



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

Inspired

When people speak of the Bible as inspired, they are referring to the fact that God divinely influenced the human authors of the Scriptures in such a way that what they wrote was the very Word of God. In the context of the Scriptures, the word “inspiration” simply means “God-breathed.” Inspiration means the Bible truly is the Word of God and makes the Bible unique among all other books.

While there are different views as to the extent to which the Bible is inspired, there can be no doubt that the Bible itself claims that every word in every part of the Bible comes from God (1 Corinthians 2:12-13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). This view of the Scriptures is often referred to as “verbal plenary inspiration.” That means the inspiration extends to the very words themselves (verbal)—not just concepts or ideas—and that the inspiration extends to all parts of Scripture and all subject matters of Scripture (plenary). Some people believe only parts of the Bible are inspired or only the thoughts or concepts that deal with religion are inspired, but these views of inspiration fall short of the Bible’s claims about itself. Full verbal plenary inspiration is an essential characteristic of the Word of God.

The extent of inspiration can be clearly seen in 2 Timothy 3:16-17, “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” This verse tells us that God inspired all Scripture and that it is profitable to us. It is not just the parts of the Bible that deal with religious doctrines that are inspired, but each and every word from Genesis to Revelation. Because it is inspired by God, the Scriptures are therefore authoritative when it comes to establishing doctrine, and sufficient for teaching man how to be in a right relationship with God. The Bible claims not only to be inspired by God, but also to have the supernatural ability to change us and make us “complete.” What more can we need?

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Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 AM MEETING AT TANGLEWOOD

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

Youth (6th -12th 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,

One day, when I was growing up, a friend and I discovered some old swords. Like any foolish young boys, we decided to have an impromptu sword fight. It was fun to hear the metal clang back and forth as we got more and more energetic in our false combat. But quickly, and to no surprise to you, my friend missed, and I cut his arm slightly. It was a light cut and little blood came out, but we were quickly brought back to our senses. We were playing with something dangerous and were not handling it correctly. Someone could have gotten seriously injured because of our foolishness.

I think that we can handle God's Word in a similarly foolish manner. God's Word Hebrew 4:12 says, "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." God's Word is described as a dangerous sword that cuts our souls and spirit. It can reveal exactly what is in our hearts.

There is a myriad of ways that people mishandle the sword of God's Word, but I think we usually don't even recognize it as a sword. We can pick up the Scripture looking for something interesting. We can approach the study of the Bible as simply something on our to-do list. Or more dangerously we can handle it looking to cut others without realizing it has something to say for us.

Every time we pick up the Bible, we have a choice on where we will point it. Will we read it looking for ways everyone else around us fails? Will we swing the sword hoping to crush our enemies and cut their hearts? Or we will allow the Holy Spirit to convict us? Will we approach it knowing that it can and will pierce our hearts?

Too often I assume that I have the right idea. I assume that I know what passages of the Bible mean before reading them again. I assume that I am already applying the Bible well to my life. I think that I am probably not alone.

We should come to the Scriptures assuming that it has something to say to us. We should acknowledge that it is a sword, and it might cut our hearts. We should want it to. If the Bible no longer draws blood from us when we read it, I doubt it because we have achieved perfection. Instead, we have probably forgotten that it is a sword.

