



NEWSLETTER

Tanglewood Bible FellowshipEIC: 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

Unleavened Bread

The Passover is followed by the seven-day Biblical Feast of Unleavened Bread (Exodus 12:14-29). These two feasts were designed to strengthen the faith of God's people in God by reminding them of what He has done for them in the past -- salvation from their slavery in Egypt all the way to the Promised Land. These feasts were to be observed forever with the purpose of continually providing a tangible remembrance of what God did in His great work of redemption. The redemptive work of Christ, which is related to the historical event of the Exodus, must never be forgotten.

The Feast of Unleavened Bread, in particular, is a festival that helps us to focus on replacing sin with righteousness. It is an act of worship that demands preparation, consecration, and full consideration. The removal of leaven from the houses of Israel was symbolic of the cleansing of impure words, thoughts, attitudes, and actions, i.e. sin. Paul reminds the gentiles of this in I Corinthians 5 referencing the feast of unleavened bread -- "keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

The imagery here is powerful. The Passover -- Jesus slain as the Passover lamb. His blood covered our sin and redeemed us from the second death we deserve. After His ultimate sacrifice, there would be no more sacrifices in Israel. Now, 3 days later, Jesus rose from the grave in the middle of the feast of Unleavened Bread while Israel was gathered in Jerusalem for Passover! What the talk must have been!

At the very center of it all - at the very core of the meaning of the Feast of Unleavened Bread - is the all-encompassing truth that the resurrected Jesus Christ, the One who was raised during this spring festival, now lives in every Christian! Let us give thanks and remove the leavening from our lives with preparation, consecration, full consideration.

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 MEETING AT TANGLEWOOD

A Word from Pastor David Shields

Church Family,

One of the things that you have allowed me to do as your pastor is participate in a local program called Leadership Duncan. I have been participating in it once a month since the fall and the final session is coming up in May. The program has not just helped me connect with other leaders in our community, but it has really helped me learn more about Duncan. As a relative newcomer to the area, it has been invaluable. Without this program it may have taken me twenty years to learn this much about our area. I am profoundly grateful to get to live in such an incredible community.

Part of the process of this program is that the class members choose a project to give back and help make our community better. Our class took a lot of time, conversations, and even debate on what we could do to serve Duncan best. I am proud to say that our project is focused on renovating the Douglass School and Auditorium. One of the reasons that I am glad we chose this project is that this is something that cannot be accomplished unless we help.

The Douglass School and Auditorium were built in 1939 by the WPA program and are an important part of our town's history. The dream is that this building would be restored to its former glory so it can continue serving as a center for the community. When finalized it can serve as a place to play basketball for those who cannot walk all the way across town to the Simmons Center and so much more. The most immediate need is for a new roof. Other renovations cannot move forward until the roof is fixed.

I know that some of you know the building well and have even danced there. I think this is a beautiful building and love the vision Rudy and Shannon have for the Douglass Center. I would ask you to pray and consider giving towards this project. I think it is an excellent way to love our neighbors and give generously to our community. For those of you who are golfers, there will be a four-person scramble golf tournament on June 11th and the price of a team is \$400. For those (like me) who are not golfers, you can write a check to Leadership Duncan XXV, or write a check to the church and designate it for the Douglass Center.

Thank you for prayerfully considering contributing to this project and continuing to serve our community of Duncan well.

Wednesday Night Services 7 PM

In Person (Lord Willing)

