



NEWSLETTER

Tanglewood Bible Fellowship

February 2020

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

NEW FAMILY PASTOR AT TBF! **James Mitchell**

We are so excited to have James as TBF's first Family Pastor! James has 20 years' experience in children's and student's ministries and has a strong passion for seeing young people and families come to Christ. He is joined by his wife Shawna and children Jack, Ethan, [REDACTED].

Ministries would include, but not limited to, overseeing youth and children's ministries -- align leaders by training volunteers and working with leadership; coordinate and distribute curriculum; engage parents by encouraging home discipleship; elevate community in small groups, parent training, and church events; and influence service in outreach and missions. James will continue to lead music at TBF.

We are looking forward to seeing what great things God has instore for our TBF children and youth!



Snap Shot: Bible Studies and Events:

February 1st – TBFers to Norman: Basketball Bedlam
February 6th & 20th – Men's PM Bible Study "Heaven" at TBF 6:30 PM
February 10th – MOPS at FUMC 9:30 – 11:30 AM
February 11th & 25th – Women's PM Bible Study "we over me" at TBF 6 PM
February 13th – Kindred Community Dinner 6:00 – 8:00 PM at FBC

Sunday 1st Hour Teaching Time: 9:30 AM

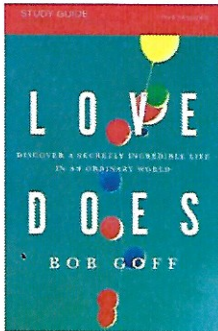
Sunday 2nd Hour Adult Class: In Pastor's Office New Series: Love Does by Bob Goff

Sunday 2nd Hour: Prayer and Share

Wednesday P.M. Services: 7:05 -8:05 PM Prayer/Share & Max Lucado DVD Series



Growing Spiritually at TBF



LOVE DOES BY BOB GOFF

5 Week DVD Series

Sunday 2ND Hour Adult Class – Starting in January 26th

In *Love Does*, Goff shares remarkable stories from his life and shows how living and loving to the fullest is the best way to make Jesus known in this world. Whether you've travelled to meet dozens of world leaders with your kids, and started a school in Uganda like Goff, or are simply seeking a new perspective on the Christian life, you'll learn that love is a verb, not just a feeling. Goff's insights and joyful reflections will help you discover what it means to live as Howard Thurman intended when he said, "Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs are people who have come alive."

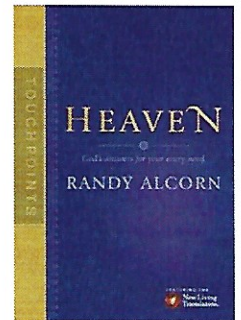
HEAVEN BY RANDY ALCORN

7 Week DVD Series

Men's PM Bible Study 6:30 PM at TBF

This month -February 6th and 20th

As the years pass and we watch more and more of our family, friends and mentors pass away, it is only natural to ask questions about heaven. However, our understanding of heaven is often limited to a few half-forgotten Sunday school lessons and the insubstantial images provided by popular movies and T.V. Fortunately, in *Heaven* Randy Alcorn provides us with a thoroughly researched and biblically definitive description of heaven. Readers will develop a deeper understanding of our eternal destination and find the courage to strive for heaven while living on earth.



we over me By Whitney Capps

Women's Spring Bible Study Time 6 PM at TBF

9 Week DVD Series

This month -February 11th and 25th

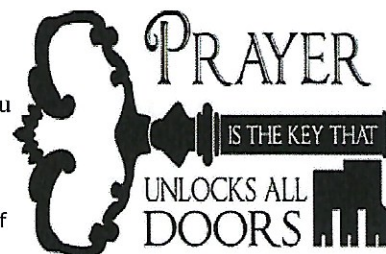
It's easy to get frustrated with the local church—we see the people in the pews up close, both their beauty and blemishes. But God has a purpose and a plan that He uniquely accomplishes in and through the church, and He wants you to be part of it.

In the opening 3 chapters of Revelation, we find a wake-up call directed toward 7 churches and discover the truth of God's desire for the church. Over 9 sessions, challenge your perspective and embrace your part in helping the church fulfill its calling.

Prayer and Share Time – Sunday 2nd Hour

One thing that makes TBF different from other churches is our genuine love and prayer for one another. Join us in the 2nd hour after the morning service and learn what's going on in the lives of others -- how you can pray for them, minister to them, and love on them. Also, we would love to hear from you – what's going on in your life and how can we minister to you and pray for you.

