



NEWSLETTER

Tanglewood Bible Fellowship

EIC: 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

Prophet

Prophets are presented in the Bible as having several functions. First, prophets are spokesmen for God. When the people of Israel asked the prophet Samuel for a king, God told Samuel, “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king” (1 Samuel 8:7). Samuel was responsible to relay the Word of God to the people of Israel, and God states that He was the source of Samuel’s authority and words. Thus, Samuel the prophet was God’s representative.

Many other passages in the Old Testament have statements such as “the word of the Lord came to,” indicating that the source of the message was God and not the prophet (e.g., 2 Samuel 7:4; 2 Kings 20:4; Jeremiah 1:4; Ezekiel 3:16; and the opening verses of Hosea, Joel, Micah, Jonah, and Zephaniah). Similarly, Jesus taught a heavenly message: “My teaching is not my own. It comes from the one who sent me” (John 7:16). He also stated that He spoke “just what the Father has taught me” (John 8:28). In Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer, He says, “I gave them the words you gave me” (John 17:8). Thus, Jesus clearly fulfilled the role of a prophet, as He was a spokesman for God.

The second primary function of a prophet in the Bible is what people commonly think of when they hear the term prophecy, and that is foretelling or predicting future events through divine revelation. Foretelling, though not the prophets’ most common task, is another form of their primary role. In speaking on God’s behalf, sometimes the message would include predicting the future. Jesus predicted the future when He told His disciples “that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life” (Matthew 16:21). This prophecy is recorded as fulfilled in all four Gospel accounts (Matthew 27–28; Mark 15–16; Luke 22–24; and John 18–20). Jesus also predicted that, shortly after His ascension, the disciples would receive power at the coming of the Holy

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Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 AM

Adult Services AND Children’s (0-12 years) Programs

Youth (6th -12 grade) meet Sunday Nights at 6 PM.

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

A Word from Pastor David Shields

This month we will celebrate something that I have been looking forward to in my pastoral journey for a long time. On March 27th, Lord willing, TBF will ordain me to the gospel ministry. Let me try to briefly explain what ordination is. Basically, ordination is the church recognizing and appointing someone for ministry in the church. It is Tanglewood Bible Fellowship declaring that we believe this person has been called by God to serve as a minister of the gospel. Elders and deacons are the ones most often “appointed/ordained” in the New Testament. Some of the primary passages are Acts 6:6 (First deacons appointed including Stephen), Acts 13:3 (Paul and Barnabas are set apart for ministry), Acts 14:23 (elders in each church are appointed), 1 Timothy 4:14 (Timothy commanded to remember his ordination). There is also the practice of ordination of the priests in Exodus 29, which serves as a background to the later practice in the New Testament.

The main Biblical idea and necessary components, as I see it, are threefold. 1. Evaluate if the person is qualified to be an elder/pastor. In fact, Paul warns against ordaining or appointing someone too quickly. 2. Some kind of public ceremony involving prayer, the laying on of hands, and often fasting. 3. The appointment to an actual office (as elder/deacon). This would involve the individual being ordained.

Churches have different ways of going about seeking to live out these Biblical practices. As I understand it, we have Biblical freedom to approach it differently. Even if a church would deny that ordination is a biblical practice, they would still follow these guidelines and simply call it something else. Denominations typically have different standards or guidelines when it comes to ordination. They may even have an organized or lengthy process involved. As an independent Bible church, we are under no denominational constraints, but Biblical ones. The question is how can we best fulfill and live out these verses?

A natural question might be, "Why are we ordaining David if he is already our pastor?" The quick answer is that we are trying to be obedient to the Scriptures. It is a chance for us to practice this biblical teaching.

Some churches have special service for ordination, include it as part of the normal Sunday service, or turn the Sunday service completely into an ordination service. Ours will take place on March 27th and will be fairly simple. It will be during our normal Sunday morning service with music and continuing our regular series in Daniel. After the music, the ordination will take place. I will be asked a few questions from the elders and then you as a congregation will also be asked questions. Ordination is as much about the church as the person being ordained.

I hope that you will be there. It will be a special Sunday not just for me, but for us as a church. It's another chance for us to worship God and follow Him in obedience as a church family. If you have more questions, I would be happy to answer that.

