

# The Trinity Times



## The Day Approaches

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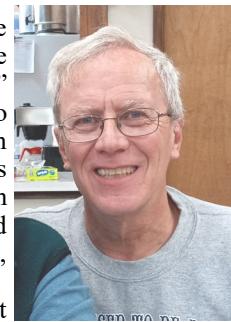
*"Our mission is to proclaim the Word of God, leading people to a saving faith and a growing relationship with Jesus Christ."*

We look at the Scriptures, we watch the signs, and we ask the question, "How close are we?" I am not a date-setter, but I do believe we are close. Israel is an established nation, the world is interconnected as it hasn't been since Babel, there are wars and rumors of wars, earthquakes, plagues, and famines.

On the other hand, many might answer, "The world has always been like this. Even in Bible times they thought it was close, why should we get excited now?" And it is true they were excited about the end-times then. In Acts 2, Peter quoted Joel's prophecy about the last days and applied it to those times. Speaking of the rapture in 1 Thessalonians 4, Paul wrote, *"Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them."* That word 'we' indicates he thought it could include him. The book of Hebrews exhorted its readers to encourage one another, *"... and all the more as you see the day drawing near."*

But if the argument is, they were excited then and it didn't happen, then the counter argument is, if they were excited even then, shouldn't we be even more excited today? Even if we're wrong and the day isn't close, it's closer than it used to be

All this said, the day approaching is not the point. The point is, what should we do about it? One answer is to have Bible studies and make charts and go to prophecy conferences. The Bible says something different. A little more context for that Hebrews passage: *"And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good*



*deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching."*

Peter, considering the end of all things, had this to say, *"But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness?"*

When speaking of end times, the focus of Scripture is not on knowing the days, but of living in readiness. Peter's question is intended to haunt us. What sort of person should I be? If I was going to be that person, what should I do? What should I say? What should I value? The day is approaching. How should you change?

Personally. Are you spending time with God in prayer and in His Word? When He appears will you recognize Him? Or will He be a stranger to you?

Interpersonally. Are your relationships godly? Do your co-workers know you as a Christian? By your life and your words, do you help them see Christ?

Ministry. Do you have something you are involved with in some way to serve God? Through the Church? Through missions? In the community? Have you found a way to serve Christ through something bigger than yourself?

The day approaches.  
Be ready.

## Photo of the Month



A precious reminder of this year's Christmas program. If you missed it, here's your hint of how good it was.

## Elders Report

Tuesday, 2 December 2025

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

### Agenda Items:

Previous meeting minutes were read and approved.

#### Pastor's report

- Bill Dehler has been asked to do interim pulpit supply for Davenport First Presbyterian
- A local jiu jitsu club asked about TBF as a training location; Mike Bell trains with them (he recommends against it)
- Christmas Day service: Steve, Dion and Ranse are available to run it; Annie can lead singing.
- Adult Sunday School has revitalized recently through the open discussion format.
- Men's Breakfast is Dec. 20, Mike B. speaker
- A work party for the House of Omed is tentatively set for April 2026.
- The first Middle East trip is set for September 2026; Steve, John and Mike B. plan to go.
- Building Report: Greg met with inspectors for a walk-thru.
- The 2026 Photo Directory is ready to roll out this Sunday.
- Andrew Abell reports that the Young Adult group is not taking off as well as he'd hoped.
- The Trustees have removed the broken-up part of the concrete pad and replaced it with gravel.
- Steve is planning to start up a New Members class in January.
- Life Services has asked us to participate in the January Baby Bottle fundraiser.

#### Youth Pastor's report

- Youth Leadership Training (YLT)
  - Good attendance – 11 Youth.
  - Planning an April mission trip to the House of Omed. It has been fully funded: \$1,500.00.
  - Joining Mark Kennedy in Lewiston for street evangelism during the "Festival of Lights" this Dec. 19-20.
  - New Year's Eve over-night party at the church Dec. 31-Jan. 1
- Youth Group
- Going better with improved numbers, 8-10 kiddos.

#### New Business

- Someone has asked if they can make their offerings via EFT
- A new Bible study on the book Peacemakers by Ken Sandee is being considered. Knute also recommends a book called The Shepherd Leader at Home by Timothy Witmer.

#### Intercessory Prayer:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 6 January 2026, 6:00 pm

## Church Funds

11/30/25

Benevolence Fund	2,281.86
Bus Fund	3,600.00
Missionaries Reserve	3,935.00
Missions Fund	3,567.00
OCC	298.87
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>84,482.32</u>
Total	\$98,165.05
Building Fund	\$342,468.91
	\$440,633.96

## Ladies Fellowship and Breakfast

Join us for the first of many in 2026! We will enjoy relaxing fun fellowship around an enjoyable breakfast, beginning at **9 a.m. Saturday, January 3rd.**



### Men's Breakfast

Hey Guys, we had a great turnout last month—let's keep it going! Good food and a great time together, with fresh insights into God's Word and how it applies to our lives. See you there, 8 am Saturday the 17th.



