



# 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*

## Light of the World

"When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'" (John 8:12)

The Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot) was an annual Jewish feast held six months after the Feast of the Passover. It lasted seven days and commemorated the Lord's blessings to the children of Israel during their travels in the wilderness. It also celebrated the year's harvest and marked the end of the harvest season. The Jews considered this feast the greatest and most joyful of all their feasts (Leviticus 23:34-43).

During the Feast of Tabernacles there was a great ceremony called the "Illumination of the Temple," which involved the ritual lighting of four golden oil-fed lamps in the Court of Women. These lamps were huge, seventy-five feet high menorahs which were lit in the Temple at night. All night long the light shone their brilliance -- illuminating the entire city. The illumination from these imposing Temple lamps symbolized two realities. The first reality was of the "Light of all Lights"— the Shekinah Glory—the visible presence of God that filled the first Temple, which Solomon built (1 Kings 8:10-11) and the pillar of fire that had guided Israel in their wilderness journey.

The second reality was the promise of the Great Light (Ha'or Gadol) or the return of the Shekinah glory. One who would soon come and bring light to those who were spiritually dead and dwelling in darkness (Isaiah 9:2). In celebration and anticipation, the holiest of Israel's men danced and sang psalms of joy and praise before the Lord. This festival was a reminder that God had promised to send a light, the Light, to a lost and sin-darkened world. God promised to send the Messiah to renew Israel's glory, release them from bondage, and restore their joy. First imagine that you are in ancient Jerusalem during the Feast of Tabernacles. Now, imagine seeing these massive seventy-five feet menorahs burning huge vats of olive oil creating an indescribable amount of light. (There was no electricity in those days.) Picture the impact the words Jesus spoke in the Temple courtyard when He proclaimed, "I am the Light of the world." Under no disillusion, Jesus was declaring Himself God.

Jesus is the Light, the source of illumination to bring the lost out of darkness. Jesus declared himself to be the Light of the world and in so doing, declared Himself Deity. It is not clear from the text when this incident happened, but it was sometime between the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7) and the Feast Of Dedication (Hanukkah) (John 10); both of these celebrations focused on light.

<http://jewishroots.net/library/holiday-articles/illumination-of-the-temple-ceremony.html>

<https://www.christianityisjewish.org/the-light-of-the-world/>

<https://israelmyglory.org/article/the-feast-of-tabernacles-in-the-days-of-jesus/>

<http://jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/14185-tabernacles-feast-of>

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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

In the Old Testament Israel was supposed to be guided by a unique calendar. It was not just punctuated by harvest and planting seasons, but by special feasts. God wanted the nation to have frequent moments when they would stop and remember the ways that God had delivered them as a people. There were over seven feasts that Israel would participate in: Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of First Fruits, the Feast of Weeks, the Feast of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles.

Each of these feasts were meant to guide the way that Israel thought about the calendar year. They were moments to stop and reflect. Each feast had its own customs and practices for how they would celebrate and remember. My personal favorite is how the entire nation would camp out for a week during the Feast of Tabernacles. I can only imagine what a campout involving an entire nation would look like. They would do this to remember how God delivered and guided them as they wandered for 40 years through the wilderness.

But these feasts were not just meant to be moments where they would remember God's faithfulness. I think that they were an attempt for Israel to root their entire year around God. That their calendar would be guided by the story of what God had done. Instead of being centered around harvest time, or the seasons Israel's calendar was centered on God.

For us as Christians today our calendars are not quite as God-centric. Most of the time our calendars are guided by the school system, our vacation days, or the college football schedule (Hook'em horns!). We do allow God to break in during Easter and Christmas time, but afterwards we quickly get back into our own routine.

The Christian calendar has fallen out of favor with most Christians today. Evangelicals especially can want to avoid it because it reeks of Roman Catholicism. However, I think that it can be a useful tool. There is no need to be legalistic, but it can help teach us to be guided by the story of the gospel instead of the world's calendar.

The Christian calendar has not just Christmas, but Advent. A month-long process of anticipating and looking forward to the coming of Jesus. At Epiphany, the Christmas story continues and we remember the rest of Jesus' life. There is the 40 days of Lent where we remember and think of Jesus journey to the cross as we get ready for Easter.

