



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 Vine

“I am the True Vine” (John 15:1) is the last of seven “I am” declarations of Jesus recorded only in John’s Gospel. These “I am” proclamations point to His unique divine identity and purpose. Jesus said, “I am the True Vine” to closest friends gathered around Him. It was only a short time before Judas would betray Him; in fact, Judas had already left to do his infamous deed (John 13:30). Jesus was preparing the eleven men left for His pending crucifixion, His resurrection, and His subsequent departure for heaven. He had just told them that He would be leaving them (John 14:2). Knowing how disturbed they would feel, He gave them this lovely metaphor of the True Vine as one of His encouragements.

Jesus wanted His friends, not only those eleven, but those of all time, to know that He was not going to desert them, even though they would no longer enjoy His physical presence. His living energy—His spiritual reality—would continue to nourish and sustain them just as the roots and trunk of a grape vine produce the energy that nourishes and sustains its branches while they develop their fruit. Jesus wanted us to know that, even though we cannot see Him, we are as closely connected to Him as the branches of a vine are connected to its stem. Our desire to know and love Him and the energy to serve Him will keep flowing into and through us as long as we “abide” in Him.

Jesus went on to remove any misunderstanding about what He meant (John 15:4). He said that no branch can even live, let alone produce leaves and fruit, by itself. Cut off from the trunk, a branch is dead. Just as a vine’s branches rely on being connected to the trunk from which they receive their energy to bear fruit, Jesus’ disciples depend on being connected to Him for their spiritual life and the ability to serve Him effectively. The fruit we produce is that of the Holy Spirit—love,

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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

TBF Family,

In our study of Isaiah, I was surprised to find a small reference in 8:3 that Isaiah's wife was also a prophet. I had never noticed or heard that before, and so it led me to study if there were other woman prophets I had overlooked. I wanted to share with you what I found.

- Miriam, the sister of Moses, is referred to as a prophetess (Exodus 15:20-21).
- Deborah is called a prophetess and a judge of Israel (Judges 4:4).
- Huldah is a prophetess who teaches Josiah what the Bible means (2 Kings 22:14)
- Ezekiel rebukes unnamed false female prophets (Ezekiel 13:17)
- Noadiah is a prophetess who opposes Nehemiah (Nehemiah 6:14)
- Joel prophesies that at Pentecost both men and women will prophesy (Joel 2:28)

In the New Testament we have a couple references to female prophets as well.

- Anna prophesies about Jesus (Luke 2:36)
- Jesus' mother Mary and other women prophesied at Pentecost (Acts 1:14; 2:2)
- Philip the Evangelist has four unmarried daughters who prophesy (Acts 21:9)
- Jesus rebukes a woman who calls herself a prophet (Revelation 2:20)

These women's stories may be smaller and shorter, but they echo the stories of their male counterparts. We see some prophesy well and faithfully teach God's Word like Huldah. We see false prophets and prophets who totally miss what God is doing like Noadiah. We see them prophesy and proclaim the coming of Jesus like Anna. And we see some allow their prophesy to lead them to arrogance like Miriam (whose sin parallels Moses's later sin). In them we see the good and the bad.

Too often I have heard the discussion about women in ministry be focused on everything we believe the Bible says that they cannot do. But I think it's helpful to spend time seeing what the Bible does show women doing. The stories of these women may be overshadowed by their male counterparts. But when we look closer, we see some examples of unnamed faithfulness. Stories of average women who are doing their best to serve their God. And that's an example both men and women can learn from.

Pastor David

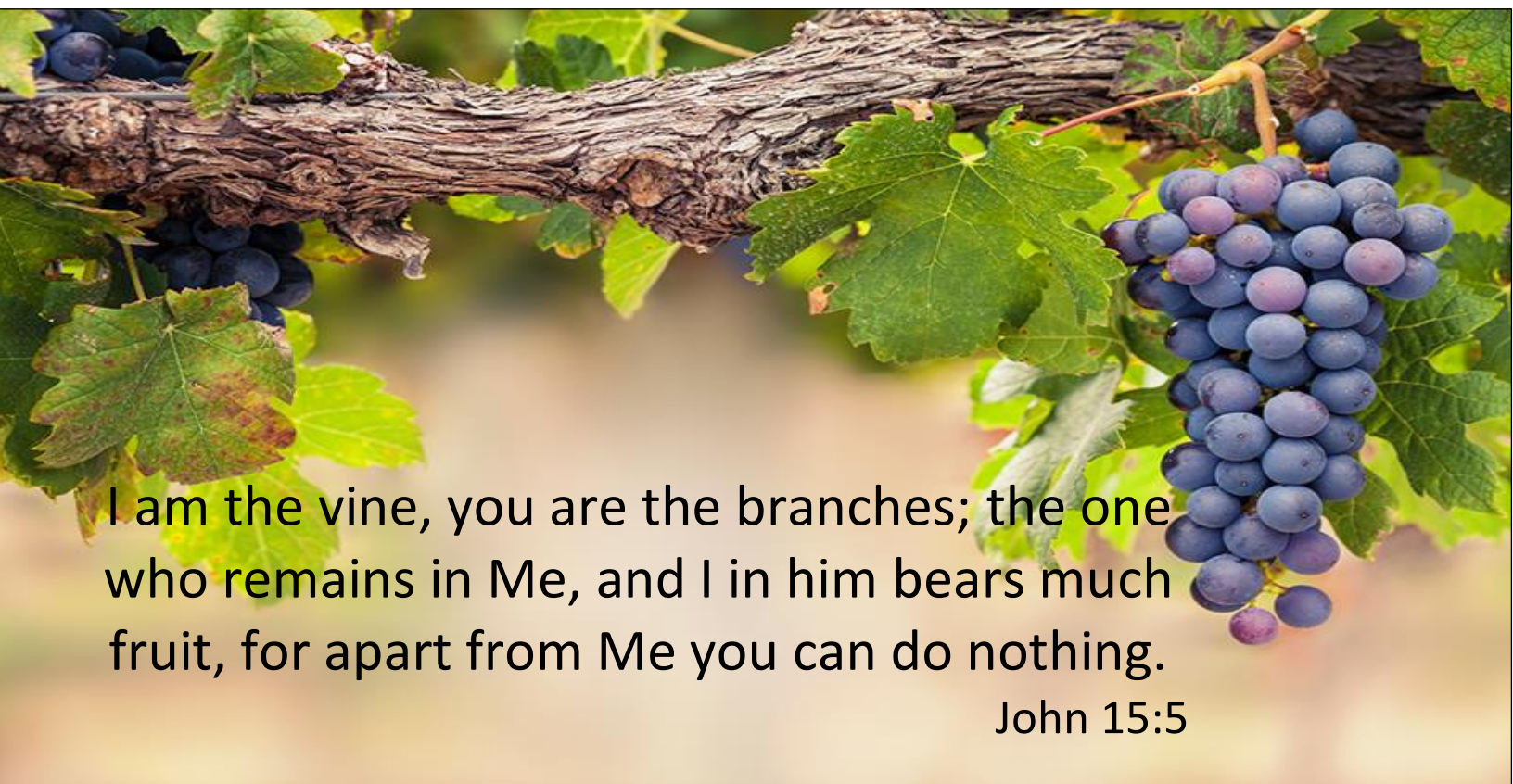


joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22–23). Our source of life and spiritual fruit is not in ourselves; it is outside us, in Christ Jesus. We can live, live rightly, and serve Him effectively only if we are rightly connected to Him in a faith/love relationship

Then Jesus underscored His point even more strongly by saying, “Apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:5). This illustration of the vine and branches is no thoughtless generality or careless simile. It is absolute, stark reality. No believer can achieve anything of spiritual value independently of Christ Jesus. He also reminds us that there are some who are “in” Him who bear no fruit. But these are not, as some would suppose, true branches that just happen to be fruitless. All true branches bear fruit. Just as we know a healthy, living tree by the good fruit it produces, so do we recognize fruitless branches as having no connection to the True Vine. This is why Jesus tells us, “By their fruit you will know them” (Matthew 7:16–20). Those who do not produce good fruit are cut away and burned. The reference here is to apostates, those who profess to know Christ but whose relationship to Him is insincere. He neither called them nor elected them nor saved them nor sustains them. Eventually, the fruitless branches are identified as not belonging to the Vine and are removed for the sake of truth and the benefit of the other branches.

So, we depend on Jesus for everything, starting with our very life—“For in Him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28)—and including our reconciliation with God through Him (Romans 5:10). No one can serve God effectively until he is connected with Jesus Christ by faith. Jesus is our only connection with the God who gave life and who produces in us a fruitful life of righteousness and service.

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I am the vine, you are the branches; the one who remains in Me, and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

Abide With Me

Henry Francis Lyte, M.A., son of Captain Thomas Lyte, was born at Ednam, Scotland, June 1, 1793. He was left an orphan at the age of nine and was taken in by a kind Irish minister named Dr. Robert Borrows. Even though Dr. Borrows had five children of his own, he took Henry in and paid for his schooling. Educated at Portora (the Royal School of Enniskillen), Henry followed in Dr. Borrows footsteps and attended Trinity College in Dublin, where he won prizes and scholarships for poetry. Henry graduated in 1814 and became an ordained ministry of the Church of England.



Henry Francis Lyte
1793-1847

Henry overworked himself taking care of the sick and soon had to visit France to regain health. Henry and his wife Anna spent their days carrying for the sick and needy every single day and often visited warmer France in the winter. He had long suffered from a lung disorder that turned into tuberculosis. At the age of 54, he preached his last sermon with difficulty and planned a therapeutic holiday in Italy saying, "I must put everything in order before I leave, because I have no idea how long I will be away." Before leaving, he took a long walk along the coast in prayer then retired to his room. An hour later he emerged with a written copy of "Abide with Me." Some say he wrote the poem in that hour; others say he discovered it in the bottom of his desk as he packed for Italy. It is likely that, finding sketches of a poem he had previously started, he revised and completed it that evening.

A memorial service was held in Brixham and it was on this occasion that "Abide With Me" was first sung. A little cross marks his grave in the English cemetery at Nice where he is buried, and many visit his grave telling stories of how the hymn had brought them to faith.

Abide With Me

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see— O Thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*I need Thy presence every passing hour; What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.*

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*



TBF Men's Ministries



Men's Bible Study

Abraham's Faith Impacted the World

Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm – TBF UTH Room
February 25, March 4, March 18, and April 1

Abraham looms large over human history. But what's his story and what effect does it have on modern life, if any? Explore the highs and lows of this patriarch's life for yourself, chapter-by-chapter, and discover the hope that our failures do not define or disqualify us from faithfully following God wherever He leads.

- **Week 1 February 25:** The Call of Abram Genesis 11:10-Genesis 12:20
- **Week 2 March 4:** Abram with Lot and Melchizedek Genesis 13-14
- **Week 3 March 18:** God's Covenant with Abram Genesis 15-16
- **Week 4 April 1:** God Confirms His Covenant and Promise of Isaac Genesis 17:1-18:15

Led by Wolfgang Deeg. Participants will meet to discuss what has been learned from reading relevant chapters and answering supplied questions. Questions, Notes, and Podcasts are available for download from Bible Study Fellowship (BSF). Contact Wolfgang for details. rockdoc00@cablone.net

A Special

Thank You

To Our Sound and Internet Crew. Faithfully Serving Week After Week!



David Yeager



Wolfgang Deeg

TBF Women's Ministries

Elijah: Faith and Fire

Tuesdays, March 9th and 23rd
6-7:30 pm

In person in the TBF UTH room or live via Zoom

We began our newest Bible study on January 26th. Twenty-three participants enrolled to join us in the newest DVD study by Priscilla Shirer. Offering two venues to all participants, in person at TBF or via ZOOM, we feel we meet the needs of all. Through COVID and a winter storm, we have survived and continue to flourish, praise God!

Elijah - Faith and Fire is a powerful study of a prophet that we hear mentioned alongside the names of Abraham, Moses and John the Baptist. Elijah, like us, was an ordinary man with ordinary skills. He had a deep love and reverential fear of Yahweh. He was not just in awe of the God of the Bible; he was willing and available to be used for a purpose. That is the focus of our study.

This Bible study, like all other studies that we have offered over the years, is an invitation to help us grow in our spirituality, our journey, our walk with our LORD. It is an opportunity to allow Jesus to fill our hearts and minds with knowledge and revelation of Him. It is a wonderful time of fellowship, a sharing of hearts and minds.

