



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.

Bitterness

Bitterness is resentful cynicism that results in an intense antagonism or hostility toward others. The Bible teaches us to "get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice." It then goes on to tell us how to deal with such bitterness and its fruits by being "kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4:31-32).

As an adjective, the word bitter means "sharp like an arrow or pungent to the taste, disagreeable; venomous." The idea is that of the poisonous water given to the women who were suspected of committing adultery in Numbers 5:18: "The bitter water that brings a curse." In its figurative sense, bitterness refers to a mental or emotional state that corrodes or "eats away at." Bitterness can affect one experiencing profound grief or anything that acts on the mind in the way poison acts on the body. Bitterness is that state of mind that willfully holds on to angry feelings, ready to take offense, able to break out in anger at any moment.

The foremost danger in succumbing to bitterness and allowing it to rule our hearts is that it is a spirit that refuses reconciliation. As a result, bitterness leads to wrath, which is the explosion on the outside of the feelings on the inside. Such unbridled wrath and anger often leads to "brawling," which is the brash self-absorption of an angry person who needs to make everyone hear his grievances. Another evil brought on by bitterness is slander. As used in Ephesians 4, it is not referring to blasphemy against God or merely slander against men, but to any speech springing from anger and designed to wound or injure others.

All this then leads to a spirit of malice, which signifies evil-mindedness or feelings of intense hatred. This kind of attitude is sensual and devilish in its influences. Malice is a deliberate attempt to harm another person. Therefore, "every form of malice" must be done away with (Ephesians 4:31).

The person who is bitter is often resentful, cynical, harsh, cold, relentless, and unpleasant to be around. Any expression of these characteristics is sin against God; they are of the flesh, not of His Spirit (Galatians 5:19-21). Hebrews 12:15 warns us to "see to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many." We must always be wary of allowing "bitter roots" to grow in our hearts; such roots will cause us to fall short of the grace of God. God wills that His people live in love, joy, peace, and holiness—not in bitterness. Therefore, the believer must always watch diligently, being on guard against the dangers of bitterness.

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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,

After many weeks, we have finally finished studying the book of Genesis. It is arguably the most foundational book of the Bible. I wanted us to take our time going through the book because understanding Genesis will help us understand the rest of the Scriptures.

The theme of Genesis is how God establishes a particular people and uses them to bless the world and overcome the curse. Each chapter and generation of Genesis plays this story out. While the theme of later books of the Bible changes, this mission of God to overcome the curse through blessing a particular people does not. Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of the blessing, and His death and resurrection are how the curse is overcome.

Genesis establishes patterns the rest of the Bible will follow. Men and women meet at wells. Barren women are miraculously able to give birth. The people of God are often sojourners wandering outside of the promised land. The unexpected are the ones to receive the blessing. Outsiders are welcomed into the covenant. God makes covenants and promises to humanity. These and many more are patterns that will repeat themselves throughout the Bible.

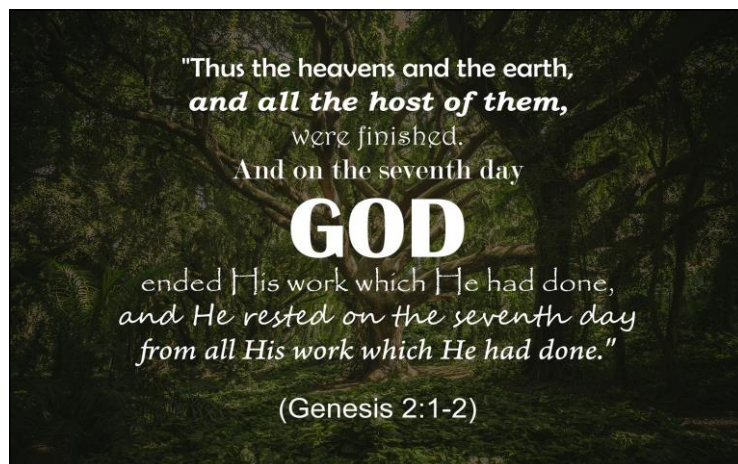
Genesis establishes the basic problem with the world. The world has been cursed. The problem is not only the rebellion of man. The introduction of the serpent and the rebellious sons of God sets the expectation that mankind has a spiritual enemy. Sin is not just an abstract problem between us and God but a power and an adversary.

Genesis introduces us to the promise of a coming blessing. The patriarchs never fully see God's promises come true. They get part of the blessing. They see God's faithfulness to His promises. But they never get to see all of the Abrahamic blessings all at once. This sets the expectation we can now have as believers. We too will have to wait for the full consummation of the promises of God.

Genesis introduces us to the nation of Israel and the people of God. Understanding the story of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph will help you understand the journey of Israel in the rest of the Old Testament. Part of their story will repeat itself. It will also play itself out in the life of the church. The church inherits the Abrahamic blessing and continues the mission of blessing the whole world.

I hope our study of Genesis has only whetted your appetite for further study of the book. The more you study this book the better you will understand the rest of the Scriptures.

In Christ,
Pastor David Shields



Opportunities to Serve

Volunteers Needed!

Tuesday, June 18th

TBF will be hosting Kindred Community. There will be opportunities to serve before and the night of this special event. Join us as we bless the widows in our community.

See Brianna Shields or Erica Clonts for details. Volunteer signup sheet is located in the church foyer.

SUMMER FOOD AND FUN LINK ONE MINISTRIES

The Women's Ministry is joining with the Youth Group again this year to organize TBF week at Summer Food and Fun sponsored by Link One Ministries. We are responsible for the first week of June (June 3-6) . We will be looking for 2-3 adults to join the youth group Monday thru Thursday to help prepare and distribute the food and play games with the kids at Elm Terrace. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Looking for fun on Wednesday nights? Have a love for God and want to plant seeds in the lives of children? Be a TBF Awana Volunteer. There's something for everyone.

**Awana Volunteers Needed Fall 2024
See Pastor Rob Girvin for details**



Wha-t'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 5:30 PM (Jam Session) and 6 PM (Study)
- ✚ AWANA CLUBS - Meets Wednesdays at 6:30 PM Ages 3-5
- ✚ DISCIPLESHIP CLASS: Culture Shock by Chip Ingram
- ✚ WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Better, A Study of Hebrews by Jen Wilkin
- ✚ PARENTING CLASS - Untangling Emotions by Alistair Groves
- ✚ SUPER SUMMER - JUNE 15TH
- ✚ KINDRED COMMUNITY HOSTED BY TBF - JUNE 18TH

TBF Men's Ministries

On Summer Break

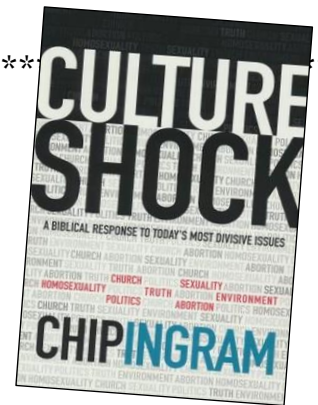
Discipleship Class

Culture Shock by Chip Ingram

June 2nd and 16th 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.



Her strength and courage will never be forgotten.

Our condolences to Mike and Jan Palovik on the loss of Mike's mother.

TBF *Women's Ministries*

“NO STUDY” SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

No Study Summer Bible Study. We are planning to meet every other week on Thursday evenings in the summer for time together at the celebration table and then reviewing a Kristi McLelland online course that is an overall look at the Old Testament. It is the study that Kristi has done prior to taking her groups to Israel. It is an amazing overview with the same insightful knowledge that we have come to expect from Kristi. It will be a no pressure, no weekly homework but a casual get-together with some great Biblical information. Join us every time we get together or whenever you are not vacationing.

Meets Every Other Thursday Evening 6 PM
June dates: 13th and 27th
Sign-up sheet in the foyer.

SUPPER SUMMER SATURDAYS

June 15th is our first event! Starts at 9:30 AM. Hosted by Kyleen Driggs – 2574 E Osage, Marlow. Special Guest: Nancy Bowling

July Super Summer will be hosted by Connie Norton. Special Guest: Blanche Brittain.
August Super Summer will be hosted by Brianna Sheilds. Special Guest: Jimmie Bruner.

Watch Sunday bulletins for further details.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ORGANIZATION MEETING

Organizational meeting on July 9th at 10:30 in the youth room. We will be discussing and planning our summer and fall 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, Fall Kick Off, Tea and Tinsel, and Spring Fling, please talk to anyone in the women's ministry for more information.

Kindred Community

June 18th 6-8 PM
At The Venue (formally The Well) Duncan, Oklahoma
Hosted by Tanglewood Bible Fellowship

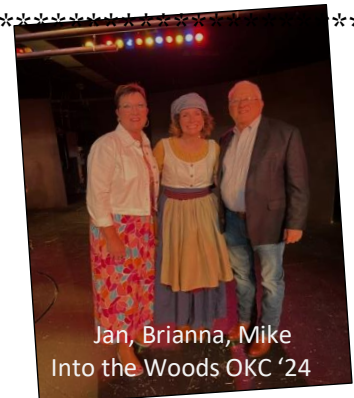
If you are a TBF woman with a heavenly husband or know of a woman you would like to invite to this event, please RSVP - Jan Palovik 580.786.6009



The Palovicks and The Franks



Ruth Cummings



Jan, Brianna, Mike
Into the Woods OKC '24

Resumes in the Fall
See you then!



Let's give our mom's a break....

Volunteers needed in the nursery
and pre-school areas on Sunday
mornings.

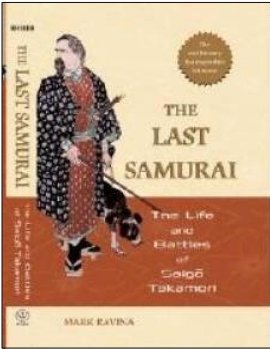
Signup sheet in the foyer.



Awana Awards 2024

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.



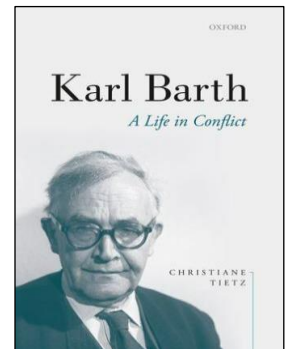
The Last Samurai: The Life and Battles of Saigo Takamori by Mark J. Ravina

The Last Samurai is one of my favorite movies. This is a biography of who Ken Watanabe's character is based on. The real story was just as fascinating and captivating as the performance. He started from humble beginnings and became one of the most influential Samurai in Japanese history and a legend. He led a rebellion to restore the emperor to power and at the end of his life rebelled against the emperor. He embodied the best ideals of the Samurai, along with their complications. The book is short, focused, and relatively easy to follow even without a great grasp of Japanese history. I would recommend this to anyone who loves the movie or has a desire to learn more about Japanese history.

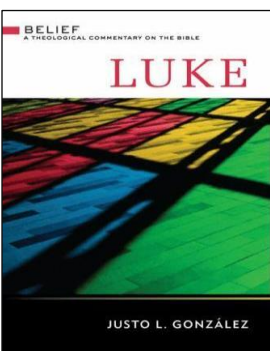
Karl Barth: A Life in Conflict by Christiane Tietz

I've never known quite what to think about Barth, and even after this magnificent book I still don't, although I do know him better. He is a polarizing figure in theology, especially in my own evangelical circles. He stands in a weird position of rejecting the hyper-German liberalism of his day but he never moved towards American fundamentalism.

Much of the book focuses on the conflict in Barth's own life, his 40-year-long "affair" with his secretary. Affair is not quite the word to use. She lived in their house and his wife knew about it. Understandably, it caused a great deal of conflict in his marriage. We only get snippets of what she actually thought about the arrangement, but it is clear she had no options and wanted it to end. The book also does a good job of explaining Barth's inner thought process. He clearly and repeatedly knew it was wrong and contradictory, but he could not stop trying to justify himself.



The book itself is a marvelous achievement. It is accessible to the average reader of biographies and is filled with depth. It even includes some of the best summaries of Barth's books and theology I have encountered so far. If you are interested in reading about Barth's life, this is a great place to begin.



Luke: Belief: A Theological Commentary on the Bible Justo L. González

This was my favorite of all the commentaries I read on the gospel of Luke. He consistently brought our unique insights to the text, especially in application, that no one else was. It is accessible and useful for lay people as well as clergy. If you could only have one commentary on Luke, this would be the one to get.