



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

The Door

I am the door” (John 10:7, 9). This “I am” statement stresses that no one can enter the kingdom of heaven by any other means than Christ Himself. Jesus’ words in this passage are couched in the imagery of a sheepfold. He is the one and only way to enter the fold. “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber” Notably, immediately following this statement, Jesus says I am the Good Shepherd (v10).

To get a clear picture of Jesus’ meaning in these statements, it is helpful to understand a little of that ancient culture, especially of sheep and shepherding. Of all domesticated animals, sheep are the most helpless. Sheep will spend their entire day grazing, wandering from place to place, never looking up. As a result, they often become lost. But sheep have no “homing instinct” as other animals do. They are totally incapable of finding their way to their sheepfold even when it is in plain sight. By nature, sheep are followers. If the lead sheep steps off a cliff, the others will follow.

Additionally, sheep are easily susceptible to injuries and are utterly helpless against predators. If a wolf enters the pen, they won’t defend themselves. They won’t try to run away or spread out. Instead they huddle together and are easily slaughtered. If sheep fall into moving water, they will drown. About the only thing sheep fear is moving water and will not drink from any stream or lake unless the water is perfectly still. This is why David in the 23rd Psalm tells us of the Shepherd who “makes [us] to lie down in green pastures, He leads [us] beside the still waters . . . though [we] walk through the valley . . . [we] will fear no evil. For You [the Shepherd] are with [us].”

Sheep are totally dependent upon the shepherd who tends them with care and compassion. Shepherds were the providers, guides, protectors and constant companions of sheep. So close was the bond between shepherd and sheep that to this day Middle Eastern shepherds can divide flocks that have mingled at a well or during the night simply by calling their sheep, who know and follow their shepherd’s voice. Shepherds were inseparable from their flocks. The shepherd would lead the sheep to safe places to graze and make them lie down for several hours in a shady place. Then, as night fell, the shepherd would lead the sheep to the protection of a sheepfold.

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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



PROTECT YOURSELF
PROTECT EACH OTHER

A Word from Pastor David Shields

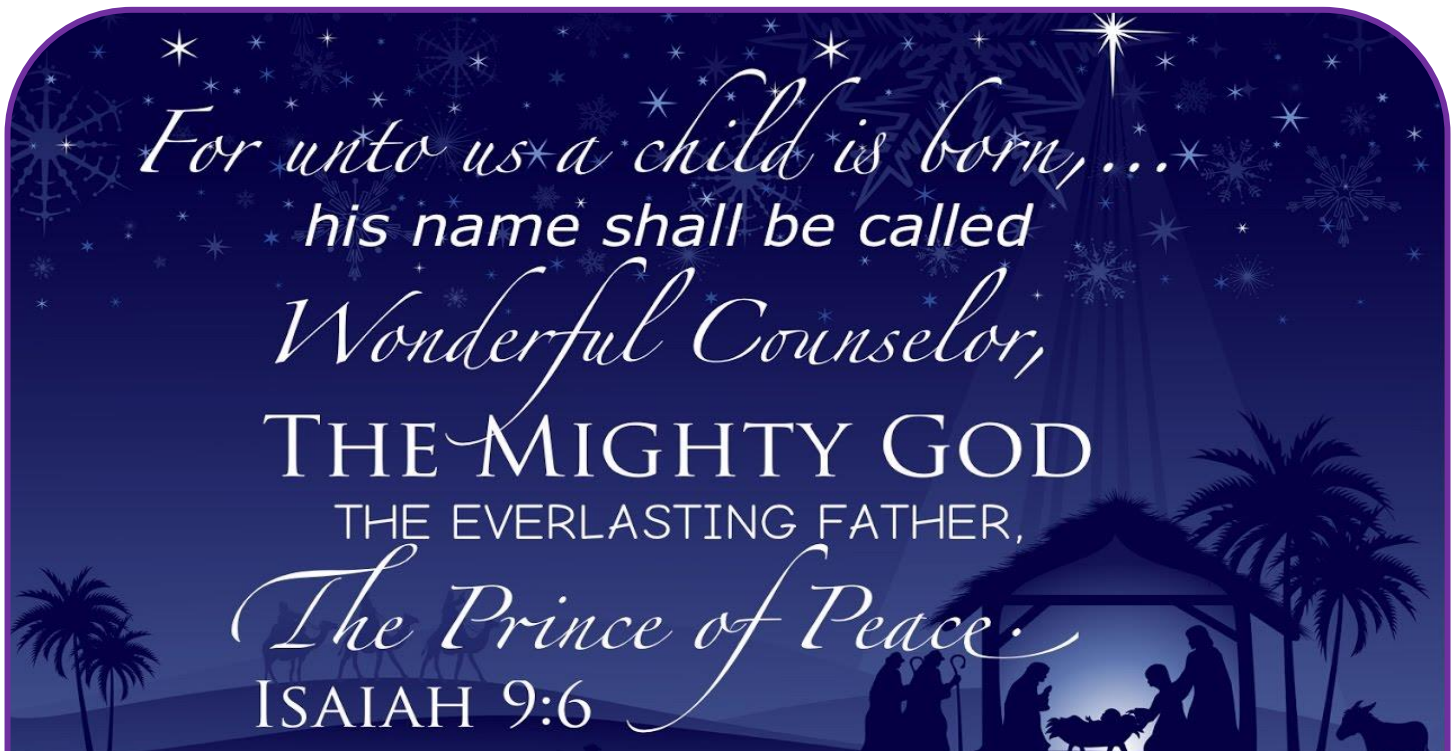
Believe it or not, December is already upon us, and that means it's the holiday season. Some like to debate exactly when it's appropriate to start singing Christmas songs and decorating the house. My neighbors seem believe that Christmas started in September, while my wife won't tolerate a single carol until after Thanksgiving. Your family may have your guidelines, but historically the church has recognized the four Sundays before Christmas as the start of the Advent season.