If you are a participant of this study, we thank you for your commitment to enrich yourself in God's word and promises. If you are not already a participant of this study, we welcome you to join. It is never too late. Even if you simply join us on ZOOM to view the DVDs, it is a time well spent. Contact us.

In Christ alone!

Mimi, Kitte, Linda, and Olga

- March 9th: Review week 3. Then watch video Don't Drop the Ball—Priscilla explains the impact Obadiah had as the bridge-builder between King Ahab and Elijah and the way his influence carried forward God's purposes. In a similar way, we are called to carry God's message to the generations to come. When God volleys His will and purposes in our lives, we as a family of faith can't drop the ball.
- March 23rd: Review week 4. Then watch video Inviting the Fire—We now join Elijah's story as he stands on the summit of Mount Carmel. As we read about His intentional cry to God and God's faithful response, Priscilla challenges us to walk forward with intentionality, boldness, and prayer in the challenges of life and the kingdom assignments God has for us.

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

Chasing Jesus

Tanglewood Bible Fellowship

Will be Honoring the Employees of

Country Club Care Nursing Home

Thursday, March 4, 2021

At 12 noon

Thank you for your generous donations!

They have made the following possible:

Jean Marillo's taco truck will be on site to provide
Homemade tacos filled with ground beef, marinated pork, and chicken
Served with her homemade pico and avocado sauce
Homemade cookies and drinks will also be provided
Individuals have volunteered to encourage and love on

Country Club Care Workers

All while maintaining social distancing.

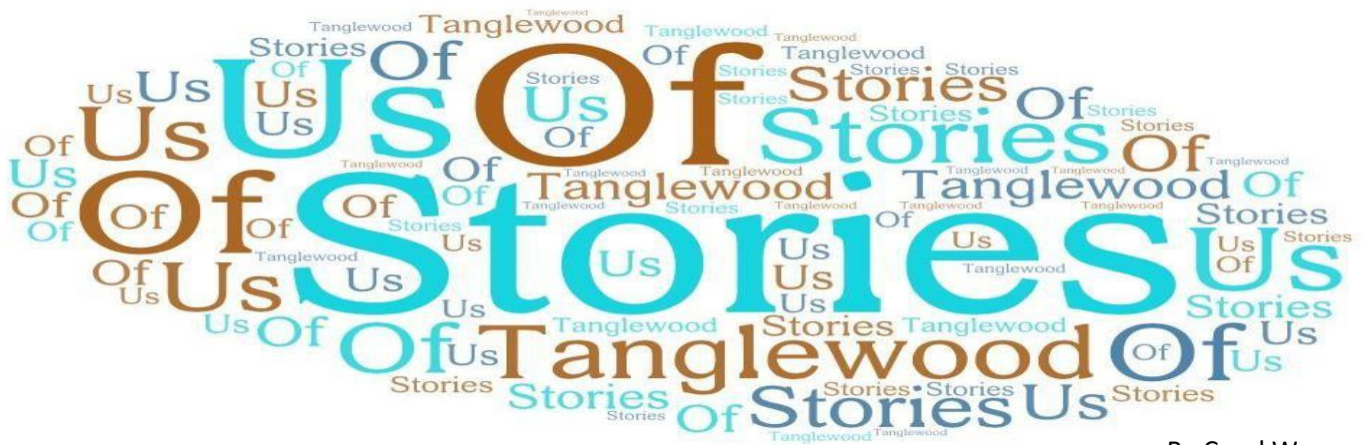


Jan Palovik says, "I'm so thankful for my TBF family who have helped in this endeavor. I'm anxious to provide this showering of encouragement and love on other nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Duncan in the future! In fact, I've had a donor who wishes to remain anonymous donate \$250 as a match to someone else's \$250 for future efforts! God is so faithful and loves it when we act as the hands and feet of Jesus! I couldn't be more proud to call Tanglewood Bible Fellowship attendees my family!"

Anyone wanting to help, please come to Country Club Care Nursing Home around 11:40. Anyone willing to make and/or put-up signs with expression of love are encouraged to do so. See Jan on when and where to put up signs.

Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation may do so through the church marking the check or envelope "special event" or just see Jan Palovik. More such events are being planned for the near future.

