



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

The Scepter of God

The word scepter (or sceptre) means "rod" or "staff" and usually indicates authority. For example, in the book of Esther, the queen could only approach the king's throne when he held out his royal scepter to her (Esther 8:4). A broken scepter is a symbol of lost authority and position: "The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of rulers, that struck the peoples in wrath with unceasing blows, that ruled the nations in anger with unrelenting persecution" (Isaiah 14:5-6).

The word scepter is also used to symbolize God's rule, as in Psalm 45:6: "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of Your kingdom" (cf. Hebrews 1:8). In this verse the scepter represents the absolute and eternal supremacy of the Lord's justice. When the Bible uses the word scepter as it pertains to God, it is talking about His absolute rule over His creation. The scepter of God also shows up in prophetic passages describing the coming Messiah who will rule the nations and restore righteousness. Numbers 24:17 says, "A star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel"—clearly a prophecy about Jesus Christ, the King of kings. Jesus, from the tribe of Judah, will possess the scepter of God and be given charge over all the nations, in fulfillment of Genesis 49:10. At His second coming, Jesus will take His rightful place over the kingdoms of this world, and "He will rule them with an iron scepter" (Revelation 19:15).

The scepter of God is simply one way the Bible describes the authority of the Lord over kings, peoples, and nations. By describing Jesus Christ as ruling with a scepter (Revelation 12:5), the Bible also establishes His authority as equal with God's (Philippians 2:5). Hebrews 1:8 quotes Psalm 45:6 and applies it to Jesus. The scepter of God is a fearful thing to His enemies. But to us who know Him through faith in His Son (1 John 3:1), the scepter of God is the most comforting idea in the universe. It tells us that, despite the insanity and evil of this world, our God reigns supreme, and His scepter will never be defeated.

Gotquestions.org

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,

I have always enjoyed apocalyptic stories whether the apocalypse is from zombies, robots, nuclear disaster, or even my personal favorite dragons. There is something profoundly moving about observing people trying to process the end of the world. These stories reveal something about human nature.

You typically see a wide range of responses to the apocalypse. Some despair and lose all hope. Some shut their eyes and refuse to admit that the world as they know it has ended. Others retain some sense of almost naive optimism even in the face of hopelessness. And some see the end as an opportunity for unrestrained evil. There are more responses, but you get the gist. The question I like to ask myself in these stories is how should a Christian respond? How should Christians live at the end of the world?

This month we are going to start a new series looking at the book of 2 Thessalonians that answers this very question. This letter was written to the church at Thessalonica that was experiencing persecution and affliction. The apostle Paul himself had been kicked out after only a brief visit in Acts 17. This church looked at the evil around them and felt like the world was ending. They wrote to Paul asking questions about eschatology.

Their concern was not merely intellectual. They were not just curious about the anti-Christ or when Jesus would return. They wanted to know how their church should operate now; how should they live at the end of the world.

That context sounds familiar, doesn't it? All throughout church history believers have found themselves in places where it felt like the world was ending. I want us to study this book of the Bible so that we can find encouragement and answers.

My hope is that we will study this book for information and transformation. Paul definitely gives us answers and glimpses of things like the anti-Christ, tribulation, and second coming of Jesus. But they are given in the context of obedience and commands. These realities should transform our hearts and help teach us how to live today. I'm excited to study this book together in August and I hope you will join us.

Pastor David



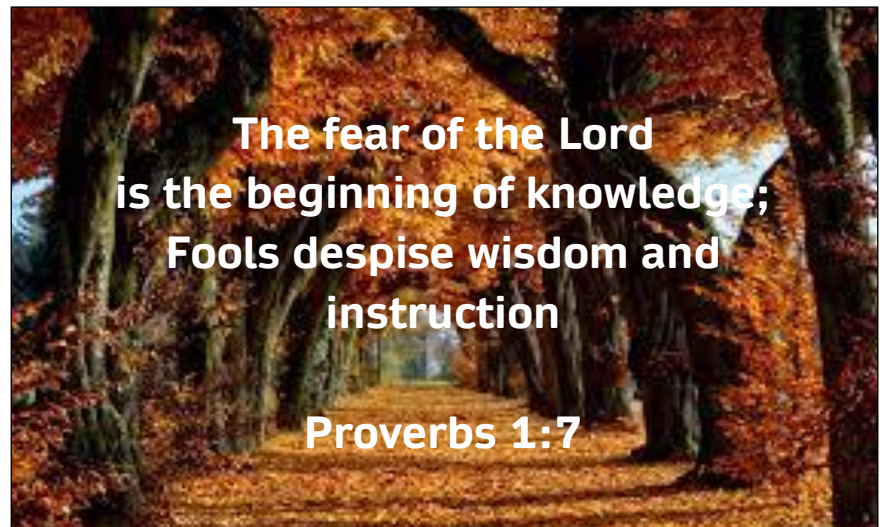
TBF Family Ministries

Happy August Church Family!

This month I want to continue talking about Marriage by talking about Identity. Namely the question of where is your identity found? The 'Church answer' is as a child of God, which is definitely the correct answer! But that is easy to say when we are happy, our relationships are not strained, when money is not tight, and people are healthy. This question is difficult to live out. One of the places we wrongly find self-worth is our relationships or lack thereof. I am a husband and a father, and sometimes I live as those these are my two most important titles. But it is unfair to my wife or kids to do this. If my value is found in them then they have to live up to my standards for them and if they let me down then my world falls apart and then lashing out occurs and relationships become strained, and people become bitter and sad. On the flip side, we sometimes find our identity in what we don't have. For example, if someone is unmarried but may believe that only a husband or wife will make them truly happy. Or perhaps it's children that a person thinks will fulfill them, but these things never will.

While when written out these instances may not seem to deal completely with identity, they do. Identity and worth are two sides of the same coin they both can be found in the fear of God or the fear of Man. Fear is a super interesting word in scripture, it can mean to be afraid, but it can also mean approval or respect. Our Identity is wrapped up in fear we are always striving, fearing something, desiring the approval of someone. Proverbs 29:25 gives us a warning and a promise "The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe." This while on the surface does not have anything to do with Marriage and singleness, it has everything to do with it! Where is your trust found? Weekly, we come together to worship the creator of the universe and the God who knows every hair on your head, not only that but he is a Loving God who has a perfect plan for those whom he has called to himself (Rom 8:28). But do we believe that for our lives? If we are single or married, have children, or have none, do we find our identity in those things or in the fact that we are children of God? If this is a struggle that you have, I challenge you to do a word study on the fear of the Lord, the Fear of the Lord drives out all evil (Prov. 8:13), it is the root of all wisdom (Prov. 1:7) and it is Love (1 John 4:18).

With Love in Christ,
Pastor Rob





TBF Men's Ministries



The Men's Ministry at Tanglewood Bible Fellowship encompasses men from all walks of life. Our focus is to worship and study the pure Word of God with the intent to build men of strong character and integrity who will serve and support one another with intentional actions and attitude towards Christ and His kingdom.

It is our purpose in the Men's Ministry to lead each man in our congregation towards finding the fullness of their potential in Christ. To come alongside one another giving spiritual guidance, support, and love in times of need. A place where men can be men and talk, in the light of the Word of God and prayer, about matters at hand, mutual challenges, and personal concerns.

Loving Father, thank You for sending Jesus to come as our perfect example of a godly man, a Man Who demonstrated that godly living means to walk in spirit and truth, in submission to the Holy Spirit, and in obedience to You, His heavenly Father. We pray that Your Spirit of grace and truth may rest and remain on each man transforming our minds, strengthening our faith, and equipping us to share Your Word with all those we come in contact with. Soli Deo Gloria.

