



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 Mercy Seat

The writer to the Hebrews talks about the arrangement of the tabernacle of the Old Testament. The tabernacle was the portable sanctuary used by the Israelites from the time of their wandering in the wilderness after the Exodus from Egypt to the building of the temple in Jerusalem (see Exodus 25–27). Within the tabernacle was the ark of the covenant which included the mercy seat (Hebrews 9:3-5 NKJV).

The ark of the covenant, the chest containing the two stone tablets inscribed with the Ten Commandments, was the most sacred object of the tabernacle and later in the temple in Jerusalem, where it was placed in an inner area called the Holy of Holies. Also within the ark were the golden pot of manna, such as was provided by God in the wilderness wanderings (Exodus 16:4), and Aaron's almond rod (Numbers 17:1-13). On top of the ark was a lid called the mercy seat on which rested the cloud or visible symbol of the divine presence. Here God was supposed to be seated, and from this place He was supposed to dispense mercy to man when the blood of the atonement was sprinkled there.

In a manner of speaking, the mercy seat concealed the people of God from the ever-condemning judgment of the Law. Each year on the Day of Atonement, the high priest entered the Holy of Holies and sprinkled the blood of animals sacrificed for the atonement of the sins of God's people. This blood was sprinkled on the mercy seat. The point conveyed by this imagery is that it is only through the offering of blood that the condemnation of the Law could be taken away and violations of God's laws covered.

The Greek word for "mercy seat" in Hebrews 9:5 is hilasterion, which means "that which makes expiation" or "propitiation." It carries the idea of the removal of sin. In Ezekiel 43:13-15, the brazen altar of sacrifice is also called hilasterion (the propitiatory or mercy seat) in the Septuagint (the Greek translation of the Old Testament) because of its association with the shedding of blood for sin.

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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,

This month we have a gift for our church, made available thanks to the generosity of Crossway. We have 50 copies of the book ***Praying the Bible*** by Donald S. Whitney. They will be available in the foyer for you to pick up. Feel free to grab an extra copy for a friend or anyone you think might be blessed by it.

The book is a practical guide on prayer. Specifically, it teaches a method of prayer that is fueled by Scripture. The method is simple and straightforward. You will probably grasp it within a chapter or two, but the entire book is short and worth reading in its entirety.

The goal of this method is not to change the way you read your Bible, but the way that you pray. The basic method is to slowly read through a verse or passage of the Bible and then pray based on what the words bring to mind. You read Ecclesiastes 5:1 "Guard your steps when you go to the house of God" and then pray something like "Lord, forgive me for how often I do not guard my steps. Would You help me to be careful in my worship." Then you move on to the next verse and keep praying.

This method will teach you how to pray Biblical prayers. Because you are simply praying the words of Scripture, you will learn to pray in line with God's Word. One reason I preach through books of the Bible is that it forces us to confront things that we do not like to talk about. Praying this way forces us to pray about things that we might otherwise ignore.

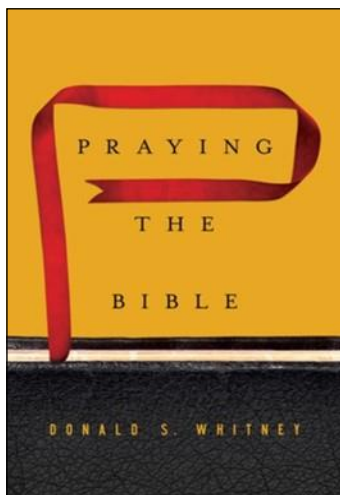
This is a method of prayer that I often use in my own prayer life. I have found that it helps sustain my prayers when I do not have enough stamina. Sometimes I know I should pray or I am emotionally distressed and desire to pray, but I run out of words and do not know what to say. This method of just praying through verses gives you fuel for your words.

I have also found that it helps my wandering mind. It makes it more difficult to be distracted when there is always another verse to pray next. This is not the only way to pray, but it is a helpful one. Most of us will admit that our prayer lives are not where we wish they were. I think that this book and method of prayer can help us pray more biblical prayers.

I hope that it blesses your prayer life. I would love to hear what you think of the book after you read it.

In Christ,
Pastor David

Continuing on →
Sunday Mornings



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



I Thessalonians
Wednesday Nights
6:30 PM

(Mercy Seat cont.)

What is the significance of this? In the New Testament, Christ Himself is designated as our "propitiation." Paul explains this in his letter to the Romans: "Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed" (Romans 3:24-25 NKJV). What Paul is teaching here is that Jesus is the covering for sin, as shown by these Old Testament prophetic images. By means of His death, and our response to Christ through our faith in Him, all our sins are covered. Also, whenever believers sin, we may turn to Christ who continues to be the propitiation or covering for our sins (1 John 2:1, 4:10). This ties together the Old and New Testament concepts regarding the covering of sin as exemplified by the mercy-seat of God.