Advent is a Latin word that means "arrival." This time is recognized when we look forward to the coming arrival of Christ at His second coming. But we also look backward to the incarnation and His first coming. Personally, I love the advent season. It gives us time to intentionally prepare ourselves for Christmas. It keeps the season from being about just one day on the 25th, and instead it is about spending each day anticipating Christ's coming.

To help us prepare I want to spend this sermon series looking back over the genealogy of Christ in Matthew 1:1-17. If you manage to stay awake while reading all of the names of so and so fathered by so and so, you may notice a deviation from the pattern. In the midst of this genealogy are the names of five women. That should stand out to us, but it would have shocked an ancient audience. No one listed women in genealogies. To be listed here is an honor. In addition, declaring one's genealogy was a part of making a claim of not just one's ancestors but their royal bloodline. The fact that God includes these women in the line of Jesus, when He could just mention their husbands, is outlandish.

I want us to take a closer look at who these five women were and what their stories are. In these women we see prostitutes, foreigners, the abused, outcasts, and the young. On the surface these are hardly the people the Messiah would want to claim on His family tree. But Jesus does. Our Advent sermon series is titled The Women of Advent. I believe that in their stories we can get a better idea of who Jesus is and why He came.

Pastor David



There were two kinds of sheepfolds or pens. One kind was a public sheepfold found in the cities and villages. It would be large enough to hold several flocks of sheep. This sheep pen would be in the care of a porter or doorkeeper, whose duty it was to guard the door to the sheep pen during the night and to admit the shepherds in the morning. The shepherds would call their sheep, each of which knew its own shepherd's voice, and would lead them out to pasture.

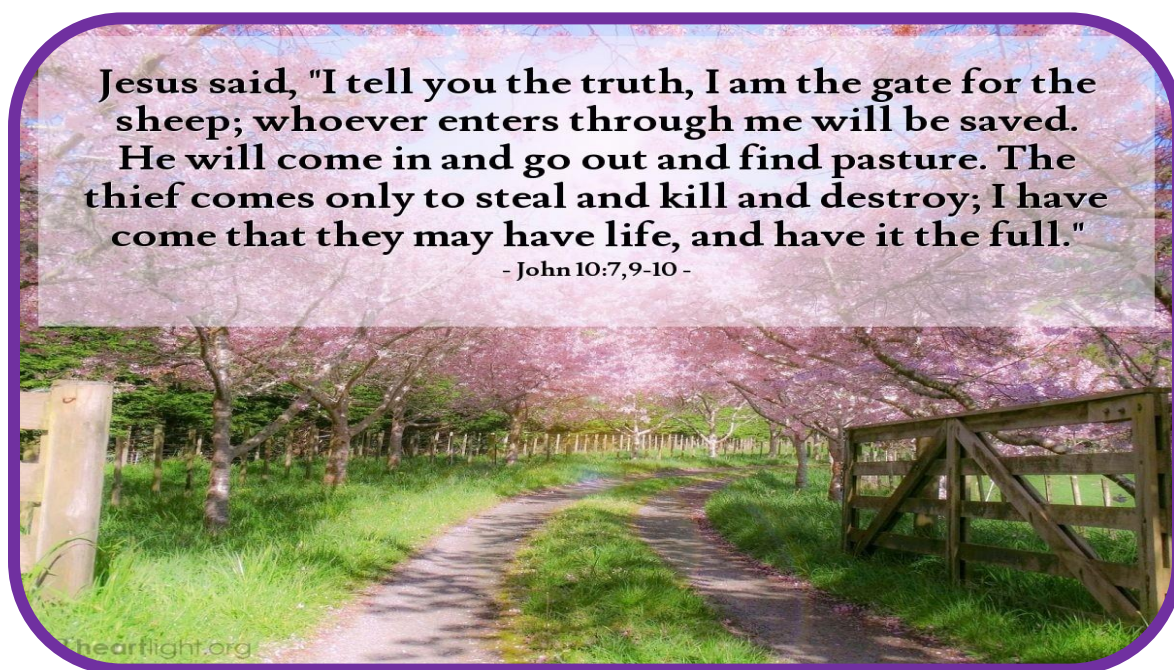
The second kind of sheep pen was in the countryside, where the shepherds would keep their flocks in good weather. This type of sheep pen was nothing more than a rough circle of rocks piled into a wall with a small open space to enter. Through it the shepherd would drive the sheep at nightfall. Since there was no gate to close—just an opening—the shepherd would keep the sheep in and wild animals out by lying across the opening. He would sleep there, in this case literally becoming the door to the sheep.

