



NEWSLETTER

Tanglewood Bible Fellowship

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The Mission of TBF is to glorify God (Psalm 86:11-13; 115:1 and 1 Peter 2:12; 4:16) by actively participating in the ongoing fulfillment of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) as a body of believers (1 Cor 12:13; 1 John 5:1-5) who collectively/individually (Phil 1:27) serve our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom 12:1-2) and one another (Phil 2:3-4) functioning as a spiritual Greenhouse (Eph 4:11-16) such that by our interactions together we are catalyzed to grow (Acts 2:42) and to reproduce (Acts 2:47) spiritually

Passover

The Feasts of Israel – what are they and why are they important? The feasts are tied to the calendar of the nation of Israel, to the rhythm of the seasons, and to their extraordinary history. These are woven together like a beautiful piece of tapestry. Our modern calendar, based on the sun, simply marks time; but the Jewish calendar, based on the moon, was a testimony to God's work in Israel's history and the expectation of things to come. The feasts point to Jesus, to the beginnings of the church, and to the future of His people.

Celebrating the feasts is a community event. This is crucial because it keeps the memory of that specific occasion alive over years and generations. The sharing of stories of Israel's bondage, their affliction, God's redemption, and His blessing generates a cohesive effect on the Jewish people and establishes traditions by which they live. When the Jews as a people commemorate a particular event or feast, it becomes firmly embedded in their minds by the annual repetition of the rites and ceremonies performed.

Passover, also called Pesach, is one of the most central holidays in Judaism. The celebration was to be kept in accordance with the statutes and laws given by God (Exodus 12, Numbers 9). It was a permanent ordinance for all generations. The Jews were to sanctify themselves before the Passover. All leavening was to be removed from their homes. It is celebrated each year in the spring beginning on the 14th day of the Hebrew month of Nissan (Exodus 12). It is one of the Shalosh Regalim, or three pilgrimage festivals ordained by God. The holiday feast memorializes the miracle of the Israelite Exodus from Egypt, commemorates the deliverance of Israel from slavery, and venerates God's salvation from the Angel of Death through the sacrificial Passover lamb. It features countless rituals and traditions, including corporate worship, removing all leavening from the home, the Passover seder, abstaining from leavened food, eating matzah, washing of hands, recounting the Exodus story, song and praise, and more.

The Passover feast commemorates the deliverance and Exodus of the children of Israel from the dominion of Pharaoh as slaves in Egypt, around 1450 BC. The first Passover is described in detail in Exodus 12. One unblemished lamb was slain for every household and the blood painted onto the lintels and doorposts. By doing so, the angel of Death would "Passover" the Jewish households and not slay the first-born son. However, Pharaoh's people, whom God had warned He would judge if he did not let the Israel's go so they could worship Him, would be visited by the Angel of Death and every first-born male, human and animal, would be killed. The Jews were to eat the lamb, with unleavened bread and bitter herbs, in haste prior to their departure from Egypt. The eating of unleavened bread was to continue for seven days, as their sustenance to exit Egypt and escape Pharaoh's slavery. God ordained that the children of Israel would commemorate the Passover every year to remember their deliverance, almost 3,450 years ago.

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Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 AM MEETING AT TANGLEWOOD

Baptism – Sunday April 4th

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,



Christ died

for our sins in accordance
with the Scriptures,

He was buried,
He was raised

on the third day in accordance
with the Scriptures.
I Corinthians 15:3-4

Because He lives,

we will live also.
John 14:19



Waiting
for
Resurrection

AN EASTER SERMON SERIES

Sunday, April 4th

It is hard to believe it, but Easter is almost here. As Easter approaches, I am filled with gratitude. Last year we were unable to celebrate Easter in person. We were still in the midst of lockdown and had not yet been able to regather. Instead of celebrating together I was in an empty room preaching to a camera. A year later we seem to be in a much better place as a community and as a church. We have been able to gather together as worship safely with masks. The Lord has been gracious, and we have avoided having to shut down because of any outbreaks. Much of our church, myself included, has been vaccinated. And this year we will be in the same room to celebrate and remember the resurrection of our Lord.

I am also grateful for our family pastor search team. We have been able to meet numerous times and made a lot of progress together. We are unified in our vision and prayer in trying to find someone who will help us minister to children, youth, and their families. I am confident that God has someone amazing ready to join our church family.

I am also grateful for the story of Easter. Every church and family celebrates Easter in slightly different ways. You may have different family traditions as well. Some like to make Easter baskets, some take family pictures, some may enjoy a special meal. Churches have different practices as well. I know some pastors feel pressured to do something new or exciting for Easter. They may labor hard to create a unique Easter message that no one has heard before. But what I am grateful for is that the story of Easter is the same. The tomb is empty. Jesus is alive. That is the simple story.

So this Easter we will celebrate that empty tomb. We will be called to worship the resurrected Lord. We will baptize new believers. Their baptism will remind us that because of the resurrection we can have new life in Christ. We will sing songs that glorify the resurrected savior. We will practice the Lord's Supper. We will reflect on the fact that Jesus broke his body and spilled his blood for the forgiveness of our sins. We will read scripture that reminds us that the story did not end at the cross. We will hear a sermon about the resurrected Jesus. And we will depart as a people ready to share news of the resurrection.

I am grateful that our faith rests on the resurrection of Jesus. That is our hope. It is a story worth hearing not just year after year on Easter, but day after day. Jesus is alive. Death is defeated. We can face tomorrow just because he lives. I cannot wait to celebrate Easter with you church family. I'll see you there.

In the Resurrected Christ,
Pastor David

Commemoration of the Feast of Passover was the first major event after the Tabernacle was first built. The Tabernacle was finished on schedule, two weeks prior to the first anniversary of the Exodus. The Tabernacle was consecrated and anointed with oil (Exodus 40:9, a definite foreshadow of the Anointed One, the Messiah, the Christ). Aaron and his sons (the Levites) were also consecrated and anointed to serve in the Tabernacle (Exodus 40:13).

During the first four decades of the Tabernacle, all of the children of Israel were together in one place in the wilderness to commemorate the Passover. Once they had entered into the land of Canaan, Jerusalem eventually became the focus of worship, at the time of King David, around 1000 BC. From then onwards, the Feast of Passover was held every year in Jerusalem, in accordance with God's word to Moses (Deuteronomy 16:1-8).

The ordinances of the Passover (Exodus 12) state that the lamb was to be examined for four days, to ensure it was without blemish. Then at evening (Jewish days begin at sunset) the lamb was to be slain, its blood applied to the lintels and doorposts and then roasted for sustenance for the Exodus journey. All leavening was to be removed from their houses.

The Passover feast is a foreshadowing of Jesus in the lives of Israel and meaningful to all Christians today. Jesus Christ is our Passover Lamb as declared by John the Baptist when he cried out, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29,36) and by Paul in I Corinthians 5:7 ...For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. It is also a powerful reminder that we have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. I Peter 1:18-19 declares "Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver and gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with the precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ." Today, Jews still celebrate the Passover and the retelling of their deliverance by the hand of God from Egypt. Christians celebrate the Lord's supper.



The Seder



The Seder, which differs only slightly among the various Jewish sects, is celebrated on the first night of Pesach (Passover) or on the first two nights in the Diaspora and is the central ritual of the Passover holiday. It begins with the lighting of candles and saying a blessing over them. The Seder plate (ke'arah) is the focal point of the Passover. It bears the ceremonial foods around which the Seder is based. Every food on the Seder plate is symbolic in meaning and importance. The food is not merely eaten—the ritual is methodical, educational, deliberate, and fun. It is done in a way to give highest glory to God and to remember their Jewish past. The Seder meal, with its rituals and observances, lasts 3 ½ hours. Reclining on left side is common during this meal.

The uniqueness of the Seder rituals was designed to stimulate interest and arouse curiosity in the Exodus including Israel's years of slavery in Egypt, the ten plagues, redemption, and blessing. The annual rendition of the Passover feast with the Seder meal has woven countless generations of Jews into a unique tapestry of people throughout all history, with each year's Seder deepening the colorful designs and richness of their past. Seder participants are encouraged to discuss the various aspects of the exodus in detail, beyond the text of the Haggadah. Young children are encouraged to participate in the Seder to the extent of their ability. In addition to the Four Questions at the start of the Seder, they are encouraged to drink the Four Cups, eat the maror (bitter herbs) and matzah (unleavened bread), and ask as many questions as they wish. In addition to relating the story of the exodus, each Jew at the Seder is obligated to discuss three central elements of the Seder ritual – the Paschal sacrifice, the matzah, and the maror, as explained in the Haggadah. The Seder is a miniature recreation of the Exodus, and participants should imagine themselves as leaving Egypt. The formal part of the Seder closes with special psalms known as Hallel, which praise the Almighty, and the singing of several lively songs celebrating the relationship between God and the Jewish people.

The Seder meal is a dialogue about the Exodus from Egypt, the miracles of God, and the greatness of the Redemption. The Seder plate has all of the elements of Messiah's life: suffering, sacrifice, and resurrection. It tells the story not only of the Israelites' exodus from slavery in Egypt into the freedom of the Promised Land but also of our exodus from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. In Christ we find the things gloriously fulfilled to which the Passover and the Seder plate has alluded to all along. In Him, the Passover celebration becomes a banquet at which the King of Creation is praised and worshiped; and joy is heaped upon joy forever.

Elements of the Seder

Lighting of Candles

Blessings

Handwashing

Reading of Scripture

Song/Praise

Foods of the Seder:

- Matzah: Jews have three shmurah matzah, so that we can break one (as a slave would), and still have two whole matzot over which to recite the Hamotzi blessing (as required on Shabbat and holidays). The matzah are symbolic of the three groups of Jews: Priests, Levites, and Israelites. They also commemorate the three measures of fine flour that Abraham told Sarah to bake into matzah when they were visited by the three angels (Genesis 18:6). The two whole Matzah can also be symbolic of the double portion of manna the Jews were to collect on Shabbat and holidays. The Matzah is eaten at different times during the seder meal and in prescribed quantities.
- Zeroa: A piece of roasted meat represents the lamb that was the special paschal sacrifice (korban paschal) on the eve of the exodus from Egypt, and annually on the afternoon before Passover in the Holy Temple. Some use a forearm of a lamb. It alludes to the verse which states, "I will redeem you with an outstretched arm." According to the Talmud, it is one of two required cooked meats on the seder plate. Not eaten.
- Chagigah: A hard-boiled egg, the other of two cooked meats on the seder plate, represents the festival offering (Korban Higdah) that was brought in the days of the Holy Temple. There are many explanations as to the use and symbolism of the egg on the Seder plate strangely enough since eggs were not used sacrifices. The egg did not become a widely accepted practice until the Middle Ages (13th and 14th centuries) and has its roots in Greco-Roman times.
- Maror: Bitter herbs remind us of the bitterness of the slavery of our forefathers in Egypt. Fresh grated horseradish, and romaine lettuce (or endives), are the most common choices. The leaves of romaine lettuce are not bitter; but the stem, when left to grow in the ground, turns hard and bitter. So, it was with our enslavement in Egypt. At first the deceitful approach of Pharaoh was soft and sensible, and the work was done voluntarily and even for pay. Gradually it evolved into forced and cruel labor. Eaten twice during the Seder meal. Must be fresh, not cooked, preserved, or commercially prepared.
- Charoset: A mixture of apples, pears, nuts, and wine, which resembles the mortar and brick made by the Jews when they toiled for Pharaoh.
- Karpas (Hebrew): Many have the custom to use parsley. This vegetable alludes to the backbreaking work of the Jews as slaves, as the Hebrew letters of karpas can be arranged to spell the word perech plus the letter samech. Perech means backbreaking work, and samech is numerically equivalent to 60, referring to 60 myriads, equaling 600,000, which was the number of Jewish males over 20 years of age who were enslaved in Egypt.

4 Cups of Wine- drunk at prescribed times and in prescribed amounts

- Cup of Bondage
- Cup of Affliction
- Cup of Redemption
- Cup of Blessing

4 Questions – Asked often by the youngest person at the Seder and answered during the meal

A night to remember (Exodus 12:42)

- Why tonight? Why On all other nights we eat leavened products and matzah, and on this night only matzah? Leaven in the bible often represented sin. So, to eat non-leavened bread was a symbol of purification.
- Why tonight? Why on all other nights we eat vegetables, and on this night only bitter herbs? to remember the anguish and bitterness of slavery (Exodus 2:23)
- Why tonight? Why on all other nights we dip once, and on this night dip the bitter herbs in the salt water twice? To remember tears of slavery, but our HOPE is in God (Psalm 42:5)
- Why tonight? Why do we eat reclining? because now we are free to come to God (Exodus 3:18-20; Galatians 5:1; Matthew 11:28)

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He Is Alive

Originally recorded under the name Forgiven in 1975, Don Francisco wrote and recorded the song in 1977. It was named the song of the year in 1980 at the Dove Awards.

Don Francisco was born in Louisville, Kentucky, the son of a Christian seminary professor Clyde T. Francisco. Francisco's early career with the band Highway Robbery, centered on the folk-rock music common during the mid-1960s, but after an experience Francisco believed was supernatural, he rededicated his life to God and changed his personal, musical direction. Francisco is married and lives in Colorado with his wife, Wendy, also a recording artist as well as a graphic artist.

Francisco's original intention when writing the song was to tell it from the perspective of the Apostle Thomas. He planned to set it in the room where the disciples were when Jesus appeared to them and spoke to Thomas. However, he couldn't make it work, so he tried instead to do it from Peter's perspective. By putting a lot of his deepest feelings into Peter's experience he crafted a consummate telling of the Resurrection story, which ended up as his best-known tune.

In addition to Dolly Parton's rendition sung at the CMA Awards in 1989, the song has been recorded by the likes of Johnny Cash, Walt Mills, The Gaither Vocal Band, Ray Boltz, and countless others.



Don Francisco
1946-

The gates and doors were barred And all the windows fastened down
I spent the night in sleeplessness And rose at every sound
Half in hopeless sorrow And half in fear the day
Would find the soldiers breaking through To drag us all away

And just before the sunrise I heard something at the wall
The gate began to rattle And a voice began to call
I hurried to the window Looked down into the street
Expecting swords and torches And the sound of soldiers' feet

But there was no one there but Mary So I went down to let her in
John stood there beside me As she told me where she'd been
She said they've moved Him in the night And none of us knows where
The stone's been rolled away And now His body isn't there

So we both ran towards the garden Then John ran on ahead
We found the stone and empty tomb Just the way that Mary said
But the winding sheet they wrapped Him in Was just an empty shell
And how or where they'd taken Him Was more than I could tell

Oh something strange had happened there Just what I did not know
John believed a miracle, But I just turned to go
Circumstance and speculation Couldn't lift me very high
Cause I'd seen them crucify Him Then I saw Him die

Back inside the house again The guilt and anguish came
Everything I'd promised Him Just added to my shame
When at last it came to choices, I denied I knew His name
And even if He was alive It wouldn't be the same

But suddenly the air was filled With a strange and sweet perfume
Light that came from everywhere Drove shadows from the room
And Jesus stood before me With His arms held open wide
And I fell down on my knees And I just clung to Him and cried

Then He raised me to my feet And as I looked into His eyes
The love was shining out from Him Like sunlight from the skies
Guilt and my confusion Disappeared in sweet release
And every fear I ever had Just melted into peace

Chorus: He's alive
Yes, He's alive
Yes, He's alive and I'm forgiven
Heaven's gates are open wide
He's alive (He's alive)
Yes, He's alive (He's alive)
Oh He's alive and I'm forgiven
Heaven's gates are open wide

He's alive, He's alive
Hallelujah, He's alive
He's alive and I'm forgiven
Heaven's gates are open wide
He's alive He's alive He's alive
I believe it He's alive
Sweet Jesus





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 4 April 1:** God Confirms His Covenant and Promise of Isaac Genesis 17:1-18:15



Jacob: God Uses Unlikely People

Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm – TBF UTH Room
April 15, April 29, May 13, and May 27, and June 10

Jacob fathered the twelve tribes of Israel. But he took a circuitous, some might even say “checkered,” path into God's promised blessing. Explore the highs and lows of this patriarch's life for yourself, chapter-by-chapter, and discover the hope that God can use anyone, even the most unlikely of characters, to do great things for His glory in BSF's five-week study of Jacob's life covered in Genesis 27-33.

