



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

Kindness

In this day of entitlement, self-promotion, and impersonal, virtual relationships, many people have forgotten what it means to be kind to one another. To Christians, who are called to become like Jesus Christ, the Bible teaches, "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:31-32, ESV).

The apostle Paul told the Ephesians to put away six sinful attitudes and behaviors: bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, slander, and malice. Bitterness is an inward frame of mind that refuses to forgive. Wrath and anger are combined here to refer to violent outbreaks of uncontrolled human rage. Clamor speaks of shouting and loud quarreling. Slander means evil speaking, and the Greek word translated "malice" implies wickedness, which is at the root of all the other sins listed here. All these practices to be rejected center on our relationships with others.

In place of these things, believers are to put on kindness, tenderheartedness, and forgiveness. These three virtues also deal with interpersonal relationships. In the original Greek, the phrase rendered "be kind to one another" literally means "keep on becoming kind toward one another." The graciousness of God, which is also found in Jesus Christ, shows us what it means to be kind to one another. Because God acts kindly toward us, we are to behave the same way toward others. Because Christ offered grace as the basis for our forgiveness, so too should we.

Being kind to one another is not optional for the people of God (Micah 6:8; Zechariah 7:9; 1 Peter 3:8). In the very next verses, Paul instructed the Ephesians to "imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God" (Ephesians 5:1-2, NLT). Walking in love means following the example of Jesus Christ.

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Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 AM

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

Youth (6th -12th grade) meets Sunday evenings at 6 PM

Wednesday P.M. Service: 6:30-7:30 PM

A Word from Pastor David Shields

TBF Church Family,

It is hard to believe, but it is November already and that means it is time for Advent. Advent is the time in the Christian calendar leading up to Christmas. This is the time of the year when we prepare and think about the first coming of Jesus. While the world gets distracted with other holiday activities, we spend our time meditating on Christ. In order to help us do that this Advent, we are going to dive into a new series in the gospel of Luke.

I know that our church spent a lot of time in the gospels before I came as pastor in 2020. As a result, I have intentionally tried to explore other parts of the Bible. I can't think of a better time to return to the gospels than Advent. After we conclude our study of Ecclesiastes, we will start with an overview of the entire book of Luke. Afterward, we will spend the next five weeks unpacking the "Christmas story" in the first two chapters of Luke.

After Christmas, we will continue our study of the book until we finish. While I typically try to move quickly through books of the Bible, Luke is going to demand more of our time. I believe that is the densest of the four gospels. My plan, as of this moment, is to begin Luke this Christmas and continue studying the book until Easter 2024. That does not mean that we will exclusively be in the gospel of Luke. I am planning to take several breaks every couple of months to visit Old Testament books. I don't want you to think that we will be in nothing but Luke for two years.

My hope is that our study of this gospel will enlarge our vision of Jesus, His kingdom, and the gospel. Luke is jam-packed with Jesus' teaching. Not just His well-known parables, but also sermon after sermon. And many of His teachings go against, not just our culture, but also our conceptions of what Jesus said. It will also enlarge our vision of what the kingdom and the gospel mean. Too often when we think about the gospel, we have a small view. But the gospel that Christ preached was far more than just believing and be saved. It has implications for all of our lives.

I also pray that this book will help us fall more in love with Jesus. After all, we read not primarily to learn or to self-actualize but to grow in our relationship with Jesus. I hope that our study of the gospel of Luke will flame love in our hearts and make us want to be like Jesus. I can't wait to study it together.

In Christ,
Pastor David Shields

Coming Soon →
Sunday Mornings



I Thessalonians
Wednesday Nights
6:30 PM

(Kindness cont.)

Paul reiterated the teaching on kindness to the Colossians: "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity" (Colossians 3:12-14). Paul mentioned several virtues that believers were to clothe themselves with or "put on": compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, and love. Again, these all have to do with personal relationships.

Compassion and kindness are closely linked. Compassion can be defined as "heartfelt sympathy or empathy toward those who are suffering or in need." Kindness is the helpful spirit that sees someone else in need and is motivated to respond through good deeds. Kindness is the tangible action that results from compassion. Kindness goes beyond mere words; it translates into helping and serving one another (Acts 28:2).

Kindness is one of the attributes of God (Titus 3:4), one of the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22), and one of the proofs of a faithful minister of the gospel (2 Corinthians 6:6). Being kind to one another is how we show love: "Love is patient, love is kind" (1 Corinthians 13:4).

Being kind to one another involves caring for others, bearing their burdens, and valuing them above ourselves (Romans 12:10; Galatians 6:2; Philippians 2:3). Kindness motivates us to speak life and encouragement to others instead of death and discouragement (Proverbs 16:24; Ephesians 4:29; 1 Thessalonians 5:11). Expressing support and affirmation instead of condemnation is characteristic of kindness (Proverbs 15:4).

Being kind to one another means finding a way to forgive rather than blame (Matthew 5:7; Luke 6:36; 10:37; James 2:13). Perhaps the most stunning example of this is found in God's supreme act of kindness that provided for our forgiveness and salvation when He sent His Son to die for us on a cross: "Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?" (Romans 2:4, NLT; see also Romans 11:22; Titus 3:4-7).

Gotquestions.org

Kindred Community

Duncan High School

Thursday, November 17th 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.

TBF Family Ministries

Happy November Church Family!

November is an interesting month. Thanksgiving has simply become a delicious meal, a placeholder for Black Friday, and an acceptable beginning to the Christmas Season. I want to deep dive into thankfulness because I have been thinking quite a bit about it. Webster defines thankfulness as being well pleased or conscious of a benefit received. We as Christians are called to be thankful (ps. 107:1). Scripture does not simply command a ‘when you feel like it, be thankful’ or a ‘be thankful when you get your way’, rather we are told to give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God for us (1 Thess. 5:18). What Paul is telling us is not we are not able to be sad or upset about what is happening around us. God did give us emotions for a reason, and we see the psalmist displaying a wide range of emotions, but we cannot allow our emotions to rule us.

How then can we be thankful for all things, even the horrible things that happen to us? Romans 8:28 tells us that God works all things together for our good. Paul wrote this. It is to a Church that was beginning to be persecuted by the Roman empire and to believers that has recently been allowed back into Rome after the Jews were driven out by the emperor. This verse does not promise prosperity; rather it promises a purpose for life. We serve a loving God who uses what man meant for evil for good (Gen. 50:19-20). Even when things are not going well, we can still be thankful; not because of our circumstances but because of who our God is, and the fact that He works all things together for our good. He is our loving Father who will never let us be tempted or be placed in a trial that we are unable to endure; because even when we are faithless, He is faithful (1 Cor 10:13).

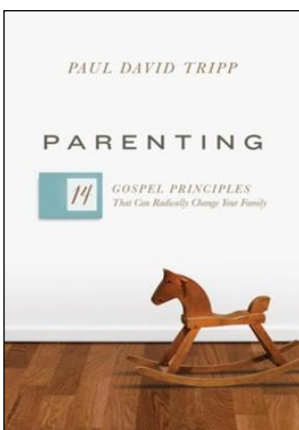
So join me this month as I try to be thankful regardless of the situation because our God is faithful and He has promised to work everything for our good.

In the Love of Jesus,
Pastor Rob

Let's talk Parenting with Rob Girvin

Meets Tuesdays - See Bulletin for Dates

Something for Everyone. All are Welcome!



In Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family, author Paul David Tripp explores 14 practical and gospel-centered principles that will help parents see their role through the lens of God's Word and change the way they interact with their children. Principles include grace, identity, lies, authority, foolishness, and character.

What's Happening at TBF

- ✚ JOIN OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEETING AT TBF. EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 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- Bible Study Attributes of God
- ✚ WOMEN'S MINISTRY - New Bible Study, Tues. evenings and Wed. mornings
- ✚ WOMEN'S MINISTRY - Blessing Baskets (Due Date Sunday, Nov. 20h)
- ✚ WOMEN OF TANGLEWOOD BIBLE FELLOWSHIP- Facebook page
- ✚ TBF YOUTH - Meets Sunday Nights at 5PM (Music) and 6 PM (Study)
- ✚ COMMUNION - Sunday, November 27th
- ✚ WOW Wednesday - Wednesday, November 30th 5:15 PM
- ✚ Tea and Tinsel - December 17th



TBF Men's Ministries



The Attributes of God

What is the nature of God? How can we recapture a real sense of God's majesty and truly live in the Spirit? How can we more fully recognize and appreciate the divine aspects of God? In this study, we will see that amid the chaos in our lives, God is faithful. Amid our sin and struggles, God's presence remains. We will see God's character is unchanging – both past and present. Even in our darkest moments, God's redemptive plan is secure. This study will bear eloquent witness to God's majesty and show us new ways to experience and understand the wonder and power of God's Spirit in our daily lives.

