



NEWSLETTER

Tanglewood Bible Fellowship

EIC: Wendy Powers

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

Living Water

The water libation ritual, one of many rituals during the Great Feast, was very popular in the Second Temple days. It was the accompanying ceremony of the water drawing, which took place at night when water was drawn from Siloam for the next morning's water libation. Each day for seven consecutive days a priest would walk up a ramp leading to the bronze altar located in the Temple Court and pour a jug full of water into a bowl that drained into the altar. The ceremony of the water drawing was a jubilant occasion. As the ceremony took place, Levites played lyres, trumpets, harps, cymbals, and other instruments, while other Levites sang. The Mishna states, "He that has never seen the joy of the [ceremony of the water drawing] has never in his life seen joy." (Sukkah 51a)

Even though this ceremony is not practiced today because there is no temple, the liturgy can still be found in some Jewish prayer books. One prayer said during the Sukkot holiday reads "Please God! Those who pour water before you, from the springs of salvation may they draw water, save now and bring salvation now."

Finally, on what was probably the last day of the Great Feast known as Hoshana Raba, (May have occurred one day later on Shemini Atzeret), the climax of the entire week, Jesus made what some believe to be His greatest proclamation, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. John 7:37-39

This was no statement secretly whispered in the dark corner. The text says that Jesus "stood" to make His announcement, and He "cried out" meaning He spoke with a loud voice. He wanted everyone to hear the good news. The stunned crowd did hear, and they knew what He meant.

Jesus was declaring that He was Messiah and that everyone who would believe in Him would receive the gift or indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the "living water," not measured in terms of a trickling spring, the Spring of Gihon, but a flowing river—even numerous rivers! Jesus was saying in effect "I am the reality that the water in this ceremony symbolizes - the true life-giver through whom the Holy Spirit is also given." Some may have also been familiar with Ezekiel's prophecy of the Holy Spirit (Ezek. 36:24-27).

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Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 AM MEETING AT TANGLEWOOD

Adult Services AND Children's (0-12 years) Programs – No Youth (teens) Program at this time.

Masks are encouraged. Required if you want to sing during praise/worship.

Wednesday P.M. Service: 7:00-8:00 PM ZOOM MEETINGS ON-LINE

Meeting Group ID: 367 622 575



A Word from Pastor David Shields

It's election season, which means that hyperbole and fear will be at an all-time high. I saw an election quote, "A democrat will leave nothing unattempted to overturn the government of this country." Another one claimed that the other candidate had "created a reign of terror to promote domestic feud and foreign war." These ads sound similar to what is on our televisions, but they are much older than the 2020 election cycle.

Both of those quotes were actually given during the contested election of 1800 between President John Adams and Democratic-Republican candidate Thomas Jefferson. The election was so heated that most of the quotes and ads run in newspapers would be inappropriate to print in a church newsletter. Both sides were stoking fear that if the other candidate won it would lead to the end of democracy. When Jefferson eventually won many believers were so afraid that they hid their Bibles for fear that they would be confiscated.

I share this for a reason. Elections are often divisive, and fear filled times. Each party uses fear to try and motivate their constituents to vote for their candidate and against the other person. As believers we should not be motivated by fear. We have to resist the urge and pull of attack ads and opinion pieces. We need to rest in one simple, but profound truth: God is on His Throne and He appoints rulers.

Romans 13:1 reminds us that "there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." There is no election result that could possibly come that would shock God. Whoever wins their local, state, or federal election in November will win because God allowed it. For some of us it will bring joy, for some, sadness. But no matter what happens we need to remember that God is on His throne.

This also means that God appoints the good rulers and the bad. He allowed the dictators, tyrants, and terrible presidents. This doesn't mean that we have to choose political apathy, or that our vote does not matter. But it does mean that we do not need to vote based on fear. We can enter into the ballot box, or mail in our ballot, with hope. Not that our preferred candidate will win, but with the hope that God is King.

The ads every party uses to try and incite fear almost teach a subtle gospel. They tell us that judgement is coming and that the only way to escape is to vote for this particular savior. Avoid falling into that trap. Rest in the love of Jesus, the true Savior. Vote in a way that you will be proud of when you stand before the throne at the end of time. Fear not, Church. God is on His throne. No one can ever vote Him out.

