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proclaim the Word
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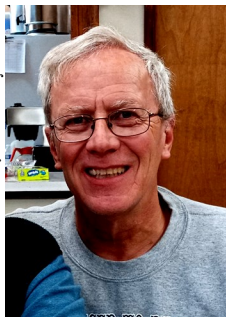
Fundamentally Sound

In the late 1800s, the Church was taking a beating. Jesus promised His Church that *"the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it,"* but He didn't say the gates of Hell wouldn't try. And the gates of Hell are sneaky. They don't dress up in their Halloween creepiest and say, "Hi, I'm here to assault you." Sometimes, they dress up as university professors behind ivy-colored walls and said, "Hi, I'm here to educate you."

Something called 'Higher Criticism' was in vogue. Scholars, claiming to do greater research into Scripture, dissected it and divided it into what they found useful and reliable, and what they did not. Believing natural laws to be supreme, they eliminated the supernatural. Believing prophecy impossible, they removed the prophecy. Not the texts themselves, but truth of them. In their system, Bible stories became allegories and lessons. They became late additions. They became anything but the inspired Word of God.

The liberal church ate heartily of this teaching. The damage was severe and spread over time. In 1922 the popular preacher Harry Emerson Fosdick preached a now-famous (infamous) sermon titled, "Shall the Fundamentalists Win?" The sermon cost him one pulpit but gained him another, and propelled him to celebrity status.

The Church, though, was not to be prevailed against. Faithful people of God rose up against these false teachings. In 1878 a group of Bible-believing men gathered together and established the 14 point Niagara



Conference Creed, which stated what they believed to be basic foundational beliefs of Biblical Christianity. In 1910, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church published what they considered to be the five fundamentals of the faith:

1. Biblical inspiration and the infallibility of scripture
2. Virgin birth of Jesus
3. Belief that Christ's death was the atonement for sin
4. Bodily resurrection of Jesus
5. Historical reality of the miracles of Jesus

Over the years, fundamentalists have gotten a bad rap, being equated with angry hate-filled rants and snake-handling, in the King James English only, thank you. But if you look at what the fundamentals actually are, and the beliefs that makes you a 'Fundamentalist' you see that they're pretty good! In fact, if you see someone who rejects these, you might wonder why they call themselves Christian at all.

Also in 1910, R. A. Torrey edited a four-volume set of books called "The Fundamentals." This is not a book of knee-jerk reactions by ignorant back-woods preachers, but a well thought out and written series of essays by highly educated and well-respected Christian leaders. Men with multiple sets of degrees after their names. Educated men, who proved that you can be intelligent and well-educated and still believe in the Word of God.

Everyone knows that if you want to be good at something, you have to start with the fundamentals. So too in your walk with Christ.

Photo of the Month



Competition was tight at the Awana Grand Prix, as evidenced by the focus of these junior bystanders.

Elders Report

Thursday, 7 March 2024 @ 6:30 PM

Attendees: Steve McLachlan, John Doyle, Mike Bell, Knute Hernas, Dion Ricketts, Annie Ricketts.

Previous minutes reviewed and approved.

Scheduled Report: Annie Ricketts, Worship Leader. Would like to replace one computer monitor with two. Wants two more wireless mics.

Pastor's report

- Easter Service is March 31, with a 7:00 am Sunrise Service
- Olivier Melnick has changed his affiliation to Shalom in Messiah Ministries.
- Men's Breakfast donations don't cover costs. Knute moved and Mike seconded to add a new Line to the church budget: \$100/mo. Men's and Women's Food Expense for Ministry Meals. Approved.
- A New Membership Class is beginning April 21.
- Building Update: The structural engineer is reconciling our existing plans, we have a mechanical engineer.
- Monday night's Evening of Prayer ends after March 18.
- Pastor Daniel has invited Pastor Steve to visit in India. He is devoting this to serious prayer.

Youth Pastor's report

- Youth Leadership
 - Good attendance at monthly meetings, averaging 10 kids.
 - 13 Youth attended the YLT Conference!
- GANG is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day party as a service project for our area's 12-19 yr-olds.
- Spring Retreat is planned for April 12-13.
- AWANA Trek/Journey; Good turnout
- Youth Group
 - Good turnout, Last-day party planned for May.
 - Some Harrington kids and an exchange student have been attending.

Old Business

- Dad Joke contest and Chili Cook-off will be repeated.
- Ordination Service is set for Saturday, 22 June 2024
- Spring Shoot is tentative for March 16, weather permitting.
- Men's Movie Night was a success. Try to repeat it.
- Men's Golf Fiasco is scheduled for April 20

New Business

- Graduating Seniors: Amy Colvin, Caleb Downing, Murray Eaton, Madison Tarbert.
- Pastor John will be gone April 21 and May 26, preaching in Loomis.

Intercessory Prayer

Next Meeting: Thursday, 18 April 2024, 6:30pm;

Church Funds

2/29/2024

Benevolence Fund	3,539.61
Bus Fund	3,600.00
Missionaries Reserve	3,625.00
Missions Fund	791.00
General Fund	81,676.83
Total	93,232.44
<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>\$162,480.52</u>
Grand Total	\$ 255,712.96



Ladies Fellowship

Saturday, April 6th from 9-10:30. Join our wonderful Ladies Fellowship gathering. It's a sweet time of enjoying a delicious breakfast & much needed fellowship and encouragement together as women.

Women's Retreat

April 26, 27, & 28 at Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp. The cost is \$95 if you come for it all, pro-rated for shorter stays.

There is also a Flea Market at this retreat. You are invited to bring small items to donate for the sale, which is raising money to support summer missionaries at camp.

As a special treat, the camp is bringing in renowned women's speaker Annie Ricketts for the event. Go cheer her on and be blessed by this event.



Church Pot Luck

Sunday, April 7th, bring your appetite and bring food to share! This is a 'Just because we like to eat together' pot-luck, which is a great reason to have one! Plan on staying and look forward to a great time.



Membership Class

We have a new Membership Class beginning on April 21st, and expected to last three weeks. Learn our history, what we believe, and how we function. You are not obligated to become a member by attending the class.



by John Doyle

Youth Stuff

Spring has Sprung, April has begun, bring on the Youth G.A.N.G Fun!!!

What a great month we had in March. Youth group was packed and full of fun and games, special thanks to Miss Kariya and her awesome game, 'Hide the Buffalos.'

The Youth Leaders put on a great St. Patrick's Day Game night, good job you guys! Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Choate for running a week of Youth Group this month.

Ok we say goodbye to March madness and hello to Spring and all the breaks you can handle. Hang on to your bunny slippers because here comes the fun.....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 the Word of Christ and maybe a game or two. Sundays 3:30 to 5pm

Youth Group, Big Event

Youth Group goes to Loomis TBD (Apr 21st tentatively)

Youth Leadership Training (YLT)

YLT Spring Retreat at Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp April 12th and 13th, leaving 3:30 from TBF Friday the 12th. Seating for rides is limited so register @ www.clbcamp.org then inform Pastor John to secure a ride.

This month's meetings: Apr 26th

Upcoming Events

- Turn-in Summer Camp Workers letters of reference to Pastor Steve and Pastor John May 1st
- May Big event—Bowling! May 19th

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

Country Tea Party

It's tea party time! Ladies of all ages are welcome to join us for our Country Tea Party. May 4th at 11:00. Tea, coffee and brunch will be served. Our speaker will be Sharyn McClure and we will have special music by Donna Erickson and Leslea McLachlan. It will be a great time! Sign up at TBF or RSVP to Lexine at 509-998-1855.

If you can help by bringing a brunch item, please talk to Lexine. Look for a sign-up at Church.



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Men's Golf Fiasco

"I lost it. Did you see where it went?" "Yeah. Look down...."



Yes, men, it's time once again for the TBF Men's Golf Fiasco! Prizes for longest drive, longest putt, and, yes, the coveted shortest drive traveling trophy. At least, Pastor Steve really hopes the trophy travels. Farther than the ball.

Saturday, April 20th, Time and cost tbd.

This is a best ball 9-hole scramble, and we will play as teams. Everyone must contribute at least one shot to be used by the team.

Do you play well, play poorly, or think you might like to try playing that game? This is the event for you. For more information, contact Knute Hernas.

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FAITH CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS, AND A LITTLE BIT OF WISDOM CAN'T HURT

Prefer to get your Newsletter by email? We can do that! Contact the church office at tbfdavenport@hotmail.com



Congratulations on a great Awana Grand Prix! There were lots of fantastic cars and some really good races. It appears that everyone who came had a good time. We had to run to the store for more hot dogs and ice cream sandwiches, so it appears everyone ate hearty, too.

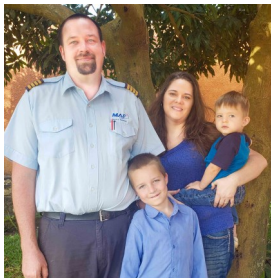
Special Nights in April

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| April 3 | Spring Break |
| April 10 | Piñata Night |
| April 17 | Fashion Disaster Night |
| April 24 | Wild Hair Night |

The End is Near! There is only one night of Awana in May, and it is the Closing Ceremony. Keep working on those verses, and see if you can finish even stronger than you started.

Coming Soon: Vacation Bible School and Camp Cocolalla!

Missionaries of the Month:
Dave & Ashley Petersen



April 2024

Women's Ministry Group: Lori Rieth



Toby Herzinger

Peggy Semprimoznik

Peggy Finch

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	5 Men's Coffee, 7 am	6  9 am
7  Youth Group 3:30 pm Bible Study 5 pm	8 Deaconess Meeting 2 pm	9 Quarterly Board Meeting 6:30 pm	10 Awana 6 pm Piñata Night	11 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	12 Men's Coffee, 7 am	13 Youth Leadership Retreat @ CLBC April 12 & 13
14 Youth Group 3:30 pm Bible Study 5 pm	15	16 Missions Committee, 5:30 pm	17 Awana 6 pm Fashion Disaster Night	18 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm Elders Meeting 6:30 pm	19 Men's Coffee, 7 am	20  8 am  Golf Fiasco ??
21 Youth Group 3:30 pm Membership Class 6 pm	22	23	24 Awana 6 pm Wild Hair Night	25 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	26 Men's Coffee, 7 am Youth Leadership 5 pm	27 Women's Retreat @ CLBC April 26—28
28 Communion/ Benevolence Offering Youth Group 3:30 pm Membership Class 6 pm	29	30				