All men are invited. Through daily Bible reading and questions, group discussion, and study notes, God's Word comes to life in new and unexpected ways. Study led by Wolfgang Deeg.

TBF Youth Room – 6:30 PM

Alternate Mondays
(November 14th and 28th)

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

Proverbs 27:17

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TBF *Women's Ministries*

"The Gospel on the Ground" by Kristi McLelland.

Come along with biblical culturalist Kristi McLelland as she unpacks the life of the early church in the book of Acts and shows us that the kingdom of God is always on the move, always looking outward to bring meaning and joy to a world searching for true fulfillment and hope. Explore the call of Jesus to His disciples then and to us today. See how God's Word can sustain us even in the most difficult of times and embrace the transformative grace we experience as children of God in His kingdom of celebration.

Bible study will meet **the second and fourth Tuesdays and Wednesdays** of each month.

Tuesday evenings from 6-8 PM
Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 AM at TBF

Thanksgiving Blessing Baskets

Beginning Sunday, October 30th, there will be Blessing Baskets in the foyer to be filled with Thanksgiving dinner ingredients for families selected within the church and community. We will be filling 5-6 baskets. We will be collecting potatoes, rolls, canned green beans, canned corn, canned yams, box stuffing, cranberry sauce, canned pineapple, and a dessert mix (brownie or cake and icing) to go along with a ham to be purchased. A sign will be posted to indicate the items needed for the baskets. Please remember this ministry as you do your shopping over the next several weeks and if you don't shop, monetary donations are also welcome. We will deliver the baskets the week of Thanksgiving.



Wow Wednesday

November 30th

On Wednesday, November 30th, a fellowship dinner will be served from 5:15-6:15. The dinner menu will include chicken enchiladas (provided by Jean Crow), salad, tortilla chips OR hotdogs and chips for the kids. Desserts and beverages will also be served.

At 6:30, our guest speaker, Meagan McCurley, will present a special message about Safe Center, a local agency for the support of domestic abuse.

"Safe Center is committed to ending domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in Stephens and Jefferson Counties. Safe Center will assist all victims through crisis intervention, advocacy support groups, temporary emergency shelter and safety planning.

Safe Center believes that violence and abuse are preventable, and we provide awareness, education, and prevention to our community. We will enhance our partnerships with our community members to assist us in providing services to all victims and survivors. We believe these services must be community based, culturally sensitive, and trauma-informed."

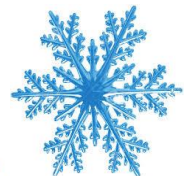
All dinner donations will benefit the Safe Center.

Please be sure to sign up for the dinner so we will know how many to expect. If you are able to bring a dessert, please let us know.

Many thanks!
Danny & Olga Pollock



Tea and Tinsel



Ladies, Save the date for Tea and Tinsel
December 17th from 3 to 5:30.



This will be a progressive event as we visit 3 homes for food, fun, fellowship, and caroling. More details to follow in the coming weeks.



TBF Memorial Bricks

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



Lance Smith – Lance Smith was a founding member of Tanglewood Bible Fellowship. He and wife, Mary Jo, reared three children – Susanne Smith (Watson) and twins Luke Smith and Jessica Smith (Carter). Lance was an engineer for Halliburton.

Mary Jo Smith - Mary Jo (Dickenson) Smith was a founding member of Tanglewood Bible Fellowship. She was the daughter of Bill and Mama Jo Dickinson. Mary Jo was the home ec guru of the church. She taught Home Ec at Duncan High School. She would help others with sewing projects and baked the best cinnamon rolls. Fun loving like her mother and yet serious and practical like her father.

Lance and Mary Jo encouraged Dale and Debbie Corbin to join the others in starting Bible Fellowship. Together, they represented the 'young' couples at TBF. Close friends of the Corbins, they had their babies together, vacationed together; and together, they organized the ladies' retreats, church retreats, and other activities for the church. They were always ready to assist anyone in need.