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It is important to know something about this water. It was taken from a spring just east of Jerusalem called the Spring of Gihon. This spring may have been used to anoint David's son, Solomon, King of Israel (1 Kings 1:45). King Hezekiah later redirected the water of this spring into the city of Jerusalem through a long underground conduit known as Hezekiah's Tunnel. Within the walls of Jerusalem, the waters of Gihon ran into a pool named the Pool of Siloam.



Waters from the pool of Siloam were used in the ordinance of the red heifer described in Numbers 19, where Moses was instructed to mix "running" (lit. living) water with the ashes of the red heifer. The water had to be fresh, able to give life, not stagnant. This mixture of water and ashes was sprinkled on those who had become unclean to purify them. This same Pool of Siloam is also referred to in the New Testament.

It was to this pool that the Lord Jesus sent a man, blind from birth, to wash off the clay that He had applied to the man's eyes. After washing in the pool, the man received his sight (John 9:6-7).

The Pool of Siloam not only held historical significance, but in Jewish tradition it also had a prophetic connotation. First, the Jewish Scriptures speak of a time when, like water poured "upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground," God will pour out His Spirit upon all flesh (Isaiah 44:3). Because the waters of Siloam were used to anoint the kings of the house of David, and that anointing was symbolic of the Holy Spirit coming upon an individual (1 Sam. 16:13), the living waters of Siloam became associated with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Second, this outpouring is to take place during the days of the Messiah, the anointed one, a descendant of King David, through whom salvation will come to Israel. Based on Isaiah 12:3, the Pool of Siloam became known as the "well of salvation" and was associated with the messianic age. Thus, to the Jewish people of the Second Temple days, pouring water on the altar at the Feast of Tabernacles was symbolic of the Holy Spirit poured out during the days of the Messiah.

<http://jewishroots.net/library/holiday-articles/water-libation-ceremony.html>

<https://jewsforjesus.org/publications/issues/issues-v06-n07/sukkot-a-promise-of-living-water/>

<https://torahportions.ffoz.org/disciples/john/living-water-from-the-messiah.html>



For I will pour water on him who is thirsty,
and floods on the dry ground;
I will pour My Spirit upon your descendants,
and My blessing on your offspring.

Isaiah 44:3

Living Waters 2016

Keith & Kristyn Getty are a Northern Irish Christian duo, best known for writing many popular modern hymns with veteran English songwriter and worship leader Stuart Townend. Due to the success of "In Christ Alone", the duo has spearheaded the modern hymn genre.

Keith and Kristyn occupy a unique space in the world of music today as preeminent modern hymn writers. In re-inventing the traditional hymn form, they have created a catalogue of songs teaching Christian doctrine and crossing the genres of traditional, classical, folk and contemporary composition which are sung the world over.



Keith and Kristyn Getty

Keith and Kristyn live between Northern Ireland and Nashville with their daughters: Eliza Joy, Charlotte, Grace, and Tahlia.

When asked about the purpose to Living Waters, the Gettys replied: "The Lord Jesus came to give us life and life in all its fullness. This song is an invitation to us and to our children, to come and be filled and healed, and to walk in life and freedom. It is a privilege for us to sing with our families, as we pass our faith on to the next generation. Our primary mission field is our three (now four) daughters!"

Are you thirsty, Are you empty
Come and drink these Living Waters
Time unbroken, Peace unspoken
Rest beside these Living Waters
Christ is calling, Find refreshing
At the cross of Living Waters
Lay your life down, On Thee, all come
Rise up in these Living Waters

There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of Living Waters

Spirit moving
Mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children to the shoreline
Life is in these Living Waters

There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of Living Waters

Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these Living Waters
Love, forgiveness
Vast and boundless
Christ, He is our Living Water

There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of Living Waters

"In Christ Alone" (penned by Keith and long-time writing partner, Stuart Townend) holds the #1 position of most-frequently-sung in UK churches for the past 9 consecutive years. It was voted the #2 best-loved hymn of all time in the UK according to a BBC Songs of Praise national survey and among the top 5 hymns of all time by the UK Hymns

TBF *Women's Ministries*



The Women's Ministry at Tanglewood Bible Fellowship encompasses women from all realms of life who stand in unity as one body of believer in their gifts, service, and desire to be transformed into the image of Christ (2 Corinthians 3:18). We are a sisterhood growing together in relationship as we discover through our common interests the splendor and joy of serving Him.

