



NEWSLETTER

Tanglewood Bible Fellowship

APRIL 2018

The Mission of TBF is to glorify God (Psalm 86:11-13; 115:1 and 1 Peter 2:12; 4:16) by actively participating in the ongoing fulfillment of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) as a body of believers (1 Cor 12:13; 1 John 5:1-5) who collectively/individually (Phil 1:27) serve our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom 12:1-2) and one another (Phil 2:3-4) functioning as a spiritual Greenhouse (Eph 4:11-16) such that by our interactions together we are catalyzed to grow (Acts 2:42) and to reproduce (Acts 2:47) spiritually



Sunday 1st Hour Teaching Time:

2nd Peter continues in April and May

Coming in June: Survey of the Life of Christ

2nd Hour in March-Young Adult Class

DVD Series "Sacred Marriage", led by Mike Palovik, concludes Sunday, April 8th

Wednesday P.M. Services: Services are from 7:00-8:05 p.m.

Bible Studies and Events:

Mondays at TBF 6-7 p.m. - Pilates with Nancy

April 2nd, 9th & 16th – Precept Bible Class taught by Blanche Brittain - 6:30 p.m. at Blanche's home

April 3rd, 10th & 17th – Precept Bible Class taught by Blanche Brittain – 9:30 a.m. at Blanche's home

April 8th – Baptismal Service during the Worship Assembly

April 9th – MOPS at FUMC 9:30-11:30

April 10th & 24th – WOT Evening Bible Study at TBF – 6:30 – 8:30

April 11th & 25th – WOT Morning Bible Study at Olga's home – 9-11

April 18th - TBF Monthly Fellowship Dinner 5:45 – 6:45

April 22nd – Men's PM Fellowship

April 26th – Kindred Community Dinner at New Hope Baptist Church West - 6-8 p.m.

God's Will Check List

by Olga Pollock

The year was 2006. I was a participant in a Bible study at TBF led by Carolyn Howard, a godly woman, one who loved to speak of God, His word, and the love He has for each of us! I loved our study, so much to gain, not a thing to lose! I was like a sponge, so thirsty for more knowledge about the LORD, passionate about the wisdom and revelation of Him. I opened my heart and my mind and began learning so much, not just about the Bible but the relationship that everyone seemed to have with our LORD Jesus. I watched and learned, listening to Carolyn and also to the insights and perspectives of the other participants as well.

One of the "other participants" during this particular Bible study was a young friend, a woman new to the experiences of life, or so I thought. She seemed to know so much about the Bible in her young life. Everyone, it seemed knew so much more than I did but no one made me feel out of place. Quite the opposite, really, I was there because I was seeking God's face, everyone knew it and loved me for it.

My young friend, Sonja, was gifted in so many ways. She held the Holy Spirit in her heart and gave so much of her time and talents to the workings of the church. She sang so beautifully, always touching the hearts of the faithful who were gathered together in God's Holy Name to praise Him and worship Him.

In our Bible study, I felt so blessed to be a part of something so much bigger than me. I was surrounded by women who prayed without ceasing and walked daily with God. Most of the women in the study were older than Sonja so she stood out. I was continually amazed at her faith and her walk with God, so young yet so spiritually mature!

One day in the Bible study, I asked my fellow participants, "How do you know if something you face is God's will?" "How do you know if it His voice you hear?" Meaty questions, I thought, but I wanted to know what these servants of God thought. I received many answers, all good, all revealing the Spirit within each woman present. One answer, however, was a hand-written note on the back of a piece of paper dated 5/8/06. Sonja gave it to me. It said -

"God's will check list -

Inside God's laws - what does the Bible say?

Wise counsel - what do your trusted friends say - they know you and love you!

Opportunity - is God closing every door?

Prayer - what is God saying in your prayer time?

Peace - when you come to your decision, do you feel God's peace? If you ask He will give you peace.

Sonja's addition - what does your gut say? Intuition counts!"

