



# NEWSLETTER

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Tanglewood Bible Fellowship

May 2020

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*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*

## God is Faithful

Who could have imagined our world, our country, our city where it is today - ravaged by this virus, uncertainty, isolation, and death? Our current situation reminds me of the 2015 Arnold Schwarzenegger movie *Maggie* that portrayed a similar reality only the isolation some are experiencing is more intense stirring up feelings of loneliness, depression, boredom, anxiety, and sadness. These are hard times and we don't know what today or even tomorrow will bring (Prov. 27:1); but we do know the One who holds tomorrow in His hands. The bible reminds us that God is faithful. We know that the LORD our God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations (Deut. 7:9). His steadfast love extends to the heavens, [and] His faithfulness to the clouds (Psalm 36:5). His faithfulness endures to all generations; He has established the earth, and it stands fast (Psalm 119:90).

The New Testament reinforces this truth. 2 Thessalonians 3:3 proclaims the Lord is faithful, Who shall establish you and keep [you] from evil. You see, God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord (1 Cor. 1:9). So now, let us hold fast the confession of our Hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful! (Heb.10:23).

### **SUNDAY MORNINGS AND WEDNESDAY EVENINGS SERVICES ONLINE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**Sunday 1st Hour Teaching Time:** 9:30 AM

**Sunday 2nd Hour Adult Class:**

**Sunday 2nd Hour: Prayer and Share**

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

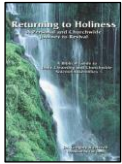
**Snap Shot: Bible Studies and Events:** ALL STUDIES AND EVENTS ARE POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. WATCH YOUR EMAIL AND BULLETINS FOR FURTHER NOTICE

# Growing Spiritually at TBF

## PRAYER AND SHARE – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour

One thing that makes TBF different from other churches is our genuine love and prayer for one another. Join us in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

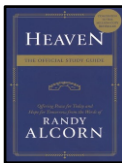
**1 Timothy 2:1** - I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, [and] giving of thanks, be made for all men.



## Returning to Holiness by Dr. C. J. Zzell

Adult Sunday School

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## HEAVEN by Randy Alcorn

7 Week DVD Series  
Men's PM Bible Study



## we over me By Whitney Capps

9 Week DVD Series  
Women's Spring Bible Study

**WE OVER ME  
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*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;  
His mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
Great is Your faithfulness!*

Lamentations 3:22-23

# A Word from David Shields



TBF Church Family,

It has certainly been a different few months in the life of our church. I never would have imagined that my first two months of serving here would look like they have. I have missed being able to gather and worship together. Even more so I am saddened by not having the opportunity to gather in each others homes and get to know each other more. However, Brianna and I have been blown away at how loving and wonderful you all have been. Despite our unique circumstances Duncan and TBF already feel like home and family.

We have been in the book of James looking at Faith at Work. I hope that the series has been helpful to you in unpacking how our faith should be active in our lives. I am excited to announce that our next sermon series will be through the book of Habakkuk. We are going to spend about four weeks unpacking this unique minor prophet and see ourselves in the life of Habakkuk. The book actually records a conversation that the prophet Habakkuk has with God. The book centers on Habakkuk's complaint that the world is falling apart and God doesn't seem to be doing anything. Sound familiar at all?

One of the things that I love about this book is that we actually know very little about the prophet Habakkuk. We are not even sure what his name even means. It could mean a plant or tree, or it could mean embrace. Scholars are also unsure when the book was actually written. They seem fairly sure it happens in 7th century BC, but unsure about the exact date. We don't know the exact context, or circumstances that Habakkuk found himself in, but we know that he was overwhelmed by what he was seeing.

All of the uncertainty in the exact context actually helps reveal the timelessness of this book. All of us have felt moments and times in our lives where we have wondered where God is. We may have cried out our complains to him wishing that he would show up and give us some answers. Well in the book of Habakkuk, God shows up. The prophet and God actually have some back and forth on what God's plan is and what He is up to. I am excited to dive into the book together and see what God has to teach us in this minor prophet.

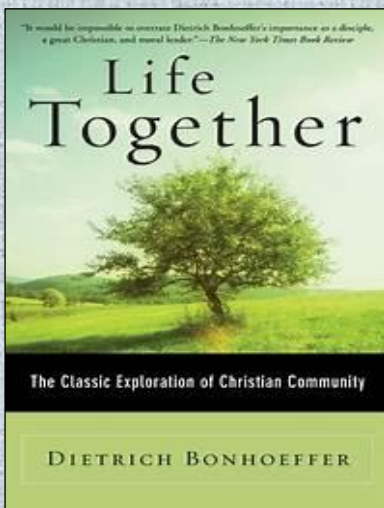
In Christ,  
Pastor David Shields



# David's Book Recommendations

Like many pastors I am a big fan of books. As a young child I even enjoyed being sent to “time out” because it meant quiet time alone with a book. My mother discovered this and my quiet times no longer got to involve reading, which seemed a bit unfair. I thought that I would start sharing my love for books with you in the newsletter. The following books are all books you can find on my bookshelf and I would be more than happy to lend them to anyone who would like to read them.

