



# 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*

## Day of Atonement

To the Jews, the Day of Atonement, or Yom Kippur, is considered the holiest day of the year—the 10th day of Tishrei. In Hebrew, the word Yom means “day” and Kippur means “to atone by offering a substitute.” Yom Kippur was the only day of the year when the high priest could enter the Holy of Holies. Like Shabbat, no work is to be done on Yom Kippur, from the time the sun sets on the ninth of Tishrei until the stars come out in the evening of the next day. This year Yom Kippur will be celebrated on September 15th and 16th.

The ten days leading up to the Day of Atonement (between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur) are known as the Days of Repentance. The Jewish people spend additional time in prayer and their mitzvah observances. They will also spend more time studying the Torah and restrict time in worldly affairs.

The service in the Tabernacle climaxed on Yom Kippur, when the High Priest would perform a specially prescribed service. Highlights of this service included offering incense in the Holy of Holies (where the ark was housed), purification of the temple, burnt offerings, sin offerings, and the lottery of two goats—one of which was brought as a sacrifice, the other being sent out to the wilderness (Azazel).

While the High Priest generally wore ornate, golden clothing, on Yom Kippur, he would immerse in a mikvah (purification bath) and don plain white linen garments to perform his duties. This practice continued for hundreds of years, throughout the time of the first Temple in Jerusalem, which was built by Solomon, and the second Temple, which was built by Ezra. Jews from all over would gather in the Temple to experience the sacred sight of the High Priest performing his service, obtaining forgiveness for all of Israel.

On Certain years, the Year of Jubilee fell on the Day of Atonement. When this occurred a time of rejoicing and festivities would conclude the temple ceremonies. The Day of Atonement would be the only Jewish religious holiday which was characterized by mourning, fasting, and repentance.

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

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

Masks are encouraged.

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



# A Word from Pastor David Shields

Church Family,

The most exciting news for our church this month is that Rob Girvin is going to be our new Family Pastor. I am thrilled and excited for what the future holds. I am deeply thankful and proud of our search team and elders. This has been a long process filled with prayer and a lot of work. It feels wonderful to be at the end of the process and look forward to what is to come. I think Rob, Hannah, and Cade will be a wonderful addition to our church family. I am confident that they will help us reach and minister to families. The Girvin family will be trying to find housing and transition to Duncan as quickly as they can. Please keep them in your prayers.

One of the books that I am recommending this month is called *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund. It is a book centered on how Jesus feels about sinners. It is one of the best books I have read in a while, and I would love for you to read it. Crossway, a Christian publisher, actually sent out thousands of free copies to churches, and our church received a box of them. I have around 40 free copies of the book and I would love to give you one! Just stop by my office or ask, and I will happily deliver one to you.

We are going to continue studying the Attributes of God on Wednesday nights through the month of September. I have really enjoyed digging into this study. It is incredible to spend time meditating and reflecting on the wonder of the God that we worship. If you haven't joined us yet, it is not too late!

Starting in September we will begin a new sermon series in the book of Judges called "Flawed Heroes." We will attempt to study the entire book before we get to December. Throughout the book we watch as Israel continues to descend as a nation into more and more sinfulness. No matter how many times God rescues them, they continue to descend. It can tend to be an overlooked book of the Bible because of its dark themes and it leads us crying out for hope. I think this is what makes it a timely book for us to study leading up to Advent. As we get further in the book and closer to Christmas, we will find ourselves calling out for a Savior to be born and fix this mess.

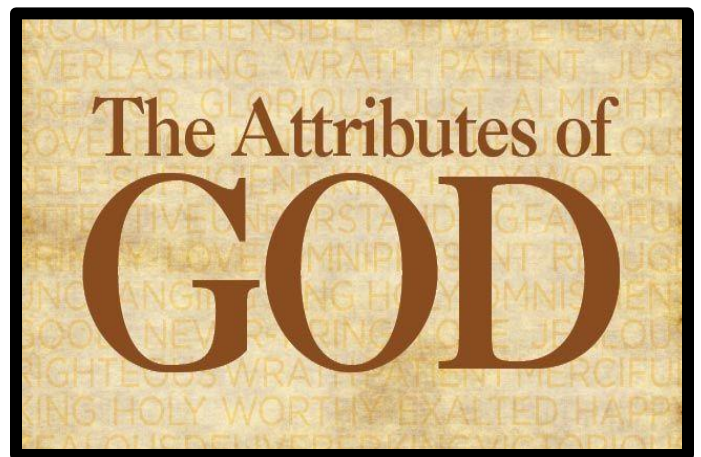
One of the major beauties of this book is that it is filled with flawed heroes. The judges are not perfect leaders by any stretch of the imagination. Some barely have any faith. Some continue to fall into their sin. Some are cowards. They feel very similar to us. The book of judges reminds us that God uses normal human beings in history to accomplish his purposes. He doesn't do this because their sins are not a big deal, but because God is the true hero of the story. I am excited to study this book together.

In Christ,  
Pastor David

## Studies for September



Sunday Mornings



Wednesday Evenings

The Day of Atonement was an annual reminder that perfect and permanent atonement had not yet been made. It also served as a type and shadow of the future atoning work of Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest. Unlike the biblical high priest, Jesus Christ did not need to make atonement for Himself because He was sinless. Instead, He made atonement for our sins by shedding His own blood on the cross. As a result, Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, accomplished eternal redemption for all those who believe in Him (Hebrews 9-10). Now, all those who believe in Christ, are made justified or declared, “not guilty.” As a result, through Christ, we are now reconciled to God and have acquired eternal redemption through His blood.

The symbolic significance of the ritual continues, particularly to Christians, as seen first in the washing and cleansing of the high priest, the man who released the goat, and the man who took the sacrificed animals outside the camp to burn the carcasses (Leviticus 16 v. 4, 24, 26, 28). Israelite washing ceremonies were required often throughout the Old Testament and symbolized the need for mankind to be cleansed of sin. But it wasn’t until Jesus came to make the “once for all” sacrifice that the need for cleansing ceremonies ceased (Hebrews 7:27). The blood of bulls and goats could only atone for sins if the ritual was continually done year after year, while Christ’s sacrifice was sufficient for all the sins of all who would ever believe in Him. When His sacrifice was made, He declared, “It is finished” (John 19:30). He then sat down at the right hand of God, and no further sacrifice was ever needed (Hebrews 10:1-12).

The sufficiency and completeness of the sacrifice of Christ is also seen in the two goats. The blood of the first goat was sprinkled on the ark, ritually appeasing the wrath of God for another year. The second goat removed the sins of the people into the wilderness where they were forgotten and no longer clung to the people. Sin is both propitiated and expiated God’s way—only by the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Propitiation is the act of appeasing the wrath of God, while expiation is the act of atoning for sin and removing it from the sinner. Both together are achieved eternally by Christ. When He sacrificed Himself on the cross, He appeased God’s wrath against sin, taking that wrath upon Himself: “Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him!” (Romans 5:9). The removal of sin by the second goat was a living parable of the promise that God would remove our transgressions from us as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103:12) and that He would remember them no more (Hebrews 8:12; 10:17). Jews today still celebrate the annual Day of Atonement, which falls on different days each year in September-October, traditionally observing this holy day with a 25-hour period of fasting and intensive prayer. Jews also often spend most of the day in synagogue services.

There is so much more in the symbolism and foreshadowing of the Day of Atonement to Christ than can be explained here including its connection to the Year of Jubilee. I hope your interest has been piqued and you will explore this topic even further.

## Leviticus 16:30-34

30 For it is on this day that atonement shall be made for you to cleanse you; you will be clean from all your sins before the Lord. 31 It is to be a Sabbath of solemn rest for you, so that you may humble yourselves; it is a permanent statute. 32 So the priest who is anointed and [ordained to serve as priest in his father's place shall make atonement: he shall put on the linen garments, the holy garments, 33 and make atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tent of meeting and for the altar. He shall also make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. 34 Now you shall have this as a permanent statute, to make atonement for the sons of Israel for all their sins once every year.” And just as the Lord had commanded Moses, so he did.





# TBF Men's Ministries



## Joseph: God Uses Difficult Circumstances

**New!**

**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)

### Covid Update

The elders are now encouraging the use of masks and social distancing due to rising COVID cases and hospitalizations in Duncan. We are doing our best to limit the spread and desire to love our neighbors well and serve the immunocompromised and at-risk of our congregation.

Please pray for our elders as the continue to pray also for you and lead our church in a way that would bring honor and glory to God during this pandemic.

# 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 Windows on the World** (WOW Wednesday)

Catch a glimpse into one of our community's local ministries  
**Wednesday, September 29th at TBF beginning at 5:45 PM.**

Shannon Sanders with Douglas Senior Citizens Center and Zoe Christian Center will be the featured speaker. The Dynamic Trio will also present Christian music.

According to Jean Shalit, "Shannon has a big heart for seniors for both their physical and spiritual health."

TBF will be providing hamburgers for the evening meal. Donations accepted to benefit the Douglas House. Anyone who can assist with grilling, serving, or clean up, please contact Debra Welch.

A sign-up sheet is in the foyer for those wishing to attend. Watch for updates on this event as it relates to any COVID-19 changes that may need to be made.



## Looking Ahead...TBF Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals



- 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.

## Other TBF Tidbits:

- Congratulations to David and Belinda Yeager on the birth of their granddaughter Hazel Mae (Parents Paul and Jessica Yeager) on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 
- Condolences to Joe and Michele Franks on the passing of Joe's mom, Peggy Lowery, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 
- All around TBF excitement as Rob Girvin has accepted the call of Family Pastor. Welcome Rob, Hannah, and Cade to TBF!

## On The Mission Field

Nathan and Rachelle Boe – Kin to Connie Norton

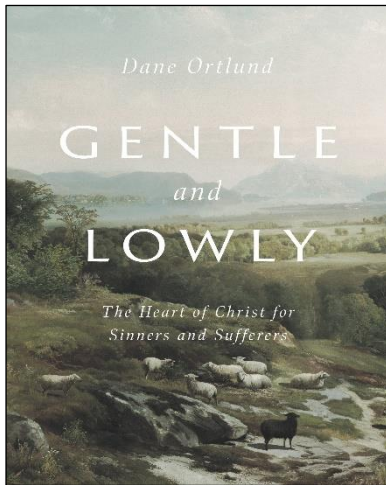
Nathan Boe is the director for the Senior Military Colleges and Service Academies. During the past year, the Air Force and Naval academies had limited access to weekly bible studies, and cadets could only meet in groups of 4 or less. Zoom allowed Valor discipleship groups of 4-6 to meet virtually and much growth was seen. Virginia Tech only allowed for 1-on-1 discipleship while Texas A&M was the most “open” of the campuses. There are currently 1600 cadets being discipled through Valor ministries with 1500 Gospel exposures. This number is incredible because of the limited access Valor had to these cadets. In short, cadets were sharing their faith with other cadets! What an awesome God we serve.

On a more personal note... Nathan and Rachelle just celebrated their 26<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They have 5 children (Kaelyn-24, Kelsy-21, Braden-18, Briley-10, and Gavin-3). Kaelyn married in May of 2021. Nathan and Rachelle have been in Texas for the past 10 years ministering to military cadets and enjoying the ministry they do there. They send a big “thank you” to everyone for their prayers and support.



# 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

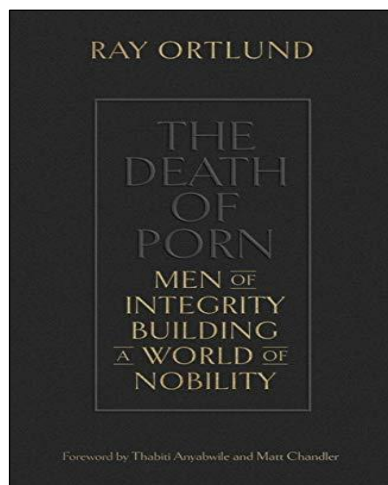
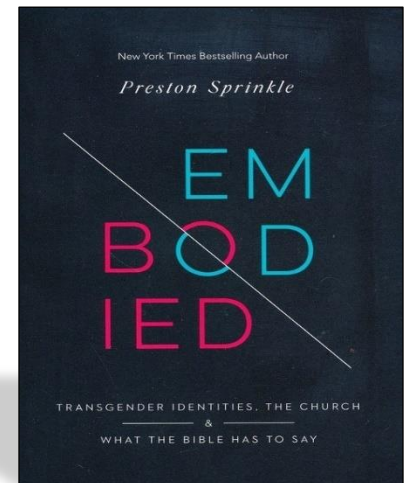


## Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers by Dane Ortlund

This book has received a lot of attention and awards over the last year and deserved all of them. It is profoundly beautiful and theologically rich depiction of how much God loves us. The chapters are only about 6 pages each so the book is conducive to reading slowly even for non-readers. I think any believer would benefit from this book. The more academically minded will find much richness. The person looking for a lighter read will find everything understandable and clear. Everyone who touches it will probably be encouraged and challenged by the wonderful heart of Jesus. I found myself crying multiple times as I read it at the profound beauty of Jesus. I cannot recommend this book enough. I have free copies of the book available for anyone who wants one.

## Embodied: Transgender Identities, the Church, and What the Bible Has to Say by Preston Sprinkle

This book is a must read for Christians who want to understand the transgender movement with love and a biblical perspective. Sprinkle brings his humble and pastoral attitude filled with love to this discussion. He is careful to keep human beings, not abstract ideas at the forefront of the book. It is clearly well researched, and he has put a lot of thought into his book. There are bound to be chapters and sections that are difficult to understand and just go over the reader's head. But I haven't found a better resource for understanding these issues. He manages to provoke and point towards ways that Christians can be loving in these discussions while keeping the Bible's teaching at the very forefront. I am indebted to this book.



## Death of Porn: Men of Integrity Building a World of Nobility by Ray Ortlund

I was blessed to receive an advanced copy of this book that will be released on the 14th. It is actually written by the father of Dane Ortlund the author of Gentle and Lowly. The beauty of this book is its pastoral tone. Ray's writing is filled with love and compassion. This is not a book filled with shame that tries to beat you into submission. In fact, it might be surprising how little Ray talks about "how" to avoid pornography. Instead of spending his time talking about grit and strategies he speaks about the gospel. Instead of speaking about the shame of sin, he touches on the beauty and wonder of God. His letters were plainly beautiful. The last thing I expected in a book about porn is to feel encouraged and love. Ray paints a vision of what men should be and cheers you on to get there in the grace of God. If you know a man struggling with pornography this is by far the best book I have read on the subject.



# September

2021



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## I John 3:18

**Little children, let's not love with  
word or with tongue,  
but in deed and truth.**



Hanna, Jeff, and Brenda Adams

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Service 7 PM	2	3	4
5 Service 9:30 AM	6 Rosh Hashana	7 Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM	8 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Service 7 PM	9 Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM 	10	11
12 Service 9:30 AM	13	14	15 Service 7 PM	16 Yom Kippur	17	18
19 Service 9:30 AM	20	21 Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Sukkot begins	22 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Service 7 PM	23 Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM 	24	25
26 Service 9:30 AM *Communion	27	28	29 Wow Wednesday 5:45 PM	30		