



The Breaking Point

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The only way I know to find out if a rubber band is still good is to stretch it. If it snaps, you probably shouldn't use it.

Tension, and how we respond to it, reveals things we might otherwise miss. Good times reveal very little.

Our ongoing situation with Covid is stretching our happy little internal rubber bands, and revealing how we do under stress. It's doing this to all of us.

Some people think we should all have our shots and wear masks and to do anything else is selfish and unreasonable. Other people think we should not get shots or wear masks and to do so—or especially to require people to do so—is unreasonable. Both sides believe they're right. It's when these two sides interact that stress starts to happen.

So far so good. Every life has stress. Jesus said "In this world you will have tribulation." This is reality. Welcome to life.

But mandates are stretching some of us to the breaking point. For some, jobs are on the line. Like overtight rubber bands, we are about to snap. In this situation, I want to offer some advice from the Bible.

You can have peace in the middle of the trial. In Mark 4, we read where Jesus told the Disciples they would cross the Sea of Galilee. Once in the boat, a storm sprang up while Jesus dozed. Stress mounted as the 12 men fought the storm in what seemed to be a losing battle. When they woke Him, it was with this question, "Teacher, do You not care that we are per-



ishing?"

In our struggles, we so easily forget that Jesus is there, Jesus can take care of us, and yes, Jesus cares.

Then, even though the storm was so real the waves were breaking over the side of the boat and it was taking in water, He asked them, "Why were you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" Faith,

too, is like that rubber band. Until it is stretched, you don't know if it's any good.

Your struggle is real. It's frightening, and you may not see your way through it. Jesus is real, too. And He is mightier than your storm.

In Philippians 4:6-7 we read, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

This is a nice verse. It's a wonderful promise. But the most interesting thing about this verse is that it's only valuable when things are hard. This is not a passage for the good times, but the bad ones. For when you're being stretched to the limit.

If you rely on yourself; you only have your own resources, and you can only stretch so far. But when you realize you only have to trust Christ, then the burden is not only bearable, it is borne. That is the peace that passes understanding, and it is yours in the difficult time.

Photo of the Month



The Lovely Lacy Ladies man the Awana Booth at the County Fair. Be ready, Awana starts on the 15th. For more information, read inside.

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

Mikey and the Battle of Jericho

The new pastor was just a couple of months at his new job church and he decided it was time to visit the Sunday school classes. The teacher introduced him and said, "Good morning, Pastor. We're studying the story of Joshua."

"That's wonderful," said Pastor Jones, "let's see what you're learning. Who tore down the walls of Jericho?"

Little Mikey shyly raised hand and offered, "Pastor, I didn't do it."

Taken aback, the Pastor Jones asked, "Come on, now, who tore down the walls of Jericho?"

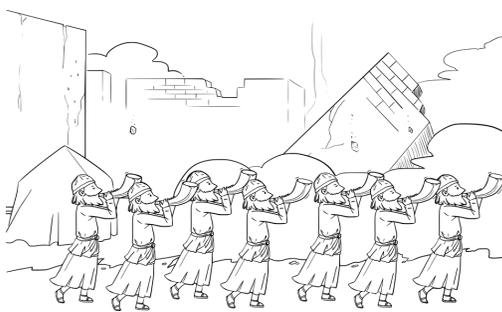
The teacher, interrupting, said, "Pastor Jones, Mikey's a good boy. If he says he didn't do it, I believe he didn't do it."

Flustered, Pastor Jones went to the Sunday School director and related the story to him.

The director, looking worried, explained, "Well, Pastor, we've had some problems with Mikey before. Let me talk to him and see what we can do."

Really bothered now by the answers of the teacher and the director, Pastor Jones approached the Elder board and related the whole story, including the responses of the teacher and the director.

A white-haired gentleman on the board thoughtfully stroked his chin and said, "Well, Pastor, I move we just take the money from the general fund to pay for the walls and leave it at that."



The Continuing story of Adam & Eve



At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings.

Little Tommy, a child in the kindergarten class, seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, "Tommy, what is the matter?" Little Tommy responded, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."



by John Doyle

Hey G.A.N.G! Guess what time it is? That's right! Back to school!! No booing, cause when it is time to go to school it's also time to go back to Youth Group, Yay!!! Ok, we have an exciting year planned for you. We're talking races across Spokane and Davenport, Carnivals, Snow sledding, and much more. So strap in and get ready cause.....The Youth G.A.N.G. is on the move!!!

Youth Group G.A.N.G. (God's Anointed Next Generation)

Join us each Sunday 3:30pm to 5pm. We will have food, fun, and Fellowship. Come, relax and enjoy, this is a safe place to just be yourself. Starts Sunday 12th September

Youth Leadership Training (YLT)

Join us each Friday 5-7pm. This is a more intensive study with an emphasis on Discipleship. Bring a

Church Funds

7/31/21

Benevolence Fund	3,379.61
Missionaries Reserve	2,100.00
Bus Fund	3,000.00
Missions Fund	311.51
Mission Trip	1,882.92
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>80,719.26</u>
Total	\$91,393.30

<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>\$ 56,187.18</u>
	\$ 147580.48

In His Image Stamp Camp at Cocolalla lake Bible Camp

- September 10-11
- Registration begins 4 pm Friday, retreat ends 7 pm Saturday
- \$65
- Ages 13 and up
- The speaker for this retreat is Kelly O'Brien, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, and former Camper, Timothy, and SMI.
- Come for workshops, learning new techniques, fun, and fellowship.



Sunday School Reboot

After a summer of switches and combined classes, we're ready to fall back into our routines. Pastor Steve will again be teaching the Adult class, Pastor John will teach the High School class, and Debbie Boleneus will again be leading the Women's Sunday School class beginning on September 19th. All other classes will continue as normal.

Sunday school runs from 9:15—10:15 each Sunday, and is available for preschool through adult classes. This is a great time for learning, interaction, and fellowship. If you haven't tried it out yet, this is a great time to start.

Youth Stuff

dish to share for the craziest potluck you have ever seen! Starts Friday 10th September.

C&C Group (College and Career)

Join us each month around the third Thursday, it's a fellowship for young adults 18 to???. This month come join us for Hang Out night @ TBF 16th starting at 6pm, bring a snack and drinks to share.

Big Event

This month we will be navigating across Spokane racking up points. It's back and it's bigger than ever...Spokavenger Hunt! Sunday 19th 3 to 7pm. Volunteers needed. Email Pastor John.

Volunteer

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

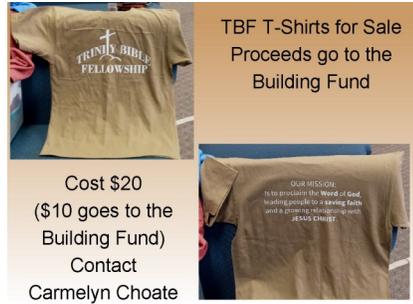


**Bible Study Fellowship
Starting September 16th at 10:30 am
Contact Annie Ricketts or
Kim Tarbert for more information**

Matthew

The long-awaited Messiah first promised in Genesis surprised everyone. He was not the kind of Savior people were looking for then ... or now.

Gentle and compassionate to the marginalized yet bold in confronting religious institutions, Jesus came to make rebels His children. Forging the only path to forgiveness and salvation, Jesus deserved a crown of glory but willingly wore a crown of thorns. His death looked like defeat but brought eternal victory. (From the BSF Website)



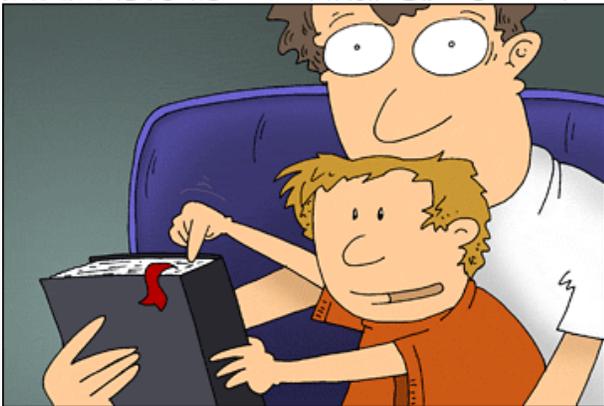
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Awana

Awana is back on the 15th of this month, and on a 'normal' schedule. This means we're back to the way we did it before last year. All clubs, Cubbies through 6th Graders, meet on Wednesday evening, 6-7:30.

At this time we have no plans to institute a mask policy, but if you want your child to wear a mask, we will enforce your wishes.

Special Nights in September

- Sept 15 Come As You Are Night
- Sept 22 Pirate Night
- Sept 29 Mustache Night

For a special peek ahead, October 6 is the Awana Jogathon.

Leaders: The Awana Ministry Conference is Saturday, October 2nd, at Calvary Chapel in Spokane. There will be sessions appropriate for each Awana club, and each part of the club. There is much helpful in the conference for veteran leaders as well as for newbies.

Missionary of the Month:

Randy & Laura Damschen

Serving : New Tribes
In Roach Missouri



September 2021

Women's Ministry Leader: Janice Emery
Group Members: Tiffany Abell
Kirsti Bell



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Ladies Prayer 4:30 pm Elders Meeting 6:30 pm	3	4
5	6 	7	8	9 Ladies Prayer 4:30 pm Worship Team 5:30	10 Youth Leadership 4:30 pm	11 STAMP CAMP @ CLBC SEPTEMBER 10 & 11
12 Coffee Fellowship Youth Group 3:30 pm	13	14 Mission Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	15 Awana 6 pm	16 BSF 10:30 am Ladies Prayer 4:30 pm Worship Team 5:30	17	18
19 Youth Group Spokavenger Hunt	20	21	22 Awana 6 pm	23 BSF 10:30 am Ladies Prayer 4:30 pm Worship Team 5:30	24 Youth Leadership 4:30 pm	25
26 Communion/Benevolence Offering Baby Dedication Youth Group 3:30 pm	27	28	29 Awana 6 pm	30 BSF 10:30 am Worship Team 5:30		