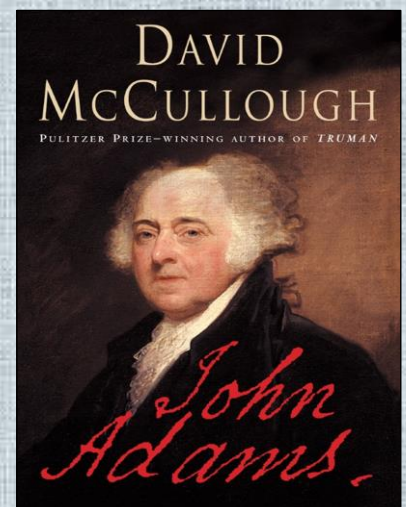
## *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

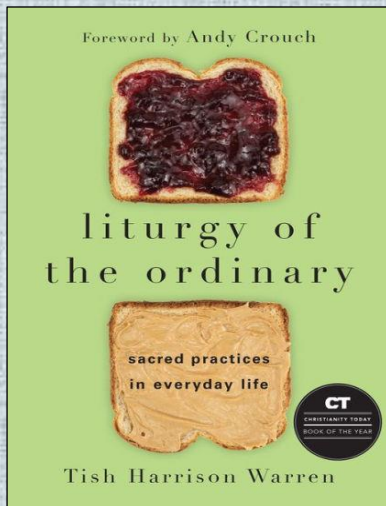


Bonhoeffer was a Christian theologian who lived during Nazi Germany. He actually fled Germany to the United States before the war but was convicted by God that he needed to return and resist. He resisted the Nazi government by being a spy and leading an underground seminary. This short book (less than 120 pages) is his reflections on the meaning of Christian community. It is a powerful work that I have returned to multiple times over the years. The book is short and easy to read but prepare to have the way that you view community changed.

## *John Adams* by David McCullough

This is the book that I read which reignited my love for history. Most history and biography can be boring when it is not written well. Some seem to just regurgitate facts and dates with no story. David McCullough is a brilliant writer whose prose makes John Adams come to life. It's no wonder that this book won a Pulitzer price and was turned into an award-winning television series. John Adams was a unique founding father who was not afraid to do what he believed was right even when it cost him politically. He was also one of the only founding fathers who did not own slaves and spoke against the evil of slavery. Unlike the last two books this book is a much weightier tome (close to 800 pages). If the size does not scare you, then this would be worth your time.



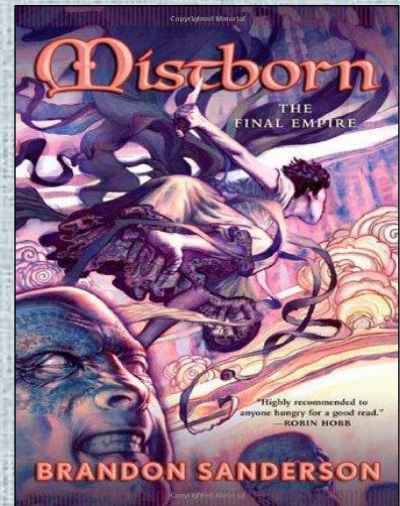


## ***Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Warren**

This is one of my favorite books on Christian living. Warren writes about how our faith is formed “in the small moments of today.” (pg. 21) Each chapter examines how daily activities like making our bed, brushing our teeth, and losing our keys can actually become catalysts for spiritual growth. This book completely changed the way that I view the ordinary moments in my day. It’s another short work (about 153 pages) that packs a big punch.

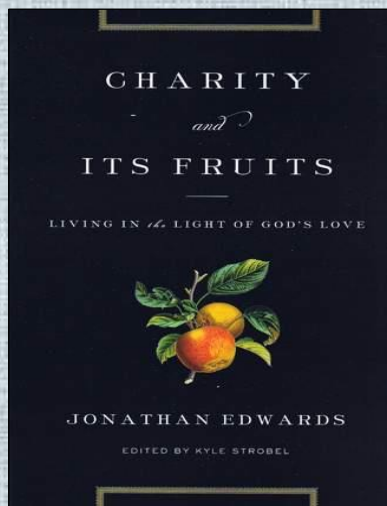
## ***Mistborn* by Brandon Sanderson**

This is where I reveal more of my nerdy side. I think that Christians should read fiction and fantasy is my favorite genre. The premise is that the prophesied hero totally failed to defeat evil. Now ash rains from the sky and the world has been ruled for a 1000 years by an immortal tyrant and god. A group of thieves and criminals decide that they are going to rob him and overthrow his kingdom. The book has one of the coolest systems of magic that I’ve ever read, where people gain powers from eating small pieces of metal. The book is definitely not for everyone, but it is the book that showed me fantasy existed outside of Lord of the Rings (my all-time favorite). It’s the first book in a trilogy, but the first book has a satisfying ending.