Personally, I have found the Christian calendar so helpful for my own spiritual growth. It has helped me think of Christmas and Easter as more than just single days. It has invited me to prepare and look forward to those days. It helps me from not just thinking about Christian holidays, but an entire Christian year. I wonder what it would look like if even our calendars were centered around the gospel? Maybe the Christian calendar can help us all get there.

In Christ,  
Pastor David



# *Walk as Children of Light*

Light is a gift from God. In Genesis 1 God said, "Let there be light, and there was light." God, Himself, is light and there is no darkness in Him. He is the Shekinah glory. He is the light that Moses saw on the mount and He is the light of the world.

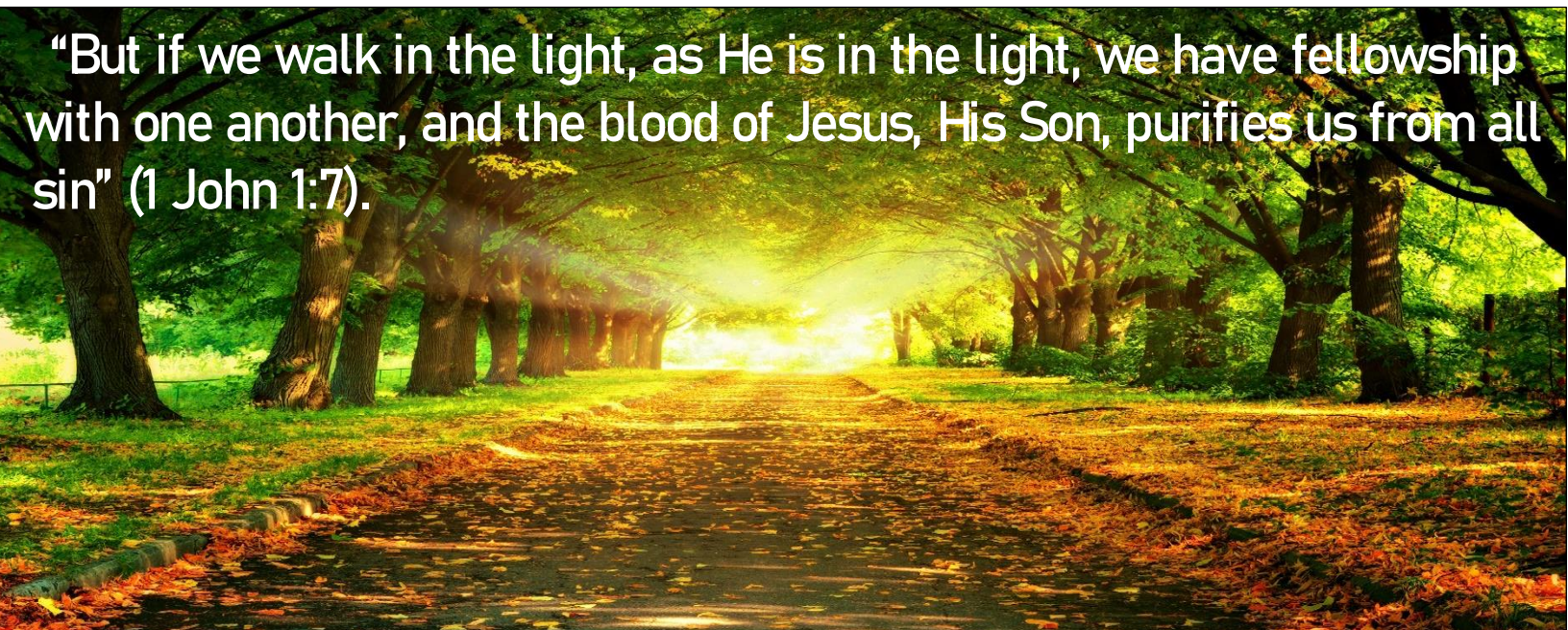
The Old Testament describes God's light as a light to our path and a light of life. "For you have delivered me from death and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God in the light of life" (Psalm 56:13). "Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You, who walk in the light of your presence, Lord" (Psalm 89:15). "Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord" (Isaiah 2:5)

The New Testament tells us to walk as children of light (Eph. 5:8). Walking as children of light implies living out the Christian life – a slow and steady progress (sanctification) toward a lifestyle of holiness and Christ-centeredness. If we walk as children of light, we will bear fruit of the Light – the fruit of goodness, righteousness, and truth (Eph. 5:9).

