



# 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*

## Pentecost

Pentecost, also known as Shavuot or Feast of Weeks, occurs 50 days after Passover. It is one of three a pilgrimage feasts and was to be celebrated once a year, forever. According to Leviticus 23 and Deuteronomy 16, Shavuot was to be a day of no work. A wave offering of two loafs of bread, a grain offering, a drink offering, and animal sacrifices all by fire were to be held. It was another festival of thanksgiving to God for the harvest.

According to Jewish tradition, it was on Shavuot that God called Moses up to Mount Sinai and gave him the Law, which included the two tablets on which the Ten Commandments were written as well as the entire Torah. In keeping with tradition, the Jewish people will stay up all night on Shavuot and read the Scriptures -especially the Torah and Migellit (Book of Ruth), chant the 10 commandments, and decorate the synagogue and their homes with flowers and aromatic fragrances. Cheesecake and Cheese Blitz (milk and honey) are the traditional foods eaten on this day. In Jerusalem, just before dawn, Jews head to the Western Wall on foot where they pray and bless God.

In Acts 16, we see the realization of what Shavuot foreshadowed - the birth of the church: the Holy Spirit came and united believers in the church (symbolized by the two loaves of bread (Jews and Gentiles)). A quick study of the Old and New Testament scriptures shows striking similarities that cannot be ignored.

- Giving of the Law/ Giving of the Holy Spirit
- Spiritual Birthday of Israel/ Spiritual Birthday of the Body of Christ (The Church)
- Fire and Noise as Moses descended the Mt. Sinai/ Rushing wind-Flaming tongues
- 50 days since leaving Egypt/ 50 days since the death of Christ
- 3000 died for idolatry (Ex. 32)/ 3000 were baptized
- Law was given to instruct/ Spirit was given to instruct

Nothing that was done was done by accident but by magnificent design. What an awesome God we serve!

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**Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 AM**

Adult Services AND Children's (0-12 years) Programs – No Youth (teens) Program at this time.

**Wednesday P.M. Service: 7:00-8:00 PM**

# A Word from Pastor David Shields

In high school I wanted to become wise. So, I bought a notebook and began to fill it with every quote I found that had some profound wisdom in it. I meticulously added to the notebook. I felt like every time I wrote something down, I was getting wiser. I imagined that the more I filled it up the wiser I would become. I reread every quote over and over hoping that slowly, but surely, I could become someone wise.

If only gaining wisdom really was that simple. I wish we could just write down some wisdom, read it, maybe meditate on it a little, and then instantly become wise. Unfortunately, that is not how it works. But that is often how we treat the book of Proverbs. The book is full of wise sayings. Many people count it among their favorite books of the Bible because it is so practical. But we can get into danger if we treat the book of Proverbs just like I treated my small book of quotes.

The book of Proverbs is filled with wisdom, but it not just a collection of sayings. It is far more than a book of quotes stamped with God's approval. When we treat Proverbs that way we miss out on the beauty and the point of the book. Ultimately every book of the Bible and every part of Scripture is about Jesus. While we enjoy the surface wisdom of the book, we also need to make the effort to dig deeper and find a way to the cross.

During the month of July we are going to spend some time going through the book of Proverbs. I have titled this sermon series Ancient Wisdom. We are going to see what the book of Proverbs has to say about getting wisdom, keeping wisdom, and using wisdom. We will also see what this book has to do with Jesus and the gospel. I am excited to study it together.

In Christ,  
Pastor David

## Studies for July



**Sunday Mornings**



**Wednesday Evenings**

# WHAT IS THE VALUE OF HAVING A CHURCH FAMILY?

What value is there to becoming like family to other believers? Acts 2:42 could be considered a basic statement of quintessential church activity: “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” The Bible places importance on the church family unit because of these reasons:

**We study God’s Word together** — A church family provides consistent Bible teaching. This often comes through small groups, Bible studies, teaching from the pastor, Sunday school lessons, and so on. The church family is called to grow spiritually together, spurring one another on. Second Timothy 3:16 says, “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

**We honor God together through worship** — There is a unifying factor when believers worship God together, whether it’s through music or preaching or serving. Psalm 34:3 emphasizes a call to corporate worship: “Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.”

**We find accountability** — The church provides a practical framework for accountability. Once relationships grow and friendships form, there is someone to encourage you, rebuke you when necessary, and rejoice with you. Proverbs 27:17 says, “Iron sharpens iron; so man sharpens his friend’s countenance.” Accountability is crucially important in the battle to overcome sin, and the church family is a great place to find someone to pray with, talk to, and confide in.

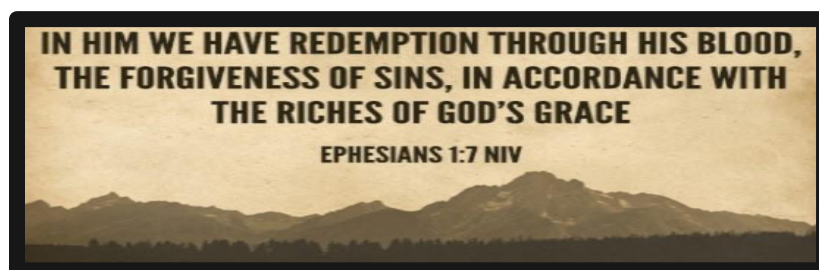
**We find support in trial** — When trials come, a support system is crucial. When in need, you will want your brothers and sisters in Christ to uphold you in prayer and assist with practical needs like meals, cleaning, and childcare. Galatians 6:2 encourages us to “carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

**We gain opportunities for service** — We not only receive support in the church; we give it as well. Your calling in the church is to contribute, not just to receive. When we are in close fellowship with other believers, we know when they need support and prayer. We can step in and help in practical ways. Ephesians 6:7 says, “Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people.”

**We make disciples** — There comes a time when we need to learn to feed, not just be fed (Hebrews 5:12). We can evangelize, teach, encourage, and “disciple” our church family. “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:18–20).

In an age when the culture is increasingly secular, it is beneficial to be in a family of like-minded believers. These brothers and sisters can encourage you in your faith journey, respond to your questions about spiritual issues, and be a support in times of hardship. The church family can also give you opportunity to serve and disciple others. “Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching” (Hebrews 10:25).

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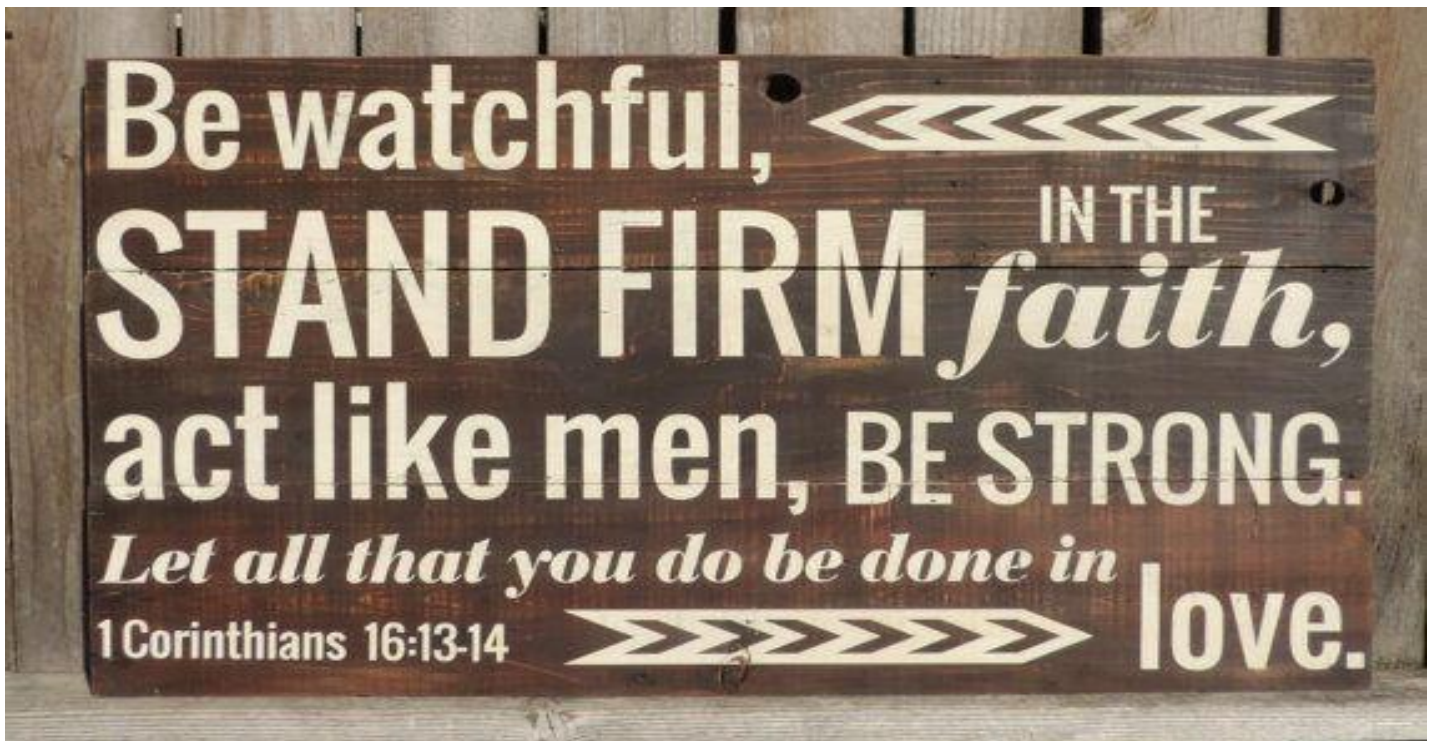


# TBF Men's Ministries



The men of Tanglewood Bible Fellowship Church consistently seek to honor the Lord Jesus Christ in all areas of their lives. They exist to develop Biblically grounded men-of-faith who will stive to lead their families in worship, explore the Word of God in study, reach out to men in the community with the Gospel, and help hold other men accountable to God’s standards.

The Men’s Ministry Bible studies to resume in the fall. Details coming soon.



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## No Kindred Community in July

# TBF *Women's Ministries*

## *Super Summer Saturdays*

It is with great excitement and thankful hearts that the TBF Women's Ministry Committee announce plans for summer fellowship, fun, and food.

The first of three monthly Super Summer Saturdays will be Saturday, June 12th. It will be a brunch from 10-12 in the home of Kitti Lewark. **Brianna Shields will be the guest speaker.**

The second Super Summer Saturday is scheduled for July 24th. It will be a brunch from 10-12, in the home of Brianna Shields (1501 Crescent Drive, Duncan). **Bonnie Talley (Gabriel's House) will be the guest speaker.**

The August Super Summer Saturday will be hosted by Jan Palovik. Date and time to be announced. **Brett Locke (nurse during Covid) will be the guest speaker.**

If you would like to bring food items to any of these special events, please contact the hostess for that month.

We are hopeful you will be able to participate in these special events. We pray you will be enriched both in the messages presented by the speakers as well as in the fellowship of Sisters-in-Christ. Please know that Super Summer Saturdays are open to TBF women and invited guests.

With much love in Christ,  
Mimi, Kitti, Linda, Brianna, and Olga



## *Sister-to-Sister*

Card Ministry

**Lifting One Another Up Through Words of Encouragement**

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

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

# Super Summer Saturday

June 12, 2021

## FOOD



INSPIRATION  
LINDA KEENEY



GUEST SPEAKER  
BRIANNA SHIELDS



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HOSTED BY KITTE LEWARK

FELLOWSHIP







# POOL PARTY

JUNE 22ND  
HOSTED BY  
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POLLOCK





JUNE 26TH

# THE High Tea PARTY

A GORGEOUS EXCUSE TO CATCH UP WITH THE GIRLS



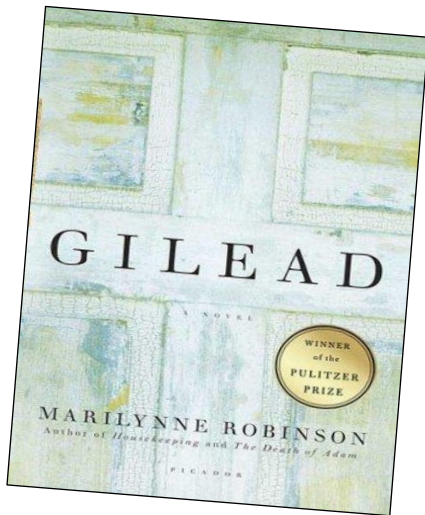
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# David's Book Recommendations

Like many pastors I am a big fan of books. The following books are all books you can find on my bookshelf, and I would be more than happy to lend them to anyone who would like to read them

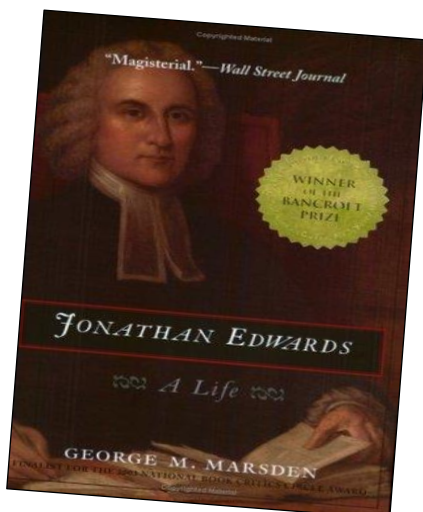
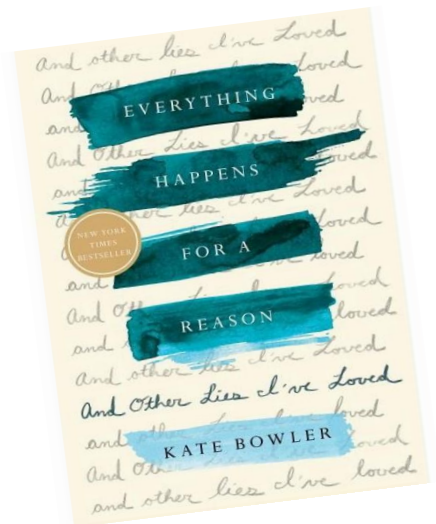


## Gilead by Marilynne Robinson

I reread this book recently alongside Brianna's book club. It is a Pulitzer Prize winner that focuses on a 70 year old preacher in Iowa writing letters to his grade school age son. It is a different book, but it is hauntingly beautiful. I found myself reading the book slowly because I just wanted to sit in its wisdom and beauty. I heartily recommend this book to any believer that wants to be reminded of the beauty of ordinary life.

## Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved by Kate Bowler

This book is a memoir of a woman in her thirties, who, after finally getting her dream job and having a child, gets diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer. The irony is that she receives this diagnosis while studying and writing on the Prosperity Gospel. It is an honest book about a woman struggling with her sickness and the finality of death. She avoids easy cliches but holds on to faith. It is a helpful read to learn how not to respond to those facing suffering.



## Jonathan Edwards by George Marsden

Jonathan Edwards is the most important American theologian and pastor of all time. This biography is a wonderful introduction to his life and work. The author is one of the most respected scholars on not just Edwards, but American church history. The book avoids getting bogged down in boring details or dates and helps this giant of a man come to life. I'd recommend it to anyone who wants to read an encouraging biography of a Christian.

# Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Duncan Fireworks: Abe Raizen Park  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> at dark

Marlow Fireworks: Redbud Park  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> Carnival  
Parade at 9 a.m.  
Fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

Comanche Firework Show: Field of Dreams  
July 4<sup>th</sup> at dark

Bray Fireworks: No fireworks this year.  
Velma Fireworks: July 3<sup>rd</sup> Velma Picnic Grounds  
Walters Fireworks: July 3<sup>rd</sup> Sultan Park  
Waurika Fireworks: July 4<sup>th</sup> 7 til dark; food & music Veterans Park



City of Duncan  
**JULY 3**  
Family Fun Day  
Abe Raizen Park  
Sat. July 3rd, 2021

Park Opens at 5:30 pm    Concession by Duncan Soccer Boosters  
Duncan First Activities 6:00 pm    Family Fun    Free Entry  
Von Hawks Rising Concert 8:00 pm    Fireworks Show 9:40 pm

A poster for the City of Duncan July 3 Family Fun Day. It features a dark background with colorful fireworks and stars. The text is arranged in a central circle and a banner, with event details listed at the bottom.

**VELMA**  
Summer Fest  
JULY 9TH 2021 - 6 PM  
VELMA PICNIC GROUNDS  
Huge Fireworks Show  
FREE LIVE MUSIC  
Arbuckle Xpress  
Band  
Jarrett James  
& The Revolvers

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR FAMILY FUN AND TO CELEBRATE OUR GREAT COUNTRY  
CONTACT VELMA TOWN HALL FOR MORE INFORMATION 580-444-3383

A poster for the Velma Summer Fest. It has a white background with a green dashed border. The text is bold and colorful, with images of a band performing and people at a picnic ground.