If you know someone who has a friend or relative in a facility encourage them to get involved in these efforts! Together, we can do extraordinary things!



By Carol Wanzor

Sidney and Wendy Powers

How does a farm boy from Comanche, Oklahoma, cross paths with the daughter of an Air Force Lieutenant Major who grew up from one end of the U.S. to the other? By divine appointment, of course! Perhaps Sidney and Wendy's endearing love for Stillwater and Oklahoma State University began the day they were introduced there and had their first date in August of 1992. Wendy was in Oklahoma to visit her Grandmother, who was in a Seiling nursing home, but staying with her aunt and uncle in Stillwater. Wendy's Stillwater cousin introduced her to Sidney, leading to their first date that same weekend, and their ongoing courtship.

At the time they met, both were finishing up their initial college degrees - Wendy in Mathematical Science (Armstrong State, Savannah, Georgia) and Sidney a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and Mathematics with a minor in computer science from Oklahoma State. Both made time to attend each other's graduation events in December of '92. In February 1993, Sidney came to Savannah and found a job that led him to the line of work he does today - industrial switchgear testing. Sidney and Wendy were married in December of 1993 in Savannah.



In October of 1994, without any warning, the company Sidney was working for closed its doors forever. Needless to say, this came as quite a shock to the newlyweds! While this was an interesting and challenging time in their lives, they pulled together and began a serious job hunt. By God's grace, it wasn't long before Sidney found work in Saraland, Alabama. Sidney went to work in Saraland, and found a residence for them in nearby Daphne, AL. Wendy stayed behind in Savannah to complete work on her Master's Degree in Business Education. In December of 1994, Wendy completed that degree from Georgia Southern University and joined Sidney in Alabama. Six months later they moved to Fairhope, Alabama where they lived for 14 years. While in Fairhope, God blessed the Powers with 4 children. Ashley came first in 1996, then Amber in 1998. Murray followed in 1999 and Sydney completed the family in 2002. While living in Alabama, the family was immensely blessed to sit under the preaching of Dr. Steven J. Lawson (now head of One Passion Ministry (Dallas, TX)) at Christ Fellowship Church in Mobile.

Sidney's career in industrial switchgear testing has God's handwriting all over it. He started out as a truck driver, delivering reconditioned motors and switchgear, but quickly moved into a technician position. Eventually he moved into managing the switchgear department, and then managing a switchgear testing company.

By 2001, Sidney stepped out on his own, opening his own company. God has continued to bless the Powers, their business endeavors, and their family. Wendy has enjoyed investing her time homeschooling their children and eventually working for Sidney's company in the office.

Sidney and Wendy were able to move back to Oklahoma in 2008 when God provided a place for them to live on a ranch east of Comanche. Today they enjoy their life on the farm and raising cattle, while still operating their switchgear testing business in Alabama.

In May of 2016, daughter Ashley married Tyler Watson and graduated the next year from Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU, Weatherford, Ok) with a degree in Biology. Ashley was SWOSU's first honor student and finished her undergraduate degree in just 3 years. She and Tyler (an OU graduate) just finished OSU Medical School and will begin their residency in July of 2021. Last year, Amber also graduated from SWOSU with a degree in Biology and began her first year at OSU's School of Veterinary Medicine in the fall of 2020. Murray graduated high school in 2018 and is currently in this third year of engineering school at OSU. Sydney graduated high school in 2020 and in the fall began her higher education to pursue a degree in nursing at SWOSU.

Advice to the younger generation: Don't let the surprises in life drag you down. Take the disappointments in life and look for the opportunities. Where God closes one door, He opens another. Believe in God. Believe in yourself.

Favorite scriptures:

Sidney: In quietness and confidence shall be your strength. Isaiah 30:15

Wendy: The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous run into it and are safe. Proverbs 18:10



In Loving Memory



Betty J Sullivan, 91,

passed away Tuesday, February 16, 2021 in Duncan, OK.

A family only graveside service will be held at 1:00 PM, Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at the High Point Cemetery in Buffalo, OK., with Bro. Jerry Hodges officiating. Burial has been entrusted to Callaway-Smith-Cobb Funeral and Cremation Services in Marlow.

