



# 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*

## Hannah's Prayer

Hannah's prayer is a remarkable passage of Scripture containing a song of praise with prophetic and messianic significance. Found in 1 Samuel 2:1–10, Hannah's prayer eloquently celebrates the holiness and sovereignty of God and affirms the central tenets of Israel's faith. Not only is Hannah's prayer a testimony of God's handiwork in her own life, but it is also a foreshadowing of His actions in the lives of the prophet Samuel, King David, and the nation of Israel.

Hannah, like several prominent women in the Bible, was barren and unable to conceive a child for a long time after marrying. In ancient Israel, children were considered a clear sign of God's blessing (see Psalm 127:3). Infertility brought severe disgrace to a woman because in those days it meant she could not fulfill her God-given purpose of producing offspring for her family. Adding to Hannah's misfortune was her family situation: her husband Elkanah had a second wife, Peninnah, who had given him many children. The rival wife mocked Hannah cruelly (1 Samuel 1:6–7). For years Hannah poured out her soul's desire to the Lord in prayer, promising Him that, if she had a son, she would give the child back to God.

One day at the tabernacle in Shiloh, the high priest Eli overheard Hannah's heartbroken petition and assured her that her prayer would be answered. True to the promise, Hannah gave birth to a son and named him Samuel. When the boy was old enough, she brought him to live with Eli to serve in the tabernacle of the Lord. After leaving behind her miracle child to be trained in the priesthood, Hannah prayed an extraordinary, poetic prayer under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Similar to many biblical prayers, Hannah's prayer begins with praise for a specific act of God and then branches out into a more universal praise of God's attributes and actions.

In 1 Samuel 2:1–2, Hannah's prayer begins on a high note with personal expressions of pure joy and enthusiastic delight in the Lord and His salvation:

"My heart rejoices in the LORD; in the LORD my horn is lifted high.

My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in Your deliverance.

'There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides You; there is no Rock like our God.'"

Continued on pg.3

\*\*\*\*\*

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

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

Youth (6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) meets Sunday evenings at 6 PM

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

# A Word from Pastor David Shields

TBF Family,

We are diving into a new sermon series in the book of Galatians. I don't know about you but after the difficulty of the book of Daniel, I have been looking forward to returning to the New Testament. While the Pauline epistles are easier to understand, they can be more difficult to apply. This is no less true in Galatians. I have entitled this sermon series Gospel Distortions because the church in Galatia is guilty of believing a distorted gospel. But the problem is that they do not even realize it. They believe that they are seeing clearly. They believe that they are following the apostles' teachings and being faithful. They do not even recognize that they have abandoned the gospel.

This was true for the church in Galatia but is no less true in our day. All throughout our country, the gospel of Jesus has been distorted. People use Christian words and even claim to preach in the name of Christ, but they do not preach the true gospel. Some have added to the gospel, and some have taken it away. Some have shifted the focus of the gospel to the left and others to the right. There is no end to the distortions of the gospel.

The reality is that we are also in danger of believing a distorted gospel. If we are not careful and do not examine our gospel, then we might be fooled. These are part of the reasons that I wanted us to study Galatians as a church. I believe that there are distortions of the gospel all around us. We encounter them almost every day and do not always recognize them. I think that as we study deeper and deeper into this book, we will discover many ways that we are tempted to abandon the gospel.

My prayer is that as a church our time in Galatians will renew our commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ. I pray that the Holy Spirit will reveal distortions that we have believed and help us repent. I pray that we will learn to recognize the many distortions that surround us. I pray that on this side of Easter we will continue to be committed to the preaching of the gospel of the resurrected Christ.

I want to encourage you as we begin these ten weeks in Galatians to read the entire book in one sitting if you can. Having a larger picture of the book will help you interpret the smaller passages. We need to know the kind of forest that we are in when we study the trees.

We will continue to go "deeper in Galatians" during our Wednesday night meetings. We might simply go deeper into the weeds, but I believe further study is helpful. It has allowed us to not get distracted with smaller questions on Sunday, without completely casting them to the side.

Pastor David Shields



NEWSLETTER 2



Hannah's barrenness had caused her humiliation and shame, but God has delivered her from all that. Notice that Hannah's rejoicing is in *the Lord*, not in Samuel; in other words, she praises the Giver as more important than the gift. "My horn is lifted up" is an expression that refers to the renewal of strength. Hannah declares that her strength, her worth, her dignity, and her rightful place as a fruitful wife have been restored. She has been delivered from her shame. Hannah acknowledges God's greatness, uniqueness, steadfastness, and holiness.

