



Life from Death

I was seeking an answer, so I went to an omniscient source. And Google AI told me, No, a seed is not dead, but alive. It is in a state resembling hibernation, and could be considered to be in suspended animation.

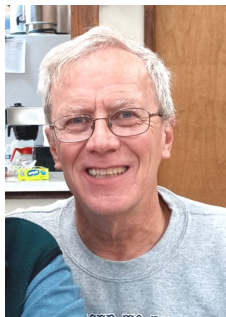
A more omniscient source agrees. Jesus said, *"Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds"* (Jn 12:24). If a seed can die, it must first be alive.

Google also agrees with Jesus that for a seed to sprout and grow, that living seed must die. The process that makes the seed grow and become what is supposed to be requires the end of the seed. The thing that grows is not the seed, but is only possible because of the seed.

We find a little Q and A on this subject in 1st Corinthians 15. *"But somebody will say, 'How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?' You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies; and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or something else. But God gives it a body just as He wished."*

"So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power."

"For the trumpet will sound, and the dead in Christ will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this



mortal will have put on immortality."

No wonder we celebrate Resurrection Sunday, this day we call Easter. We celebrate with joy for the simple reason that Jesus came back from the dead, and we love Jesus! We celebrate for His sake. We celebrate with joy because He showed death defeated, and our greatest enemy has no power. We celebrate with joy because He is the first fruits, and

when the last trumpet sounds, in the twinkling of an eye, we too will put on our resurrection bodies. Powerful, spiritual, imperishable glorious bodies!

I don't know how many times I've read these descriptions, and I still cannot fathom what this new body will be like. But I get excited every time. I want this and am excited to see it come true.

No wonder we say that Christian hope is not like other hope. We are not wondering if, but only when. We do not wonder if it is true, but what it will be like when it is true. The definition is 'Confident Expectation.'

We are not confident because Jesus will rise, but because He has! He is risen! Life is now; the seed is gone, the risen Jesus is alive. And we, mere seeds, not knowing what we are to become, eagerly look forward to the new life that we will be when we are risen.

Everything in Christianity is based on this one thing—the Resurrection. Without it, Jesus is a religious philosopher from the past. With it, He is the living Lord of a living people, who celebrate Him and His gift of eternal life.

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Photo of the Month



TBF & Loomis kids jam together at recent Mission Trip.

Elders Report

Tuesday, 4 March 2025, 6:00pm

Attendees: Steve McLachlan, John Doyle, Jeremy Eaton, Dion Ricketts, and Knute Hernas
Guests: Annie Ricketts

Previous meeting minutes were read and approved.
Scheduled report:

- Annie gave us a Worship Team update and her plans for knee surgeries.

Pastor’s report

- Building update: Hoping for an inspection next week.
- Easter is April 20, with 7am Sunrise Service together with LRBC, at the Swedish Cemetery. Good Friday 7pm service.
- AWANA Grand Prix is March 12.
- Men’s Breakfast is cancelled March 15 in deference to the ANVIL Men’s Conference in Almira.
- Steve plans to give notice as bookkeeper for Care & Share.

Youth Pastor’s report

- Youth Leadership Training (YLT)
 - Conference was attended by 5 Youth and 2 chaperones.
 - Spring Mission Trip will be March 23. Planning is on-track.
- The buses are getting old and breaking down frequently.
- AWANA Trek/Journey
 - Low numbers continue. Kids’ priorities are divided among sports, etc.
- Youth Group
 - Good numbers; next Big Event is a St. Patrick’s Day party outreach on March 16.
 - John is still planning to obtain a CDL through the DHS bus barn. Cost is ~\$2000.00.
 - Youth Fund stands at ~\$1400.

Old Business

- Chili Cook-off and Dad Joke Contest went well. Plans were discussed for modifying the judging next year.
- Facebook will start deleting Sunday Services older than 4 weeks; discussed YouTube, but decided not to use it.

New Business

- Biblical Eldership class is a success. 14-15 men attend, with several signed up for the 5 session plan.
- Men’s Breakfast: Saturday, 19

Intercessory Prayer:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 1 April 2025, 6:00pm;

Church Funds
02/28/25

Benevolence Fund	2,024.86
Bus Fund	3,600.00
Missionaries Reserve	3,935.00
Missions Fund	1,006.91
General Fund	153,941.67
Total	\$164,508.44
Building Fund	\$226,346.64
	\$390,855.08

Church Work Day

Put it on your calendar—Saturday, April 12 is a day to get things done at TBF. Inside, outside, cleaning, repair, yardwork, maintenance: you name it, we can use it! The Trustees will have a list, but if you have a pet project of your own, talk to them, and maybe you can do that instead. Let’s get this place ready for Easter!

Food and Fellowship!

Ladies Fellowship and Breakfast: Saturday, April 5th, at 9 am. This is always a joyful and relaxing event to share together. If you haven’t been to one before, this month would be a great time to start!

Men’s breakfast: Saturday, April 19th, at 8 am. Eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, and sometimes a little chef’s surprise! As well as a bunch of really great guys to hang around with. It’s a great way to start your Saturday!

Missionary Visit

Brad Cain is coming up to get a car licensed, and will be here for a quick visit on Easter weekend! Be sure and greet him while he’s here.

