



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

Nineveh

Nineveh is notable in the Bible as the capital city of Assyria, a longtime enemy of Israel. Located in what is now modern Iraq, Nineveh is mentioned in Scripture as a place that turned away from sin through a warning by God, but which was later destroyed.

The first mention of Nineveh is in the Table of Nations, which describes the many cities Nimrod built in Assyria including “Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah and Resen, which is between Nineveh and Calah—which is the great city” (Genesis 10:11–12). Nineveh was known for its great wealth, power, and prestige. The Assyrians were notorious for their cruelty and idolatry (Nahum 3:19). Their capital, Nineveh, contained many temples, including one to Ishtar, the Assyrian goddess that some scholars believe was the namesake of Nineveh.

In 2 Kings 19:36 and Isaiah 37:37, Nineveh is depicted as the center of the Assyrian Empire and home to King Sennacherib. Sennacherib led a successful campaign against many nations, but he failed to take Jerusalem due to the Lord’s intervention. He returned to Nineveh and was later killed in the temple of the Assyrian god Nisrok (2 Kings 19:35–37).

Nineveh is well-known as the place where the prophet Jonah was sent by God to preach (Jonah 1:2). Jonah was reluctant to go, probably because of the Assyrians’ great wickedness, and he tried to run from the Lord’s command. God intercepted Jonah and sent him to the Ninevites by making a great fish swallow him (Jonah 1:3, 17). In Nineveh, Jonah proclaimed the coming judgment on that city (Jonah 2:10; 3:1–4). Instead of rejecting the Lord’s warning, the Ninevites humbled themselves and repented of their sin, from the king on down. The whole city fasted, put on sackcloth, and sat in ashes—they even dressed their animals in sackcloth (Jonah 3:5–9). Seeing that the city of Nineveh repented of their wickedness, “God relented concerning the judgment He had threatened them with, and He did not destroy them” (Jonah 3:10, NET).

Jesus mentioned the Ninevites and their repentance, contrasting that response to the unbelief of the Pharisees and teachers of the law (Matthew 12:39–41). Rejecting Christ has no excuse: “The people of Nineveh will also stand up against this generation on judgment day and condemn it, for they repented of their sins at the preaching of Jonah. Now someone greater than Jonah is here—but you refuse to repent” (Luke 11:32, NLT). Being far greater than the prophet Jonah, Jesus had shown Himself to be the Messiah, but the Jewish people still refused to believe in Him or repent of their sin (Matthew 12:22–24). The Ninevites had responded to God’s message delivered by a lesser man (Jonah 3:5), and here was God’s message delivered by the Son of God Himself.

Although Nineveh escaped destruction during the time of Jonah, a later generation still had to face a reckoning. The prophet Nahum prophesied of the destruction of the city because of the people’s evilness. Nahum’s predictions for Nineveh’s destruction came to pass when the Babylonians, Medes, and Scythians sacked the city in 612 BC. Nineveh’s walls had been breached by flood waters, allowing their attackers to enter the city. The city’s ruin was ultimately a product of God’s divine wrath (Nahum 1:8–10).

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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 church family,

We are going to take a break from the book of Luke to study the book of Jonah. The book of Jonah is one of my favorite books of the Bible. It is a legitimately strange story. The most unrighteous person in the entire book is not the king of an evil empire, but the prophet the book is named after. It has storms, whales, beautiful prayers, a miraculous revival, and a cliff-hanger ending. I am excited to dive into studying this book together as a church.

My typical habit is to make sure we are alternating between studying an Old Testament book and a New Testament book. I do this to make sure we are studying the whole counsel of God. I also do this because I want us to see that these books are more connected than we often think. The book of Jonah is no exception.

Jesus Himself references Jonah in Luke 11:29-32. Jesus says that He is a greater prophet than Jonah, He will give a sign like Jonah's, and that Ninevah will stand in judgment over those who refuse to accept Christ as the Messiah. Those are just a few of the connections between the books. But there are a number of different instances of foreshadowing in Jonah.

The most prominent example is Jonah's three days in the belly of the whale, foreshadow Christ's three days in the grave. Jonah's prayer in Jonah chapter 2 makes it clear he is asking God to save him from death. When you read the chapter, you cannot help but think of Christ's death on the cross.

The other significant theme is the inclusion of the Gentiles. God did choose Israel as His particular people, but the blessing of Abraham was always meant to extend to the rest of the nations. The free offer of salvation always went out to the world, but the nations needed to come to Jerusalem in order to properly worship God. In Jonah, we see a prophet being sent, like a missionary, to a foreign people. This foreshadows the book of Acts and how the apostles will be sent all over the earth.

I am looking forward to studying this unique book of the Bible together. I would encourage you to try and read the book in one sitting. It is only four chapters. Reading the entire story together will help you be more prepared as we study it together.

In Christ,
Pastor David Shields

(Nineveh Con't from pg. 1)

The Lord declared judgment on the city because of Nineveh's wickedness: "Woe to the city of blood, full of lies, full of plunder, never without victims!" (Nahum 3:1).

God's judgment on Nineveh and the nation of Assyria as a whole was holy and just, given their cruelty, bloodshed, and idolatry (Nahum 1:2-3). The Ninevites during Jonah's time, who believed God's message and repented, will forever be remembered as a people who turned their hearts toward the Lord and believed despite their overall lack of knowledge about Him (Jonah 4:10-11). The Ninevites who were spared judgment should be a motivation for all people to seek God's mercy and choose the path of humility and repentance.

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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)
- ✚ DISCIPLESHIP CLASS: September 24th 10:45 AM
- ✚ MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Acts
- ✚ WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Jesus and Women
- ✚ WOMEN'S DECORATING MEETING: Fall Décor for the church (September 15?) See Kyleen
- ✚ PARENTING CLASS: Duties of Parents by JC Ryle. Starts Tuesday, September 5th.

TBF Men's Ministries

Meets TBF Youth Room – 6:30 PM

This year we'll start to go through the book of Acts. Acts captures the joys and sorrows in the lives of first-generation Christians after Jesus ascended to heaven. The book describes the Holy Spirit's empowering of believers' intrepid mission to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the world.

We'll start the study with 5 lessons working through the first seven chapters of Acts. In these chapters we experience the beginning of the early Church from Jesus' instruction of His apostles before His Ascension to the day of Pentecost and the subsequent explosion of Christianity.

- Monday Sep. 11: Introduction
- Monday Sep. 25: Week 1 - Acts 1 - Preparing for Pentecost
- Monday Oct. 09: Week 2 - Acts 2 - The Day of Pentecost
- Monday Oct. 23: Week 3 - Acts 3 & 4 - Peter & John
- Monday Nov. 06: Week 4 - Acts 5:1-6:7 - Church Growth & Satan's Attacks
- Monday Nov. 20: Week 5 - Acts 6:8-7:50 - Stephen's Witness



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.

Discipleship Class

The Mystery of the Trinity

Session 2: September 24 Led by Mike Palovik

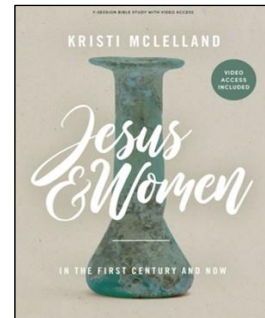
We'll be meeting in the NE classroom from 10:45 am to 11:30 am
The Nursery will be staffed on the dates we meet.

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.

TBF *Women's Ministries*

Women's Fall Bible Study: Jesus and Women
Sign-up sheet in the Foyer. \$5 Fee for books.



Next meetings will be Wednesday Sept. 7th and Thursday Sept. 8th. See church bulletin for times and additional meeting dates.

- Session 1: In this introductory session, Kristi explains the Middle Eastern concept of understanding the Bible in contrast to the Western way we view it and unpacks the story of Jesus and the woman with the issue of blood, encouraging women to take heart because of God's care for them.
- Session 2: Kristi traces God's intention for women from the beginning, highlighting notable women mentioned in the Bible. She then explains the loss of cultural honor and significance for women in Jesus' first century world. Jesus came on the scene in the first century and began setting women back in their proper place, restoring their dignity and honor by providing justice and righteousness for each of them.
- Session 3: Kristi unpacks the John 4 story of the woman at the well, detailing the contentious history between the Jews and the Samaritans along with other social politics of the day.
- Session 4: Walking through the importance of table fellowship and hospitality in Jesus' first century world, Kristi then explains the Luke 7 story of the woman who anoints Jesus' feet with her tears and wipes them with her hair.
- Session 5: Kristi expounds on the oral teaching tradition that was so prominent in Jesus' day and explores many of the parables in Luke, showing how Jesus' use of women in His teaching was a revolutionary way of showing the world that women have a part in the kingdom of God.
- Session 6: Diving into the story of the woman caught in adultery shared in John 7, Kristi details some of the gospel parallels therein and shows Jesus' care for women in this situation.
- Session 7: In this final session, Kristi explores the stories of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the story of Mary and Martha, both kingdom adventures that God invited women to be a part of.

Women's Ministry Church Fall Decorating – On or About September 15th

Any woman interested in assisting with decorating the church for fall is welcome. See Kyleen Driggs for details.

Women's Ministry Organizational Meeting – Tuesday, October 10th

Women's ministry organizational team will have a meeting at the church on Tuesday, October 10th 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.

Super Summer August 5th



Hosted by Connie Norton
Guest Speaker: Kimberla Treat
Charis Center: A Medical and Educational Center for women and families with pregnancy related needs.



Kindred Community

Connection Church (Elk Plaza)
Tuesday, September 12th 6:00 – 8:00 PM

9th Anniversay Celebration!

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 by September 5th - Jan Palovik 580.786.6009

TBF Family Ministries

Happy September, church family!

To continue our conversation about sorrow, I want to talk about human sorrow this month. Before addressing what scripture has to say about sorrow, I want to mention two points that can be noticed by just looking at people. The first thing is that life is sorrowful. We live in a world that is dying, a world that is marked by sin, and it is not wrong to feel grief or sorrow because this world is a dark place. If you are paying attention, then you will see sadness and grief. However, the second point is that, especially as Christians, we should not fixate on the sorrow of this world because we have the hope that this world needs. Jesus is the light of the world that casts out all darkness. This leads to the other point and that is while it is okay and justified to feel sorrow or grief, I've noticed in recent years that there is over-emphasis on feeling happy at all times, and if a person is sad there is something wrong with them according to our culture. This black-and-white view of sadness and happiness is not healthy. As Christians, we should have joy found in Jesus; but that is different than simply worldly happiness in our situation. It is hard to be happy when a loved one dies, but we can have joy because they are no longer suffering, and more importantly, are with our Lord in glory.

Psalms 42 and 43 are known by scholars as the Dark Night of the Soul, and a read-through shows how apt this name is. A main repetition in these psalms is a question: "Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?" This is a psalm set that is based on sorrow and turmoil. It is important to note that while the psalmist is so full of sorrow and is feeling hopeless in his own soul, he is remembering spending time with God's people, and he is remembering God's covenantal love for him. While he is acknowledging his sorrow, he is calling out to God. The final refrain of Psalm 43 focuses on hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God. Hannah, Samuel's mother, was barren. She was distraught and weeping in the temple of the Lord so much so that Eli the priest thought that she was drunk. Again, this was a believer who brought her sorrow to the Lord. Bringing it to the Lord seems to be the biblical response to sadness rather than harboring it, looking into ourselves, and focusing on how sad we are.

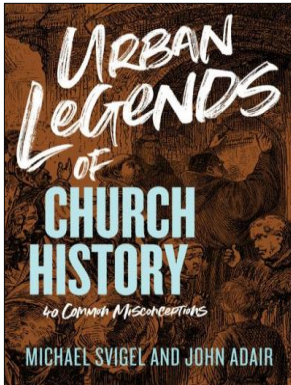
Sadness and sorrow are aspects of the fall of sin but they are also something that each of us must deal with. Psalms 42 and 43 give us a few helpful things to keep us from focusing on sorrow. They are: being around other believers (v.4), being out in nature (v.5), focusing on God's covenantal faithful love (v.8), trusting in God's justice (43:1), and praying for God's peace (v.3-4). God does not promise happiness but he does promise peace regardless of our circumstances (Mathew 11:28).

With the love of Christ,
Pastor Rob

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.

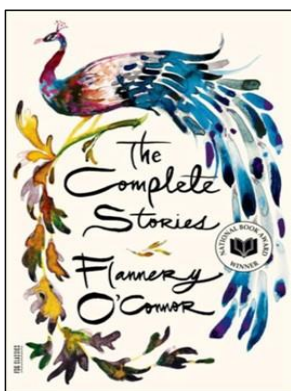
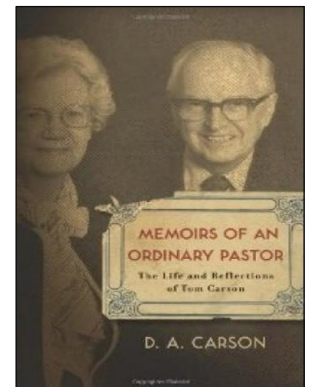
Urban Legends of Church History: 40 Common Misconceptions by Michael J. Svigel and John Adair



I consider myself an amateur church history buff and I still had plenty of my ideas about church history challenged. The book covers 40 different myths from the first century up to the modern church. Each chapter stands on its own and is a few pages in length, which would make this an accessible daily devotional book. The chapters all follow the same formula. It presents the myth, explains what it gets right and wrong (often using primary sources), then end with an application on why the truth matters. I loved how generous and charitable the authors were throughout each myth. They present it in the best possible light and explained why people may believe it. Many of the chapters exercise Christian apologetics; some of the myths are those presented by cults or critiques of Christianity. Yet, they still remain kind in explaining the truth. I think this book would be worthwhile for any believer because there is a good chance you have heard, or even believe, a few of these urban legends.

Memoirs of an Ordinary Pastor by D.A. Carson

This book made me weep. It follows the account of Don Carson's father who was an ordinary pastor in French Canada. He mostly pastored a small church that never saw great success, and some might even call his ministry a failure. The book itself is somewhat detached and dry for a biography written by a son. It does not have the same warmth and devotion like George W. Bush's biography of his father. Yet, it accomplishes its aim to encourage ordinary pastors. I saw myself in Tom's constant struggle and discouragement. And, it reminded me that these ordinary places with churches that don't grow matter. It lacks some of the flair most biographies of "great" Christians are known for. But it may be a balm for your soul. Every ordinary life lived for Christ is worth remembering and celebrating.



The Complete Stories by Flannery O'Connor

Flannery O'Connor was a devoted Catholic writer who tragically died at only 39 after a long struggle with lupus. This book is a collection of every short story she ever wrote. These stories aren't always great, but Flannery's writing always is. The characters always shine and feel real immediately. Most of the stories deal with serious themes like faith, morality, and racism. They also typically contain sudden acts of violence. If you only read one of her stories, then be sure to read "A Good Man is Hard to Find." Some of my seminary professors had been recommending her work to me for years and I am glad I finally listened to them.