



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

Day of Pentecost

Pentecost is significant in both the Old and New Testaments. "Pentecost" is actually the Greek name for a festival known in the Old Testament as the Feast of Weeks (Leviticus 23:15; Deuteronomy 16:9). The Greek word means "fifty" and refers to the fifty days that have elapsed since the wave offering of Passover. The Feast of Weeks celebrated the end of the grain harvest. Most interesting, however, is its use in Joel and Acts. Looking back to Joel's prophecy (Joel 2:28-32) and forward to the promise of the Holy Spirit in Christ's last words on earth before His ascension into heaven (Acts 1:8), Pentecost signals the beginning of the church age.

The only biblical reference to the actual events of Pentecost is Acts 2:1-3. Pentecost is reminiscent of the Last Supper; in both instances the disciples are together in a house for what proves to be an important event. At the Last Supper the disciples witness the end of the Messiah's earthly ministry as He asks them to remember Him after His death until He returns. At Pentecost, the disciples witness the birth of the New Testament church in the coming of the Holy Spirit to indwell all believers. Thus the scene of the disciples in a room at Pentecost links the commencement of the Holy Spirit's work in the church with the conclusion of Christ's earthly ministry in the upper room before the crucifixion.

The description of fire and wind mentioned in the Pentecost account resounds throughout the Old and the New Testament. The sound of the wind at Pentecost was "rushing" and "mighty." Scriptural references to the power of wind (always understood to be under God's control) abound. Exodus 10:13; Psalm 18:42 and Isaiah 11:15 in the Old Testament and Matthew 14:23-32 in the New Testament are only a few examples. More significant than wind as power is wind as life in the Old Testament (Job 12:10) and as spirit in the New (John 3:8). Just as the first Adam received the breath of physical life (Genesis 2:7), so the last Adam, Jesus, brings the breath of spiritual life. The idea of spiritual life as generated by the Holy Spirit is certainly implicit in the sound of the wind at Pentecost.

Fire is often associated in the Old Testament with the presence of God (Exodus 3:2; 13:21-22; 24:17; Isaiah 10:17) and with His holiness (Psalm 97:3; Malachi 3:2). Likewise, in the New Testament, fire is associated with the presence of God (Hebrews 12:29) and the purification He can bring about in human life (Revelation 3:18). God's presence and holiness are implied in the Pentecostal tongues of fire. Indeed, fire is identified with Christ Himself (Revelation 1:14; 19:12); this association naturally underlies the Pentecost gift of the Holy Spirit, who would teach the disciples the things of Christ (John 16:14).

Another aspect of the Day of Pentecost is the miraculous speaking in foreign tongues which enabled people from various language groups to understand the message of the apostles. In addition is the bold and incisive preaching of Peter to a Jewish audience. The effect of the sermon was powerful, as listeners were "cut to the heart" (Acts 2:37) and instructed by Peter to "repent and be baptized" (Acts 2:38). The narrative concludes with three thousand souls being added to the fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayers, apostolic signs and wonders, and a community in which everyone's needs were met.

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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

Church family,

We are returning this month to our study of the Gospel of Luke in chapter 9. You may remember that the Gospel of Luke is separated in mostly geographical sections. Jesus's early days preparing for ministry (1:1-4:13) and His ministry in Galilee (4:14-9:49) are the two primary sections we have studied so far. But this chapter contains a physical turning point that leads us to our next section. In chapter nine verse fifty-one, it says: **"When the days drew near for Him to be taken up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem."** This is the largest section of the Gospel of Luke. From 9:51 to 19:27 Jesus will be heading toward Jerusalem.

Most of Jesus's ministry takes place in this journey toward Jerusalem. This is not just Jesus heading toward the capital city in order to maximize His reach. Jesus is heading to Jerusalem because **"the days drew near"**. The time for His crucifixion and resurrection is at hand. The countdown clock has started, and Jesus needs to head in that direction.