Pastor David



Sunday Mornings

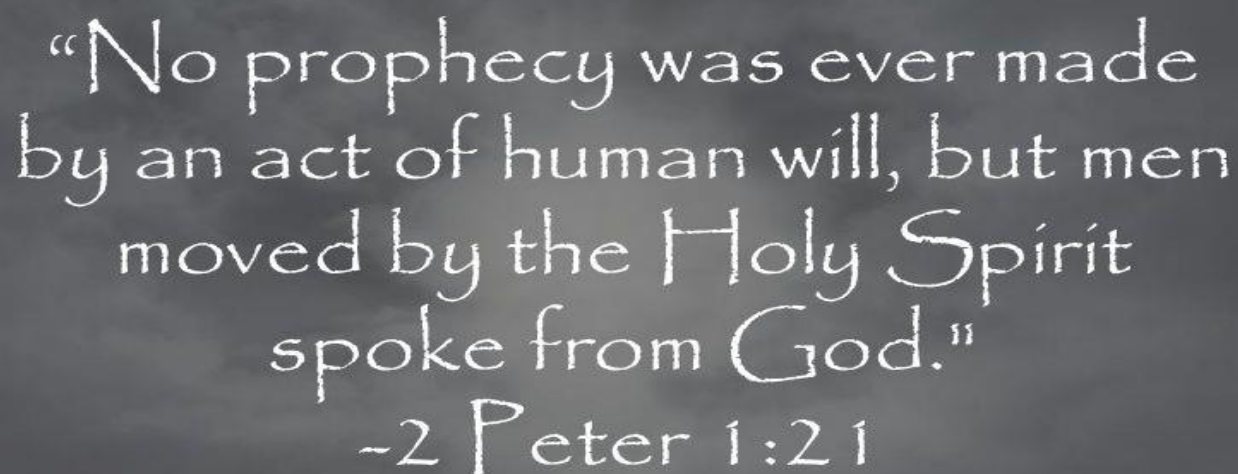
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Another verse that deals with the inspiration of the Scriptures is 2 Peter 1:21. This verse helps us to understand that even though God used men with their distinctive personalities and writing styles, God divinely inspired the very words they wrote. Jesus Himself confirmed the verbal plenary inspiration of the Scriptures when He said, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law...” (Matthew 5:17-18). In these verses, Jesus is reinforcing the accuracy of the Scriptures down to the smallest detail and the slightest punctuation mark, because it is the very Word of God.

Because the Scriptures are the inspired Word of God, we can conclude that they are also inerrant and authoritative. A correct view of God will lead us to a correct view of His Word. Because God is all-powerful, all-knowing, and completely perfect, His Word will by its very nature have the same characteristics. The same verses that establish the inspiration of the Scriptures also establish that it is both inerrant and authoritative. Without a doubt the Bible is what it claims to be—the undeniable, authoritative, Word of God to humanity.

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“No prophecy was ever made
by an act of human will, but men
moved by the Holy Spirit
spoke from God.”
-2 Peter 1:21

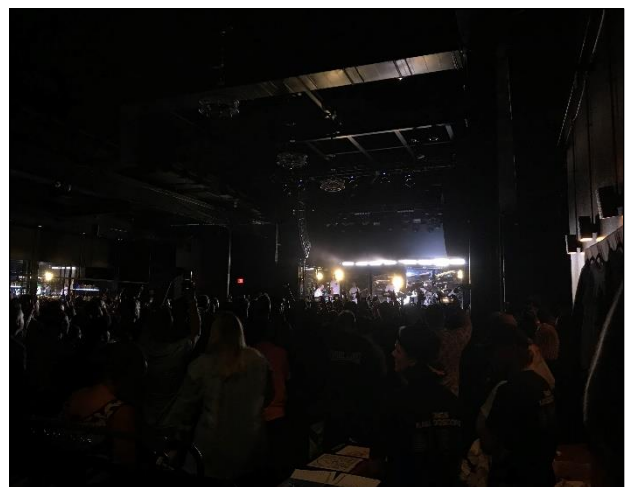
TBF Family Ministries

Hey Church Family!

This month, we will take a break from the Biblical Theology of marriage to talk about what's going on with the youth! At the end of May, we took a trip to Dallas to go to a concert! The Band's name was Kings Kaleidoscope, and the hip-hop artist Propaganda opened for them. It was a really exciting Concert that exulted Christ through their music. The drive down was a really sweet time for fellowship amongst everyone that was able to come. We were able to eat at a pizza shop near the venue whose specialty was gigantic pizza. Though we did not get the largest pizza they had, it was still 24 inches! Then to finish off the night, we stopped by Buc-ee's to grab some snacks for the trip home. This trip was so much fun, and I hope that it will be a source of memories for our youth to think back on when times get hard.

This event is the start of our summer festivities. We will still be continuing our study through Genesis, but we will, at least once a month, have some sort of exciting activity or event for our youth. Thank you, church family, for not only your prayers for the younger generations but also for letting us have road trips and events that show our youth that we as Christians can take God and our walk with him seriously but still have fun!

With Love in Christ,
Pastor Rob



May 21, 2022
Kings Kaleidoscope Concert
Dallas, TX



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.