But how do we know how to walk as children of light? Ephesian 5:10 tells us by doing what is acceptable to God. We must conform our attitudes, conduct, and thoughts to that which is pleasing to the Lord. Transformation of the mind through the meditation and study of God's word. We must choose to not fellowship with darkness but rather expose the darkness. The Light that shines in us is greater than the darkness.

~Glendon Thompson

We should remember to "believe in the Light while [we] have the light, so that [we] may become children of light" (John 12:36). In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matt. 5:16)



"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).



# SHINE, JESUS, SHINE 1987

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950), a native of Blisworth, Northampton Shire, England, now resides in Kent. The son of a Baptist pastor, he began writing songs in the early 1970s and today is one of the most prolific British Christian singer-songwriters and worship leaders.

Initially trained as a teacher, he began his career as a singer/songwriter in 1972. He now has over 30 albums and 400 songs to his credit, and his songs are sung throughout the world in many languages.

Shine Jesus Shine, Graham's best-known song was written in 1987 and has proved to be enduringly popular not just in the UK but all round the world.

In a recent interview Graham said:

"This song is a prayer for revival. A songwriter can give people words to voice something which is already in their hearts but which they don't have the words or the tune to express, and I think 'Shine Jesus shine' caught a moment when people were beginning to believe once again that an impact could be made on a whole nation.



GRAHAM KENDRICK  
1950-

Bearing in mind the worldwide popularity of this song, perhaps the most surprising thing about the writing of it is the ordinariness of the circumstances. I had been thinking for some time about the holiness of God, and how that as a community of believers and as individuals, His desire is for us to live continually in his presence. My longing for revival in the Churches and spiritual awakening in the nation was growing, but also a recognition that we cannot stand in God's presence without 'clean hands and a pure heart'."

Lord, the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me

## CHORUS:

Shine, Jesus, shine Fill this land with the  
Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze Set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow Flood the nations with  
grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word Lord, and let there be  
light

Lord, I come to your awesome presence  
From the shadows into your radiance  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness  
Search me, try me, consume all my  
darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story  
Shine on me, shine on me

## Chorus: [REPEAT]

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the  
Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace  
and mercy  
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be  
light

## [Outro]

Lord, let there be light!  
Let there be light!



# TBF *Women's Ministries*

Our Women's Ministry is committed to equipping women to develop an intimate, growing relationship with Jesus Christ, to prepare us to make a difference in our homes, church, community and world through Bible studies, fellowship, discipleship, friendships and service. What a privilege it is to come together with like-minded women who want to grow in their knowledge and love for Christ.

These are unprecedented times in our lifetime. Did you ever think you would see such a change in such a short period of time? For centuries, Christians before us had to face challenges. What matters is we love God, love people, and we trust Jesus to show us the way. We seek to be conformed in His image displaying His glory, and we lean into difficulties to display His hope to a dark world.

These are not days to shrink back and let our minds be filled with fear and darkness. God's presence defeats the darkness, EVERY TIME. He is the Light of the World! In His presence, He lights our path with truth and peace. As is our relational God, so He created us to be in relationship with Him and one another. We are stronger together - in Him and each other.