"He set His face to go to Jerusalem." This means that Jesus was determined to go to Jerusalem. Nothing could change or redirect His path. He was determined; focused on His mission. It is important for us to recognize that all of Jesus's ministry is directed towards the cross. Every miracle, conversation, parable, and teaching is done in light of what the cross will accomplish. The death and resurrection are the climax of the story and the revelation of everything that Jesus meant.

Much like Jesus, we are headed toward Jerusalem. Not the physical Jerusalem located in modern day Israel. We are heading toward the New Jerusalem that is to come when Christ returns. And, like Jesus, we should set our faces. We should not be tempted to look back while our hands are on the plow. We should not look to our world with longing like Lot's wife. We should set our hearts on the world that is to come.

I am excited to continue our study of Luke's gospel together. I hope our study of Christ will help us grow in our love and affection for our Savior. I also hope we keep in mind how everything Jesus does relates to the cross and the Gospel. Because we cannot understand the Gospel unless we understand the cross.

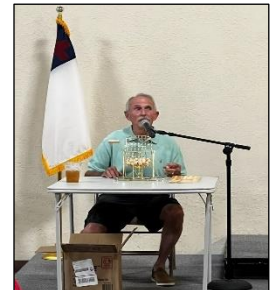
In Christ,
Pastor David Shields



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
- ✚ 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
- ✚ FOOD AND FUN SERVICE OPPORTUNITY - July 10-13 9:30-1 Daily M-TH
- ✚ WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION MEETING - July 18th, 11 AM at TBF

Kindred Community June Pics



Thanks to all who came out, volunteered, and/or supported Kindred Community in June – hosted by TBF. Looks like everyone was having a great time and were truly blessed by this event. – to God be the glory.

Kindred Community

**First Christian Church - Fellowship Hall
Monday, July 17th 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 - Jan Palovik 580.786.6009

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!

- Get Ready! **July 10 thru July 13**. 9:30 am to 1 pm each day. **Super Summer Food and Fun** (formally Spokes for Hope) is a ministry of One True Light that seeks to help provide food for those in need during the summer. The Women's ministry will be teaming up with the Youth group to organize a church wide week of service to meet the needs of the children in the community. The task will consist of preparing lunches and take-home back packs for disadvantaged children. Then some will be tasked to take these to Head Start to hand out while others will take their lunches to Elm Terrace where we will have about 40 minutes to feed the children and have a short time of activity with them. We will be doing this Monday thru Thursday that week at The Venue (formally old Well) from 9:30 am to 1 pm. We will need 5-7 participants per day. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer.
*This is a church wide ministry (not just the women's ministry) so all are welcome to participate.
- **July 15** at the home of Jan Palovik, 916 Willowbend in Marlow. Community service organization to be highlighted is Beautiful Day.
- **August 5** 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.

Super Summer June 10th



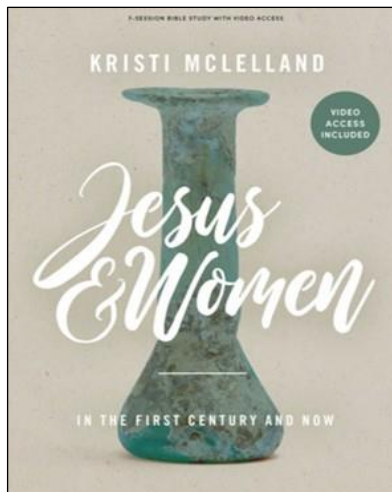
Hosted by Carol Wanzor
Guest Speaker: Joan Brock
One True Light: Food and Fun (Formally Spokes for Hope)
An organization that seeks to help provide food for those in need during the summer.



Women's Ministry Organizational Meeting – July 18th

Women's ministry organizational team will have a meeting at the church on Tuesday, July 18th, at 11 AM. Anyone interested in bringing new ideas or helping in any areas of our ministry, we invite you to attend. We welcome your input and service.

Women's Fall Bible Study



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 July church family,

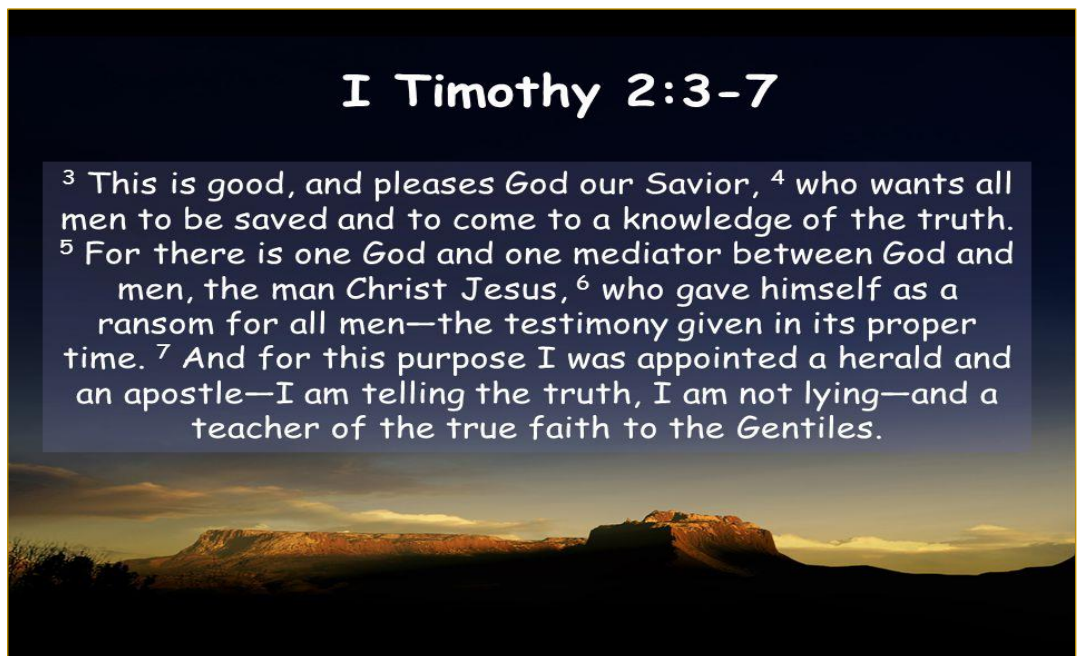
This past month the youth got the opportunity to attend youth camp, thanks to you all. Because of the kindness you all showed with your donations at the Valentine's Day dinner and other instances, we were able to let the kids attend camp for a discounted price. We also felt everyone's prayers throughout the week. As youth leaders, we combined three churches with different backgrounds; about thirty kids whom each had their own temperaments and who were at different places in their walk with Christ. As you can imagine, there were plenty of disagreements, butting of heads, and differences in thought. However, God used it all for the kids' good and to glorify His name.

There were many exciting activities that they had for the kids, from zip lining to water obstacle courses to simply swimming in the lake. They recently installed a high ropes course and a low ropes course, both of which they used for team building. Falls Creek also had some special events for the kids, like Nintendo Switch tournaments and a Silent Disco where they had headphones with three channels for the kids to switch between and dance to. Another very important event that occurred at camp was pin trading. Kids and leaders had binders filled with little metal pins that they would trade with one another.

Spiritually they stayed true to the theme and spoke about Jesus, and how He should be first, now, only, and always. The focus was on 1 Timothy 2:3-7 in the morning teachings and walking through the Gospel of Mark in the evenings. They also helped teach the kids evangelism tools to help them feel more confident in sharing their faith. The guest speaker they had was able to tell stories that hooked people's attention and had a very good ability to bring complex thoughts down to a level that even the middle schoolers in Tabernacle could understand.

Once again, thank you all for allowing us to go to camp this year. Thank you to Nicole Love who volunteered her week to pour into our youth. God did a lot of great things in our kids' lives that week. We had one youth rededicate their life to Christ and we had another become very interested in the things of God in a way that only the Holy Spirit would be able to do. Because of camp, the whole group became closer both to one another and to Christ.

In the Love of Jesus,
Pastor Rob



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Youth Volunteer Spotlight: *Nichole Love*

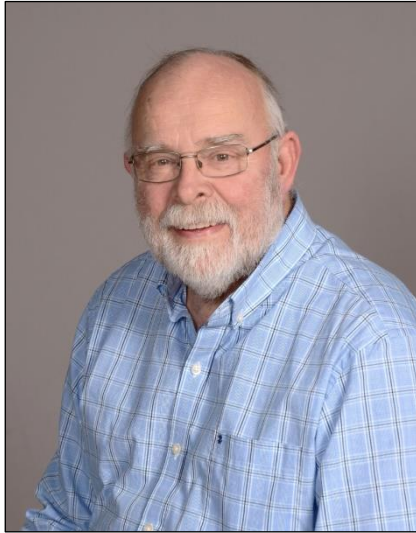


This Month I want to take a moment to shout out *Nichole*. She has been and continues to be a vital part of our TBF Youth Group. She was the driving force behind us creating a 'jam session' to begin our lessons with worship. Weekly, she gathers kids from Rush Springs and Marlow to come to TBF and she makes dinner on Sunday evenings for the entire youth group so that the kids don't get too hungry during the lesson. Nichole is always willing to join in on a game we are playing if we need another person and is always willing to jump in if we need a hand with worship. During our Bible studies, she helps draw the kids out of their shells or makes a comment that is timely or needed. Even more recently, beginning this summer, she took it upon herself to find little jobs that the youth group can do. The profits made go into the youth group so that they are able to do more activities during the year. But even more importantly, Nicole is teaching the students a good work ethic and skills that will help them in their lives.

From the bottom of my heart (and the hearts of your TBF family), **THANK YOU** so much for all that you do, Nichole, and for all the lives that you are touching and blessing in all that you do for God and the TBF youth group.

In the Love of Christ,
Rob

You Are
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Tom L. Odell 1951-2023

Tom L. Odell of Wyanet (IL) went to be with his Savior Friday, June 2nd, surrounded by his family at Saint Clare Medical Center in Princeton, IL. He was born October 27th, 1951 in Allegan, MI to Richard and Donnetta Odell.

Tom grew up in a farmhouse full of laughter and shenanigans with his five siblings in Gobles, MI: Terry (Janet) Odell of Gobles, MI; Teresa (Gene) Dillenbeck of Gobles, MI; Tracy (Mary) Odell of Greenwood, AR; Tod (Linda) Odell of Bloomingdale, MI; and Tammy (Max) Thompson of Sheffield, IL. He graduated from Gobles High School in 1969 and Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music with a degree in Christian Ministry/Bible where he enjoyed being active in ministry and traveling singing groups.

He met the love of his life of almost 51 years, Beverly (Barker) Odell of Wyanet while at college. They were married June 24th, 1972. He was a devoted and loving father to their two children, Kimberly (Chuck) of Manhattan, KS and Curtis (Jessica) of Princeton. His 8 grandchildren quickly became a source of great joy. He supported every endeavor of Caleb (Danielle), Aly, Jake, Anna and Ethan Lambert and Cade, Joel and Callie Odell. He was their number one fan.

Tom lived his life to serve the Lord, his family, his church, and his community. His love for the Lord and His church led him to associate pastor and youth pastor positions at Ross Memorial Bible Church, Port Huron, MI, Spring Valley Chapel in Houston, TX, and Tanglewood Bible Fellowship in Duncan, OK. He most recently served as an elder of Princeton Bible Church and loved his role as teacher and principal of Princeton Christian Academy.

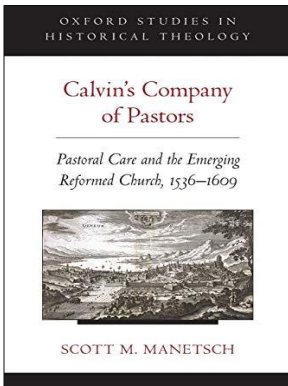
Tom was well known by many community members in each of the locations that they called home. Whether it was selling Christmas trees, helping farmers, or serving and directing organizations in many capacities. He and Beverly moved to Illinois to help with the family business, and he spent time working at Barker Milling and Grain, Barker Market Advisory Program and Barker Energy. He also worked for Bureau Valley Schools and the US Postal Service. Tom was a huge sports fan. He spent many days on the golf course, and he even achieved a hole in one at the Spring Creek golf course. His favorite teams were the ones his grandchildren played for and the Princeton Christian Academy Eagles. He was known for his contagious laugh, his beautiful singing voice, and huge bear hugs.

Tom served as TBF's first youth/associate pastor from 1980-1988. He was ordained for ministry at Tanglewood Bible Fellowship in 1982. He and his wife Beverly, who played the piano for Sunday services, were the embodiment of sacrificial servants and helped bring the church body into a loving, cohesive unit.

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.

Calvin's Company of Pastors: Pastoral Care and the Emerging Reformed Church, 1536-1609 by Scott M. Manetsch



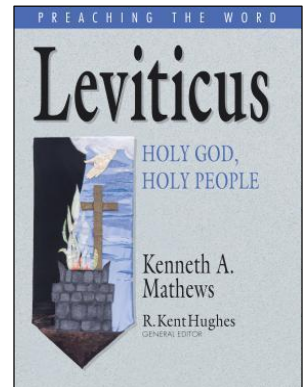
This book looks closely at what pastoral ministry was like in Geneva during Calvin's ministry and the decades after his death. John Calvin is a hero of mine. This is the first book that I felt painted an honest picture of what his ministry was like and led to. This book is no hagiography. It will show the good, the bad, and the very ugly.

It is a wonderful example of what scholarship should be. It is impeccably researched. Footnotes and primary sources are mentioned all over the place. It gets deep into the weeds and leaves no stone unturned. He has no problem talking about the dark parts of life in Geneva (the racial bias towards French ministers, the mistreatment of rural pastors, and overly extreme cases of church discipline).

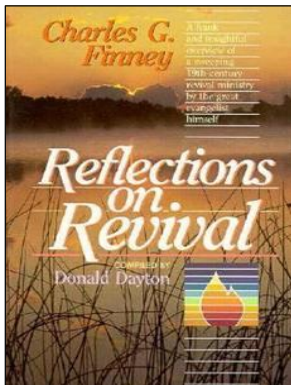
It is also focused on trying to help the church and leads to application. The book doesn't read like a dry account of life in the 16th century. It is a vivid retelling, and you can feel the struggle pastors felt during those days.

Leviticus: Holy God, Holy People by Kenneth A. Matthews

I am a fan of this commentary series, but this is one of the better volumes. The book is adapted from a series of sermons from Matthews who preached through the entire book of Leviticus. The sermons are theologically and exegetically rich while remaining accessible for lay people. I think that anyone who wanted to study Leviticus on a deeper level would benefit from this book. I especially appreciate the author's focus on connecting Leviticus to the Gospel and Jesus.



Reflections on Revival by Charles Grandison Finney



Charles Finney was a revival preacher during the Second Great Awakening and is the father of much of modern evangelism. This book is a series of letters Finney published at a later stage of his life. They are reflections on the revival scene and the dangers and issues that he sees.

I am not a fan of Finney nor of his theology. Yet, I found myself agreeing with him far more than I expected. I think I would have enjoyed the book more if I was less familiar with his work. I think this book is worthwhile for those who want to know how his views on revivals were slowly shifting. He recognized some of the dangers, but I don't think he went far enough.