



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

Passion Week

Passion Week (also known as Holy Week) is the time from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday (Resurrection Sunday). Also included within Passion Week are Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Spy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Passion Week is so named because of the passion with which Jesus willingly went to the cross in order to pay for the sins of His people. Passion Week is described in Matthew chapters 21-27; Mark chapters 11-15; Luke chapters 19-23; and John chapters 12-19. Passion Week begins with the triumphal entry on Palm Sunday on the back of a colt as prophesied in Zechariah 9:9.

Passion Week contained several memorable events. Jesus cleansed the Temple for the second time (Luke 19:45-46), then disputed with the Pharisees regarding His authority. Then He gave His Olivet Discourse on the end times and taught many things, including the signs of His second coming. Jesus ate His Last Supper with His disciples in the upper room (Luke 22:7-38), then went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray as He waited for His hour to come. It was here that Jesus, having been betrayed by Judas, was arrested and taken to several sham trials before the chief priests, Pontius Pilate, and Herod (Luke 22:54-23:25).

Following the trials, Jesus was scourged at the hands of the Roman soldiers, then was forced to carry His own instrument of execution (the Cross) through the streets of Jerusalem along what is known as the Via Dolorosa (way of sorrows). Jesus was then crucified at Golgotha on the day before the Sabbath, was buried and remained in the tomb until Sunday, the day after the Sabbath, and then gloriously resurrected.

It is referred to as Passion Week because in that time, Jesus Christ truly revealed His passion for us in the suffering He willingly went through on our behalf. What should our attitude be during Passion Week? We should be passionate in our worship of Jesus and in our proclamation of His Gospel! As He suffered for us, so should we be willing to suffer for the cause of following Him and proclaiming the message of His death and resurrection.

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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,

We are finally coming toward the conclusion of the gospel of Luke. We started slowly going through the gospel in November of 2022. We have taken a number of breaks, but it has still taken us a long time. This is the longest I personally have ever spent preaching through a book of the Bible. Previously the longest time we spent going through a book before was 16 weeks in 1 Corinthians. Luke has been almost three times as long.

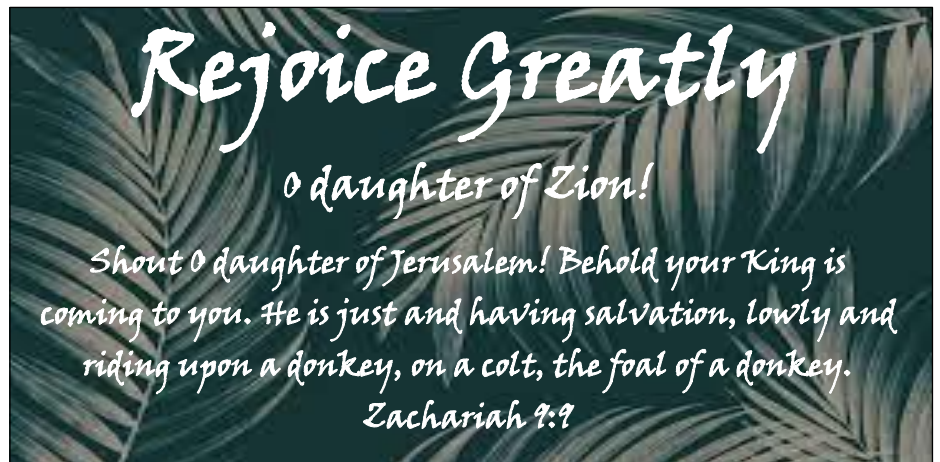
As we wind down, I wanted to remind you of the message of Luke. In my overview sermon of the book, I shared that the message of the gospel of Luke is Jesus is the promised King who came to preach and enact His kingdom, which is for all people, through his life, death, resurrection, and ascension. Much of our time has been on the first section of this statement. Now we are going to see how Jesus enacts His kingdom through His death, resurrection, and ascension.

It is appropriate and fitting that we will hit the climax of the book around Easter this year. We should reach the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. The book of Luke itself slows down the last week of Christ's life. The passion narrative of everything leading to Christ's crucifixion is detailed and filled with drama.

I am glad that we will have time to study these passages in detail. The death and resurrection of Jesus is not just the climax of the gospel of Luke but of all human history. It is the kind of event that demands to be studied slowly and carefully. My prayer and hope is that we will do so this Lenten season.

I hope that our slow and careful study of Christ's life will help us remember and recognize the significance of what Christ accomplished for us. His death and resurrection is our hope. We should never tire of hearing the story. This Easter, let us immerse ourselves in the story of Christ and let it change us.

In Christ,
Pastor David Shields



Journey thru Passion Week

Palm Sunday Triumphant Entry	Matthew 21:1-11	Mark 11:1-11	Luke 19:29-44	John 12:12-19
Monday Cursing of the Fig Tree Cleansing of the Temple	Matthew 21:18-19 Matthew 21:12-17	Mark 11:12-14 Mark 11:15-19	Luke 19:45-48	
Tuesday Lesson of the Withered Fig Tree Challenge of Jesus' Authority Parables of Warning Debate with Jewish Leaders Denunciation of the Scribes and Pharisees Discourse of the Last Things	Matthew 21:18-22 Matthew 21:23-27 Matthew 21:28-22:14 Matthew 22:15-46 Matthew 23:1-39 Matthew 24-25	Mark 11:20-25 Mark 11:27-33 Mark 12:1-12 Mark 12:13-37 Mark 12:38-44 Mark 11:1-11	Luke 20:1-8 Luke 20:9-19 Luke 20:20-44 Luke 20:45-21:4 Luke 19:29-44	
Wednesday Conspiracy of the Chief Priests Two Flashbacks: (1) Anointing of Jesus (2) Plot of Judas	Matthew 26:1-5 Matthew 26:6-16	Mark 14:1-2 Mark 14:3-11	Luke 22:1-2 Luke 22:3-6	John 11:45-12:8
Thursday The Last Supper Gethsemane Betrayal and Arrest Trial Before the Jewish Authorities	Matthew 26:17-35 Matthew 26:36-46 Matthew 26:47-56 Matthew 26:57-75	Mark 14:12-31 Mark 14:32-42 Mark 14:43-52 Mark 14:53-72	Luke 22:7-38 Luke 22:39-46 Luke 22:47-53 Luke 22:54-71	John 13-17 John 18:1-14 John 18:15-27
Good Friday Trial Before Pilate Crucifixion Burial	Matthew 27:1-31 Matthew 27:32-56 Matthew 27:57-61	Mark 15:1-20 Mark 15:21-41 Mark 15:42-47	Luke 23:1-25 Luke 23:26-49 Luke 23:50-56	John 18:28-19:16 John 19:17-37 John 19:38-42
Saturday Watch at the Tomb	Matthew 27:62-66			
Resurrection Sunday The Resurrection The report of the Watch Emmaus Disciples Appearance of the 10 in the Upper Room	Matthew 28:1-10 Matthew 28:11-15	Mark 16:1-8	Luke 24:1-12 Luke 24:13-35 Luke 24:36-49	John 20:1-18 John 20:19-23

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.
- ✚ TBF YOUTH - Meets Sunday Nights at 6 PM (Study) 5 PM (Jam Session)
- ✚ AWANA CLUBS - Meets Wednesdays at 6:30 PM Ages 3-5th Grade
- ✚ DISCIPLESHIP CLASS: Culture Shock by Chip Ingram
- ✚ MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Acts 15-21
- ✚ WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Better, A Study of Hebrews by Jen Wilkin
- ✚ PARENTING CLASS - Untangling Emotions
- ✚ COMMUNION: March 17th and March 31st (Resurrection Sunday)

TBF Men's Ministries

Acts Part 3: Chapters 15-28

Paul's 2nd and 3rd Missionary Journeys

Meets TBF Youth Room - 6:30 PM

Mar. 4: Acts 15:1-35 First Church Council Meeting at Jerusalem

*Mar. 18: Acts 15:36-18:22 Paul's Second Missionary Journey

Apr. 1: Acts 18:23-21:15 Paul's Third Missionary Journey



*On March 18 we'll be starting the last third of the book of Acts - a 5 lesson look at Acts 15:36-28:31. This final portion of Acts, specifically Acts 15:36-28:31, relives the reunions, courtroom scenes, calamities, and victories of Paul's second and third missionary journeys. It also follows Paul's later travels, visits, and imprisonments in Jerusalem and Rome. Study will wrap up in May.

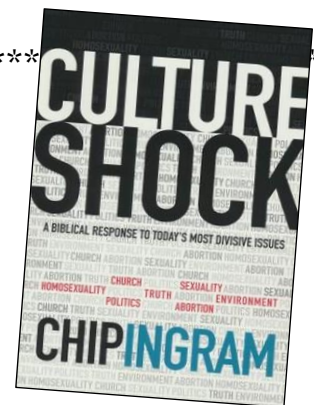
All men are invited. If you need materials for the study, please see Wolfgang Deeg. He usually has copies with him at church.

Discipleship Class

Culture Shock by Chip Ingram

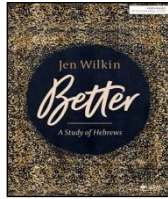
Session 5 & 6: March 10th and 24th Led by Mike Palovik

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



Description: Where do you stand on issues like: Truth, Sex, Homosexuality, Abortion, the Environment, and the Church and Politics? More importantly, what does God say? More than ever before, believers must develop convictions based on research, reason, and biblical truth. But it doesn't stop there. It's equally important that you're able (and willing) to communicate these convictions with a love and respect that reflects God's love. This series will help you learn how to respond with love, even in the face of controversy. In the process, you'll discover the power of bringing light—not heat—to the core issues at the heart of society today.

TBF *Women's Ministries*



Women's Bible Study

We are working through a book by Jen Wilkin entitled **Better**, A study of Hebrews. Class meets every other Thursday. See church bulletin for next meeting. Meeting times are 9:30 AM and 6 PM.

In this verse-by-verse study of the Book of Hebrews, Jen Wilkin explores how God "provided something better for us" in the person of Jesus Christ (Heb. 11:40). Through stories of Old Testament heroes and practices, the author of Hebrews demonstrates how the new covenant is superior to the old and how Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of every promise. Explore familiar verses in context of the entire Bible, learning how to place your hope and faith in Christ alone.

We have 6 weeks left in the study, so feel free to jump in. It's never too late. Books are available. See Jean Crow if you are interested.

Women's Ministry Organization Meeting

Organizational meeting on March 12 at 10:30 in the youth room. We will be discussing and planning our spring and summer events. We value everyone's input so join us if you are interested and able. In particular, if anyone is interested in helping coordinate our events, Spring Fling and Tea and Tinsel, please talk to anyone in the women's ministry for more information.

Decorating for Spring

The Women's Ministry will be changing the church decor to spring on March 1 at 5:30 PM. Feel free to join us as we take down the winter décor and freshen up the church with spring furnishings.

TBF Family Ministries

Happy March church family!

This month, I want to continue our discussion about anxiety and a biblical view of it. In January, we discussed a simple definition of anxiety which is a feeling of uneasiness or nervousness about future events. For this newsletter, I want to wrestle with a case study and one of Jesus's teachings in scripture.

Elijah the prophet is such an interesting person in scripture. He has the highest highs and the lowest lows seemingly one right after the other. In 1 Kings 18, after 450 prophets of Baal attempt to call fire down on their alter and fail, he prays to the Lord, and his drenched alter is engulfed in flame, Elijah flees to a creek in Horeb. While there, he was anxious for his life. And rather than doing what we tend to do (meditate on our own fear and worry and grow more anxious) he cried out to the Lord. Rather than getting rid of Jezebel and solving the object of anxiousness for Elijah, God first gives him nourishment and then appears to Elijah and reminds him that he is loved by God. Finally, God brings Elisha into his life. As Christians, we have scripture to nourish us, and while it may not seem exciting nor even enjoyable at times, it is God's word that is written for our benefit (2 Tim. 3:16-17). We also have the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, rather than God appearing in front of us to remind us that He loves us. He has taken up residence inside of us because of Jesus. And finally, it is easy to be anxious and remove ourselves from others, but no man is an island. We are meant to walk this life with others. When Elijah was alone it was easy for him to believe that the whole world was against him. After he begins to travel with Elisha, we do not see him have another Hebron moment.

During the sermon on the mount, Jesus says so many powerful things about emotions. For example, if you hate your brother, you have murdered him in your heart, or if you lust then you have committed adultery. Among these seemingly larger heart issues, Jesus addresses anxiety by reminding us of God's providence (Matt. 6:26-30). He reminds us that God takes care of flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow and the crows in the sky that seemingly have no value. This is not Jesus teaching a "bootstrap" theology, that we should get over our feelings and toughen up, but rather reminding us that regardless of what is happening around us, God cares for us and has placed us in a situation that may stretch us and push us, but it is not beyond us as long as we rely on Jesus for our strength. Jesus asks a very good question: can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? (v.27) When I begin to feel anxious, I meditate on this verse. It doesn't tell us that worrying is inherently evil, but it does remind us not to dwell on the fear that worry brings.

Worries are all around us, and they are only exacerbated by television and smartphones, but our hearts drift toward worry. When you feel worry encompassing you, breathe and look at the sparrows. Be reminded that God loves you and will provide, do not forsake the gathering of God's people, and lean on your brothers and sisters in Christ. As Saint Augustine said, "The church is not a museum for saints, it is a hospital for sinners." Cry out to the Great Physician and gather with others who are striving to follow Him.

In the love of Jesus,
Pastor Rob

Thank You !

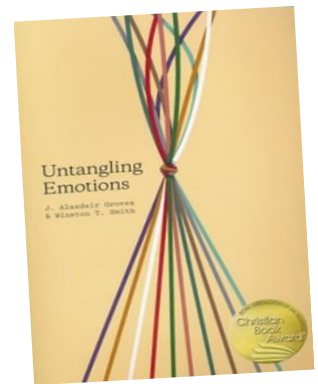
To all who supported our youth through
volunteering, donating, praying, and participating in
this year's youth fund-raiser Valentine dinner.



EVERY WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM

Parenting Group Untangling Emotions by Alistair Groves

Join the parents of TBF in March in the south classroom for dinner and book discussion. Kids are welcome and nursery will be provided. See Sunday's bulletin for dates. Led by Pastor Rob Girvin.



Kindred Community

**March 26th 6-8 PM
Stephens County Fairgrounds
Hosted by Open Range Cowboy Church**

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

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 18th. TBF will be hosting Kindred Community. There will be several opportunities to serve before the event and the night of.

Resurrection Cookies

What a wonderful way to explore and share the true meaning of Christ's resurrection. It is great fun for all the family and the cookies really are delicious. Read the whole recipe before beginning. Try to do together Saturday night before Resurrection Sunday.

Preheat oven to 300 degrees

Ingredients:

1 cup whole pecans

3 egg whites

1 cup sugar

1 tsp. vinegar

1 pinch of salt

Mixing bowl

Wooden spoon

Cookie sheet

Wax paper

Zipper baggy

Tape

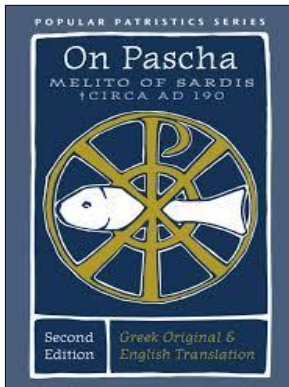
Bible

1. Place pecans in the baggy and let the children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested. He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read - John 19:1-3.
2. Let child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink. Read - John 19:28-30
3. Add egg whites to the vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life for our life. Read - John 10:10-11 4
4. Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand let them taste it then brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that represents the salty tears shed by Jesus followers and the bitterness of our own sin. Read - Luke 23:27
5. So far the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 cup sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of this story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. Read - Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16
6. Beat with mixer on high speed for 11-15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read - Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3
7. Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoon onto waxed paper-covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus body was laid. Read - Matt. 27:65-66
8. Put cookies sheet in the oven. Close door and turn oven OFF. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the door. Explain that Jesus tomb was sealed. Read - Matt. 27:65-66
9. Go to bed !
10. Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read - John 16:20 and 22
11. On Resurrection Morning open the oven and give everyone a cookie! Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Resurrection Day Jesus followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read - Matt. 28:1-9

He Is Risen ! Hallelujah !!!

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.

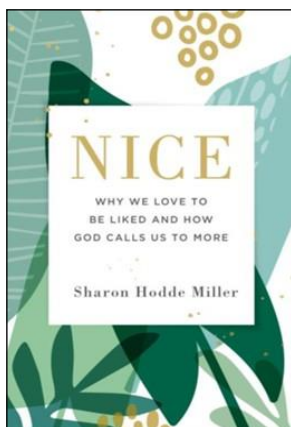
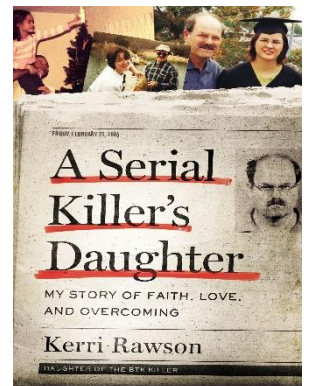


Melito of Sardis "On Pascha"

On Pascha is an Easter poem (possibly a sermon) that explains how the Passover was ultimately fulfilled in Christ. It is one of my favorite things I have ever read in the fathers. It walks through the entire Passover story and points out how each section directs us to Jesus. It is poetic, profound, and always beautiful. The book itself has other fragments of arguments about those who wanted to celebrate Easter on Passover, but that material is boring and skippable. The poem itself is available online and can be easily read in 30 minutes.

A Serial Killer's Daughter: My Story of Faith, Love, and Overcoming by Kerri Dawson

This is much more of a Christian memoir than a true crime story. The story centers around Kerri having to deal with the trauma of finding out the dad she loved was BTK, a serial killer. It centers on her story and the other victims at times seem to take a back seat. I don't particularly enjoy true crime stuff, but I enjoyed this one. I was encouraged to hear her journey of faith in the midst of terrible circumstances. The book focuses more on her life and experience but her struggle with trusting God and other Christian themes are significant throughout the book.



Nice: Why We Love to Be Liked and How God Calls Us to More by Sharon Hodge Miller

This is a timely and needed book. Miller calls out a particular idol of "niceness." Her argument is that many Christians try to be "nice", not out of an attempt to follow Jesus, but out of an attempt to be liked and loved. Miller makes a firm distinction between niceness and kindness. Christians are called to be kind, but niceness can often be a barrier to following Christ. She does a good job of making it clear that this does not mean Christians are free to be jerks. Instead, we are called to something higher. It is an easy read and is perfect to read in a group or along with others.