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Duty and Joy

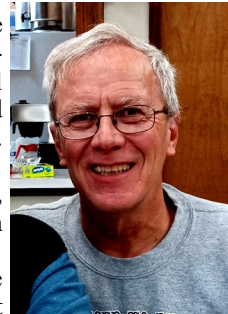
A. Christians should serve where they feel called. B. Christians should serve where they feel blessed. C. Christians should serve because it is their duty. D. All of the above. E. Other.

It's an interesting discussion, and it seems that all answers can be legitimate.

1 Corinthians 12 compares the Church to a body, with each part fulfilling its function. The eye cannot do what the ear does, and it would be a disaster if it tried. The hand is very versatile and can do a lot of things, but the foot still walks better.

This is an example of people serving where they feel called. Teachers feel fulfilled when they teach, and like something is missing when they don't. God not only gives us spiritual gifts, but calls us to ministry that will fulfill that gift. Sometimes within the four walls of the Church, sometimes outside.

Some ministries not only give people a sense of satisfaction, but joy. This might not always make sense to the rest of us. As an illustration—babies and diapers. When my first grandchildren (twins) were home from the hospital, I was holding one of them and heard and felt what I recognized as the filling of a diaper. I said something to the effect of, "Someone just filled a diaper," and held the infant out. Two aunts and a grandma climbed over each other to get there first to have the privilege of changing the newborn. True story. What else is true is that I don't get it. I can change a diaper, but for me that is duty. I call it Duty duty.



Members of the worship team don't have to be up there, they get to. Worship in song is a blessing to them they don't want to miss. They serve where they feel blessed.

Duty (like Duty duty), is what you do because it needs to be done. Sometimes it's just something you're supposed to do, sometimes it's something that, if you don't do it, it won't get done.

Duty can be a poor motivator for service, but it is a necessary one. If we limit our service to the things we feel like doing or feel blessed by, our Christian lives would be pretty anemic. Hopefully, you come to church because you want to. But almost certainly, you sometimes come to church only out of duty. That is a good thing. For you and for everyone else.

Good habits are not built out of doing what feels good, but out of diligent application in spite of obstacles. Daily Bible reading is hard to do, until it isn't. Finding time to pray is hard, until it is natural. Giving money is almost impossible, until it feels wrong when you don't.

Doing your duty builds Christian life and character. It teaches you where your gifts are, and leads you into the service that blesses you.

If your Christian life is only one of duty, without joy; then you've missed something, so give it another look. Because it should be something that accomplishes your duty, and produces a sense of satisfaction with a reasonable amount of joy thrown in as a bonus.

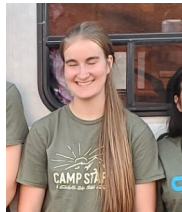
Photo of the Month



It was a well-deserved break for the Youth Group as they returned from fun and games and work at Loomis with Pastor John.

Meet our Summer Missionary Interns

Samuel Choate and Amy Colvin



Samuel and Amy are both experienced camp staff and have filled various hats at Cocolalla, and this year they get to add Summer Missionary Intern to their resués.

Known as SMIs, these teens are the backbone of the camp program. They can be called on to cabin lead, lead dish and bathroom crews, lead worship, work in the office, film and edit film, or fill any other duties as assigned. And they are expected to do it with a great attitude!

And, where other teen staff work a week here or there, SMIs are also expected to serve all summer long. Be sure to support them in prayer, and financially if you can.

Summer Camp Schedule

Staff Training: Jun 21—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
SMI Workdays: Aug 13—16
Family Camp: Aug 16—18



Seven Graduates!

We’re pretty sure this is a new record for us—seven high school graduates in one year. Alphabetically by last name, they are:

Amy Colvin, Christian Heritage School
Caleb Downing, Wilbur High School
Murray Eaton, Home School
Noah Everett, Davenport High School
Noah Hamm, Cameroon, Africa
Lane Sewall, Davenport High School
Madison Tarbert, Home School



Congratulations to all of you for your years of hard work and study. We wish you well on your plans for the future.

Sunday, June 2nd after church is scheduled to honor our grads. Each will have an area set aside to display photos, awards, and mementos of their school years and achievements. Be sure you plan to stay after church (Coffee Fellowship) and take a good look at what they’ve accomplished.

Church Funds
3/31/2024

Benevolence Fund	3,549.61
Bus Fund	3,600.00
Missionaries Reserve	3,625.00
Missions Fund	1,051.00
General Fund	91,333.35
Total	\$103,158.96
Building Fund	\$162,734.13
	\$ 265,893.09

Ladies Country Tea

Ladies of all ages are welcome to join us for our Country Tea Party. May 4th at 11:00 am. 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.

Cocolalla Happenings

Scrapbook Retreat

May 10-11
Cost \$75, dependent on how long you stay
Ages 13 and up
Speaker: Debbie Boleneus

Men’s Retreat

May 17-18
Cost \$75
Friday—Barbecue your own steak!

Camp Work Days

May 31-June 1
Come Friday and spend the night, or show up Saturday morning.
Lots of projects, from yard work to maintenance to roofing to painting. Come ready to work!

Earn discount camp coupons for our kids.

Spring Shoot

May 11th at 10:30 am at John Doyle’s property.
For men, women, and kids trained in the use of firearms. Everyone invited to come join the fun.



by John Doyle

Youth Stuff

May must be here; the flowers are up and the Youth G.A.N.G is on the move. What a great month of April. Youth Group was full and fun. The Youth Leaders were super busy, they went to Cocolalla for Spring Retreat and then the next week to Loomis, Washington for a mission trip outreach. Great Job Youth Leaders. Special

Thanks to the TBF Trustees (Mr. Boleneus) for getting the Ole Church Shuttle Bus ready for the busy season, it’s running like a 40-year-old kitten.