In Christ,
Pastor David

**ORDINATION SERVICE: SUNDAY MARCH 27TH
LIGHT RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MORNING SERVICE**

Spirit (Acts 1:8). Acts 2 records the fulfillment of the prophecy: the apostles received the Holy Spirit and spoke in languages they did not know to proclaim the gospel to at least fifteen different language groups present in Jerusalem for Pentecost. Thus, Jesus clearly fulfilled the role of a prophet, as He spoke predictively.

A third function of some of the prophets was healing and miracles. Moses performed many miracles, including parting the Red Sea (Exodus 14:21-22). Elijah performed a miracle when he called fire down from heaven to burn up a sacrifice (1 Kings 18:36-38). Elisha performed a miracle when he made the ax head float in the water (2 Kings 6:6). All four Gospel accounts record Jesus performing many miracles and healings (e.g., Matthew 8:14-15; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 8:42-48; and John 6:16-21).

The title "prophet" is used many times in the Gospels when other people refer to Jesus (Matthew 21:11; Luke 7:16; John 4:19). Jesus also alluded to Himself as a prophet in Mark 6:4.

God had told Moses that someday He would send another prophet to Israel, "and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him" (Deuteronomy 18:18). Jesus was the prophet who fulfilled that prophecy (see Acts 3:22; 7:37). Jesus fulfills all the requirements for a prophet in title, word, and deed. He is the ultimate prophet in that He is the very Word of God Himself (John 1:1).

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What's Happening at TBF

- ✚ JOIN OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEETING AT TBF. EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7 PM. Hear a lesson from Pastor David and join us for a time of prayer and praise.
- ✚ TBF WORSHIP TEAM MUSIC PRACTICE. JOIN US! See Dale Corbin or Lana Sleeper for details.
- ✚ DAILY DEVOS WITH PASTOR DAVID - TBF Facebook Page
- ✚ MISS A SUNDAY? Check out the sermons on the TBF Facebook page or tbfduncan.org
- ✚ WOMEN OF TANGLEWOOD BIBLE FELLOWSHIP - Facebook page
- ✚ TBF YOUTH - Meets Sunday Nights at 6 PM
- ✚ COMMUNION - Sunday, March 20th
- ✚ INTRO TO TBF - Sunday, March 20th (After the morning service)
- ✚ ORDINATION - Sunday, March 27th
- ✚ WOW WEDNESDAY - March 30th
- ✚ MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - March 3rd and 17th TBF Youth Room 6 PM
- ✚ WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - March (see dates under Women's Ministry)

TBF Family Ministries

Hey Church Family,

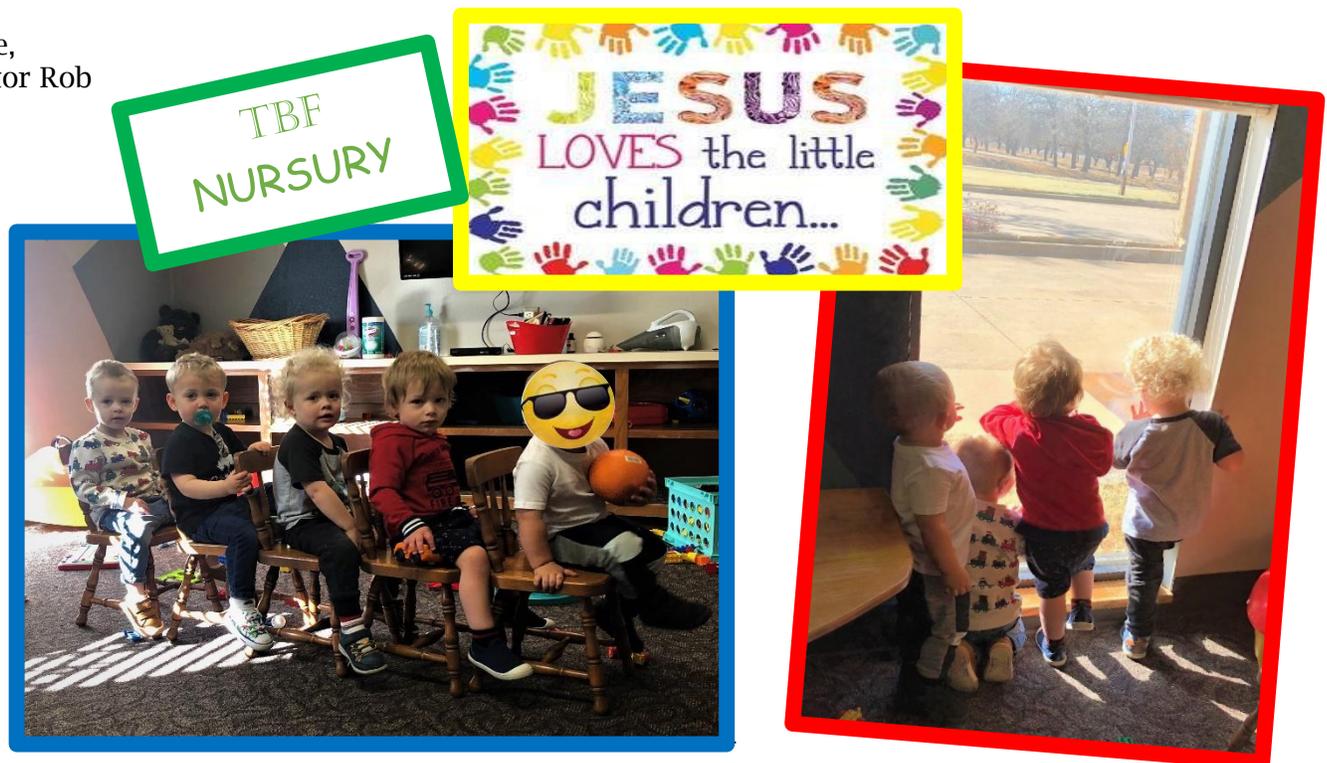
This past month, the youth group began to meet again, which has been exciting. We began our first week in Genesis one and the story of creation. The second week we tackled Chapter two and I was again reminded, as I studied it myself, how amazing the concept of marriage is. It is a theme that stretches from Genesis 2 to Revelation 19. In the next couple of months, I want to explore different aspects of marriage with you all throughout these newsletters!