In this context, Jesus is telling us that He is not only the shepherd of the sheep, but also the door of the sheep. When Jesus says, "I am the door," He is reiterating the fact that only through Him is salvation possible. Jesus points out the exclusive nature of salvation by saying that He is "the door," not "a door." This is far removed from the ecumenical teachings popular in today's liberal religious circles. Jesus is clearly contrasting Himself with that of the religious leaders of His time whom He describes as "thieves and robbers" (John 10:8) and any religious leader who offers salvation other than the teachings of Christ is a "thief" and a "robber."

One who believes the gospel (Hebrews 11:6) and repents of sin (Luke 13:3) is assured of being in "the fold" and of having entered by "the door." As followers of Christ, Jesus is both our Shepherd and the Door to the sheepfold who provides for all our needs. Knowing that the world is full of predators whose sole intent is to destroy us (1 Peter 5:8), we are always under His protection. More importantly, we are fully confident that "when the Chief Shepherd appears, [we] will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away" (1 Peter 5:4).

Furthermore, Jesus is not only our Shepherd who leads us into the "sheepfold," but He is the only door by which we may enter and be saved (John 10:9). Jesus is the only means we have of receiving eternal life (John 3:16). There is no other way.

<https://www.gotquestions.org>



Psalm 23: I Am Not Alone

2018

Joshua Adam Sherman is a Worship Pastor at Calvary Chapel, Boynton Beach, Florida campus. He began ministry at an early age. His first assignment started when he was in middle school playing piano for his Dad. Joshua went on to serve as Minister of Music at Holy Christian Church in 2009. The founder and co-founder are his father and mother, Bishop Lewis W. Sherman and Mother Charlene Sherman. In early 2019 he joined Calvary Chapel Boynton Beach as worship leader.



Joshua Adam Sherman

Joshua attended the GMA Immerse Conference in Nashville in 2016. He won the Male Artist/Writer of the year and Male Vocalist of the year. He attended The Emerging Sound 2016 for the first time and had the privilege of co-writing and singing "Amen", "What Mercy Did for Me", and "Revive Me". These anointed songs are on The Emerging Sound Vol. 3 album, which was released in July 2017, and debuted at number one on iTunes. Joshua also co-wrote Overflow and Only You which were released in July 2018 on Emerging Sound Vol. 4. He was blessed to release Psalm 23 as a single in which he was singer and co-writer. Later in 2018 he released a live recording entitled T2K Vol. 1. This recording was the culmination of Joshua's Tribe 2 Kingdom conference.

Joshua is a man of faith and he believes that through the wisdom of God the Father, the blood and name of Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, nothing is impossible.

The Lord is my Shepherd
He goes before me
Defender behind me
I won't fear

Hallelujah, I am not alone
He's my Comfort,
always holds me close
x2

I'm filled with anointing
My cup's overflowing
No weapon can harm me
I won't fear

Your Spirit lives within me
So I will walk in Your peace
Your Spirit lives within me
My victory, My victory
X4

Hallelujah, I am not alone
He's my Comfort,
always holds me close

My victory, My victory
My victory, My victory
My victory, My victory
My victory

He always guides me
Through mountains and valleys
His joy is refreshing
Restores my soul

Hallelujah, I am not alone
He's my Comfort,
always holds me close
X3

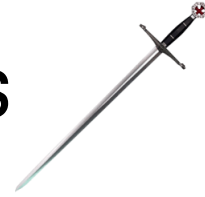
Mercy and goodness
Give me assurance
That I'll see His glory Face to face

Check out Josh Sherman singing his version of *Psalm 23: I am not alone* here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8OIMGnPUAdw> or search song title on youtube.



