peering through the hole. Then he and the man on the floor locked eye contact. No one spoke but everyone in the room was bursting with anticipation for what might happen next. We had all heard stories of him healing people. He started to speak to the guy, "Young man..." and as he spoke he turned and looked me right in the eye, then continued... "Your sins are forgiven." I felt like I'd been struck by lightning. I couldn't move, I couldn't speak, I couldn't think, but I knew he had spoken to me and it was true.

When I came to my senses I was outside with my friends, people were swarming around buzzing like bees. Apparently Jesus had told the man to pick up his blanket and walk out, and he did. I had always considered myself a good person, but as an orphan I had stolen some food. I have even stolen things to sell for food. I had also told more than a few lies along the way. I knew that Jesus knew all of that and he told me he had just swept it all away as if it had never happened, and I knew it was true. I will never be the same.

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a Christian drama ministry team



Evergreen Performers presents:

Methuselah's Gift

Based on the classic children's books by local author, Mary Elizabeth Edgren. This captivating tale is about a family of Christian raccoons who follow The Maker. They wear their masks on their faces and not on their hearts!

Performances evenings at PCF

Thursday October 15th

Friday October 16th

More information at

www.evergreenperformers.org.

Women's Prayer Group

Join other women of PCF in prayer at 7pm on the first and third Monday nights of every month.

The group meets at Carol Moller's home.

Contact Carol Moller (253-756-7236) or Diane Smith (253-970-1568) for additional information.

Sewing for Mexico Missions Trip

Come help make dresses for our Mexico missions trip! Laura Lease will be hosting a sewing event this month in the Student Ministry Building on Friday October 16th from 4-9pm and Saturday October 17th from 9am-4pm. Don't know a lot about sewing? No problem! Come anyway!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Questions, contact Laura at 253-2652004.



Church Workday

Join us Saturday October 24th 8-11am for the next work day. This one will be a bit lighter than the last. Lots of projects around the building need attention.

Come lend a hand!



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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Please note the church office hours have changed:</p> <p>Monday, Wednesday and Thursday: 9:30am-2:30pm</p> <p>Tuesday: By Appointment</p>  </div>				1 Life Groups 6pm <i>Thrive!</i>	2 PCF Office Closed	3
4 10am Worship 645-8pm Soulfire	5 7pm Women's Prayer Group	6 Life Groups	7 Life Groups	8 Life Groups 6pm <i>Thrive!</i>	9 PCF Office Closed	10
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Life Group Leaders

Tuesday

Chuck and Shalene Gustafson

Wednesday

Tom and Christine Bender

Peter and Betsy Smith

Thursday

Kurt and Revell Mach

Charles and April Wilder

Anniversaries & Birthdays

1-Ian Fisher

2-Vicki Gibson

3-Jason and Trish Weron, 1992

4-Eric Pierson

5-Susie Noble

7-Kurt Mach

9-Marlie Porter

10-Wayne Cornman, Emily Peterson

11-Tom Fifer, Tom Fisher

14-Kahrista Hanenburg

17-Stephanie Noble

18-Charlie and Vicki Gibson, 1992

Erik and Emily Peterson, 2014

19-Dan and Brenda Sizemore, 1985

20-Adeline Wilder

21-Andy Bothwell, Brenda Sizemore,
Brian Staples

23-Gary Hobbs

24-Edilberto and Janice Abdalla, 1998

27-Mitch Jaber Jr.

30-Darwin Newton

31-Don and Cindy Delzer, 1987