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

Week 3 – June 9: Jesus' Crucifixion and Burial – Mathew 27:32-66

Week 4 - June 23: 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
- ✚ MEN'S MINISTRY- Meeting June 9th and 23rd 6:30 PM
- ✚ WOMEN'S MINISTRY – Super Summer Saturday, June 11th
- ✚ WOMEN OF TANGLEWOOD BIBLE FELLOWSHIP – Facebook page
- ✚ TBF YOUTH – Meets Sunday Nights at 6 PM
- ✚ COMMUNION – Sunday, June 26th
- ✚ WOW WEDNESDAY – Wednesday, June 29th 5:30 PM
- ✚ BBQ – Saturday, July 2nd

TBF *Women's Ministries*

Fieldtrip – Week of June 6th

The leadership of the Women's Ministry at Tanglewood are planning a field trip to OKC the week of June 6th to look at Bible study materials for the fall Bible study. Anyone who is interested is invited to join them. Please see Jean Crow for further details.

Super Summer Saturdays

June 11th 10 AM-Noon at the Home of Jan Palovik
916 Willow Bend, Marlow

Guest Speaker: Pam Dobbins of Christian Helping Hands
“Hope is Alive” – Putting love into action.

Dive Deeper into the Christian Helping Hands and gain a better understanding of this local ministry.

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| 1) The Food Pantry | 2) The Clothes Closet |
| 3) Heather's Hope Housing, | 4) Celebrate Recovery |

Sign up Sheet in the Foyer for anyone wanting to provide food / snacks

July 16th – Time TBA, Home of Pam Cox
Guest Speaker TBA

August 13th – Home of Megan Wilkins
Guest Speaker TBA



WOW WEDNESDAY

“HOPE IS ALIVE TO SET THE CAPTIVES FREE!”

This is the message that Director Pam Dobbins will deliver to our church family on Wednesday, June 29th. Pam will present a slideshow explaining how Christian Helping Hands, a multi-faceted organization, located in Comanche, Oklahoma, serves many in and around our community. Branches of Christian Helping Hands include 1) The Food Pantry, 2) The Clothes Closet, 3) Heather's Hope Housing, and 4) Celebrate Recovery. Pam will explain the functions and focus of each branch, noting that Celebrate Recovery just began May 1st.

More information regarding Christian Helping Hands may be found on Facebook as well as online at CHH-Cares.com

Wednesday, June 29th

Mexican Taco Stack/Chips or Hot Dogs/Chips Served 5:30 – 6:30

Guest Speaker Following Dinner

Donations to benefit Christian Helping Hands

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

Ray of Hope Church in Duncan
Tuesday, June 14th 6:00 – 8:00 PM

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!

Introducing Abigail Girvin



Born May 10th 2022

Congratulations Rob and Hannah!

Nursery update!

Thank you, Mrs. Joy Smith, for your dedicated work watching our nursery on Wednesday nights! We pray that your next chapter is as wonderful as this one was.

We are now looking for a new person to work in our nursery on Wednesday nights! If you are interested or know someone who would be interested in this position, have them contact Pastor Rob at familypastor@tbfduncan.org for more information!

July 2nd BBQ – TBF You’re Invited! Food – Fun – Fellowship

Home of Sidney and Wendy Powers
6 – 8 PM

Bring a lawn chair and a side dish to go with BBQ.
Drinks and Pulled Pork will be provided.

More details will be provided as date approaches.

TBF's 2022

Graduating High School Seniors

Morgan K. Adams



Morgan is a 2022 graduate of Duncan High School in Duncan, Oklahoma. Her favorite class was history. She has interests in the arts and cosmetics.

Morgan's future plans include joining the military.

Morgan is the daughter of Jeff and Brenda Adams of Duncan, Oklahoma.



Summer G. Flemming



Summer is a 2022 graduate of Dora High School in Dora, New Mexico. She was an 'Straight A' honor student and Best-in-Class in English, math, and history. She placed first in State BPA for personal finance management. She was awarded the scholar athlete award, most improved in volleyball and softball awards, and the ball magnet award.

Summer's future plans include attending ENMU for a BA in Business Administration and then on to Harding University. After earning her degree, Summer would like to work in missions.

Summer is the daughter of Chris and Nicole Love of Duncan, Oklahoma. Grandparents are Jeff and Pat Flemming.

Congratulations to all our Graduates!!

We're So Proud of You!