TBF Men's Ministries



Hey Men!!

Our Lord Jesus is about to deliver us through 2020 and it is time to look forward to 2021. PTL!!

Are you one of those individuals who establish personal and/or professional goals or objectives each year?? Or do you create New Year's resolutions each January??

Here is an idea I encourage you add to your list of opportunities. Please prayerfully consider and seek the Lord's direction regarding your participation in the men's Bible study led by Wolfgang Deeg beginning in **January 2021**.

The tentative plan is to meet on Thursday's -- twice each month. However, we can be very flexible, so your feedback would be very valuable in helping us determine the best time to allow the majority of men to attend. **Please share your thoughts and ideas with Wolf or myself.**

As you seek the Lord's direction please bear in mind these three verses:

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Philippians 2:1-2 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Matthew 4:4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Mike

God's Grace and Love in Noah's Time

Starting in January

Watch your bullitens and emails

The **STORY OF NOAH** is one of the most recognizable stories of the Bible. It tells a story of the **DEVASTATION** of **SIN** and its **JUDGEMENT**. **BUT** it also tells a story of the **GRACE** and **LOVE** of **GOD!**

A 3-week mini-series Bible study focused on the time of. Led by Wolfgang Deeg. Participants will meet to discuss what has been learned from reading relevant chapters and answering supplied questions. Contact Wolfgang for details. jadeeg@cablone.com

TBF *Women's Ministries*

WOMEN OF TANGLEWOOD - A REVIEW of 2020 AND A PREVIEW of 2021

When we began our “*We Over Me*” Bible Study in January of 2020, little did we know it would be halted in March, mid-study, because of COVID. Little did we know that all church services would be shut down for an unknown period-of-time and that our Super Summer Saturdays would be canceled. Little did we know that when we were able to resume, it would be online. What an upside-down world we have lived in, in 2020!

BUT GOD...in His perfect plan, granted us an even deeper hunger, a longing for His word and fellowship with our Sisters in Christ.

AND GOD...in His grace, gave us the tools that allowed us togetherness again with ZOOM and face to face encounters.

AND GOD...in His wisdom said, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches” for He had more to say about His Bride, the local church.

PRAISE GOD...in His sovereignty, He allowed us to complete our in-depth study of Chapters 2 and 3 of the Book of Revelation on November 17th.

“*We Over Me*” was indeed a timely study with much gained. We learned that we are to acknowledge challenges within our local church, and we learned the importance of doing what we can to be part of the solution. We also learned the importance of persevering in Hope.

At this time, we are planning to begin another Bible study in January of 2021. Plans remain unclear, at this time, as to the study itself, facilitators and venue. We also look forward to a return of our Super Summer Saturdays. If you are prayerfully led to participate and/or facilitate, please let one of us know. We encourage you to continue to stay in the word, to pray with us and for us. Please be involved in the special plans our LORD has in store for us because, dear Sisters, there is much more to come!

With much love in Christ,
Mimi, Kitte, Linda, and Olga

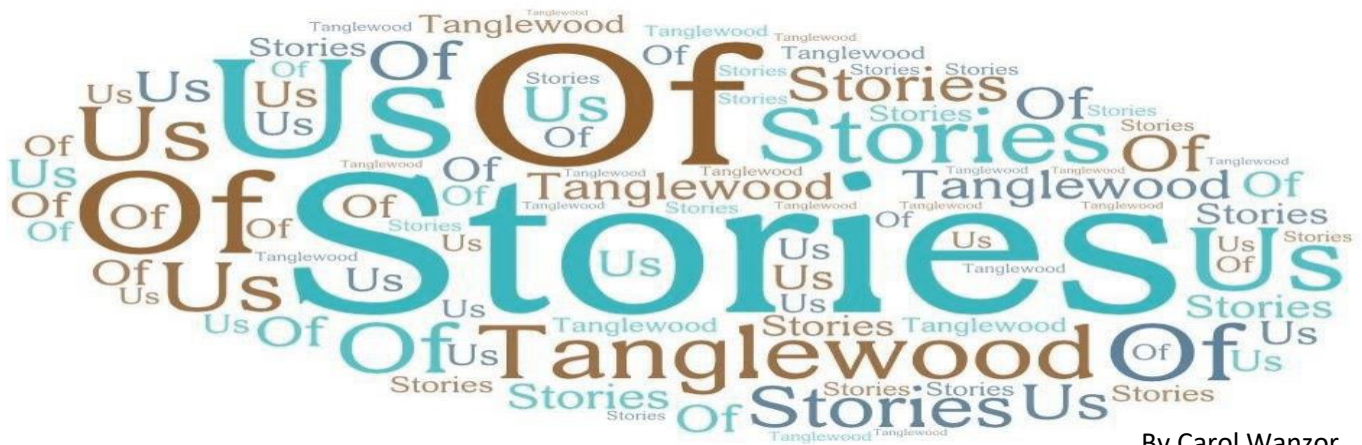
Sister-to-Sister

Card Ministry

Lifting One Another Up Through Words of Encouragement

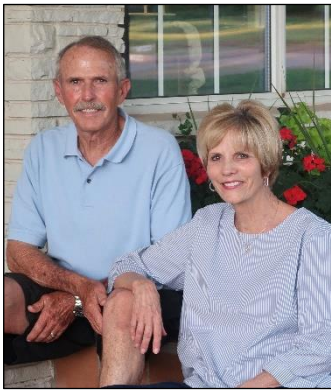
Join me in encouraging our sisters-in-Christ by sending cards of encouragement to our fellow sisters this month. For names and addresses, please send an email to powers5rus@aol.com or text 580.736.4997 with your name and the word “sisters”. Further details will be provided.

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



By Carol Wanzor

Dale and Debbie Corbin



Dale and Debbie Corbin met at West Texas State University. Dale came to the Canyon, Texas school from Wichita Falls to join the tennis program on scholarship and study chemistry. Debbie came from nearby Amarillo for a degree in education. Their first meeting was at a Nitty Gritty Dirt Band concert, but formal introduction came a few months later when Dale was playing tennis with Debbie's sister, and he asked if she knew the young lady waiting to get on the court. Debbie's sister, Linda formally introduced the two and so began their story.

They dated for a couple of years, marrying in 1975. Debbie had completed her degree and taught elementary in Canyon while Dale continued his college work to earn his master's degree in Organic Chemistry. In 1976, when Dale earned that degree, they moved to Duncan. While Dale had explored employment options

with Halliburton, he had also worked in the family's oil business, which at that time was Pierce Operations. Dale's grandfather had started this business and Dale had worked with both his grandfather and his uncle during the summers he was in high school and college.

Ultimately, Dale pivoted away from the corporate oil world to the family business, and in 2007 became the sole proprietor of the company, changing the name to DalCor. Debbie has served as Dale's office manager and accountant since that time, and as his chief cheerleader through the ups and downs of the oil patch. Debbie admits, "there are ups and downs with the price of oil. With the low price of oil, it is at times difficult to run a business, but God has been faithful, and we've made it so far".

Shortly after settling in Duncan, Dale and Debbie became part of the original team that explored the potential for a church start up. This group ultimately organized Tanglewood Bible Fellowship and called their first pastor. They were there to do what needed to be done in the early years, with the church meeting first at Paula's Attic on Main Street, then in the back room of the Parkview Restaurant (which is now the Daylight Diner). The church completed its original building project in 1977.

As the church took root and grew, so did the Corbin family, adding three sons, Sean Brent and Christopher. Debbie says "we have had lots of sweet memories of TBF. When we were a young church, we had several church family retreats to Lake Murray and the Wichita Mountains lake resort. We would leave on a Friday and return on Sunday afternoon. We would have Bible time, sing, take walks, play games, cook together, and have baptisms at these retreats. Those were fun special days!"

She also recalls Halloween or Fall Festival as a fun time for the TBF family, with the Corbin family dressing in coordinated costumes for these events. Some years fall activities included hayrides, complete with the roasting of hot dogs and marshmallows, and bobbing for apples.

Another very special time the Corbins recall for Tanglewood was the expansion of the building to what it is today. The addition of the large auditorium, complete with a new piano was a great boost to the congregation in 1990.

At some point during the Kempainen's ministry at Tanglewood (1976 - 1986), the tradition of Wassail night began. Chris (Mike's wife) was a music teacher and taught several of the TBF children. Wassail night was her way of providing a venue for the children to stage their talents. Over the years, when fewer young people were available to perform, skits were added to the program and more adults took part. The Corbin's oldest son, Sean, sang "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" with much gusto, enthusiastically swinging his arm to emphasize the word "wish" - a tradition that continues to this day.

From the beginning of TBF, Dale has served in the role of elder. Our elder leaders are always concerned with the Biblical/ spiritual health of the church, new families coming, people's personal needs, and teaching of the youth and young children. These are roles the Corbins have been faithful in for all these years.

The Corbins recognize that 2020 has been a time of change and renewing at TBF. When asked about the future of TBF, their answer was, "We have had very faithful people in our fellowship. Some more young families coming to be a part of our church would be a healthy and welcomed change. God will sustain TBF as long as we remain anchored to Him"



The Corbin family has now grown to include 3 daughters-in-law and 10 grandchildren.



Son Sean is married to Keri and they are parents of Kennedy, Cambridge, and Kensington. They reside in Piedmont, Oklahoma.

Brent and Sarah live in Baton Rouge Louisiana. They have four daughters, Nora Klein, Katherine, Mary, and Margaret.

Their youngest son, Christopher, and wife Holly live in Oklahoma City. They have three sons, Theo, Henry, and Stuart.

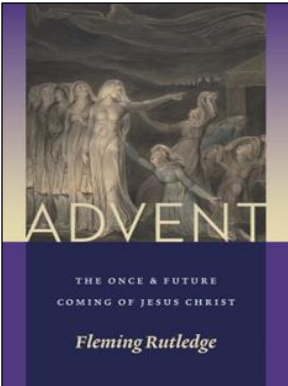
Advice for the younger generation - "Young families should take their children to church - make it a part of normal life for them."

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



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

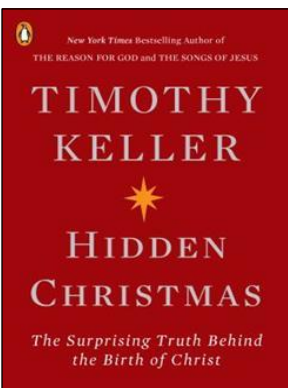
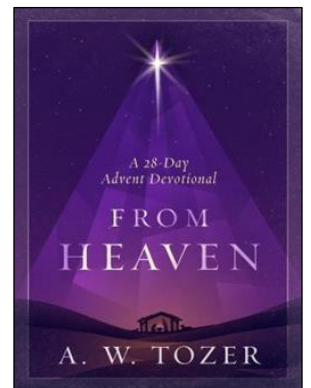


ADVENT BY FLEMING RUTLEDGE

This is a collection of Advent/Christmas sermons preached by Fleming over her forty years of ministry as an episcopal priest. I find it helpful to read Biblical sermons from people outside of my own tradition and this is one that I read every Advent. Her sermons are brilliant, deeply biblical, and culturally relevant. You would be amazed at the variety of topics included in her Christmas sermons, including a sermon on hell on Christmas eve. I would recommend this to anyone wanting to be stretched by good preaching.

FROM HEAVEN BY A. W. TOZER

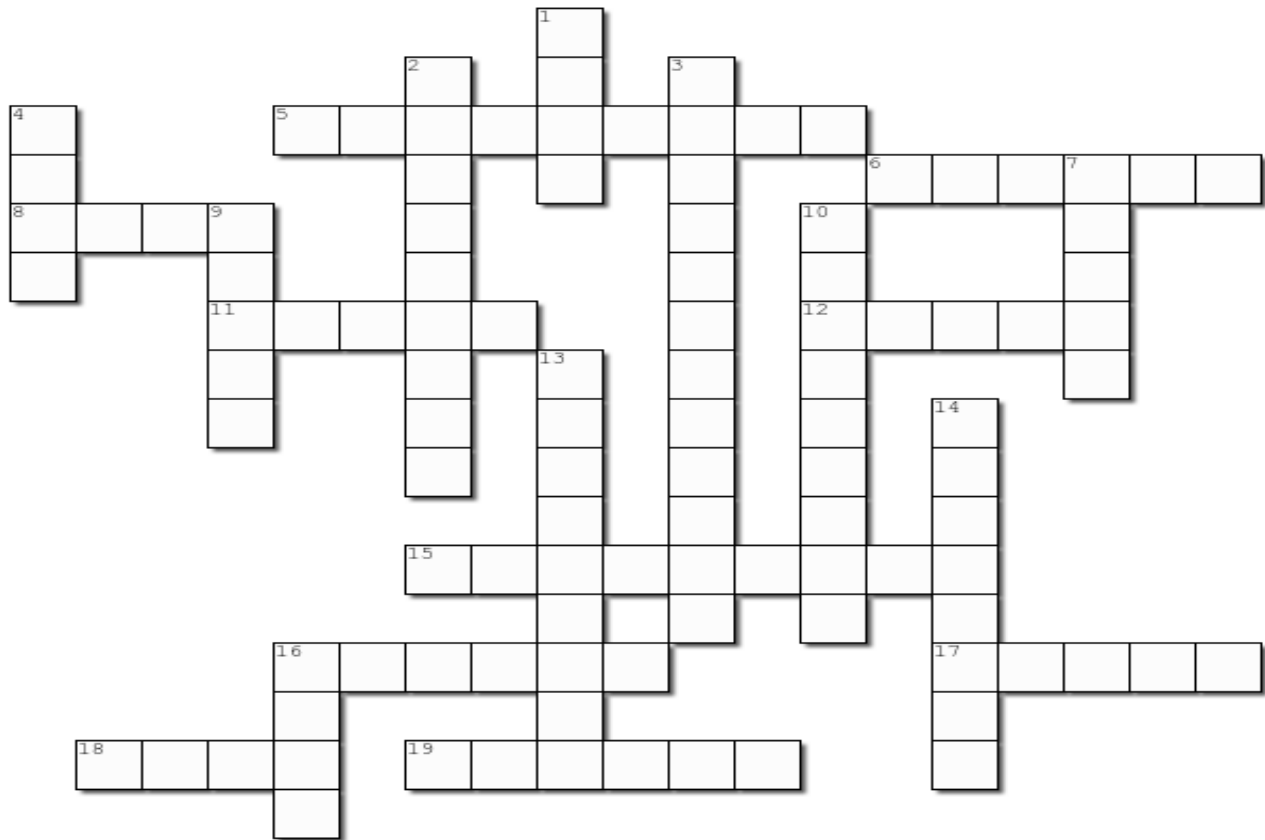
This is a 28-day advent devotion put together with A. W. Tozer's writings on the incarnation, and Christ's return. There is a reason that Tozer is regarded as a must read for believers and this work is no exception. It has short Scripture readings and is a great way to make sure our hearts are in the right place this holiday season. If you are looking for a devotional book for this Christmas, I would heartily recommend this one.



HIDDEN CHRISTMAS BY TIM KELLER

Tim Keller is an author who manages to somehow be brilliant and easy to understand at the same time. This is a short work that just walks through the Biblical story of the birth of Christ. It can be easy to think that we already understand the Christmas story, but Keller brings the story to life. It is a book that is soaked in the gospel and meant to be useful for believers and unbelievers alike. No matter where you are at in your faith, this would be a timely read.

CHRIST IS BORN!