I am so thankful, Lord, You have not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound mind. You have redeemed us from the power of sin and have called us by name. May we walk in Your light and reflect Your image to a fallen world, and may we never forget who we are in You -- **His beloved daughters.**



## *We Over Me*

### Live Zoom Review

Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

6 pm - 6:45 pm

Zoom ID: 861 7032 3271

Pass code: TBFWomen

**SESSIONS 1-5**

**"We hope this is a great way to refresh our minds and hearts, to get us started, to work our way into the continuation of the study which, by the way, will be in October and November"**

**~Kitte, Linda, Mimi, and Olga**

**SEPTEMBER**



## TBF Prayer Blanket Ministry



The concept of the Prayer Blanket Ministry at TBF was inspired in 2006 by Jean Schalit when her husband, Bob, was diagnosed with cancer and had received a similar blanket from another church. The blanket had meant so much to Bob that he was rarely without it. Jean realized this would be an excellent gift from the church and would be more meaningful and long lasting than flowers. Jean thought a verse embroidered on the blanket as well as the TBF logo would be ideal. She remembered Dr. Bob Lightner sharing Nahum 1:7 with her sister in her time of need. It was perfect and the ministry began under Jean's direction. She ran the program until a few years ago when Olga Pollock took over at Jean's request.

Today, a prayer blanket is given free to anyone at TBF who is seriously ill or grieving. Blankets may be requested for others outside TBF for a nominal fee. Please contact Olga Pollock if you have a request for a prayer blanket.

Nahum 1:7 God is good and the place to go when trouble comes.

### Our Mission Statement:

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up..."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

The TBF Women's Ministry is pleased to introduce a new ministry at Tanglewood:

## Sister-to-Sister

Encouragement is an essential way of extending grace to each other. People need to feel loved, important, useful, and not forgotten. As part of the TBF women's ministry, the Sister-to-Sister card ministry seeks to connect the hearts of our sisters-in-Christ with a message of love, hope, grace, and mercy that is found in Jesus Christ. We seek to build each other up with cards of encouragement with the hopes that it will lift someone's heart toward the Lord that He might be glorified.

You, too, can be a blessing and inspiration to others by simply sharing encouraging, thoughtful words and/or using greeting cards that already have printed thoughtful sentiments in them. The Sister-to-Sister card ministry is designed for participants to send 1 or 2 cards each month in hopes of encouraging and lifting up all TBF sisters-in-Christ.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry and send a card encouraging your sisters each month, please send an email to [powers5rus@aol.com](mailto: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.





# Baby Shower

## Whoooooo

Guess is almost due

Please join us for a baby shower

In honor of

## Brianna Shields

Saturday, September 19th, 2020

10:30 AM

At the Pavilion  
Tanglewood Bible Fellowship

Duncan, OK

Hosted by the ladies of  
Tanglewood Bible Fellowship



For anyone not attending but wanting to leave a gift for Brianna and the new baby, there will be a basinet set up at church for gifts on September 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

Gifts to be presented at the shower on the morning of the 19<sup>th</sup>.



Brianna is Registered with Amazon:

<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/brianna-shields-october-2020-duncan/3HAFPPFYPLMCR>

You can also search Brianna Shields and Duncan on Amazon's baby registry search

Anyone wanting to give a monetary gift towards a registry item, please see Kitte Lewark.

# 25th Leadership Duncan

Leadership Duncan is a program put on by the Duncan Chamber of Commerce. It unites people of different careers and backgrounds in a pursuit of a better community. The participants complete a nine-month course in which they learn about local economic development, local government, health services, social services, education, state government, culture, and quality of life. Participants are exposed to leaders in each of these areas who will then share their expertise with those in attendance. At the end of the program (in May), Leadership Duncan participants will complete a community project. The project for this class has yet to be decided. There are 24 persons from Duncan participating in the current leadership program.



Mike Palovik completed the 13<sup>th</sup> Leadership Duncan class in 2009 and Jan Palovik completed the 18th Duncan Leadership class in 2014. Jan says it was such a wonderful networking experience! They started the classes knowing no one and ended the program bonded for life with their classmates! They learned to problem solve as a group as well as learn the ins and outs of Duncan from meeting our political leaders to Water Plant operations and everything in between! An experience they will never forget for sure.

Pastor David Shield, one of this year's participants, says he is really excited to participate in this program because it will provide him a great opportunity to learn more about Duncan and the community. He feels like it's a crash course that will help him become a much better pastor. It is also giving him opportunities to meet other people from Duncan -- people from all sorts of different work backgrounds.

