



## Seriously Joyful

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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.”*

“We take joy seriously around here.” Is that even possible? It sounds kind of like a contradiction in terms. Or is it the way things are supposed to be?

One day, about 2,000 years ago, a lady named Mary burst in on a group of men gathered in one room, and yelled, “He’s alive!” If they had taken her seriously, the result would have been astonished joy.

But they didn’t, and it wasn’t.

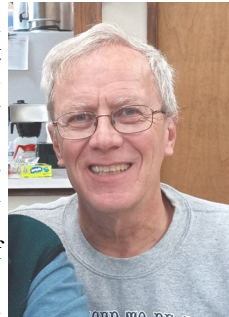
Two of the men believed enough in something, or maybe just out of curiosity or to figure out what she had wrong, ran to the tomb to see things for themselves. Sure enough, they found it empty. It does say one of them believed, but we’re not sure what he believed, since they both went away confused. If they’d taken the truth seriously, they would have been joyful.

Mary, now back on the scene and alone, poked her head in for a look. No body, but two angels. “Why are you weeping?” they ask. Hers was not the proper response. There should be joy. This is serious!

Turning one more time, she bumps into the very body she’s looking for. Only it’s not a dead body, it’s a living one, so she doesn’t recognize it and asks where He took the body. And the body says, “Mary.” And then all heaven broke loose.

Sometimes, if you take the truth seriously, the only right response is joy. Sometimes, if you don’t respond with joy, it can only mean you don’t take the truth seriously. Easter and the Resurrection is one of those times.

Joy should be a noticeable attribute of



every Christian. We should be joyful because we are forgiven. No burden of guilt or shame to carry around, we are free. There is no ominous future hanging over our heads, only the promise of blessings we can’t imagine. Yeah, we should have joy.

We should be joyful because we are part of God’s family. He calls us children! We don’t just have a family, but the best family. We get to call the God of the universe Abba, Daddy.

We should have joy because our lives have meaning and purpose. “Meaningless, meaningless,” wrote Solomon. Everything is meaningless, life has no purpose. It sounds like a note written by someone who has given up hope. But we have meaning, hope, and joy!

We should have joy because joy is the fruit of the Spirit. “Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” Joy is a natural outgrowth of the Holy Spirit living within you. The Spirit should produce joy in us the way a tree produces fruit.

Finally, we should have joy for the same reason Mary did—the dead body is alive. Jesus rose from the dead, victorious over sin and the grave; and His victory is our victory. Our joy should be uncontainable when we consider that.

Yes, we take joy seriously, because if we don’t have joy, something is seriously wrong. But He lives, and we rejoice.

Seriously.

# Photo of the Month



Did you see that! Eyes are on the cars that just flew by—the way the night just flew by—at this year’s Awana Grand Prix. And, as always, a good time was had by all.

## Elders Report

Tuesday, 3 March 2026, 6:00pm

Attendees: Steve McLachlan, John Doyle, Dion Ricketts, Knute Hernas, Mike Bell and Ranse Herzinger

Guests: Tyson Lacy, Bethany Reed, Annie Ricketts

Previous meeting minutes were read and approved.

Scheduled report: Tyson Lacy, Sunday School Superintendent

- VBS is planned for June. The theme is "Wonder Junction." Laurie Anderson is coordinator.
- Tyson also gave a building update: mud & tape will be done by next week; ordering cabinets, carpet, paint, etc.; studying AV and the Sound Room. New building could be ready to occupy by June.
- Bethany and Annie discussed a formal application form to vet Mission trip applicants.

Pastor's report

- Easter Sunday is April 5. Sunrise Service at the Swedish Cemetery will be followed by breakfast at Lake Roosevelt Bible Church. Good Friday service is planned for the evening of April 3.
- There is a likelihood John & Steve's trip will be cancelled.
- Ahmad also presented an opportunity for donation-matching toward aid for Iran. MSA to donate \$2,500.00 from the TBF general fund.
- Love & Respect class kickoff went well; continues every Sunday evening at 6:00.
- Almira's "Anvil Men's Conference" is April 13-14.
- The Canada work trip for House of Omeed has been postponed due to project delays.

Youth Pastor's report

- Youth Leadership Training (YLT)
  - Good attendance – 11 Youth.
  - Planning an April 6-10 mission trip to the House of Omeed. It has been fully funded: \$1,500.00.
- Youth Group
  - Going OK, 2-4 kiddos.

Old Business

- The Men's Golf Fiasco is set for Saturday, April 25.
- Chili Cookoff and Dad Joke Contest went very well.
- Likely scholarship candidates are Zachary Colvin, Amy Colvin, and Finn Shumway.
- The new "Garage Ministry" is tentatively planned for this summer.
- Dirk will present his CLBC repair-needed list Sunday, May 3.
- The TBF Car Show and Burger Burn will be on Sunday, August 2. New Business

Intercessory Prayer

Next Meeting: Thursday, 2 April 2026, 3:30 pm

## Church Funds

12/31/25

Benevolence Fund	3,331.86
Bus Fund	3,600.00
Missionaries Reserve	5,965.00
Missions Fund	3,587.00
General Fund	79,166.81
<u>Mission Trip</u>	<u>2,750.00</u>
Total	\$98,400.67
Building Fund	<u>\$266,281.38</u>
	\$364,682.05

### Ladies Breakfast Fellowship

This month's fellowship will be the second Saturday of the month, April 11. Join us for a wonderful time as we welcome in Spring together. See you at 9!