**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- Breaking for Summer
- ✚ WOMEN'S MINISTRY - Super Summer Saturday, August 13th
- ✚ WOMEN OF TANGLEWOOD BIBLE FELLOWSHIP - Facebook page
- ✚ TBF YOUTH - Meets Sunday Nights at 6 PM
- ✚ COMMUNION - Sunday, August 21st
- ✚ WOW WEDNESDAY - Wednesday, August 31st

TBF *Women's Ministries*

Super Summer Saturdays

August 13th 10 AM-Noon at the Home of Megan Wilkins
1105 Bent Tree, Duncan

Guest Speaker: Meagan McCurley from Safe Center

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



Wow Wednesday

August 31, 2022

**The Red Cord is Southwest Oklahoma's Anti Human Trafficking Organization.
Guest Speaker: Jann Rhodes**

Hot Line: 1.888.373.7888 or use text line "Be Free" (233733)

Their Name: The Red Cord is a reference to the biblical account of Rahab found in Joshua 2. By tying a red cord to her window, Rahab took a stand for justice when no one else would.

Their Vision: A community that is united in creating a culture free from Human Trafficking.

Their Mission: The Red Cord exists to join individuals and organizations within the community and surrounding communities of Lawton, OK with the end goal of wiping out the injustice of Human Trafficking. The Red Cord will join efforts in education, prevention, rescuing and support of those who are already involved in the fight to accomplish the goal of creating a culture intolerant toward Human Trafficking.

**WOW Wednesday Night Meal: Hamburgers and Hot Dogs
Baked Beans and Chips**

Super Summer July 16th

Home of Pam Cox
The Red Cord



Sue and Linda read and discussed devotionals. We played a biblical trivia game (with door prizes), had fellowship, and ate wonderful food!

Nursery update!

We have been needing to split them into two rooms, an upper and a lower nursery for a while, and now we are going to!

There needs to be two people in each room, for the children's safety, parents' peace of mind, and our insurance requires it. Also, visitors and young families new to TBF will also feel better if there are two adults with the kids. Each room will still have a paid worker in it, to change diapers or help go to the potty, so you won't have to do any of that, instead, you would be another set of eyes and another heart. I also am not asking you to be back there every week; if everyone volunteered each person would only have to do it twice a year. Our young families have expressed that they are willing to work back there but I don't want to put all of the responsibility of taking care of the kids on them so that they are able to still be a part of our church.

Additionally, we are also in need of more volunteers for Children's Church on Sunday and Wednesday nights -- both as Teachers or as a helper.

If you are interested or feel God leading you toward helping, please email, call (816-695-3630) or grab me at Church. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the lobby with dates to sign up for!

We are still 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!

Kindred Community

Impact 580 in Duncan
Tuesday, August 9th 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 to Jan Palovik.

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.

TBF Memorial Bricks

Paved the way of TBF History -- A Path of Remembrance



George Rountree – George Allan Rountree was a founding member of Tanglewood Bible Fellowship. He and wife, Paula, reared two children - a son, Brooks Rountree, and a daughter, Robin Rountree (Richey). George was a quiet and soft-spoken man who loved the Lord greatly. He was instrumental in creating a church (Tanglewood) without formal structure and lots of committees.

George was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. A graduate of John Brown University, George was an electrical engineer and worked for North American Aviation and Halliburton Services. After retirement, George owned and operated Alarm Systems Engineering. He installed Tanglewood's the first security system.

Paula Rountree – Paula Byers Rountree was a founding member of Tanglewood. She was a very kind and loving person. She was a former high school cheer leader and later an assistant librarian at Duncan High School. She was known for an upbeat attitude and was funny. Paula co-owned a store called Paula's Attic and TBF met in the attic (2nd floor) in the beginning as it grew. TBF met in homes first, then Paula's Attic, and then Parkview restaurant while the church was being built. Paula started WOW Wednesdays and organized bunco games for Tanglewood.

George and Paula were considered 'the parents' of the Tanglewood Bible Fellowship - ready to help anyone in need. Both George (d. 2008) and Paula (d. 2001) are buried at Duncan Municipal Cemetery.



Bonnie Aldridge – Bonnie May "Jean" Aldridge was a long-time member of Tanglewood Bible Fellowship. She was a kind and Christian soul with a heart of gold. She and her husband, Billy Joe "Coach" Aldridge, had two sons, Chris (died at birth) and Kent (who grew up to work for Com Tech in Iraq).