## 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](mailto:sleepersully@hotmail.com)



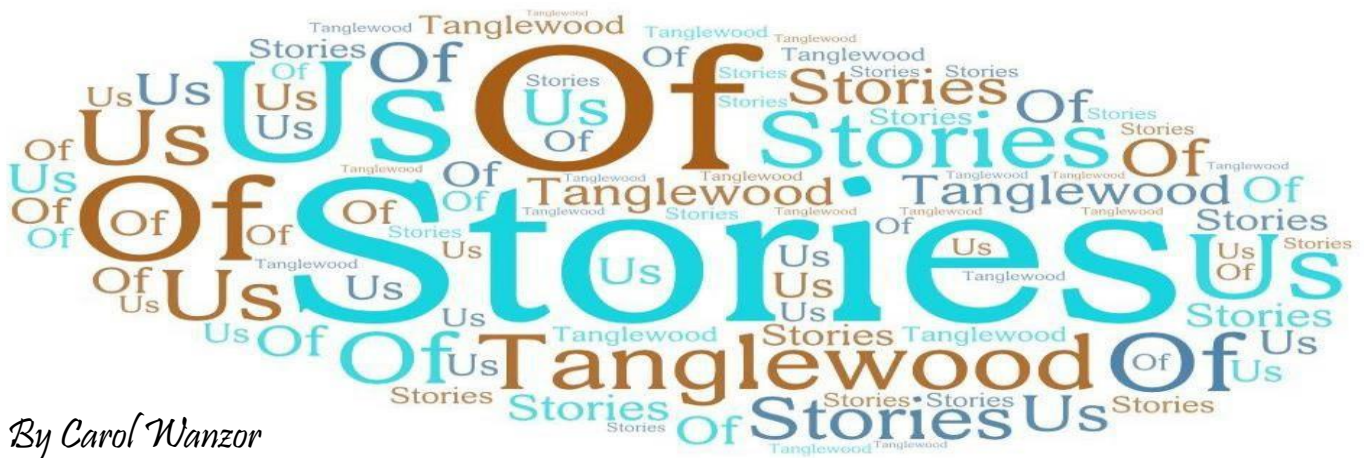
Thank you!

*James and Shawna*

For 14 years of ministry at TBF

New opportunities await you, but we still can't believe you're leaving.  
We sincerely wish you continued success in all your future endeavors.





# WHO AM I ?



At age 10 I won the United States National Roller-skating Pairs Championship.

I worked at Triad; taught computer classes and wrote product user manuals.

I drove in drag races and also worked at the drag strip.

I worked as a substitute teacher at Duncan High School after college while seeking permanent employment.

Voted most likely to succeed by my senior classmates (1974)

We survived a hot air balloon crash in Puerto Vallarta, landing in a field with rebar sticking up all over the place!

I attended 9 different grade schools during grades 1 through 8.

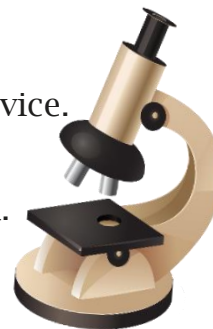
Received outstanding basketball player of the year my senior year (1970)

Voted "Mr. West Texas State University" (1974)

I was once a model in a hair show.



- \_\_\_\_\_ Attended Women of Joy conference in 2011, speakers Sarah Palin, Anita Renfroe, Kay Arthur, and Karen Kingsbury.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Kept a pet monkey in college dorm for 2 years. Never got caught.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have worked as a radio commercial programmer / hospital lab tech and ran a small town golf pro shop.
- \_\_\_\_\_ From the porch of our honeymoon cabin in Colorado, we watched fireworks that were set off on Pikes Peak.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I used to ride a bike at least 40 miles per day.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have lived in 3 foreign countries.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Voted “wittiest” of my high school graduating class.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Member of the Simmons Center 100 Mile Swim Club.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I was a high school state champion track star (200 meter dash and 400 meter relay.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Refereed high school soccer and taught soccer referee classes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have double jointed (bend both ways) elbows.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Worked at both TWA and the Internal Revenue Service.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I grew up in the piney woods of eastern Oklahoma.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lived in Japan when my children were quite small.
- \_\_\_\_\_ At one time I lived on Main Street in Comanche, in a residence above a business.



\_\_\_\_\_ I can do complicated math problems in my head - no calculator for me!

\_\_\_\_\_ I can speak four languages.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have met Lauren Bacall in person.

\_\_\_\_\_ My most interesting travel was an almost 3-week trip to India.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ I used to be a crack shot squirrel hunter, using a 22 rifle.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have lived in 9 different states, only 2 of these states border Oklahoma.

\_\_\_\_\_ Did the twist with Liberace in Hot Springs, AR while “with child”.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ According to certain records, one of my ancestors was married to Martin Luther.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.)





# ANSWER CLUES

Maxine Blystone	Kyleen Driggs	Sidney Powers	David Shields
Dale Corbin	Linda Keeney	Wendy Powers	Brianna Shields
Debbie Corbin	Kitte Lewark	Mike & Jan Palovik	Doug Strange
Homer Cox	Nicole Love	Sue Smith-Raska	Meg Strange
Pam Cox	Peg Martens	Tom Robertson	Kynn Wanzor
Phyllis Davis	Gay Lynn McCormick	Jean Schalit	Carol Wanzor
Wolfgang Deeg	Ron Norton	Carlos and Mimi Roberson	Dustin Wylie
Janet Deeg	Connie Norton	Wanda Skinner	Angel Wylie
Betty Donica	Danny Pollock	Tommy Sleeper	
Ben Herrington	Olga Pollock	Lana Sleeper	
Sherry Herrington			



Answers in a future edition  
of Stories of Us

# Beautiful Day Foundation

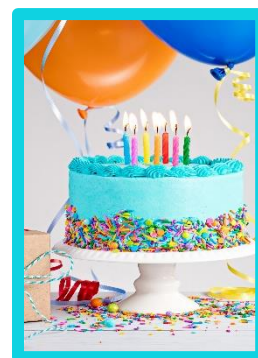
The Beautiful Day Foundation was founded in 2013 by Leah Miller and Michelle Johnson. Currently, they serve 15 Oklahoma elementary schools and widows across our region. The foundation is passionate about telling children one important message: kids need to know that they are seen and loved by the community they call home.

Beautiful Day's mission is not complicated. It is pure and simple, but it is also critical. It is critical to the condition of a child's heart to know they matter and to know they are seen. A child can experience extreme loneliness and/or feelings of isolation if they do not feel connected, loved, and supported where they live and go to school.

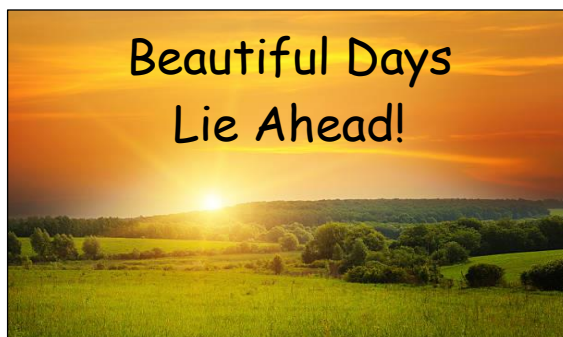
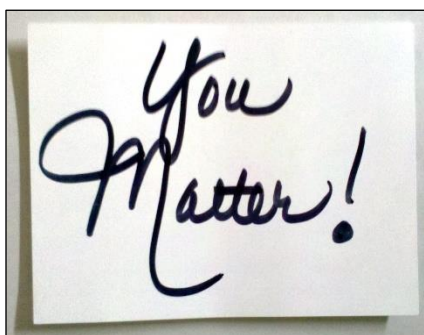
Beautiful Day is honored to be a piece of this support system in the schools and in children's lives. Beautiful Day began in Duncan, OK and in that first year 107, kids were celebrated in one school. Years later, this vision continues to spread further and further into many different communities. Beautiful Day's pure message of love is contagious!

What they offer:

**Cake-A-Palooza (started 2013).** Understanding the critical developmental stage of children in elementary school, Beautiful Day reaches out to these children to let them know their lives matter and that they are seen. Once a month Beautiful Day throws awesome birthday parties in elementary schools, celebrating every kid with a birthday that month. Balloons! Cards! Singing! All of it! They gather community volunteers to sit with them and tell them face-to-face, "The day they were born was a Beautiful Day! Your life and existence is worthy of being celebrated."



**Kindred Community (started 2014).** In the same manner, Beautiful Day reaches out to the widows of our community wanting them to know they are valued, and that Beautiful Days still lie ahead. A woman who has lost her husband is suffering with a particularly difficult kind of grief, a type of grief that really only another widow can truly understand. Every month prior to Covid-19, Kindred Community would invite widows to come together and share a meal and an experience. The women who attend find kindred souls at these events - women who can whisper "me too". In these kindred circles, perhaps the weight of grief can be shared and therefore lightened. Feelings of isolation are lessened through these monthly dinners. Today, Kindred Community seeks to unite and encourage these women through a pen pal program. Kindred Community wants these women to know their community sees them and values them! And that Beautiful Days still lie ahead.



# Elisa Duell

Elisa is an Oklahoma native and has been a Tulsa resident for four years. God's Biblically expressed vision for the nations along with a growing understanding of unreached people groups led her to join International Collegiate Outreach (ICO) in 2018. She loves spicy food and is currently on staff with ICO while pursuing graduate studies at the University of Oklahoma-Tulsa campus.



Elisa Duell

## **How did you get your start in missions? What are you doing now in missions and its impact for Christ?**

Growing up, “mission work” sounded like something foreign, exotic, and a little bit mysterious. I grew up in Duncan, OK, and devoted my life to Jesus when I was young. Fourteen years later, I moved to Tulsa, fresh out of college and with a job I was thrilled about in neuroscience research. I planned to work for two years and then go on for my PhD.

During those two years, I joined a Sunday School class that was led by the church missions pastor. I started learning more about world missions and was encouraged to take a class called “Perspectives on the World Christian Movement”. So I did. From there I learned about “unreached people groups”, or people groups that are less than 2% Christian and have very little access to the Bible or information about Jesus. I learned that of the 7.6 billion people in the world, over three billion of them remain unreached. Moreover, the majority of these three billion unreached people live in countries closed to missionaries from North America.

And then I learned something else very interesting. There are almost one million international students in the U.S. each year, and over half of these internationals are from part of the globe that contains 97% of the world's unreached people groups, from a region sometimes called the 10/40 Window. The 10/40 Window refers to the area between 10 and 40 degrees north latitude, spanning North Africa, the Middle East, and parts of Asia. This is where the vast majority of unreached people groups currently reside. This is where Western missionaries are struggling to enter. This is where other major world religions have their strongholds. And every year, over half a million people from this region are coming to the United States to partake in our educational system.

Long story short, I prayerfully started looking for missions' opportunities, and ended up quitting my job to join an organization in Tulsa called International Community Outreach (ICO). ICO exists to glorify God by meeting practical and spiritual needs of international students through acts of service and through the proclamation of the gospel of Christ. It is an organization local to Tulsa that engages internationals at the



University of Tulsa (TU). TU is a small campus with a large international student population representing over 60 countries. We have recently expanded to serve internationals at OU-Tulsa and OSU-Tulsa as well. The heart of our ministry is relational evangelism; sharing the gospel and living the gospel in the context of genuine friendship. We welcome internationals, often engaging with them at their point of need. We provide services including free furniture with free delivery, English Clubs, car clinics, weekly on-campus lunches, community events, ladies' brunches . . . all the while giving the Holy Spirit His gentle moments to convey God's truth relevantly and convincingly. Discovering Jesus Bible Studies and local church visits become welcoming environments for questioners and seekers. We disciple those who come to faith and equip them to be ambassadors for Christ in their home countries. Did I mention that over half these students are from countries in the 10/40 Window?

What would be the global missions implications if international students from unreached people groups learn about Jesus while they are here, where we have the freedom, the community, and the resources (not to mention a shared language) to connect with them, and then they go back to their home country and tell others? God is taking some of the most difficult-to-reach people in the world and plopping them right in our lap. But we must be intentional about connecting with them while they are here, because they won't be here forever.

