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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."*



## Disciples, not Clones

Mathāteo: (Greek), Disciple, to be a disciple or follower of another's doctrine. As used in Matthew 28:19. *"Go and make disciples of all nations..."*

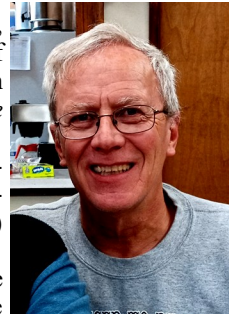
Clone: (English) (After ignoring more correct and precise definitions in favor of popular use) An exact copy.

I don't think there's a Bible word equivalent to clone. If there was, it wouldn't be disciple. A disciple is one who follows another closely and tries to learn from Him. The twelve, eventually called Apostles, were first called Disciples.

Two of the original disciples, John and Andrew, were apparently on the prowl for someone worthy of following. Both were followers of John the Baptist, until he pointed them to Jesus, and they immediately (and literally) began following Him (Jn 1:35-40). The others were apparently happily going about their own business when they encountered Jesus. Most people were probably surprised to find these men suddenly becoming disciples.

Matthew 28:19 tells us to go make disciples. In other passages, while not using the word, Paul tells us to be disciples. In 1 Cor 4:16, he says simply, *"Be imitators of me."* Later in the same book he writes, *"Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ"* (1 Cor 11:1). To the Philippians he wrote, *"Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice"* (Phil 4:9).

To disciple someone is to take them under your wing and help them learn how to live the Christian life. To be disciples is



to see someone who you think is living a good Christian life, and try to learn from them.

But that does not mean to become a clone of the person you are learning from, or to make a clone of the person you are discipling.

Ephesians 2:10 has a powerful verse with a terrific word for you. *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so we could walk in them."* That word, 'workmanship,' is one to hang on. That word comes from a time long before Henry Ford developed the assembly line. You are not a mass-produced item, one like so many other identical things doing the same things.

God looked at what He wanted done, and crafted someone to do that thing. You. You are custom-built according to God's purpose. You can't be someone else, and you're not supposed to be someone else. You are supposed to be the best version of you that you can be. Sometimes that means learning from and following the example of others.

I like the word 'emulate.' I don't think you'll ever arrive. Almost 50 years of Christianity and I haven't. And you probably will reach the point you don't have a human discipler any more. But you will never run out of people to emulate. You get to pick and choose things you would like to add to your tool box. Not bouncing from leader to leader trying to be a clone. But learning from many, finding out how to be a better disciple.

## Photo of the Month



Congratulations to Kariya, Zach, and Laurel, our graduating high school seniors!



## Elders Report

Tuesday, 1 April 2025, 6:00pm

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

Previous meeting minutes were read and approved.

### Pastor's report

- The New Membership Class has 11 persons attending!
- Three men from TBF attended the Anvil Conference in Almira on March 14-15.
- Good Friday Service is April 18, 7pm, a simple service based on Isaiah 53.
- Sunrise Service is on Easter morning at Swedish Cemetery, 7am
- Easter Service will feature a choir piece for offertory. Also, Brad Cain will be here.
- Northgate Revival, a Christian Music group, will perform at TBF on Sunday, April 27 at 6:30pm.
- Men's Golf Fiasco is May 17, right after Men's Breakfast.

### Youth Pastor's report

- Youth Leadership Training (YLT)
  - Mission Trip to Loomis was on March 23. Great trip, with 7 Youth, 3 adults and a bus driver. 24 Loomis Youth came. Next trip is April 27, then an overnigher May 24-25.
  - Meetings have been very well-attended.
  - A Spring Retreat is planned for April 11-12.
- AWANA Trek/Journey: Good numbers
- Youth Group
  - Good numbers
  - no Big Event is planned for April, bowing to family time on Easter.

### Old Business

- John is obtaining his CDL through the DHS bus barn.

### Old Business

- Building Report: Slow progress still.

### New Business

- Summer schedule begins June 1. Services will run 9:30 to 11:00.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 6 May 2025, 6:00pm

## Women's Ministry



The deaconesses at TBF are interested in feedback from the ladies who attend our church. As we navigate a growing church, our hope is to serve our congregation well in Jesus' name.

Do you have a desire to get involved? Some current examples of opportunities are providing meals for the sick, helping with cookie fellowship, Ladies Fellowship breakfast, Kingdom Krafts (mission-minded projects), and helping to decorate the sanctuary seasonally.

We are also interested to know if you have new ideas regarding things that are not currently happening (i.e. teaching a new skill class or a fun event). You can find us after church or give us a call! Thank you!

Justina Sliter, Peggy Semprimoznik, Rachel Lacy, Sandy Buchanan

## Church Funds

03/31/25

Benevolence Fund	2,034.86
Bus Fund	3,600.00
Missionaries Reserve	3,935.00
Missions Fund	1,886.91
General Fund	155,463.62
Total	\$166,920.39
Building Fund	\$229,748.78
	\$396,669.17

## Fund-Raiser Lunch!

Stay after Church on May 18 and have lunch, Persian style! This is a fundraiser for our team going to serve at the House of Omeed this summer. Their goal is to raise enough to leave a generous financial gift behind after they've covered their costs. Lunch is free, but donate for a lot more than a meal!

## Congratulations Graduates!



TBF has three graduating High School Seniors this year: Zach Colvin, Kariya Lacy, and Laural Victor, all graduating from Christian Heritage School.

Graduate Recognition Day at TBF will be June 8 after church. Congratulate them and wish them well!

## Ladies Breakfast Fellowship



Ladies, we would love to see you at Church Saturday the 3rd at 9 am. We have a great time a fellowship and sharing in God's Word. Please join us!



