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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."*



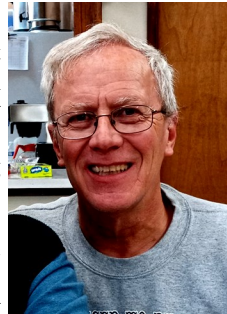
## On Track with Tracts

A Gospel Tract is a small card, piece of paper, or booklet that presents the message of salvation quickly. They give us an easy way to share the Gospel. Curious, decided to find out how long Gospel tracts have been around.

I started with the Four Spiritual Laws. This is "The" classic Gospel Tract of a few years ago. It presents the Gospel in 4 easy steps. 1. God loves you. 2. Man is sinful and separated from God. 3. Jesus is God's only provision for sin. 4. Receive Jesus as your Savior. Each point is supported by Scripture. The simplicity and clarity of this tract is compelling. I found that the Four Spiritual Laws were written by Dr. Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade for Christ (now Cru), in 1952.

What about Steps to Peace with God? This tract is very similar to the Four Spiritual Laws, but maybe with a more friendly design. Where did it come from? The Billy Graham Association developed this tract in 1954.

Something I like to hand out at camp is the Wordless Worm—a take-off of the Wordless Book. This tract uses colors, not words, to present the Gospel. The accompanying song goes like this: "My heart was black with sin, until the Savior came in, His precious blood I know (Red), has washed me White as snow. And in His Word I'm told, I'll walk the streets of Gold. To grow in Christ each day (Green), I'll read God's Word and pray." I thought this was a recent creation of Child Evangelism Fellowship, but found instead it was first presented by the 'Prince of Preachers' - Charles



Spurgeon—in 1866. His version had only three colors, Black, Red, and White.

No longer looking for specific tracts, I typed in 'The History of Gospel Tracts.' Apparently tracts were big even before the printing press, when they had to be hand printed, one at a time. We hear of tracts being used in the 4th century, and of John Wycliffe's tracts being

sought and burned, but not before reaching Jan Huss, who became an zealous reformer and eventual martyr himself.

With the printing press, tracts became even more popular. John Wesley (1703-1791) said "God does nothing but in answer to prayer, and even they who have been converted to God without hearing of a Bible, were converted by the instrumentality of a tract." He wrote several tracts himself.

Today we have a wide variety of tracts available to us. I like ones designed to draw people's attention. There is one put out by Living Waters Publications called "101 of the World's Funniest One-Liners." It starts with, "If at first you don't succeed, don't take up skydiving." In the middle it shares the Gospel. I also like Chick Tracts—Little comic book tracts people love to read. Another favorite of mine are 3-D tracts put out by Moments With the Book.

Tracts are a cheap and easy way to share the most important message in the world. I encourage you to get and use Gospel tracts.

## Photo of the Month



Flip flops in the snow! What do you expect? It was Middle of Summer Night at Awana!

## Elders Report

Thursday, 4 January 2024 @ 6:30 PM

Attendees: Steve McLachlan, John Doyle; Mike Bell, Jeremy Eaton, Knute Hernas, and Dion Ricketts by phone.

Previous minutes reviewed and approved.

### Pastor's report

- Building Report: All permits have been applied for; expecting to hear back soon.
- We sent Pastor Daniel \$6,710.00, which included his regular support, plus the \$5,000.00 designated for his new church project.
- The NEIGHBORS advertiser has offered us a 50% discount for the back page ad.
- A five-week Prospective Elders Bible study is suggested after the Growing in Christ study ends.
- Men's Weekly Coffee on Fridays, 7:00 am.

### Youth Pastor's report

- Youth Leadership
  - Good attendance at monthly meetings.
  - December 28 "Read thru the Bible" made it successfully through the four Gospels.
- Youth Group
  - Good numbers
  - Christmas break "Hang-out" times experienced limited success. May not repeat.
  - New Year's Eve party was a big success, with a good turnout and lots o' fun!
  - Youth Fund stands at \$1,027.11.
- Old Business
  - Men's Movie Night featuring "Flywheel" is scheduled for 7:00 pm Friday, March 1, at TBF.
  - 2024 Chili Cook-Off and Dad Joke Contest on February 4 is still on track.
  - Ordination Service for John Doyle and Josh McLachlan is tentatively set for Saturday, June 22, at TBF.

### New Business

- Men's Golf Fiasco needs to be planned for this Spring.
- Resurrection Sunday is March 31
- 7:00 Sunrise Service at the Swedish
- Good Friday is March 29, Christ in the Passover
- A brief commissioning service is planned for all New Officers during the Sunday Service on January 14.

### Intercessory Prayer

Next Meeting: February 1, 2024, 6:30 pm

## Church Funds 12/31/2023

Benevolence Fund	3,514.61
Bus Fund	3,600.00
Missionaries Reserve	3,625.00
Missions Fund	4,194.00
General Fund	76,137.18
Total	91,070.79

Building Fund	\$166,059.15
	\$257,129.94



We're looking for you, Saturday morning, Feb 3at 9 am! I hope we find you, too! This is a pleasant, rewarding, and refreshing time spent with your sisters in Christ. The food is good, but the fellowship is even better.



## Guys Stuff

- The Men's breakfast on the third Saturday of each month continues to be popular. It is a healthy, hearty, and tasty meal prepared by the elders. There is always a look at something from God's Word, and a good time shared by all.
- Friday morning coffee is new. If you can, join us between 7—8:30 am each Friday as we solve the world's problems.
- Men's Movie Night. We're going to get together Friday, March 1 to watch the Kendrick's brother's first feature movie, the funny and meaningful Flywheel. Be ready to laugh, and be ready to think.



## Christian Heritage School Auction

Once again this year, Christian Heritage is sponsoring an on-line auction for their annual fundraiser. It will run in March from the 13th to the 17th. It is a great way to get nice things you need or want at a good price, and support a good cause at the same time.

If you have any nice new or nearly new things to donate, contact the school office at 509 236-2224, or Adrienne Benner at 509 389-5939.



by John Doyle

# Youth Stuff

Ok, the 1st month of 2024 is in the books; so far so great! January was a really great month for the Youth. We had a great Winter Camp @ CLBC. Special thanks to Mr. Oehlwein for driving with us to camp, and Mrs. Bell for loaning her car to get us there (Not sure where that dent came from). Thank you to all who make it possible to get our Youth closer to Jesus.

Alright, let's say goodbye to January and hello to February. It's a short month but jam-packed with fun and excitement. This month we will be going back to Cocolalla for YLT Conference! Ok gear up and hang on, cause.....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, Feb 9th and 23rd



## Youth Leadership Program

**YLT Conference 9-10 Feb @ Cocolalla Lake**, register @ clbcamp.org. Seating for rides is limited please sign-up as soon as registered.

### Upcoming Events

Chili Cook-Off and Dad Joke contest 4th Feb.

### 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, E-Mail: tbfpdoyle@gmail.com



Building Project Update

The Building Committee is now meeting about every two weeks. Jesse and Lindsay Smith are helping with the project at this time, assisting with updating the building plans with the architect and finalizing what will need to be done with the kitchen hood. At issue is a commercial hood (very expensive) vs a residential hood (relatively cheap). We are working with Spokane Restaurant Supply for a reasonable solution. It is very hopeful that we will be able to move forward soon and begin insulation and sheet rocking once the city requirements are met

Contractors are lined up waiting to start. Please pray that the roadblocks to forward progress are removed. We are trusting in Gods perfect timing. Stay tuned.....



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Chili Cook-off and Dad Joke Contest

“Where do you learn to make a Banana Split?” (Answer Below) Between hot chili and bad jokes, we’re going to do our best to make you cringe! (Is that good advertising?)

This is going to be a great time for the whole family! Everyone plan to stay after Church on February 4th, and bring your appetite and your antacids.

This is a qualified Pot Luck. Competing Dads will bring the main dish (Chili), Everyone else is invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share. No matter what you like, there should be something for everyone.

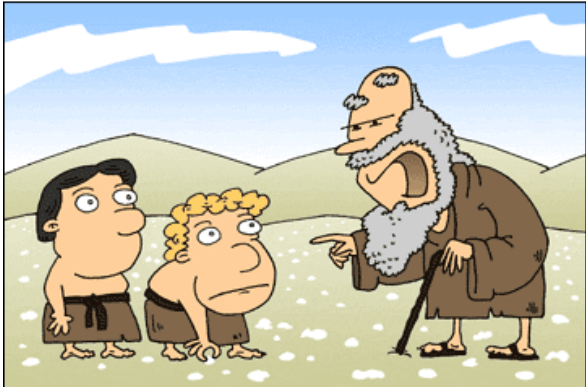
Women will judge the men’s chili based on Heat, Flavor, and Most Unique Ingredients.

Don’t miss this!



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Prefer to get your Newsletter by email? We can do that! Contact the church office at [tbfdavenport@hotmail.com](mailto:tbfdavenport@hotmail.com)



February is going to be a great month at Awana! Boys and girls will learn more about Jesus. Games will be fun, and snacks will be snacked! And there will be some great special theme nights:


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| Feb 7  | Sunglasses Night     |
| Feb 14 | Pink Night           |
| Feb 21 | Paper Airplane Night |
| Feb 28 | Boots Night          |

The Awana Grand Prix is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 13, and plan to join us. Sparks and Cubbies race their Hot Wheels® or Matchbox® cars. T&T, Teens, and Leaders build wooden cars from a kit bought at Awana for \$3 (\$5 for a pre-cut car.)

It’s a fun night with cheap hot dogs, pop, and ice cream. Truly a night for the whole family.




Missionaries of the Month  
Cam & Valerie Hamm



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# February 2024

Women's Ministry Leader: Janice Emery  
Group Members: Lorie Wandling  
Kristi Bell  
Bekah Downing  
Sharyn McClure  
Jacy Cobb



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm  Elders Meeting 6:30 pm	2 Men's Coffee 7 am	3 <div>Ladies' Fellowship</div> 9 am
4 Chili Cookoff & Dad Jokes after church Youth Group 3:30 pm Bible Study 5 pm	5 Evening of Prayer 7 pm	6 Building Committee Meeting 6:30 pm	7 Awana 6 pm Sunglasses Night	8 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	9 Men's Coffee 7 am  <b>Youth Leadership Conference @ CLBC            February 9 &amp; 10</b>	10
11 Valentine Social after church Youth Group 3:30 pm Bible Study 5 pm	12 Deaconess Meeting 2 pm	13 Mission Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	14 Awana 6 pm Pink Night	15 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	16 Men's Coffee 7 am	17 <div>Men's Breakfast</div> 8 am
18 Youth Group 3:30 pm Bible Study 5 pm	19 Evening of Prayer 7 pm	20	21 Awana 6 pm Paper Airplane Night	22 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	23 Men's Coffee 7 am  Youth Leadership 5 pm	24
25 Communion/ Benevolence Offering  Youth Group 3:30 pm Bible Study 5 pm	26	27	28 Awana 6 pm Boots Night	29 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm		