



# NEWSLETTER

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Tanglewood Bible FellowshipEIC: Wendy Powers

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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*

## Feast of Trumpets

Rosh Hashana or the Feast of Trumpets as described in Leviticus 23, Deuteronomy 28, and Numbers 1-10 occurs on the first day of the month of Tishri (often September or October) and marks the end of one agricultural year and the beginning of another – the Jewish New Year. It is a permanent ordinance that pointed to the regathering of Israel and was celebrated with the blowing of the ram's horn (shofar), a grain offering, and animal sacrifices. No work is to be performed on this day.

The blowing of the shofar 100 times throughout the day is significant to the Jews because it was to remind them of God's continued kingship, a call to examine their deeds, repent, and make amends; a reminder to dedicate themselves to the study of the Torah; a recollection of the voices of the Prophets to follow God's commandments; and the destruction of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. It was a remembrance of the binding of Isaac and the ram that God provided as a sacrifice in his place as a reminder of God's salvation and a time to ponder God's infinitude in time and space.

There are two readings of the Torah on Rosh Hashana. The first focuses on the story of Isaac's birth, the banishment of Hagar and Ishmael, and the birth of Samuel the Prophet. These events are traditionally held to have occurred on Rosh Hashana. The second Torah reading focused on Abraham's near sacrifice of Isaac, Abraham's powerful devotion to God, and God's substitutionary sacrifice of the ram caught in the bushes.

Today, Jews continue to celebrate Rosh Hashana with the blowing of the ram's horns (shofar), candle lighting, reciting blessings, reading of the Torah, and eating round challah bread and apples dipped in honey. It is time when, according to Jewish tradition, for the next ten days, God opens the Books of Life and Death and judges the world as to who will live and who will die in the coming year. For this reason, many Jews, in the middle of the afternoon on Rosh Hashana, will find their way to a body of moving water where they will symbolically cast their sins into the water by emptying their pockets or throwing bread pieces into the water - a metaphoric ritual based on Micah 7:19 (He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.) They attribute this holiday to the beginning of the universe and the creation of Adam and Eve. It is considered part of the High Holidays or Days of Awe.

It is important to remember Rosh Hashanah and the Day of Atonement were not designed to be the solution to man's sin problem, but rather to point to the One who was promised to be the answer. The insufficiency of the animal sacrifices gives way to the sufficiency of the Lamb of God who was slain from the foundation of the world. On this holiday, the blowing of the shofar reminds Messianic Jews of their hope in Christ as seen in Ephesians 5:14 (Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Messiah will shine on you) and I Thessalonians 4:16 (For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Messiah will rise first. of Christ's impending return).

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**Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 AM MEETING AT TANGLEWOOD**

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

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

The summer is almost over, and it is already August. We will spend this month studying the book of 1 John in a series called “Love One Another.” John is known for writing shorter epistles, but do not be fooled. These short books pack a punch and that is especially true for 1 John. In just five short chapters John touches on the antichrist, testing spirits, abiding in Christ, true faith, and the strangest ending of any book of the Bible. But the central theme of John’s first epistle is the command to love one another. Each of these chapters touch on part of what it means to follow this new commandment from Jesus.

The challenge with the command to love one another is not that it is difficult to understand, but it is difficult to implement. For many of us the problem with the command is “the other” people. We would love it if other people would love us but loving them back is less fun. Yet part of what John says is that if we do not love one another, then we are not true Christians. This warning alone should force us to pause and consider our actions.

We are also going to launch a new Wednesday night series and study the attributes of God. I was inspired to do this series from my own study. I was reading a Dutch Reformed theologian named Herman Bavinck and was awestruck by a chapter on God's attributes. He pointed out aspects of God's character that I had never considered. I think it is important for every believer to periodically study God's attributes. We all need to brush up again on the fundamentals of who the God that we worship is. It gives us space to pause and sit in awe of Him. I cannot promise a great acronym like Pastor Brad, but I can promise that we will talk about a great God.

Pastor David



# LOVE ONE ANOTHER

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A SERMON SERIES  
IN FIRST JOHN  
BEGINS AUGUST 1

The Attributes of  
GOD

## NEWSLETTER 2

# The Purpose of Prayer

Prayer is an important part of the Christian life. It is the way we communicate with the Lord and praise Him. To understand the purpose of prayer, it is important to first understand what prayer is not. There are many wrong views in the world and culture about prayer, even among Christians, and these should be addressed first. Prayer is not: bargaining with God; making demands of God; only asking God for things; a therapeutic, meditation-type exercise; bothering God and taking up His time; a way to control the Lord.; a way to show off one's spirituality before others.

Many people believe that prayer is only about asking God for things. Although supplication is a part of prayer (Philippians 4:6), it is not the sole purpose of prayer. Praying for the needs of ourselves and others is needed and beneficial, but there is so much more to prayer. A. W. Tozer warned, "Prayer among evangelical Christians is always in danger of degenerating into a glorified 'gold rush'" (Mornings with Tozer: Daily Devotional Readings, compiled by Gerald Smith, Moody Publishers, 2008, entry for Feb. 26). But God is not a magical genie who answers our every wish, nor is He a weak God who can be controlled by our prayers.

The best way to learn about the purpose of prayer is studying the example of Jesus during His earthly ministry. Jesus prayed for Himself and for others, and He prayed to commune with the Father. John 17 is a great place to see Jesus' use of prayer. He not only prays that the Father be glorified but also prays for His disciples and "for those who will believe in me through their message" (John 17:20). Submitting to the Father's will was another aspect to Jesus' prayer life, highlighted in His prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane: "Yet not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39). With any request we have, we must submit to God's will.

In addition to interceding for others, prayer is also a way to strengthen our relationship with God. Jesus set the example, as He prayed to the Father throughout His earthly ministry (Luke 6:12; Matthew 14:23). Those in relationships will naturally seek to communicate with each other, and prayer is our communication with God. Other good examples in the Bible of those who spent time in prayer are David, Hezekiah, and Paul.

Ultimately, the main purpose of prayer is worship. When we pray to the Lord, recognizing Him for who He is and what He has done, it is an act of worship. There are many examples of prayer being an act of worship in the Bible, including 2 Kings 19:15, 1 Chronicles 17:20, Psalm 86:12–13, John 12:28, and Romans 11:33–36. How we pray should reflect this purpose; our focus should be on who God is, not on ourselves.

Interestingly, the model of prayer that Jesus gave the disciples in Matthew 6:9–13, known as the Lord's Prayer, has all these elements. The first part includes praise and worship of God (Matthew 6:9), and then the second part moves on to praying for God's will to be done (Matthew 6:10). After this, there is supplication for ourselves and others (Matthew 6:11–12), as well as asking for strength to deal with temptation (Matthew 6:13). Jesus modeled this prayer for His disciples, and it shows all the reasons for prayer with the central focus of worship.

Prayer is an important part of the Christian life, and one's prayer life should be developed. Not only does prayer affect our lives and the lives of others, but it is also a way to communicate with the Lord and grow in our relationship with Him. At the heart of prayer is an act of worship to the Lord. God's Word places an emphasis on the power and purpose of prayer, and, therefore, it should not be neglected.

Author Warren Wiersbe sums up the purpose of prayer well: "The immediate purpose of prayer is the accomplishing of God's will on earth; the ultimate purpose of prayer is the eternal glory of God"

# Meet & Greet

## Rob and Hannah Girvin



Family Pastoral Candidate  
Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021



Lunch provided by TBF  
immediately following the  
morning services.

Rob Girvin is a family pastoral candidate for our children and youth ministry recommended to TBF by our search committee. He has an undergraduate degree from Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, MO) in Social Science Education. Rob is finishing his Master's Degree in Divinity from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Kansas City, MO) with an emphasis in Biblical counseling.

Rob has a deep passion for families and children/students and wants to show them the love of Christ by helping them become who God has called them to be. Rob and his wife both have a desire to serve in a smaller town as opposed to a big city.

Rob is married to Hannah. They have one child, Kade (1 ½ years old).





# TBF Men's Ministries



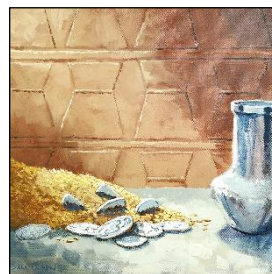
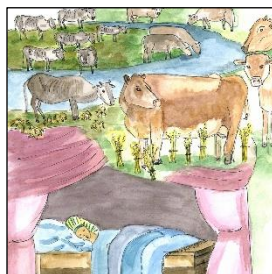
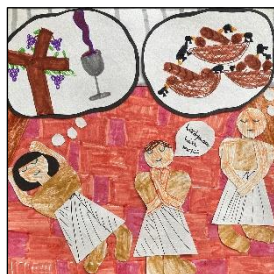
## Joseph: God Uses Difficult Circumstances

**Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm – TBF UTH Room  
Starting Thursday, August 26th**

Does God really bring “good” from man’s evil intentions? Joseph of the “technicolor coat” fame is one of the most popular people from the Old Testament. But it is easy to forget that he was a real person who endured an incredibly difficult life of hardship and pain. Explore Joseph’s amazing journey from favored son to slave to dungeon to throne room chapter-by-chapter and discover how God was there in the midst of his mess... and ours. This five-week study of Joseph’s life will focus on Genesis 37-47.

- August 26: Joseph is sold and Judah sins with Tamar Genesis 37-38
- September 9: Joseph: Suffering in Slavery and Prison Genesis 39-40
- September 23: Joseph: With Pharaoh and Brothers Genesis 41-42
- October 7 : Joseph: Brothers’ second trip to Egypt Genesis 43-44
- October 21: Joseph: Reveals Identity and Reunites Family Genesis 45-47

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@cableone.net](mailto:rockdoc00@cableone.net)



# TBF *Women's Ministries*

The TBF Women's Ministry is excited to announce the next Bible Study, "Get Out of Your Head", a 6 session DVD study by Jennie Allen.



## ***“GET OUT OF YOUR HEAD”***

*HOW WE THINK SHAPES HOW WE LIVE*

*Get Out of Your Head* is a Biblical guide to discovering how to submit our minds to Christ because how we think shapes how we live. As we surrender every thought to Jesus, the promises of God flood our lives in profound ways

In the “Get Out of Your Head” DVD Bible study, Jennie Allen inspires you to stop negative thinking patterns and take back control of your thoughts and emotions. This six-session study will guide you through the book of Philippians, challenging you to fight the enemies of the mind with the truth of God's promises and His goodness.

Participants will be offered 2 venues for this bible study:

1. **BEGINNING TUESDAY, AUGUST 24TH.** Meet at the home of Jean Crow (150 Fawn Brook Drive), 6:30 - 8 PM. The Tuesday study precedes every Wednesday session and will cover the same materials. Scheduled dates are 8/24, 9/7, 9/21, 10/12, 10/26, concluding 11/9. Jean Crow facilitating.
2. **BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25TH.** Meet at TBF, 9:30-11 AM. Wednesday sessions will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Scheduled dates are 8/25, 9/8, 9/22, 10/13, 10/27, concluding 11/10. Bri, Kitte, and Olga will rotate as facilitators.

Study guides will be available at no cost. This study is open to all TBF women and invited guests. We have provided a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer at church. We hope you will join us as we continue growing in our knowledge and revelation of our Creator, chasing Jesus always and in all ways.

For His glory!  
The TBF Women's Ministry

## *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.

# The "Women of Tanglewood Bible Fellowship"

## Facebook page

The "Women of Tanglewood Bible Fellowship" Facebook page is up and running again. Check it out and join if you haven't already. This will be an informal venue to post items specific to the women of the church. For instance, Coming Events, or "Need help with ..., who's available?" or "Who could sub for me at Bunco?" or "Let's meet for lunch at ..." or "Who wants tickets to see ...?" or even a simple, "My house for coffee tomorrow at 10:00! Join us!" etc.

~Mimi Roberson



## TBF WOW Wednesdays

- September 29th, 2021. Guest Speaker: Shannon Sanders of the Douglas Senior Center and Zoe Christian Center. Tentative music by the Dynamic Trio.
- March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## TBF Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners

- October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022



Watch the TBF bulletins, emails, Facebook page, and newsletter for details as the dates approach.

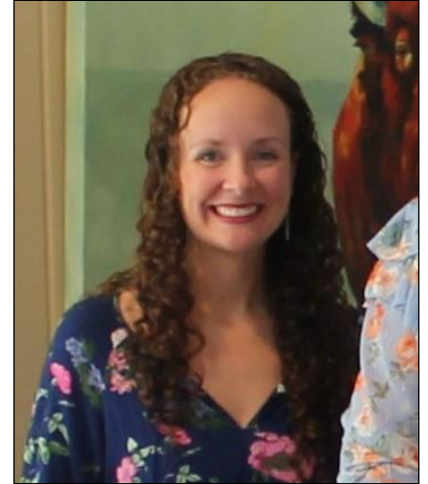


# Super Summer Saturday

July 24, 2021



Intro: Linda Keeney



Left Center: Bonnie Talley  
Founder of Gabriel's House  
Above: Our hostess Brianna Shields



Music: Mimi Roberson



The Girls





# Super Summer Saturday Grand Finale



August 21, 2021

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

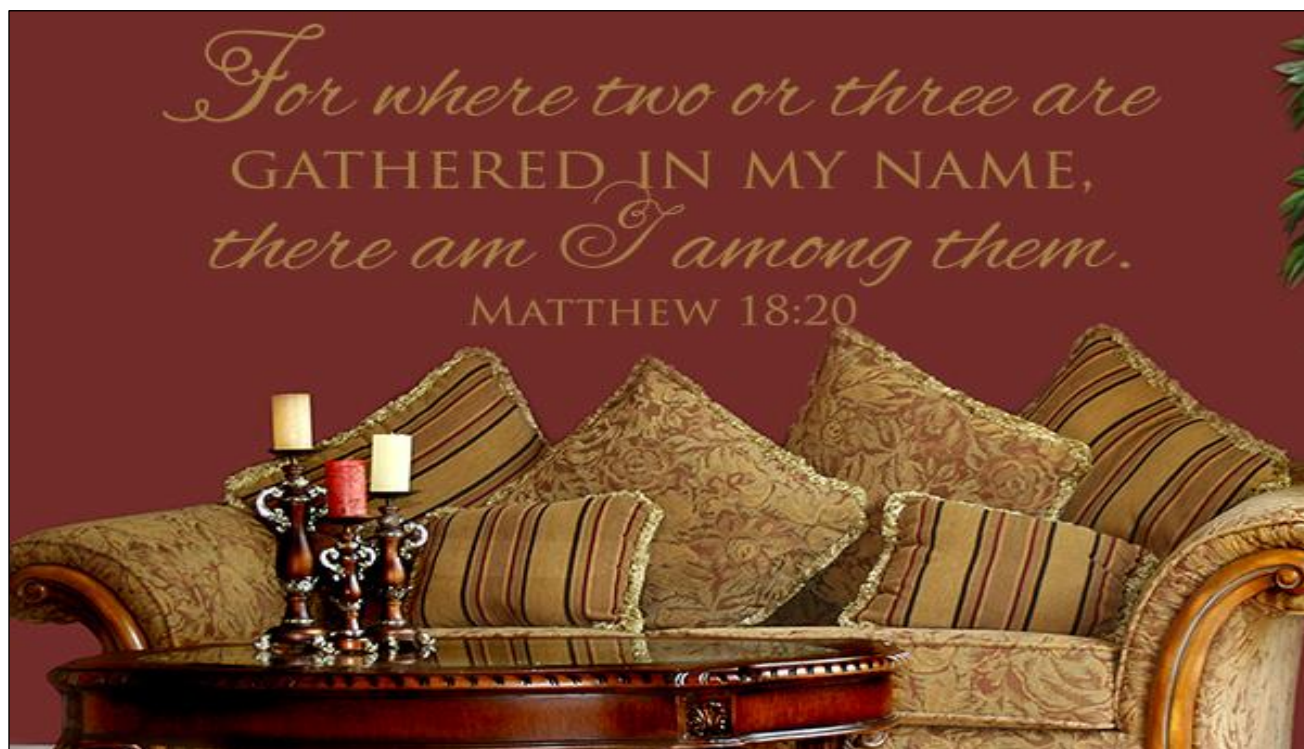
The August Super Summer Saturday will be hosted by Jan Palovik – 916 Willow Bend, Marlow, OK 73055. August 21st at 10 a.m. **Brett Locke (NYC nurse during Covid) will be the guest speaker.**

If you would like to bring food items to this special event, please contact the hostess.

We are hopeful you will be able to participate in this final super summer event of 2021. We pray you will be enriched both in the message presented by Brett Locke as well as in the fellowship of Sisters-in-Christ. Please know that Super Summer Saturdays are open to TBF women and invited guests.

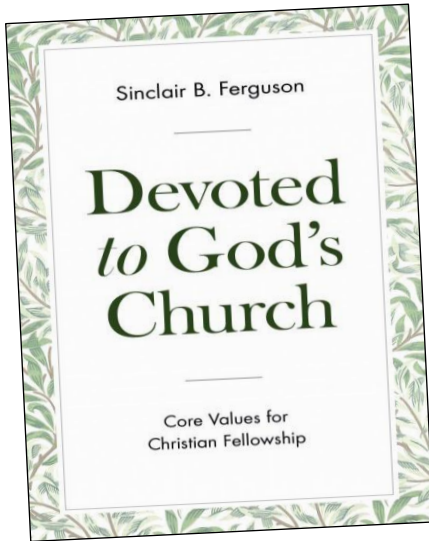
With much love in Christ,  
Mimi, Kitz, Linda, Brianna, and Olga

**DON'T  
MISS OUT!**



# 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

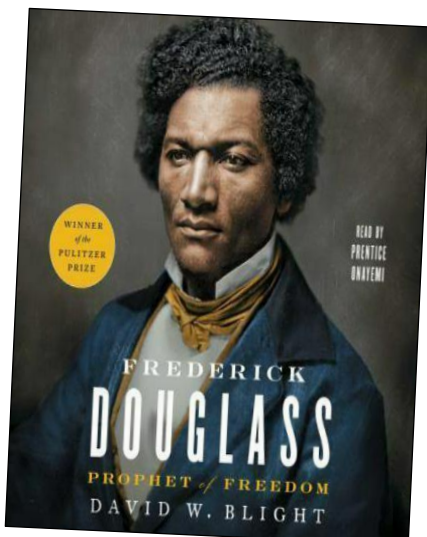
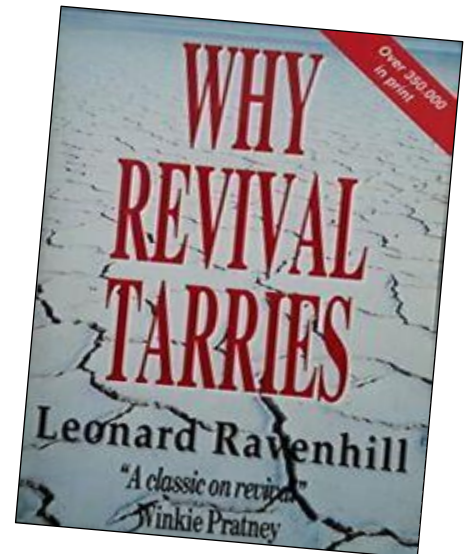