In verses 3–5, Hannah's prayer takes on a more public dimension, allowing others to consider her words and join in. Hannah cautions those who boast and exalt themselves because God knows their thoughts and sees their actions. He judges in all matters, including military action, overindulgence, poverty, starvation, and infertility:

"Do not keep talking so proudly or let your mouth speak such arrogance,  
for the Lord is a God who knows, and by Him deeds are weighed.  
The bows of the warriors are broken, but those who stumbled are armed with strength.  
Those who were full hire themselves out for food, but those who were hungry are hungry no more.  
She who was barren has borne seven children, but she who has had many sons, pines away."

Verses 6–10 contain some of the most poetic and linguistically beautiful portions of Hannah's prayer. Here we encounter a long list of contrasting actions that the Lord takes in dealing with humans:

"The Lord brings death and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and raises up.  
The Lord sends poverty and wealth; He humbles, and He exalts.  
He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap.  
He seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor.  
For the foundations of the earth are the Lord's; on them He has set the world.  
He will guard the feet of his faithful servants, but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness.  
It is not by strength that one prevails; those who oppose the Lord will be broken.  
The Most High will thunder from heaven; the Lord will judge the ends of the earth.  
He will give strength to His king and exalt the horn of His anointed."

In all things, the Lord is sovereign. Exaltation, social position, and even life and death are under God's control. God's actions are not random. As Judge over the whole earth, God brings the worst actions against those who oppose Him, while His faithful ones receive the blessings of protection, strength, and exaltation.

Mary's song in Luke 1:46–55 draws close thematic parallels to Hannah's prayer. Both women adopt the role of motherhood to align with the purposes of God, and both praise God for aiding His people in their desperate plight.

The final sentence of Hannah's prayer is remarkable for several reasons: "The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed" (1 Samuel 2:10, ESV). When Hannah prayed this, Israel had no king; she lived in the time of the judges, so her prayer is prophetic, looking forward to the time when a king would rule the nation. Also, Hannah's reference to God's "anointed" is a clear messianic prophecy. The prediction that God would "exalt the horn"—increase the strength—of the anointed king was fulfilled, in part, in the reigns of David and Solomon. But the ultimate Anointed One, the Messiah, would be honored above all kings.

# TBF Family Ministries

Hey Church Family,

This month marks two major landmarks in my life, the first is that I am graduating from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and the second and arguably more important landmark is the birth of my second child. With all of this excitement, my mind has been thinking a lot about death and what type of legacy I will be passing down not only to my children. But what impact my life will have on the generations that come from Hannah and myself. Exodus 34 is a wonderful chapter that displays the beauty and wonderfulness of our Lord, but I want to focus on verse seven:

“Keeping steadfast love for thousands (of generations), forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.”

This may not seem like the most uplifting verse, but I think it has two super important things it has to say about legacy.

The first is that your actions in the present matter for the future, not only individually but also as a family. Husbands, are you loving your wife as Jesus loves the Church? Wives are you as an equal (Gen.1:27) to Your Husband willing to submit to his leadership? While this does not seem to have a lot to do with impacting generations but if we believe that marriage is a God-ordained office meant to be a living gospel message to the world, then it has a lot to do with generations. Will your kids or grandkids or great grandkids look back at your life and marriage and see God in it? It may be obvious, but cycles tend to continue not because of genetics as much as observations, we as parents and grandparents alike spend a lot of time with our children, and they begin to pick up our habits whether we want them to or not. If they watch us daily trying to be more like Christ, then they will have a desire to do those things, but if they watch us and our life at church is vastly different than when we are at home, they will pick up on that too.

The second is no matter what you have done in the past or even earlier today God is still good and Jesus' blood cleanses us all of our sins. Because of this glorious fact, we should repent of our sins, both to God and those whom we offended, and turn away from our sins. Will, there be repercussions in this life, yes, but we have been forgiven by our King and work to rebuild those relationships that we have ruined through sinful actions. All the while worshiping our Lord and loving our neighbor even the ones who live with us.

