



NEWSLETTER

Tanglewood Bible FellowshipEIC: 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

Passover Lamb

The Passover lamb was the animal God directed the Israelites to use as a sacrifice in Egypt on the night God struck down the firstborn sons of every household (Exodus 12:29). This was the final plague God issued against Pharaoh, and it led to Pharaoh releasing the Israelites from slavery (Exodus 11:1). After that fateful night, God instructed the Israelites to observe the Passover Feast as a lasting memorial (Exodus 12:14).

God instructed every household of the Israelite people to select a year-old male lamb without defect (Exodus 12:5; cf. Leviticus 22:20-21). The head of the household was to slaughter the lamb at twilight, taking care that none of its bones were broken, and apply some of its blood to the tops and sides of the doorframe of the house. The lamb was to be roasted and eaten (Exodus 12:7-8). God also gave specific instructions as to how the Israelites were to eat the lamb, “with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand” (Exodus 12:11). In other words, they had to be ready to travel.

God said that when He saw the lamb’s blood on the doorframe of a house, He would “pass over” that home and not permit “the destroyer” (Exodus 12:23) to enter. Any home without the blood of the lamb would have their firstborn son struck down that night (Exodus 12:12-13).

The New Testament establishes a relationship between this prototypical Passover lamb and the consummate Passover Lamb, Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 5:7). The prophet John the Baptist recognized Jesus as “the Lamb of God” (John 1:29), and the apostle Peter links the lamb without defect (Exodus 12:5) with Christ, whom he calls a “lamb without blemish or defect” (1 Peter 1:19). Jesus is qualified to be called One “without blemish” because His life was completely free from sin (Hebrews 4:15). In Revelation, John the apostle sees Jesus as “a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain” (Revelation 5:6). Jesus was crucified during the time that the Passover was observed (Mark 14:12).

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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,

Easter is the most important time in the Christian calendar. It is the time Christians all around the globe set aside to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave. We remember it as the day Jesus defeated sin and death and secured our salvation. It is the Christian's V-E day. The entire reason the church gathers each week on Sunday is because Sunday was the day Jesus came back to life.

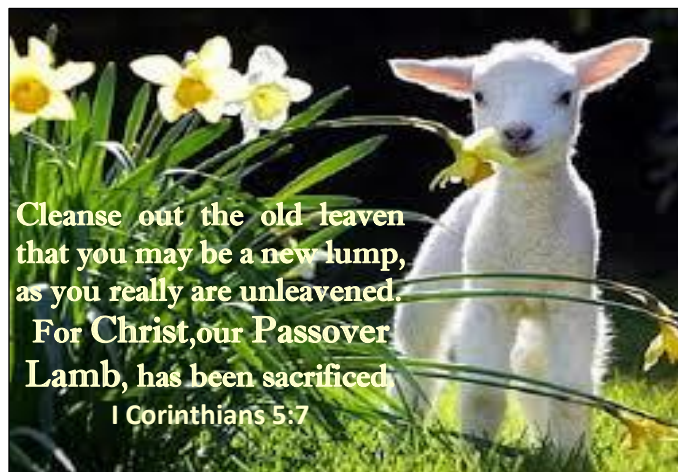
Some churches have different approaches to Easter. Some churches try to make it a big, attractive event. In order to appeal to unbelievers or the unchurched, they may throw a block party or drop eggs out of a helicopter. The bigger and more extravagant, the better; it is Easter, after all.

There is even a temptation for pastors to preach something exciting and different. One can't simply preach the death and resurrection again; people have heard that before. Part of this temptation comes from a good place. I think pastors and churches desire not to bore people. Or they want the message of Jesus to resonate in a new way.

This year at Tanglewood, we are going to keep it simple. We will have a two-week sermon series on the death and resurrection of Jesus. Those simple facts are the foundation of our faith. They are worth studying every single week, let alone once a year. If Jesus did not truly die and did not truly come back to life, then we are a people to be pitied above all. But Jesus is alive. He is risen. We will celebrate that fact once again this Easter.

I hope you are able to join us this Easter. Be thinking and praying for someone you could invite to church with you. Easter is one of the times of year unbelievers are most open to visiting a church. Finally, prepare your own heart. Pray that God will revive your heart with the wonder of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

In Christ,
Pastor David



The Bible says believers have symbolically applied the sacrificial blood of Christ to their hearts and thus have escaped eternal death (Hebrews 9:12, 14). Just as the Passover lamb's applied blood caused the "destroyer" to pass over each household, Christ's applied blood causes God's judgment to pass over sinners and gives life to believers (Romans 6:23).