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Kindred Community

Chisholm Trail Church of Christ in Duncan
Tuesday, October 25th 6:00 – 8:00 PM

This will be a special evening celebrating our 8-year Anniversary! In honor of breast cancer awareness, we will be having a "PINK OUT" so we'd love for you to **wear PINK** if you'd like to! Our special speaker will be Jill Donovan....author of *The Kindness Effect* and founder of Rustic Cuff! Jill is also a breast cancer survivor!

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 Family Ministries

Happy October Everyone!

This month I wanted to share two books with you. They are *The Excellent Wife* by Martha Peace and *The Exemplary Husband* by Stuart Scott. You may notice that these titles are similar and that is because they are companion books to one another. There is an uncountable amount of marriage books - some from a Christian worldview, some from a non-Christian worldview, and others who 'Christianize' secular thought for marriage. Sadly, many well-known marriage books fall into this last category; and while these books can help with certain issues, this is hugely problematic because we do not need to look to the lost world for knowledge of something the scriptures speak deeply about. The beauty of *The Excellent Wife* and *Exemplary Husband* is that they begin with God, building a solid foundation to talk from a Biblical worldview.

Each of these books takes a look at what the Bible says about marriage from the Biblical perspective and how these Biblical truths can be applied to marriages in our time. I can honestly say that out of all of the marriage books that I had to read in my Biblical counseling classes in seminary and the ones I read while engaged to Hannah, these two books are some of the bests I've read. They are written to be easily read. While they speak about big ideas, they do it in a way that anyone can understand - from a new believer to a seasoned saint.

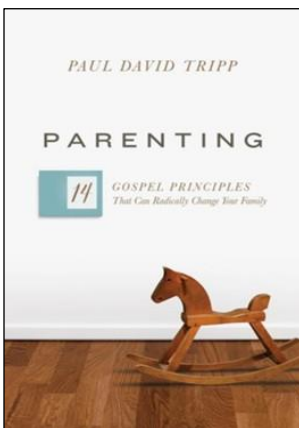
Our marriages are called to reflect Christ and His Church as a spiritual and practical example, and while books cannot fix the issue, *The Excellent Wife and Exemplary Husband* each point to the One who can in both practical applications and mindset changes. I implore you to read them if things don't 'feel right' anymore or even if you simply want to see how to make your marriage reflect Jesus even more!

In the Love of Christ,
Pastor Rob

Let's talk Parenting with Rob Girvin

Meets Tuesdays - October 4th and 18th

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- New Bible Study Starting Monday Oct. 3rd
- ✚ WOMEN'S MINISTRY – New Bible Study, Tues. evenings and Wed. mornings
- ✚ WOMEN'S MINISTRY – Organization Meeting, Tuesday October 4th at Noon
- ✚ WOMEN OF TANGLEWOOD BIBLE FELLOWSHIP– Facebook page
- ✚ TBF YOUTH – Meets Sunday Nights at 6 PM
- ✚ COMMUNION – Sunday, October 23rd
- ✚ PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY -- Sunday, October 9th
- ✚ BENEFIT LUNCH for Robbie Bowles -- Sunday, October 9th - Comanche Elementary School 11 AM – 2 PM



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

Starting Monday, October 3rd

Continuing October 17th and 31st

**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

Women's Ministry Organization Meeting
Tuesday, October 4th, 12 Noon

Meeting at TBF. ALL are invited. We want your input!

We will be discussing multiple topics but in particular, the possibility of reviving a Tea and Tinsel type fellowship for December and outreach projects. We are considering Thanksgiving baskets and partnering with one of the local charity or service organizations that has presented to us in the past few months. ALL are invited and input is welcome. If you can't attend on the 4th but you have a thought or other input, please contact Linda, Bri or Jean C.

Pastor Appreciation Day – Sunday, October 9th

Let's join in unity and prayer giving thanks for
Senior Pastor David Shields and Family Pastor Rob Girvin

And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

I Thessalonians 5:12-13

(Separate baskets will be in the foyer for cards and/or gifts. To be presented on Oct. 9th.)

PULLED PORK BENEFIT DINNER

TO HELP WITH ROBBIE
BOWLES MEDICAL
EXPENSES

OCTOBER 9TH

11:00 - 2:00

COMANCHE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA

\$10/MEAL

100% OF PROCEEDS WILL GO TO ROBBIE BOWLES.

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TBF Memorial Bricks

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



William "Bill" Dickinson – William Warren "Bill" Dickinson was a founding member of Tanglewood Bible Fellowship. He and his wife, Mama Jo, reared four children – Jack Dickinson, Bill Dickinson (Jr.), Susan Dickinson (Moore), and Mary Jo Dickinson (Smith). Bill received a Chemical Engineering degree from Oklahoma University (1950). He was a veteran of WWII and served as an assistant with the Manhattan Project during the war. After the war, Bill worked for Sun Oil Refinery in Corpus Christi (TX) and was plant manager for Sun Oil in Meridian (OK). Later he would work for Tosco before retiring.

A very intelligent man. Bill was driven and liked to see projects completed. He would sing bombastically during worship even though it was said he couldn't carry a tune. He was called "Papa Bill" but only because he was married to TBF's beloved Mama Jo. If Bill was the brains behind TBF, Mama Jo was the heart.