### Seed Swap

This has become both a regular and a popular event for our gardeners who are either waiting for spring or trying to hurry it along. Bring your seeds and your wisdom to share with others. Plan for a light lunch and a good time after Church on Sunday the 18th.

### Wedding Reception



Come help Finn and Kariya celebrate their four-week anniversary at a wedding reception after Church on the 11th.

They were married at a small ceremony on Dec 14th; this is our opportunity to share in their happiness with them.

Soup is provided, feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

### Membership Class

Our next 3-week Membership class will be Sunday evenings, Jan 18—Feb 1, 6 pm at TBF. See you there!



by John Doyle

Happy New Year Church Family. The number one goal of the TBF Youth Ministry is furthering the Kingdom of God. We do this with outreach events and programs aimed at the youth age (12-19). During these events the Gospel of Jesus Christ is shared and discussed. When a Youth is excited to know more about Jesus, we invite them to discipleship events, mainly the Youth Leadership Program (YLT) and events at Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp (CLBC). These programs and events allow the Youth to learn and grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ. They Learn that Jesus loves them, and how to love and serve Him while walking with Him. This could not be possible without you, the Church at TBF. Your prayers, monetary support and the physical support you give me and this ministry allow me to organize and run the events, programs, and messages to the Youth that start and nurture their walk with Jesus. I just wanted to say with all my heart and love to you, Thank you. Thank you for allowing me to be the Associate Pastor of Youth Ministries for Trinity Bible Fellowship. May the Lord bless you all this New Year.

Sincerely Yours,  
Pastor John Doyle (Rev)

P.S. 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 3:30 pm to 5 pm.

### Big Event

**Winter Camp** 16-18 Jan, pre-register at [clbcamp.org](http://clbcamp.org). For scholarships please contact Pastor John ASAP.

### Youth Leadership Training (YLT)

Youth Leadership Jan 5th & 19th, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Food theme is Italian.

### Upcoming Events YLT Conference @ CLBC

### 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, [tbfpdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:tbfpdoyle@gmail.com)

## Israel Trip Presentation



Michael Cronrath has returned from a recent trip to Israel, and has agreed to share slides and information from his trip with us at 6 pm Sunday evening, February 8th. Put it on your calendar, and come ready to ask questions and interact with Mike about his experiences.

## Middle East Trip in the Works

Pastors Steve and John have been invited to visit the Middle East. This part of the world is full of Christian history and places right out of the pages of the New Testament. It should be a valuable trip with benefits to us and for others for years to come.

We will be gone for about 10 days this Spring.

If you would like to help financially, you can make a designated gift through the church, or directly to either pastor. We estimate \$2700 each for expenses.

We deeply desire your prayers that this trip will be a valuable experience for everyone involved.



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**TODAY'S SERMON WILL BE ON HOW TO DRESS MODESTLY IN AN INCREASINGLY IMMODEST AGE**

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We finished 2025 strong in AWANA. Thanks to TBF's generosity in increasing monthly giving for AWANA, we were able to send our customary Christmas gift to our regional AWANA missionaries, Jim and Bev VanMersbergen, out of our own coffers--rather than by raising the money. We will teach the kids about personally giving for missionaries more in the spring, but this was a nice blessing.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!

### Special Nights this Month

January 7	Glow Stick Night!
January 14	Middle of Summer Night
January 21	Pajamas Night
January 28	Duct Tape Night

Missionary of the Month



Brad & Shilo Cain

Serving In Mexico



# January 2026

Women's Ministry Leader: Wanda Bowman

Group Members: Joan McLachlan

Carmelyn Choate

Jessica Everett

Lexine Eaton



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Men's Coffee 7 am	3  And Breakfast 9 am
4 Youth Group 3:30 pm	5 Youth Leadership 5:30 pm	6 Elders Meeting 6 pm	7  6—7:30 pm Glow Stick Night	8 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	9 Men's Coffee 7 am	10
11 YL Testimony Sunday  happily ever After Party   For Finn & Kariya Shumway After church	12	13 Mission Committee Meeting 2 pm	14  6—7:30 pm Middle of Summer Night	15 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	16 Men's Coffee 7 am  <b>Winter Camp @ CLBC January 16, 17, &amp; 18</b>	17  8 am
18   After church Youth Group 3:30 pm Membership Class 6 pm	19 Youth Leadership 5:30 pm	20	21  6—7:30 pm Pajamas Night	22 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	23 Men's Coffee 7 am	24
25 Communion/ Benevolence Offering  Youth Group 3:30 pm Membership Class 6 pm	26	27	28  6—7:30 pm Duct Tape Night	29 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	30 Men's Coffee 7 am	31