As the first Passover marked the Hebrews' release from Egyptian slavery, so the death of Christ marks our release from the slavery of sin (Romans 8:2). As the first Passover was to be held in remembrance as an annual feast, so Christians are to memorialize the Lord's death in communion until He returns (1 Corinthians 11:26).

The Old Testament Passover lamb, although a reality in that time, was a mere foreshadowing of the better and final Passover Lamb, Jesus Christ. Through His sinless life and sacrificial death, Jesus became the only One capable of giving people a way to escape death and a sure hope of eternal life (1 Peter 1:20-21).

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FAST OF THE FRISTBORN- - A JEWISH TRADITION

With the exception of abstaining from leavened grains, on Passover — as on many Jewish holidays — it is customary to eat large festive meals. Fasting would be inconsistent with the joyous spirit of the holiday.

However, there is a fast day that falls on the eve of Passover. It is the only fast day in the Jewish calendar that applies solely to one segment of the Jewish community. The Fast of the First Born — Ta'anit B'khorot or Ta'anit B'khorim in Hebrew — is a sunrise to sunset fast observed on the eve of Passover (Erve Pesah) only by first-born males. The fast commemorates the miracle which spared the first-born sons of Israel from the tenth plague that killed the first-born sons of the Egyptians (Exodus 11).

It is an ancient and widespread custom for the firstborn to fast on the day before Passover. By right, this fast should be held on the anniversary of the day on which the miracle occurred: on the night of the fifteenth of Nissan. However, since the fifteenth is already Passover, and Jews do not fast on Festival days, the fast is pushed back to the fourteenth.

There is an additional reason why the firstborn Jews fast specifically on the fourteenth. Abstention from food and drink was a sign of a heart subdued before God. They were to reflect on their duties as a firstborn, their commitment to the Torah, and their expression of God's name in the world. They were to repent of sins where they may have fallen short. The firstborns were to humble themselves before God, admitting and declaring that all greatness, power, and sovereignty are His alone.

There is a prevalent practice to hold a siyum (or siyyum) in the synagogue after morning prayers on the day of the fast of the firstborn. A siyum is a celebration held to mark the completion of some portion of a Torah study. In Jewish custom, it is forbidden to fast on happy occasions. Therefore, the firstborn sons who are present at the siyum participate in this festive meal and, having broken their fast, may continue to eat for the rest of the day. Afterall, this is a joyous occasion that would override any requirements of the fast.

What's Happening at TBF

- ✚ WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER AND SHARE AT TBF. EVERY WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM. Join us for a time of prayer and praise followed by a lesson from Pastor David.
- ✚ 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
- ✚ 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)
- ✚ COMMUNION – Sunday, April 9th
- ✚ POTLUCK DINNER – Sunday, April 16th following the church service.
- ✚ RESURRECTION REVIVAL – Worship Music Fuqua Park 2-4 PM April 22ND
- ✚ SPRING FLING – April 15th 10:30 AM at TBF
- ✚ SUPER SUMMER SATURDAYS – June, July, August
- ✚ YOUTH SUMMER CAMP – June 12th-16th Falls Creek
- ✚ WOMEN OF JOY CONFERENCE—October 27-29th

TBF Men's Ministries

COURAGEOUS FAITH. GENTLE WHISPERS.



BSF's Elijah Mini-Series
Finishes Monday, April 10th

BOLD. STEADFAST. COMPASSIONATE.

The prophet Jeremiah faced imprisonment, rejection, exile, and humiliation from his own people. Yet he never wavered from his mission. More than any prophet before him, Jeremiah offered his life and body completely to his calling. What message could be so compelling? In this three-week mini study, discover the message Jeremiah brought to the corrupt nation of Judah and the promises that sustained him for over 40 years of ministry.



TBF Youth Room – 6:30 PM
Starts Monday, April 24th



Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.

I Corinthians 16:13-14

TBF *Women's Ministries*

Women's Bible Study

Resumes this fall.

Watch for details in future bulletins.

Spring Fling

Saturday, April 15th

Location: TBF Time: 10:30 AM

Kyleen Driggs will share "Beauty in Clay Pots"
And

Jan Palovik will share "It's Always Time to Tend Your
Spiritual Garden"

Door Prizes and something for everyone!
Brunch to follow. Sign up in the foyer to attend
and/or to bring food for the brunch.



*Super Summer
Saturdays*

June, July, August

Women of Joy

October 27th -29th

TBF Family Ministries

Happy April, Church Family!

This month I wanted to continue to look at emotions from a biblical perspective. I want to talk about anger, specifically what the Bible says about anger. I want to look at God's anger. Before I deep dive into examples, commands, and stories about anger, let's talk about the word anger. In Hebrew, the two main words that are translated as anger are "aph" and "human." Both of these words have the same connotations revolving around one's nose, namely, it being hot. In Hebrew thought, if one is angry, they have a very hot nose, so when someone is angry, they tend to have a very flush face and a red nose. Conversely, in Exodus 34:5-7 when God shows Moses His back while proclaiming who He is- slow to anger or long-suffering, it literally translates to "longed nose."

Does God get angry? This is perhaps one of the hardest questions to answer, mostly because of humanity's view of anger as an explosive outburst or a calm ocean of malice, like napalm ready to ignite at a moment's notice. We have both examples of God being angry and surprising times that He was not angry. God was not angry when He flooded the earth; rather, His heart was grieved. He also was not angry when he destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah; rather, He was dealing out divine justice. The first instance of God being angry in Scripture is in Exodus 4:14-15. God was angry with Moses. This anger does not end in death or even punishment, but God is restrained and measured with His anger and solves the issue.

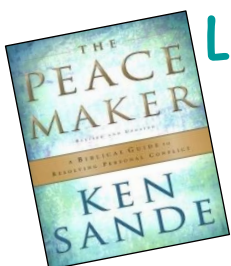
Another spot that is typically turned to in the conversation about God's anger is Jesus' cleansing of the temple. But is Jesus angry? We see that He premeditated this cleansing, John 2:15 shows us that He even made a whip of leather to drive out the moneychangers. In every Gospel, this event is recorded, but not a single one refers to Jesus as angry. The Gospel of John alludes to Psalm 69:9; that He will have a zeal for His house. Jesus was not angry, but He did show restraint and measured actions, not flying off the handle but being in control of Himself and His actions.

While there are entire books written on the anger of God, I just want to touch on one last important aspect of God's nature and how it relates to His anger. It is found in 1 John 4:16-21. Namely that God is love. There is no fear in love, and hate has no place in love as well. This is important to note because this means that not only is God's anger measured and controlled, but also it never comes from a place of anger or hostility or from a fear of rejection, humiliation, or oppression, to name a few.

Christian means "little Christ." It began as a slur Roman pagans would call Christ's followers, and it became a title of pride for Christians. Now it should be a challenge for us. We are called to engage in progressive sanctification daily by becoming more like Christ as we put the old man to death and put on the new self, made whole by the work of the Holy Spirit (Col 3). This includes the realm of anger. We are called to follow Christ in everything, being imitators of Him. How does your anger look? Is it controlled and measured? Is it based on fear and hate, or is its root based on love?

In the Love of Jesus Christ,
Pastor Rob

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP
FALLS CREEK
JUNE 12TH-16TH



Let's talk Parenting with Rob Girvin

April 11 and April 25 at TBF

Something for Everyone. All are Welcome!

See Rob Girvin for Details

Featuring worship leaders from...
Tanglewood Bible Fellowship
Patterson Avenue Baptist Church
Central Baptist Church
Voices for Christ

Saturday, April 22
Resurrection
Revival
Praise
in the Park
Fuqua Park, Duncan, OK
2-4 PM

Bring Your Own Seating or Blanket

**"Sing to him, sing praises to him;
 tell of all his wondrous works!"**

Food Trucks
Bam Bliss Authentic Mexican
Dandy Dan's Shaved Ice
Charity's Sugar Shack

Join us for a
TBF CHURCH FAMILY



POTLUCK DINNER

Sunday, April 16th
 Immediately following the church service.

Please bring a meat along with
 a side dish and/or dessert to share.
 Water and Tea will be provided by the church.


Kindred Community



New Hope Baptist Church
Tuesday, April 18th 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 no later than April 12
 Jan Palovik 580.786.6009

TBF church family...if you are interested in volunteering for KC events, please go
 to www.beautifuldayfoundation.net and fill out the application! It's quick and
 easy! We have fun together! ~Jan P. 

