



Connection Point MARCH 2026



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Calendar Events

Mar. 19-21 - District Impact Northwest at The Worship Center, Smeltonville, ID

June 10-12 – Family Camp – Yakima, WA

June 13 – Board Meeting – Yakima, WA

June 15 – 18 – Gen. Board & Summerfest, St. Louis, MO

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(We have 186 email contacts that are receiving the monthly Connection Point Newsletter. Help us to connect to more folks by sending us your friends’ emails. Our goal is to get 250 by Impact NW.)



Continue to pray for the Umphenour family. Steve recently underwent major surgery and is recovering.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for Pastor Arby Shown. Arby suffered a severe concussion and needs prayer for continued healing.



Annual Local Church Reporting !

Hello Pastors, it’s time to get those reports done. Please go to pnwpcg.com Go to **About Us**, then scroll down to **Resources**. The link will take you to the page site for the report. **The Password is ALCR25**
Thank you to the many of you that have already completed them!



(A little history) Since around the ninth or 10th century, people in Ireland have been observing a celebration feast day honoring St. Patrick on March 17. St. Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle. Born in Roman Britain, at 16, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people. In the centuries following Patrick’s death (believed to have been on March 17, 493) from Irish culture. Perhaps the most well-known legend of St. Patrick is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

March we are featuring our PNWPCG Military Chaplains



Col. James Foster Military Chaplain JBLM

Col. James Foster is a seasoned military chaplain in the U.S. Army, serving as the Command Chaplain for the Joint Task Force-National Capital Region & Military District in Washington. He has a rich background in military service as a Marine 1989-1996. Foster completed his M. Div at Western Evangelical Seminary before being accessioned to active duty in Afghanistan. He has held various assignments, including as the 10th Mountain Div. Chaplain & Deputy Command Chaplain for the JTF-Nat'l. Capital Region & Military District. Foster's commitment to serving Soldiers & families as servant-leaders is evident in his role as the Garrison Chaplain at Joint Base Lewis McChord in Washington state, where he oversees the spiritual welfare & pastoral care of Soldiers. His dedication to the mission of the Chaplain Corps is highlighted by his participation in various religious services and community outreach efforts.



CH. USA LTC Ernest Ibanga - Retired

Chaplain (LTC) Ernest Ibanga is a prominent military chaplain known for his dedication to serving in various institutional settings, including the U.S. Armed Forces, V.A; Prisons/Jails, Health Care, Hospitals, Hospice, Universities/Colleges, Law Enforcement, Fire/EMS, Athletics, Corporations and more. His role involves creating a compassionate, inclusive community where every individual receives personalized spiritual care, fostering hope, connection, & resiliency in times of crises, transition and need.

Dr. Ernest Ibanga, a Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army, has been instrumental in establishing the King's Military and Civilian Chaplains Commission, focusing on recruitment, retention, pastoral care, counseling, and continuing education. His extensive service and leadership in chaplaincy have been recognized with the Bronze Star Medal for distinguished combat service in Iraq, and three decades of Chaplaincy and pastoral ministry.

Ernest Ibanga's message, "The Unshakeable Foundation," is a powerful message that resonates with many, emphasizing the importance of faith and resilience in the face of adversity. His work continues to inspire and guide those he serves, making him a respected figure in the field of military chaplaincy.

Home Missions: Continued work on Yakima New Hope. There were 11 metal windows replaced with vinyl on East wing of the church.



Kari Lineberry is in Israel and reports, "I am safe! And this is the group that I am with".



Eagles' Wings stands firmly in prayer and principled action in support of the joint efforts of the U.S. and Israel as they confront the grave and escalating threats to world peace emanating from Iran. We recognize the seriousness of this hour and the necessity of resolute leadership in the face of aggression. We are praying for the safety, courage, wisdom, and supernatural protection of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces and the Israel Defense Forces carrying out these critical operations. May they be shielded, strengthened, and successful in their mission. This is not theoretical for us. We remain in close communication with our team on the ground in Israel. Our Awakened and Empowered Women's Leadership Mission is currently there and is safely sheltered at this time. We ask you to pray for their protection, for calm hearts and clear minds, and for strength as they stand in solidarity with the people of Israel in a moment

of real danger. Eagles' Wings was founded to build enduring bridges between Jews and Christians and to mobilize informed, courageous advocacy for the State of Israel. That calling does not waver in crisis...it becomes clearer. In this pivotal hour, we remain steadfast. We will stand. We will pray. We will speak. And we will act – in unwavering support of Israel and the Jewish people, the innocent and long-suffering people of Iran, and the peace & betterment of the whole human family.

Doty, WA Church visit



Sis. Johnson & daughter Roben



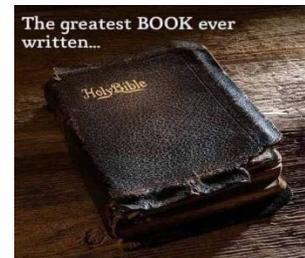
Bishop's Valentine dinner with our granddaughter, Princess Brooke-Lyn



Pastor John Oebel of Celebration church is partnering with Celebrate Recovery for the L/C valley.



Grandson Nic & Bishop celebrating their Seahawks win of Superbowl 60. And the Roberts tradition of Christmas football stockings that stay up until your team loses & ends March 1st.



March 19 - 21

The Worship Center

307 Main St.

Smelterville, ID

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Phil Redding, Asst. Gen Bishop

Impact Daily Schedule:

Thursday

- 5:00 pm Pastor Appreciation Dinner (provided)
- 7:00 pm Evening Service, Keynote speaker:
Dr. Phil Redding
- 9:00 pm After Service Fellowship

Friday

- 8:00 am Breakfast (provided)
- 9:00 am Honoring/Memorial Service, Bishop
David Roberts
- 10:00 am General Session Bishop
- 11:00 am Dr Phil Redding / AIM
- 12:00 pm Lunch (provided)
- 1:00 pm Convention
- 4:00 pm (Post Convention Board Meeting)
- 5:00 pm Dinner (**not provided**)
- 7:00 pm Evening Service, Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Phil Redding
- 9:00 pm Fellowship

Saturday

- 8:00 am Continental Breakfast (provided)
- 9:00 am The Cause / AIM
- 10:00 am Department Leaders promo's,
Gen. Secretary greeting & promo of
Nat'l. Events.
- 11:00 am Prayer & Ministry time.
- 11:30 am Dismissal

Motel options for Impact NW. Kellogg, ID (near Smelterville)

Fairbridge Inn 301 Bunker Ave. Kellogg (208) 783-1234

Silver Mountain Resort 602 Bunker Ave. Kellogg (866) 994-8853

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From the Bishop's Desk,

"We Need A Move"

Impact NW is just around the corner, we have great things in store from our Pastor Appreciation Dinner to kick things off to great messages by Dr. Phil Redding, great fellowship, our annual honoring service, more general sessions, Convention, get ready, get ready, get ready, it's gonna be so good! Please join us in prayer as we pray, seek His face and come March 19-21, we shall hear from heaven! We Need A Move!

The following is a bit of a long read yet quick in conversation format but in my humble estimation so vital because 73% of church kids abandon faith!

My pastor's son just told him he's an atheist — and suddenly I looked at my 12-year-old and realized he can quote scripture but can't answer a single "why" question.

It was 10:32 PM on a Wednesday when Pastor Mike told our small group.

His son Daniel. Homeschooled through high school.

Memorized entire books of the Bible.

Now a sophomore at a Christian college, telling his dad that "faith is intellectually dishonest."

Pastor Mike's voice cracked when he said it.

"He said I taught him what to believe but never taught him why any of it is true."

I drove home in silence, my hands gripping the steering wheel too tight.

When I got home, my son Caleb was at the kitchen table finishing his AWANA homework — filling in blanks about the twelve disciples.

I sat down across from him. "Caleb, why do you believe the Bible is true?"

He looked up, confused.

"Because... it's God's Word?"

"But how do you know it's God's Word?"

Blank stare. "Because the Bible says so?"

My stomach dropped. "And how do we know the Bible is right when it says that?"

His face went red. "I don't know, Dad. That's just what we believe."

Just what we believe.

Circular reasoning.

The exact trap that destroyed Daniel's faith the moment a professor questioned it.

I sat there watching my son — this kid who could recite Romans 8 from memory — completely unable to defend his faith for sixty seconds.

The next morning, I tested him again.

"Why did Jesus have to die? Why couldn't God just forgive us?"

"Because... we needed Jesus to save us?"

"But WHY? What would happen if God just said 'you're forgiven' without the cross?"

Silence. He had no idea.

He knew the story. He didn't understand the theology.

That Friday at men's breakfast, I brought it up.

Four other dads had the same story.

Kids who aced Sunday School. Kids who got baptized.

Kids who couldn't explain why they believed a single word of it.

We were building a generation of Bible experts who would crumble the first time someone asked "why?"

I spent that weekend obsessed.

1:47 AM Saturday night, I was reading articles about Gen Z and deconstruction.

The pattern was everywhere.

Christian kids getting to college, meeting their first atheist professor, and having zero answers.

Not because they were rebellious.

Because they'd been taught WHAT to believe but never WHY it's true.

3:22 AM, I found myself on Daniel's Instagram.

Scrolling back three years.

Bible verse posts. Youth group photos. "Blessed beyond measure" everywhere.

Then freshman year of college, the posts changed.

Philosophy quotes. Richard Dawkins references.

Then nothing about faith at all. I could see the exact moment it happened.

Week 3 of his Intro to Philosophy class.

A post that said: "Turns out I can't answer basic questions about what I claim to believe. Maybe I never really believed it."

Sunday morning, I couldn't focus during the sermon.

I kept watching Caleb in the pew next to me, coloring his bulletin.

He looked so confident. So sure.

But it was a house built on sand.

One good professor. One smart atheist friend. One hard question.

And it would all collapse.

That afternoon, I did something I'd never done before. I asked Caleb to explain the Trinity.

He knew it was "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

But when I asked HOW that works, he had nothing.

When I asked WHY it matters that Jesus is God and not just a good teacher, he guessed.

When I asked how we know the Bible wasn't just written by men and changed over time, he said, "I think someone checked?"

My twelve-year-old had spent eight years in Sunday School and couldn't defend his faith for sixty seconds.

Then it hit me. Neither could I. Not really.

Not with the kind of answers that would hold up against a philosophy professor.

I'd been a Christian for thirty years and realized I had heart knowledge — I knew Jesus was real because I'd walked with Him — but I'd never learned to put words to it.

1 Peter 3:15 says to "always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."

I wasn't prepared. And I certainly hadn't prepared Caleb.

Two weeks later, I was at Books-A-Million, standing in front of a wall of apologetics books.

William Lane Craig. Alvin Plantinga. Ravi Zacharias.

All, way too advanced for a twelve-year-old.

I needed something that would teach him to THINK theologically, not just memorize better.

That's when I heard a conversation behind me. A dad and his teenage son, maybe fourteen.

"So, if someone says Jesus was just copying other religions, what would you say?"

The kid didn't hesitate.

"I'd say the manuscript evidence proves Jesus's story came first, and I'd explain how the dying-and-rising god myths are actually different in like six important ways. We covered that in week 19."

I turned around. "Excuse me, what are you studying?"

The dad showed me this workbook called Systematic Theology Workbook for Kids by Valorrea.

52 weeks of Systematic Theology for Kids.

Actual arguments, not just stories.

How we know the Bible is reliable. Why the resurrection proves Jesus is God.

What makes Christianity different from other religions.

His son had been working through it for seven months.

"He destroyed his youth leader's doubts last month," the dad said, laughing.

"The leader said something about science disproving Genesis, and my son spent twenty minutes explaining why that's a category error. I was so proud."

The kid shrugged. “I just like knowing WHY things are true. It’s like solving puzzles.”

I bought the systematic theology workbook immediately.

That Sunday afternoon, I sat with Caleb and opened to lesson 1.

“How Do We Know God Exists?”

But it wasn’t just “the Bible tells us so.”

It was actual arguments. The cosmological argument explained at a sixth-grade level.

The moral argument with examples from his life. A logic puzzle where he had to work through cause-and-effect to understand why there must be a First Cause.

Caleb leaned in. “Wait, so EVERYTHING that begins has to have a cause? Even the universe?”