1 Timothy 2:1 - I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, [and] giving of thanks, be made for all men.



TBF Ministries and Opportunities



Volunteer Opportunities

- Nursery Coordinator – please contact Carol Wanzor @ 580.467.8133
- Volunteers for nursery rotation – please contact Carol Wanzor
- Teachers/ Leaders/ Helpers for children's activities Grades K-5 – please contact James Mitchell @ 580.560.9088
- Greeters/Transportation assistance for Kindred Community event March 10th at Palace Theater on Main Street Duncan. Hosted by TBF. Please contact Olga Pollock @ 580.606.3645

Kindred Community Dinner

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Thursday, February 13th
901 West Ash Street-FBC
Hosted by First Baptist Church
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 February 4th**
Jan Palovik at 580-467-1925 or sleepersully@hotmail.com



A Look Back at WOW WEDNESDAY

1/29/2020

“Food for Kids – Duncan”
Judy Dittner and Brandy Peters

A weekly ministry providing weekly food packs for kids in the school system who may be food insecure.

- Backpack Program
- School Pantry Program
- Kid's Café Program
- Summer Feeding Program
- School's Out Program

Ways to get involved:

- Letter Carrier Food Drive
- Volunteer at OKC Regional Food Bank
- Donate Food/Money/Time to Food for Kids
- Volunteer at one of the local Charitable Feeding Programs
- Attend Food for Kids Auction/Dinner held in August at Duncan Golf and Tennis Club

1 in 4 kids suffer from food insecurity in Oklahoma

\$100 can provide food for 1 child for a year (Backpack Program)



A Special “Thank you” to all who cooked, served, and provided for WOW Wednesday!

For I am not
ashamed of the
gospel of
Christ
for it is the
Power of God
unto salvation to
every one that
believeth.
Romans 1:16

Mike Duffy

**AMSTERDAM
HOLLAND**

Background:

Mike came to Christ in 1976, the second day of college at Truman State University (Missouri). After college he went on to Dallas Theological Seminary and earned a Masters in Theology in 1988. After seminary he became a Fireman/Paramedic in Dallas from 1989-1993. While working as a fireman, Mike felt like God was calling him into full time ministry. He visited friends on mission in Holland in 1992. Seeing their work, Mike felt like this was where God wanted him to serve. He went through Orientation as well as Hindu evangelism training in the summer of 1993. In March of 1994 he went to Holland with Christar (christar.org) as a missionary to reach Hindu immigrants.



Current update on the work that continues in Holland:

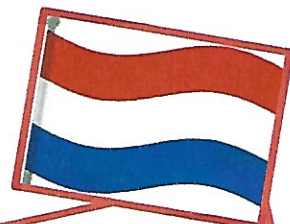
The church was started in 1996 with people my co-workers (Rich and Sandy Van Dillen) had led to Christ. We are still small around 25 people but 99.9% of the people going are growing in the Lord. I had another co-worker John and Marilyn Rice work with me for around 10 years but they are retired now. The Van Dillens are working on planting a church with Muslims now. We did not have men for the longest time. Around 10 years ago some of the husbands of the women started coming to Christ. We now have a group of men meeting for Bible study weekly. We appointed an official Elder last year (Sherwin Tjin-asjoe). I am still meeting with men for Bible study — some in a group and some one-on-one with the hope that we will be able to appoint additional elders as well.

I preach pretty much every Sunday but my hope is that Sherwin will be able to do that more often. My hope is that we would have 4 elders to preach on Sundays and lead the church. At that time I will feel that I can leave it to them. So in terms of stages of church planting, we are in the last stage; training and appointing elders.

Prayer Requests:

Soerin who is one of the men I meet with for Bible study weekly is going back to Suriname for his mom's funeral. Some of the men are going over there tonight to pray for him. Soerin's family is Hindu and they have many rituals they do at a funeral. He of course wants to be there but some of his family does not know he became a Christian and it might be stressful and upsetting if he does not do the rituals expected of him at the funeral. I think this will be a huge test for Soerin. His family might put an all-court press on him to return to Hinduism. There could be a lot of shouting and people being upset. Just pray for Soerin to be loving and to stay strong in his faith and walk with God. It will be hard being there alone with his family for the funeral and they might be really upset if he does not do many of the rituals they do. We want to encourage him tonight and let him know we love him and support him but I am concerned about him going back there. It is one thing to become a Christian in Holland but going back to Country again and admitting that you became a Christian to family is another thing. I see this as his first really big test as a believer. Soerin has been growing incredibly and does love the Lord but I think it will be difficult being back there alone with his family. Please pray for him to stay strong in the faith and not have doubts.

You can subscribe to Mike's prayer letters by emailing him at: rmd1957@gmail.com



Submitted by Carol Wanzor

TBF Portraits: Mimi Roberson

After praying to ask Christ into her life at age 16, Mary Roberson, better known to us as Mimi, says "I felt God was right there with me then, and He has been with me ever since!" In fact, Mimi's trust in God's faithfulness to watch over her began at a much earlier age. . .

