



# 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*

## Sound Doctrine

Paul warns Timothy, an elder of the church in Ephesus, that there will come a time when people “will not endure sound doctrine” (2 Timothy 4:3, NKJV); instead, “they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.” The idea of “enduring” sound teaching has to do with “tolerating” it or putting up with it. In other words, people will refuse to listen to what is good and right. They will be intolerant of the truth.

Prior to the warning, Paul establishes the source and utility of the Scriptures. The Scriptures are from the mouth of God, or God-breathed, and are beneficial for teaching, among other things, which leads to the maturing and equipping of the Christian (2 Timothy 3:16-17). This maturing and equipping has the purpose of allowing the believer to complete every good work that God has ordained.

Paul exhorts Timothy to be ready to proclaim the Scriptures at all times (2 Timothy 4:1-2), exhorting and correcting others by using the Word of God. Timothy is to study, practice, and then teach the Scriptures (cf. Ezra 7:10). In 2 Timothy 4:3, Paul provides the reason for urgency in such a task: “For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine.”

The Greek word translated “doctrine” is simply referring to “teaching” or “instruction.” Often, teaching and instruction systematized is understood as doctrine. The Greek word translated as “sound” can also be understood as “healthy” or “free from error.” Paul is warning Timothy that there will come a time when people will not desire to hear true or correct teaching—teaching that accords with reality. Instead, “they will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear” (2 Timothy 4:3, NLT).

Usually, understanding sound doctrine requires the individual to change his actions. If it is something he does not want to do, he may reject the teaching. At first, Peter did not want to preach the gospel to the Gentiles due to an improper understanding of what God desired for him to do (Acts 10). However, God patiently corrected his understanding and prepared Peter to proclaim the gospel to Cornelius, a Gentile leader. Peter responded to the sound doctrine and moved forward without fear.

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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

TBF family,

There is no hurt like church hurt. It is a unique pain to suffer at the hands of God's people. Growing up as a pastor's kid means I got a front-row seat to the dark side of church. One of my earliest memories of the church is seeing an older man scream at my father at the kitchen table of our parsonage. My father's crime was utilizing fewer hymns in the worship rotation. It would not be the last time I would watch my father bear the brunt of a congregant's anger.

More than most, I understand why someone would stay away from church. The suffering they have experienced makes it feel impossible to attend a church again. I have been deeply hurt by two churches. One of them gave me severe chest pain and panic attacks. The other made me wonder if any church could be healthy. I was fired from one and left the other because I couldn't handle another Sunday in that place.

Despite my real and deep wounds, I found healing in the same place, amongst God's people in the church. Once, I found healing in a church I loved and still think of fondly. The second time, I found healing in a church I honestly don't like very much. Yet, my wounds were healed in both places.

I deeply believe that we were created to be in community with God's people in the local church. I don't think it is an option for believers. I do not think it is a commodity that we can pick and choose if we want it. We need the church because it is not good for us to be alone.

I do not write this to shame those outside of the church walls. I know there are those who are not ready to walk in the doors of a church because the pain is too fresh. If that is you, then I do not want you to feel shame. The normal Christian experience should be in a local church. We should mourn when that does not happen because of the sin churches commit against their people.

Instead, I want to tell you that you do not have to heal from all of your pain before you come. There were many Sundays I spent in a pew angry, frustrated, and wondering why I bothered to come. Yet, imperceptibly, God was sanctifying me. Not because either of the new churches was incredible, but because God can use even the most broken churches.

The promise I clung to was in James 4:8: "Draw near to the Lord and He will draw near to you." If you are brave enough to draw near to God through corporate worship with God's people, He will come near to you. He will bind your wounds and He will heal you. I pray the hurting find the healing they need and are able to worship with God's people joyfully again as I have.