- **April 15:** Issac: Family Deception, Blessing, and Consequences
- **April 29:** Jacob: God's Blessing and Covenant
- **May 13:** Jacob: The Deceiver Reaps Deception
- **May 27:** Jacob: Trials with Wives and Laban
- **June 10:** Jacob: Meets with God and Esau

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

TBF *Women's Ministries*

Elijah: Faith and Fire

Tuesdays, April 16th and 27th

6-7:30 pm

In person in the TBF UTH room or live via Zoom

- April 16th: Review week 5 Then watch “Do You Hear What I Hear?” —As we read through 1 Kings 18, Priscilla leads us to a deeper understanding of how we can walk by faith and not sight. As we live through difficult circumstances in our own lives and the lives of those around us, we can persevere by asking God to show us the spiritual truths and promises that are as unchanging as God's character.
- April 27th Review week 6: Then watch “Faith, Failure, and a Future” —As we close our study of Elijah, we leave in the middle of his story. Elijah will go on to live, and sadly, many of his later actions fall short of obedience to God. Just as the heroes of the faith like Elijah, the people around us aren't perfect. In fact, they never were meant to be. The faithful men and women of the Bible and in our lives are always meant to point us to Jesus—the only perfect man that's ever lived. With this hope in Christ, we remember that God's not *done* writing our stories. May we be found faithful witnesses to God's goodness in the next chapter.



Taste and See that the Lord is Good.

Psalm 34:8

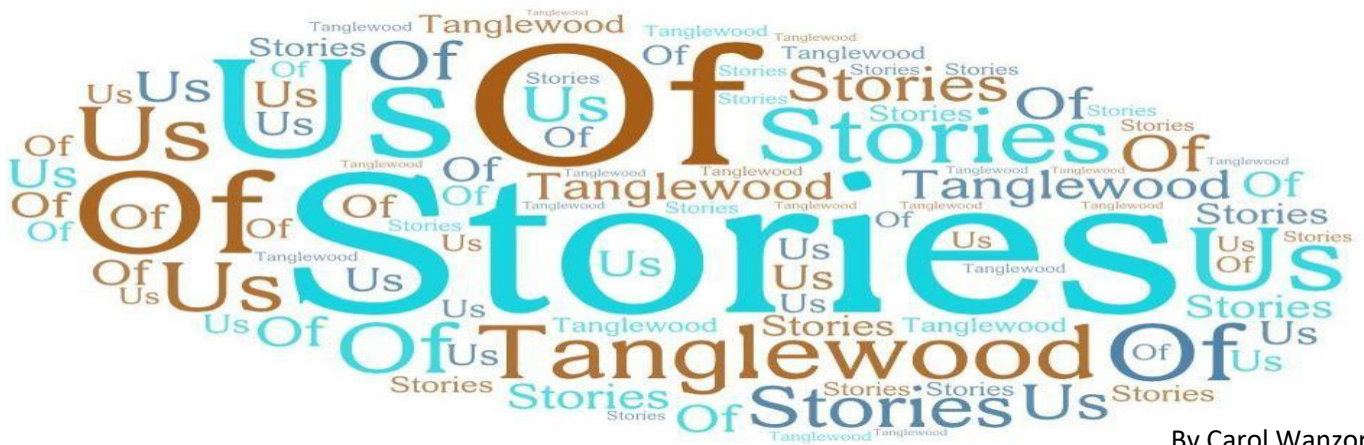
Sister-to-Sister

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

David and Brianna Shields

Before We Were “Us”

David Shields was born the oldest of four children to John and Julie Shields. For as long as David can remember, Dad was always in a pastoral position, although John attended the Philadelphia School of Music and originally had aspirations of becoming a concert pianist. The Shields family moved to Nebraska when David was five, with John beginning his first pastorate in Lexington, Nebraska.

Brianna was also the oldest of her siblings. She spent all her formative years in High Springs, Florida with two younger brothers and parents who were strong believers. Her parents were part of a church plant leadership team, helping to start a Southern Baptist church when Brianna was about thirteen years old.



Both David and Brianna reached their senior year in high school knowing they wanted to “get out of town”. By his senior year (2009), David knew he wanted to be a pastor, and was looking for a solid Christian university. Brianna graduated in 2012 and also headed to Liberty University, partly because her best friend wanted to go there, so she agreed to visit for a college weekend.

Liberty and Leadership

Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia was appealing to both Brianna and David, as it felt like a “real university”. There were various sports teams to cheer for, and about 10,000 students on campus. In addition to resident advisors, Liberty utilized “spiritual life directors”. As God would have it, both David and Brianna both eventually found themselves in leadership roles for their respective dorms. At an event early in the 2011 school year, Brianna approached David to point out how he had obviously failed in this role, since so very few of his residents had shown up for church. Unknown to Brianna, David was assigned to lead track athletes, who had other commitments that

were allowed to preempt church services. Not deterred by her first contact, David later approached her to explain his apparent failure. A few months later, they began dating.

Becoming “Us”

David proposed to Brianna at family camp with her family in Michigan in the summer of 2012. Not being content with your ordinary simple proposal, David wrote no less than 500 hundred reasons he loved her! David completed his Bachelor's degree soon after their engagement but stayed to attend Liberty's master's program while Brianna completed her degree in Elementary Education. In May of 2014, David received his Master's degree in Pastoral Counseling from Liberty, with Brianna also completing her degree in Elementary Education. Shortly after graduation, David and Brianna were married in Alachua, Florida and moved to Dallas for David to attend Dallas Theological Seminary.

The Journey to Pastoral Status Begins

While David studied at DTS, Brianna first had a nanny job, then began seeking employment at a Christian school. Her first approach to them was rejected, but when a teacher later took maternity leave, they hired her, and she remained there teaching third grade for the rest of their time in Dallas.

In addition to David's class load at DTS, he served as an intern at a large church in the metro area. His favorite part of that position was counseling individuals, helping them apply Biblical principles to difficult areas of their life. David and Bri also made some very close friends through their small group connected to this church, but ultimately David chose to leave this position after his first year of DTS study.

It was at about this point in their journey that David and Brianna realized that God's calling on their life was not to minister at or build the biggest church possible. Instead, they claimed a vision of serving in a smaller church, in a community where they could plant roots and raise a family.

David studied diligently and spent some of his spare time driving a laundry truck. He also found his niche serving at a non-profit, For the Nations (ftnro.org). Here David encountered refugees from countries such as Somalia, Afghanistan, and Syria. He enjoyed ministering to the refugees, helping them with English, job training and tutoring. He found teaching a basic English class especially rewarding.

Road to TBF

In May of 2018, David graduated from DTS with his second Master's Degree in Theology. And now the fun of earnestly looking for a church home began. Some of the churches first interested in them were not located in places they could see themselves raising a family. They eventually were led to a church in La Vernia, Texas, where the pastor had a solid theological background and was a good Biblical teacher.



In the Fall of 2018, the Shields celebrated the birth of their first child, Calvin. Unfortunately, the pastor of the church in La Vernia was pulled away to another church just a few months after David joined the staff, leading to tumultuous times and ultimately, the Shields leaving the church.

Downhearted, but not defeated, David and Brianna stored their belongings and found a home with Brianna's family in Florida. They describe this as a sweet time in their life. Having the extra help with Calvin and support of family during this time was a great blessing.

Sending letters and resumes to prospective churches, David said he felt a burden to apply at times, because if he didn't approach the right church, he was possibly "passing up his opportunity for ministry". Ahh, but God! As David and Brianna prayed fervently for God's guidance and leadership, Tanglewood Bible Fellowship was about to lose their much-loved long-term pastor due to retirement. TBF leaders and congregation were also earnestly praying for God to send just the right person to teach and lead us into the future.

Just two weeks after David and Brianna arrived in Duncan (March 2020), the Covid pandemic forced TBF and other churches to cease meeting in person. David took this challenge in stride, using technology for not only Sunday morning and Wednesday night studies, but also posting daily devotionals to further feed our souls.

Visiting with the Shields family in their recently purchased home, it became obvious to me they see life and ministry as a work always in progress. They understand TBF is a place God has done a lot of work in the past and as we are now beginning to "wake up" from our year of Covid, they are excited to see what God has in store for the future.

At the time of this writing, David and Brianna are the proud parents of two healthy, active boys; Calvin, age 2 and Grant, 5 months.



Calvin, Brianna, Grant, and David Shields

TBF Chasing Jesus..... Blessing Country Club Care



Maxine Blystone

Jean Shalit's Tribute to Maxine at her 90th Birthday celebration

Maxine and I have been friends for almost twenty years. We met here at TBF and I clearly remember the Sunday I invited myself to lunch with Maxine and her friend Johnnie. That we have remained friends is interesting in that we are total polar opposites in personalities and preferences, but we have shared so much over the years. Laughter and tears, aches and pains, a bit of innocent gossip from time to time trusting it would never go farther than the two of us. Here are a few of those differences:

1. Max never says much of anything and I never shut up.
2. Max's idea of a good workout is a stroll around the mall pausing occasionally to lift a little weight-a nice pair of shoes or a cute bag. I nearly live at the Simmons Center.
3. Max is organized. She always has anything one might need in her handbag, much like a Girl Scout or squirrel. Even a bit of chocolate when we find ourselves in need of some at a movie. I never have anything, but can always be sure Max will, so I never worry about it.
4. Max is a detail person and will sit and worry with something until she figures it out. Me, not so much, but I know I can always give a project to her and trust she will take care of it.
5. Max is a slow eater and although I have never been able to find a pace that will enable us to finish at the same time, I have learned to just keep talking until she finishes or magically pulls a little plastic bag out of her purse to take the rest home for dinner.
6. Max loves crafts: I'm a slam bam let's get on to the next thing person usually making a mess of a project unless it's in the garden and I'm good with dirt.
7. Max makes a note of every event, date, time, and location. I depend on Max to keep me up to speed on those things because I never do.
8. Max is a night owl. I'm up at the crack of dawn ready to get the day started.
9. Max is always willing to serve but waits for instructions. Me, I rush in head-first and hope it all comes together somehow.
10. Max loves cats, enough on that subject.....

Maxine and I have visited many places together. I think the first was when I had the big conversion van and was going to take my mom and dad on a trip to Eastern Oklahoma where they met, married, and raised kids. At that point in time, I knew Max liked to travel and see new places and things, so I invited her along. I barely got out, "Hey Maxine, I'm going to take mom and dad on a trip," when she asked, "How long should I pack for?" That was the first of many exciting trips together.

We have made many trips to Tulsa with the women of the church; retreats; Women of Faith Conferences in Dallas and OKC; at least three, if not more, trips to Puebla, Mexico; Branson, MO; and on the Simmons Center Tour four times. On one of those trips, we amused

ourselves on the bus by making prank calls to friends and relatives trying to use up the hundreds of minutes we had accumulated on our prepaid cell phones. There were trips to Tulsa for Silver Sneakers training; Optimist Club Conferences; Israel; Greece; and too many road trips to Denver to count.

Once Max was wanting to go up to Minnesota to visit her sister, knowing it might be the last time they would be together. So, she, Sue Raska, and I hopped in my big ole Caddy and headed out to the "Land of the Lakes!" We took our time, stopped when we wanted, and even visited the Spam Museum. I know, I didn't know it existed either. We have driven on another to cataract surgeries, colonoscopies, and to get out old cars worked on. We have met with our Bunco sisters the first Thursday of every month to play and laugh together for over twenty years. We have held many yards sales and once caught out a storage unit at auction and sold all the stuff right out of my yard on 9th Street long before it was cool and a "reality show"!

For our trip to Greece, we needed to raise some money, so we held a Senior Citizens car wash with good results. Many of our friends came, helped us wash cars including their own and then donate to the cause.

With all these differences, on the important things, Max and I are in complete agreement. Faith, Family, Friends, Coffee, and Ice Cream.

In the early days of our country when the fur trappers were plying the rivers up north, there was a saying among them. When they were in the canoes together and each could be sure of the dependability, expertise, trustworthiness of the other, they would say of them, "He'll do to ride the river with!" Well, Maxine will for me always "do to ride with river with!"

Someday, Max and I are going to go on our final adventure, but not together. However, we know for sure we are going to arrive at the same destination, only we will have different ETA's. Who knows? We may team up again and continue to ride that river.

Love you, friend....

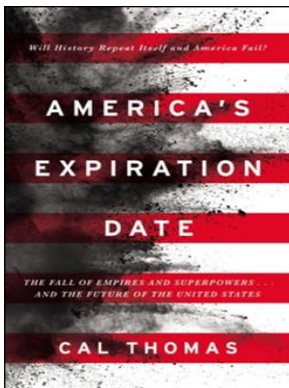
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Maxine and Jean



Carol Wanzor's Book Recommendations



America's Expiration Date

by Cal Thomas

Cal Thomas refers to Sir John Glubb's study of the world's greatest empires and his conclusion most of them survive for only about 250 years. Intriguing, no? Thomas uses Sir Glubb's "cycle of an empire" in writing a historical review of eight empires - Persian, Roman, Byzantine, Arab, Spanish, Ottoman, British and Russian. Then he applies the principles and cycles gleaned from a study of those civilizations to the United States. It is not difficult to agree our nation is in the "age of indulgence", which in most other well-advanced cultures came just before their fall.

This book is written in a reader friendly style. His review of each of the empires is a great crash course in world history. He makes Biblical references where applicable but does not use the book as an opportunity to preach doom and gloom.

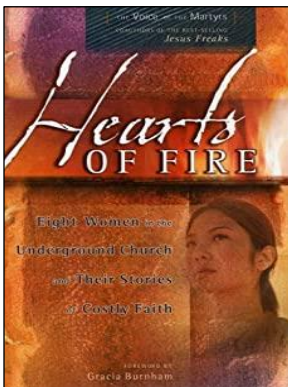
I recommend this book especially for Christians interested in finding hope for the future of our country. I believe you will enjoy investing a relatively small amount of time in reading it.

One of my favorite quotes from the book: "America is not as a crossroads, as some contend; America is a long way down the wrong road". (Thomas is quoting a pastor he heard speak many years ago.)