Born to Albert and Audrey Russell, Mimi was the 6th child in a blended family. She was a "blue baby" due to a heart defect that was partially corrected with surgery at age 5. When she developed pneumonia at age 11 and was hospitalized for 3 months, local doctors began looking into other options to correct her health situation long term. As a child, Mimi was tired all the time, due to a lack of proper blood flow that often caused her lips and extremities to turn blue. She rarely had the energy to keep up with the other kids at school.



In 1960, Drs. E.H. And E.C. Lindley flew with her to Houston where open heart surgery was being pioneered at the time. Mimi says she had a childlike trust that God was watching over her and she was going to be okay. She spent 8 days in the Houston hospital, returning home on Christmas Eve. She wasn't able to return to school until March, but her teacher helped her keep abreast of enough schoolwork to keep up with the other kids.

Knowing Mimi as many of us do today, it's difficult for us to imagine her as much of a "wild child", but she says in high school, once she discovered boys, "it was all downhill from there!" Telling an untruth to her boyfriend resulted in a painful breakup. About that time, she and a friend went to the Palace Theater to see a Billy Graham film. They both admitted wanting to make a public profession of faith at the close of the film, but they chose not to. Sometime later, Mimi bowed in her room and asked Christ into her heart, asking Him to take over her life, cause "I was making a mess of it".

Soon after, Mimi not only got back in good graces with her boyfriend, Tom Ponder, who was about to leave for the Navy, but they wound up eloping to Wichita Falls to get married! No, her parents were not pleased with this decision, but she and Tom stuck together. When he shipped out to boot camp, Mimi remained in Duncan and finished high school, graduating in 1967.

Reunited following boot camp, Tom and Mimi lived in San Diego and Kingsville, Texas where Mimi began her education at Texas A & I University, then Tom was sent to Okinawa. Mimi continued her education at OCU in Oklahoma City while he was away. While in Okinawa, Tom also accepted Christ as his Savior, and felt they needed to be together. Mimi joined him there for about six months, and this is where they got connected with The Navigators and began to learn more about Christ and discipleship through Bible study.

Returning to the U.S., Tom finished up his Naval obligations, and then they worked with the Navigator organization for a couple of years in both California and Arizona. Together they worked in evangelism, led seminars and generally worked to become a permanent part of the organization. Tom was going to college at the time, and along the way changed his major to Philosophy in preparation for a possible seminary degree. But as a senior in college, he dropped out of school and they moved back to Duncan in 1977.



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Mimi says they were "looking for a church that would give us Bible study like The Navigators did". After seeing an article in The Duncan Banner about Tanglewood, she met Paula Roundtree at her downtown business (Paula's Attic) and they began worshipping at Tanglewood. The TBF congregation was at that time meeting in the back of the Parkview Restaurant.

Because Mama Jo Dickinson prayed for babies to come to TBF, Russell was born to Mimi and Tom in 1978. They were active at Tanglewood with Tom leading singing and even acting as Treasurer for a time. But life took an unexpected sad turn just 9 months later, when Tom left Mimi as a single mother. She was forced back into the workforce - at Paula's Attic.

In 1977, Mimi began her trail of working for local banks, at Duncan Savings and Loan (twice), and then Security National Bank. In 1982, she began Duncan Secretarial Service, acting as owner and operator. During these single years, she stayed connected to church, and tried to find her way in the single world.

She and her friend Joann felt somewhat of a disconnect from the other couples at TBF and would frequently go out together after church. It was on one of these outings to a local dance hall that she met Carlos Roberson. They dated about 2 years before getting married. Carlos had a 12-year-old son, Scotti, who eventually came to live with them, and then in 1985 their son Austin was born.

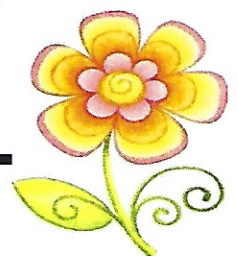
Mimi transitioned to the world of real estate sales in 1992, then completed her work career at First Bank and Trust, retiring in 2016. However, Mimi has never stopped studying the Bible, leading and encouraging others in Bible study, and just generally being an excellent role model for women at Tanglewood and in Duncan.