Lance and Mary Jo Smith reside in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



Bill Shelton – Bill J. Shelton was a long-time member of Tanglewood Bible Fellowship. He and wife, Marie, reared one daughter –Tanda Shelton (Roden). Bill attended schools at Lone, Ark., and Enid. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corp in 1942 and served with the 8th Air Force flying out of England as a Flight Engineer/Gunner in a B-17 "Flying Fortress." His plane was shot down on their 25th and last mission on May 8, 1944. He was captured and was a prisoner of war in Germany for one year and one day. He was the recipient of several medals including four Air Medals with Oak Leaf Clusters and three Presidential Citations.

After he returned from World War II, he attended Phillips University in Enid. Bill went to work at Oakwood CC in 1946 in Enid under direction of Perry Maxwell in the construction of the golf course. He then accepted a teaching position at Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club. On May 1, 1955,

Bill accepted the position of Head Pro at the Elks Golf and Country Club in Duncan, where he was pro for 30 years until his eyesight caused him to retire in 1984. Bill was very active in the Duncan Youth Council Golf Program. In 2006, Bill was inducted into the Duncan Sports Hall of Fame. In 2012, He was honored by having the Bill J. Shelton Junior Golf Tournament named after him.

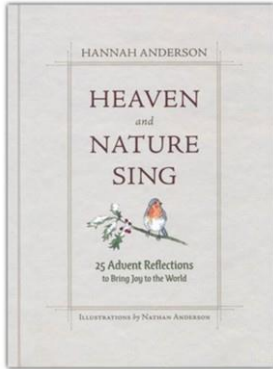
Bill was a member of the Tanglewood Bible Fellowship which he dearly loved, a lifetime member of the Professional Golf Association of America, the South-Central Section PGA, a lifetime member of the VFW and American Legion and Ex POW's and Blinded Veterans Association.

Marie Shelton – Marie A. (Vculek) Shelton was a graduate of Hennessey High School and a member of the Tanglewood Bible Fellowship. She loved decorating and animals, especially dogs, loved plants and flowers and playing bunko. She was an avid supporter of various charities and children's orphans' homes. She was involved with many cancer survivors' events.

Bill (d. 2013) and Marie (d. 2012) are buried at the Enid Memorial Park Cemetery (Enid, Oklahoma).

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.

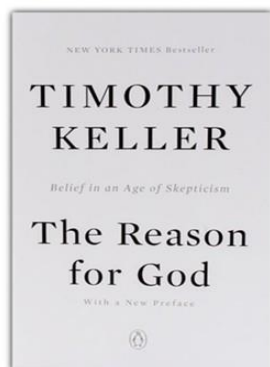
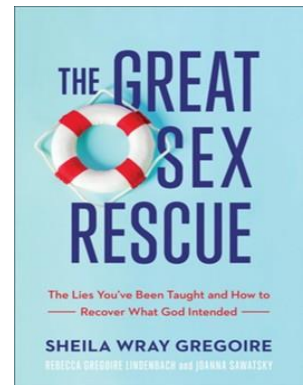


Heaven and Nature Sing: 25 Advent Reflections to bring Joy to the World by Hannah Anderson

Every year I try to read an Advent/Christmas devotional to prepare my heart. I am notoriously hard on devotional books as being theological myopic and spiritually inept. This devotional is neither. Anderson manages to write about deep theological truths in ways that are simple to understand. Some of her insights into the Christmas story took my breath away. I can't recommend this book enough.

Great Sex Rescue by Sheila Wray Gregoire

An incredible and necessary read for Christians and especially those who grew up in purity culture. I will be returning to this one and incorporating it into my premarital counseling. A large majority of Christian marriage books have pushed ideas about sex that are unbiblical and harmful. This book is focused on correcting those errors. I especially appreciated how firm, yet gentle the authors are in their rebuke. They clearly push back against harmful teachings but do it while believing the best about the authors they critique.



Reason for God by Tim Keller

This book is an apologetic work that examines common objections to God's existence. I have taught through this book with college students and always found it relevant and helpful. This book is a great resource to give those struggling with doubts, or to help work through your own. Keller manages to write about complicated subjects in a manner that is compelling and easy to understand.

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(Thanks Crossway! Pick up a copy in the Foyer)