Remember What You Have Been Taught

“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.” | Colossians 2:6-7

“He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” | Micah 6:8

“But those who wait upon the LORD will renew their strength. They will mount up with wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint.” | Isaiah 40:31

“Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.” | Proverbs 16:3

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” | Romans 8:28

“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

| Joshua 1:7-9

“Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always.” | Psalm 105:4

“Hear, my son, your father’s instruction, and forsake not your mother’s teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.” | Proverbs 1:8-9

Be Happy in the Lord

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” | Philippians 4:7-8

“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” | 1 Corinthians 15:57-58

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” | Philippians 4:4-6

“The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.” | Psalms 126:3

“The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.” | Psalms 28:7

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice.” | Philippians 4:4

Walk Forward in the Lord

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.” | Philippians 2:3-4

“Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.” | Psalms 37:4

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.” | Proverbs 3:5-6

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.” | Colossians 3:23

“You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.” | Jeremiah 29:13

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” | Ephesians 2:10

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men” / Colossians 3:23

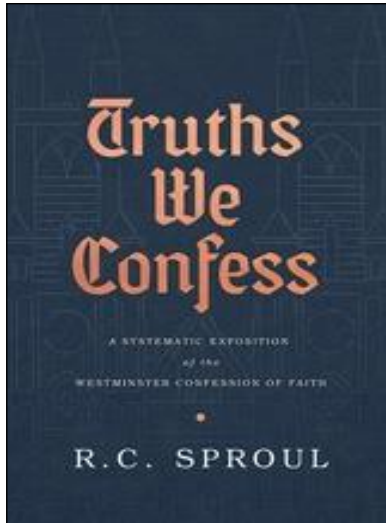
Our Prayers for You

“And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ” / Philippians 1:9-10

“And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God” | Colossians 1:9-10

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.

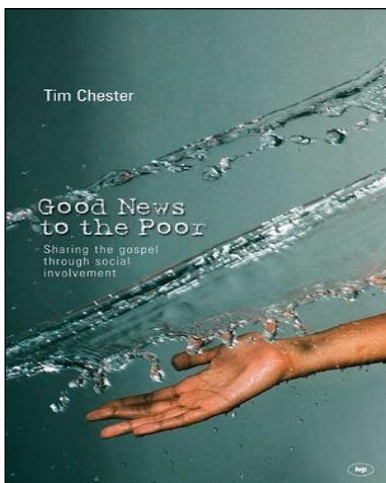
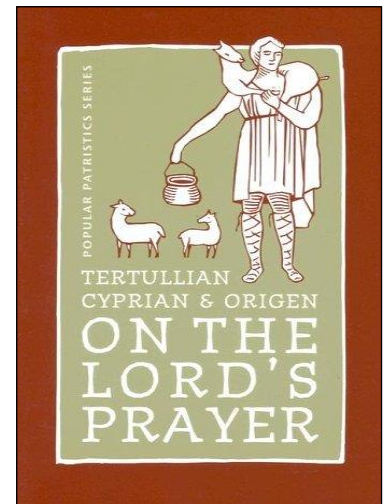


Truths We Confess by R. C. Sproul

An incredible tome with Sproul at his best. This book is quite literally an exposition of the Westminster Confession. He walks through the confession section by section chapter by chapter. In some places, he even breaks down individual words or phrases in the confession. I do not subscribe to the Westminster Confession, but I found this so good for my soul. It will force you to study and think deeply about all theology. It is probably best to read slowly and methodically. There is far too much meat to be digested quickly.

On the Lord's Prayer by Tertullian, Cyprian, and Origen (Popular Patristics Series)

This book is three short works written for younger believers on the Lord's prayer by the church fathers. It's a readable translation and the subject matter makes it easy to get into. Tertullian and Cyprian's are shorter and will be easier to digest than Origen. Origen is notorious for finding Jesus behind every word in Scripture and he is at his best and worst in some sections. But overall, this is a worthwhile read. It is a great study of the Lord's Prayer and interesting to see the issues arising around prayer in early church history.



Good News to the Poor by Tim Chester

This is a great book on Christians' responsibility to the poor. A short read that was theologically rich. He goes through the different views that Christians have had towards the poor and evaluates them according to Scripture. He is always fair and consistent. I think it's worth reading to help think through what the Bible says about how Christians should care for the poor among us.