With Love,  
Rob



**Kings Kaleidoscope Concert**  
**MAY 21, 2022**  
**DALLAS, TX**

Tickets are \$20, See Rob Girvin for more info  
(Youth Group)





# TBF Men's Ministries

## Injustice – Conspiracy – Salvation

It's the historical event that continues to shape worldviews and personal decisions two thousand years later. And while people around the globe mark "Easter" on their calendars, few have taken the time to read the account of what actually happened to Jesus two millennia ago in the city of Jerusalem. The betrayals, political intrigue, egregious miscarriage of justice, and death sentence that ultimately resulted in the greatest miracle the world has ever seen.

BSF's four-week study of Jesus' Passion covers the final supper, betrayal, trials, crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as covered in Matthew 26-28. – BSF

Through daily Bible reading and questions, weekly podcasts, group discussion and study notes, God's Word comes to life in new and unexpected ways. Material supplied by Bible Study Fellowship and led by Wolfgang Deeg.

Alternate Thursdays from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm - TBF Youth Room

- Week 2 - May 12: Jesus' Arrest, Hearings, and Trial - Matthew 26:47–27:31
- Week 3 - May 26: Jesus' Crucifixion and Burial - Matthew 27:32-66
- Week 4 - June 9: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ - Matthew 28

**As iron sharpens iron,  
so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.**

Proverbs 27:17

\*\*\*\*\*

## 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](http://tbfduncan.org)
- ✚ WOMEN OF TANGLEWOOD BIBLE FELLOWSHIP – Facebook page
- ✚ TBF YOUTH – Meets Sunday Nights at 6 PM
- ✚ COMMUNION – Sunday, May 22nd
- ✚ WOMEN'S MINISTRY – Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon Organization Meeting at TBF
- ✚ KINGS KALEIDOSCOPE CONCERT – May 21<sup>st</sup> (TBF Youth)



# TBF *Women's Ministries*

The Women's Ministry at Tanglewood Bible Fellowship encompasses women from all realms of life who stand in unity as one body of believer in their gifts, service, and desire to be transformed into the image of Christ (2 Corinthians 3:18). We are a sisterhood growing together in relationship as we discover through our common interests the splendor and joy of serving Him.

It is our purpose in Women's Ministry to behold the beauty and the gifts that are on the inside of each woman in our congregation. We seek to develop those gifts and encourage one another in them as we stand together, being perfected and fully equipped, closely joined and firmly knit together, growing in full maturity and building one another up in His love. (Ephesians 4:12, 16)

Lord Jesus, we give You honor and praise and thanksgiving. We ask that You help us, Your daughters, to draw close to You. Feed our hungry spirits with Your words of wisdom and sanctify us with Your word. Help us to embrace our sisters-in-Christ: our similarities, our differences, our trials, and our joys. Unite us in joy and wisdom. Inspire our hearts, heal our wounds, let Your peace rule our troubles, and Your hope overshadow our disappointments. Lord, weave Your love into the fabric of our hearts, that we may overflow with living water and shine Your light to a lost world.

## *Organization Meeting*

Ladies of Tanglewood! The leadership of the Women's Ministry at Tanglewood will be having an organizational meeting on May 4th at noon in the Youth room.

We will be reviewing our recent Bible study "Chase" by Jennie Allen and making plans for our next study in the fall. We will, also, be planning our Super Saturday series for this summer and discussing potential ways our ministry can reach more in our community.

We want to invite any and all who are interested to join us. So, if you have input for a future Bible study, would like to have a role in the women's ministry, or you just want to see what we are up to please bring your lunch and join us on the 4th.

Kitte, Linda, Brianna, Jean (Crow), and Olga

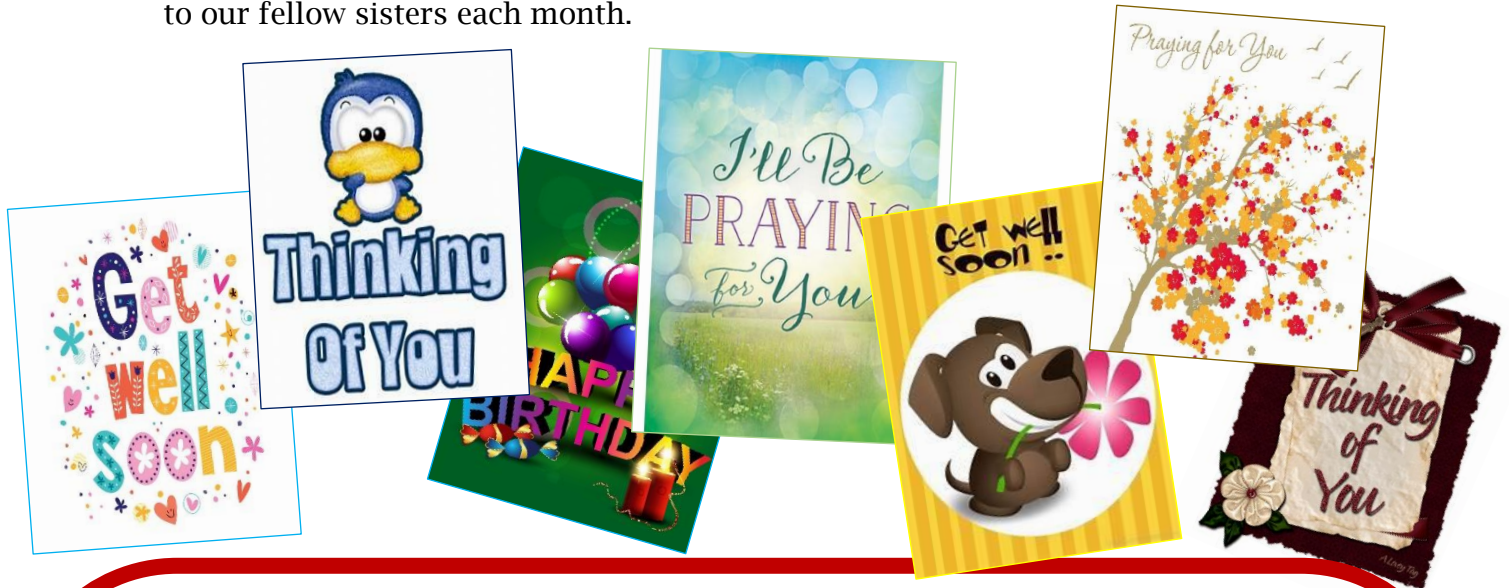


# Sister-to-Sister

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 each month.



## Kindred Community Talent Show



“Where?”, you ask: Impact 580 in Duncan

“When?”, you ask: Tuesday, May 10th 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Come, Show off your talents!



If you want to be part of the talent show,  
let Jan know by calling or texting 580-786-6009.

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!





# Girvin Baby Shower

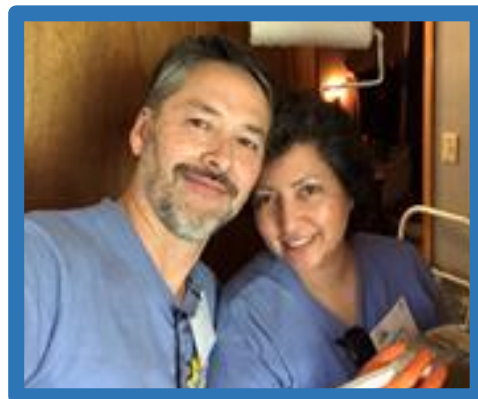
April 2, 2022





# John and Leeza Frye

Dear TBF family, we returned last week (April 9<sup>th</sup>) from LaPlace, LA where we served with Eight Days of Hope (EDOH or #8DOH/#EDOH), a Christian based organization founded in 2005 during Hurricane Katrina recovery. It began after a phone call between a father and son led to 684 volunteers that traveled to Bay St. Louis, MS, to rebuild 84 homes in eight days, which in turn has now helped about 8,500 families by providing about 44,000 volunteers doing more than \$60 million in rebuilding related work.



Our disaster relief work has consisted of helping prepare 22,000 meals in Baton Rouge, LA with Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (SBDR); SBDR Chaplain/Assessor work assessing properties and spraying mold killer and praying with homeowners after Hurricane Harvey (Houston, TX); EDOH rebuild by replacing sheetrock and reroofing in Dickinson, TX; EDOH Rapid Response Team (RRT) cleaning out homes of belongings, sheetrock, insulation, etc. in Waverly TN, where 675 homes were destroyed; EDOH RRT chainsaw crew and mold team in LaPlace LA; and this last week with EDOH rebuild in LaPlace, LA, where 3,500 homes were damaged after Hurricane Ida, here, we painted homes.

