



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

Son of Man

Jesus is referred to as the “Son of Man” 88 times in the New Testament. In fact, Son of Man is the primary title Jesus used when referring to Himself (e.g., Matthew 12:32; 13:37; Luke 12:8; John 1:51). The only use of Son of Man in a clear reference to Jesus, spoken by someone other than Jesus, came from the lips of Stephen as he was being martyred (Acts 7:56).

Son of Man is a title of humanity. Other titles for Christ, such as Son of God, are overt in their focus on His deity. Son of Man, in contrast, focuses on the humanity of Christ. God called the prophet Ezekiel “son of man” 93 times. In this way, God was simply calling Ezekiel a human being. Son of man is simply a periphrastic term for “human.” Jesus Christ was truly a human being. He came “in the flesh” (1 John 4:2).

Son of Man is a title of humility. The Second Person of the Trinity, eternal in nature, left heaven’s glory and took on human flesh, becoming the Son of Man, born in a manger and “despised and rejected by mankind” (Isaiah 53:3). The Son of Man had “no place to lay his head” (Luke 9:58). The Son of Man ate and drank with sinners (Matthew 11:19). The Son of Man suffered at the hands of men (Matthew 17:12). This intentional lowering of His status from King of Heaven to Son of Man is the epitome of humility (see Philippians 2:6–8).

Son of Man is a title of deity. Ezekiel may have been a son of man, but Jesus is the Son of Man. As such, Jesus is the supreme example of all that God intended mankind to be, the embodiment of truth and grace (John 1:14). In Him “all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form” (Colossians 2:9). For this reason, the Son of Man was able to forgive sins (Matthew 9:6). The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath (Mark 2:28). The Son of Man came to save lives (Luke 9:56; 19:10), rise from the dead (Mark 9:9), and execute judgment (John 5:27). At His trial before the high priest, Jesus said, “I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven” (Matthew 26:64). This statement immediately ended the trial, as the court accused the Lord of blasphemy and condemned Him to death (verses 65–66).

Son of Man is a fulfillment of prophecy. Jesus’ claim before the high priest to be the Son of Man was a reference to the prophecy of Daniel 7:13–14, “I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed” (NKJV). Daniel saw glory, worship, and an everlasting kingdom given to the Messiah—here called the “Son of Man”—and Jesus applied this prophecy to Himself. Jesus also spoke of His coming kingdom on other occasions (Matthew 13:41; 16:28). The author of Hebrews used a reference to the “son of man” in the Psalms to teach that Jesus, the true Son of Man, will be the ruler of all things (Hebrews 2:5–9; cf. Psalm 8:4–6). The Son of Man, in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy, will be the King.

Jesus was fully God (John 1:1), but He was also fully human (John 1:14). As the Son of God and the Son of Man, He is deserving of both titles.

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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 Family,

We are going to start a new series on Wednesday night on the Ten Commandments. Almost everyone on earth knows something of the Ten Commandments. If you have grown up as a Christian, then you could probably name them all even if you couldn't get the order right. Recently I have been memorizing the Ten Commandments with Calvin. Each night as a part of our catechism we repeat each one. It has taken close to six months, but he has finally can recite them all in order.

But the commandments are much deeper than we typically believe. Because it is not enough to know that God commands "do not murder." The next question we have to ask is "what does this commandment require?" The commandments require far more than surface obedience. Much of Jesus' teachings show us how actions of lust and anger violate the requirements of these commands.

We will look at the commandments through this lens. Not just to remind ourselves that we should not make idols, but to remind ourselves that we must avoid all idolatry. I hope that as we look closer at these commandments will help us examine our lives more seriously.