To start with, what is marriage? It is such a simple answer but such a deep subject. The world has a few ideas on what marriage is; it is either a prison or a safety net, a partnership that once it ceases to be of use to one or both people, it can be easily dissolved, love is simply a feeling that can be fallen out of as easily as it is fallen into.

Here at TBF, we believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and allow it to show us the way we must go. Ephesians 5:22-33 is the most detailed definition of what marriage is. Sadly, it has been abused and used to hurt people when it should be a very life-giving passage. What Paul is saying, is that Marriage is an example of Christ and His Church. Two sinners living with one another, not just tolerating each other but in love. The Husband places his wife before himself, sacrificing everything for her as Christ does for the Church. The Wife submits to the Husband not as a servant but as an equal, willing to be his helper (Gn. 2). This picture of Marriage is counter-cultural and is a living testament to the Lord. Marriage was instituted in the Garden, God created Adam and in all of creation he couldn't find a suitable helper, so God places Adam in a deep sleep removing a Rib from him to create a helper, Eve. He didn't take a part of his skull for her to rule over him nor a part of his foot for her to be ruled by him, but his rib for her to be his equal, by his side under the protection of his arm. God, as the Great father then handed the Woman over to the Man. And the Man and Woman were naked and unashamed.

How often are we able to say in our marriages that we are naked and unashamed. Not just physically, but emotionally as well? How often have we let secret sins and undealt with anger or frustration cause us to place walls around our spouses and not be willing to bare our souls to that person? That person that we, in front of God, declared to love and cherish and to live with one another as a living example of Christ and the Church. If that is you, don't give up! God is good and His grace abounds even when we do not deserve it. And if you ever want to talk, I am always around.

Love,
Pastor Rob





TBF Men's Ministries



6:30 pm
TBF Youth Room

March 3rd: Lesson 3 Matthew Ch. 6

March 17th: Lesson 4 Matthew Ch. 7

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount based on material supplied by Bible Study Fellowship and led by Wolfgang Deeg.

New Men's Bible Study to begin March 31st.

Check church bulletins for further details as the date approaches!

Led by Wolfgang Deeg

TBF *Women's Ministries*

CHASE

By Jennie Allen

Women's Bible Study continues throughout March:

Session 3 - Tuesday, March 1st, 6:30-8pm, at the home of Jean Crow

Session 3 - Wednesday, March 2nd, 9:30-11am, at TBF

Session 4 - Tuesday, March 8th, 6:30-8pm, at the home of Jean Crow

Session 4 - Wednesday, March 9th, 9:30-11am, at TBF

Session 5 - Tuesday, March 22nd, 6:30-8pm, at the home of Jean Crow

Session 5 - Wednesday, March 23rd, 9:30-11am, at TBF

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 each month.



*Discussion to cover who we are as a church, our history, beliefs, and any questions folks may have.

*Immediately following the morning service, March 20th.

*Lunch and childcare provided.

*Sign-up sheet in the foyer.

WOW WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, March 30th, 2022

Hungering for Hope



Guest Speaker: JT Hilyer, International Commission

5:45 PM, immediately prior to our regular Wednesday service
Main Course: Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Baked Beans, and Chips

Watch for the Sign-up Sheet in the foyer, and please let us know if you are coming.
Donations gladly accepted

If you have any questions or want to volunteer to help, contact Olga Pollock.

Guest Speaker: J.T. Hilyer

(WOW WEDNESDAY – MARCH 30TH)

JT Hilyer, born in Texas and whose father was in the Army, lived all over but spent many years in Texas and Oklahoma. He is married to Debbie and has two grown daughters.

Our very own Kitte Lewark shares a special relationship with JT and his family. She has known JT nearly all his life. JT's mother, Louise, would babysit Kitte's son, and it was she that told Kitte about Jesus and planted the seed for her salvation. The bond of friendship and family connection only got stronger when JT's sister, Cheryl, married Kitte's brother, Glenn.



JT has been involved with short-term mission work through International Commission (I.C.) since 2006 when he set out on a mission trip to Brazil. Since that time, he has led projects for I.C. to Russia, Armenia, Romania, Azerbaijan, and Israel. In March of 2020, he left his job in manufacturing to work full time in missions.

JT knows firsthand that sharing the Gospel in a foreign country is not always easy as he was once taken into custody just for having Bibles in his possession. Who knows - maybe JT will share more about this on WOW Wednesday or you can ask him yourself. He has considerable experience helping Christians tell others about the great commission and providing leadership and resources to aid in that.

Today, JT is serving I.C. as Director of Operations. JT organizes and leads mission trips all over the world including trips this year to Albania, Jordan, and the Republic of Georgia.



Since 1973, IC has been equipping and enabling believers worldwide to conduct church-based evangelism projects to reach unbelievers and make disciples. We have worked in over 179 countries, planted hundreds of new churches, mobilized thousands of believers to share the gospel, and introduced tens of millions of people to Jesus Christ.

Kindred Community

New Hope West in Duncan

Tuesday, March 22nd 6:00 – 8:00 PM

sponsored by Tanglewood Bible Fellowship

(See Debbie Corbin to Volunteer - no special training required.)

Just let Debbie know and be there.)

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!



Beautiful Day/ Kindred Community

Beautiful Day and Kindred Community invite you to join them

Thursday, March 3rd 6 -8 PM

to learn more about their programs and/or train as a volunteer.

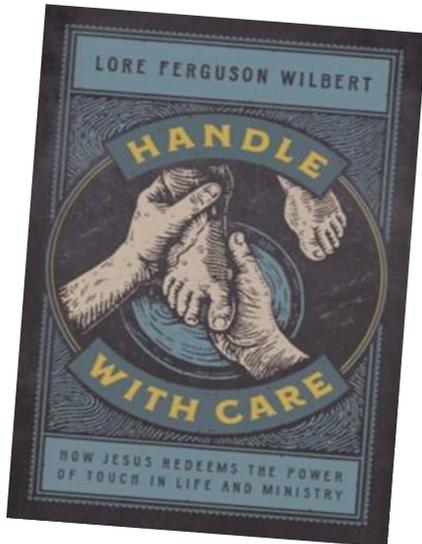
First Christian Church (fellowship hall)

(Dinner included)

RSVP Jan Palovik 580-467-1925

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

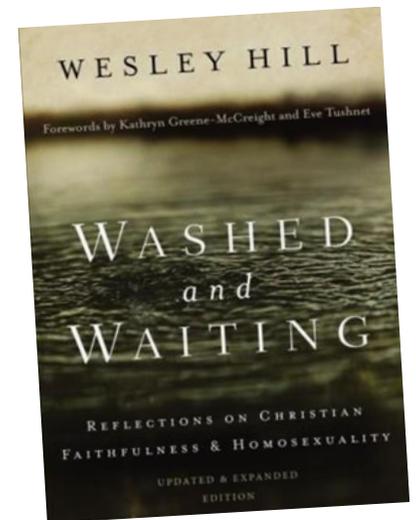


Handle with Care: How Jesus Redeems the Power of Touch in Life and Ministry by Lore Ferguson Wilbert

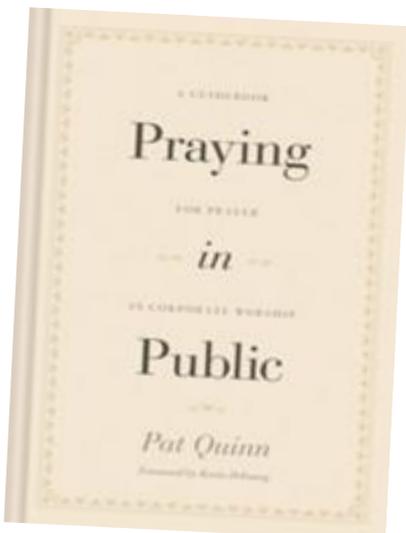
This book made me think deeply about how Christians should approach touch. Her criticisms on our general avoidance and suspicion of all touch as sexual were right on. I was impressed as an abuse victim myself with how well she handles the topic of abuse. The book is a great introduction to considering this topic. It's a good study of how Jesus repeatedly touches people when it would have been strange or even counter-cultural for him to do so. It is worth considering how Christians should view touch differently than the world.

Washed and Waiting: Reflections on Christian Faithfulness and Homosexuality by Wesley Hill

Wesley Hill is a homosexual man who is convinced of the church's traditional teaching on sexuality. He has prayed hard, but God has not taken away his desires. As a result, he has chosen to live a celibate lifestyle in obedience to Scripture. This book tells his story and struggle of trying to follow Jesus while being rejected and attacked from all sides. His story is a reminder for all of us how we resist sin today while waiting for the eternal life to come.



Praying in Public: A Guidebook for Prayer in Corporate Worship by Pat Quinn



A great short book on how to pray better prayers in the worship service. I came away convinced that some preparation is necessary and that making up each prayer at the moment is not always the best practice. While the focus is on prayers in corporate worship, I think this book is useful for anyone who struggles to pray in front of people. The book briefly goes through the different types of prayers with suggestions on how to write better ones. The last few chapters are filled with examples of written prayers. I found that it has made my own private prayers better.

Looking Back...TBF Past

Submitted by Jean Shalit



Special Edition of the TBF Newsletter



New Pastor Coming

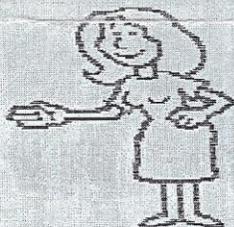
Brad, Debbie, Jamie and Jonathan McCoy are scheduled to arrive in Duncan on Dec 29th or 30th. Please pray for their overloaded U-Haul truck!



Intro to Brad:

Brad is a 1981 graduate of Dallas Seminary. He grew up in Florida, Alabama, and Texas. He enjoys golf, computers, softball, and reading.

He is a member of the National Board of the Grace Evangelical Society.



Intro to Debbie:

Debbie Walker was born at a very young age in Beaumont, Texas. She grew up and attended school in Nederland. After High School she graduated from the Dental Hygiene Program of Tyler Junior College.

Married to Brad in 1973 she practiced dental for eight years. Debbie

loves crafts and needlepoint. She also loves to be involved in the boys school and sports activities.



Intro to Jamie McCoy:

Jamie was born in Dallas Texas on June 16, 1981 just a few weeks after his dad graduated from DTS.

Jamie enjoys school, games, playing with church/neighborhood friends, and just about all sports. He especially loves soccer and baseball.

He is looking forward to moving to Duncan. He says he likes the look of the new community center!

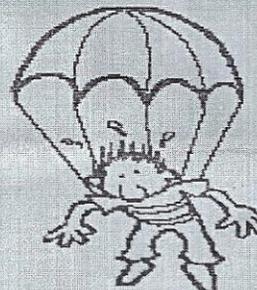
Intro to Jonathan McCoy:



Jonathan was born on February 26, 1983 in Bossier City Louisiana.

Jonathan is in Kindergarten at Herndon Magnet School (Jamie is in 2nd grade)

Jonathan enjoys sports like soccer and baseball but his real love is art-painting and drawing.



All of us McCoy's

...are excited (but a little scared)

...are happy (but a little sad)

...and are ready "to hit the ground running" in Duncan at Tanglewood Bible Fellowship!

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