Ms. Ada Lumina walked hurriedly up to us to chat about EDOH when she saw our t-shirts, as we walked up to a house to begin painting. Ada had been volunteering at New Wine Christian Fellowship feeding those who were displaced by the storms and hearing the WORD or rather having it explained like never before. The light happening in her understanding has created in her a desire to know more, to understand the Bible and to find out who GOD is. She was so excited to talk about the LORD with us and listen to what we were telling her, all of us with tears of joy, and then she declared (raising her arms and joy on her face and in her voice), "It had to have been GOD that sent me to walk today just at the exact time that y'all would drive up!" She was quoting the scriptures she had been memorizing, specifically Romans 8:28 and she was so proud of herself for reading the Word and memorizing scriptures. We agreed with her, and we were so excited to share the LORD with someone who was searching for HIM. She met everyone on our crew and then left to walk some more. It was such a similar story to Sue Guidry of La Place from October



Pictures above are of Waverly, TN in 2021 after 21 inches of rain in one day.

2021, where we went to remove insulation and spray for mold throughout her house. Sue was also searching, and during the flood and after she had been visiting churches with friends and hearing the Gospel explained like never before. Both women were blown away by the kindness of strangers as we gently steered them back to Christ Jesus, who orchestrated all of this, even the storm.

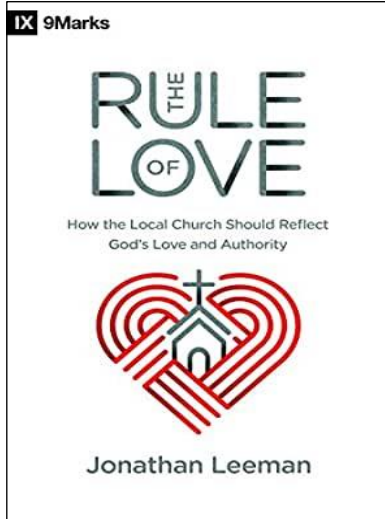
With 1,500+ people coming and going all week, the number of times we had an opportunity to share our trust (in actions) in Christ was phenomenal. There was a disconcerting feeling that at times was overwhelming; it was as if so many had the “Christianese” (using mainstream Christian terms) but never seemed to want to hear about Christ Jesus. When we would try to find out their salvation story, they did not have one and would quickly move on in wordiness for no purpose about something else. This is why the most important factor in our work is the working of the HOLY SPIRIT. Preparation for these weeks is on-going and having faithful prayer partners carries us when our bodies are pushing their limits. As we go and serve, your prayers are helping to sow the seeds we leave behind. The day will come when we join the Father in Heaven, and we will know the hearts and souls we touched. Please continue in prayer for those affected by the storms.





# 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.

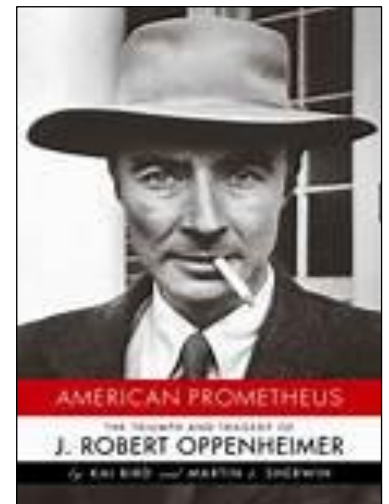


## Rule of Love by Jonathan Leeman

Great little book covering a biblical theology of love and authority. He critiques the way our broader culture would define love. Most today see authority as a necessary evil at best and prefer to be ruled by nothing but love. But the problem is our culture's definition of love does not take into account the authority of God. He explains this along with how God's holiness, judgment, and authority work in tension with his love. He also responds to objections to the authority of the church in today's age. I am continually amazed at how Leeman can write in such a concise manner that never loses its punch.

## American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J Robert Oppenheimer by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin

Impeccably researched biography that more than deserves its Pulitzer and left me excited for the movie. This is one of those biographies where the authors spent years researching, interviewing, and hunting for every scrap of information on Oppenheimer. Their work comes through in the details. The danger of this many details and research is that the book could become stale, or worse fail to paint a picture of what the subject is actually like. This book manages to avoid the pitfalls and is engaging. I was never bored even though I barely understand science. This is one of the best biographies I've ever read.



## The Holy Spirit and the Church by Hyung Yong Park

I think it is a great study of how the Holy Spirit works alongside the church. The book is from a Korean perspective, but it sticks close to the text and rarely shares any kind of illustrative story. The primary issue wrestled within this book is whether or not the miraculous works of the Holy Spirit continue, or if the baptism of the Holy Spirit is a second blessing that Christians must experience today. He puts forth one of the best explanations of the gifts ceasing that I have ever heard. It is easy to understand but gives you plenty to chew on.