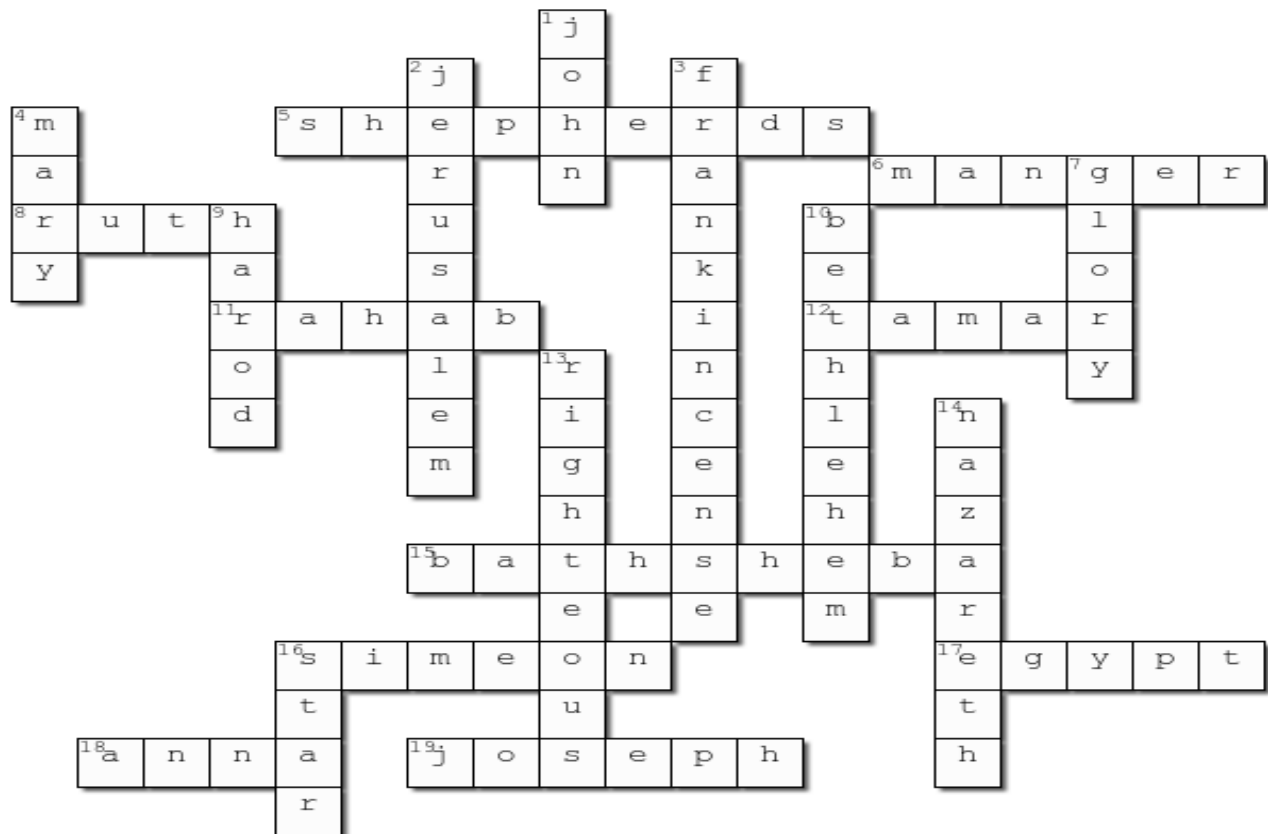
Across

5. _____ were in the field tending their sheep (Luke 2:8)
6. Jesus was found lying in a _____ (Luke 2:12)
8. Third woman mentioned in the lineage of Christ (Matt 1:5)
11. Second woman mentioned in the lineage of Christ (Matt. 1:5)
12. First woman mentioned in the lineage of Christ (Matt 1:3)
15. Fourth woman mentioned in the lineage of Christ (2 Sam 2:11)
16. Man who saw the salvation of the Lord (Luke 2:25,30)
17. Country where Mary, Joseph, and Jesus fled (Matt 2:13)
18. Prophetess who bears witness of Christ (Luke 2:36)
19. Jesus' earthly father (Matt 1:24)

Down

1. Jesus' cousin _____ born 3 months before Jesus. (Luke 1:59)
2. Jesus was presented to the temple in _____. (Luke 2:22)
3. Wise men gifts gold, _____, and myrrh (Matt 2:11)
4. Fifth woman mentioned in the lineage of Christ (Matt 1:16)
7. Angels cried out, '_____ to God in the Highest' (Luke 2:14)
9. King of Judea at the time of Jesus' birth (Matt 2:1)
10. City of David where Jesus was born (Luke 2:4)
13. Judah said Tamar was more _____ than himself (Gen 38:28)
14. City where Jesus lived as a child (Matt 2:23)
16. Wise men saw a _____ and came to worship (Matt 2:2)

CHRIST IS BORN!



Across

5. _____ were in the field tending their sheep (Luke 2:8) (**shepherds**)
6. Jesus was found lying in a _____ (Luke 2:12) (**manger**)
8. Third woman mentioned in the lineage of Christ (Matt 1:5) (**ruth**)
11. Second woman mentioned in the lineage of Christ (Matt. 1:5) (**rahab**)
12. First woman mentioned in the lineage of Christ (Matt 1:3) (**tamar**)
15. Fourth woman mentioned in the lineage of Christ (2 Sam 2:11) (**bathsheba**)
16. Man who saw the salvation of the Lord (Luke 2:25,30) (**simeon**)
17. Country where Mary, Joseph, and Jesus fled (Matt 2:13) (**egypt**)
18. Prophetess who bears witness of Christ (Luke 2:36) (**anna**)
19. Jesus' earthly father (Matt 1:24) (**joseph**)

Down

1. Jesus' cousin _____ born 3 months before Jesus. (Luke 1:59) (**john**)
2. Jesus was presented to the temple in _____. (Luke 222) (**jerusalem**)
3. Wise men gifts gold, _____, and myrrh (Matt 2:11) (**frankincense**)
4. Fifth woman mentioned in the lineage of Christ (Matt 1:16) (**mary**)
7. Angels cried out, '_____ to God in the Highest' (Luke 2:14) (**glory**)
9. King of Judea at the time of Jesus' birth (Matt 2:1) (**harod**)
10. City of David where Jesus was born (Luke 2:4) (**bethlehem**)
13. Judah said Tamar was more _____ than himself (Gen 38:28) (**righteous**)
14. City where Jesus lived as a child (Matt 2:23) (**nazareth**)
16. Wise men saw a _____ and came to worship (Matt 2:2) (**star**)

Tanglewood Bible Fellowship

December

2020

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