Ok we say goodbye to April showers and hello to more May flowers. Hang on to your garden rakes 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. Last day for the year will be 19th May.

Youth Group, Big Event

Youth Group goes Bowling. Cheney Lanes 19th May 3 to 8 pm. The Bus leaves for Cheney 3pm.

Cost is \$10.00 for Pizza and shoe rental.

Youth Leadership Training (YLT)

Gearing up for Summer Camp, if you are going to be a Staffer at camp, attendance at YLT meetings is important.

- ◇ TBD Mission trip to Loomis 26th May, stay tuned for details.
- ◇ This month’s meetings, May 10th and 24th

Upcoming Events

- ◇ Turn-in Summer Camp Workers letters of reference to Pastor Steve and Pastor John by May 1st
- ◇ 31st May to 1st of June, CLBC Workdays
- ◇ 2nd June Graduate Honoring
- ◇ 17th to the 21st of June VBS
- ◇ 24th to 28th June Staff Training

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, tbfypdoyle@gmail.com



Vacation Bible School

Summer may or may not seem far away, but for people making plans, it looms. VBS plans are well under way, and you might want to mark it down on your calendar: June 17-21. We will have all the regular things—crafts, games, songs, and an exciting missions contest—as well as strong Bible teaching about Jesus and His love! We will also repeat some of the extras we introduced last year. Things like a petting zoo, face painting, and an inflatable obstacle course!

The theme is Keepers of the Kingdom, and is a VBS material put out by Answers in Genesis. It is a medieval castle theme, and will be a fun and Bible-based series of lessons stemming from the Bible's Armor of God found in Ephesians 6. There is no charge to come to VBS, but offerings will be taken for the Missions Project.



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Baby Bottles for Life

For years, we have been supporting Life Services of Spokane through their Baby Bottle program. We receive empty baby bottles from them, and return them filled with money!

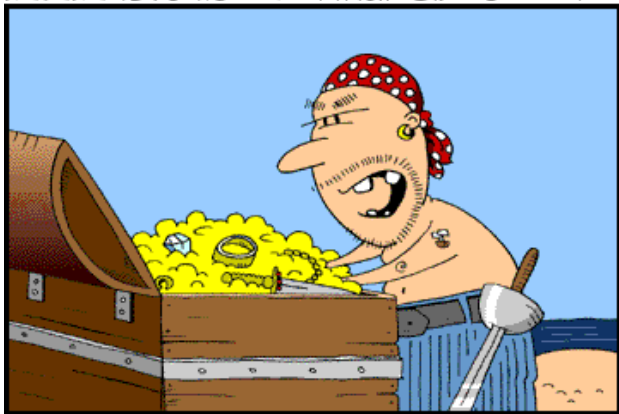
Life Services is a Gospel-centered ministry to help unwed or unprepared mothers make the decision to keep their babies, and then helps them carry out that decision. They are the Christians who prove there is much more to being pro-life than simply being anti-abortion. We prove the same thing when we give them our prayerful financial support.

This year, we have arranged to distribute the Bottles on Mothers Day, and receive them back on Fathers Day! Somehow, that seemed appropriate.

Show your support for this practical way to share Christ's love in the world.



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Thanks to Mikel Rice (See Matthew 6:21) 06-04-1999
ARRRR ... THIS IS WHERE ME TREASURE IS, NOW WHERE DID I PUT ME HEART?

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Well, yes, there is Awana in May. Awards Night is May first, and then we're done for the year. Mom and Dad, and other interested friends and family, you are invited to come and see your child honored, and share some refreshments as well.

You will also hear about Vacation Bible School, scheduled for June 17-21. It is a very fun and eventful week, focused on having fun while learning about Jesus and His love for us. There is no charge for VBS, but there will be daily offerings to raise money for a worthy missions project.

We will also talk about camp at Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp. Each age group (Teens, 11 & 12, 9 & 10, 7 & 8) has a week dedicated to summer fun, skill-learning, team-building, and time with God. We do not have brochures on hand yet, but they should be on-hand by the Awards night.

Missionary of the Month:

Vicente & Maria Reyna

Serving in Mexico



May 2024

Women's Ministry Leader: Janice Emery

Group Members: Joan McLachlan

Justina Sliter

Joan Wintersteen

Jana Scott

Tiffany Carstens



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Awana 6-7:30 pm Closing Ceremony	2 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	3 Men's Coffee 7 am	4 Ladies Country Tea 11 am
5 Steve McMath Visits TBF Coffee Fellowship Membership Class 3:30 pm Youth Group 3:30 pm	6	7 Elders Meeting 6:30 pm	8	9 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	10 Men's Coffee 7 am Youth Leadership 5 pm	11  All Church Shoot 10:30 am <i>Scrapbook Retreat @ CLBC May 10 & 11</i>
12 Baby Bottle Kick-off For Life Services  	13 Deaconess Meeting 2 pm	14 Mission Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	15	16	17 Men's Coffee 7 am	18  Men's Retreat @ CLBC May 17 & 18 8 am
19 Youth Group Bowling	20	21	22	23	24 Men's Coffee 7 am Youth Leadership 5 pm	25
26 Communion/ Benevolence Offering Youth Group 3:30 pm	27	28	29	30	31 Men's Coffee 7 am Work Days @ CLBC May 31 & June 1	