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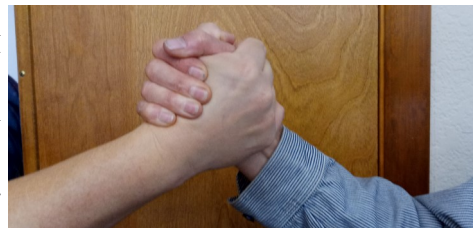
You may have been in the service a few weeks ago when I invited Pastor John onstage to help me demonstrate the grip where you wrap your hands around each other's thumb, and how it is stronger than a handshake grip. Carried away by the strength of our grip, I commented that with that grip, I could hang onto him when he fell out of the helicopter. Hooray, I'm the hero! Then, mid-illustration, I wondered what I was holding onto with the other hand, and what kind of grip I had on that. I pictured a pole; and my hold on John's hand was stronger than my hold on the pole, and I joined him as we both plummeted to our doom. In the preaching business, that's what we call a "Bad Illustration."

That illustration has been haunting me since. As followers of Christ, we walk around in this life gripping on to Him with one hand and the world with the other. And the very difficult question to answer is which hand has the better grip?

We can find examples in the Bible of people holding on to the world too tightly. Think of Lot's wife, who just had to look back (Gen 19:26). I can't prove it, but I don't think that was just a curious backward glance. I think she cast a longing look at the city and possessions she couldn't stand to leave behind. Because I don't think God turns you into salt for curiosity; but He might destroy you with the world you prefer to Him.

What about the rich young ruler, who walked away sad, because he had much

Holding On and Letting Go



possessions (Lk 18:23)? He'd been doing so well, until Jesus asked Him to give up his stuff. But the grip he had on the world was a two-way grip. He might have said, "I'd like to, but it's got too good a

grip on me." but his stuff wasn't holding on alone, it was a two-way grip. And that grip he had on the world was stronger than the one he had on God.

But what can you do? How can you know? I suspect both Lot's wife and the rich young man – real people, by the way – thought they were doing a good job of following God. But they were suddenly put to the test, and they failed. How do we know if we're not put to the test?

"Duh," says the teacher. "Don't wait for the last minute, prepare for the test." Practice having a gentle grip on the world. Give money away, give stuff away. Don't cry over spilled milk. Don't budget your generosity.

1 Cor. 3 tells us we build in our life with wood, hay, and stubble, or with gold, silver, and precious jewels. The wood, hay, and stubble are those flammable things we hang onto that can't survive the trip to heaven anyway. Hang on to them too hard, and you'll only get burned. Hold on to Christ, and your jewels come with you.

So, following the often-repeated advice, Get a grip! Just make sure it's the right grip. And know when to let go.



Photo of the Month



Aurora watches on as Zach is baptized in what for us was a rare winter event. Their testimonies helped add to the blessing of a very special day.

Elders Report

Thursday, 5 January 2023 @ 6:30 PM

Attendees: Dan Shumway, Mike Bell, Jeremy Eaton, Steve McLachlan, John Doyle, Dion Ricketts

Tyson Lacy and Annie Ricketts visited to discuss sound board training

Previous minutes reviewed and approved

Pastor's report

- The electricians have started working in the Fellowship Hall.
- There will be a Building Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 10th at 6:00 pm.
- Custodians have been hired to clean the church.
- Linda Emrich's service will be on Wednesday, January 11th at 11:00 am.
- There might be a baptism after church this coming Sunday, January 8th.
- Steve is planning to do a sermon series on Elders in the future.

Youth Pastor's report

- Youth Leadership
 - Journey to Bethlehem, 7 adults, 11 kids
 - Laser Max, 6 adults, 15 youth
 - Will start back up 6 Jan
- AWANA Trek/Journey
 - Christmas Party, 14th
- Youth Group
 - Will start up 8th Jan
 - Winter Camp, 13-15th Jan. I am the Guest Speaker, taking bus if roads are clear.
- College and Career
 - Scheduled 19th of Jan
- Skate Park outreach, put on hold till Spring

Old Business

- Devotional rotation and dates for the Men's Breakfast was set.
- Elder Retreat set for March 10-12
- Further discussion on training up Elders

Intercessory Prayer

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 9th, 2023 @ 6:30 PM

Church Funds

12/31/22

Benevolence Fund	2,968.61
Bus Fund	3,600.00
Missionaries Reserve	3,625.00
Missions Fund	820.00
Dishwasher	700.00
General Fund	46,505.60
Total	\$58,219.21

Building Fund	\$226,521.49
	\$ 284,740.70



We hope you've got the date marked down for our next Ladies Fellowship—9 a.m. on Saturday the 4th. The event has proven to be popular and is well-attended, but we always have room for more ladies. A great light meal and tea is provided.

If you have any questions, you can contact Lexine or Janene.

Secret Sister Reveal

Someone's been treating you so nicely all year, and you've been dying to know who it is. Well, here's your chance! Come to church and join us at 10:30 on Feb 4th, or just stick around after the Ladies Fellowship.

Not part of the fun yet? You can join us, too! First we will reveal our current Secret Sisters, and then register for the next round. We'd love to have you join us.

For more information, contact any of the Deaconesses.

New Custodians

It's the end of an era, as for the first time, TBF now has paid custodians. Kurt and Julie Elledge offered us a very low bid for their services; and we eagerly took them up on it. You will find them busy about the church on Fridays or Saturdays.