### Known, A Ladies Gathering

Join Christian women from all over Lincoln County for a weekend of sharing blessings together. These meetings will be Friday and Saturday, April 17-18, at Coulee Dam Community Church.

For information, contact Michelle at 509 639-2311.

### Cocolalla Women's Retreat

Friday—Sunday, April 24-26, at Cocolalla. A great time of speaking and fellowship, and inspiring messages from speaker Cindy McDowall. Brochures available at TBF.



### Men's Breakfast

Saturday the 18th, join us at 8 am to start your day off well and full! God's Word and time spent with God's fellow servants makes for a really good day.

### Golf Fiasco

Mike Bell has some great plans for a fun day of golf for men of all skills and experience at this year's Golf Fiasco.

10 am Saturday, April 25, at the Harrington Golf Course. Listen for more details Sunday mornings as the day approaches.



by John Doyle

# Youth Stuff

It's already April! I know I say this a lot but time sure flies when your having fun!!! March was a great month for the Youth G.A.N.G. Youth group was a lot of fun with a great turn out of kiddos. We had a killer St. Paddies party (No Leprechauns were harmed). Please continue to pray for the Youth Leadership, our mission trip is coming up fast first thing in April. Let's

bring it on cause the Youth G.A.N.G. is on the Move!!!

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

Youth Group, come hang with the G.A.N.G. Discover Jesus Christ and maybe play a game or two. Youth Group runs from 3:30 to 5 pm  
No Youth Group April 5th (Easter)

Youth Leadership Training (YLT)

Youth Leadership 20th April, 5:30 to 7:30 pm.  
Mission Trip to Vancouver BC, 6th to 11th April, bus departs 5am TBF on the 6th.

Special Events

**Bowling at Cheney lanes!** 19th April, leaving TBF 3 pm.  
Cost \$10.00

**Spring Retreat** 10th to 11th April. Scholarships available, see Pastor John before 1st April.

Upcoming Events

May Big Event **Wonder Land Mini Golf**

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, tbfydoyle@gmail.com

## Building Update

Yes, it seems to be more than wishful thinking—we expect to be in the new building in time for Vacation Bible School. Painting is done, lights are up, cabinets are on hand and being assembled, flooring should be here in a week. Things are happening with such consistent regularity that we almost can't keep track.

Don't forget to praise God for this progress. And never stop praying that we use this building well. More space may allow us to do more, and bigger, and better; but we never want to get lost in these things and lose our focus on the God we want to do more for.

*Dear God, please bless this building, and let it be used to accomplish Your will now, and for many years to come. Amen.*



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## Easter Schedule



Mike Bell will get us pointed toward the resurrection on Palm Sunday with a message based on the Old Testament prophet Zechariah, who said, “*See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*”

**Good Friday** will feature a special choir presentation focused on the suffering of Jesus at and around the crucifixion. A special time of communion will be shared at this service. Join us for this somber celebration at 7 pm.

**Sunrise Service** is the joyful celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death. We combine with Lake Roosevelt Bible Church for this special service at 7 am, at the Swedish Cemetery located just above Deer Meadows. Lake Roosevelt also provides a delicious breakfast for all comers afterward.

Sunday school and our worship service follow the regular schedule. Join us as we celebrate the truth that He Is Risen!

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(See John 11:1-45)

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AWANA's Grand Prix was a roaring success! Thank you to all who helped and prayed for this massive outreach event. Kids and their parents enjoyed the races, the competition, and the food.

On the 1st of April, we will have our annual Jogathon to raise money for missions. This year, we will raise money for Operation Christmas Child, which in addition to giving Christmas gifts to children, also equips local churches to run an AWANA like discipleship program. Please join us in prayer as we run!

Monthly Average Attendance:

Cubbies: 13 || Sparks: 20 || T&T: 15 || Trek: 8 || Staff: 23

Things to Pray for:

Jogathon - April 1 - Please pray for safety for our little runners, and thank the Lord for the great partnership we have with TBF as we raise money to support the fulfillment of the Great Commission in other locales.

With gratitude,  
Benjamin A. Miller >>

Missionaries of the Month:

Dave & Ashley Petersen



# April 2026

Women's Ministry Leader: Janice Emery

Group Members: Kristi Bell

Lexine Eaton

Tiffany Carstens

Sue Beckman



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Awana 6 pm Jog-a-thon Night	2 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	3  Friday Mornings 7 am  Good Friday Service 7 pm	4
5 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 7 am Children's Program during church	6	7	8	9 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	10  7 am  Youth Spring Retreat @ CLBC April 10 & 11	11  9 am  Youth Spring Retreat @ CLBC April 10 & 11
<b>Youth Leadership Mission Trip to Canada April 6–10 Spring Break April 6–10</b>						
12 Cookie Fellowship  Youth Group 3:30 pm  Love & Respect 6 pm	13	14 Mission Committee Meeting 2 pm  Quarterly Board Meeting 6:30 pm	15 Awana 6 pm Pinata Night	16 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	17  7 am  "Known" A Ladies Gathering April 17 & 18	18  8 am
19 Youth Group—Bowling at Cheney Lanes Leave @ 3  Love & Respect 6 pm	20 Deaconess Meeting 1 pm  Youth Leadership 5:30 pm	21	22 Awana 6 pm Fashion Disaster Night	23 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	24  7 am  Ladies Retreat @ CLBC April 24-26	25 Men's Golf Fiasco 10 am 
26 Communion/ Benevolence Offering  Youth Group 3:30 pm Love & Respect 6 pm	27	28	29 Awana 6 pm Wild Hair Night	30 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm		