



NEWSLETTER



Tanglewood Bible Fellowship

April 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

Jesus Christ

Our Risen Hope!

This is the time of year we celebrate and reflect on our risen Lord. What an awesome God we serve who loved us so much He was willing to die for us, in our stead (John 15:13), even a gruesome death upon a cross (1 Peter 2:24-25), that we would not perish but have everlasting life. He bore our sins (Rom. 5:8) – all of them -- that we would bear His righteousness (2 Cor. 5:21) and by faith stand justified before God (Rom. 5:1).

Jesus is not dead but alive and well - sitting on the throne at the right hand of God (Eph. 1:20-23). Jesus conquered the grave – victory over death is His (Rom. 6:4). He is our Hope (1 Tim. 1:1) – and because He lives, we, who are in Him, will live also (John 14:19). Let us give thanks (1 Chron. 16:34).

SUNDAY MORNINGS AND WEDNESDAY EVENINGS SERVICES ONLINE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Sunday 1st Hour Teaching Time: 9:30 AM

Sunday 2nd Hour Adult Class: In Pastor's Office "Returning to Holiness" **POSTPONED UNTIL MAY**

Sunday 2nd Hour: Prayer and Share

Wednesday P.M. Services: 7:05 -8:05 PM

Snap Shot: Bible Studies and Events: ALL STUDIES ARE POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

WATCH YOUR EMAIL AND BULLETINS FOR FURTHER NOTICE

April – Men's PM Bible Study "Heaven"

April – MOPS at FUMC **CANCELLED**

April – Kindred Community Dinner **CANCELLED**

April – Women's PM Bible Study "we over me"

April – WOW Wednesday **CANCELLED**

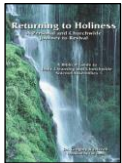
April – Precept: Revelation Part 4

Growing Spiritually at TBF

PRAYER AND SHARE – Sunday 2nd Hour

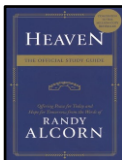
One thing that makes TBF different from other churches is our genuine love and prayer for one another. Join us in the 2nd hour after the morning service and learn what's going on in the lives of others -- how you can pray for them, minister to them, and love on them. Also, we would love to hear from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



Returning to Holiness by Dr. Gregory Frizzell

Adult Sunday School Hour



HEAVEN BY RANDY

7 Week DVD Series
Men's PM Bible Study



we over me By Wh

9 Week DVD Series
Women's Spring Bible Study



PRECEPT: REVELATION PART 4 BY KAY ARTHUR

Women's Spring Bible Study

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POSTPONED FOR APRIL....
WATCH YOUR UPCOMING
EMAILS/NEWSLETTER
FOR NEW INFORMATION AS
IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

THE LORD IS OUR KEEPER!

PSALM 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.

2. My help cometh from the LORD,
which made heaven & earth.

3. He will not suffer thy foot to be
moved: He that keepeth thee
will not slumber.

4 Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall
neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord
is thy shade upon thy right hand.

6 The sun shall not smite thee by day,
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve thee from
all evil: He shall preserve thy soul.

8 The Lord shall preserve thy going
out and thy coming in from this time
forth, and even for evermore.



Jesus said, "...And, lo, I am with you always, even unto
the end of the world. Amen...Matthew 28:20

A Word from David Shields



Greetings Church Family,

Easter is almost here. The likelihood is that for the first time in our nation's history churches will not be able to gather to celebrate our Lord's resurrection. While this is a necessary step, it is something worth lamenting. In fact, lament is something that should be a part of our observing Easter. It is easy for us on this side of redemption history to look back at the cross and resurrection with joy. We know the story and can read it all in one sitting. But Jesus' gruesome crucifixion was earth shattering for his followers. Despite his warnings that his death was coming, his disciples were unprepared. His death was a shock and they were filled with fear.

Their entire world had just been turned upside-down. They had spent years of their lives following Jesus around every day. They heard his teachings and gave up everything to follow him. He had healed many of them. Some had been set free from demonic possession. All of his followers believed that he was the Messiah. He was the chosen one that their people had spent hundreds of years waiting to come and save them. Yet now he was dead and buried in a tomb. All of their hopes and dreams of what redemption would look like was destroyed.

Even when Jesus was resurrected, his followers were shocked and couldn't believe it. The women who went to the tomb were expecting to find the decomposing body of their Lord. The twelve couldn't believe the women until they saw and heard it for themselves. They did not know the story would end in resurrection. They found themselves in the middle and confused at what could be next.

Here is the truth for us today: We are still in the middle of our own stories. Today is a day filled with darkness. As COVID-19 sweeps through countries it has led to confusion and fear of what could be next. I have no idea what this Easter, or the future, holds for us as a church. But I do know Jesus Christ rose from the dead. That first Easter is a reminder that in the midst of our deepest darkness, resurrection is coming. We can look back to the first resurrection and know that it will happen again. One day, Jesus will return, and all the dead will be raised. Let us hold fast to the hope of resurrection no matter what today's darkness brings.

In Christ,
Pastor David Shields



When I Survey the Wonderful Cross

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Englishman, theologian, and logician, Isaac Watts is known as the Father of English Hymnology. He was the eldest of nine children and son of a clergyman. By age 13, he had learned Latin, French, and Hebrew. At the time of Watts hymn writing, the Church of England sang mostly songs from the book of Psalms. Of his 750 hymns, *When I Survey the Wonderful Cross* was considered his greatest hymn; and while there is no particular story attached to the writing of this hymn, it is one that utilizes the beauty of imagery and power to describe the most significant event in all of human history!



Isaac Watts

*When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.*

*See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*His dying crimson, like a robe,
Spreads o'er His body on the tree;
Then I am dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Galatians 6:14

Isaac Watts also wrote *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*, *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*, *Jesus Shall Reign*, and *Joy to the World*.

TBF Ministries and Opportunities

Volunteer Opportunities



- Nursery Coordinator – please contact Carol Wanzor @ 580.467.81
- 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
- Reaching out to those around you who are in need of medicines, groceries, time, prayer: widows, single parents, neighbors, church family, blood family, college kids, school kids, strangers.

Practice Hospitality, Especially during Covid-19 by Rosaria Butterfield

Highlights:

- Showing care and love for others shows our fear of God, rather than the fear of men (or circumstances). God is in control.
- Fast on scripture, not on CNN. Draw near to God.
- Obey civil magistrates to “flatten the curve”. Know the difference between things we should do and things we should not. In all things honor God.
- Prayer spreads faster than Covid-19.
- Pray for revival.

Full Article Here:

<https://www.crossway.org/articles/practice-hospitality-especially-during-covid-19/>



Windows on the World

WOW Wednesday

July 29th

Food, Fellowship, and a focus on Missions

Kindred Community Dinner

Cancelled for April

Next KC date coming soon....





Tanglewood Bible Fellowship
A story of our beginnings, our families and our future
By Carol Wanzor

Author's note: This narrative is a compilation from many sources. I am grateful to MANY who have aided me in putting together the story of TBF from the beginning. While great care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of information, I am open to hearing your comments, corrections, suggestions and additions as the story continues to be refined. It has been a joy to work on this project!

In the Beginning

In the summer of 1976, a small group of believers had a desire to explore starting an independent Bible Church. Bill & Jo Dickinson, George & Paula Rountree, Jonny & Joella Blalack, Mary Jo & Lance Smith, Dale & Debbie Corbin began meeting for Bible study in their homes and seeking God's direction.

Debbie Corbin shared her memories of this time in her and Dale's young married life, as they had just moved to Duncan in 1976 when the idea of the new church began. "With much prayer, soul searching and faith, we decided to join this group and move forward. Matt 17:20 was on our mind a lot, "Because of the littleness of your faith, for truly I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you shall say to the mountain, 'move' from here to there; and it shall move and nothing shall be impossible to you."

Debbie also humbly recognized that "we were merely instruments used by God to start this journey. We had no idea what we were doing or where it would lead us. But here we are 44 years later. We began by meeting in each other's homes for Bible Study and fellowship. We felt the Lord was leading us to start a New Testament Church based on Bible teaching, prayer and fellowship."

A leadership group visited Believers Chapel and Fellowship Bible Church in Dallas, TX (Pastor, Gene Getz). They were also in touch with Dallas Theological Seminary who helped them find their first minister, through the help of Bob Salstrom, Director of Alumni and Church Placement at DTS. As a result of Bob's assistance, later in 1976, Dr. Mike Kempainen became the first pastor of TBF. Mike, wife Chrys, and two young daughters Amy and Heather (ages 2 and 3) joined the TBF family and Chrys went to work using her God given musical talents. She played the piano, sang, and taught music lessons to several in the TBF family.

Church services were held first in the upstairs of Paula's Attic on Main Street (owned by Paula Rountree), then at Parkview Restaurant (now Daylight Diner). Wednesday night prayer and fellowship meetings were held in homes.



God Blesses with a Time of Growth

In late 1977, the church embarked on a building program. Mrs. Odom (Joella Blalack's mother) donated the land the church sits on and Jonny Blalack oversaw the construction of the building. The building originally had a large room for worship and a couple of classrooms. In that large room, which is now our youth room, were held church services, Christmas plays, pot luck dinners, baby showers - everything happened in that one room!

There were, of course, restrooms and a couple of small classrooms in the very first phase of building. The original building continued to expand to the south (today's "north hallway area") adding more classrooms, including a room that soon became a nursery.



Building Phase One,
Late 1976



Original TBF Building –
Complete with snow and children!

Around this same time, Mama Jo Dickinson began to pray for babies and families to increase at Tanglewood. Mimi (Ponder) Roberson and husband Tom had come to Tanglewood soon after it began and were part of the group when the building was built. Russell was one of the children born to the TBF family in 1978, joined by the children of Dale & Debbie Corbin (son Sean), Robin & Robbie Richey (daughter Kristen) and Brad & Cindy Blystone (daughter Kristin) and others. Mimi explicitly remembers how all of these babies and others that quickly followed in the years to come, were in the nursery. That nursery was a rather small room outfitted with cribs designed to accommodate two children in the space of one crib - bunk cribs, you might say!

As the church building and family grew, the Tanglewood family enjoyed many good times with weekend church held at various lakes, ladies retreats, pot luck dinners, Backyard Bible Clubs, held in various neighborhoods of church members and participating in local softball leagues. Homemade ice cream socials were also one of the many ways this group found to enjoy each other's company.

Several received Christ and were baptized on the weekend church trips held at places like Lake Murray and Quartz Mountain. Baptisms were also held at the home of the Blalacks in an indoor pool.



When they sold the house to the Puryear family, that family became faithful members and a few more were baptized in that pool.

Tom Odell joined the staff of TBF in May of 1980 as Youth / Associate Pastor. He was joined by his wife Beverly who also played the piano for services. Their two children, Kimberly and Curtis were a welcomed addition. Beverly and Chrys Kempainen were the leading force behind the many children's Christmas programs we had which often included many adult roles. Beverly and others led in organizing Wednesday night classes such as Pioneer Girls for the children. The Odells were the embodiment of sacrificial servants and helped bring the church body into a loving, cohesive unit.

Sometime in the early 1980's Wassail Night became a huge traditional Christmas celebration and after moving into the larger building, it grew to include a potluck event. If you don't know about Wassail Night and how it brings out the amateur performer in each of us. . . well that's a WHOLE other story



"Fun times"
George & Paula Rountree
1985 – Wassail Night?

In late 1986, Mike Kempainen moved on to another church as pastor, and Dr. Bob Lightner, a Professor at DTS, came to serve as an interim pastor/Sunday pulpit minister. Bob served in this position for about 2 years, never moving to Duncan, but driving up each weekend for services. During this time, Bob Salstrom of DTS again assisted TBF in identifying several potential candidates who did visit and speak at the church.

During this interim period, Tom Odell continued in his position as Youth Pastor while also ministering to the flock and handling other pastoral duties during the week. Sometime in the first half of 1988, Tom and Beverly and family chose to leave the TBF family, returning to their home and family in Illinois.

In the fall of 1988 Dr. Lightner suggested that the Elders contact a former student of his, Brad McCoy, about the full-time pastoral position. Perhaps a little known fact is that Dr. Lightner had also preceded Brad as an interim at the church Brad was pastoring in Shreveport, Fellowship Bible Church. Brad recalls receiving an unsolicited call from Bill Dickinson wanting him to visit Tanglewood and consider becoming their pastor. Brad and Debbie first visited TBF in October of 1988, and accepted the call to be TBF's pastor, beginning their work in Duncan in December of that year.



Brad and Debbie's two sons, Jamie and Jonathan were in kindergarten and second grade when they made the move to Duncan.

The church Brad and Debbie inherited was still meeting in the quite small building on Sunday morning. On Wednesday nights, Pathfinder Boys and Pioneer Girls and Sonshine Kids (for younger children) were meeting at the church, where a nursery was also available. Wednesday night adult meetings continued to be hosted in homes, with an Elder leading prayer/share time and Pastor Brad leading in Bible Study.

