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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."*



Ladies Pirates.

I don't know what that means either. I was writing a text about the Ladies Breakfast, and the phone was making word suggestions below the text. After I entered the word 'Ladies,' 'Pirates' was the first suggestion.

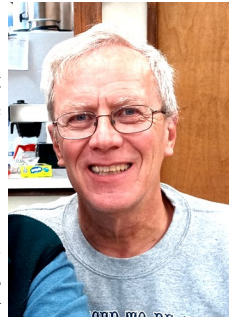
Apparently there is some popular connection between ladies and pirates that I don't know about. Maybe ladies are looking for revenge on pirates who have robbed them. Maybe they hire pirates to do their dirty work? Maybe they see pirates as potential love interests. I don't know. I wanted the word 'breakfast.' (See article on page 2.)

This is a good illustration of how badly we can miss when we Shoot From the Hip. When shooting from the hip, your draw is faster, but your aim is worse. You'll hit something, but probably not your target. The only positive thing you can say about your mistake and the damage you did is that you did it quickly.

The illustration of shooting from the hip obviously comes from gunfighting, but the application is true in all areas of life. Take the time to do it right, and you're more likely to have success. As much as anywhere else, this is true in teaching and learning from God's Word.

Writing to his friend and successor Timothy, Paul said *"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth"* (2 Tim 2:15). This verse is the foundation for the word Awana: Approved Workman And Not

Shooting from the Hip



Ashamed.

The first significant word we cross in how we are to handle God's Word is 'diligent.' The King James says 'Study,' other versions might say 'Do your best.' The idea is that you apply yourself and do the work it takes to get it right. Even though 'Study' seems best when applied to the Bible, the word doesn't mean study the way we use it today. It means work at getting better, and can apply in any field, from art to construction.

The second word is 'Workman.' Not the gofer, but the journeyman. The guy who actually knows what he's doing, and can be trusted to do it well.

The third word (phrase) is 'Accurately Handling.' Using it correctly, as it was intended to be used. Not a hammer to drive screws or a stapler to create a seam. With the Bible, this means teaching what the Bible actually means by a passage, not finding a convenient meaning.

Out of order, but last here, is 'Not Ashamed.' Ashamed, as in you drew fast, shot from the hip, missed your target, and did hundreds of dollars worth of damage to the storefront your friend owns.

There can be lots of reasons for giving answers quickly. Maybe you want to look smart. Maybe you want to be seen as an authority. Maybe you think people will respect you if you always have an answer. There may be as many explanations for it as there are for 'Ladies Pirates.' But I suggest not shooting from the hip. Take your time and get it right.

Photo of the Month



It was hard to fit everybody into the picture, but not into the room! We had a great turn out for our first Men's Breakfast of the fall, and the first in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to many more.

Elders Report

Tuesday, 1 September 2026, 6:00pm

Attendees: Steve McLachlan, Dion Ricketts, Knute Hernas, Mike Bell and Ranse Herzinger. Guests: Justis Pabian

Previous meeting minutes were read and approved.

Guest Justis Pabian shared that he is being considered for CLBC's Camp Programmer Intern. He met with Dirk and is working on developing an annual budget for his expenses as a missionary.

Pastor's report

- Sunday Service returns to its regular hours Sept. 6.
- The Nominating Committee is still without a nominee for Sunday School Superintendent.
- Fall Missionary visits will include Nick and Shelby Young on Oct. 4; Lynda Morock on Oct. 25; Randy and Laura Damschen on Nov. 8.
- The New Membership attendance is 4 and meets Sept. 13, 20 and 27.
- A new season of Men's Monday Night Football at Andrew Abell's home begins on September 14.
- Steve returns to teaching Bible at CHS on Sept. 4.

Youth Pastor's report

- Youth Leadership Training (YLT)
 - 14 Youth came to the initial meeting!
 - Mark Kennedy will return with his dynamic gospel-sharing method Tuesday evening, Sept. 22.
 - October 24 is planned for their workday service project.
- Youth Group
 - 4 Youth participated on Thursday afternoon, August 27.
 - The Spokavenger Hunt on September 20 is "The Big Event" this month.
- Pastor John's new "Hang Time" experiment brought in 2 kids last week.

