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“Our mission is to proclaim the Word of God, leading people to a saving faith and a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.”



Crush the Box

This is the month when we prove our love and undying devotion by purchasing heart-shaped boxes full of candy. Since these boxes are usually ‘samplers,’ there are a variety of candy types. Naturally, there are some flavors more popular than others; and we throw doubt on our love and undying devotion by helping ourselves to our favorites. We know which ones they are, because the heart-shaped box comes with a heart-shaped guide; describing the goodies. Perhaps love would be better served if we put the candy in another container and crushed the box.

“The Box” represents the normal limits we put on our thinking and problem-solving. It is the way we normally do things to solve problems. Sometimes we encourage each other to think outside the box—to find new ways to think about a problem. This can be good advice; because ‘the box’ is usually self-imposed.

We find examples of ‘outside the box’ thinking in the Bible. In the book of Acts, Paul had a system he used as a missionary (system = box). When he visited a new city, he would find the local synagogue, visit on the Sabbath, and start preaching/teaching about Jesus. When he got kicked out—which he always did—he would go to the gentiles and preached to them until he got run out of the city—which he usually did.

He ran into a problem in Philippi; they didn’t have a synagogue. His box didn’t fit the situation. Determined, he found another way. Going to the river, he found some



people gathered there and started preaching, and stayed in town until they locked him up and asked him to leave, happily back in his comfort zone.

As we consider other people in the Bible, we find doing God’s will rarely involves staying in the box. Noah built a floating box, which he stayed in for about a year; but that involved a whole lot of brand new things. Moses’ entire life was not normal. Raised as a prince, he fled to become a shepherd, which he left to become a prophet and law-giver.

I like Amos. *“I am not a prophet, nor the son of a prophet; for I am a herdsman and a grower of sycamore figs. But the LORD took me from following the flock and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to My people Israel.’”* This wasn’t what he did or the way he did it; but God called him, so he went outside the box.

The box is our normal way of handling normal issues in normal times. We use it because it works. But what happens when times are not normal?

We all see things changing around us; and we’re not sure what’s coming next, how serious it is, or how long it will last. As you try to live out your faith in the middle of all this, remember the most important part of it is not the way you’ve lived out your faith, but the faith you’ve lived out.

If you are determined, you may find that the box was never that important after all. You can live outside the box; you can crush the box. But your life in Christ will endure.

Photo of the Month



We called it ‘Fashion Disaster Night,’ and we nailed it! Good job dressing badly, kids!

Elders Report

Meeting was opened in prayer

Pastor's Notes-

- Talked about continuing support for our current missionaries specifically the McMath's and Randy Anderson as their ministry has changed.

Youth Pastor Notes-

- Youth Group will restart regular meeting on January 10th.
- Youth Gang going to Cocolalla Bible Winter Camp Jan. 15-17th. Approximately 13 kids. John needed one more scholarship and Mike and Kristi agreed to sponsor.
- Youth Leadership will start up again Jan. 8th
- CAC group going strong, Movie night on Jan. 8th.
- John will be hosting a Preparedness class at 2:30 and Jan. 30th

Old Business

- Discussed the needs of getting a larger van or bus for youth activities as the youth groups are outgrowing our aging van.

New Business

- Discussed opening up the church for classes, studies, activities, etc...
 - Decision was made to open up the church for classes on a scheduled basis, a scheduling calendar was going to be put together by Pastor Steve so activities can be spread out and not overrun the church during the pandemic shutdowns.
- Dan asked the elders if his family could host the Valentine's Day banquet as a fundraiser for their Kenya mission trip. Request was approved.
- Annie Ricketts asked the elders if she could rent a classroom for her Kindermusic classes. Request was approved
- The elders decided to split up the church directory to initiate calls to congregation members who currently aren't able to attend TBF.

Meeting was closed with intercessory prayer.

Next Meeting Feb. 4th.

Being the Church; using the Church

We have found comfort in the Supreme Court's support for a church's right to gather, even against government wishes. This allows us to continue gathering as we wish; we get to be the Church. This does not mean we wouldn't gather against government wishes anyway. Historically, that is what the Church has always done. But it is nice not to have government interference. This is being the Church.

Using the Church can be positive or negative. We want to use the church building for various purposes; as we've always done. But we don't want to cross the line to where we 'use' the Church; as in 'We can't do this non-church function anywhere else; let's use the church so we can get away with it.

Check with the Elders for approval and the office for scheduling if you want to use the church.



by John Doyle

Well, wasn't January an interesting month?! Looks like 2021 is going to be interesting, to say the least. On the Youth G.A.N.G. front, we are in full swing. We played games, got into the Word, and just experienced the LORD, and He is good. We took 14 awesome kids to Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp for Winter Camp. Special thanks to Dan and Kathleen Shumway for driving the Youth Van there and back again. Also, a big thanks to Mrs. Beth Ziegler for loaning the Youth G.A.N.G. her SUV. (I am pretty sure that dent was there before, just kidding!) OK January is gone part of the past, here comes February oh what a blast!!! The Youth G.A.N.G. is on the move.

Youth Group G.A.N.G. (God's Anointed Next Generation)
Every Sunday @ 3:30 to 5pm, Ages 12-19 games, food, and a weekly Bible lesson.