## ***Charity and Its Fruits* by Jonathan Edwards edited by Kyle Strobel**

Jonathan Edwards is arguably the most important American theologian. One of my favorite classes in seminary was a class on Edwards where we read most of his books. This book is a collection of his sermons on love in 1 Corinthians 15. This particular edition of these sermons are edited by Kyle Strobel which makes them much more accessible. Edwards’ last sermon on how heaven will be a place of love is the best sermon on heaven that I have ever “heard.” Edwards is worth reading in depth, but this is one of his works that impacted me the most.

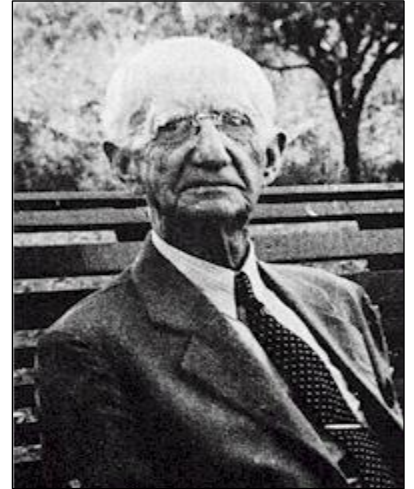


# *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

## Thomas Obadiah Chisholm (1866-1960)

Thomas was a simple man born to James and Lucy Chisholm in a log cabin in Franklin, Kentucky. Poorly educated, yet he became a schoolteacher at the age of 16. By the age of 21, he edited the local newspaper. Thomas was saved at the age of 27 at a revival meeting under H. C. Morrison. Soon afterwards, he became the editor of a Pentecostal publication in Louisville, KY; and for a short time, he served as a Methodist minister. Due to declining health, Thomas moved to Indiana and then to New Jersey where he worked as an insurance agent. He was married with two daughters. Over his lifetime, he composed over 1200 sacred poems; 800 of which were published appearing in *The Sunday School Times*, *Moody Monthly*, and *Alliance Weekly*. *Great is Thy Faithfulness* is the one that stood out amongst all the others.

Written in 1923 and set to music by William M. Runyan, associated with the Moody Institute, the song became an instant hit and sung in churches all over America. It became an international favorite in 1945 after Canadian George B. Shea sang the hymn at Billy Graham Crusades in Great Britain. Thomas is often quoted, "My income has not been large at any time due to impaired health in the earlier years which has followed me on until now. Although I must not fail to record here the unfailing faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God and that He has given me many wonderful displays of His providing care, for which I am filled with astonishing gratefulness."



Thomas O. Chisholm

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father  
There is no shadow of turning with thee  
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be*

*Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided  
Great is thy faithfulness  
Lord unto me!*

*Summer and winter, springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside*

Lamentations 3:22-23

Thomas Chisholm other hymns include: *He was wounded for our Transgressions, Living for Jesus, O to be like Thee!*, and *Trust in the Lord with all your heart.*

# TBF Ministries and Opportunities

## *Volunteer Opportunities*

Each of us, I'm certain, have compassionate hearts for those who are in need and offer to lift one another with diligent and earnest prayers. Prayer should be the first thing we do. There are times, however, when we can do more. As Carol suggested, a note of encouragement would mean so much. If there is a special someone who touches your heart, please drop a card in the mail, send a text, make a phone call. If you need an address and are unable to find one, please ask. I'm sure someone on this prayer chain will be able to help.

In James 1:22,25 English Standard Version (ESV), we read -  
But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

~ Olga Pollock

### **Coming this Summer** *(Lord Willing)*

**(With the blessing of the Elders and the lifting of Covid19 restrictions)**



**Super Summer Saturdays**  
(Beginning in June)

**Windows on the World**  
(July 29th)

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**Kindred Community Dinner**  
(At the discretion of Beautiful Day)



**Watch your emails for further information**

In Honor of Mother's Day, TBF will be making a special



# TBF's 2020

## Graduating Highschool Seniors

### *Sydney Powers*



Sydney is a 2020 homeschool honor graduate of Powers Academy in Loco, Oklahoma. During her junior and senior year of high school, she was enrolled at Red River Technology Center in the Bio-medical Program and at Cameron University. She was a member and President of Stephens County 4H, a member and President of HOSA (Heath Occupations Student Association), a member of the National Technological Honor Society, Lion's Club scholarship recipient, and placed in the Stephens County Science Fair and various speech contests.

Sydney Powers will attend Southwestern Oklahoma State University (Weatherford) in the fall where she will pursue a degree in nursing.

Sydney is the daughter of Sidney and Wendy Powers and the granddaughter of Harris and Patsy Powers of Comanche, OK and George and Lois Cain of Georgia.



### *Tanner Roberson*

Tanner is a 2020 graduate of Walters High School in Walters, Oklahoma. He played percussion in concert and marching band, ran track, and pole vaulted. Tanner studied HVAC at Red River Technology Center and will pursue an apprenticeship in HVAC upon graduation.

Tanner is the son of Scotti Roberson and Kim Hanks and the grandson of Carlos and Mimi Roberson of Duncan, Oklahoma.





# TBF's 2020 College Graduates

## *Amber Powers*



Amber is a 2020 graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University with a BS in Biology. She has been accepted to the College of Veterinary Medicine at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater and will begin her graduate studies in the fall of 2020.