Old Business

- Building Report – Sidewalks were poured; HVAC work happens next week; steel posts are coming for the front awning; benches, some painting, coat racks and acoustic ceiling tiles also remain.
- The Building Usage document and Pastoral Search document are on next month's agenda.
- The Ladies' mission trip to the House of Omeed is scheduled for Sept. 13-19.

Intercessory Prayer

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 6 October 2026, 6:00pm

Church Funds

8/31/26

Benevolence Fund	2,591.86
Bus Fund	3,600.00
Missionaries Reserve	4,965.00
Missions Fund	7,237.00
Mission Trip	2,750.00
General Fund	79,059.90
Total	\$100,203.76
Building Fund	\$78,383.24
	\$178,587.00

Ladies Breakfast Fellowship

Ladies, you are invited to join us again for a refreshing time of food and fellowship on Saturday, October 3rd, at 9 am. Come share this morning with us!

Men's Breakfast

I'll be honest with you, guys. We haven't shown a lot of creativity with the menu. The good news is, we're predictable!

Join us at 8 am Saturday the 17th for a good time of guy talk around a good meal, with some good sharing from God's Word always the focal point. See you there.

Quilt Retreat at Cocolalla

This is our annual time to get together and sew with other Christian women in a joyful setting. Something special this year is that Karen Scribner—Laurie Anderson's sister/Helen Carpenter's daughter—is this year's speaker, all the way from Texas! Oct 8-10.

Cost varies on how much of the time you can be there.

Register online at clbcamp.org, or pick up a brochure at church.

Ladies Night Out

Don't be caught by surprise. Our Ladies Night at TBF is Nov 6th, 5-9pm. Dinner will be provided. And Cincy McDowall will be our speaker. Mark it down and don't forget!



by John Doyle

Youth Stuff

School is in full swing!! Hangtime, Youth Leaders, and Group, oh my! What a lot of fun. Special thanks to all the drivers for the **Spokavenger Hunt**, which was a huge success. Points were scored, Spokane was scavenged, and fun was had. I also want to thank **Mr. Mark Kennedy** for teaching our Youth leaders how to share the gospel with the lost. What a great month!

September is in the bag and here comes October! This month we are heading to the **Walter's Fruit Ranch**. We will also be heading to **Cocolalla** for the **Fall Work Days**. Bring on the Chilly weather, the fun is heating up! 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 Jesus Christ and maybe play a game or two. Youth Group starts every Thursday 3:30 to 5pm, age 12 and up, unless permission is given by Pastor John.

Youth Leadership Training (YLT)

Youth Leadership, October 13th and 27th for regular meeting, Food theme Mexican food.

Cocolalla Workdays October 24th Starts 9 am, Rides not available.

Hang-Time

Kids aged 10 and up, come hangout in a safe friendly place; have a snack, do homework and play a game. Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week of the school year 3 to 5pm.

Big Event

Harvest Festival @ Walters Fruit Ranch-October 18th. Bus leaves 2pm from TBF, seated limited sign-up sheet near the new kitchen. First come first gets the ride.

Upcoming Events

CLBC Youth Leadership **Fall Retreat**, November 13th-14th
YLT **Mission Trip** - Lewiston, December 18th-19th
TBF Youth **Christmas Party**, December TBD

Volunteer

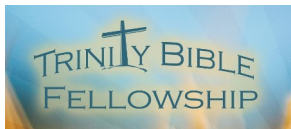
The Youth ministries can use your time, talent, and prayers. If you are interested in volunteering or serving the Youth G.A.N.G we can sure use help, please contact: Youth Pastor John Doyle @ (509) 435-6393, tbfpdoyle@gmail.com



Yes, it's that time again! In fact, if you haven't started yet, you're way behind! Catch the excitement, shop for supplies, and plan to fill your own boxes as well as be part of our Shoebox Packing Party. We will be looking for volunteers to help during dropoff week, November 16—23.