TBF Memorial Bricks

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



Dr. Brad McCoy – Dr. Brad McCoy is the husband of Debbie McCoy. Together they reared two sons: Jamie McCoy and Johnathan McCoy. Dr Brad McCoy has a Th.M. degree in Theology from Dallas Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies from Trinity Theological Seminary. Before coming to Tanglewood, Dr. McCoy was pastor at Fellowship Bible Church in Shreveport, LA. He served as Pastor-Teacher of Tanglewood Bible Fellowship from 1989 to 2019. He is one of the original board members of the Grace Evangelical Society (GES) where he wrote many book reviews and focus articles. He was the founder of In the Word Ministry. Dr. McCoy was an adjunct Cameron University educator (Duncan) teaching courses such as The Bible as Literature, Intercultural Communication, Interpersonal Communication, and Intro to World Religions.

Around Tanglewood, Pastor Brad is best known for his sermon series ‘Life of Christ from A to Z’ and silly jokes often referred to as “Bradisms”. He frequented the hospital when any TBFer was ill or just having a procedure to pray with them and the family. A cancer survivor himself, Pastor Brad was big on ministering to people suffering with cancer. During Wassail night, he was a first-rate comedian. Pastor Brad was a spiritual counselor and shepherd to many at TBF. Let’s not forget about his awesome pitching skills for the Tanglewood Tigers softball team.

Pastor Brad has been called the ‘Tour Guide for Christianity’ believing one of the church’s callings is taking the message of Jesus around the globe. He led many, many mission trips to Mexico, China, and Guatemala. He also organized group tours to Greece, Israel, and Jordan. He is currently organizing a Holy Land Tour for late November (2023).

Debbie McCoy- Debbie was a wonderful mother and friend to all. She was very involved with her boys. She helped in the kitchen at TBF and with the meals for funerals. Her gift was service, and she was often found behind the scenes working - mostly in the kitchen. She was a wonderful cook. Debbie was levelheaded and good natured. During the week, she worked in the office at Horace Mann Elementary School.

Dr. Brad and Debbie McCoy reside in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



Kathryne (Kathy) King Robertson– Kathy was the wife of Tom Robertson. Together they raised their daughter Gay Lynn Robertson (McCormick). Kathy lived a life of servanthood usually marked with great conversation and a good meal. In her early years Kathy worked for Kips Big Boy in Oklahoma City, serving others and training waitresses to give great customer service. After moving to the Duncan area in 1975, Kathy worked for her sister, Donna, at Clear Creek Concession. Using her restaurant expertise, cooking skills, and customer service knowledge, she and Tom then owned and operated the concession for 5 years before selling to her sister, Pat, to continue the family business. Kathy and Tom then purchased Southwest Food Service where they spent the next 40 years serving Stephens and the surrounding counties by delivering to local restaurants, convenience stores, businesses, schools, and churches. Servanthood through food service was her craft and her

daughter followed in her footsteps, purchasing Jonny’s in 2007. This made her extremely proud to share the love of serving others through a great meal.

After moving from OKC to the Duncan area, Kathy and Tom were charter members of Lakeside Baptist Church, followed by many years of worship at Tanglewood Bible Fellowship. Kathy loved her Lord, her family, her church family, her ladies Bunco group, and was a member for many years of the local chapter of the Blue Star Mothers. She was very proud of the service of her daughter, Gay Lynn, and grandson, Joe, to our county. Through her kind and giving spirit, Kathy ministered and provided to many in need through the years. Kathy is the sister of our beloved Jean Schalit.

Kathy Robertson (d. 2019) is buried at Hope Cemetery (Marlow, OK).

The Passover Lamb and Jesus

Four Days: A lamb had to be chosen and brought into the house four days before Passover. Four days before His death on the cross on the eve of Passover, Jesus came into Jerusalem on a donkey. (Exodus 12:3-6, Matthew 12:1-11, Luke 19:29-38, John 12:9-16.)

Without Blemish: The lamb had to be without blemish. Without cuts, bruises, or deformities. Jesus was without blemish. He was sinless. (Exodus 12:5, 1 Peter 1:18-19)

One year: The lamb had to be one year old, in the prime of his life. Jesus was in the prime of His life when He was sacrificed as a young man, 33 years old. (Exodus 12:5)

Male: The lamb had to be a male. Jesus came to earth as a man. (Exodus 12:5)

The 14th day: The Passover Lamb was slain on the eve of Passover, on the afternoon of the 14th day of Nissan, which is the first month of the Jewish calendar. Jesus is the Lamb that was sacrificed at the same time the lambs were being killed on the 14th day of the first month. (Exodus 12:6, Mark 15:25, 31-38)

Broken Bones: The Israelites weren't allowed to break the bones of the lamb. Not during the cooking and not even during the eating. Jesus' bones didn't get broken during the torture and the mockery He endured or the crucifixion. (John 19:31-36)

No leftovers: The lamb had to be consumed entirely on the eve of Passover. Nothing was to remain overnight. Jesus was taken off the cross on the same evening of his crucifixion, although this wasn't customary. (Exodus 12:8-10, John 19:31)

First Born: The lamb died in place of the first-born of the Israelites. Jesus died in our place. He was the "firstborn of many brethren" – Romans 8:29. He died on the cross in order to reunite or reconcile us with God.

Blood: The Israelites had to sprinkle the blood of the lamb on their doorposts as a sign to God. Whoever stayed in the house behind the blood of the lamb was safe from God's judgment against the Egyptians. Whoever stays with Jesus and does His will, the blood of Jesus will keep them safe from judgment. (Exodus 12:7, 12-13, Romans 5:8-10) freedom from sin.

Hyssop Branch: Exodus 12:22 states that a hyssop branch was to be used to apply the blood of the lambs to the door frames of the Israelites. In Mark 15:36, Jesus is offered wine mixed with gall to drink on a sponge attached to a hyssop branch. After tasting it, He would not drink it (Matt 27:34). By refusing to drink it, He is refusing to be passed over. He's willingly allowing Himself to be punished when He could have been passed over like the Israelites who painted their doors with blood.

Darkness: The plague of the firstborn included darkness, even darkness that could be felt. When Jesus was on the cross, an eclipse occurred (Luke 23:44-45).

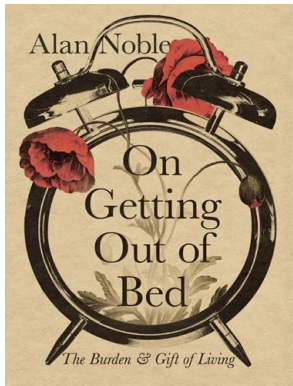
<https://maryellenwrites.com>



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.

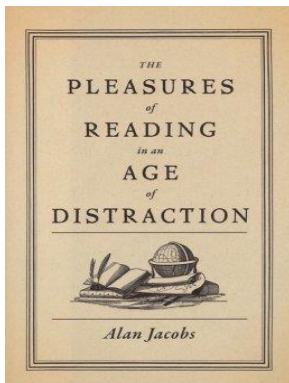
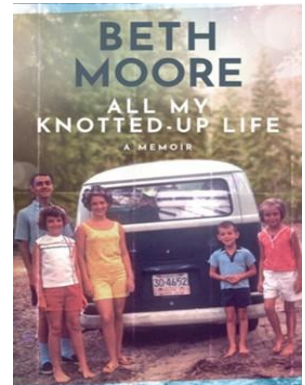
On Getting Out of Bed by Alan Noble



If you struggle with depression, mental illness, or just getting out of bed some mornings, this book is for you. It is brutally honest about the difficulty and suffering in life while somehow being hopeful and encouraging. It is not a cliché or empty hope. It is a hope that suffers alongside you. The book's primary thesis is that the simple act of getting out of bed in the morning is a profound act of faith. As someone who struggles with depression, this is what makes the book so meaningful. It does not tell you to pull yourself up by your bootstraps. Instead, it testifies that simply surviving another day is a beautiful thing. The book is only 100 pages with short chapters and is easy to read. Reading it should not seem like a heavy burden for those already struggling to make it.

All My Knotted-Up Life: A Memoir by Beth Moore

Growing up in the SBC meant I always knew about Beth Moore. Mostly I knew that women loved her, but her theology was shaky, and she shouldn't be trusted. I knew these things not because I read her work but because men I knew and trusted told me so. After reading her work on my own and doing some of her Bible studies, I discovered that much of what I had been told was not correct. All that is to say, I am not normally one who would read a Beth Moore memoir. Yet I did, and I loved it. She is a wonderful writer, and her story is worth telling. I was mostly interested in her falling out with the SBC. Those stories are in there, but they are not the main point of the book. Instead, my favorite part of the book was about her husband, Kieth. His story is inspiring in its own right. I walked away from this book grateful to count Beth as a sister in Christ. This is a memoir worth reading and worth having been written.



Pleasure of Reading in an Age of Distraction by Alan Jacobs

The basic thesis of this book is that reading for fun is wonderful and good for your soul. I am particularly drawn to his theory of Whim, or reading whatever you desire that gives you delight. We should not worry that the kinds of things we like to read are looked down upon by others. Nor should we force ourselves to read old dusty books that put us to sleep. This book will kindle the love of reading in your heart.