Pastor David



# What's Happening at TBF

- ✚ WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER AND SHARE Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Join us for a time of prayer and praise followed by a lesson from Pastor David.
- ✚ 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)
- ✚ WOMEN OF TANGLEWOOD BIBLE FELLOWSHIP- Facebook page
- ✚ TBF WORSHIP TEAM MUSIC PRACTICE. Join Us! See Dale Corbin or Lana Sleeper for details.
- ✚ WOMEN OF TANGLEWOOD BIBLE FELLOWSHIP- Facebook page
- ✚ TBF YOUTH - Meets Sunday Nights at 6 PM (Study)
- ✚ SUPER SUMMER SATURDAYS - June, July, August
- ✚ NEW SUNDAY CLASS - Starts August 20<sup>th</sup> 10:45 AM
- ✚ WOW WEDNESDAY - August 30<sup>th</sup> 5:15 PM
- ✚ WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION MEETING- Tuesday October 10th

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It is important that we, as teachers and learners, heed the words of Paul in 2 Timothy 4:3. As teachers, we must teach sound doctrine, holding to the truths of Scripture regardless of the consequences. As learners, we must seek sound doctrine and receive it, if we are to live according to the truth. The learner's desires must take a back seat to the truths of Scripture. Prayerfully, as the learner matures and is transformed by the renewing of the mind, his or her desires align more and more with the sound doctrine of Scripture.

It is beneficial for the learner to desire sound doctrine. It is also important for the learner to test what is being taught. During Paul's second missionary journey, he travelled across Greece, proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to all. Many believed in the gospel (Acts 17:4). Paul eventually reached the town of Berea where he also presented the gospel. The Bereans notably received Paul with eagerness, and they "examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true" (verse 11). The Bereans are a perfect example of how the learner ought to desire sound doctrine and examine the Bible to test whether an unfamiliar doctrine is truly sound.

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## WOW WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>

Dinner starts at 5:45 PM, Menu TBD. Speaker at 6:30 PM

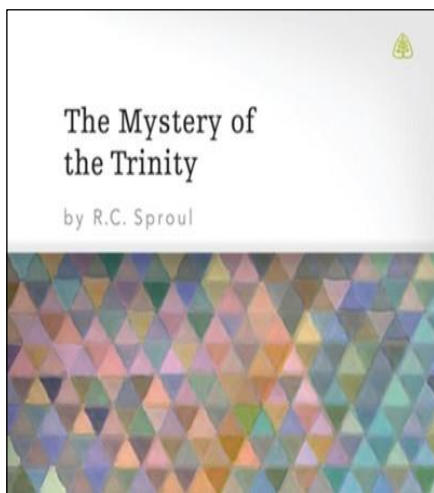
Featuring One True Light  
Guest Speaker: Joan Brock

One true light was established in Duncan in 2013 to server vulnerable children in our community. Currently they have two initiatives: One Link Mentoring and Summer Food and Fun. Joan is looking forward to sharing more about One True Light and how it is making a difference in the lives of children.

# Discipleship Class

Plans are to meet once or twice each month after Sunday services  
Beginning Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

We'll be meeting in the NE classroom from 10:45 am to 11:30 am  
The Nursery will be staffed on the dates we meet.



## The Mystery of the Trinity

Many of us, when asked about the Trinity, unknowingly offer heretical answers. Yet a proper understanding of this doctrine is essential to the health and welfare of the church.

In this study, Dr. R.C. Sproul gives a sweeping overview of this important doctrine, explaining difficult concepts, exploring biblical teaching, and defining what the term mystery means.

R.C. Sproul (1939-2017) was founder of Ligonier Ministries in Orlando, Fla. He was also first minister of preaching and teaching at Saint Andrew's Chapel, first president of Reformation Bible College, and executive editor of *Tabletalk* magazine. His radio program, *Renewing Your Mind*, is still broadcast daily on hundreds of radio stations around the world and can also be heard online.

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*Kindred Community*

**No Kindred Community This Month.  
See you in September!**

# TBF *Women's Ministries*

## *Super Summer Saturdays*

June 10, July 15, and August 5

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!