The McCoy Decades

Under Brad and Debbie's pastoral guidance, Tanglewood continued to grow and flourish. In 1991 the congregation was able to greatly expand the size of the building, adding the auditorium, educational wing, and the kitchen. Shortly after the completion of the auditorium there was a fund drive for a new piano. Dale Corbin and Susan Duell took the lead in helping the church select the grand piano that is still used in worship services. Susan was serving as the church pianist at that time, and Dale as worship leader.

Another big change the new building and auditorium brought was allowing baptisms to be held indoors. Prior to this time, many had been baptized at Clear Creek Lake or as previously mentioned in the swimming pools of members such as the Homer and Pam Cox and the Blalacks.

Brad's general style of teaching was verse by verse exposition of Scripture based on close exegesis of the Biblical text. His objective in the pulpit was to do two things. The first was interpretation, or to teach clearly the contextual meaning of a given passage so that TBFers could read and understand Biblical content on their own. The second was application, to exhort TBFers to live out in their conduct the content of a given portion of God's Word.

Brad says "I Timothy 4:1-16 and I Peter 2:1-3 was always in the back of my mind both when I prepared to teach and then when I actually taught the Word. I wanted TBFr's to gain a thorough knowledge and understanding of Scripture and to be able to read and discern the meaning of Scripture for themselves. Were there commands to obey? Warnings to heed? Key truths/doctrines to believe? All of this was designed to catalyze spiritual growth in believers empowered by the Spirit such that we might be "transformed by the renewing our minds" (Romans 12:1-2) that is, in our God-concept, our self-concept and our worldview.

In a recent interview, Brad shared with me that he adopted this expository style of teaching due to the influence of a Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Nederland, TX. His study at Dallas Theological Seminary of Ecclesiology (the doctrine of the C/church) led him to prioritize a focus on the church's spiritual health over external numerical growth. McCoy also affirmed that TBF's style of not having an altar from its beginning is in line with the early Church as seen in the Book of Acts. In fact, Brad points out that historically, altar calls actually did not appear in Church history until the early 1800's.



In the summer of 1991, Tanglewood began a missional partnership with Jerusalem Baptist Church (or in Spanish Iglesia Bautista Jerusalem) in Puebla, Mexico, pastored by Tomas and Carmen Yanez. Originally, these trips were organized through Global Mission Fellowship (1991 to 1995). In 1996, no such mission trip to Puebla was scheduled by GMF, but three brave TBF souls (Brad McCoy, Larry Herrera, and Steve Howard) embarked on a similar trip to Escuintla, Guatemala.

“In 1997, after much prayer and with a lot of fear and trepidation in my heart” says Dr. Brad McCoy, “I organized a return mission trip to Puebla and Jerusalem Baptist Church, ‘on our own’, by the grace of and with the help of God. From that point on we returned almost every year until 2006 when we skipped due in part to plans to travel to Israel that same year.”

Ultimately between 1991 and 2017, around 15 mission trips were made by various groups of TBF volunteers. On a few occasions, other members of the Duncan community joined TBF on these trips to Puebla. At our best estimate, around 40 different TBFR’s took part in these missional journeys over the years. Tomas and Carmen continued to pastor Jerusalem Baptist Church over these years, eventually moving their evangelical efforts outside the walls of a church and calling the effort “Church of the City” which met in small groups in homes.

Of course, under Brad’s tutelage, leadership and outstanding athleticism, The TBF Tigers Men softball teams FLOURISHED in the local Church League at Hines Park. (A touch of Brad humor there, sorry.)

Tanglewood fielded teams under the “Tanglewood Tiger” banner between 1978 and 2005, when participation in the league greatly diminished. Over the years, the Tigers finished at 2nd or 3rd in the 12-team league almost every season and in both 1999 and 2000 they won the league championship. Pastors Kempainen and McCoy both served the team well in the position of pitcher.

These times at the ballpark were great opportunities for the church family to bond together, spending time together with their families and showing support for the Tigers. It was not unusual after a softball game to see everyone enjoying watermelon that had been kept cold in a trashcan full of ice.

A New Era - Looking to the Future

On the first Sunday of September of 2019, Pastor Brad announced his intended retirement to be effective near the end of the year. This was understandably an emotional time, but the Board of Elders and many of the TBF family immediately began to focus on the future and look with hope toward a new era of continued Bible Study, prayer and fellowshiping together.

