



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.

The Day of the Lord

The phrase "day of the Lord" usually identifies events that take place at the end of history (Isaiah 7:18-25) and is often closely associated with the phrase "that day." One key to understanding these phrases is to note that they always identify a span of time during which God personally intervenes in history, directly or indirectly, to accomplish some specific aspect of His plan.

Most people associate the day of the Lord with a period of time or a special day that will occur when God's will and purpose for His world and for mankind will be fulfilled. Some scholars believe that the day of the Lord will be a longer period of time than a single day—a period of time when Christ will reign throughout the world before He cleanses heaven and earth in preparation for the eternal state of all mankind. Other scholars believe the day of the Lord will be an instantaneous event when Christ returns to earth to redeem His faithful believers and send unbelievers to eternal damnation.

The phrase "the day of the Lord" is used often in the Old Testament (e.g. Isaiah 2:12; 13:6, 9; Ezekiel 13:5, 30:3; Joel 1:15, 2:1,11,31; 3:14; Amos 5:18,20; Obadiah 15; Zephaniah 1:7,14; Zechariah 14:1; Malachi 4:5) and several times in the New Testament (e.g. Acts 2:20; 1 Corinthians 5:5; 2 Corinthians 1:14; 1 Thessalonians 5:2; 2 Thessalonians 2:2; 2 Peter 3:10). It is also alluded to in other passages (Revelation 6:17;16:14).

The Old Testament passages dealing with the day of the Lord often convey a sense of imminence, nearness, and expectation: "Wail, for the day of the Lord is near!" (Isaiah 13:6); "For the day is near, even the day of the Lord is near" (Ezekiel 30:3); "Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand" (Joel 2:1); "Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision" (Joel 3:14); "Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near" (Zephaniah 1:7). This is because the Old Testament passages referring to the day of the Lord often speak of both a near and a far fulfillment, as does much of Old Testament prophecy. Some Old Testament passages that refer to the day of the Lord describe historical judgments that have already been fulfilled in some sense (Isaiah 13:6-22; Ezekiel

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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,

This month, we are going to study the book of Joel. Joel is one of those small books in a collection we refer to as the minor prophets. We call them minor because they are shorter than the major prophets like Isaiah and Ezekiel. However, the broader church often only has a minor interest in them. Despite growing up in the church, I have only seen one preacher attempt to preach through the book and another give an overview of the minor prophets.

At least part of my hope in our study of this book is that it will help us see the value of all of God's Word. Every book of the Bible does not have to be our favorite, nor must we master every single passage. But, we should be at least somewhat familiar with all of God's Word. At least part of the spiritual decline in the American Church is because we are no longer interested in the whole counsel of God. I hope studying this book together will deepen our desire to read all of the prophets, not just the nice passages about Christ.

I also hope our study of the book reminds us of the overarching story of God. In the three chapters of the book, we see God's judgment, mercy for the repentant, and the promise of a glorious future. The whole Bible is summed up in this often-overlooked book. We get both the fierceness of God's punishment of the wicked and the promise of redemption for those who return to God.

My last hope is that studying the book will increase our understanding of what the day of the Lord means. The day of the Lord is the theme of the book of Joel and is referred to repeatedly throughout each chapter. Sometimes it refers to a day of judgment, an apocalyptic day, or a day of deliverance. It is something in the future and in the past. It is something repeated and something we are to expect. Looking at the book closely will help us see that this day means so much more than we might think at first glance.

I am excited to study this minor prophet together. My prayer is that it will be a great profit to our souls.

In Christ,
David Shields

Blow ye the trumpet in Zion and sound an alarm in my holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand.

Joel 2:1

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30:2-19; Joel 1:15, 3:14; Amos 5:18-20; Zephaniah 1:14-18), while others refers to divine judgments that will take place toward the end of the age (Joel 2:30-32; Zechariah 14:1; Malachi 4:1, 5).

The New Testament calls it a day of "wrath," a day of "visitation," and the "great day of God Almighty" (Revelation 16:14) and refers to a still future fulfillment when God's wrath is poured out on unbelieving Israel (Isaiah 22; Jeremiah 30:1-17; Joel 1-2; Amos 5; Zephaniah 1) and on the unbelieving world (Ezekiel 38-39; Zechariah 14). The Scriptures indicate that "the day of the Lord" will come quickly, like a thief in the night (Zephaniah 1:14-15; 1 Thessalonians 5:2), and therefore Christians must be watchful and ready for the coming of Christ at any moment.