"Mama Jo" Dickinson – Josephine Elizabeth "Jo (Sanborn) Dickinson was a founding member of Tanglewood Bible Fellowship. Her name was synonymous with faith and fun. Mama Jo was an encourager and always complimented people. She encouraged others to never give up – no matter the circumstances. She sent cards all the time and headed a prayer ministry. Mama Jo's smile and laughter were contagious – no matter what was going on – from a silly hat party to a women's trip, she kept the merriment going. During the early days of TBF, there were few children. The Blalack's kids were the only little ones. Mama Jo prayed for kids, and God answered in a big way – 8 TBFers got pregnant!

Bill and Mama Jo were devoted to the Lord and had a passion about following their calling to start a new Bible church. They were fun people, always welcomed you in their home.

Bill (d. 1999) and Mama Jo (d. 1999) are buried at Duncan Municipal Cemetery.



Dep Cox - Dep Cox was a long-time member of Tanglewood Bible Fellowship. He and his wife, Lovella, reared three children – Homer Cox, Joann Cox (Draper), and Neta Cox. Dep was a private in the US Army during WWII and later worked as an electronic technician for the Naval Weapons Center in El Centro (CA).

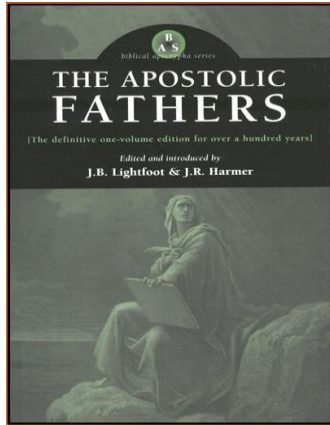
Dep enjoyed singing and fishing but loved baseball. He didn't like the fact that the Tanglewood Tiger's didn't have full baseball uniforms, so he purchased the whole team complete uniforms! It made him happy to watch the Tanglewood Tigers softball team for many years. (The Tanglewood Tigers were the softball champs in 1999 and 2000.)

Lovella Cox – Lovella Cox was a long-time member of Tanglewood Bible Fellowship. She and Dep did everything together. Lovella was the most kind and gentle person most have ever known. She loved her family and the Lord so much. She was the best mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother to all her grandchildren.

Dep (d. 2003) and Lovella (d. 1997) are 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.

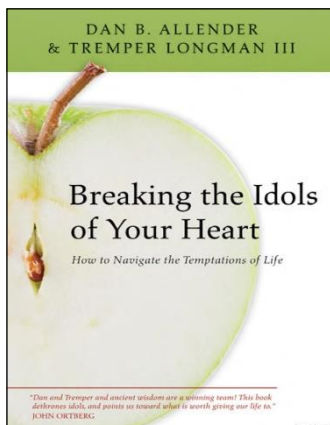
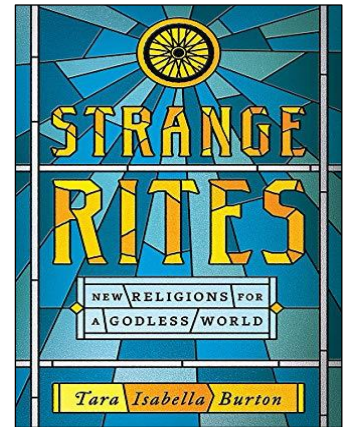


The Apostolic Fathers translated by J. B. Lightfoot

These are letters and books written by Christians a generation or two after the apostles and the book of Acts. It's an incredible blessing that the church still has access to these works. Some of these letters are written to the same churches that received many books of the Bible. The church in Corinth partially continually seems to have sin issues and dysfunction. Some vary in difficulty (looking at you Shepherd of Hermas), but most are readable, applicable, and relevant. I would encourage every Christian to at least read the Martyrdom of Polycarp. You are welcome to borrow my copy, or you should easily find it for free online.

Strange Rites: New Religions for a Godless World by Tara Isabella Burton

More and more our society claims it is godlessness, however, it has not abandoned religion it has simply transformed it. This book chronicles a wide range of ways, some stranger than others, that non-Christians have kept the trappings of religion while refusing to call it that. This is more of a sociological book than a "Christian" one, but it is profoundly helpful in understanding our current cultural context.



Breaking the Idols of Your Heart: How to Navigate the Temptations of Life by Dan B. Allende & Temper Longman III

This book is about Ecclesiastes but is not exactly a Bible study nor a commentary. The book is separated into two parts: the first part is a narrative story, and the second part is the biblical content of the book. Each chapter begins with the story of Noah, his wife Joan, and their Bible study in Ecclesiastes. I don't normally like this kind of thing in my books, but I was particularly grabbed by this story. I think it works and served the book well. The book itself interprets Ecclesiastes according to the idols that it destroys. Each chapter is focused on a different idol like control, pleasure, money, etc. If you want a book on idolatry or something relatively easy on Ecclesiastes, then this is a good place to start.