Bonnie grew up on a dairy farm near Pinckneyville, Illinois. during the Depression. When World War II started, she and a friend moved to St. Louis, Mo., and worked in a defense plant, soldering small pieces for submarines. In 1942, at the age of 21, she joined the Marine Corps and was sent to Camp Lejeune, N.C.

She later met and married a fellow Marine, Billy Jo Aldridge, who had grown up near Alma, Okla., on Wild Horse Creek. After the war ended, they entered school and graduated from Oklahoma A&M (now Oklahoma State University). They lived and worked mostly in Alamogordo, N.M., teaching and coaching golf. In 1976, Bonnie lost her husband due to an accident. She continued teaching two more years, then retired and moved to Duncan.

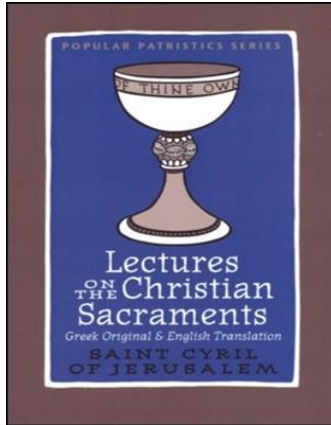
She was an avid golfer and fierce competitor. Her house backed up to the Duncan Country Club golf course. Here, Bonnie hosted the annual TBF 4th of July cookouts in her backyard. Hamburgers, hotdogs, watermelon, and homemade ice cream. Afterwards, everyone would watch the firework show hosted by the Duncan Country Club.

Bonnie was neighbors of Bill and Marie Shelton and close friends with David and Phyllis Davis and Brad and Debbie McCoy. Gay Lynn McCormick would later purchase Bonnie's home.

Bonnie (d. 2008) is buried at Duncan Municipal Cemetery.

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.

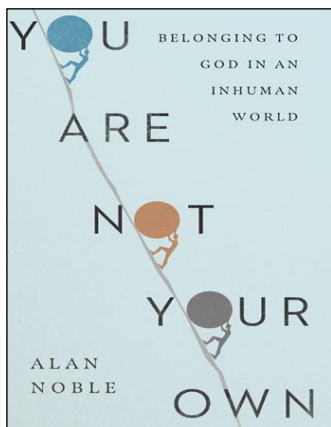
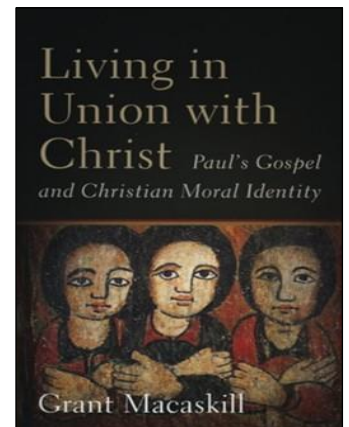


Lectures on the Christian Sacraments by Cyril of Jerusalem

If you missed it, I taught a brief lesson on Cyril of Jerusalem on a Wednesday night. I based most of my material from this book. It is a collection of five sermons given during the 4th century in Jerusalem. The book gives us a great picture of what baptism looked like in the early church at this point. It is like having a front row seat in a baptism class. The popular patristics version includes a helpful introduction with background information. There is a lot Cyril says that makes me scratch my head and I do not always understand him, but it's worth reading. I was spiritually encouraged with this book.

Living in Union with Christ by Grant Macaskill

This is a book that I wished I read before preaching through Galatians. It is focused on helping us understand what Paul means when he says that we are "in Christ." The primary thesis is that we are not trying to be the best versions of ourselves, but instead we recognize that Christ lives in us. It is a little academic at points and some chapters could be skipped. But this is a book I will need to return to again and again. It helped me think about those two words "in Christ" in a way I had not considered before.



You are not your own by Alan Noble

This book is written by a professor at Oklahoma Baptist. The title and thesis are taken from the first question of the Heidelberg Catechism. It is centered around the idea that we do not belong to ourselves, but to God, and most of the anxieties and problems of our modern age come when we forget this truth. I especially appreciated the author's gentleness and honesty. He doesn't speak as someone who has it all figured out, but as someone desperately trying to cling to Jesus.