If you feel nostalgic for the old days, then lend them a hand. Otherwise just be glad we're done with those clipboards.



by John Doyle

January, what a great month. All the parts and pieces of the TBF Youth Ministry are back in full swing. This month we went to "Winter Camp @ Cocolalla" What a blast! Special thanks to Mr. Wyatt Downing for driving us and of course the most important part, picking us back up. This month we are going to settle down with a nice movie at home, and of course games, and Food, and FUN!! The YLT G.A.N.G. will be headed back to Cocolalla. Looks like we got another busy month to plan, so let's get February started, shall we?! 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; the Youth GANG will be **watching the movie "I Still Believe."** Come join us Feb 19th 3 pm, for Hot Dogs and Popcorn, ages 12 to 19.

Youth Leadership Training (YLT)

A more intensive study with an emphasis on Discipleship. Every other Friday @ 5pm to 7pm. This month join the YLT Gang for

Youth Stuff

the **Youth Leaders conference**, Feb 10th and 11th @ CLBC, for more info or to register go to www.clbcamp.org for a ride please use sign-up sheet after registering.

C&C Group (College and Career)

A fellowship for young adults 18 to ????. This month come join us for "Game Night" Feb 16th 6pm at TBF. Bring a snack to share.

Upcoming Events

YLT Conference @ CLBC Feb 10th and 11th, Register at clbcamp.org

Spring Retreat @ CLBC April 14th and 15th, Register at clbcamp.org

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

Got your Baby Bottle?

Pick Up: All Life Services Baby Bottles can be picked up at your local church. Take your bottle home and place your baby bottle in a visible spot, like your kitchen counter or desk at work. Over the next few weeks fill your bottle with coins, cash, or checks (made out to Life Services). Use this baby bottle as a conversation starter to share your heart for life.

Drop Off: Bring your baby bottles back to church on February 19th, 2023.

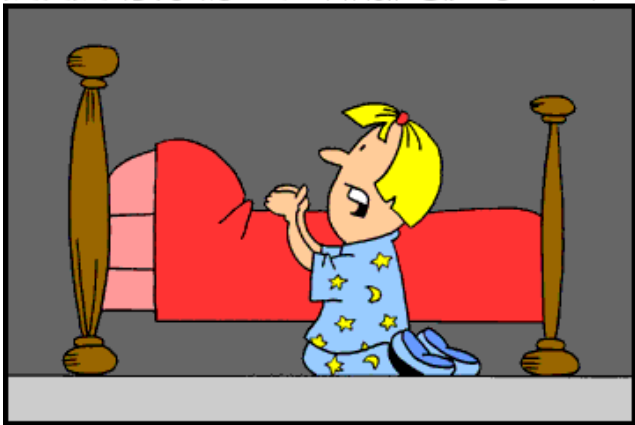


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Building Program Update

Exciting things are happening with our building program. At the Annual Business Meeting, we voted to move \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Building Fund. If you look at the current numbers on the previous page, it says we have \$226,521.49 in the Building Fund! But ‘Current Numbers’ are like one frame in a movie, reel, because things are moving. More money is coming in, and money is going out. The electricians have been working quickly and doing a great job; and at great savings compared to bids we’d previously received. Now we’ve contracted with someone to install the heating and cooling under what should be a similar cost-saving arrangement. It’s beginning to look like our current funds can pay both those bills and insulate the building as well! Lots of other expenses still loom. Sheetrock, kitchen and bathroom fixtures, and appliances don’t come cheap. But after a lot of wait, it’s fun to see some hurry up!

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February at Awana must be about feet, because it starts with Socks night and ends with Boots night. I don’t think that was intentional, but get your feet moving and get to Awana!

Special Nights in February

Feb 1	Socks Night
Feb 8	Sunglasses Night
Feb 15	Love Your Leader Night
Feb 22	Boots Night

Don’t be caught unprepared—the very first Wednesday of March is the Awana Grand Prix! Sparks and Cubbies get to race small cars they buy; T&T Clubbers, Trek & Journey, and Leaders build theirs using kits available at Awana. This is a great opportunity for Dad’s, Mom’s, and other family members to work together on a cool project. Anyone needing help designing/cutting out a car can contact Pastor Steve.

Missionaries of the Month:
Cam & Valerie Hamm

Serving:


Wycliffe
In Africa



February 2023

Women's Ministry Leader: Justina Sliter
Group Members: Erica Winzer
Debbie Boleneus
Annie Ricketts



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Awana 6-7:30 pm Socks Night	2 BSF 10 am Women's Prayer 2 pm Worship Team Practice 5 pm	3 Youth Leadership 5 pm	4  9 am Secret Sisters Reveal 10:30 am
5 Coffee Fellowship Youth Group 3:30 pm	6 Evening of Prayer 7 pm	7 Prayer Bible Study 10 am	8 Awana 6-7:30 pm Sunglasses Night	9 BSF 10 am Women's Prayer 2 pm Worship Team Practice 5 pm Elders Meeting 6:30 pm	10	11
12 Youth Group 3:30 pm	13	14 Prayer Bible Study 10 am Parenting Class 6 pm	15 Awana 6-7:30 pm Love Your Leader Night	16 BSF 10 am Women's Prayer 2 pm Worship Team Practice 5 pm	17 Youth Leadership 5 pm	18  8 am
19 Return Baby Bottles  Youth Group Movie Night 3:30 pm	20 Evening of Prayer 7 pm	21 Prayer Bible Study 10 am	22 Awana 6-7:30 pm Boots Night	23 BSF 10 am Women's Prayer 2 pm Worship Team Practice 5 pm	24	25
26 Communion/ Benevolence Offering Youth Group 3:30 pm	27	28 Parenting Class 6 pm				