Ladies Retreat at Cocolalla

April 25-27
The theme is ‘Egypt,’ with speaker Emily Hayden.
Cost is \$95 for the whole retreat, less if you can only do part. Register at clbcamp.org



Youth Stuff

As we move from March into April, I want to take a moment and reflect. Why is there Youth Group, Sunday school, AWANA Trek/Journey, or Youth Leadership? The answer is and always has to be the gospel of Jesus Christ. Last month I threw a St. Patrick’s Day party for Youth Group. St. Patrick was a Christian that helped to spread the gospel to the island of Ireland in the 5th century. During the Party I gave a gospel message to six youth that do not regularly attend church, present also were 20 kids that do attend church. What St. Patrick did in the 5th century was also done at a celebration held in his honor in the 21st. And God was glorified!

Last Sunday the Youth Leader kids left TBF to go to Loomis Community Church in Loomis WA to lead worship and hold a Youth Group where there is no youth group. While they did that, I preached the gospel of Jesus to over twenty kids. The month of March was not a success because of the number of kids that came to Youth Group, Sunday school, AWANA Trek/Journey, or Youth Leadership. It was a success because the gospel of light went out into a dark world once again.

This month we’re gonna do it again!!! Because 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 Leadership Training (YLT)
- This month’s meetings: 7th and 21st.
 - Spring Retreat 11th & 12th. Leaving TBF 3:30 pm on Friday. Register @ clbcamp.org.
 - Mission Trip: 27th April. Leaving for Loomis 27th April, 6:30am. Church Family please pray for the Lord’s will and traveling Mercies

Upcoming Events

- Big Event 18th May
- Mission Trip to Loomis Part 3, 25th May

Volunteer

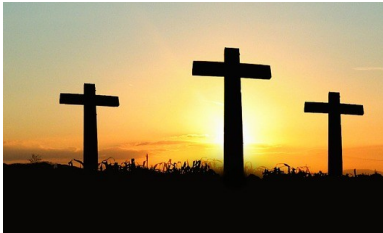
The Youth ministries can use your time, talent, and prayers. If you are interested in volunteering or serving the Youth G.A.N.G we can sure use help, please contact: Youth Pastor John Doyle @ (509) 435-6393, tbfpdoyle@gmail.com

Easter Sunday

Paul said it so well. *“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless, you are still in your sins...But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep”* (1 Cor 15:17, 20). Jesus’ resurrection is everything!

Join us Easter morning to celebrate Christ’s victory over sin and death. At 7 am we will join with Lake Roosevelt Bible Church at the Swedish Cemetery (Just off the highway above Deer Meadows). After the service, we are invited to join them for breakfast in their beautiful church. Then Sunday School and Church are on the normal schedule at TBF.

Don’t forget Good Friday, 7 pm on the 18th.



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Coming to Trinity Bible Fellowship! Join us Sunday evening, April 27th at 6:30 pm for a time of worship in song with Northgate Revival.

We are praying for God to bless this event, and that it will be a blessing for anyone else who chooses to join us. Check them out online at northgaterevival.com, and then invite your friends and neighbors to come hear them live.

There is no cost for this event, but a love offering will be taken.



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



And now it’s April. We have five weeks in April, but one of them is Spring Break, so that makes four. After that, all that’s left is the closing ceremony on May 7th, and another year of Awana is in the books! It’s been a great year, but don’t give up yet—stick with it and finish well!

Special Nights in April

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| April 2 | Run Like the Wind! |
| April 9 | SPRING BREAK |
| April 16 | Pinata Night |
| April 23 | Fashion Disaster Night |
| April 30 | Wild Hair Night |

Directors! We’re having a meeting after church on Sunday the 13th. Come planning to spend about 1/2 hour covering some important Awana details.

Missionary of the Month:

Dave & Ashley Petersen
Serving with MAF in Bunia,
Democratic Republic of Congo



April 2025

Women's Ministry Leader: Janice Emery
Group Members: Joan McLachlan
Krisit Bell
Tiffany Carstens



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Elders Meeting 6:30 pm	2 Awana 6pm Jogathon	3 <u>NO BSF</u> Ladies Prayer 1 pm	4 Men's Coffee 7 am	5  9 am
6 Membership Class after church Youth Group 3:30 pm	7 Youth Leadership 5:30 pm Men's Bible Study 7 pm	8 Quarterly Board Meeting 6:30 pm	9 <u>NO Awana</u>	10 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	11 Men's Coffee 7 am Youth Spring Retreat @ CLBC	12 TBF Work Day
13 Youth Group 3:30 pm Awana Directors meeting after Churhc	14 Deaconess Meeting 2 pm Men's Bible Study 7 pm	15 Mission Committee Meeting 2 pm	16 Awana 6 pm Piñata Night	17 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	18 Men's Coffee 7 am  Good Friday 7 pm	19  8 am
20 Easter  Sunrise Service 7 am	21 Youth Leadership 5:30 pm Men's Bible Study 7 pm	22	23 Awana 6 pm Fashion Disaster Night	24 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	25 Men's Coffee 7 am Women's Retreat @ CLBC April 25, 26, & 27	26
27 Youth Mission Trip to Loomis - Leave at 6:30 am Northgate Concert 6:30 pm	28 Men's Bible Study 7 pm	29	30 Awana 6 pm Wild Hair Night			