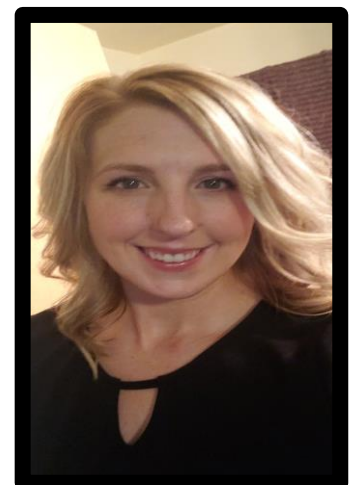
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## *Angel Wylie*

Angel is a 2020 graduate of Oklahoma City University-Kramer School of Nursing with a BS in Nursing. Angel will take the nursing boards shortly after graduation and has interviewed at Duncan Regional Hospital in the ICU and ER.

Angel is the wife of Dustin Wylie and mother of Paitlyn and Sadie.



# Congratulations to all our Graduates!!

*We're So Proud of You!*



## Remember What You Have Been Taught

“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.” | Colossians 2:6-7

“He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” | Micah 6:8

“But those who wait upon the LORD will renew their strength. They will mount up with wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint.” | Isaiah 40:31

“Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.” | Proverbs 16:3

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” | Romans 8:28

“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” | Joshua 1:7-9

“Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.” | Psalm 105:4

“Hear, my son, your father’s instruction, and forsake not your mother’s teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.” | Proverbs 1:8-9

## Be Happy in the Lord

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” | Philippians 4:7-8

“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” | 1 Corinthians 15:57-58

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” | Philippians 4:4-6

“The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.” | Psalms 126:3

“The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.” | Psalms 28:7

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.” | Philippians 4:4

## Walk Forward in the Lord

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.” | Philippians 2:3-4

“Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.” | Psalms 37:4

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.” | Proverbs 3:5-6

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.” | Colossians 3:23

“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” | Jeremiah 29:13

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” | Ephesians 2:10

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men” | Colossians 3:23

## Our Prayers for You

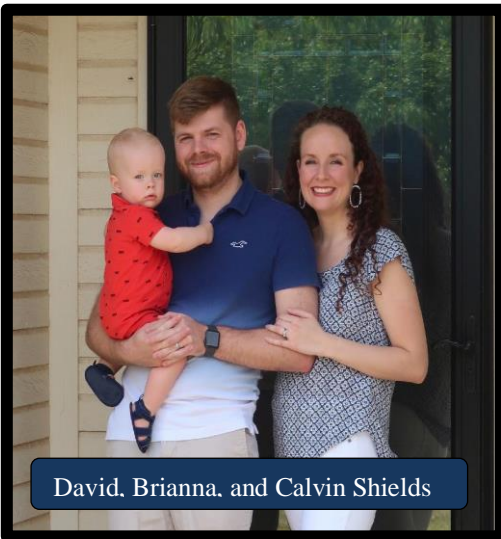
“And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ” | Philippians 1:9-10

“And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God” | Colossians 1:9-10



## The Front Porch Project

With the “Stay-at-Home” mandate in place, TBFers share things they’ve learned, missed, a fun memory, and/or a favorite Bible verse



David, Brianna, and Calvin Shields

We will always remember Calvin learning to walk in quarantine! He is getting very speedy. The hardest part for us has been not getting to open our home to our new TBF family. We are excited to host people for dinner and coffee as soon as the Lord allows!

Rumor also has it that David and Brianna have been enjoying sci-if audible books!

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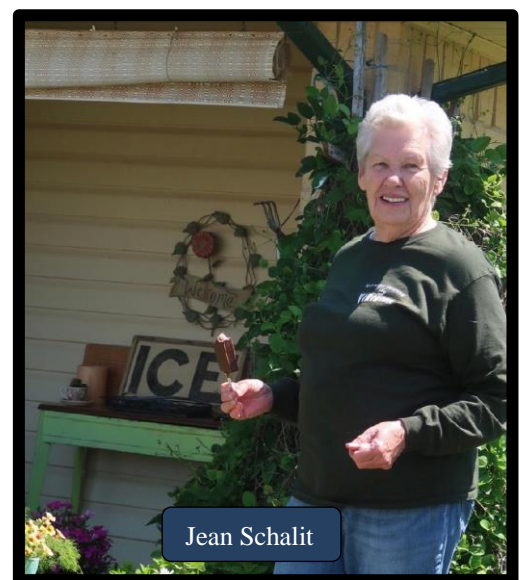
When circumstances dictate, I will revert back to times when as a single mom. I had to make do and knew how. I have been reminded I am not alone.

A neighborhood dog stole my jar of goldfish food. A rat stole the bird feed right out of the feeder in broad daylight as I watched. A mockingbird tried to steal my string cheese out of my hand as I sat outside in my favorite sitting places. Missed me, missed me, now ya gotta kiss me!

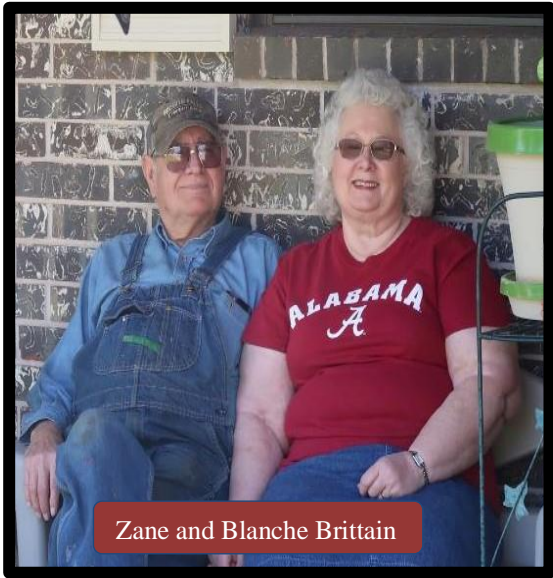
The refurbished Mac computer that I've owned for 10 years needed to be replaced so I got a new one. I've learned so much and have much to learn. I'm very proud I learned to Zoom.

Of course I have missed CHURCH! Also, Saturday mornings at Viridian with my Rowdy Friends and my Silver Sneakers Class.

The scripture that has helped me through this Philippians 4: 4-8



Jean Schalit



I learned anew and afresh that doing “busy-ness” isn’t the same as doing God’s “business”, for sometimes God calls us to “**be still and KNOW that I AM God**”! (Psalm 46:10)

Fun thing (for Blanche, not Zane, although he did watch with me)—I finally watched all of the Star Wars Prequels!!! Had never watched them—and yes, I am a Star Wars fan!!! Something probably no one but my children knew about!!! :-)

And one of my favorite scriptures: "**For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.**" 2 Timothy 1:12. We Win!!!

Zane has also passed the time by observing whether or not cars actually STOP at the stop signs he can see from the front porch. If only he could still write tickets!

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What I’ve learned from my downtime is, God always knows what He’s doing and He has given me the choice of the attitude I will live and display through it.

As Denis Waitley says, “Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude.”

Psalm 103 is my “life Psalm” and keeps me grounded! The “fun thing” I have rediscovered is, I really do like to write to others. . . I seem to express myself better on paper.

Through all of this, I know so many people are in desperate situations and my heart aches for them especially the lost. The Lord has blessed me with peace and comfort and I praise him for His love and protection!

The only thing I could say I really miss is personal physical contact with my family!

(Kitte’s photo is taken with her NEW LAWN which was installed on Saturday.)



Kitte Lewark



Quarantine has not been much of a change for us. We did not get out that much before, just every once in a while for some Ted's chips, queso, and salsa, which we have missed! I can't really think of anything "new" that I have learned besides relearning kindergarten and 4th grade information. I guess some of it is new or taught differently. It has definitely been quite the experience learning how to be a schoolteacher. Being a schoolteacher really isn't something I have ever wanted to be, and I give props to all the teachers out there! Dustin thinks that summer break should be 3 months maximum. I think the girls like having their routine and I know they enjoy school.

Dustin's choice Scripture: Spare not the rod and spoil the child. [Dustin's humor.]

Angel's choice scripture: Matthew 18:20 For where two or three have gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.

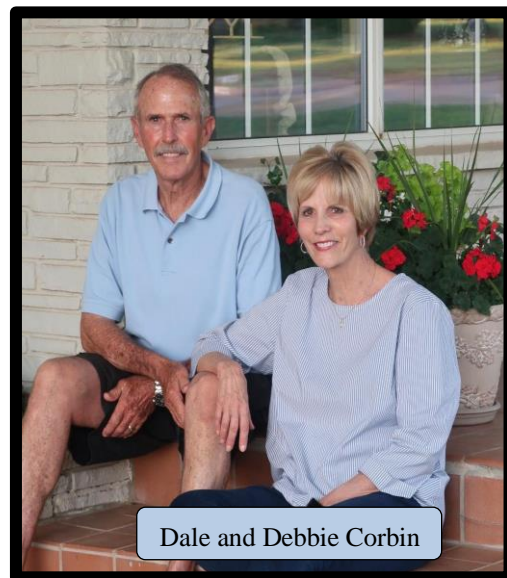
I feel that just because we are not able to gather together in the House of the Lord, that it hasn't kept us from gathering together, worshiping, or receiving His word in other ways. A virus is not going to break our faith or keep us from sharing His word. It has actually helped us reach those who are not comfortable stepping into the church, and they are able to hear the word from the comforts of their home. We are planting seeds and growing Gods army.

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Something we have learned is how to do Zoom, revive our hair cutting skills, cooking, painting rooms and baseboards.

We have missed being with our children, grandchildren, friends and going to church and being with our church family.

A verse we love is Psalm 73: 25-27.  
 Whom have I in heaven but Thee?  
 And besides thee, I desire nothing on earth.  
 My flesh and my heart may fail,  
 But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.





I never knew how much I could enjoy games until being forced to distance myself from “busy ness”! Mike and I have played board games, battle ship, cards, dominos and put together two giant puzzles.....in addition to reading ALOT! I’m actually learning how to relax during this time!

I’ve also taken advantage of the You Version Bible plans and I have studied much about “trusting the Lord”. I’ve always loved Proverbs 3:5-6 and really find it fitting during this time. The following is a quote from one of the plans called No Fear...

“Even though I don’t like it, even though I don’t understand it, even though I know HE could and HE should but HE’s not, yet will I trust in the Lord my God.”

I love an analogy I read that says we are all in the same storm but we are in different ships! My ship is sailing smoothly at the moment. Everyone knows I’m a hugger so I MISS being around my people! I realize that many have ships who are taking on flood waters and I’m thankful to be able to intercede on their behalf every day! I’m thankful to serve a faithful God who sees each individual journey and who promises to never leave us or forsake us! 🙌🙌

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Doug and I have learned again what really being together means. We could write a book!! LOL Loving it and loving life.

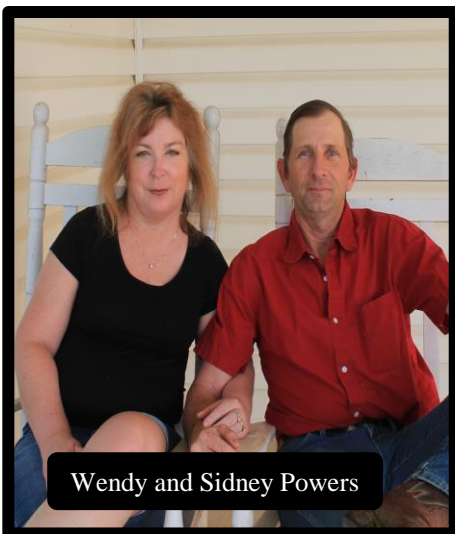
A new skill that we are continuing to learn is ZOOMing!! We are able to connect with our TBF family and also the Queens Church family in NYC.

Another new skill is COOKING!! But it is difficult because we want to eat at local restaurants for take out to help them stay afloat!! So not cooking much!!

We are also appreciating getting to know Pastor David and his family through ZOOM and his daily devotionals and messages!! Love to all!!



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Life is pretty much the same here on the farm with the exception we eat out less and buy groceries less often - bulk buying when we go. Cleaned out the freezers! Witnessed a large group (about 58) rough-legged hawks land in the field behind the house one evening on their migration. God never ceases to amaze us with the beauty of His creation! It’s all around us if we just look.

We see the college kids and Sidney’s parents often but miss seeing my family in Georgia especially when milestones roll around like my parents 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We miss seeing church family. Zoom has helped with that.

Favorite Verse: The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe. Proverbs 18:10

Trust in the Lord  
with all your heart  
and lean not on your  
own understanding;  
in all your ways  
acknowledge Him  
and He will make  
your paths straight.  
-Proverbs 3:5-6

LOCAL MISSIONS

# DeAnna Sanders - She Is Safe

Body • Mind • Spirit



## An Interview: How did you get your start in missions?

I felt a call to missions when I was a teenager. And I've also always loved to write. I felt God was calling me to some type of media missions. I pursued degrees in Communications (B.A. and M.A.) and thought I was headed to an international missions assignment. But God had other plans. After Johnny and I married, life took a different turn and we found ourselves in Duncan when he started working for Halliburton in 1987. We've been here ever since. During that time, I've written curriculum for Women's Missionary Union and the Baptist Sunday School Board. I've been Missions Minister at Immanuel Baptist Church and I've worked for She Is Safe. In 2011, I became the Indonesia Country Director for She Is Safe. Loved that work, traveling to two locations in Indonesia twice a year to help our ministry partners there help women and girls with prevention, rescue and restoration from abuse and sex slavery. I've been so very blessed that I can work internationally for our organization based in Atlanta and do all of that remotely from my home in Duncan!

## Current update on the work that continues with DeAnna:

In 2018, God led me to take another position within She Is Safe – Global Communications Officer. My main job is to write and produce communication pieces (including social media posts) to raise awareness and support for all of She Is Safe work in all the countries where we serve. I travel to our Atlanta-based office about four times a year but haven't traveled internationally since changing positions. I hope to do that again one day. Right now, I love to tell the stories of the amazing women and girls we work with. It's truly incredible to see how God brings healing and hope in the midst of such overwhelming struggles and pain.

Even though our international team can't travel right now to visit in person with our partners, we are continuing to do the work via technology. We are addressing the massive need of those who live not only at-risk for abuse and trafficking but also live in extreme poverty. The COVID-19 virus has made it incredibly hard for the poor to earn enough money so they can eat. We are helping our partners with this immediate need. I've helped write communications to aid with our response.

I also like to write other things in addition to my She Is Safe work. I'm compiling my stories into a book. It describes my journeys around the world and the fascinating people I've met and what God has taught me along the way. Hopefully it will be printed one day, and I can share it with you!

Indonesia consists of thousands of islands. Indonesians are mostly Muslim, Hindu, and indigenous people.