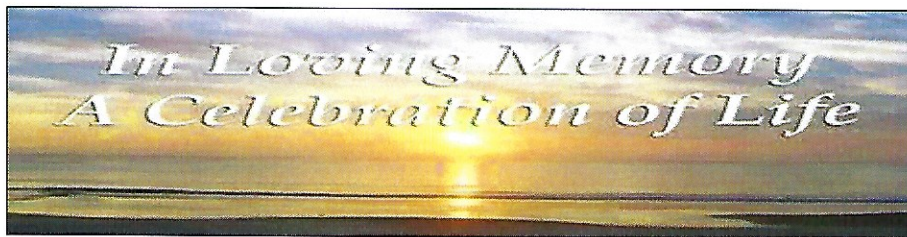
Reflecting on changes she has seen in her lifetime, Mimi says, regarding the advance of technology, "I still like the feel of holding a book, or thumbing through a photo album, or receiving a letter. The upside of technology is being instantly connected to friends and prayer support."

The later years of Mimi's life have not been without heartache and tests of faith. We have witnessed Mimi's trials and her strength when finding herself in the role of the mother of an addict. Just a few years ago, she was ministering to other families who were visiting loved ones in the local jail. Since the age of 18, Mimi has spent a lot of time in God's word, giving her much wisdom and maturity of faith to deal with what life has brought her way.

Mimi found it hard to choose one scripture as a "favorite", but sites Romans 5:8 "But God shows His love for us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." She also offers a tidbit of worthwhile advice to "memorize scripture while you are young, as I can still remember the verses I learned in my 20's, but can't remember what I memorized yesterday!"

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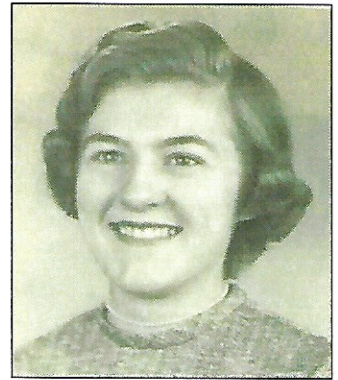




Carmen Jane Buben, 81, of Duncan, Oklahoma passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

Jane was born August 26, 1938 in Effingham, Illinois, the only child of Elmer Eugene and Rosella Lavon (Herrington) Moelling. She married Howard Buben on May 31, 1957 in Duncan, Oklahoma

Jane attended schools in Purcell, Elk City, Chickasha, and Duncan, Oklahoma. She graduated from Duncan High School in 1956 and attended Oklahoma A&M College in Stillwater, Oklahoma. She was employed at Halliburton Services in Duncan from 1974 to 1986 as a Senior Office Clerk and at the District OSU Extension Office in Duncan as Senior Secretary from 1986 to her retirement in 2003.



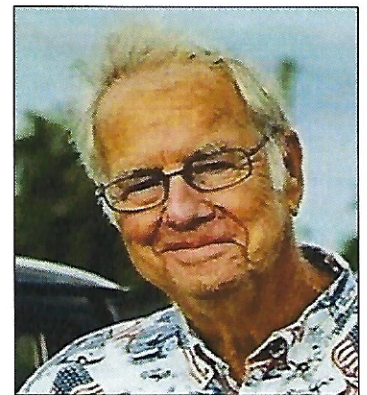
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Survivors are her three children, Jay Buben of Duncan, Oklahoma, Randal Buben and his wife Rana of Muldrow, Oklahoma, and Shelly Glasgow of Flower Mound, Texas.

Gerald Ray Patton was born on December 15, 1937, in Rush Springs, Oklahoma, to John and Effie Jewel (Reeves) Patton. He passed away on Friday, January 24, 2020, at his home in Duncan. He was 82.

Gerald was a 1956 Duncan High School graduate. He served in the Army National Guard of Oklahoma from 1959 to 1963 when he was honorably discharged. Gerald worked at Sunray Refinery, Chief GMC, and Thornton Pump & Supply before retiring in 2015. Working on classic cars was his favorite pastime. He loved both the OSU and Dallas Cowboys. He enjoyed boating and skiing at Duncan Lake and Arbuckle Lake. He loved participating in the cruises and parades with the Duncan Antique Car Club.



On April 5, 1979, he married Jo Capps in Duncan. They have been happily married for over 40 years.

Gerald is survived by his wife, Jo; children: Gina and husband Hal Woods of Tuttle, Garva Barnes of OKC, Scott Palmer of Cassville, Missouri, Jay and wife Stacy Patton of Argyle, Texas.

Funeral services are scheduled for Wednesday, January 29, at 1:00P.M. in the Whitt Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. Brad McCoy, pastor of Tanglewood Bible Fellowship, officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or by phone at 1-800-805-5856.

Obituary Info courtesy of Duncan Banner



February

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 TBF @ Bssketball Bedlam in Norman
2 Service 9:30 AM	3	4	5 Service 7 PM	6 Men's Bible Study – Heaven TBF 6:30 PM	7	8
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23 Service 9:30 AM	24 Newsletter Deadline	25 Women's Bible Study - <u>we over me</u> TBF 6 PM	26 Service 7 PM	27	28	29
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