#### **Prayer Requests:**

- Please pray for more laborers to go into this abundant harvest field. Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Taoists, and other individuals representing the unreached peoples of the world are all around us, right here in the States, and they are eager for friendship.
- Pray that we would walk in a manner worthy of the gospel in all we say and do.
- Pray that the aroma and knowledge of Christ would spread through all nations, and that more laborers and resources would be sent to the unreached peoples of the world.
- Pray for courage and boldness for internationals who must consider risking everything to follow Jesus.
- Pray for creativity and listening hearts as we navigate ministry during COVID-19.
- Please pray for God to raise additional ministry partners to join me in serving unreached internationals. The level of service required this year led me to resign from a supplemental source of income, and I am working to raise an additional \$2,000 per month for the 2020/21 school year. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, feel free to contact me at [elisa@icotulsa.org](mailto:elisa@icotulsa.org).

“For though the Lord is high,  
 He regards the lowly, but the haughty  
 He knows from afar.” Psalm 138:6

*God Bless Your New Home!*

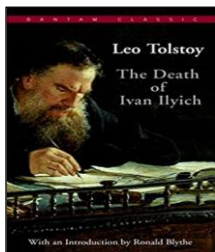
David and Brianna's New Address:  
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## David's Book Recommendations

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

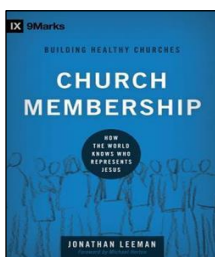
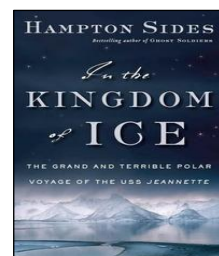


### **Death of Ivan Ilyich by Leo Tolstoy**

This is actually a short story, or novella, that is only around 60 pages. This classic centers around a man struggling with his slow death while everyone around him is thinking only about how his death will affect themselves. This is one of Tolstoy's best works. I love the way that Tolstoy wrestles with Christian themes while revealing the reality of human sinfulness. This book can be found free online and read in one sitting.

### **Kingdom of Ice: The Grand and Terrible Polar Voyage of the USS Jeannette by Hampton Sides**

This is a book that I randomly picked up and was completely enthralled with. It is a historical work that reads like a thriller and adventure novel. It describes the arctic voyage of the USS Jeannette and the crews' struggle to survive after abandoning their ship to the ice. I had to resist googling what happened until after I finished the book. It is a remarkable story that is stranger than fiction.



### **Church Membership by Jonathan Leeman**

Jonathan Leeman is one of my favorite modern theologians who writes about ecclesiology and the church. In this book Leeman builds a Biblical argument for what church membership is and why it matters. If you have ever thought church membership is made up and not in the Bible, I'd recommend this book. I don't always agree with Leeman, but I always appreciate how steeped in the Bible his arguments are. I love how he forces me to reconsider what I've thought about church and approach it with humility.

# Tanglewood Bible Fellowship

## September

# 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 Ladies Bible Study 6PM ZOOM 861-7032-3271	2	3	4	5
6 Service 9:30 AM	7  <b>Labor Day</b>	8 Ladies Bible Study 6PM ZOOM 861-7032-3271	9 ZOOM-7 PM 367 622 575	10	11	12
13 Service 9:30 AM	14	15 Ladies Bible Study 6PM ZOOM 861-7032-3271	16 ZOOM-7 PM 367 622 575	17	18	19 Baby Shower for Brianna Shields At TBF 
20 Service 9:30 AM	21	22 Ladies Bible Study 6PM ZOOM First day of Fall	23 ZOOM-7 PM 367 622 575	24	25 Newsletter Deadline	26
27 Service 9:30 AM	28	29 Ladies Bible Study 6PM ZOOM 861-7032-3271	30 ZOOM-7 PM 367 622 575	1	2	3



### Notes:

\*Women's Bible Study "We Over Me" resumes September 1<sup>st</sup>.

\*Baby Shower for Brianna Shields: September 19<sup>th</sup> at TBF

Crib Shower for Brianna Shields September 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

