



# Salt & Light

Pendleton Free Methodist Church \* 1711 SW 44th St.\* Pendleton OR 97801

## Upcoming Events

Newcomer's Lunch  
March 14th, at 12pm

Membership class on  
March 14th at 1:30pm  
Are *you* a member?

No Crosswalk or  
Youth Group on March 24th  
due to Spring Break.



Daylight Savings time begins on March 14th, so don't forget to move your clocks forward one hour.



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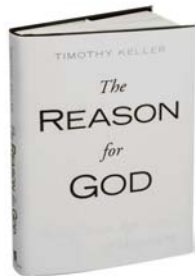
## The Pastor's Bookshelf

*By Pastor Scott*

From time to time I find a particular author so compelling that I read everything they write. For example, I've gone through C.S. Lewis, Dallas Willard, Philip Yancey, and Mark Buchanan phases, devouring everything they wrote that I could get my hands on.

I recently found myself doing it again with Timothy Keller, a New York City pastor with an amazing ability to write about spiritual truth in a way that's profound but understandable and reader-friendly. Keller has written three books to date, all of which I highly recommend. Although all three share some common themes, each is different in subject matter, and all three are well worth the read. Keller's three books are summarized below:

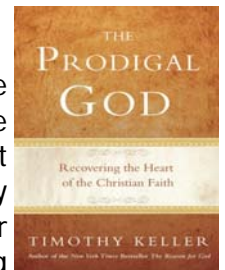
### *The Reason For God*



This was Tim Keller's first book, and it's one of the best I've read in dealing with some of the tough questions people have about Christianity. The subtitle is "*Belief in an Age of Skepticism*", and Rick Warren says, "*This is the book I give to all my friends who are serious spiritual seekers or skeptics.*" In the first part of the book, Keller brilliantly addresses seven of the most common objections to Christianity, then in the second part, he just as brilliantly lays out the reasons for faith. This book favorably compares with the C.S. Lewis classic *Mere Christianity*, but better addresses the questions skeptics and spiritual seekers are asking in this generation. Not only is this a great book to give someone who is spiritually curious or skeptical, it will also strengthen, encourage, and enlighten Christians, too.

### *The Prodigal God*

Keller's second book is an extended meditation on the famous "Prodigal Son" parable of Jesus. Keller shows how we have so often misunderstood this important story by making it primarily about the younger son (even the title we traditionally use, "The Prodigal Son", misses the story's main point). Keller shows how the story is really a beautiful and often surprising explanation of the gospel, and how the story is really about a prodigal **father** and **two** lost sons. I'm confident that anyone who reads this book will have a

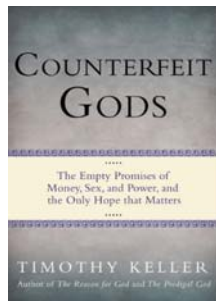


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better understanding of what it means to be a Christian, and will never read or think about the parable, or the gospel, the same way again.

### Counterfeit Gods



The third and most recent of Keller's books, Counterfeit Gods, challenges us to identify and remove the idols of our hearts, which we are often ignorant about or even unaware of. He spends a good portion of the book exploring three of the better known idols of our day - money, sex, and power - but with such fresh insight and understanding that readers may feel as though they are learning it for the first time. Keller also helps us identify and understand many of the other kinds of idols that tend to capture the human heart, and explains in clear and compelling fashion why none of them can satisfy, and why only God can. This book will challenge, enlighten, convict, and encourage you all at the same time.

I hope this will encourage some of you to get acquainted with the work of Tim Keller. You'll be glad you did. Happy and fruitful reading!

## PRIMETIMERS UPDATE

*Contributed by Paul Thomas*

We are still planning and will have a function in March--date not yet set. Keep your eye on the bulletins. Between March and summer we will participate in area events. Beyond that, we are planning some new and exciting summer trips. We would love to have you join us as we enjoy these trips and each other. Talk to Paul or Shirley Thomas.








### PFMC Financial Information

	<u>January</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
<b>Operating Income</b>	\$ 36,865	\$ 36,865	\$ 30,833
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	\$ 30,998	\$ 30,998	\$ 30,833
<b>Missions Giving</b>	\$ 347	\$ 347	*

\* **Note:** No budget is set annually for missions giving. In addition to the amount received for missions above, PFMC also designates a portion of our operating income for world and local missions. The amount given for missions from our operating income is \$2,500 to date.

# March 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Property & Facilities Mtg. 7pm 	2	3 Crosswalk Youth Group 7pm	4	5	6
7  Pastor's Prayer Team 4pm	8	9 BOA—7pm	10 Crosswalk Youth Group 7pm	11	12	13
14 Newcomer's Lunch 12pm Membership Class 1:30pm	15	16	17 Crosswalk Youth Group 7pm 	18 Pastor's Cabinet 7pm	19	20 
21	22	23	24 No Crosswalk or Youth due to Spring Break	25	26	27
28  Palm Sunday	29	30	31 Crosswalk Youth Group 7pm			

# Earthen Jars

Contributed By Karen Lange

**W**e all go through difficult times. We all face fear. We all wonder at times if God has forgotten us or just simply decided to allow hardship in our life. We are humble, human; and like the jars of clay Paul talks about in 2 Corinthians 4:7, we are cracked, a little damaged perhaps from wear and tear, but still usable. We still have a purpose. Paul was referring to common, inconspicuous jars that were used to hold valuables. They were good hiding places because of their shoddy appearance. No one thought they were holding anything of worth.

The most precious jar is perhaps the one which is strong but has some cracks from the firing process. We identify the most with this jar. Our potter picks out the best clay, molds it, shapes it and forms it into a strong, beautiful vessel. It has some flaws of striping and color streaking from the clay but is beautiful nonetheless. It is placed into the kiln for firing and it cracks. It's just a little crack here or there, coming out of the fire with a few "scars". The potter puts it on a shelf not to be forgotten, but to be used when the time is right. One morning he decides to use the jar and finds it on the shelf completely transformed as the light of the sun shines through a window and through the jar with radiant streams of beautiful light blazing through the cracks in the jar.

God uses us in the same way. We are earthen jars or vessels, holding the most precious treasure of all, Jesus. Our insufficiency becomes God's glory. *"For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us".* (2 Corinthians 4:6-7) We are filled with God's light through Christ. We are filled with treasure. And that treasure is the hope of the world.



## Son of God

By Starfield



Son of God  
Shaper of the stars  
You alone  
The dweller of my heart  
Mighty King  
How beautiful You are, how beautiful

Son of God  
The Father's gift to us  
You alone  
Were broken on the alter of love  
Precious Lamb  
Our freedom's in Your blood, It's in your blood  
Jesus, Oh Holy One  
I sing to You  
Forgiven  
Savior, I'm overcome  
With Your great love for me

Son of God  
Strength beyond compare  
You alone  
The darkness cannot bear  
Lord of love  
Your kindness draws me near, it draws me

Son of God  
Prophecy of old  
You alone  
Redeemer of my soul  
Come again  
And lead your people home, come lead us home

You are worthy  
You are worthy  
You are worthy of all my praise

You are beautiful  
You are beautiful  
I will lift up my hands and sing





## Children's Ministry Update

*Contributed by Holly Banks*

I am so pleased to share this picture of the kids in Mexico holding up the soccer balls donated by the Crosswalk Kids penny drive. I love all the smiling faces! Again, thanks to our awesome Mission Team for delivering all those soccer balls for us!

I hope you all enjoyed receiving Valentines from our PFMC Kids on Valentine's Day. They worked really hard on those for you! We had some Valentines left over and Emmett and I were able to distribute those at area Retirement Homes, so none of them went to waste! What a fun project that was, and how special to have Valentine's Day fall on a Sunday!

I will keep you all posted on upcoming projects and events as they are planned. In the meantime, we are always in need of cookies for Crosswalk. They can be homemade or purchased, and are always appreciated by the children! Thank you!