This book is available from the Duncan Public Library

Hearts of Fire - published by Voice of the Martyrs

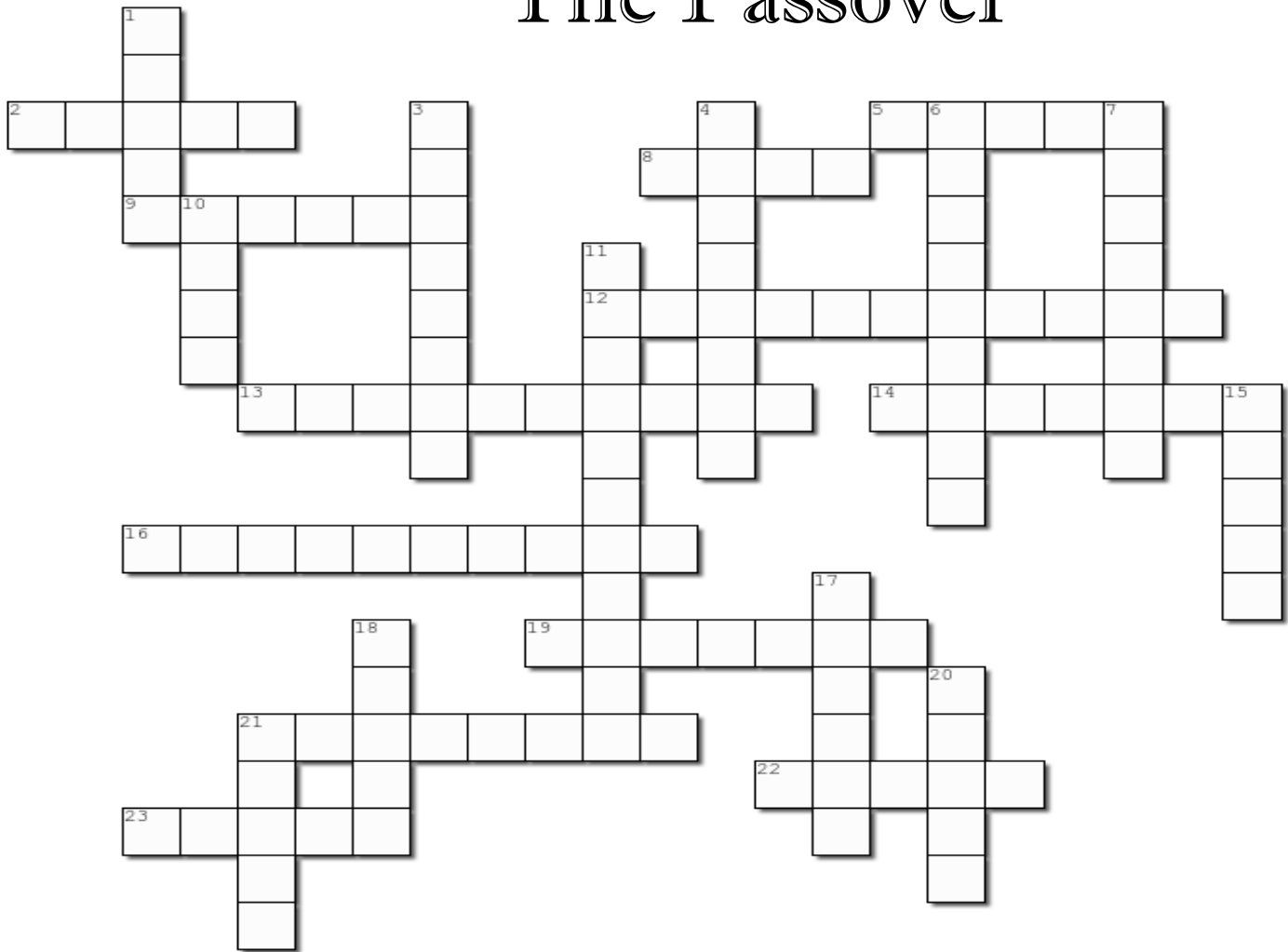
forward by Garcia Burnham



This book contains eight short stories about women who participated in underground worship and ministry in countries including Pakistan, India, and China. I must admit, I had to take a second run at this book. On my first attempt to read it, I had to put it down when one of the stories was just a bit too difficult for me to handle. No, it's not an easy book to absorb emotionally, but one that many Christians can benefit from as a reminder of not only how precious our religious freedoms are, but the ultimate price many have paid to spread the Gospel around the world.

A copy of this book resides in the TBF library.

The Passover



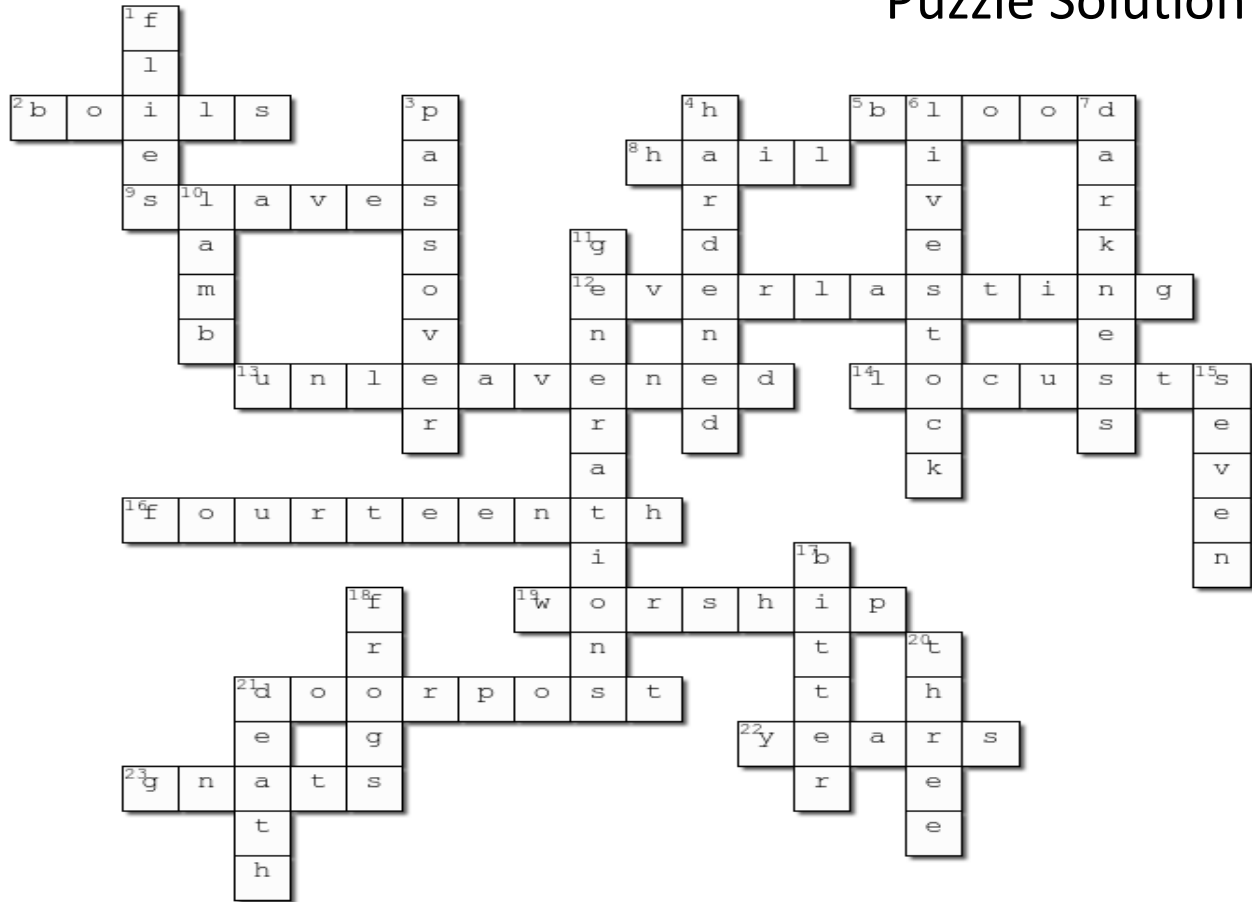
Across

- 2.** The Sixth Plague (Ex. 9:9)
5. The First Plague (Ex. 7:19)
8. The Seventh Plague (Ex. 9:18)
9. Occupation of the Israelites in Egypt
12. Passover feast was to be an _____ ordinance. (Ex. 12:14)
13. Type of bread Israel was to eat (Ex. 12:15)
14. The Eighth Plague (Ex. 10:4)
16. Passover was on the _____ day on Nissan (Ex. 12:6)
19. Let My people go that they might _____ Me. (Ex. 7:16)
21. Israel was to put the lamb's blood on their _____. (Ex. 12:7)
22. Israelites were slaves for 400 _____.
23. The Third Plague (Ex. 8:16)

Down

- 1.** The Fourth Plague (Ex. 8:21)
3. God said when I see the blood, I will _____ you. (Ex. 12:13)
4. the Lord _____ Pharaoh's heart (Ex. 11:10)
6. The Fifth Plague (Ex. 9:3)
7. The Ninth Plague (Ex. 10:22)
10. Jesus is our Passover _____.
11. Israel was to celebrate the Passover for all _____. (Ex. 12:14)
15. How many days the Passover feast was to last (Ex. 12:15)
17. Israel was to eat roasted meat with _____ herbs. (Ex. 12:8)
18. The Second Plague (Ex. 8:3)
20. How many days darkness lasted (Ex. 10:22)
21. The Tenth Plague (Ex. 11:5)

Puzzle Solution



Across

- 2. The Sixth Plague (Ex. 9:9) (**boils**)
- 5. The First Plague (Ex. 7:19) (**blood**)
- 8. The Seventh Plague (Ex. 9:18) (**hail**)
- 9. Occupation of the Israelites in Egypt (**slaves**)
- 12. Passover feast was to be an _____ ordinance. (Ex. 12:14) (**everlasting**)
- 13. Type of bread Israel was to eat (Ex. 12:15) (**unleavened**)
- 14. The Eighth Plague (Ex. 10:4) (**locusts**)
- 16. Passover was on the _____ day on Nissan (Ex. 12:6) (**fourteenth**)
- 19. Let My people go that they might _____ Me. (Ex. 7:16) (**worship**)
- 21. Israel was to put the lamb's blood on their _____. (Ex. 12:7) (**doorpost**)
- 22. Israelites were slaves for 400 _____. (**years**)
- 23. The Third Plague (Ex. 8:16) (**gnats**)

Down

- 1. The Fourth Plague (Ex. 8:21) (**flies**)
- 3. God said when I see the blood, I will _____ you. (Ex. 12:13) (**passover**)
- 4. the Lord _____ Pharaoh's heart (Ex. 11:10) (**hardened**)
- 6. The Fifth Plague (Ex. 9:3) (**livestock**)
- 7. The Ninth Plague (Ex. 10:22) (**darkness**)
- 10. Jesus is our Passover _____. (**lamb**)
- 11. Israel was to celebrate the Passover for all _____. (Ex. 12:14) (**generations**)
- 15. How many days the Passover feast was to last (Ex. 12:15) (**seven**)
- 17. Israel was to eat roasted meat with _____ herbs. (Ex. 12:8) (**bitter**)
- 18. The Second Plague (Ex. 8:3) (**frogs**)
- 20. How many days darkness lasted (Ex. 10:22) (**three**)
- 21. The Tenth Plague (Ex. 11:5) (**death**)

April

2021

Tanglewood Bible Fellowship

I Corinthians 15:3-4

³For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

⁴and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				¹ Men's Bible Study- Abraham 6:30 PM TBF	² Good Friday	³
⁴ Service 9:30 AM Easter(Resurrection) Sunday/Baptism	⁵	⁶	⁷ ZOOM-7 PM 367 622 575	⁸	⁹	¹⁰
¹¹ Service 9:30 AM	¹²	¹³ Women's Bible Study- Elijah TBF 6 PM	¹⁴ ZOOM-7 PM 367 622 575	¹⁵ Men's Bible Study- Jacob 6:30 PM TBF	¹⁶	¹⁷
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