Starting May 5th

Tanglewood Bible Fellowship

*Communion
Sunday
May 23rd*

Seven Ways to Pray for Our Church Elders and Search Committee

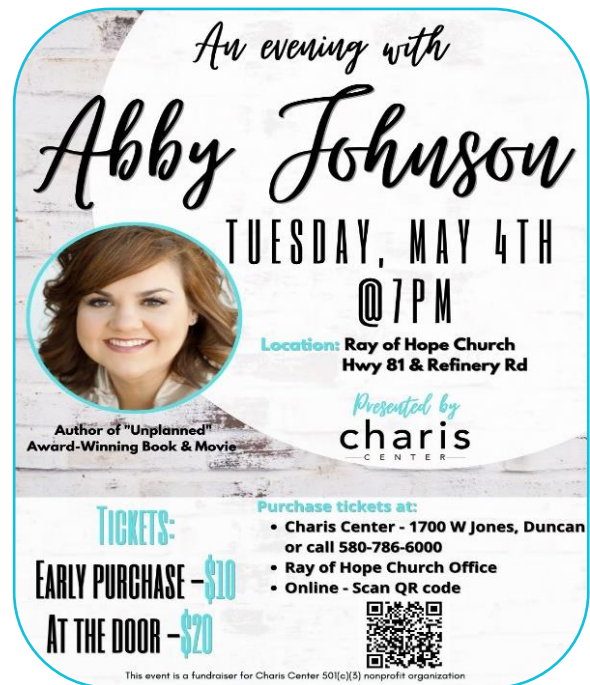
1. Pray for **Wisdom**. Pray that God would grant the elders of your church the spiritual insight they need to fulfill their duties. It will be to your benefit to be shepherded by men who have been supplied God's supernatural wisdom. (1 Kings 3:9-12)
2. Pray for **Vision**. Pray that your elders will be given a vision for the future of the church that is in line with God's vision. Pray that they hear the voice of the Great Shepherd, leading them as they lead others.
3. Pray for **Holiness**. Satan is always at work attacking men and women at their weakest points. The elders of your church are probably under a greater attack than most. Pray that they will stand their ground against all of the devil's schemes. Pray that they will desire holiness in their inner being. (Titus 1:7-9; Hebrews 12:14)
4. Pray for **Stamina**. Leadership takes a toll. There is always someone or something that needs attention. There are always meetings, phone calls, memos, emails and—did I say—meetings! An elder gets tired in his body and in his spirit. Leading a church can be draining. He desperately needs the strength that God provides to adequately fulfill his ministry. Pray for health, endurance, vigor, and grit for your elders. (1 Corinthians. 15:58; Galatians. 6:9)
5. Pray for **Knowledge**. Pray for an ever-growing understanding of God's Word that he may be able to find the right answers to the inquiries raised by his people concerning doctrine, sound advice, and godly counsel. (Titus 2:7-8; Colossians 1:9-12)
6. Pray for **Unity**. Pray they will live a life worthy of the calling they have received to be completely humble and gentle; to be patient, bearing with one another in love; making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. (Ephesians 4:1-3)
7. Pray for **Humility**. Pray for our elders as they set the example for us to follow both in humility and gentleness. That they would not "lord-over" but serve in humility. (Ephesians 4; 1 Peter 5:2-4)

<https://bridgechristian.wordpress.com/2016/04/25/are-you-praying-for-the-elders-of-your-church-here-are-seven-things-to-pray-that-will-bless-them-and-you/>

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

- First Thessalonians 5:16-18

UPCOMING EVENTS



More about Abby Johnson:

Abby Johnson has always had a fierce determination to help women in need. It was this desire that both led Abby to a career with Planned Parenthood, our nation's largest abortion provider, and caused her to flee the organization and become an outspoken advocate for the pro-life movement. During her eight years with Planned Parenthood, Abby quickly rose in the organization's ranks and became a clinic director. She was increasingly disturbed by what she witnessed. Abortion was a product Planned Parenthood was selling, not an unfortunate necessity that they fought to decrease. All of that changed on Sept. 26, 2009, when Abby was asked to assist with an ultrasound-guided abortion. She watched in horror as a 13-week baby fought, and ultimately lost, its life at the hand of the abortionist. At that moment, the full realization of what abortion was and what she had dedicated her life to washed over Abby, and a dramatic transformation took place.

Desperate and confused, Abby sought help from a local pro-life group. She swore that she would begin to advocate for life in the womb and expose abortion for what it truly is.

The media continues to be intensely interested in Abby's story as well as her continued efforts to advocate for the unborn and help clinic workers escape the abortion industry. She is a frequently requested guest on Fox News and a variety of other shows. She is also the author of the nationally best-selling book and movie adaptation, Unplanned, which chronicles both her experiences within Planned Parenthood and her dramatic exit.





TBF Men's Ministries



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: Isaac: 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.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THURSDAY, MAY 6TH

It is our prayer today and throughout 2021 that the Spirit of the Lord, pour out, pour through us across America, to fill our lives, families, churches, workplace, education, military, government, arts, entertainment and media, with Biblical, not cultural, not worldly, but Spirit-empowered, Spirit-filled LOVE, LIFE and LIBERTY as designed and defined by our Creator and Savior.

Our 2021 National Day of Prayer theme prays: “LORD pour out Your LOVE, LIFE, and LIBERTY.”
2 Corinthians 3:17

<https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/>

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

TBF *Women's Ministries*

We are a community of believers committed to knowing and loving God while bringing all women to maturity in Jesus Christ. We desire to support the ministry of the church by helping all women to know Christ as Lord and Savior, and establish gospel-centered relationships with other women, who will equip, encourage, and care for one another to live for God's glory.

The Women's Ministry is a place where we grow together, build relationships with each other, and serve alongside one another. We seek to lead women into a personal and passionate relationship with Jesus Christ, embracing the truth that we are in deep need of His saving grace.

I am so grateful we have a God that never fails us or leaves us. May God remind you today of His faithfulness, His steadfastness, His great love for you, His unlimited power for you, that He is ever-present in times of trouble!

The Elijah Bible study will conclude on Tuesday, May 11th. It has been a very enriching study, one in which approximately twenty women participated either in person at TBF or via ZOOM.

We will take a break during the month of May.

Information regarding our summer gatherings will be announced in May. If anyone would like to volunteer for our summer events, please contact Mimi, Kitte, Linda, or 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

Stories of Us

By Carol Wanzor

My mom is a very strong and loving woman, and she would do anything to help anyone. She always put her needs on hold to help the people she loves the most. ~ Caroline Stuart

My Mom was great! She was strong and gentle at the same time. She allowed me to grow up in a way that benefitted me - but did not allow me to get into trouble. Her name was Margaret, but I just called her "Mother". God allowed her to live 92 years. ~ Dale Corbin

My mom was a very talented seamstress, she could make any garment by just looking at a drawing which I did often for my clothes. She sewed for almost everyone in our small community of Ratliff City. She always set an example of patience, kindness, caring and love. ~ Betty Donica

My mom could have written the sign that says FAITH, FAMILY and FRIENDS! She had a giant love for all 3 of those subjects...in that order! I miss her smile, her touch, and her spirit of encouragement! She was a gift to all!! ~ Jan Palovik

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain,

It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away . . .

It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart is breaking .
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It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems . . .

It is far beyond defining,
it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation . . .

A many splendored miracle
man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand.

— HELEN STEINER RICE

Christine Sleeper was my mother's name. One of the things I remember most was that all of my friends loved her and loved being in our home. And she could swing dance with the best of them! ~ Tommy Sleeper

Maci thinks her mom (Michelle Franks) is the BEST because she lets her help in the kitchen. Her favorite thing is baking cookies with her! She is also thankful that her mom lets her crawl in bed with her when it's storming!

Asher loves his mom very much and his favorite thing is that she plays games with him! They both love her "snuggles"! ❤️

My mother, Carolyn Louise Cummings, was a believer of Christ. She took us to church every Sunday growing up with 9 siblings. She was a lovely woman – kind, compassionate, happy mother. She took care of 9 children, so she was very strong-willed woman as well. ~ Ruth Cummings

My mother was a wonderful person, who could make a lot out of very little. She loved her family and kept them together when it could have fell apart. Her optimistic outlook and love are missed by all. ~ Ron Norton

My mom (Lovella Cox) was a stay-at-home mom. She was gentle, loving, and quiet. Having to relocate many times from OK, AZ, CA, WY, NY and back to CA due to my dad's employment; she was quickly able to make each relocation into a secure loving environment. Some of the moves were made with meager means. I have a feeling she prayed a lot in her "closet," for her favorite song was "Victory in Jesus." ~ Homer Cox

My mom- As I write this, I think back to all the wonderful things that my mom "was" – beautiful, talented, nurturing, her love of gardens, flowers, outdoors. She loved beautiful things and the God who created them. She tried her best to pass down that love to her children and grandchildren. She was promoted April 18th, 2019 at the age of 102. A legacy to remember. I miss her every day. ~ Kyleen Driggs

When I think of my mother, Vinece Roberson, the words "faith" and "prayer" come to mind. The eldest of twelve children, and with only an 8th grade education, she wasn't stopped from reading the Bible and trusting the Lord. She trusted God when her two-year-old daughter contracted polio. Even though the doctors said my sister would never walk again, Mom never gave up, and my sister not only walked, but grew up to marry and have three children. And personally, when I was in the Army, I believe Mom's fervent prayers kept me stateside while training troops and protected me from going to Viet Nam. ~ Carlos Roberson

My mother, Lois Cain, was a strong, Christian woman and an Air Force man's wife. She took all 5 of us kids to church every week and taught us to memorize Scripture and catechism. She would often host visiting families after church on Sundays. This was always particularly fun. Mom took time to teach my sister and me to sew, cook, and clean house. She spent much time supporting us kids in our various activities. ~ Wendy Powers



My mother was always there to guide, support, and encourage us. As we moved from continent to continent, she taught us to adapt and embrace new cultures – to enjoy life wherever we lived – to overcome language barriers. She loved us and always figured out how to prepare our favorite meals even if some of the basic ingredients varied from place to place. She was the one constant in an ever-changing life. ~ Wolfgang Deeg

My Mother was very hard working. She was and still is a very punctual person. My favorite memory of my mom is her teaching us in Sunday School. ~ Kynn Wanzor



My mom, Kay Latham, had a gentle and quiet spirit. She was the mother to 7 children, "Nanny" to 24 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren. Her home was the gathering place for family and friends, especially when we could smell or heard she was frying chicken. She was the anchor of our family and I am looking forward to seeing her again in heaven. ~ Debbie Corbin

One of my favorite memories while growing up with my three siblings was weekday mornings. Mom worked outside of the home, so it was controlled chaos getting everyone ready and to their appointed places. She would have the radio on each morning to get the latest news and weather in addition to the music of the day. I remember waking up and hearing her whistling along to the song while she fixed breakfast. She never seemed rattled or stressed just looking positively towards the new day. ~ Mike Palovik

My mother taught us by example the doing "whatever it took" to achieve our dreams. She worked hard on the farm raising a garden, cooking, canning, sewing, and anything else that needed to be done. Looking back, I can also see she made many sacrifices to provide us with luxuries such as private piano lessons. Mother chose to remain alone on the farm for some 32 years after my father's sudden death. God blessed her greatly during those years, but my children will always remember her saying she was "ready to go on and be with her Johnnie". Their example of devotion to one another was another great blessing in my life. ~ Carol Wanzor

What I remember most about my mom was her sewing. She made clothing for all her girls. I also remember her perseverance in the face of a very difficult marriage and situation. ~ Sue Smith-Raska

I have forever memories of my mother's faith and prayer life, prayers which included, by the way, continuous petition for her rebellious daughter. By God's amazing grace, her legacy lives in me. ~ Olga Pollock

"Our mother was funny, wasn't she?" my sister Glennes said as we were looking through old photos. To the outside world, our mother, Audrey Russell, was a strong beautiful lady whose hospitality and talent playing the piano were well-known in Duncan. However, to us kids, she was the Mama who made the monkey face behind the door when no one else was looking, who hung clothes on the backyard clothesline in her shorty pajamas, and who spelled the word B-U-double T, thinking we would not understand. Yes, our mother was funny, and one of a kind! ~ Mimi Roberson

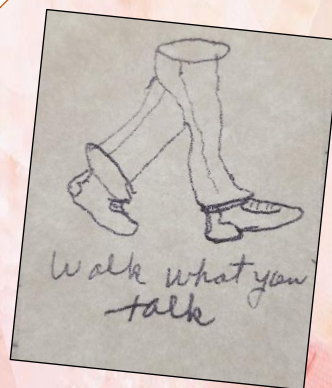


My mother named me after King David from the Bible. She read Bible Stories to me each night before I went to bed when I was little. She also instilled in me to think through things (anything) before acting on things and to be careful who I listen to/learn from, know about those who teach you, know where they are coming from (their background). ~ David Yeager

I would summarize, Jan Palovik, as the "Proverbs 31 woman". She has a heart that longs to serve and love on others. I consider myself so lucky and proud to call her mom and my best friend! I love you more! ~ Michelle Franks

My mother was a Godly woman who made sure all her children grew up going to church. She gave me my first bible when I was about 10. She wanted to make sure I understood the profession of faith that I had just made. She went over the plan of salvation with me and answered any questions I had. When she died and we were looking through her bible, there were little bits of paper throughout it with scripture-thoughts that were meaningful to her. This is one drawing we found. ~ Connie Norton

I began to appreciate my mother Julie in a deeper way after having children of my own. My mother had four children all two years apart. She stayed home to raise us and homeschooled all of us for a number of years. Despite the massive time commitment and chaos this must have been she still managed to serve faithfully alongside my father at church. She sang on the worship team and was in charge of VBS each year. Looking back, I am amazed she managed to stay sane while raising us. ~ David Shields



Mother, as all mothers, was SO very special!! It seemed, when I was a child, she basically lived for her family!! Especially her children! I had 2 brothers, both older than me. She was a very special person in my life! She made sure I knew how to cook & of course I loved cooking!!! I STILL DO!!! As much as she did! I do think of her so very often! She always had a cake, cookies, or pies most of the time for us to have when we came home from school! She had me cooking at a very young age! She worked in the field with dad And the boys! I stayed (at a very young age) at home & fixed our lunch! Then she & I would clean up the kitchen and she would usually go back to the field! She was always home for all of us!! She was a wonderful woman and an excellent mom!! I still miss her SO very much! I will see her again -- in Heaven!!! ~ Wanda Skinner

My mom was Lois Wheeler. She wanted to be a mom more than anything else. Against Dr.'s warnings, she risked her own health just to get pregnant 4 times. When we were young, we always had new clothes at the beginning of every school year while she always wore her one classy black dress with pearls to all her social meetings. Rarely did she spend much money on herself yet managed to look beautiful every time. ~ Lana Sleeper

Mom was very picky about her Christmas décor. It had to be perfect, but she let my brother and me help with the tree. We loved tossing on the silver icicles, and of course, they were clumped up. The next morning, they were hanging perfect. It was another Christmas miracle. ~ Phyllis Davis

My Mother was a sweet person with a strong Christian upbringing. She made sure we had a lot of love and was a good friend to her children. ~ Linda Keeney

My mother, Donnita Hall, exemplifies for me the joy of family and living in community with others. ~ Debra Welch

My mom (Faye Edwards) was a working mom. Even though she worked full time, she always made time for the needs of our family. She was never too busy to cook our meals, help with homework, make our Easter dresses, be a Girl Scout leader and Sunday School teacher. She was the spiritual leader of our home and taught me the "Love of Jesus" from the cradle till her death. Thankful for a loving, Godly mother! ~ Pam Cox

Lucile Marie Deakins Grundy is my mom. I am so thankful. Mom loved spending more time behind her typewriter than in the kitchen. Mom worked her way through Oklahoma Baptist University and graduated in 1947 with a degree in journalism. That is where she and my dad met. Mom had the gift of writing letters to friends and family that were informative and entertaining. She edited newsletters for many organizations and the FBC in Comanche. She used this to teach and lead girls and young women in the church to live godly lives and serve God in everything. She was very wise, a great listener, and a wonderful counselor to many. Thank you, God for my mom. ~ Meg Strange

My mom, Lily Davis, was born in 1930 and passed away in 2020. In her 90 years she went from being a child sharecrop worker to an army officer's wife and then to an active participant in senior life and activities. She raised 4 children, had 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren. She participated in and took leadership roles in the children's activities, officers wives' events, bowling, social clubs, bible study and her senior community. In many of these she received awards, honors, and certificates. She was most proud of the Molly Pitcher Award - The Artillery Order of Molly Pitcher recognizes individuals who have voluntarily contributed in a significant way to the improvement of the Field Artillery Community. She was baptized, in the Lord, when she was 85 years young! She loved and was loved! ~ Kitte Lewark

When I think of my mother I think of her lap. That was my safe place. That is where I went when I was sick, sad, or scared. When I was there, I felt secure. I went there up until I was too big to fit and thereafter, I just wanted to be as close to her as possible. As a mother that is what I wanted for my Glenna, to be her safe place. ~ Jean Schalit

My mom believed in education. After raising 5 kids, she returned to college when my littlest brother started 1st grade. She graduated with a degree in Elementary Education the same year I graduated from high school. I felt comfortable bringing school friends home with little or no notice. There was always a place at our Thanksgiving and Christmas table for our 2 elderly neighbors. Mom entered her eternal reward at age 65, 5 weeks after being diagnosed with stage 4 liver cancer. There are reminders of her throughout my house - furniture, pictures, Easter decorations, and clothes that I still wear. I am blessed to have had such a good role model. ~ Janet Deeg

When I think of my mother, I think of her faithfulness to her family and the Lord. So many mornings of my childhood I remember her sitting in her room, reading her Bible to start the day. She is a shining example of steadiness and service that I do my best to emulate daily with my own family and relationship with Jesus. ~ Brianna Shields

My Mother came from a good Christian home with four sisters. All five of them have been married for over fifty years now. Her commitment to Christ, her church, and her family has always been an inspiration. She passed these values from her parents to her children not so much by teaching but by example. ~ Sidney Powers



TBF's 2021 College Graduates

Regina Stuart



Regina is a 2021 graduate of Cameron University with a BA in Political Science. Her future plans include pursuing a teaching position in history or government in the Marlow or Velma school districts. Graduation is May 8th in Duncan, Oklahoma.

Regina is the mother of Caroline Stuart of Duncan, Oklahoma.



CAMERON

Tyler & Ashley Watson



Tyler and Ashley Watson are 2021 graduates of Oklahoma State University with a Doctorate in Osteopathic Medicine. Their future plans include a 3-year residency in Jefferson City, MO where they will practice family medicine. Graduation is May 15th in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Tyler and Ashley are the son-in-law and daughter of Sidney and Wendy Powers of Loco, Oklahoma.



Congratulations to all our Graduates!!

We're So Proud of You!



Remember What You Have Been Taught

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." | Colossians 2:6-7

"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." | Micah 6:8

"But those who wait upon the LORD will renew their strength. They will mount up with wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint." | Isaiah 40:31

"Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." | Proverbs 16:3

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." | Romans 8:28

"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

| Joshua 1:7-9

"Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always." | Psalm 105:4

"Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck." | Proverbs 1:8-9

Be Happy in the Lord

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things." | Philippians 4:7-8

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." | 1 Corinthians 15:57-58

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." | Philippians 4:4-6

"The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad." | Psalms 126:3

"The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him." | Psalms 28:7

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice." | Philippians 4:4

Walk Forward in the Lord

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." | Philippians 2:3-4

"Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart." | Psalms 37:4

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

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." | Colossians 3:23

"You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart." | Jeremiah 29:13

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." | Ephesians 2:10

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men" / Colossians 3:23

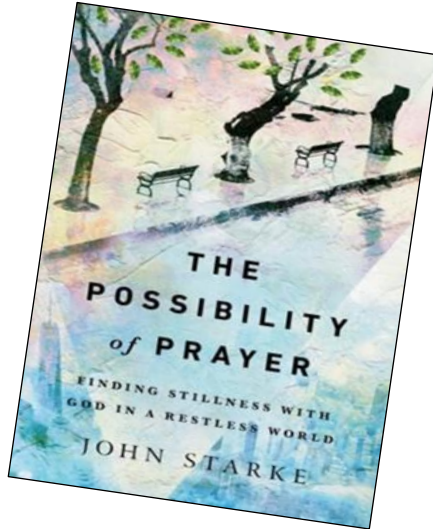
Our Prayers for You

"And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ" / Philippians 1:9-10

"And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" | Colossians 1:9-10

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

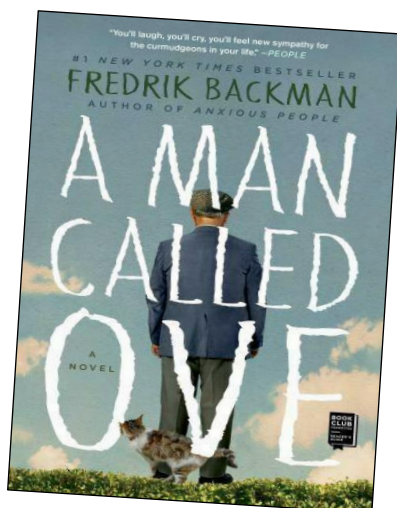
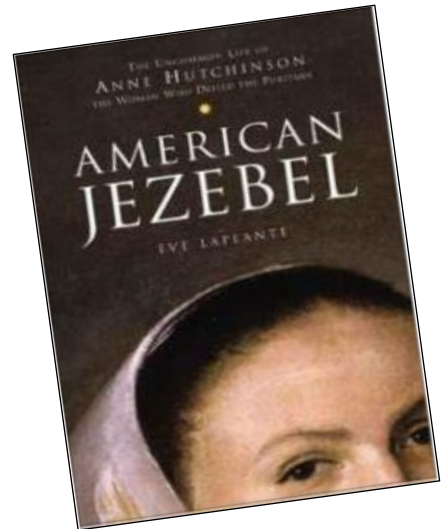


Possibility of Prayer by John Starke

This is one of the best books about prayer I have read in a long time. I usually avoid them because they either come off as unattainable, or so theological that they aren't helpful. Reading this book felt like sitting down with a pastor who was trying to help me pray. It is a deeply pastoral and practical work. It shows how a good prayer life is possible even in the mundane moments of ordinary prayers.

American Jezebel by Eve LaPlante

This is a short biography of the life of Anne Hutchinson, who was convicted of being a heretic in early colonial America. She is someone I had heard about some while studying American church history, but never in any detail. Her story is fascinating and compelling. I found myself sympathetic towards her while also getting greater details of her theological missteps. The best part of this book is that it helped remind me that the early American church was not some utopian ideal. They had plenty of widespread and systemic sin issues as well.



A Man Called Ove by Frederick Backman

This is a book I read by a non-Christian who is quickly becoming one of my favorite authors. It is about a curmudgeonly fifty-nine-year-old man who has recently been forced into retirement. He is a cranky neighbor with a short fuse who loves to correct everyone, everywhere on everything they are doing wrong. It ended up being a delightful tale about loving our neighbors.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE
1. John, Elizabeth 2. Esau, Jacob, Rebekah 3. Aaron, Moses, Jochabed
4. Joab, Abishai, Asahel, Zeruah 5. Timothy, Eunice, Lois 6. Samuel, Hannah

Mothers and Sons of the Bible Quiz

1. "I guess I am living proof that you are never too old, if God deems it so. I grew old with a constant ache in my heart all my married life. Year after year passed, and I was not able to bear a child for my husband Zacharias. To be barren and endure such a reproach - how difficult it was and how many tears were shed!

"Until, that is, that wonderful day when my husband was visited by an angel. It scared him half to death, but the messenger Gabriel brought an unbelievable message: We were to have a child at last! When my time had come, I brought forth a beautiful baby boy whom we named _____. My name is _____." (Luke 1).

2. "I, too, know what it is like to be barren. It is only because of my husband's pleading prayer and the Lord's mercy that I finally conceived not one baby but twin baby boys! I should have known what their lives would be like just by the way they were born. The younger one (my favorite) was holding on to his brother's heel when he was born, and they were rivals for many years to come! Of course, I did not help matters any by playing favorites. Eventually they decided to reconcile. Their names are _____ and _____. I am _____." (Genesis 25).

3. "I had two children already and would have rejoiced when a third was born except for one thing. My newborn son was under a death sentence! I secretly kept him with me for three months, nursing and caring for him while Pharaoh's servants relentlessly fulfilled his latest edict: kill all Hebrew baby boys.

"In desperation, my daughter and I devised a plan to save my baby's life, and by God's grace he was spared. All three of my children grew to be leaders: my daughter Miriam among the Israelite women, and my sons _____ and _____ served as God's instruments and spokesmen among the tribes of Israel. My name is _____." (Exodus 6; Numbers 26:59).

4. "My boys grew up strong and courageous—all three of them. From the time they were little boys they were drawn to weapons, fighting and physical prowess. Why, one of my sons could run as fast as a gazelle. I certainly had my hands full!

"They were well known during a time of turbulence between Israel and Judah after King Saul died. Two of them were among King David's mighty men, and one became the captain of the king's host. Sadly, they all lost their lives in violent ways. Their names are _____, _____ and _____. My name is _____. I am King David's sister." (2 Samuel 2:18; 1 Chronicles 2:16).

5. "The challenges I met were more of a personal nature. I am a Jewess, but my husband was a Greek gentile and an unbeliever. So, I was the one to make sure that my son would grow up knowing the Holy Scriptures, though I am not sure I could have done it without the help of my faithful mother. When he was a young man, he was drawn to a teacher named Paul who was suffering much persecution because of his preaching. My son eventually became Paul's traveling companion and even served as his representative to various churches. My son's name is _____. I am his mother, _____. His grandmother is _____." (2 Timothy 1:5, Acts 16).

6. "I was not only barren, my husband, Elkanah, had a second wife who easily bore him sons and daughters, and she made my life miserable! She taunted me in her jealousy because she knew my husband loved me best, even without children. Every year Elkanah would go and present his offerings to the Lord and give me a double portion, but my reproach was more than I could bear.

"In desperation, I prayed to the Lord of Hosts, telling Him that if He gave me a son, I would give him to His service all the days of his life. He heard my prayer, and my wonderful son was born. I named him _____. My name is _____." (1 Samuel 1-2).

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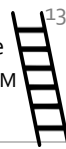



2021

Tanglewood Bible Fellowship

"She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."

Proverbs 31:26



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Kindred Community Cinnamon Roll Drive Thru 3-4 PM 
2 Service 9:30 AM	3	4 Charis Center: An Evening with Abby Johnson 7pm @ Ray of Hope	5 Service 7 PM	6  NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	7	8
9 Service 9:30 AM 	10	11 Women's Bible Study 6 PM Elijah @TBF	12 Service 7 PM	13 Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM Jacob 	14	15
16 Service 9:30 AM	17	18	19 Service 7 PM	20	21	22
23 Service 9:30 AM *COMMUNION	24	25	26 Service 7 PM	27 Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM Jacob 	28	29
30 Service 9:30 AM	31 				 Congratulations GRADUATES!	