The Big Event

This month 'Movie Night' come join us for a movie and some popcorn. 21 Feb, 3-5:30pm

Church Funds

12/31/20

Benevolence Fund	3,099.61
Missionaries Reserve	2,100.00
Missions Fund	705.00
Mission Trip	1,882.92
General Fund	50,924.31
Total	\$58,711.84
Building Fund	\$ 69,557.81
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Baby Bottle Fundraiser

'Since 1991, Life Services has been coming alongside women who are facing unplanned pregnancies, offering the practical, logistical, emotional and spiritual support needed for each unique situation. Through the power of Jesus Christ, we are often able to shine light into what might feel like a hopeless situation.'

Bring your bottles back by Sunday, Feb 14, with your gift to support this ministry.



Valentines Banquet

"A Night in the Woods" Valentines Dinner

Please join us for a fun night of games, stories and a great camp style dinner on Friday, Feb 12th at 6pm. Couples and singles welcome as we celebrate God's love for us and each other. Cost is by donation benefiting the Shumway Kenya mission trip. Please RSVP to Kathlene: 406-289-0696 or sweetmama@hotmail.com



Youth Stuff

Youth Leadership Training (YLT)

A more intensive study with an emphasis on Discipleship. Every Friday @ 4:30. This month CLBC is hosting the 1st ever **Youth Leadership Bible Conference**. The purpose of this conference is to give Youth Leaders good tools to read and incorporate the Word of God into their everyday lives. This year they will be going through the Book of Titus. 25-26th of Feb, Cost is \$15.00. Register online @ clbcamp.org

C&C Group (College and Career)

A fellowship for young adults 18 to ????. This month come join us for "Valentines" Feb 13th 6pm at TBF. Bring a snack to share.

Upcoming Events

YLT Conference, 25-26th of Feb, Cost is \$15.00. Register online @ clbcamp.org

Volunteer

We can use your time, talent, and prayers. If you are interested in volunteering or serving the Youth G.A.N.G, please contact: Youth Pastor John Doyle @ (509) 435-6393, E-Mail: tbfpdoyle@gmail.com

An Update from Cam & Valerie Hamm

‘God has put us in an area with some of the most complicated tonal systems in the world! It seems that over the years, while many parts of words has dropped off or become silent, all the tones have remained and work together in and across words in amazing and mysterious ways. You’ve prayed for us before on this and God has helped us to identify certain parts of the grammar that are ONLY different because of tone (the changes in pitch of your voice when you speak the language).

The translation team has decided together how to mark those differences in the biblical text. This seems to be working, but a true understanding of the tone is elusive.’

This is a small excerpt from their recent prayer letter. To see more, contact the office.



From Brad & Shilo

Hi, We just got our new church directory. Thank you! We love having that and are glad you still do it with pictures! It makes a big difference especially to me with all our comings and goings to have faces with the new names.



And from Pastor Daniel

Here the ministry is going well. On the first day of the year I baptized 5 and were added to the Church. Also we fed more 370 on the same day. after the new year service. And at the same time we distribute new clothes to the poor too. I thank God for His provision. I am going to open a new water well for the public in a village called China Bantupalli on 28th of January 2021. Two more new Churches are under process and soon it's coming up. May the Lord be with you and bless you abundantly even in this new year 2021 !



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Prefer to get your Newsletter by email? We can do that! Contact the church office at tbfdavenport@hotmail.com

Awana



“Dear Awana leaders and Awana kids at Trinity, Thank you all so much for your special Christmas gift you sent in for us! We appreciate you very much!

1 Thessalonians 1:2 ‘We give thanks to God always for you all, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ’!

Jim & Bev, Awana Missionaries

Special Nights in February

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| Feb 2-3 | Talent Show Night |
| Feb 9-10 | Love Your Leader Night |
| Feb 16-17 | Wild Hair Night |
| Feb 23-24 | Paper Airplane Night |

We’re half-way! Great job, boys and girls, on all the work you’ve accomplished and all the verses you’ve learned. Thanks leaders, for all the work you’ve put in to ‘Reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him.’

Keep up the good work!

Missionary of the Month:

Cam & Valerie Hamm
Serving:
Wycliffe Bible Translators
In Cameroon Africa



February 2021

Women's Ministry Leader: Sandy Buchanan

Group Members: Wendy Cronrath

Annie Ricketts

Jerie Broze



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Awana 6-7:30 pm Talent Show Night	3 Awana 6-7:30 pm Talent Show Night	4 BSF 10:30 am Women's Prayer 4 pm Elders Meeting 6:30 pm	5 Youth Leadership 4:30 pm	6
7 Coffee Fellowship Youth Group 3:30 pm	8 Mission Committee Meeting 5 pm	9 Awana 6-7:30 pm Love Your Leader Night	10 Awana 6-7:30 pm Love Your Leader Night	11 BSF 10:30 am Women's Prayer 4 pm CAC Valentine Dinner, 6 pm 	12  Valentine Dinner Fundraiser for Shumway's Mission Trip 6 pm	13
14 Return Baby Bottles For Life Services Fundraiser  Youth Group 3:30 pm	15	16 Awana 6-7:30 pm Socks Night	17 Awana 6-7:30 pm Socks Night	18 BSF 10:30 am Women's Prayer 4 pm	19 Youth Leadership 4:30 pm	20
21 Youth Group Movie Night 3:00—5:30 pm	22	23 Awana 6-7:30 pm Sunglasses Night	24 Awana 6-7:30 pm Sunglasses Night	25 BSF 10:30 am Women's Prayer 4 pm	26	27 Youth Leadership Bible Conference at Cocolalla
28 Communion/Benevolence Offering Youth Group 3:30 pm						