



# 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*

## Jacob's Well

Jacob's well is only mentioned in John's Gospel, so biblical information about it is quite limited. However, tradition and archaeology provide more detail about the well's original owner and its location.

In chapter 4 of his Gospel, John recorded the story of Jesus talking with the Samaritan woman. Samaria was located in the northern half of the formerly united Israel, and Jesus was passing through it on His way from Judea to Galilee. Outside the town of Sychar, "Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well" (John 4:6). He asked a woman to give Him something to drink from what she drew (John 4:7), and she wondered why a Jewish man would speak to a Samaritan woman—Jesus was breaking a cultural taboo because of both race and gender (John 4:9). Jesus then offered her "living water" (John 4:10). This confused her, and she responded, "Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?" (John 4:11-12). Apparently, the history of the well was common knowledge.

The traditional site of Jacob's well cannot be located by finding Sychar, as that city is no longer in existence. However, the site thought to be the biblical Shechem, called Tel Balata by archaeologists, is near a well. This is important because the Bible says Jacob bought land from Shechem and lived at that place for a long time (Genesis 33:19). He would have required a well, and it is perfectly reasonable that he dug one. Also, the well at Tel Balata is indeed of ancient origin. These biblical and geographical facts point to the site as a good match for what the Samaritan woman called "Jacob's well."

Today, the well is inside the Church of St. Photina (the name traditionally given to the Samaritan woman by the Orthodox Church—the name is Svetlana in Russian). The church was originally built in A.D. 380. Through the years, the church was destroyed a number of times by natural and military forces. The current building is administrated by the Greek Orthodox Church, which obtained the site in 1893. The church and the well can be visited today in the West Bank.

The significance of Jacob's well is that it provided an opportunity for Jesus to present Himself as the life-giving Messiah to a Samaritan woman and, later, to her whole village. The woman had asked, "Are you greater than our father Jacob?" The answer is a resounding "yes." Jacob may have provided his children with physical water in an arid land, but Jesus provides His children with "living water" in a spiritual wasteland. The life Jesus gives satisfies all our needs and springs up to eternal life (John 4:14).

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### **Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 AM**

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

Youth (6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) meets Sunday evenings at 6 PM

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

# A Word from Pastor David Shields

Dear church family,

I wanted some time to explain why I have divided Luke into the sections that I have. These divisions are not arbitrary but intentional and follow breaks in the narrative of the book itself. The Gospel of Luke follows a natural progression of Christ's ministry, divided largely by geographical locations. The goal of the book is Jesus heading towards Jerusalem towards the cross and resurrection. Every part of the gospel progresses towards this climax of Jesus' ministry. I have used this trajectory to divide the book into large sections.

The first section (1:1-4:15) follows Christ's birth and preparation for ministry. Luke spends more time than any other gospel on Christ's birth and everything that led up to it. He also includes stories of Christ's childhood. It concludes with Jesus' temptation in the wilderness.

The next section (4:16-9:50) covers Jesus' ministry in the surrounding region of Galilee. I divided this into two sections (4:16-6:16) and (6:17-9:17). We needed to take a break for Easter, and I believe the sermon on the plain is a natural place to stop. The first section covers the beginnings of Jesus' ministry and sets the stage for what we can expect. The second section (6:17-9:17) ends when Jesus commissions his disciples and sends them out of Galilee and toward Jerusalem.

Our next section is the longest and is where Jesus' ministry is headed towards Jerusalem (9:50-19:27). Luke portrays Christ as slowly moving closer and closer to Calvary with every chapter. There is not a natural break in this section, but we will stop at 12:34 for a break.

Luke then covers Jesus' ministry in Jerusalem (19:28-21:38). It begins with His triumphant entry and contains His final acts before His betrayal and arrest. These are the final things that Christ must accomplish before He dies.

We will end with Jesus' death and resurrection in Jerusalem (22:1-24:53). This section covers the events leading to Christ's death and His acts after His resurrection. This is what everything in Luke has been building toward and is the climax of the book.

I find overviews like this helpful when studying a book. It is like a roadmap that keeps us from getting lost in the forest. Hopefully, it can be helpful to you as we continue on in this journey through Luke's gospel.

In Christ, Pastor David

# 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](http://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 6 PM (Study)
- ✚ COMMUNION - Sunday, May ?
- ✚ ORDINATION - Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> (Rob Girvin)
- ✚ WOW WEDNESDAY - May 31<sup>st</sup> Think Ability
- ✚ SUPER SUMMER SATURDAYS - June, July, August
- ✚ YOUTH SUMMER CAMP - June 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Falls Creek
- ✚ WOMEN OF JOY CONFERENCE—October 27-29th

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**TBF Men's Ministries**

Breaking for the summer. New study this fall.

**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**

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Ordination Service for Pastor Rob Girvin  
Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

Light Reception to follow morning services.

# TBF *Women's Ministries*

## *Super Summer Saturdays*

June 10, July 15, and August 12

Get ready for some super summer fellowship and fun on Super Summer Saturdays. The dates, places and speakers are all set. Mark your calendars as you will not want to miss a single one of these!

- June 10th at the home of Carol Wanzor, 2540 S. 27th St in Duncan. Community service organization to be highlighted is One True Light ministry.
- July 15 at the home of Jan Palovik, 916 Willowbend in Marlow. Community service organization to be highlighted is Beautiful Day.
- August 12 at the home of Connie Norton, 909 N. Primrose Street in Duncan. Community organization to be highlighted is Charis.

Each Super Summer Saturday will begin at 9:30 but for July 15th we will meet at the church at 9:15 to ride together.

## *Women of Joy*

October 27th - 29th

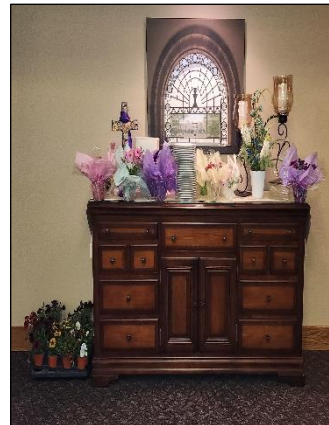
Keep these dates open if you are interested but we are investigating some less expensive opportunities to attend this event. Details to follow.

Guest Speakers: Lisa Harper, Max Lucado, Chonda Pierce, Shelia Walsh  
Special Music: Natalie Grant and Charles Billingsly

# Spring Fling

Saturday, April 15th

Tending our Plants and our Spiritual Gardens



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## Resurrection Revival- Music at Fuqua Park

April 22nd



# TBF Family Ministries

Happy May church family,

Continuing our deep dive into anger this month, we will look at man's anger from a biblical perspective. Last month, when looking at God's anger, we found that it is perfect, controlled, and based in love. By looking at a few biblical case studies and commands, I want us to see that man's anger tends to be the opposite.

The first instance of man's anger found in scripture is Cain, who murdered his brother Able. An interesting aspect of this story is that God not only asks Cain why he is angry but also gives him a warning: that sin is crouching at the door, it is contrary to you, but you must rule over it (Gen 3:7). This brings up a question: what of Cain's actions is sinful? Was it not giving God the first fruits, jealousy of his brother, or his anger? In Exodus 22, the Prophet Balam beat his donkey when he believed that the donkey was disobeying him, and in Jonah 4, Jonah was angry because the fig tree he was resting under died. In Judges 14, Samson killed an entire town in hot anger because the Philistines figured out his riddle. David, in 2 Samuel 6:8, was even angry at God for striking Uzzah dead. There are quite a few more instances of human anger, and the bulk of them are painted in a negative light. This begs the question: is human anger sinful?

The Bible also gives us quite a few commands, the most famous of which is Ephesians 4:26: "Be angry but do not sin." We can also recall Jesus's words in the Sermon on the Mount (Mat. 6:22) that if someone holds anger against their brother, they have committed murder in their hearts. The Proverbs have a lot to say about anger as well: 6:34, 15:1, 18, 16:14, 19. The final command I want to mention is the greatest commandment found in Matthew 22:37-40: 37 He said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the greatest and most important command. 39 The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. 40 All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands."

While this passage is about love, not anger or hatred, it has a profound impact on the conversation about anger. We as humans are image-bearers of God, meaning that we reflect his image in ourselves, but because of the fall and sin, we are unable to perfectly reflect his image. Anger is one example of this that is very easy to see. God's anger is always measured, controlled, and based in love. Human anger will always fail in one or more of these categories. Paul tells us in Ephesians to be angry, but do not sin. He is not being cheeky; moreover, he is telling us that we can be angry yet not sin, but this is not easy. Jesus commands us to love God with our everything and to love others likewise. If you are angry for the things of God or because of the suffering of others, such as the right to life, those are righteous things to be angry about. One of the problems comes when you become angry at another person because you have broken the sixth commandment and murdered them in your heart. If your anger about abortion causes you not to speak the truth in love, then you are no longer loving your neighbor. If you give over to rage, you no longer have a measured response, and you have let your feelings get the better of you. It is rare that our anger is truly justified; we may attempt to justify our anger or try to explain it away, but how often is it based on our pride? How often is it because we have not been able to control our own little world? Next time you become irate or angry, look at why you are angry and, if needed, repent for where you are falling short.

In the love of Christ,  
Pastor Rob

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP  
FALLS CREEK  
JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>-16<sup>TH</sup>

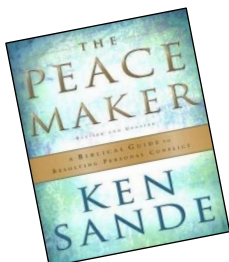
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## Let's talk Parenting with Rob Girvin

May 9 and May 23 at TBF

Something for Everyone. All are Welcome!

See Rob Girvin for Details



# Kindred Community

**Impact 580 Church**  
**Tuesday, May 9th 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

It will be held at the newly remodeled “VENUE”....formerly the WELL on main street in Duncan. We’ve been there many times. It’s the old JC PENNY building near First Bank and Trust.

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 May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Jan Palovik 580.786.6009

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## WOW WEDNESDAY

MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>

TBF Dinner 5:15 – 6:15 PM

Menu: Lasagna, breadsticks, Jonny’s salad, beverages

Hot dogs and chips for the kids

Various desserts

TBF Guest Speaker 6:30 – 7:30 PM:

Robin Arter, Executive Director of Think Ability (Duncan)



Think Ability is an organization dedicated to supporting the quality of life for adults with intellectual disabilities through increased access to integrated life choices including residential, employment, and recreation.

Think Ability is obligated to promote choices and protect rights. They believe all life holds value and each individual is entitled to the respect and dignity we as board member, community member service provider, and citizen take for granted.

Think Ability committed to assisting adults with developmental disabilities to achieve their highest level of independence and self-worth by providing the appropriate supports.

# TBF's 2023

## Graduating Highschool Seniors

### *Hannah Adams*



Hannah is a 2023 graduate of Duncan High School, Duncan, Oklahoma. Hanna is an outstanding student. She enjoys spending time with family and friends. She is passionate about playing the bass guitar and likes to play with her dad. Hannah loves her church family. She's an awesome person and enjoys a lot of different things.

Hannah Adams will attend Cameron University (Duncan) in the fall where she will pursue an Associate's Degree in nursing through Allied Health Services.

Hannah is the daughter of Jeff and Brenda Adams.



# Congratulations to all our Graduates!!

*We're So Proud of You!*

## Remember What You Have Been Taught

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." | Colossians 2:6-7

"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." | Micah 6:8

"But those who wait upon the LORD will renew their strength. They will mount up with wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint." | Isaiah 40:31

"Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." | Proverbs 16:3

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." | Romans 8:28

"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." | Joshua 1:7-9

"Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always." | Psalm 105:4

"Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck." | Proverbs 1:8-9

## Be Happy in the Lord

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." | Philippians 4:7-8

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." | 1 Corinthians 15:57-58

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." | Philippians 4:4-6

"The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad." | Psalms 126:3

"The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him." | Psalms 28:7

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice." | Philippians 4:4

## Walk Forward in the Lord

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." | Philippians 2:3-4

"Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart." | Psalms 37:4

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." | Proverbs 3:5-6

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." | Colossians 3:23

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." | Jeremiah 29:13

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." | Ephesians 2:10

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men" | Colossians 3:23

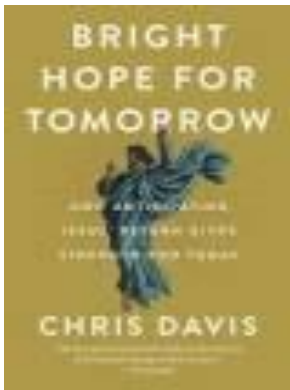
## Our Prayers for You

"And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ" | Philippians 1:9-10

"And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" | Colossians 1:9-10

# 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.

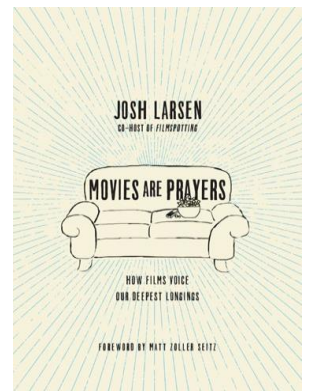


## **Bright Hope for Tomorrow: How Anticipating Jesus' Return Gives Strength for Today by Chris Davis**

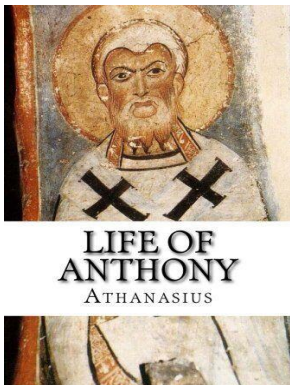
Most books about eschatology tend to treat it at a distance as if it is a mere intellectual exercise or piece of entertainment. This book does something different. The book examines the passages in Scripture that describe the return of Christ. Instead of trying to decipher all of their mysteries, it asks what difference it makes in our lives. It is the kind of book only a pastor could write. It accomplishes what books about Jesus are meant to. This book will revive your heart and remind you why the return of Jesus is such wonderful news. I wish there were more books written like this.

## **Movies Are Prayers: How Films Voice Our Deepest Longings by Josh Larsen**

I really enjoyed the idea behind this book. I have always loved movies not only as entertainment but as art that moves you. The premise of the book is that each movie is a prayer. They are "yearnings" of the human spirit. They are often even unconscious prayers. Each chapter then looks at movies as prayers of praise, lament, reconciliation, anger, etc. This book is written on a popular level and is accessible to the casual movie watcher. Reading this book will help you better understand the yearnings behind even secular movies.



## **Life of Saint Anthony by Athanasius**



This is an incredible biography of a wonderful saint. Anthony is the father of the desert fathers and one of the original monks. While I don't always appreciate the desert fathers, I do like Anthony. He embodies the best parts of the ascetic tradition without the later complications and hangups. He prefers a solitary life, but he always has time to pray with those in need. He seems less like a weirdo obsessed with depriving himself and more like a simple man who is trying to follow Jesus.

His story is filled with the miraculous and the mundane. He worked miracles casting out demons, healing the sick, and much more. Yet he remained humble. He seemed to believe anyone could do the same if they would simply call on the name of Jesus.

Despite its age, this book is readable and accessible for those unfamiliar with the church fathers. I would heartily recommend it to anyone wanting to read a good Christian biography.