It is our purpose in Women's Ministry to behold the beauty and the gifts that are on the inside of each woman in our congregation. We seek to develop those gifts and encourage one another in them as we stand together, being perfected and fully equipped, closely joined and firmly knit together, growing in full maturity and building one another up in His love. (Ephesians 4:12, 16)

I long for God's Living Water to flow in all its fullness through me and the ladies of Tanglewood today and every day. Jesus allow the Holy Spirit to fill us afresh right now. Fill us to overflowing with the fullness of Your peace, presence, love, joy and hope. Jesus You are the Fount of Life. Fill our empty hearts with those Living Waters. Let our hearts overflow with love for everyone, with every intention of our will, with every word upon our lips, with every deed which we perform. May we be reminded as we drink of the Living Waters that we are Your daughters.

We Over Me

6:00 – 7:30 PM

TBF Youth Room



October 6 Lesson 6 Pergamum and Thyatira

October 20 Lesson 7 Sardis and Philadelphia

Sister-to-Sister

Card Ministry

Lifting One Another Up Through Words of Encouragement

If you would like to be a part of this ministry and send a card or two encouraging your sisters-in-Christ each month, please send an email to powers5rus@aol.com or text 580.736.4997 with your name and the word "sisters". Further details will be provided.

Supplies provided for active TBF women or feel free to use your own.

I had a sleepless night Friday and so I was very tired Saturday but didn't want to miss the Baby Shower for Brianna. I went and afterwards had every intention of going straight home for a much-needed nap, but I remembered that there was an estate sale in my neighborhood. I thought about going as I enjoy these sales even when I need nothing. As I thought about going, I kept reminding myself of how tired I was and how foolish it was to even consider going, but for a reason unknown to me at the time I simply could not, not go. I drove right by my home and ended up at the house where the sale was happening.

I went in and wandered from room to room thinking, why am I here, they have nothing I want or need. As I came to the last room in the house, I realized a very pretty, young woman and I were the only ones in the room. With a dazzling smile she asked if my name was Jean Schalit and when I answered, "Yes it is", she said, "I thought so." She went on to say, "You won't remember me, but I worked at the Bank Of Commerce, and you gave me my first devotional book, Jesus Calling." This is the same book that was gifted to all the widows from Kindred Community.

I was very surprised because I didn't remember giving her the book. She went on to tell me how at that time she was at a very low and dark place in her life and didn't know Jesus. She said two co-workers had shared the gospel with her and were very kind to her. She also said those women and the Jesus Calling book helped her find Jesus and her life had totally changed.

She was saved and not long after that met a good man. He came in the room about then, and she introduced me to him. He was saved shortly afterwards and they now attend The Eternal Life Church in Marlow where her husband is in the worship team and she works in the children's ministry. I'm so very glad I went to that sale. What a blessing!

I tell this story to remind myself and others that we never know what very, simple gestures might be used by God to impact another person's life for eternity. It happened for me 32 years ago when a woman on a television news show shared her testimony, and what she said started me on my pilgrimage to the Savior. She won't know until we get to heaven what she did for me that day.

I think about Mama Jo Dickinson, a former TBFer who is now in glory and how she handed out little Christian cards wherever she went and shared Jesus's love with everyone. She was such a kind and gentle person. Everyone wanted to listen to her tell about her Jesus. How many might be there [Heaven] because of her love for the Savior!

Remember, someone is always watching and listening even when we are unaware.

~Jean Schalit

Kindred Community

PEN PAL PROGRAM

All Supplies Provided

Open to all Widows at Tanglewood

Contact Jan Palovik at 580-467-1925 or sleepersully@hotmail.com

Brianna's Baby Shower



Brianna



For this child I prayed, and the Lord has given me my petition which I asked of Him.
I Samuel 1:27



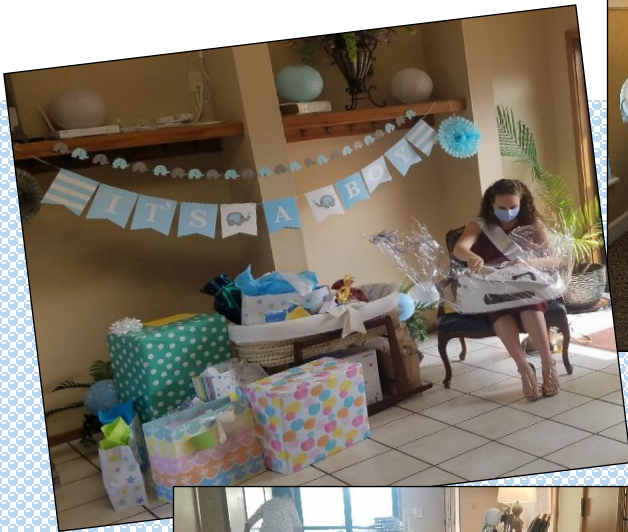
Jean, Kyleen, Wendy, and Pam



Mimi and Connie



Michelle, Maci, Jan, and Linda



Kyleen, Phyllis, and Michelle



Debra and GayLynn



Kitte and Sue



God's Amazing Provision...and Thankfulness

On the way home from the hospital yesterday I was able to read all of the replies and prayers for me!! Thank you all for praying for me. I must let you know that your prayers for me to find a carotid specialist in OKC were actually answered Thursday before I had my second stroke. It goes like this: My friend for 50 years is Tera Lyons. She and I graduated OBU school of nursing together in 1971. She is from OKC and after graduation, she started working at Presbyterian Hospital and I got married and moved to Enid where I worked at Bass Memorial Baptist hospital. My husband was stationed at Vance AFB there. Tera worked in OKC all her career and I worked all around the USA. But we remained very close friends. During her time at Presby in OKC, Tera became very close friends with Carolyn Couch - another nurse there. They worked in ICU and open-heart surgery. Now to make this long story shorter.....Carolyn was one of the nurses who was working in the Oklahoma Heart Hospital in OKC when it was built in the 1980's. She was very high up in the "chain of command" and worked along with Dr. Lenny Stubbs who is one of the most respected heart/vascular surgeons. Fast forward 50 years!! Meg Strange is in great need of carotid artery surgery. Tera calls Meg Thursday and finds out Meg is very sick. Tera calls her old friend, Carolyn and tells her about Meg. At 1:00 p.m. Meg gets a call from Dr. Stubbs office! They have an opening at 3:00pm this Thursday, can I make it? CAN I MAKE IT???? YES! YES! PRAISE GOD!! I am crying with tears of joy!!

I call my PCP in Comanche to let them know I have an appt. and they have already received a fax from Dr. Stubbs office for the info they need!! They have never heard from the other hospitals where they referred me.

I am soooo thankful for my praying family at TBF and around the globe!! Let's keep up the prayers, girls and boys!! God is our loving Heavenly Father and He CARES!!! I am praying for everyone whether actively sharing requests or not. God has given me such peace during all this time. It is amazing!! HE sure answered Sherry's prayer!! And all of yours!!

Love to all!!! Meg

List your
Free Stuff
here!

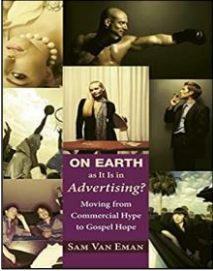
TBF Freebies



- We have a set of mattresses, full-sized, box springs and top mattress. They do not match but both are in good condition. We are giving one of our kids the frame so we only have mattresses. We also have a full-sized bedspread with matching shams, bedskirt, and drapes. Please call or text Olga at 580-606-3645 if interested.

David's Book Recommendations

Like many pastors I am a big fan of books. 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.

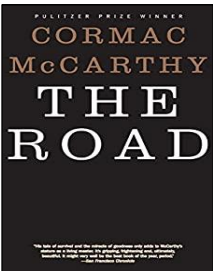
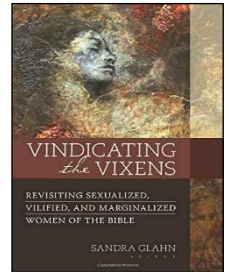


On Earth as it is in Advertising by Sam Van Eman

This is a book that takes a close look at advertising through a Biblical lens. The author describes how advertisements preach a SimGospel that simulates the gospel in order to sell us a product. Now not every single commercial does this, but many do. This is a great read that will not let you watch commercials the same way again.

Vindicating the Vixens by Sandra Glahn

This is a book with multiple authors each taking a chapter on a different woman of the Bible. The book is written to take a second look at some of the women in the Bible who typically get a bad reputation, like Eve and Bathsheba for example. The chapters look closer at the text to see what the Bible actually teaches about them. I found my mind changed frequently based on the exegesis and Bible teaching in this book. The chapter on Rahab was instrumental in helping me understand her plight better for my last sermon in Joshua 2.



The Road by Cormac McCarthy

This is a post-apocalyptic book that follows a father and a son as they travel through the United States. The novel is stripped down, and the father and son are never named. It is definitely a darker book that has some mature content. However, it is worth reading because the non-Christian author actually wrestles with the emptiness of the world without faith.

Carol Wanzor's Book Review

Disclaimer: My review and recommendation of this book is in no way meant to imply a lack of education on the part of my fellow TBF family regarding the realities of slavery. The review is also not intended to convey or imply any political position.

Someone Knows My Name by Lawrence Hill

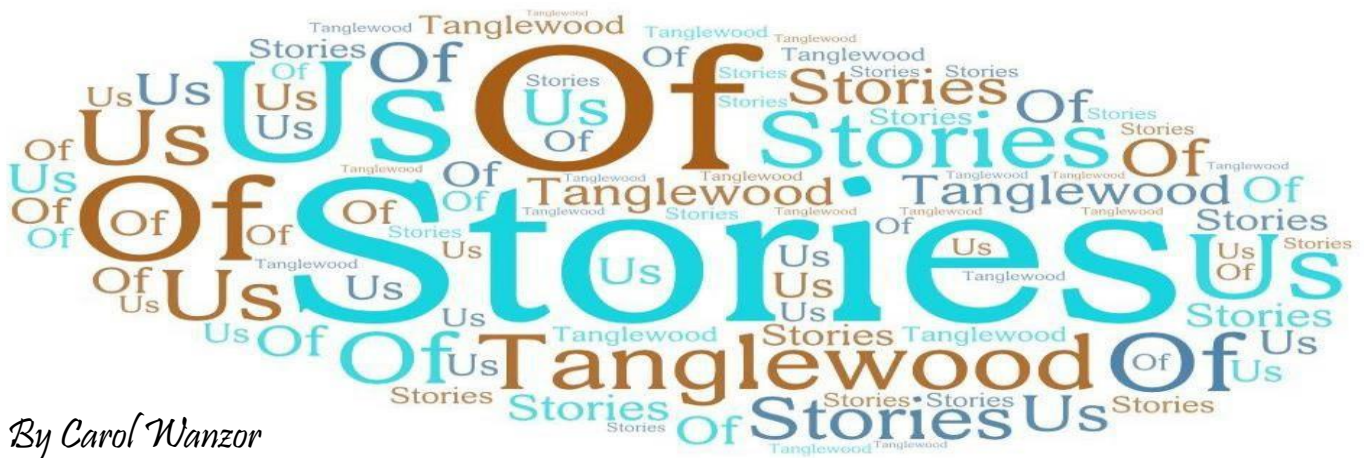
I recently recommended this book to a fellow TBFer for a "real look" into the sights, sounds, and smells of the reality of slavery. Many in my generation grew up learning the history of slavery in the United States, more or less strictly from a factual standpoint. This book put into a realistic perspective for me the burden of slavery from a human viewpoint.

From her small African village capture and forced walk, to the horrid conditions on the slave ship, one follows Aminata to the United States. Honestly, just that much of the book seared into my brain the sobering injustice of human beings as slaves. The heartache of her story continues with the loss of family members, and her eventual escape. A simple education in reading and writing were her ultimate ticket to freedom.

"This is my name. This is who I am. In the absence of an audience, I will write down my story so that it waits as a restless beast with lungs breathing and heart beating." To be recognized as a "real person" with a name and a "real value" is a basic human instinct.

This book can land heavy on your heart, but is worthwhile for anyone who wants to better understand the human aspects of slavery. You will also be enlightened by a bit of history regarding the settlement of Nova Scotia.

[This book is available from the Duncan Public Library]



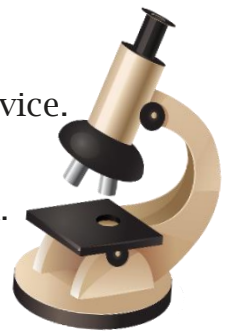
WHO AM I ?



