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## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

#### **Summer Time**

I find a need to wear a watch even in the summer. This offends me. The little timepiece on my wrist tells me I am not in control of my schedule. I am a servant.

We speak of our home in eternity as the place beyond time. I'm afraid that's only true within certain parameters. It is absolutely true that God is beyond time. When Peter wrote "With the Lord one day is as a thousand years,"

and a thousand years as one day" (2 Pet 3:8), he wasn't saying that God doesn't understand time, but that time doesn't matter to Him.

Time is a measurement of duration. It is a measurement of the length of an event or between events. When you are omnipresent, this duration is irrelevant. God really can be in two places at the same time. He literally is in all places all the time. A minute, a month, a thousand years. None of it makes any difference. God is already at both ends and in the middle.

For us, however, it's a different story. It is true that time won't affect us the way it does now. We won't get older; we can take as long to do something as it takes. But we will never be omnipresent, we will always only be in one place at one time.

Imagine some day you finally get some alone time with Moses, and you start to ask him your questions. But all too soon, he interrupts and says, "I'm sorry, but I'm supposed to meet Nicodemus for coffee. Can we do this another time?"

Or consider this question—will it be possible to be double-booked? "Oh, no! I signed up for star-building at the same time

I'm supposed to be at harp practice!" I cringe, but will I want a watch in heaven?

We sometimes lament our modern world and its focus on time; but we find plenty of references to time in the Bible as well. Probably best known are that Jesus was crucified at the third hour (9 a.m.), and that the sky was dark from the 6th to 9th hours (Noon—3).

Acts Chapter 10 tells the story of Peter being sent to Cornelius the Centurion. At three different points in the story, we are told what time something happened. Twice we are told Cornelius was praying and received a vision about the ninth hour, and once that Peter was praying on the roof about the 6th hour. These appear to be set times of prayer. Even in ancient Israel, they kept a schedule according to the clock.

But even in the summer, when we (hopefully) have days free from the clock, we need to know when those days begin and end! It's just the way it is. Even in the summer, time matters.

And it's nice that time matters, because that means we matter. Ephesians 2:10 tells us we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." It may be possible that verse doesn't apply to summer. I think God has things planned for summer, too. As long as He does, we've got to find time to do them.





Is there one picture that can capture all that went on at VBS? No. But at least all the kids can relate to Queen Anabelle. Read a review of VBS on the mailer page.

#### **Elders Report**

Monday, 10 June 2024 @ 6:30 PM

Attendees: Steve McLachlan, John Doyle; Jeremy Eaton, Mike Bell, Dion Ricketts, and Knute Hernas.

Previous minutes were reviewed and approved.

Scheduled Report: The 2024 Nominations Committee is being activated. Dion will represent the Elders.

#### Pastor's report

- Steve will be at camp July 22-26 and July 29-Aug. 1.
- Steve and Joan plan to be on vacation Aug. 5-Aug. 18.
- Vacation Bible School is well on its way, June 17-June 21.
- This fall for adult Sunday School, Steve plans to dive deeply into the book of Ezekiel.
- Randy and Margo Hoffmann are officially retiring and have requested that their final support checks be sent through July.
- Communion Schedule: June 30 Knute; July 28 Steve.

#### Youth Pastor's report

- Youth Leadership
  - 7 youth will serve as CLBC staff; Samuel Choate and Amy Colvin will serve as SMIs. Staff training is June 24-28.
  - A 1-day mission trip to Loomis is planned for July 28.
  - YLT will restart with a Parents' Meeting at 6:00pm, September 2. YLT meetings will begin in September.
- AWANA Trek/Journey
  - Will need a different space for their meetings this Fall.
- Youth Group
  - Went bowling May 19, great turnout: 17 youth, 4 adults.
  - Will restart YG August 25.
- TBF recognized 7 graduates June 2
- John is preaching at Loomis June 16 & July 28, and at TBF July 21.
- 4 youth went to CLBC workdays.
- John and Jen are on vacation August 5-15. Mike Bell will preach in John's stead on August 11.
- Youth Fund stands at \$1,155.42.

#### Old Business

- Ordination council for John Doyle and Joshua McLachlan will take place Saturday, June 22.
- On June 23 Pastor Paul Nelson of Grace Fellowship will preach at TBF and Pastor Steve will preach at Heritage Church in Odessa.

#### New Business

 Steve received a request that we allow a Service Dog to be present during Sunday Services.

Intercessory Prayer

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 2 July 2024, 6:00 pm

## Church Funds 5/31/2024

Benevolence Fund	2,179.61
Bus Fund	3,600.00
Missionaries Reserve	3,625.00
Missions Fund	2,351.00
General Fund	95,086.57
Total	\$106,842.18
Building Fund	\$163,732.13
	\$ 270,574.31

#### SMI Visit July 7

Summer Missionary Interns are usually in their teens or early 20s, and spend their summer serving at Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp. These young missionaries are the heart and backbone of the camp. To become an SMI they first demonstrate spiritual maturity, depth, and discipline. They show they have a heart for God and for the gospel. Because of this dedication, the evangelism and discipleship at Cocolalla is rich and rewarding.

These young people are not paid by the camp, but through support raised from people who desire to provide for this ministry.

We will have several of these young people (including our own Amy Colvin and Samuel Choate) at TBF on Sunday, July 7. As you hear of their ministry and desire, please be ready to respond with both financial and prayerful support.

#### Men's Breakfast

Yes, we are meeting and eating through the summer! Mark your calendar now—before you forget—for 8 a.m. Saturday, July 20th. Both the men and the menu will be great.

#### We Can! Can We?

Saturday, July 27, at 9 a.m. Toby Herzinger and Kat Bamford will give a demonstration of canning. Come learn tips and techniques and share in a good time. Yes, you can!

## Youth Stuff



by Not John Doyle Greetings everyone. We're well into summer now, and things are Not normal! Except that they're summer-normal.

What's Not Happening

**G.A.N.G.** is Not meeting through summer. John is available at any time (when he's not at camp or on vacation), so feel free or give him a call. It is entirely possible

some impromptu event will be called for those available.

G.A.N.G. will start meeting again August 25th.

Youth Leadership is not happening. We are now at the time of year where training for ministry becomes actual ministry. Our Youth Leadership kids really are the cream of the crop, and involved in serving all year long; but summer—especially July—is where they put things in high gear. Many of our Youth Leadership kids will serve one or two weeks at Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp. Some, like Sam and Amy who are SMIs, will be there all month long.

At camp, youth staff will do everything from washing dishes and scrubbing toilets to teaching skills, guiding children, leading Bible studies, and sharing the Gospel. You should be very proud of our teens.

**Big Events** are not happening. There are no large activities designed to bring in kids from outside the group. These will resume in the fall, but are on break for now.

**Sunday School** is not happening. Like the rest of the church, we are taking a break during the summer.

What is happening? Teens are invited to join Pastor John on July 28 for a ministry trip to Loomis and their budding Youth Group.

Bible reading, prayer, and following where Christ leads. These things do not depend on organized activities, but on a personal commitment to Christ. Prove your walk is more than just doing what someone expects you to do. Expect faithfulness of yourself.

Have a great summer!





## TBF VBS Report

VBS 2024 is behind us, but we pray the lessons learned from God's Word are forever "in"



us. Romans 12 talks about all the members of the body having different functions, and yet we are one body in Christ. This is what VBS at TBF is like. We are so grateful for every single prayer, every donation, every sacrifice of time and all the energy poured out to make it a

beautiful week!

We measure things in numbers, 140 students registered, 60 volunteers, 118 students on average each day, two decisions for Christ and \$3,609 raised for wells for Pastor Daniel in India...but there is no way to measure the seeds that were planted in the hearts of the children. Please pray those seeds will flourish. The lessons we learn as volunteers, the impact of children watching

parents serve Christ with all their heart...these things are a treasure.

Please pray for the children who gave their hearts to Christ,

that they would grow strong and mighty for Him. Please pray that the spiritual fruit from the physical gift of wells in India would be immeasurable!

Thank you to everyone who VBS year's love for our Sav-

participated to make this beautiful labor of ior, all glory to Jesus Christ!





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### **Camp Schedule**



Teen Camp: July 8-13

11-12 Camp: July 15-19

9-10 Camp: July 22-26

7-8 Camp: July 29-Aug 1

Family Camp: Aug 16-18

Costs: Teen Camp, \$265.

9&10, 11&12 Camps. \$235

7&8 Camp, \$220

Save \$15 by registering early, and another \$15 with a Church discount coupon, available at the church office.

If cost is still a problem, talk to Pastor John or Pastor Steve.

Brochures are available at church. You can register by mail or online at clbcamp.org.

Missionaries of the Month:



# July 2024

Women's Ministry Leader: Janice Emery

Схоип Members: Joan McLachlan



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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28 Communion/ Benevolence Offering Youth Group to Loomis	7 & 8	₃o Camp @ Cl	_BC July	29—Aug 1		