What an answer! From someone who was at least 30 years younger than me, I received spiritual wisdom in black and white that I could keep forever! And I have! I have referred to that sheet of paper many times over the years, reflecting with deep thought on each of the 5 points when I was looking for God's will in my life.

Fast forward to 2018, I am now part of another Bible study entitled, "Discerning the Voice of God". In this empowering study, the author, Priscilla Shirer, listed the 5 M's of discerning God's voice.

The 5 M's are -

Look for the Message of the Spirit - Listen

Live in the Mode of prayer - submit in prayer

Search out the Model of scripture - consider what the Bible says

Submit to the Ministry of Eli - seek the counsel of a wise, more mature believer

Expect the Mercy of confirmation - ask the Lord to confirm His word through external evidence, circumstances or through another believer

The two lists are almost identical, not in order but in content and message. God clearly reveals things about Himself that He wants us to know, He advises us in our walk with Him. "The main things are plain things", as Pastor Brad says. God speaks to us when we are still and we listen, sometimes through His word, sometimes through the words of fellow believers.

As I reflect on these lists and the similar messages they contain, the only thing I might add is the importance of actively seeking God first and foremost, who He is, His character, His truths, His promises, the foundational basis of what we believe. Be mindful, however, that even though we search for Him, it is He who finds us. Do not grieve the Spirit, we are told in scripture. Rather, reveal those we are, walk daily with the Spirit of God to hear His voice, to know His will.

Praise God that there are those who share their godly wisdom with others. Praise God there are those who are mature in their practice and discernment of hearing God, listening to His voice so that they may teach others. Praise God for Pastor Brad and Priscilla Shirer! Praise God for our own Sonja Skinner!

Pilates with Nancy



Contact Nancy at 580-467-6310

When: Mondays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Where: TBF auditorium

What: A workout consisting of 50 minutes of floor exercises, not constantly on knees or wrists and no up and down movements, followed by a short workout in the standing position.

How Much: \$5.00 per attended session

What to wear: Shorts, sweatpants, t-shirts, whatever. The workout will be done in bare or sock feet.



MOPS ~ April 9th ~

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

at First United Methodist Church

2300 Country Club Rd.,

Duncan, Oklahoma

For more information, **contact 580-255-3353**

6:30-8:30 p.m., at TBF

The Women's Bible study will host this event and provide the food.

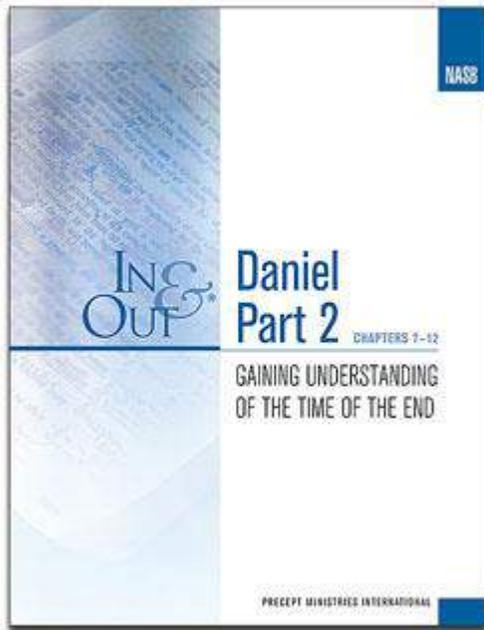
The speaker will be Shawna Mitchell.

All Women of Tanglewood are invited and are welcome to invite guests.

A sign-up sheet will be on the back table.

May Day
Women's Fellowship





Precept Study on Daniel Part 2

6:30 for the pm class on Monday nights and 9:30 for the am class on Tuesday mornings, both at my home located west of Marlow.

This study concludes in April.

Blanche Brittain



This study concludes in April.