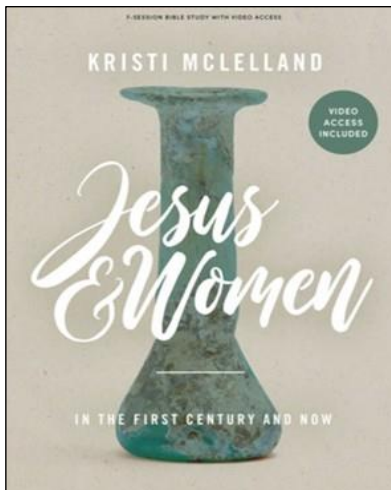
- **August 5** at the home of Connie Norton, 909 N. Primrose Street in Duncan. Community organization to be highlighted is Charis. Kimberla Treat will be the guest speaker.

Each Super Summer Saturday will begin at 9:30

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Women's Fall Bible Study  
Starts August 23 (9:30 AM) and August 24 (6PM)  
Signup sheet in the Foyer. \$5 Fee for books.

Fall Bible study is getting near its start. We will be studying ***Jesus and Women*** by Kristi McLelland. She is the author of *The Gospel on the Ground* study that we did last fall. Start date, times, and places to be announced shortly.



Imagine walking the dusty roads of Galilee with Jesus of Nazareth-braving jostling crowds just to touch the edge of His cloak and hear Him say, "Take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you." Those words, once meant to comfort a hurting woman's soul thousands of years ago, were also meant for you.

Join biblical culturalist Kristi McLelland on this 7-session study. 'Feast' on the Word of God in a fresh way through deeper understanding of the Bible through a Middle Eastern lens of reading Scripture. Discover how Jesus graciously brought justice and righteousness to women in the first-century world and how He generously lifted them out of their shame and restored their honor. Jesus came to turn things right side up, and He is still doing all this today.

### Study Benefits:

- Explore how Jesus generously restores dignity and honor to women in the first century and now.
- Gain deeper insight into the Biblical world, including fresh perspective on familiar Bible stories.
- Discover the Bible through the lens of Middle Eastern culture.

# TBF Family Ministries

Happy August Church Family!

This month I want to continue my deep dive into a Biblical view of emotions by talking about sorrow. Before we can begin to discuss sorrow, we must first define our terms. Hebrew, unlike Western languages such as Greek or English, is more poetic and desires to tell a story with its words. We saw this with the Hebrew word for anger, it did not only mean anger, but it told a story about your nose becoming red hot because of your anger. Its terms for sadness are the same. While English has many different words to discuss the different types of feelings one may feel, Hebrew uses the same word such as Ka'as, to mean sorrow, sadness, or grief. The authors would also use words like, Hil, which means sorrow but brings a connotation of pangs of anguish or torment, suggesting writhing in anguish. While much like anger there are different types of sorrow, ranging from sadness to grief to anguish. Psalm 42 otherwise known as the dark night of the soul is another good place to look at for the practical workings of grief. The Psalmist asks his soul why it is downcast, why it hurts within him.

We are created in God's image; this does not only apply to our call to reign over the created world but also our emotions. Our emotions are also a fallen reflection of the Lord's perfect display of them. The first instance that we see the Lord is saddened is in Genesis 6:6 when He sees the wickedness of mankind and it grieved Him. I think this is important to note that in most instances when God is grieved or saddened, (see: Psalm 78:40, Isaiah 63:10, Hosea 12:14) He is saddened by sin. Sin is us pridefully declaring that we can rule our lives better than our creator can. For those who are chosen by God, it is more devastating. He sent His son to reconcile us to Himself, yet when we sin we, like spoiled children, are demanding more from our father, when he has given us everything.

It is important to notice that God never is an idol in His grief. He never becomes overcome by grief or shuts down because of it. In Genesis 6:6 God was grieved by the actions of the wicked people and made a plan. Jesus wept over the death of Lazarus and then called him out of the grave. He never allows grief to harden His heart. Think of the Israelites and the number of times they turned their backs on God, yet He would always forgive them and rescue them.

There are a few basic emotions that lay at the root of all our feelings. Sorrow is the most interesting of them all. We live in a broken world. It is full of sorrow. It is full of grief. We all encounter it everywhere. This world is dying and as we get older, we feel more grief -people around us pass away, our bodies begin to fall apart, and friendships become broken. Sorrow is all around us, but I want to end on a hopeful note. Jesus is called the Man of Sorrows; He is well acquainted with suffering. He is our High Priest who hears all of our prayers, and he is the only one who can give us peace even in the wildest storms of this life.

With the Love of Christ,  
Pastor Rob Girvin

# 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.

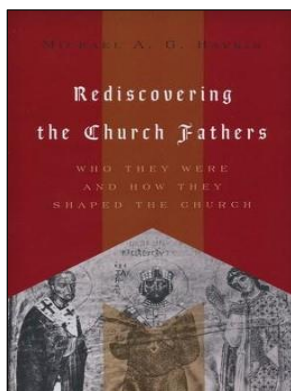
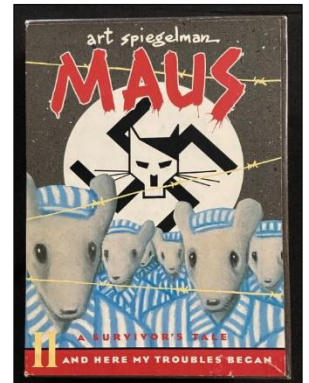


## Spare by Prince Harry

My knowledge and interest in the royal family extends to the Netflix show The Crown. I was given this book by someone, and despite its flaws, I couldn't put it down. The book is ghostwritten by the same writer behind Agassi's memoir. It is well-written and gets Harry's voice across. It seemed to never find a balance between being overly revealing and not revealing enough. At times he would seem to be deeply honest and, at others, he would clearly downplay and explain away things like his heavy drug use. I was most interested in his military service. You get the impression that he was deeply proud of it. It seems to be the one time in his life he was allowed to have an identity and purpose. Mostly this book made me sad. He hates the press and blames them for his mother's death and for taking his career away from him. Yet, his entire existence depends on the press. He wants to escape it but has no idea how. The book serves as a good reminder of the vanity of fame.

## Maus Vol 1-2 by Art Spiegelman

This is a haunting retelling of the Holocaust with animals standing in for the characters. A significant part of the story is the son's terrible relationship with his father who survived the horrors of Germany. He is trying to coax the story out of his father and it jumps back and forth between the present and the past. It is a brutal and exhausting story that is not for young readers. There is something about the medium of a graphic novel that makes the wickedness of the time period resonate in a new way. I think this story is worth reading even if you have never read a graphic novel before. How do you make sense of the Holocaust? How do you honor those who survive without writing a hagiography or demonizing those who died? The final volume wrestles with these questions but it doesn't answer them because it can't. The book stands as a witness to the story of a survivor. It stands as a witness to the horrors human beings can commit against each other. The last panel ends with a "they lived happily ever after" that falls empty because the reader already knows they don't. The book demands you meditate and think about the story. It is one worth pondering over.



## Rediscovering the Church Fathers by Michael A. G. Haykin

An accessible book that serves as a great introduction to the church fathers for those unfamiliar with them. Each chapter tackles a different church father. He gives you a small biography and explanation of their theology and why you should care about them. He covers Ignatius of Antioch, the Letter to Diognetus, Origen, Cyprian, Ambrose, Basil of Caesarea, and Patrick. The book targets those who do not know the fathers or do not know why they should care about them. I still found it valuable and helpful, even as someone who is fairly familiar with the patristics. But I think this is a great starting place if you are unsure where to start with the fathers.