Besides being a time of judgment, it will also be a time of salvation as God will deliver the remnant of Israel, fulfilling His promise that "all of Israel will be saved" (Romans 11:26), forgiving their sins and restoring His chosen people to the land He promised to Abraham (Isaiah 10:27; Jeremiah 30:19-31, 40; Micah 4; Zechariah 13). The final outcome of the day of the Lord will be that "the arrogance of man will be brought low and the pride of men humbled; the Lord alone will be exalted in that day" (Isaiah 2:17). The ultimate or final fulfillment of the prophecies concerning the day of the Lord will come at the end of history when God, with wondrous power, will punish evil and fulfill all His promises.

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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.
- ✚ DICIPLESHIP CLASS - October 13 and 27th
- ✚ MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Lamentations. October 7th and 21st
- ✚ WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY: Every Other Thursday 9 AM and 6 PM
- ✚ PARENTING CLASS - Oct 8th and 22nd
- ✚ TBF YOUTH - Meets Sunday Nights at 5:30 PM (Jam Session) and 6 PM (Study)
- ✚ AWANA CLUBS - Meets Wednesdays at 6:30 PM Ages 2 yr. old - 5th Grade
- ✚ COMMUNTION - October 20th
- ✚ KINDRED COMMUNITY - October 29th
- ✚ BEAUTY FROM ORDINARY THINGS - October 5th
- ✚ PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY AND CHURCH WIDE LUNCH - October 13th

Maxine Blystone Turns 100!!

Happy Birthday,
Maxine



Opportunities to Serve

Awana Volunteers Needed

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. Please see Pastor Rob Girvin for details.

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

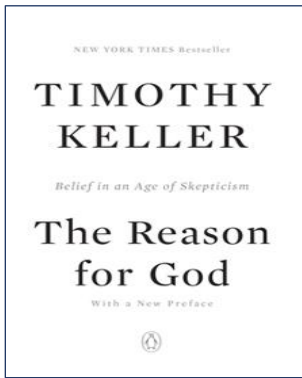
Volunteers needed in the nursery and pre-school areas on Sunday mornings. Sign-up Sheet in the Foyer. Please see Pastor Rob Girvin.

Bible study childcare worker needed

We are in need of childcare for the Thursday morning study. Please let us know if you know of someone available on Thursday mornings who loves kids and could use a little extra spending money. See Jean Crow if you know of someone or want to volunteer.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

I Peter 4:10



Discipleship Class

October 13th and 27th

The Reason for God

by Timothy Keller.

How could a loving God send people to hell? Why does he allow suffering? Can one religion be "right" and the others "wrong"? Responding to the questions of open skeptics and ardent believers, Keller's writing draws from literature, philosophy, reason, and real-life conversations to explain how faith in a Christian God is a soundly, rational belief.

Timothy Keller, the founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, addresses the frequent doubts that skeptics, and even ardent believers, have about religion. Using literature, philosophy, real-life conversations, and potent reasoning, Keller explains how the belief in a Christian God is, in fact, a sound and rational one. To true believers he offers a solid platform on which to stand their ground against the backlash to religion created by the Age of Skepticism. And to skeptics, atheists, and agnostics, he provides a challenging argument for pursuing the reason for God.

Discipleship class led by Mike Palovik



TBF Men's Ministries Lamentations

PAIN Poured OUT --- A GOD WHO COMFORTS

TBF Youth Room 6:30-7:30 PM

Led by Wolfgang Deeg

When tragedy strikes, where do you turn? As his world crumbled around him, the prophet Jeremiah poured out his pain to God. In his poetic expression of pain, the book of Lamentations, we discover a God who knows our suffering and welcomes the honest cries of our hearts.

In this study, learn from Jeremiah's example of lament and bring your own pain, loss, and doubt before the God who sees you.

- **Oct 7:** Watch as Jeremiah recounts his personal suffering yet remembers the faithfulness and compassion of God. Like Jeremiah, we can find comfort in God's presence and trust Him through trials.
- **Oct. 21:** Experience Jeremiah's hope for redemption. As Jeremiah pleads for God's mercy toward His people, we remember our own yearning for future restoration.

The book of Lamentations reminds us that turning to prayer in tragedy demonstrates our faith. Will you turn to God with your pain?

NOVEMBER SNEAK PEEK

In November we'll start a new 3 meeting series looking at WISDOM Overview of Psalms, Proverbs, and prayers of David and Solomon.

TBF *Women's Ministries*

FALL BIBLE STUDIES



Jonah - Navigating a Life Interrupted by Priscilla Shirer

What do we do when God interrupts our lives? Many times, like Jonah, we run! In this 7-session Bible study, Priscilla redefines interruption and shows that interruption is actually God's invitation to do something beyond our wildest dreams. When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire city.

Meets Every Other Thursday Morning 9:30 AM (Oct. 10th and 24th)

Evening study Krist McLelland: Walk Through the Bible.

Meets Every Other Thursday Evening 6 PM (Oct 10th and 24th)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ORGANIZATION MEETING

The Women's Ministry Organizational Committee meets every odd month on the second Tuesday of that month. We meet to coordinate the activities of the women's ministry at Tanglewood. We invite all the ladies of Tanglewood to join us for those meetings. The areas of ministry and the women who coordinate those areas are as follows:

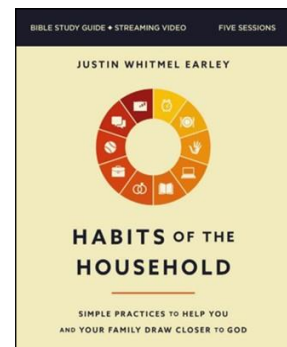
- Finance-Kitty Lewark
- Decor-Kyleen Driggs
- Super Summer Saturdays-Linda Keeney
- Bible Study-Jean Crow
- Events-Alex Stewart
- Communication-Bri Shields
- In Reach- Megan Wilkins
- Outreach- Jean Crow

Our November meeting will be centered around our Thanksgiving and Christmas outreach projects, a Christmas event, and deciding on Spring Bible Study courses. Lots going on so if you have any input or desire to help, come to the meeting or speak with one of the above women.

Parenting Class

Tuesdays at 6 PM Oct 8th and 22nd
Meets at TBF in classroom

Habits of the Household
Practicing the Story of God in Everyday Family Rhythms
By Justin Whitmel Early



TBF Family Ministries

Happy October church family!

This month, in our deep dive into heart emotions, we will continue our conversation about the emotion of pride. Pride, the root of all vice is not a sense of honor in one's nation or of one's family, rather it is a belief that we can run our life better than God can. This month, we will look at a few people as case studies in scripture.

The first two case studies are both in the first family of scripture. Last month, we touched on Adam and Eve's sin. This sin was not solely eating the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil, rather, it was accepting the deceiver's view of the world. Adam and Eve believed they could control their lives better than God could; the consequence of this belief was eating from the tree and realizing they were naked. Their hearts' emotion of pride expressed itself as manipulating their surroundings, lying, and blaming everyone but themselves for their actions. Their son Cain also demonstrates pride. When God did not accept his offering, Cain's reaction demonstrated a belief that he deserved to be blessed because he gave God something. This inverted the truth that all things belong to the Lord and that we should offer Him the first fruits to give Him thanks for His blessing. This prideful spirit displayed itself as vengeful anger towards his brother to the point of murder.

Saul, the first King of Israel, is another prime example of pride. Saul, in his reign of forty-two years, failed often. Most of these failures can be attributed to what he believed to be the best course of action. He chose not to destroy all the things of the Philistines when God told him to and offered the burnt and fellowship offerings on his own rather than waiting for Samuel. He also attempted to kill David on multiple occasions. Every time he acted it seemed to be because he believed that he alone knew the right way to go, even if it went against God's rule. He even brought Samuel's spirit back to talk to it! Saul was very prideful, and it ended with him falling on his spear, all of his sons dying around him, and the kingdom being taken away from his line and given to David and his line.

Finally, I want to mention Saul, who became Paul before his conversion, was a Pharisee persecuting Christians. He shows how pride can cause us to value something more than God. Saul hated Christians because he believed that they were making a mockery of God. This is not a bad thing in and of itself. It is important to be discerning and to hold God highly, but it becomes a problem when we believe we should take justice into our own hands because we think God is not judging people correctly. Saul not only held cloaks for those who would stone Christians but went around getting permission to persecute Christians everywhere. Saul's passion became pride, and that pride eventually led to Jesus blinding him to impart this important lesson.

I would like to share a few final thoughts based on these case studies. First and foremost, God is loving and blesses us with more than we deserve. God promised Eve that her descendent would eventually make a way for them back to the Garden. Even after Cain killed Abel, God allowed him to live and gave him protection so that he would not be killed. God allowed King Saul to rule for forty-two years, and God protected one of Saul's grandsons and he was still able to eat at the king's table. Finally, Paul became one of the most impactful missionaries, and through God's providence, over half of the New Testament was written by him. Pride never leads to our flourishing. We think that we know better than God, but in reality, we make for really bad gods. God is kind and generous. When we turn from our sin and repent, He will forgive us and welcome us back with open arms.

In the love of Christ,
Pastor Rob

****Youth Bible Study -- Sundays 6-7 PM TBF Youth Room -- Journey Through the Bible**

Beauty from Ordinary Things

11 AM - 1 PM October 5th

Kyleen will be demonstrating some outdoor winter arrangements made from common, ordinary items found readily in nature and Jan will bless us with a devotional on how God uses the ordinary person to do extraordinary things. Stay tuned for further details.

Bring your favorite soup, salad, or sandwich to share.

Pastor Appreciation Day

Sunday, October 13th

Celebrate Pastor Appreciation Day with us Sunday, Oct. 13th

Please join us for a potluck lunch at 11:30 AM following the Sunday morning service and discipleship class.

Bring a vegetable or salad and dessert to accompany the main entrée and drinks to be provided by the church.

Watch your bulletins for further details.

Anyone wanting to bless our pastors and their families with cards and/or gift cards may do so by putting them in a basket in the foyer before the Sunday service on Oct. 13th.

I Thessalonians 5:12-13

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

Kindred Community

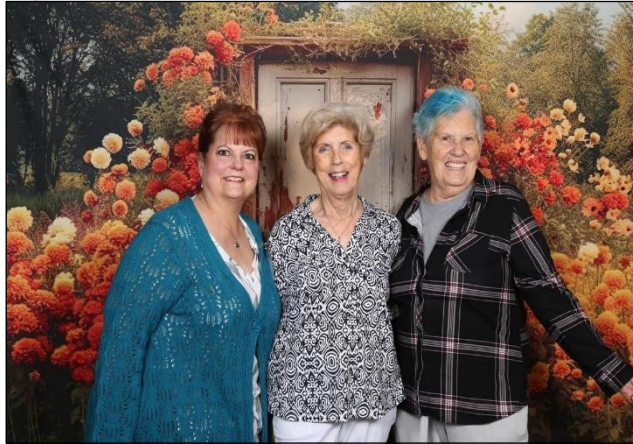
October 29th 6-8 PM
Hosted by Chisholm Trail Church of Christ
Duncan, OK

There will be a costume parade so feel free to come in costume for Halloween and, of course, it is Breast Cancer awareness month so we always acknowledge that!

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



10-year Celebration Event



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 Early Church on Killing: A Comprehensive Sourcebook on War, Abortion, and Capital Punishment by Donald J. Sider

This book is a definitive resource for studying what the early church thought about these issues. The vast majority of the book is a collection of every possible relevant statement made by the early church on these subjects. They are all introduced briefly with biographical information about the author or works. Part of the beauty of the quotations is that they are not brief. He gives you the entire quote with all of the surrounding context. There is not an attempt to manipulate the data or present it only in the best light.

The author is a pacifist and makes his own position known. However, it is intellectually honest and charitable throughout. He makes his own summary argument at the end of the book, which is worth reading. I appreciated his perspective as an aspiring pacifist myself, but I think those who might disagree on war will still find much to appreciate.

What surprised me the most about the book is how uniform the church was in rejecting abortion and capital punishment. The idea of Christians serving in the military is a little more mixed, especially after Constantine. I was especially pleased to see how clearly the fathers believed life begins at conception.

If you want to study what the early church thought on these issues yourself, then this is the place to start. It is not a book that will do the work for you. You will have to read and wrestle all of these relevant passages on your own. It will give you more than enough information to draw your own conclusion on what they believe.

Bud and Me: The True Adventures of the Abernathy Boys by Alta Abernathy

This is one of the wildest stories I have ever read. Two young brothers, 5 and 9, rode their horses from Oklahoma all the way to New York City by themselves. The story is recorded by the wife of the younger brother, Temple, according to his recollections. I would have a harder time believing most of the stories if they had not been widely recorded and reported on. The boys became celebrities, and this was only one of the many adventures they had together. I will probably read this one aloud to my children because I think they will enjoy it.

Flannery: A Life of Flannery O'Connor by Brad Gooch

To my knowledge, this is the only biography of Flannery, and it is a worthy one. This is not a perfect biography. Some biographies are so well written that even someone not initially interested in the subject can find the book enthralling. This book is not quite on that level, but any fan of Flannery will find a lot to enjoy here. She was a devout catholic whose struggle with Lupus led to an untimely death. All of her stories wrestled with faith, violence, and suffering.

The book accomplishes the most important task of a biography, which is to give you a sense of the subject. The book is filled with quotes and stories of Flannery that make her come alive as a person. Her personality jumps off the page and makes her stories come alive in a way I hadn't considered.

I wish the book would have dived more into the complicated relationship Flannery had with her mother. It touched on the dynamic and painted a picture of it, but the author never theorized or tried to explain it himself. He worked a little too hard to stay objective.

Overall, this is a worthy biography. The author is clearly a fan of Flannery's work and references it constantly throughout the book.