The dates and times are as follows:

<u>Evening</u>	<u>Morning</u>
April 10	April 11
April 24	April 25

LEARN TO RECOGNIZE HIS VOICE ABOVE ALL OTHERS.

JOIN US IF YOU WANT TO:

- Challenge yourself in the discipline of daily Bible study
- Gain practical advice for knowing and understanding God's voice through His Word
- Learn to recognize the Holy Spirit's character, language, and tone of voice
- Experience a deeper relationship with God, and strengthen your daily walk with Him

Mimi Roberson facilitates the evening studies at TBF, from 6:30-8:30, and Olga Pollock facilitates the morning studies at her home from 9:00-11:00.

LADIES:

SUPER SUMMER SATURDAYS
ARE BACK FOR 2018. WATCH
FOR DATES IN JUNE, JULY AND
AUGUST TO BE ANNOUNCED.



THERE WILL BE A WOMEN'S
SUMMER BIBLE STUDY!

"Finding I Am - How Jesus Fully
Satisfies the Cry of Your Heart"
by Lysa TerKeurst.

*CONTACT MIMI ROBERSON OR AMANDA
BURCH FOR MORE INFORMATION.*

Kindred Community Dinner

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 26th

New Hope Baptist Church West

200 S. 42nd Street

Duncan, Oklahoma

*If you are a TBF woman with a heavenly husband or know of a woman you would like to invite to this event, please **RSVP** by contacting Jan Palovik at 580-467-1925 or sleepersully@hotmail.com*

by April 22nd



*Chicken
Spaghetti
Dinner*

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Wednesday Evening
Fellowship Dinner

April 18th

5:45-6:45

Chicken Spaghetti ~ Salad ~ Bread

\$4.00 each

or

Hot Dog, Chips & a Sweet Treat

\$3.00 each

Attention Ladies: *If you would like to
volunteer to bring a dessert for this meal, please
indicate on the sign-up sheet on the back table.
Thank you!*



Trip Leader: Shawna Mitchell

Haiti Mission Trip

RESCHEDULED UNTIL 2019

www.awaa.org/one-orphan/take-action/trips/haiti/haiti-mitchell/

PUEBLA 2018

Pray in March....Commit by Mid-April

June 23-28

Approximate Cost \$700

You might want to watch or re-watch the movie from the mission trip in 2017 at
www.tbfduncan.org

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	2 Precept Bible Study at Blanche Brittain's <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Pilates @ 6:00	3 Precept Bible Study at Blanche Brittain's 9:30 a.m	4	5	6	7
8 Baptismal Service	9 MOPS @ FUMC 9:30-1:30 Precept Bible Study at Blanche Brittain's <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Pilates @ 6:00	10 Precept Bible Study at Blanche Brittain's <u>9:30 a.m</u> WOT PM Bible Study at TBF 6:30-8:30	11 WOT AM Bible Study at Olga's 9-11	12	13	14
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22 Men's PM Fellowship 6:33-8:01	23 Pilates @ 6:00	24 WOT PM Bible Study at TBF 6:30-8:30	25 WOT AM Bible Study at Olga's 9-11	26 Kindred Community Dinner at New Hope Baptist West 6-8	27	28
29	30 Pilates @ 6:00					

Easter Carrot Poke Cake

INGREDIENTS:

Carrot Cake mix
12 ounces Caramel sundae topping
6 ounces creamed cheese, softened
2 T. sugar
8 ounces whipped topping
1/4 c. chopped pecans

DIRECTIONS:

Make carrot cake according to box directions, using a 9" x 13" pan. After cake cools, poke holes all over the cake using the bottom of a wooden spoon.

Pour the caramel topping over the cake.

Using an electric mixer, beat the cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Fold in the whipped topping. Use a rubber spatula to make sure you've scraped all the cream cheese from the bottom of the bowl and it is thoroughly mixed.

Spread the whipped topping mixture over the top of the cake. Top with the chopped pecans. Chill for at least 3 more hours before cutting and serving.

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