Nominations

We will be voting on church officers for the next term at our Annual Business Meeting on November 15th. Our Nominees are: Elder: Tyson Lacy. Trustee: Micah Choate. Deaconess: Rachel Lacy and Peggy Semprimoznik. Assistant Treasurer: Debbie Anderson. Secretary: Toby Herzinger. Sunday School Superintendent: No Nomination. Missions Committee: Laurie Anderson, Sandy Buchanan, Janice Emery, Sharyn McClure, and Cathy Plumb



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All Those Missionaries

Visiting missionaries are a blessing, and we're about to be blessed a lot!

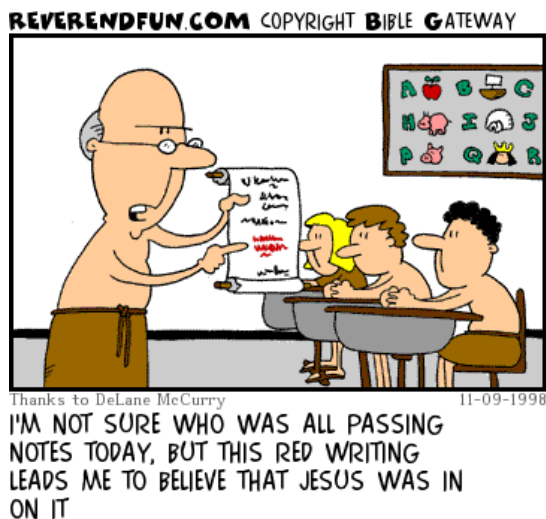
On October 4th, Nick and Shelby Young will be here. They are serving in the Philippines with Ethnos 360, where he is a helicopter pilot. This is their first furlough, and they will have the pulpit for sharing.

On that same day, Pastor John's cousin DeAngelo Brown, an Interservice Missionary serving Utah Tech will be here, sharing the Missions Minute.

On October 25th, Lynda Morock will visit and share what is going on in her life, before she heads to Texas for the winter,

Two weeks later, Randy and Laura Damschen, serving with Ethnos 360 in Camden, Missouri, will be here for a visit, and to share their work with us.

Don't forget Mike Bell and Pastor Steve, who will be off to India the first week of November.



Prefer to get your Newsletter by email? We can do that! Contact the church office at tbfdavenport@hotmail.com. Sign up for weekly updates too!



Awana started off well this year! Thank you all for your prayers and especially to those who brought children or volunteered to help and lead those children toward Jesus. We were able to start using the new Fellowship Hall, and the extra space has been a blessing. We have been advertising this year in the Lincoln Advertiser and with flyers around town. We pray that these efforts will help put Awana in parents' minds when they consider their children's activities.

Prayers: Please pray that we will be faithful to teach the Clubbers that God has given us this year. Please pray for another helper for Sparks, and for another helper for T&T girls.

Praise: We had Larry and Vonnie Pratt, InFaith missionaries and Puppeteers, perform their puppet show for us on 9/23. It was a blessed time for young and old alike. Pastor Dehler and the Davenport Evangelical (formerly Presbyterian) Church are looking to partner more closely with TBF's Awana program.

By the Numbers:

2026 Sparks Average: 24, T&T Average: 13,
Trek & Journey: 7, Staff: 24m Total: 78

Interpretation: Numbers are broadly similar this year compared to last year (Total: 80). Praise God for consistency!

Missionary of the Month:

Pastor Daniel & Mary

Serving in India



October 2026

Women's Ministry Leader: Jen Doyle

Group Members: Debbie Anderson

Debbie Baleneus

Joan McLachlan

Monica Colvin



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 BSF 10 am Youth Group 3:30 pm	2	3  9 am
4 Nick & Shelby Young share The Browns Share Cookie Fellowship	5 MNF 5 pm Choir Practice 6 pm	6 Hang Time 3-5 pm	7 Ladies Prayer 10 am Hang Time 3-5 pm Awana 6-7:30 pm Talent Night	8 BSF 10 am Youth Group 3:30 pm	9	10 Awana Conference in Spokane
				Quilt Camp @ CLBC October 8, 9 & 10		
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