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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."*



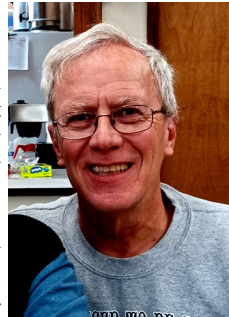
## Meet Ezekiel

Sunday School is over for the summer. From June through August, Church starts at 9:30, and should be done by 11:00. I'm not worried about the regular Sunday School attenders, because if they show up at their regular time, they'll just be a little early. Those of you who don't go to Sunday School, though—if you show up at the regular time, the evil pastor might point you out at your arrival. You've been warned!

Even though I'm not teaching Sunday school right now, I'm thinking about it. This fall I plan to take the Adult Class on a deep dive into the book of Ezekiel. And I'm asking people in the class to read Ezekiel once or twice over the course of the summer. There's a lot of weird stuff in this book and it will be hard to go deep if you haven't at least been exposed to the surface.

I sometimes describe Ezekiel as the weird prophet. It's not fair, because a lot of the prophets did weird things. Isaiah went barefoot and naked for three years (Is 20:2-3). Jeremiah bought a new sash, then buried it until it was ruined (Jer 13:1-11). Hosea took a wife of harlotry, and gave their kids names like 'Not Mine,' and 'Not Loved' (Hos 1). Although, we go back to Isaiah for the kid-naming prize for his son, Maher-shalal-hash-baz (Is 8:3), which means something like 'quickly to the plunder.' So when it comes to being weird, Ezekiel is in good company. But Ezekiel seems to have more of those things, and his descriptions of things are more graphic.

Consider Cherubim. These are impressive creatures we find around the throne of



God. Isaiah describes Seraphim around the throne in Is 6:2. Revelation describes four living creatures around the throne in Rev 4:6-9. Ezekiel describes four creatures in 1:5-21 and then a second time in 10:8-22. Ezekiel tends to be a little more descriptive than the others.

One of the key features of Ezekiel is the departing of the glory of God from the temple. It is seen at the threshold, and the gate, and then departing over the mountain to the east (the Mount of Olives). Later in the book, we find the glory of the LORD return to the temple. This is probably the central theme of Ezekiel, that the glory of the LORD will leave Jerusalem, but not forever. The day will come when it will return. This was important to the Jews of the day. Ezekiel wrote from captivity in Babylon. It looked like the Jews were finished and God was defeated; but that was not the case.

This book is also highly relevant to our day. Chapter 37 describes the Valley of Dry bones; the impossible picture of the restoration of Israel to a land once desolate. This is followed in Chapters 38-39 by the battle of God and Magog, where surrounding nations unite to invade Israel, but are destroyed by divine intervention. After this, there is a long and thorough description of the temple and the land being restored, with the glory of God in the temple, where His Prince rules.

I encourage you to get familiar with this book. We're going to have a fun study in the fall.

# Photo of the Month



Nine out of our ten new members are pictured here. May God bless you all as you make TBF your home.

Elders Report

6 May 2024  
Attendees: Steve McLachlan, John Doyle, Jeremy Eaton, Mike Bell, Dion Ricketts, and Knute Hernas.

Previous minutes were reviewed and approved.

Pastor’s report

- Steve will speak at 7-8 and 9-10 Camps, in the last 2 weeks in July.
- Steve and Joan will be on vacation for the first two weeks in August. John will preach 8/11 and 8/18.
- Ten people were in a New Membership class; all plan to become members, including three 90-year-olds!
- Sunday School will again pause for the summer. Church service will start at 9:30 in June, July and August.
- Samuel Choate and Amy Colvin will be SMIs; each will receive \$100/mo. support from TBF.
- For Ordination Sunday, Steve will preach in Odessa, and Paul Nelson of Grace Fellowship is invited to preach at TBF.

Youth Pastor’s report

- Youth Leadership – Good attendance: 10 Youth per meeting.
  - April 21 Loomis Mission Trip went well, 10 Youth and 2 Adults.
  - CLBC Staff applications are due June 1; 7 apps from TBF are anticipated, plus 2 SMI’s.
  - YL ends for this season on May 24.
- AWANA Trek/Journey had a good year. 2 Youth completed The Book all on their own.
- Youth Group – Good numbers, with 10 to 15 attending typically. Last Day event is bowling on May 19.
- Spring Shoot is May 11
- 7 Seniors graduating: Amy C, Caleb D, Murray E, Noah E, Noah H, Lane S, Madison T.
- John is preaching at Loomis on May 26 and June 16.
- Steve will drive the bus for 7-8 and 9-10 Camps.
- John is leaving for a family trip from May 29 to June 4.
- Youth Fund stands at \$834.49

New Business

- Discussed TBF scholarship policy for Bible college students. John will prepare a draft for the next meeting.
- Kurt and Julie Elledge are retiring as our janitors; Micah Choate will take it on.
- The next Men’s Movie Night is planned for 7:00pm Friday, 6 September 2024: “God’s NOT Dead.”

Intercessory Prayer.

Next Meeting: Monday, 10 June 2024, 6:00 pm

Church Funds  
4/30/2024

Benevolence Fund	4,159.61
Bus Fund	3,600.00
Missionaries Reserve	3,625.00
Missions Fund	2,251.00
General Fund	92,310.69
Total	\$105,946.30
Building Fund	\$163,234.13
	\$ 269,180.43

Saturdays in June

- June 1st & 8th: Graduations and graduation parties. Support and pray for these young adults as they take new steps into the world.
- June 15th: Men’s Breakfast at 8 am. This is a great time of food and fellowship. Join us again, or for the first time!
- June 22nd: Ordination Council for pastors John Doyle and Josh McLachlan. Scheduled for 9—Noon. Feel free to observe and support these men in this important step of ministry.



What is Ordination?

To ordain is to order or decree something officially. When speaking of God, it means His decision to make something happen.  
When we speak of ordaining someone as a pastor, God does that, and people do not. What we call ordination is an attempt to recognize and formalize what He has done.  
For a Biblical basis, you can look at 1 Timothy 3, where Timothy is told what to look for in church leaders, or in 1 Timothy 4, where Paul reminds Timothy when the elders laid hands on him.  
  
Shilo is Coming  
Missionary Shilo Cain will be here Sunday, June 9. She is here to celebrate nephew Lane’s graduation, but will share in church while here. Don’t miss the blessing.



by John Doyle

Youth Stuff

Well, Spring is rapidly giving way to what looks to be shaping up to an AWE-SOME SUMMER! Out goes May, June is just days away. What a great month May was.  
As we shut down Youth Group for the year, I want to give thanks to the many supporters of this Youth Ministry. I can truly say that I see the Lord growing the youth into strong followers of Christ. I am humbled to work alongside all of you to support that growth. Thank you all for a tremendous year. A special thanks goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan for going bowling with us, Thanks Jim and Sandy.  
Ok we say goodbye to May flowers and hello to Summer Fun. Hang on to your pool floaties because here it comes.....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. we’ll see you guys’ 25 Aug.

Youth Group, Big Event

Youth group goes to Summer Camp @ Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp. Teen Camp July 8th to 13th  
Transportation available, please contact Pastor John for space or more information.

Youth Leadership Training (YLT)

Gearing up for Summer Camp.

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ 31st May to 1st of June, CLBC Workdays
- ⇒ 2nd June Graduate Recognition
- ⇒ 17th to the 21st of June VBS
- ⇒ 24th to 28th June Staff Training
- ⇒ Summer Camp

Volunteer

If you are interested in volunteering or serving the Youth G.A.N.G please contact: Youth Pastor John Doyle @ (509) 435 -6393, tbfpdoyle@gmail.com





“Life Services is a Christ-centered organization dedicated to the sanctity of life at conception. We offer hope, truth, medical care, and support from a biblical perspective to anyone impacted by an unplanned pregnancy helping them choose life and encouraging a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.”

From the website

For our part, we are in the middle of the Baby Bottle fundraiser to support Life Services. We started handing out bottles on Mother’s Day, and would like them all back by Father’s Day. Fill them with change, bills, and checks. All the money goes to support one of the greatest ways we know to meet both physical and spiritual needs.



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# Vacation Bible School!



VBS is right around the corner! June 17-21, our church will be bustling with children hearing the truth of God's love. Thank you to all the volunteers and prayer warriors who are sacrificing their time and energy to make this an amazing experience for our community's children! Thank you also to those who have donated money for the **Obstacle Course, T-Shirts** and advertising.

If your schedule allows, come join us as we go on prayer walks through the town every Thursday afternoon from 1:00 -2:00. We can't wait to see what God is going to do in the hearts of everyone involved!

There is no cost to come to VBS. Money will be raised for this year's Mission Project—A well for India with Pastor Daniel.

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## Camp Schedule

- Camp Work Days: June 1-2
- Staff Training: June 24-28
- 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.

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 [elbcamp.org](http://elbcamp.org).



**Missionaries of the Month:**  
Leif & Jami Gustafson  
Serving:












# June 2024

*Women's Ministry Leader: Carmelyn Choate*  
*Group Members: Debbie Boleneus*  
*Cathy Plumb*  
*Mary Scharff*  
*Tiffany Carstens*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>Starting June 2nd</b> NO Sunday School. Worship Service 9:30 am					1
2 Graduates Recognition Coffee Fellowship after church	3	4	5	6 Ladies Prayer 1 pm	7 Men's Coffee Connection 7 am 	8
9 Shilo Cain Visits	10 Deaconess Meeting 12:30 pm  Elders Meeting 6:00 pm	11 Mission Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	12	13 Ladies Prayer 1 pm	14 Men's Coffee Connection 7 am 	15  8 am
16 	17	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 17-21 9 AM-NOON			20 Ladies Prayer 1 pm	21 Men's Coffee Connection 7 am 
23 Reception for John Doyle's Ordination after church	24	25	26	27 Ladies Prayer 1 pm	28 Men's Coffee Connection 7 am 	22 Ordination Council for John Doyle & Josh McLachlan 9 am-Noon
30 Communion/ Benevolence offering						29