## Devoted to God's Church: Core Values for Christian Fellowship by Sinclair B. Ferguson

This is a short, but helpful introduction to what it means to be a part of the church. The book is 11 chapters cover different parts of the church from membership, baptism, worship, and missions. I like refreshers on what God's Word says is important to the church. I find that it helps keep me centered on what is truly important. While Ferguson is Presbyterian, he intentionally wrote this book with a broad perspective. It is very easy to read, but still manages to not be surface fluff. This is a book that will make you love and appreciate God's Church more.

## Why Revival Tarries by Leonard Ravenhill

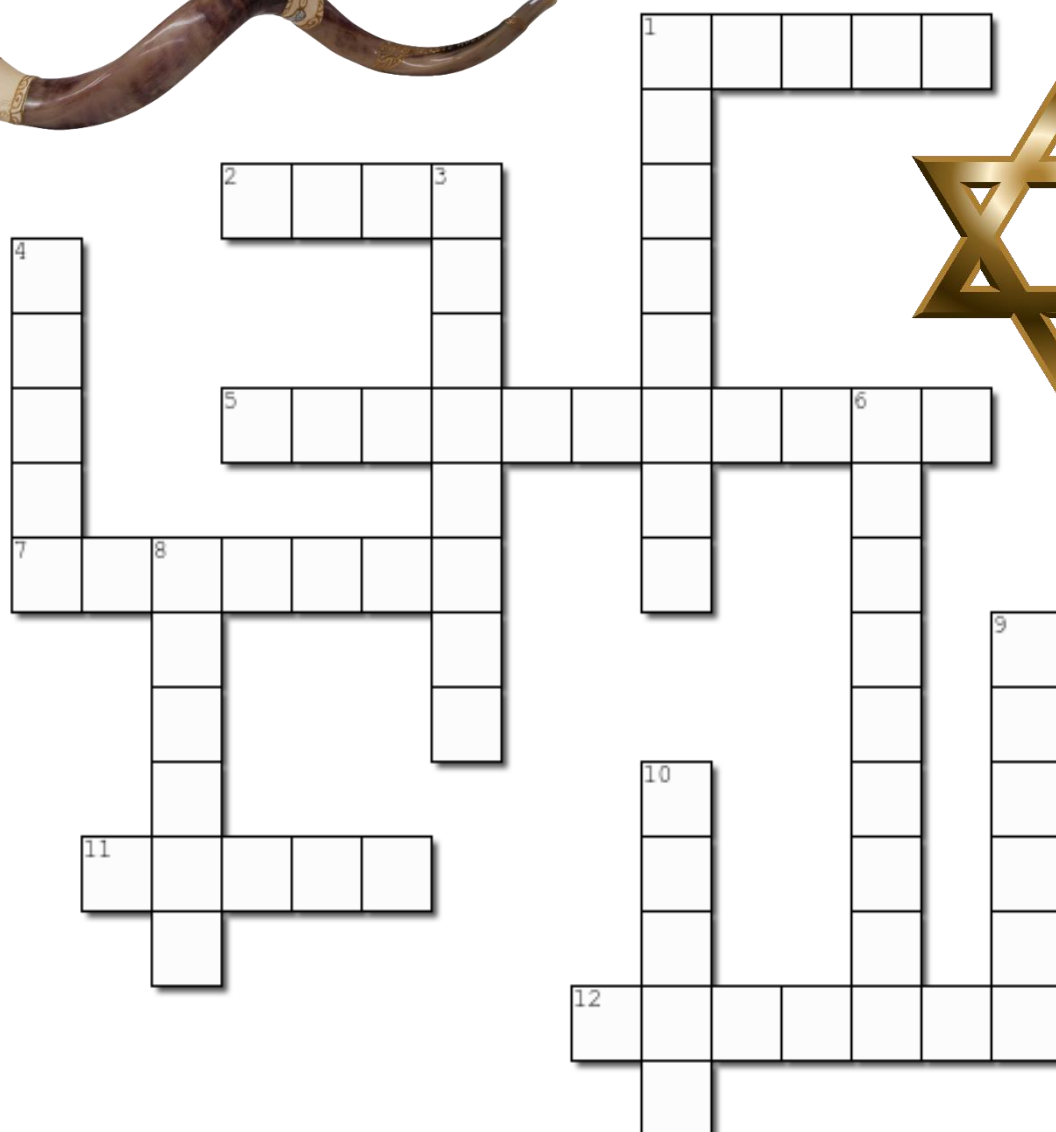
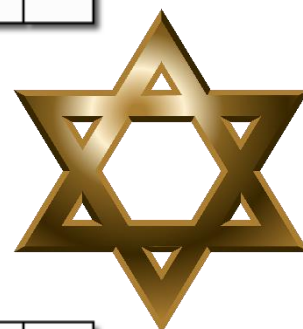
This is a classic best-selling book on revivals that was published over 50 years ago. If you have ever found yourself wondering why we don't see revivals anymore, then this is the book for you. Ravenhill was a revival preacher, and his passion burns through every single page. Much of his critique of the American church is as relevant today as it was in 1959. I don't agree with everything in this book, but I am always convicted by it.



## Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom by David Blight

This biography of Frederick Douglass actually won a Pulitzer-prize in 2019. Douglass was born a slave and got his start speaking as a preacher in a slave church. He eventually escaped slavery and spent his life dedicated to the cause of abolition. His life story is as captivating as his speeches. I particularly enjoyed how this book brought Douglass to life and showed the complexity of the man and his times.

# Rosh Hashana



## Across

1. The Jewish Holy Book
2. Not done on Rosh Hashana
5. What the Jews asked God for on Rosh Hashana
7. Bread ate during Rosh Hashana
11. Books of Life and \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Rosh Hashana represents the Jewish \_\_\_\_\_.

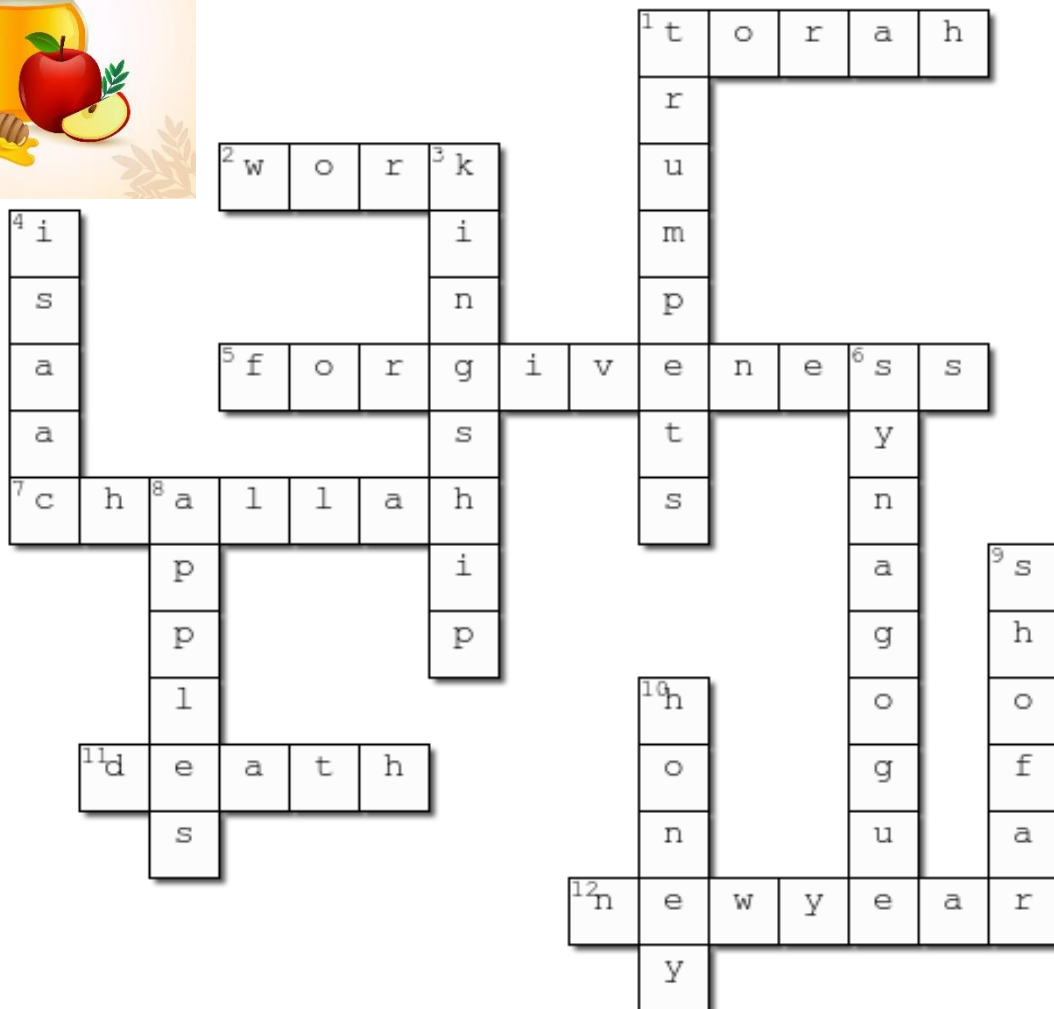
## Down

1. Rosh Hashana or Feast of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Reminder of God's continued \_\_\_\_\_
4. Abraham's son
6. Jewish place of worship
8. Fruit typically associated with Adam and Eve
9. Ram's horn
10. Apples are dipped in this





## Puzzle Solution



### Across

1. The Jewish Holy Book (**torah**)
2. Not done on Rosh Hashana (**work**)
5. What the Jews asked God for on Rosh Hashana (**forgiveness**)
7. Bread ate during Rosh Hashana (**challah**)
11. Books of Life and \_\_\_\_\_. (**death**)
12. Rosh Hashana represents the Jewish \_\_\_\_\_. (**newyear**)

### Down

1. Rosh Hashana or Feast of \_\_\_\_\_. (**trumpets**)
3. Reminder of God's continued \_\_\_\_\_. (**kingship**)
4. Abraham's son (**isaac**)
6. Jewish place of worship (**synagogue**)
8. Fruit typically associated with Adam and Eve (**apples**)
9. Ram's horn (**shofar**)
10. Apples are dipped in this (**honey**)

# August

2021

Tanglewood Bible Fellowship

## Proverbs 9:10

**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.**

Maci and Asher Franks



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Service 9:30 AM Meet and Greet Following Service	2	3	4 Service 7 PM	5	6	7 Fiesta at Fuqua 9-11 AM Summer Stroll Mainstreet Noon
8 Service 9:30 AM	9	10	11 Service 7 PM	12 	13	14
15 Service 9:30 AM	16	17	18 Service 7 PM	19	20 County Fair	21 Super Summer 10 AM County Fair
22 Service 9:30 AM	23	24 Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM	25 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Service 7 PM	26 Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM 	27	28 Western Spirit Celebration Heritage Center 1 PM
29 Service 9:30 AM	30	31				