We spent an hour on that one lesson. He asked nine questions. Real questions.

Not “what’s the answer” but “how does that work?” and “what if someone says this instead?”

Here’s what surprised me: I was learning too.

At 47 years old, I finally understood arguments I’d never been taught.

Concepts that would have strengthened my own faith decades ago.

Two weeks in, something shifted. Caleb started arguing with me at dinner.

Not disrespectfully — theologically.

“Dad, I don’t think that’s right. Because in lesson 6, it explained that God existing outside time means...”

He was THINKING.

Week 5, he came to me frustrated.

“Dad, I can’t figure out the problem of evil. Like, I get the free will answer, but what about natural disasters?”

He was wrestling. Not just accepting.

Actually, working through the hard stuff.

And here’s what I noticed — the more Caleb understood WHY his faith was true, the deeper his relationship with Jesus became.

This wasn’t replacing his heart knowledge with head knowledge.

It was giving his heart something his mind couldn’t tear down later.

Week 8, we were at a family dinner and my brother — who’s agnostic — made a comment about the Bible being “written by men.”

Before I could respond, Caleb jumped in.

“Uncle Rob, do you know about the manuscript evidence? We have more copies of the New Testament than any other ancient document, and they’re way closer to the original events. If you don’t trust the Bible, you can’t trust anything we know about Julius Caesar either.”

My brother was stunned. So was I. That’s when I knew.

This wasn’t just memory work. This was genuine understanding protecting genuine faith.

Three months later, we’re on lesson 31 of 52.

Caleb can explain the Trinity using the right theological terms.

He knows why Jesus had to be fully God and fully man.

He can give you four reasons why the resurrection is historically credible.

But more importantly — he prays differently now.

He talks to God like someone he knows is actually there.

Because now he knows WHY He’s there.

Last week, he asked if his friend Marcus could join us for lessons.

“Marcus says he doesn’t believe in God, but I think I can show him why it’s actually the most logical option. Can we do the cosmological argument week again?”

My mom called last Sunday. She’s 71.

“I’ve been listening to you and Caleb talk about these lessons,” she said. “Could I get a copy? I’ve been a Christian my whole life, but I realized I couldn’t answer half the questions Caleb can now.”

Those Sunday afternoon sessions did what eight years of Sunday School couldn’t.

They turned my son into someone who can defend what he believes.
Not perfectly. He's twelve.
But when he gets to college and some professor challenges him?
He won't crumble. He'll have answers.
And those answers will protect the relationship with Jesus we've been building since he was small.
I think about Daniel constantly.
About Pastor Mike's broken voice.
About all those Instagram posts that went from "blessed" to "silent".
Those kids weren't stupid. They weren't rebellious. They just had no foundation.
No one taught them the WHY behind the WHAT.
Caleb won't be Daniel. Not because he memorized more verses.
Because he knows how to think theologically AND walk relationally.
Head and heart. Together.
That workbook — the Bible Study Workbook for Kids by Valorrea — sits on our dining room table now, covered in Caleb's notes and highlighted sections.
Proof that faith can be intellectually rigorous without losing its heart.
If you're watching a child you love recite Bible stories but collapse under basic questions, you need to know there's another way.
Before freshman year of college. Before the first philosophy class.
Before they become another pastor's kid who walks away.
The workbook that changed everything for Caleb is still available.
It's 52 weeks of systematic theology that teaches kids to think, not just memorize — while deepening their actual relationship with God.
I don't know how much longer we can keep building faith on sand and expecting it to survive the storm.
But I know this: every week you wait is another week your child practices circular reasoning instead of building a defensible faith.
Don't let them become another Daniel. Not when there's still time.
I just bought my copy (Amazon, \$33.16) and I highly recommend this! As we are preparing to launch AIM (Accelerated Institute of Ministry) here in the PNW for adults, may we simultaneously launch operation apologetics for our kids!



...Oh Holy Spirit, invade our homes, and take away all the worries and any illnesses. Please watch over and heal our family and friends. Bring faith where there is doubt, bring quiet where there is chaos, bring light where there is darkness, and genuine love in our hearts for others. In Jesus name, Amen.