## Men's Breakfast and Golf



You don't have to do both, but both are on the same day! Join us Saturday the 17th. Breakfast at TBF begins at 8. After breakfast we head for the T-boxes at Harrington, leaving some unfortunate non-golfers to do the dishes! Breakfast is free. Cost for golfing will be reasonable.

## VBS Poster Prep!

On Wednesday June 14th from 5 to 8 pm we will be coloring posters at the church for the upcoming Vacation Bible School. If you enjoy coloring in the lines, we can use your help. If you can only come for a portion of that time, that's okay. We'd still love to have you. Contact Sandy Buchanan if you have any questions.

# Youth Stuff



by John Doyle

Well Aprils is almost gone bring on the flowers, hello May! April was a very busy month; we went to Camp, celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, had a mission trip to Loomis, lots of driving and ministry. I want to take the time to thank Mr. Wyatt Downing, who once again got us to and most importantly back from Loomis WA. So April way a huge success, May will be better, you know why? 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. No Youth Group 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of May

Big Event: 18<sup>th</sup> May Leaving TBF 2:30 back 7:30, **Flight 509** Spokane

### Youth Leadership Training (YLT)

This month's meetings: 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mission Trip: 25<sup>th</sup> April. Leaving for Loomis 6:30am. Church Family please pray for the Lord's will and traveling Mercies



### Upcoming Events

CHS Graduation May 31  
DHS Graduation June 7  
TBF Vacation Bible School June 16-20  
Staff Training June 23-27

### Volunteer

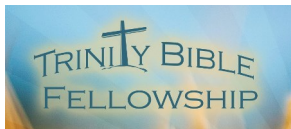
The Youth ministries can use your time, talent, and prayers. If you are interested in volunteering or serving the Youth G.A.N.G we can sure use help, please contact: Youth Pastor John Doyle @ (509) 435-6393, [tbfpdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:tbfpdoyle@gmail.com)

It's almost time for VBS! This year our theme is **Twists and Turns- Following Jesus Changes the Game**. As we prepare for all the lessons, games, crafts and decorating, please consider how you can play a role to help spread the gospel in our community. This event beautifully showcases our church's unity as so many people with different skills and talents come together to make VBS a success. From boots on the ground during VBS week, advertising, help with set up, or most importantly...the work of being a prayer warrior, please know your participation is highly valued.



VBS planning meeting - May 18, 2025 after church in coordination with the House of Omeed mission team fundraiser lunch.

VBS - June 16-20, 2025



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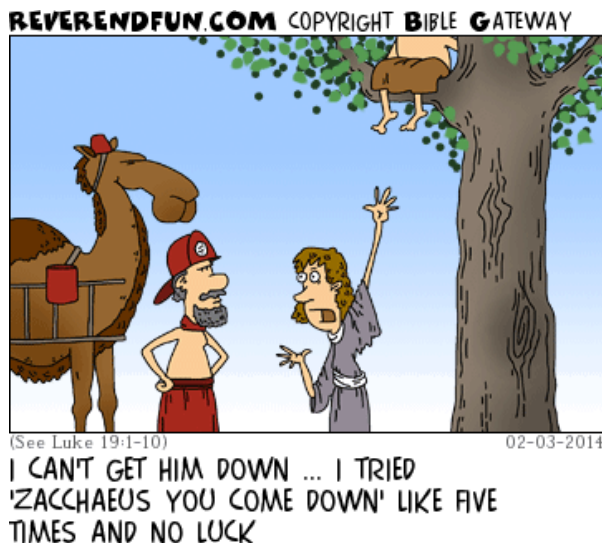
## Baby Bottle Fundraiser!

Once again this year we are supporting Life Services of Spokane by filling baby bottles with spare change and a lot of other money that we find we can spare for a good cause.



"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."

Mothers Day to Fathers Day. Let's prove we mean what we say.



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And It's in the Books!

Mom and Dad, you are invited to join us Wednesday evening, May 7th for the Closing Award Program on this year's last night of Awana. This is a great time to Hang around with other kids and their parents as you hear of the accomplishments of your children this year.

There will be cake and Kool-Aid for everyone!

What to do for summer? We've got two good answers to help you out.

1. Vacation Bible School! Each morning, June 16-20. It's a ton of fun as kids continue to learn about Jesus. For more info, find the article in this newsletter.
2. Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp. For ages 7 & up, there is an appropriately geared week of camp for your kids. Brochures are at church, and because you're in Awana, you get a discount!

See you next year!



Missionary of the Month:  
Vicente & Maria Reyna  
Serving in Mexico



# May 2025

*Women's Ministry Leader: Sandy Buchanan*  
*Group Members: Carmelyn Choate*  
*Krisit Bell*  
*Joan McLachlan*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	2  7 am	3  9 am
4 Youth Group 3:30 pm	5 Youth Leadership 5:30 pm  Elders Bible Study 7 pm	6 Elders Meeting 6:30 pm	7 Awana Closing Ceremony 6 pm	8 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	9  7 am  Ladies Spring Scrapbook Retreat @ CLBC May 9 & 10	10
11 Cookie Fellowship Life Services Baby Bottle Fundraiser begins   Youth Group 3:30 pm	12 Deaconess Meeting 2 pm  Elder Bible Study 7 pm	13 Mission Committee Meeting 2 pm	14	15 Ladies Prayer 1 pm	16  7 am	17   Starting at 8 am
18 Persian Lunch Fund- raiser after church VBS Meeting  Youth Group BIG Event 2:30 pm	19 Youth Leadership 5:30 pm	20	21	22 Ladies Prayer 1 pm	23  7 am	24
25 YL Mission Trip to Loomis  Communion/Benevolence Offering	26	27	28	29 Ladies Prayer 1 pm	30  7 am	31