In December, 2019, we dedicated Wassail Night to the purpose of extending to the McCoys a proper thank you for their service, and bidding them goodbye. By mid-February, a decision was reached by the leadership team to extend a call to David Shields to become our next pastor. David and Brianna accepted this call and arrived on the scene in Duncan on March 7, 2020.



We were able to have an initial celebration and welcoming for David, Brianna and their son Calvin (age 16 months) and to hear David's teaching on only two Sundays before the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic plunged us into an unknown world. To curb the spread of this deadly virus, meetings of 10 or more people were quickly discouraged by government officials. This forced TBF to use Facebook, email and other communication methods to "gather", study God's word, share prayer needs and encourage each other.

As I complete this story today, America is still in uncharted territory in response to the Coronavirus crisis. We are in a time of great uncertainty regarding many things, including our economy.

Pastor David Shields shares with us these encouraging words of wisdom: "When I reflect on the history of TBF I think of 2 Timothy 1:14 'guard the good deposit entrusted to you.' The founders of Tanglewood were seeking to guard that ancient deposit of our faith from the early church. Our job today and in the future as a church is to continue a legacy of faithful witness to the gospel and our Lord. No one knows what the future holds for us, especially in our current crisis! Our church will continue to grow and change as it has these many years, but our mission and commitment is the same. My prayer is that when our Savior returns He will have found us faithful."

At Tanglewood we greatly anticipate the opportunity to get to know David, Brianna and Calvin and learn from David's teaching from the Word. Under the leadership of David and our Elder Team, we will continue to focus on Bible Study, Prayer, Worship, Fellowship and Outreach / Missions.

ADDITIONAL STORIES / INFO to be published at a later time:

TBF timeline

History of our TBF 'Uth' Group

Interesting tidbits, fun and little known facts

Early joiners – those who are still with us, but came before many of us



TBF FOUNDERS



Jo & Bill Dickinson



George & Paula Rountree



Blalack Family
Heather, Joella, Susan & Jonny



Mary Jo & Lance Smith



Corbin Family
Debbie, Dale, Sean & Brent



Rev. Brent Corbin

Background:

Rev. Brent Corbin was born in Duncan, OK, to Dale and Debbie Corbin of TBF. After graduating with a BA in business from OU, Brent moved to Nashville as an intern for the Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Vanderbilt. It was there that he met Sarah whom he married in May, 2006. A few months later, Brent and Sarah moved to Charlotte, NC where Brent attended Reformed Theological Seminary (MA Divinity, 2010) and Sarah worked as a physical therapist. In the summer of 2010, he served as the RUF Campus Minister at the University of Tulsa. Then, in 2018, Brent accepted a South Central Area Coordinator position with RUF and moved his family to Baton Rouge, LA. Brent and Sarah are the proud parents of 4 girls - Nora Kline, Katherine, Mary, and Margaret Charles.



Current update on the work that continues in RUF:

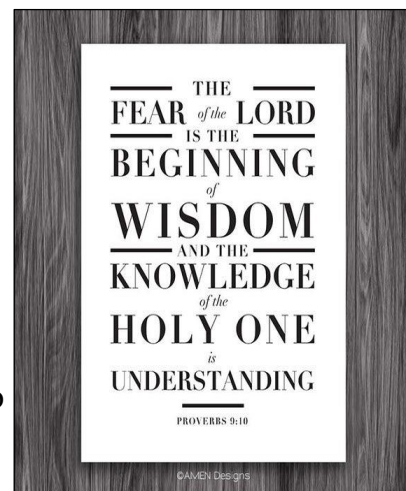
RUF is a gospel-centered, bible-believing and teaching ministry to college students throughout the world. As an Area Coordinator for RUF, the biggest part of Rev. Brent's job is to oversee the RUF works in OK, AR, W. TN, MS, and LA. Currently that means that he oversees RUF staff on 16 campuses. The first part of that oversight is a 'pastoral' caring-for their staff. This involves regular visits to those cities and campuses to meet with, pray with, and encourage those staff members. The other part of that oversight is a 'professional' coaching of their staff. In that capacity, Brent helps staff members think through the unique opportunities and challenges to spreading the gospel on their respective campuses.

Another big part of Brent's job is working with RUF National to help execute our larger mission and vision of Reaching and Equipping Students for Christ. This involves exploring new campuses where RUF might want to begin a new ministry, teaching and training our ministry staff at RUF Staff Training several times per year, and working to develop prayerful and financial ministry partnerships with RUF campus staff around the country.



Prayer Requests:

- Pray that I would serve the Lord well in this unique roll to which He has called me.
- Pray for the gospel of Christ to go forth on these campuses.
- Pray that students might know the Lord and join and be a part of gospel-centered, bible-preaching churches both in and after college.
- Pray for Sarah and our 4 girls as they navigate life at home.
- Pray for Brent to have endurance and stamina.
- Pray for family time for Brent, Sarah, and the girls as Brent's job is demanding and requires a lot of travel.

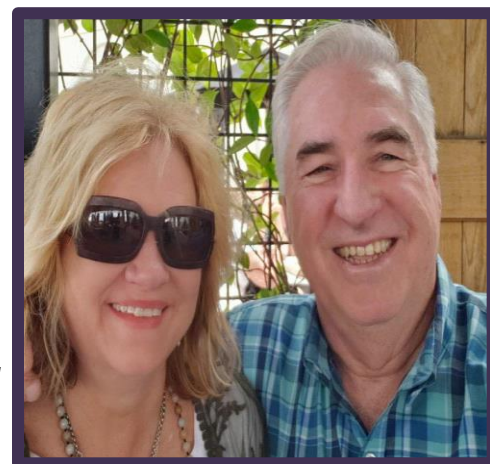




Dr. Paul Tanner

Background:

Dr. Paul Tanner, a native Texan, earned a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Texas Tech University (1974). He then served 3 years in the U. S. Army before earning a TH.M in Hebrews and Old Testament Studies from Dallas Theological Seminary. Paul continued his education at the University of Austin receiving his PH.D in Middle Eastern Studies (1990). He has written commentaries on Hebrews and Daniel as well a book on Psalms – also available in Arabic. Dr. Tanner has worked in education and missions around the world in the Philippines, Singapore, Jordan (JETS), West Germany, Egypt, Lebanon, and Liberia. Dr. Tanner has been married to Linda Burditt for over 45 years. They have 2 grown children, a son and a daughter.



Current update on the work that continues in the Middle East:

Dr. Paul Tanner is the Middle East Director for BEE World (Biblical Education by Extension). He has made several trips to the Middle East both in December of 2019 and March 2020 teaching and overseeing Arabic students in BEE World Courses on the books of Hebrews, Galatians, and Colossians. Many of the students were excited to see materials printed in Arabic. Dr. Tanner also made a special trip to Jordan where he met up with Christian leaders and old friends at the Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary (JETS). Dr. Tanner had served as a professor and later Academic Dean at JETS from 2000-2005.

A few years back, Dr. Paul began a ministry called Grace Ministries in Action (GMA) to fund the start of a medical clinic in Syria. Three Godly men have now joined Paul on the board of directors, and they have begun to formalize GMA with an Articles of Establishment and a Statement of Faith. They have raised nearly 75% of the funds needed to keep the Syrian clinic open for a year.

Dr. Tanner is currently working on an Arabic edition of a book entitled *I Peter: Living Faithfully in a Hostile World*.

His wife, Linda, has been cancer-free now for 10 years. She no longer travels with Paul but instead works with Marketplace Chaplains and the Pregnancy Resource Center in Tyler, Texas.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the Jordan Seminary (JETS)
- Pray for the new Syrian medical clinic
- Pray for Grace Ministries in Action based in Tyler, Texas
- Pray for social stability in Lebanon. Ranked 3rd most indebted country. Much upheaval and unrest.
- Pray for the Arabic students and their receptiveness to the Word of God
- Pray God will bless our meetings with senior Christian leaders throughout the Middle East and Egypt
- Pray for health, safety, and stamina during trips to the Middle East and Egypt



Submitted by Wendy Powers

TBFers in the News

Carol Wanzor is one of five nominated by the Duncan Chamber of Commerce as Woman of the Year. This award recognizes a woman whose outstanding community contributions and leadership have been in the pursuit of an improved quality of life in Duncan.



Jan Palovik was the 2018 Woman of the Year recipient.

Jean Schalit is one of five nominated by the Duncan Chamber of Commerce for Al Hinshaw Community Spirit. This award recognizes individuals who exemplify the enthusiastic “can do” spirit of Duncan through their volunteer efforts to accomplish great challenges for the benefit of the community.



Sydney Powers took 2nd place (High School) and the Innovation Award in the Stephens County Science Fair. Her project was titled: Shoe Stowaways. She was also Lion's Club student of the Month for February and March.

David and Brianna
and Calvin

— **Pizza! Pizza!**



Welcome to TBF!



Remembering:

A MESSAGE FROM MAMA JO:

First of all, God brought me here; it is by His will I am in this straight place; In that fact I will rest.

Next, He will keep me here in His love, and give me grace to behave as His child. Then, He will make the trial a blessing, teaching me the lessons He intends me to learn, and working in me the grace He means to bestow.

Last, in His good time, He can bring me out again- how and when He knows.

So, I am here (1) By God's appointment, (2) in His keeping, (3) under His training (4) for His time.

Submitted by Krista Bowles

TBF IN ACTION
Kindred Community March 2020
Palace Theater-Duncan, OK

"I Love Lucy"



THE HOLY CITY OF THE WICHITA MOUNTAINS

The Holy City, nestled deep in the Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge (near Lawton), is the home of the longest running Passion of the Christ pageant in the United States. It all began in April 1926 with a man named Anthony M. Wallock, an Australian immigrant raised in Chicago, and a cast of 5. The production, then and now, depicted the life of Christ from His birth to His crucifixion and resurrection.

For many, many years, the play began at 2 a.m. and ended at sunrise. The pageant drew a crowd of 200 the first year and the following year, 500. The dramatization was so impressive, the US Government, in 1937, made a full-length film of it. By the 1940's, the pageant had reached its peak with visitors in the tens of thousands. Due to declining crowds in the 1980's, the timing was moved to the evening hours and would run through midnight. The pageant continued to have over 3,000 visitors and is usually performed twice a year - Palm Sunday Eve and Easter Sunday Eve beginning at 8:30 p.m. Due to the Covid-19 outbreak in the US, the pageant has been cancelled this year - the first time in 95 years.

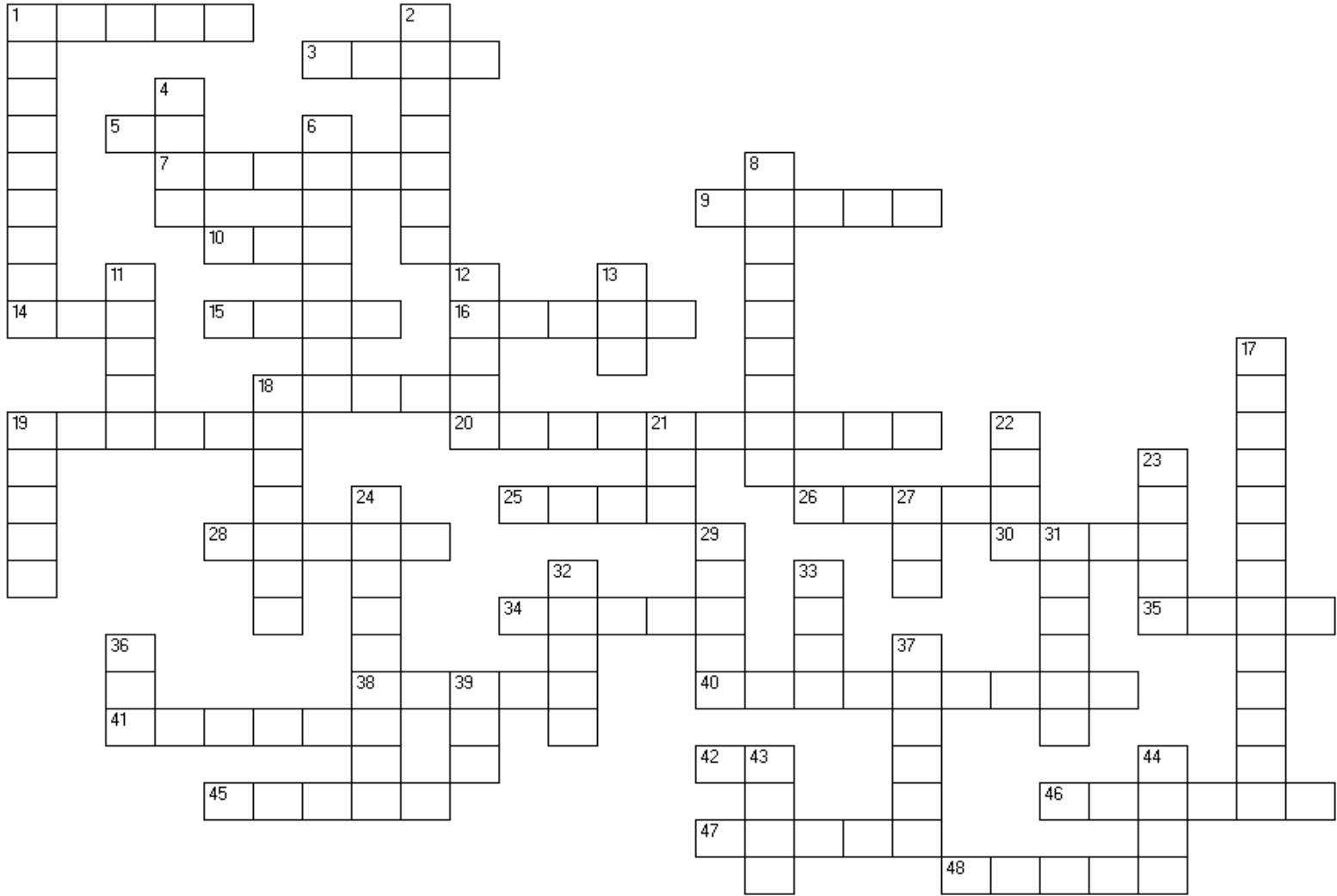


Between 1935-36, the Works Progress Administration (WPA), under President F. Roosevelt, built the present Holy City on 160 acres five miles west of its original location. Buildings now include the temple court, Pilate's judgement hall, Calvary's mount, the Garden of Gethsemane, watch towers, rock shrines, the Lord's supper building, Herod's court, a chapel, and other amenities. The structures were all made from local granite. The chapel replicated George Washington's church, Christ Church, of Alexandria, Virginia and may be reserved for weddings. Reconstruction on the existing structures is on the horizon.

The Holy City and pageant has always been and remains free to the public. It is located on leased land from the government and exists by donations only. The Wildlife Refuge is open most days during daylight hours.



The Passion of Christ



ACROSS

- 1** _____ of life
3 The _____ to Emmaus
5 Do this in remembrance of ____
7 The lost sheep of _____
9 Turn neither to the _____ or the left
10 Thy _____ and staff comfort me
14 _____ of God
15 _____ of the Jews
16 What is _____?
18 _____ of thorns
19 Judas got 30 pieces
20 Geological event at crucifixion
25 The upper _____
26 _____ soldiers
28 Time of day
30 Wise men came from the _____
34 Born in the city of _____
35 Held to Jesus' mouth
38 died in our _____
40 Religious leaders
41 Pontius _____
42 The Great I ____
45 Christian symbol
46 A crown of _____
47 The olive _____
48 Carried the cross

DOWN

- 1** Released by Pilate
2 Sea of _____
4 Split in two at crucifixion
6 Mary supposed him to be the _____
8 Came to Jesus by night
11 Two sat in the tomb
12 Sealed the tomb
13 What they did at the last supper
17 I am the _____ and the life
18 They yelled _____ him!
19 _____ of the spirit
21 If I could just touch the _____ of his garment
22 I will not drink of the fruit of the _____
23 Denied him but was restored
24 Religious leaders
27 The Son of _____
29 Betrayer
31 Simon's brother
32 Pilate washed them
33 In the beginning was the _____
36 Then he took the _____
37 Wearing a _____ robe
39 Peter cut if off
43 A virgin mother
44 Disciple whom Jesus loved

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 Service 7 PM ONLINE	2	3	4 TBF Social: McKenzie's Burger Place Cancelled
5 Service 9:30 AM ONLINE PALM SUNDAY	6	7	8 Service 7 PM ONLINE PASSEOVER BEGINS	9 Kindred Community Cancelled	10 GOOD FRIDAY	11
12 ONLINE Service 9:30 AM EASTER (RESURRECTION) SUNDAY	13	14	15 Service 7 PM ONLINE	16 PASSEOVER ENDS	17	18
19 Service 9:30 AM ONLINE	20	21	22 Service 7 PM ONLINE	23	24	25
26 Service 9:30 AM ONLINE	27 Newsletter Deadline	28	29 Service 7 PM ONLINE	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Notes:

- Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings services online until further notice
- All Bible studies are postponed until further notice
- Watch your email and bulletins for further notice