## Prayer Requests:

Please pray that I will be an effective voice for communicating well the powerful life-changing stories of those we serve through She Is Safe. Please pray that I will be a wife, mother and grandmother that reflects God's love and peace in such a chaotic world.

I encourage you to go to our website, <https://sheissafe.org/>, to stay current on what we are doing around the world and also to follow us on social media. Right now, we have opportunity for everyone to support our COVID-19 response through a matching grant <https://sheissafe.org/covid-19-response/>. It will help the world's most vulnerable people be protected and fed through this crisis. Please sign up for our communications and you will be informed and also read the pieces I write!



A Lion-Hearted Faith

# Dr. Imad Shehadeh - JETS

## Background:

Imad Shehadeh was born in Jordan to Palestinian parents. Imad and his parents moved to the United States so he could attend the University of California as a pre-med student. He and Julia met in January 1978 after Imad had come to the Lord through Campus Crusade for Christ. Imad began ministry as a staff member of Campus Crusade and assisted Julia in her student outreach at the University of Jordan. They were married in August of 1978 and started a church in Northern Jordan. The Jordanian government took notice and put Imad under house arrest for three months. Under these circumstances, Imad and Julia left Jordan and returned to the States. Imad said, *"It was providential from the Lord to leave."* Imad would begin his studies at Dallas Theological Seminary to complete his masters and doctoral studies. They returned to Jordan in 1990 to test the waters and see what was needed in Jordan. What was needed was trained Bible leaders, and so in 1991, Imad started Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary (JETS). Imad and Julia have three grown sons and three grandchildren.



## More on Imad Shehadeh's Faithfulness and JETS:

Imad serves as Founder, President, and Professor of Theology at Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary. It was the first of its kind in a Muslim country. The path to open the seminary was not an easy one and required Jordanian government approval. Despite having opened the school, the government closed the school twice and threw Imad in jail both times. Imad never gave up his "lion-hearted faith" or his dream to re-open JETS. *"I knew this was God's work, so I didn't let the obstacles discourage me,"* he said. Four years of meeting with Jordanian government officials, lawyers, and a ton of prayers, but more importantly by God's intervention and divine appointment, in 1995, Imad was able to secure the government signatures needed to re-open JETS. Dr. Stephen Bramer, professor of Bible Exposition, called Imad Shehadeh *"a truly meek man, one whose great strength is under the control of the Spirit of God. I know him to be a man of vision and faith whose motivation is truly godly."*

Imad is an author and speaker regionally and internationally. He has written several books in Arabic. Dr. Shehadeh continues to be an active member of the board of Dallas Theological Seminary. Julia assists Imad in all his work plus serves as the spiritual advisor for women students and the wives of men students.

JETS is a non-denominationally related institution that targets the 22 Arabic-speaking countries of the Arab world, where its graduates serve the seminary's mission is *"to equip spiritual leaders for planting and strengthening churches in the Arab World."* It has been in operation for 28 years.



## Prayer Requests:

- Pray for Imad and Julia's walk with the Lord.
- Pray for Julia's health.
- Pray for quality and quantity students; effective and growing staff and faculty, growing impact in more Arab countries through formal and informal training, ongoing funding for operations.
- Pray for the stability and growth of JETS staff, and for the adjustment of six new full-time Ph.D. faculty.
- Pray for funding needed to finish the next stage of campus, and that this addition would provide better security and functionality.
- Pray for the financial needs of the students there.

<https://www.pray.org/global-missions/missionaries/dr-imad-shehadeh/>

Submitted by Wendy Powers

NEWSLETTER 16

"For we walk by  
**FAITH**  
not by sight."  
2 Corinthians 5:7 KJV

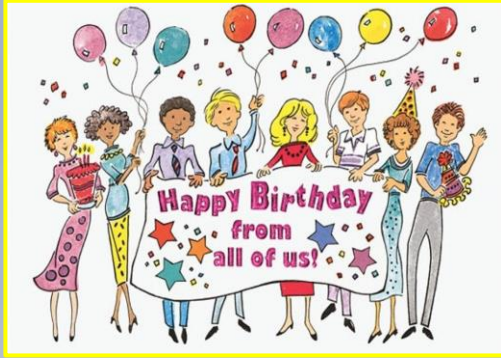




# TBF IN ACTION



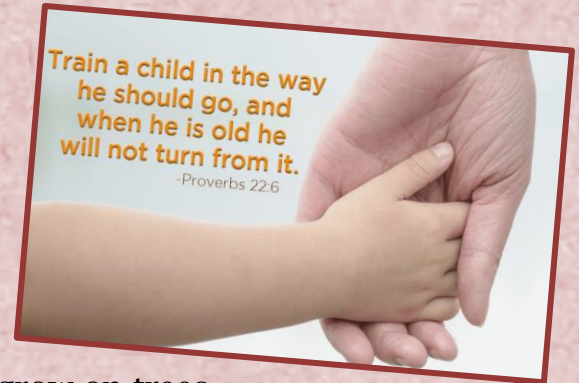
## Drive-by Birthday Parade for David Shields - April 12th



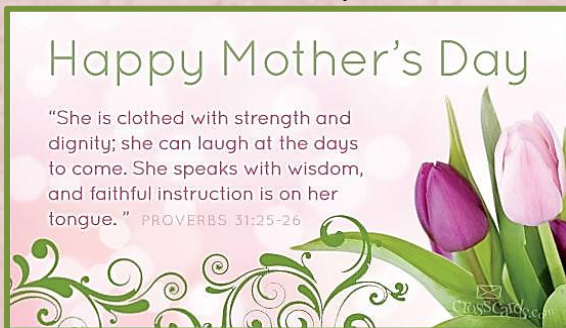
# Things Mothers Have Said...

