



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

Tabernacles

The Feast of Tabernacles, also known as the Feast of Booths and Sukkot, is the seventh and last feast that the Lord commanded Israel to observe and one of the three feasts that Jews were to observe each year by going to “appear before the Lord your God in the place which He shall choose” (Deuteronomy 16:16). The importance of the Feast of Tabernacles can be seen in how many places it is mentioned in Scripture. In the Bible we see many important events that took place at the time of the Feast of Tabernacles. For one thing, it was at this time that Solomon’s Temple was dedicated to the Lord (1 Kings 8:2).

It was also at the Feast of Tabernacles that the Israelites, who had returned to rebuild the temple, gathered together to hear Ezra proclaim the Word of God to them (Nehemiah 8). Ezra’s preaching resulted in a great revival as the Israelites confessed their sins and repented of them. It was also during this Feast that Jesus said, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water” (John 7:37–39).

The Feast of Tabernacles takes place on the 15th of the Hebrew month Tishri. This was the seventh month on the Hebrew calendar and usually occurs in late September to mid-October. The feast begins five days after the Day of Atonement and at the time the fall harvest had just been completed. It was a time of joyous celebration as the Israelites celebrated God’s continued provision for them in the current harvest and remembered His provision and protection during the 40 years in the wilderness.

As one of the three feasts that all “native born” male Jews were commanded to participate in, the Feast of Tabernacles is mentioned multiple times in Scripture, sometimes called the Feast of the Ingathering, the Feast to the Lord, or the Feast of Booths (Exodus 23:16; Deuteronomy 16:13). As one of the pilgrim feasts (when Jewish males were commanded to go to Jerusalem), it was also the time when they brought their tithes and offerings to the Temple (Deuteronomy 16:16). With the influx of people coming to Jerusalem at that time, we can only imagine what the scene must have been like. Thousands upon thousands of people coming together to remember and celebrate God’s deliverance and His provision, all living in temporary shelters or booths as part of the requirements of the feast. During the eight-day period, so many sacrifices were made that it required all twenty-four divisions of priests to be present to assist in the sacrificial duties.

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

TBF Family,

I have always felt drawn to the lesser-known parts of God's Word. The parts of the Bible that you typically do not hear sermons, books, or Bible studies about. The nagging question in the back of my mind has always been "why?" Why is this passage, or book so ignored? I always want to know the reason we avoid it, or the reason we ignore it. And no book of the Bible is more ignored than Leviticus.

Leviticus is usually the book of the Bible that gets joked about the most. It is maligned as "boring," "repetitive," or "weird." It seems to be the place most Read the Bible in a Year plans die. I read through the book again recently trying to figure out why this is the case. Why don't we typically study books like Leviticus?

Part of the reason is because the book is difficult to understand. Paul's prison letters about Jesus are easier to understand than laws about how to cut up sacrifices. The beauty and purpose of Leviticus takes more effort to draw out than the gospels. Yet it is just as inspired. Yet God chose to include it in the Bible. Yet it still has something to teach us today.

As I read through the book of Leviticus I was struck by a few things. The first is how the gospel reveals the holiness of God and the depths of our sin. The minutia of laws about everything seems overwhelming and confusing. Yet the purpose behind each law is the singular fact that our God is holy. Because He is holy every single part of our lives matter. And even the smallest sin in the smallest parts of our lives makes us sinners in need of a savior.

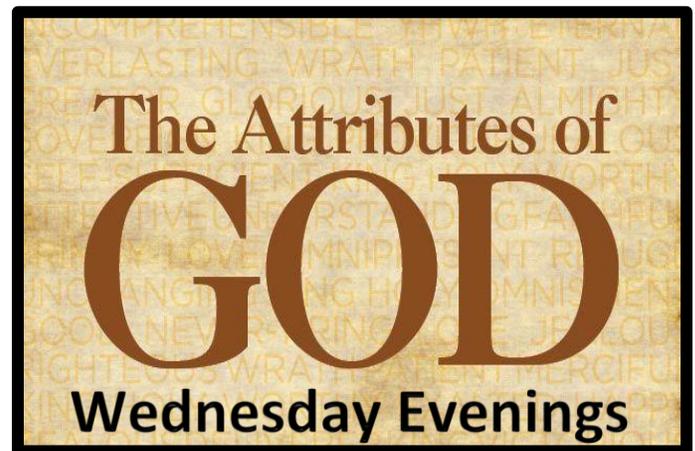
The second part I was struck by is how the gospel is foreshadowed and bleeds through every page. You cannot read the sacrificial system without Jesus. He is the entire point. Each law about the lambs, and bulls, and birds points towards the perfect lamb of Christ. You even see the practices of Baptism and the Lord's Supper foreshadowed in different portions.

My main take away from studying the book again was how worth it was to dive deep into the book. Some sections took more thinking and reading closely than others. Some connections to Jesus were more apparent. But each chapter was worth reflecting on. The beauty of God's Word is that all of it is worth reading. Some books are more of an acquired taste, but each is beautiful in its own way.

I hope that you are finding the beauty of God and Jesus in whatever section of the Bible you are reading. Even the overlooked and difficult sections are worth the extra effort. All of the Bible points to Jesus. It is up to us as readers to find out how.

Pastor David

Studies for October



We find God's instructions for celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles in Leviticus 23, given at a point in history right after God had delivered Israel from bondage in Egypt. The feast was to be celebrated each year on "the fifteenth day of this seventh month" and was to run for seven days (Leviticus 23:34). Like all feasts, it begins with a "holy convocation" or Sabbath day when the Israelites were to stop working to set aside the day for worshipping God. On each day of the feast they were to offer an "offering made by fire to the Lord" and then after seven days of feasting, again the eighth day was to be "a holy convocation" when they were to cease from work and offer another sacrifice to God (Leviticus 23). Lasting eight days, the Feast of Tabernacles begins and ends with a Sabbath day of rest. During the eight days of the feast, the Israelites would dwell in booths or tabernacles that were made from the branches of trees (Leviticus 23:40-42). The Feast of Tabernacles, like all the feasts, was instituted by God as a way of reminding Israelites in every generation of their deliverance by God from Egypt. Of course, the feasts are also significant in that they foreshadow the work and actions of the coming Messiah. Much of Jesus' public ministry took place in conjunction with the Holy Feasts set forth by God.

The three pilgrim feasts where all Jewish males were commanded to "appear before the Lord in the place he chooses" are each very important in regards to the life of Christ and His work of redemption. We know with certainty that the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread are symbolic of Christ's atoning sacrifice on the cross. Likewise, we know that Pentecost, which marked the beginning of the Feast of Weeks, was the time of Jesus' bodily ascension. And most scholars would agree that the Feast of Tabernacles is symbolic of Christ's Second Coming when He will establish His earthly kingdom.

The Feast of Tabernacles begins and ends with a special Sabbath day of rest. During the days of the feast all native Israelites were "to dwell in booths" to remind them that God delivered them out of the "land of Egypt" and to look forward to the coming Messiah, Jesus Christ, who would deliver His people from the bondage of sin. This feast, like all of the feasts of Israel, consistently reminded the Jews and should remind Christians as well that God has promised to deliver His people from the bondage of sin and deliver them from their enemies. Part of God's deliverance for the Israelites was His provision and protection of them for the 40 years they wandered in the wilderness, cut off from the Promised Land. The same holds true for Christians today. God protects us and provides for us as we go through life in the wilderness of this world. While our hearts long for the Promised Land (heaven) and to be in the presence of God, He preserves us in this world as we await the world to come and the redemption that will come when Jesus Christ returns again to "tabernacle" or dwell among us in bodily form.

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**Therefore you also be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at
an hour you do not expect.**

Matthew 24:44



TBF Men's Ministries



Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm – TBF UTH Room

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.

- 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

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”

Participants will be offered 2 venues for this bible study:

1. 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. October dates are the 12th and 26th and concludes November 9th.
2. Meet at TBF, 9:30-11 AM. Wednesday sessions will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. October dates are the 13th and 27th and concludes November 10th.

For His glory!

The TBF Women’s Ministry

I feel like the most blessed woman on earth!

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, calls, and food I received from the church while I was down with Covid and the warm welcome I got when I was able to be back in church.

Thank you
from the
bottom
of my
heart.



I love my church!



~Just Jean

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. Let your sisters know you are lifting them up in prayer, thinking about them, and care about them with cards filled with kind words of encouragement, prayers, and bible verses.

Kindred Community Fall Fest

Tuesday, October 12th 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Chisholm Trail Church of Christ

On Beach in Duncan, Oklahoma

This is an outdoor event! For those who are uncomfortable with a gathering, KC will have dinners prepared in to-go containers so they can drive through, pick up a meal, and eat it at home.

If you are a TBF woman with a heavenly husband or know of a woman you would like to invite to this event, please RSVP on the official RSVP invitation!

Wow!

WEDNESDAY

On September 29th, TBF'ers welcomed back the tradition of WOW Wednesday. Mike Palovik opened the service with prayer, and Jean Schalit recalled how WOW (Windows on the World) Wednesday was started by church founder, Paula Rountree, to be held every 5th Wednesday of the month, with the intention of educating our church about what God is doing around the world.

Jean acknowledged Debra Welch and volunteers who served Danny Pollock's delicious grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. She then introduced Shannon Hall-Sanders and visitors from the Douglass Eastside Senior Citizens Center who would present the program.

Worship began with the trio of Michael Fugett, Larry Culberson, and Michael Culberson singing several praise songs, and our own Jeff Adams on drums. Songs were "Through It All I'm Still Here," "Cooling Water," "Thank God, Another Blessing," and "My God."

Shannon Hall-Sanders, who is Executive Director of the Douglass Center, recapped the purpose of the center and the progress of current renovations. The historical black school was built in 1938 as a WPA project, and now serves as a Senior Center and a Gymnasium. Last year a group called "the Rowdy's" (could there be a few TBF'ers among them?) raised funds for the Center by holding a sock hop. A new roof has been completed, and now the kitchen needs to be brought to code with a new vent hood. Seniors are served meals during the week, some at the Center, some delivered to homes. The service was closed in prayer by Dale Corbin.

Mimi Roberson Reporting

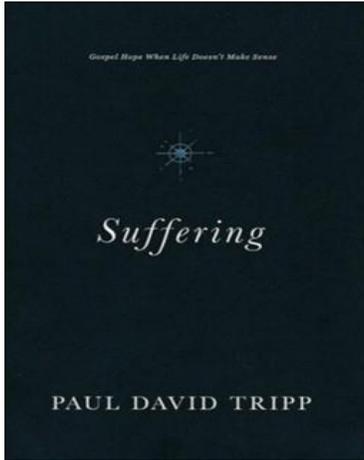




Pictures by Debra Welch and Jan Palovik

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

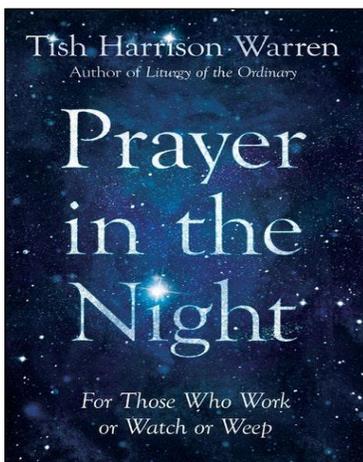
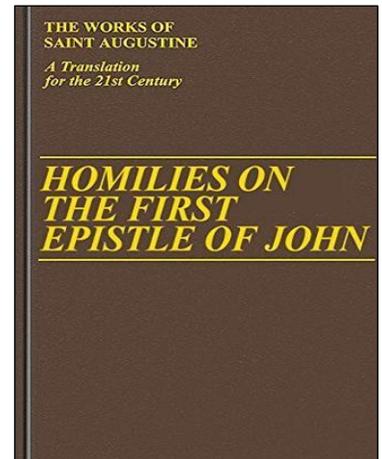


Suffering: Gospel Hope when Life Doesn't Make Sense by Paul David Tripp

Wonderful book about what the gospel has to say about our suffering. Paul David Tripp is one of my favorite writers because the gospel is the center of every page. He continually helps me see the gospel in a new light. What I appreciated the most here was that he wrote as a sufferer. He writes out of the experience of over two years of his own suffering with liver failure. It doesn't come across as a preacher giving platitudes, but as someone sharing what he has clung to in his own suffering.

Homilies on the First Epistle of John by Augustine

This book is ten sermons that Augustine preached walking through 1 John. What a privilege it is to even be able to read some of his sermons. You get a great sense of his voice and pastoral heart. He has good application and it is clear that he knows the people he is preaching to. I got this book because I was preparing to preach through 1 John myself. I was amazed at how easy it was to read and how relevant his preaching is hundreds of years later.



Prayer in the Night by Tish Warren

This book is about prayer in the midst of suffering. Warren wrote this book after experiencing a miscarriage. She found comfort in praying the compline, which is a prayer from the Book of Common Prayer. The book walks through phrases of the compline and how they help us pray while we suffer. I read this one devotionally and was really encouraged by it.