In Christ,
Pastor David



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 – Bible Study Trustworthy
- ✚ WOMEN OF TANGLEWOOD BIBLE FELLOWSHIP- Facebook page
- ✚ TBF YOUTH – Meets Sunday Nights at 5PM (Jam Session) and 6 PM (Study)
- ✚ TBF YOUTH – Fundraiser Dinner – Sunday, February 19th
- ✚ COMMUNION – Sunday, January 22nd



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

Monday, January 9th God is Good and Just

Monday, January 24th God is Merciful and Gracious

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

Proverbs 27:17

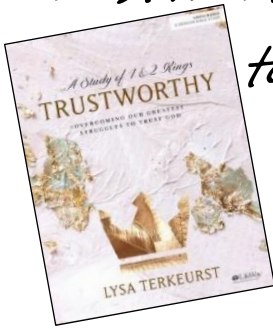
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TBF *Women's Ministries*

Women's Bible Study

Trustworthy: Overcoming Our Greatest Struggles to Trust God, Bible Study Book

by Lysa Terkeurst



“Do you ever look around at all that is happening in our world today, or even within the realm of your own personal life, and feel fear grip your heart?”

I think it's a feeling we have all faced at some point in our lives. We crave safety and certainty and simplicity as we raise our families, serve God and live out our Christian beliefs in both private and public. But so many things feel threatening to those desires.

How do we navigate both our fears and our faith? How do trust God when everything around us in the world today leaves us feeling quite alarmed?

One of my favorite kings to study over the last few years has been King Jehoshaphat. Although his story is only found in tucked away parts of Scripture, what I really love is how we can clearly see his absolute resolve to trust in the Lord.

King Jehoshaphat is mentioned in both 1 & 2 Kings, but there's also a unique story about this faithful king of Judah in 2 Chronicles 17–20. King Jehoshaphat was connected in alliance through marriage to the wicked King Ahab since his son married Ahab's daughter. They ruled around the same time. We may question his decision to be connected to a wicked king like Ahab through marriage, but Scripture teaches us that Jehoshaphat was a good king who walked in the ways of David his father. Rather than seeking false gods, Jehoshaphat sought after the Lord; therefore, God was with him (17:4).” From Lysa's blog

We will begin the study on Jan 11 at 6:30 pm and Jan 12 at 9:30 am. Both groups will meet at the church. Sign up is in the foyer. Books will be available at the first study session.

The Women's Ministry would like to thank everyone for their generous food, money and gift card donations for our Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. Through your generosity, we were able to provide 4 sweet families with enough food and goodies for a wonderful holiday meal.

No Kindred Community This Month.

TBF Family Ministries

Happy new year, Church Family!

It feels like this past year has flown by, hasn't it? I always enjoy the start of a new year because it always feels like a good time to try to form new good habits. For this same reason I am always disheartened around March because these new habits usually fall apart. People are habitual creatures. I do not think this is wrong or sinful. The creation narrative of Genesis 1 is writing using a rhythm of three sayings for each day of creation: God Spoke, it happened, and He declared it good. As humans, we are extremely habitual from what we eat to what we wear to how we act. Just because we are habitual does not mean that we are static. It also does not mean that we should stay in sinful patterns or continue actions that hurt others simply because we've always done it.

Ephesians 4:17-32 and Colossians 3:1-17 show us that sinful patterns of actions are both impossible to stop but also required depending on if you are a Christian or not. As a Christian washed clean by the blood of Jesus; we become a new self that is opposed to the old man that was bound in his sin. We are called to not modify our behavior but to mortify (put to death) the ways of the old man. How is that possible? It is not something that we are able to do in our own selves but only through the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives every day. The Holy Spirit causes us to look more like Christ as He convicts us of our sins, strengthens us where we are weak, and preserves us through all temptation and trial (1Cor 10:13, 2Tim 3:16-17).

So, as we enter this new year along with your normal resolutions, think about what aspects of the old man you are still holding on to, dear Christian, and work on not only putting it to death but actively striving to put on the new man in all things!

May the peace that surpasses all understand be upon you.

Pastor Rob

Let's talk Parenting with Rob Girvin

Something for Everyone. All are Welcome!

See Rob Girvin for Details

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TBF Memorial Bricks

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

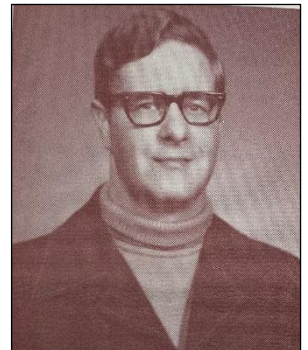


Mike Kempainen - Dr. Mike David Kempainen, a Dallas Theological Seminary graduate, was Tanglewood's first pastor (1977-1986) and served TBF for 9 years. He and his wife, Chrys, reared two daughters – Amy and Heather. Pastor Mike was regarded as a great bible teacher and a perfect fit for TBF with his quiet, good-natured personality. Tanglewood's humble beginnings started with Sunday services at Paula's Attic (on Main Street) and later in the Parkview Restaurant (now Daybreak Diner). The church would gather, sitting in a semi-circle with Pastor Mike sitting at the front on the room, his Bible perched on the podium as he expounded the scriptures. On Wednesday nights, the church would meet in homes where Pastor

Mike would give a short lesson followed by prayer. Dr. Kempainen was a very talented saxophone player. He was the first pitcher of the Tanglewood Tigers softball team.

Chrys Kempainen – Chrys(ann) M. Kempainen was a small, red-headed woman with a big personality. She was very talented singer and would sing solos during the worship services. She taught piano and started a preschool music class where she taught children her love of music. Many of the children at TBF participated in her music classes. Chrys was instrumental in starting the children's Christmas programs at TBF.

Mike and Chrys Kempainen, now in their mid to late 70's, reside in Garland, Texas.



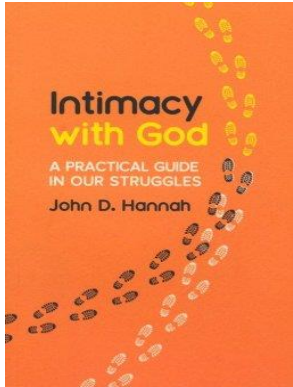
David H. Davis – David Davis was the husband of Phyllis Davis. He and Phyllis reared 2 sons – Shannon Sanders and Randy Silhan.

David worked as a Regional Superintendent with Halliburton for 30 years. David attended Tanglewood Bible Fellowship Church in Duncan. He loved the Lord and his Family most of all. David enjoyed traveling around the country in his RV. He also loved fried chicken with a passion and his dog, Tera.

David (d. 2018) is buried at DeLeon Cemetery (Texas).

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.



Intimacy with God: A Practical Guide to Our Struggles by John Hannah

You will have to take my review with a grain of salt because I adore Dr. Hannah. He taught for over 40 years at DTS and the man exudes intimacy with God. His students would write down every random thought he had because they were often brilliant. His main refrain over and over is that the Christian life is long and intimacy with God does not come immediately. He simply gives his best advice while acknowledging that even the spiritual disciplines will not work for everyone. This is an honest yet encouraging book.

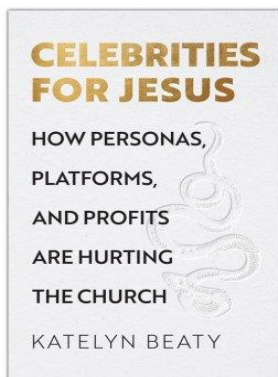
Confessions of a Beginning Theologian by Elouise Renich Fraser

I randomly found this book in a clearance bin at a used bookstore and I am so glad I did. This small book is less a memoir and more a conversation. It feels like sitting down with an older woman of the faith sharing her story. It's the story of a woman who learned how to become a theologian. You won't find a list of steps, but you will find a guide. If you ever happen to encounter this book, I would encourage you to pick it.



CONFESSIONS of a Beginning Theologian

Elouise Renich
Fraser



Celebrities for Jesus by Katelyn Beaty

A timely and necessary critique that pulls no punches but avoids cynicism and cruelty. Almost everyone will agree that white evangelicalism has a Christian celebrity problem. Most critiques go no further than that or have no idea of a better way forward. This book explains how this phenomenon began and the ways that it is damaging the body of Christ. The chapter on how Christian publishing is complicit in the creation of celebrities is worth the price of the book. This book is sorely needed not just because of how much of a problem this is in the church, but because it has hope and points a better way forward.