<u>Olga Pollock</u>	At age 10 I won the United States National Roller-skating Pairs Championship.
<u>Janet Deeg</u>	I worked at Triad; taught computer classes and wrote product user manuals.
<u>Kitte Lewark</u>	I drove in drag races and also worked at the drag strip.
<u>Sidney Powers</u>	I worked as a substitute teacher at Duncan High School after college while seeking permanent employment.
<u>Carol Wanzor</u>	Voted most likely to succeed by my senior classmates (1974)
<u>Mike & Jan Palovik</u>	We survived a hot air balloon crash in Puerto Vallarta, landing in a field with rebar sticking up all over the place!
<u>Homer Cox</u>	I attended 9 different grade schools during grades 1 through 8.
<u>Kynn Wanzor</u>	Received outstanding basketball player of the year my senior year (1970)
<u>Dale Corbin</u>	Voted "Mr. West Texas State University" (1974)
<u>Brianna Shields</u>	I was once a model in a hair show.



<u>Wendy Powers</u>	Attended Women of Joy conference in 2011, speakers Sarah Palin, Anita Renfroe, Kay Arthur, and Karen Kingsbury.
<u>Kyleen Driggs</u>	Kept a pet monkey in college dorm for 2 years. Never got caught.
<u>Sherry Herrington</u>	I have worked as a radio commercial programmer / hospital lab tech and ran a small town golf pro shop.
<u>Carlos & Mimi Roberson</u>	From the porch of our honeymoon cabin in Colorado, we watched fireworks that were set off on Pikes Peak.
<u>Ron Norton</u>	I used to ride a bike at least 40 miles per day.
<u>Pam Cox</u>	I have lived in 3 foreign countries.
<u>Doug Strange</u>	Voted "wittiest" of my high school graduating class.
<u>Danny Pollock</u>	Member of the Simmons Center 100 Mile Swim Club.
<u>Tommy Sleeper</u>	I was a high school state champion track star (200 meter dash and 400 meter relay.)
<u>Wolfgang Deeg</u>	Refereed high school soccer and taught soccer referee classes.
<u>GayLynn McCormick</u>	I served 4 years in the U.S. Navy, and made Texas state history when I adopted my first child as a single 19-year-old.
<u>Angel Wylie</u>	I have double jointed (bend both ways) elbows.
<u>Maxine Blystone</u>	Worked at both TWA and the Internal Revenue Service.
<u>Connie Norton</u>	I grew up in the piney woods of eastern Oklahoma.
<u>Wanda Skinner</u>	Lived in Japan when my children were quite small.
<u>Meg Strange</u>	At one time I lived on Main Street in Comanche, in a residence above a business.



Dustin Wylie I can do complicated math problems in my head - no calculator for me!

David Shields I can speak four languages.

Sue Smith-Raska I have met Lauren Bacall in person.

Debbie Corbin My most interesting travel was an almost 3-week trip to India.

Nicole Love I can almost ride a bike with roller skates on (I lost a front tooth trying to prove it).

Peg Martins As a 16-year-old teen, I was motivated by \$1.75 per hour pay to de-tassel corn in mile long Indiana fields.

Linda Keeney I used to be a crack shot squirrel hunter, using a 22 rifle.

Betty Donica I have lived in 9 different states, only 2 of these states border Oklahoma.

Jean Schalit Did the twist with Liberace in Hot Springs, AR while “with child”.

Ben Herrington Went skinny dipping in Vice-President Gerald Ford’s swimming pool with several friends.

Lana Sleeper According to certain records, one of my ancestors was married to Martin Luther.

Phyllis Davis Myself and my accomplice were banished to sleep in the van on a TBF Women’s Retreat because we just couldn’t stop giggling.

Tom Robertson In the late 60’s I met Mickey Mantle in person while working as a Daily Oklahoman sports staffer. (This was my first job out of high school.)



Tanglewood Bible Fellowship

October

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3 Mercy Me & Jeremy Camp – OKC 7 pm
4 Service 9:30 AM	5	6 We Over Me Bible Study @ TBF 6 – 7:30 PM	7 ZOOM-7 PM 367 622 575	8	9	10 Big Daddy Weave & Zack Williams – OKC 6:30 pm
11 Service 9:30 AM Jason Crabb - ROH Comanche 8 pm		13	14 ZOOM-7 PM 367 622 575	15	16	17
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