Betty was born Saturday, February 1, 1930 in Bristow, to Isaac Samuel May and Docia Fay (Richburg) Tallent. She was a graduate of Bristow High School. Betty married the love of her life, Harold L. Sullivan, on April 29, 1949 in Bristow, and they celebrated 44 years of marriage before he preceded her in death in June 1993. Betty lived in Buffalo for more than 35 years but had lived in Duncan for the last 6 years to be closer to her kids. She enjoyed bowling in her earlier years, sewing, and crafting. Betty could always be found doing some sort of handwork or crafts, and she was the biggest fan of family sports. She loved her family and loved spending time with them, and she enjoyed holding her grandchildren and loving on her great-grandchildren. Betty will be missed deeply by all who knew her.

Survivors include, 2 sons, Larry Sullivan and wife Pat of Overland Park, KS, and Gene Sullivan and wife Sara of Lawton, daughter, Jan Palovik and husband Mike of Marlow, 9 grandchildren: Ryan Sullivan and wife Katy, Brandi Sullivan, Jaime Partain and husband Andy, Beau Sullivan and fiancé Nikki, Tim Sullivan, Michelle Franks and husband Joe, Chad Waugh and wife Danika, John Palovik and wife Jessie, and Krista Cunningham, 10 great-great grandchildren, 2 brothers, Winford Tallent, and Terry Tallent of Tulsa, and sister, Sandra Pledger and husband Tom of Tahlequah.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, parents, grandson, Christopher Sullivan, sister, Jan Bias, and 2 brothers, Basil Tallent and Bud Tallent.

Betty's family would like to thank Chisholm Trail Assisted Living and Country Club Care, for allowing her light to shine brightly while in their care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Beautiful Day Foundation, 807 W Main, Duncan, OK., 73533.

Those who have been ransomed by the Lord will return. They will enter Jerusalem singing, crowned with everlasting joy. Sorrow and mourning will disappear, and they will be filled with joy and gladness.

Isaiah 51:11

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Dietrich Bonhoeffer and his twin sister, Sabine, were born into a well-known and educated family in Breslau, Germany in 1906. His father, Karl Bonhoeffer, became a famous psychiatrist and neurologist in Berlin, where the family of ten moved in 1912. A few years later, Dietrich's oldest brother, Walter, was killed fighting for Germany in World War I.

At the age of fourteen, Dietrich declared that he wanted to be "a theologian." This came as a surprise to his family, who although Lutheran, rarely went to church. But Dietrich was quite serious and studied theology at the University of Berlin and, later, at Union Seminary in New York.

As part of his practical experience as a pastor, Dietrich Bonhoeffer spent time working with the poor and out-of-work in Barcelona, Spain; worshipping with a black Baptist church in Harlem, New York; and teaching a confirmation class for slum children in Berlin. These experiences helped Bonhoeffer look at the Gospel "from below," from the view of people who suffer.

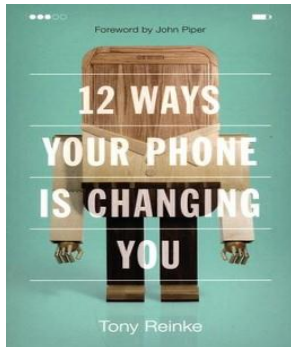
In the meantime, Hitler was rising to power in Germany. Reclaiming their national identity and power after World War I fueled the German people – even many Christians- to accept Nazism without question. But Dietrich Bonhoeffer clearly saw the danger and helped to form the "Confessing Church." It proclaimed that Jesus alone is Lord and that loyalty to Hitler was idolatry. Along with six thousand other pastors, he refused to accept the "Aryan Clause" that discriminated against anyone of Jewish descent.

Soon he became involved in a resistance movement to overthrow Hitler. His activities led to his arrest by the Gestapo in 1943. On April 9, 1945, he was hanged with several other resisters – only a few weeks before Hitler committed suicide and Germany surrendered to the Allies. But his writings, such as *The Cost of Discipleship*, *Life Together*, and *Letters and Papers From Prison* continue to challenge Christians today.

Hero Tales, Vol II – Dave and Neta Jackson 1997
Authors of Trailblazers Books

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

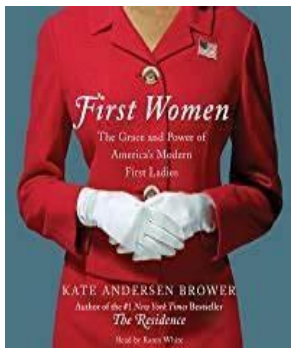
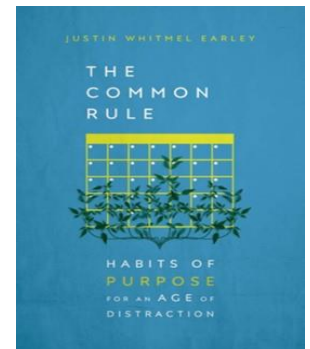


12 Ways Your Phone is Changing You by Tony Reinke

As the title says this book is all about how our phones change our lives. While our phones offer us instant connection to everyone and everything, it does so at a cost. The cost is often something that we barely even recognize. If you have ever felt addicted to your phone, then you may want to pick this one up.

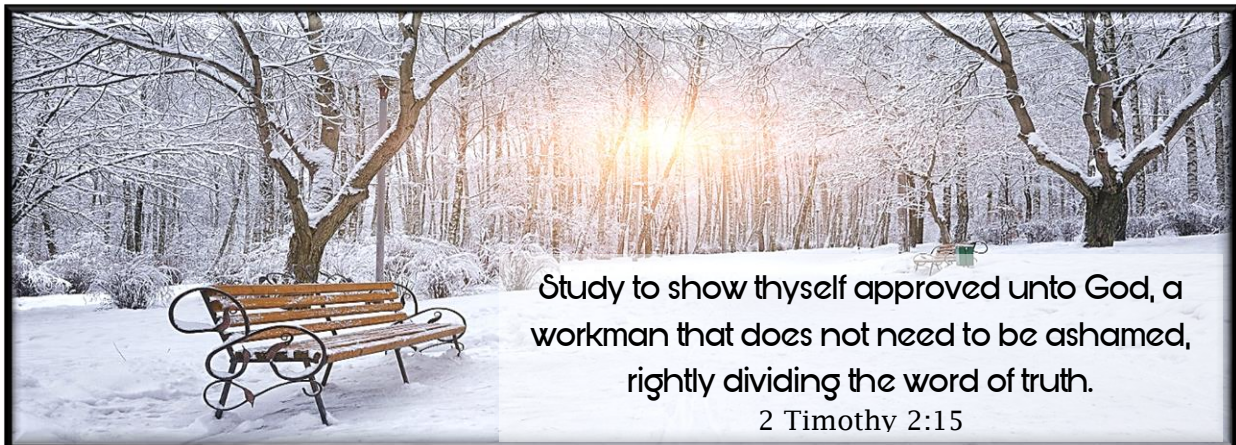
Common Rule: Habits of Purpose in an Age of Distraction by Justin Whitmel Earley

This is a book written about four daily and weekly habits that can help us love Jesus and our neighbors better. What I appreciated most about this book is that the habits are simple, but profound. Small ordinary habits are what form our lives. This book helped me reevaluate my own habits and try to implement better ones.



First Women: The Grace and Power of America's Modern First Ladies by Kate Anderson Brower

I love to read about the presidents, but this is a fascinating tale of some of the women behind them. It is filled with a lot of interesting stories of these women I had not heard before. If you want a sneak peek into the ups and downs of being a first lady this is a great place to start.



The Vine

John 15:1-8

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March

2021

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Proverbs 3:5-6

***Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.***



Tom Robertson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 ZOOM-7 PM 367 622 575	4 CCC Nursing Home 12 Noon Men's Bible Study- 6:30 PM TBF	5	6
7 Service 9:30 AM	8	9 Women's Bible Study- Elijah TBF 6 PM	10 ZOOM-7 PM 367 622 575	11	12	13
14 Service 9:30 AM	15	16	17 ZOOM-7 PM 367 622 575	18 Men's Bible Study- Abraham 6:30 PM TBF	19	20
21 Service 9:30 AM	22 Newsletter Deadline	23 Women's Bible Study- Elijah TBF 6 PM	24 ZOOM-7 PM 367 622 575	25	26	27
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March marks David and Brianna's 1 Year Anniversary at TBF. Congratulations!						