We've all heard it, said it, or heard it said to someone else. Still some are funny, some still ring true. Maybe some will bring back a memory of something your mom said to you. **Happy Mother's Day!**

- Every choice has consequences
- I love you to the moon and back
- If you don't try, you can't succeed
- Laugh - keep a sense of humor
- There's no such word as "ain't"
- Don't put your elbows on the table
- You're as pretty as a picture
- Money can't buy happiness
- Don't speak to me like that
- Beggars can't be choosers
- Never go to bed angry
- Forgive
- Life isn't fair
- Jesus is watching
- Never chase/call a boy
- Because I said so
- Go to your room
- Count your blessings
- Momma's little man
- You are what you eat



- Money doesn't grow on trees.
- I've had it up to hear with you
- You should know better
- Take it with a grain of salt
- I'm so proud of you
- Don't stoop to their level
- Wait til you have children of your own
- Eat it or go hungry/Take it or leave it
- Swear and I'll wash your mouth out with soap
- You could argue with a fence post/stop sign
- You'd forget your head if it wasn't attached
- Where's there's a will, there's a way
- The sun doesn't rise and set on your desires
- Don't open an umbrella in the house Close the door, you weren't raised in a barn
- Ask your father/Wait til your father gets home
- No dessert until after you've eaten dinner
- There is no right time to have a baby
- March to the beat of a different drummer



- Always write thank you notes even if you don't like/need it
- When you marry the man, you marry the family
- Only fools and dead people don't change their minds
- If all your friends jump off a bridge, are you going to jump too?
- If you don't have something nice to say, don't say anything at all
- A lady never chews with her mouth open/don't chew like a cow
- Clean your room, it looks like a pig sty/looks like a bomb went off in it
- Don't promise something you can't keep
- Never write to type anything you don't want someone else to read
- Throughout your life, keep generosity in your hands, kindness in your eyes, compassion in your arms, forgiveness in your heart, patience in your breath, and acceptance in your lips
- Love the Lord your God will all our heart, all your mind, with all your strength, with all your soul, and your neighbor as yourself



# NAMES OF GOD

G O D E G D E L W O N K F O D O G A L M I G H T Y R E L O L A M Y I A M  
Y S O V E R E I G N N S U F F I C R N T E C S I A M E T E R N A L A H J  
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H G R E A T V D I A M T E U G R A C E R O M N I P O T E N T E L O H I M  
E L S H A D D A I K I N D H T H E A N C I E N T O F D A Y S S P I R I T

Words may be up, down, diagonal, forward, or backward.  
Wanting more? Match the names of God with their meaning.

ADONAI  
ATTIYQ YOUM  
ELOHIM  
EL DEAH  
EL ELYON  
EL GIBHOR  
EL OLAM  
EL ROI  
EL SHADDAI  
YAHWEH  
YAHWEH JIREH  
YAHWEH MACCADDESHM  
YAHWEH NISSI  
YAHWEH RAPHA  
YAHWEH ROHI  
YAHWEH SABBAOTH  
YAHWEH SHAMMAH  
YAHWEH SHALOM  
YAHWEH TSIDKENU

GOD ALMIGHTY  
GOD IS CREATOR  
GOD OF KNOWLEDGE  
MIGHTY GOD  
THE ANCIENT OF DAYS  
THE EVERLASTING GOD  
THE LORD IS PEACE  
THE LORD MOST HIGH  
THE LORD MY SHEPHERD  
THE LORD OF HOSTS  
THE LORD OVER ALL  
THE LORD OUR BANNER  
THE LORD OUR HEALER  
THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS  
THE LORD WHO IS PRESENT  
THE LORD WILL PROVIDE  
THE LORD YOUR SANCTIFIER  
THE STRONG ONE WHO SEES  
SELF-EXISTENT ONE

# May

# 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US <b>REJOICE</b> & BE GLAD IN IT <small>PSALM 118:24</small>	1	2
3 Service 9:30 AM <b>ONLINE</b>	4	5	6 Service 7 PM <b>ONLINE</b>	7	8	9
10 <b>ONLINE</b> Service 9:30 AM 	11	12	13 Service 7 PM <b>ONLINE</b>	14	15	16
17 Service 9:30 AM	18	19	20 Service 7 PM	21	22	23
24 Service 9:30 AM		26 Newsletter Deadline	27 Service 7 PM	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Notes:

