



So Many Questions

The real question is, if you don't have questions, Why not? What's wrong with you?

Think about this familiar story from Mark 2. Jesus is at someone's house in Capernaum, a city on the shore of Galilee. "So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door." Does this mean that first they packed the inside? So full that no one else could fit? How does this affect the story later on? Where was Jesus standing? Was He standing? Did He start by sitting comfortably with a few friends, and then have to move as crowds developed? Whose house was it? Were they equipped to handle these crowds? Did the laws of hospitality extend to a mob like this?

"Some men came, bringing to Him a paralytic, carried by four of them." How many of these guys were there? If 'four of them' carried the paralytic, were there more than four? How is it that these guys who were willing and able to make a hole in the roof were unable to make a hole in the crowd? They sound pretty determined to me!

Once they carried the man to the roof and began digging through it; how long did it take someone to figure out what was happening? Where was the homeowner? Where were his friends? Where were the police, or Roman guards, or someone whose job it was to protect private property? And how long did it take before these people digging upstairs started dropping debris on the people downstairs? And how is it that this same place that was so crowd-



ed that they couldn't make their way in from the outside cleared out enough room for them to drop a man down in their midst?

How big was the hole? Did they lower him horizontally, or vertically? Did they maybe let him through vertically, and then reorient him to face him more comfortable for the rest of the trip?

And wasn't it a sin to do this damage to another person's house?

Why didn't Jesus rebuke these people for not finding a better way? Why is there no mention of anyone paying for the damage?

When Jesus healed the man, He told him, "Get up, take your mat and go home." That's it? He left? What about an apology? What about helping with the repairs? He gets to just get up and go?

And I've skipped over the real meat of the story, the main question of, "Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, Your sins are forgiven, or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'?"

And then there's this question: How many times have you run across this passage and never asked these question?

Too often we read the Bible as if we were asleep. We read it because it's our duty, and we read it as if that's the only reason to read it.

Read your Bible with your eyes open! Interact with it. Ask questions. Think of all the things you'd be trying to figure out if you were watching it happen.

If you really want to read your Bible, you have to ask it questions.



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Photo of the Month



Mike Bell shares at May's Men's breakfast; with only part of the group shown here. Men and boys, you're invited to join us this month on Saturday, June 18th at 8 am for a good message, good fun, and good food!

Elders Report

Thursday, 5 May 2022 @ 6:30 PM

Attendees: Steve McLachlan, John Doyle, Dan Shumway, Mike Bell, Dion Ricketts

Previous minutes reviewed and approved

Pastor's report

- A thank you letter to Christian Heritage School for the van was signed by all
- Steve plans to do a short eulogy for Tim McAllister since there won't be a local service
- Flowers for the Mother's Day service have been purchased
- Streaming the service in the Adult Sunday School room as an overflow room doesn't seem to be working
- Jeremy Eaton asked to start making plans for a Men's Rendezvous.
- Steve was approached about permission to teach a sourdough bread making class
- The Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp SMI's will visit on June 19th

Youth Pastor's report

- Youth Leadership
 - There has been just one meeting after Mission trip
 - Gearing up for Summer Camp season
- AWANA Trek/Journey
 - Crossed over 6 kids to Trek/Journey at Awards ceremony
 - Will conduct Trek/Journey at the trailer again next year
- Youth Group
 - Numbers are good with 12-14 kids
 - April's Big Event was a Spokavenger Hunt with 23 kids, 5 adults/teams
 - May Big Event will be Laser Tag @ LaserMaxx of Spokane
 - Want to use the new bus but there are issues with insurance
- College and Career
 - Slow start, but picking up

Old Business

- Last month's Elder's Breakfast was discussed, focusing on what worked and what didn't
- Mike gave an update on Sunday School teachers and his plans
- Vacation Bible School curriculum has been purchased

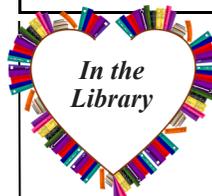
New Business

- The new bus requires a driver with a CDL to insure it.
- The next Men's Breakfast is May 21st
- Dan Shumway updated us on the pulpit supply he has been doing

Intercessory Prayer

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 02, 2022 @ 6:30 PM.

Church Funds



Book Recommended

"God's Hostage"

By Rev. Andrew Brunson

Many of you may remember when President Trump asked our nation to pray for Rev. Brunson's quick release in Turkey. At the time of his arrest he believed not only would he be quickly released, but as a Christian he could face prison with courage and grace. However, after 23 months enduring emotional ups and downs, including thoughts of suicide, he has many questions of God, i.e. asking "Why me?"

Read more of his encouraging story in our church library.

InFaith Summer Staff

These summer missionaries, mostly still teens, are the leadership core among young staff at Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp. They must be at least 16 years old, and commit to working at camp through the summer.

This year our own Finn Shumway is joining their ranks, and looking forward to a productive summer at camp.

Because they are classified as missionaries, they are allowed to raise support to offset what they could have made working at some other job. Some of these young people will visit TBF on Sunday, June 19, to share their ministry.

Come excited to hear what they have to share, and bring a little something that day to share with them.



by John Doyle

Youth Stuff

June is here! You know what that means? Knock-knock-knocking of summer's door! Summer camp season is here!

What a month was it was for the Youth Group. The G.A.N.G. was all over the place!!! The Youth G.A.N.G. descended on the Spokane city streets for the second month in a row. We went to LaserMaxx (Formerly known as Laser Quest). We battled it out to see who was the best laser warrior, award goes to Solomon Holmberg. Solomon won both games and bested the "Pastor" by a very narrow margin, (over Double the points). Special Thanks to Mrs. Jennifer Doyle, Mr. Clay Sterner, Mr. Jasper Eaton, and Mr. Spencer Tarbert for being the event Chaperones. A very special thank you goes to Mr. Wyatt Downing for successfully driving the kiddos there and back in the "New" bus, thank you Sir!

The Youth Leadership team is busily preparing for summer camp season. Devotionals to write, bags to pack, and so much more.

Special thank you goes to CHS (Christian Heritage School) for their donation of their surplus shuttle Bus. Thank you, we will certainly get good use from this awesome gift. On the same front I want to thank the TBF trustees in obtaining and insuring our new bus, just in time for the "Big Event" this last month. OK, get

ready cause June is just around the bend! The Youth G.A.N.G. is on the move.

Youth Group G.A.N.G. (God's Anointed Next Generation) Youth Group will return 14th Aug 2022. Don't forget **Teen Camp** @ Cocolalla July 11th -16th

The Big Event will return Sep 2022

Youth Leadership Training (YLT)

A more intensive study of God's word with an emphasis on Discipleship. Every Friday @ 5 to 7pm. Last Meeting will be 17th June. Staff Application need to be to Cocolalla No later than 1st June. Youth Leaders are encouraged to support VBS 20th to 24th June.

CAC (College and Career) Group

After a stressful day of working or studying come relax with the CAC. Ages 19 to ??? 6 to 8 pm. Bring a dish to share and/or a game to play. No meeting this month.

Volunteer

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.
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Vacation Bible School

Dear TBF family and friends,

This is your friendly Sunday School Superintendent, inviting you to join us for this year's **Vacation Bible School!!!!** It will be a great time of learning, growing and **celebrating Christmas in June!!!!**

This year VBS will be held from 20-24 June and will be in support of **Operation Christmas Child**. Katelyn Bell is putting this VBS on as her Senior project for high school and we need your support to make this a big success. If you have time to help decorate we will be doing that the week prior, so keep your ear to the ground for dates and times. We will be collecting donation items for shoe boxes and packing boxes during the VBS. If you have time to help with the VBS please see Katelyn, Kristi, or myself to get put to Work!! Please plan to send your children and reach out to friends to VBS and support this wonderful cause and Katelyn in her senior project, let us make this the best VBS ever hosted here!!!!

Thank you, Michael Bell



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Missionary Mini-bytes

The Gustafsons: Sunday, May 29th, is this year's global day of prayer for the Tibetan Buddhist world. On Sunday Leif will lead part of a prayer meeting for all the peoples of the Tibetan Buddhist world, and will specifically lead prayer for the Russian part of the Tibetan Buddhist world.

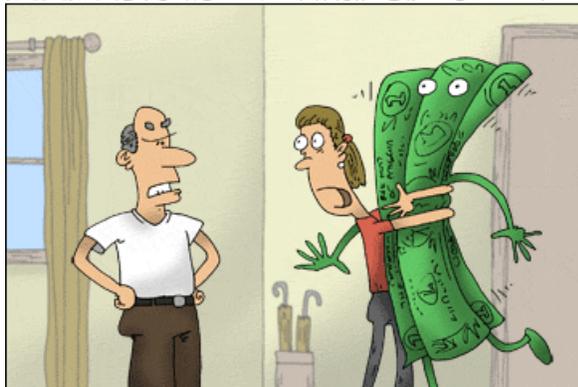
The Hamms: Prepare to travel back to Cameroon in late July.

The Morocks: Have resigned the pastorship at Friant Bible Church, and are moving to Kansas, near their daughter Micaiah.

The McDowalls: Are hoping Robert will be recovered enough to serve at Cocolalla this summer.

Pastor Daniel: Hopes to visit in June! Plans are still unclear.

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(See 1 Timothy 6:10)

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ROOT OF, DADDY, I'M GOING TO MARRY
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June 3-4: Camp Work Days
June 27-July 1 Staff Training

July 11-16 Teen Camp (\$225)
July 18-22 11-12 Camp (\$195)
July 25-29 9-10 Camp (\$195)
Aug 1-4 7-8 Camp (\$170)

Save \$15 on any camp by pre-registering at least 10 days early; Save another \$15 with a discount coupon available at the church office. If cost is still an issue, talk to Pastor John or Pastor Steve.

A special Shuttle Bus will be available for all camps. Contact Pastor John for more info.

**Missionaries of the Month:
Leif & Jamie Gustafson**

**Serving:
SEND International**



June 2022

*Women's Ministry Leader: Sandy Buchanan
Group Members: Tiffany Carstens
Noemi Beckstrom*



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Sat

			1	2 Elders Meeting 6:30 pm	3 Youth Leadership 5 pm	4 CLBC Work Days June 3 & 4
5 Coffee Fellowship	6 Evening of Prayer 7 pm	7 Mission Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	8	9	10 Youth Leadership 5 pm	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Youth Leadership 5 pm	18 Men's Breakfast 8 am
19  CLBC SMI's Share	20 Evening of Prayer 7 pm	21	22	23	24 Youth Leadership 5 pm	25
Vacation Bible School—"Christmas in June" June 20–24 9–11:30 am						
26 Communion/ Benevolence Offering	27	28	29	30		