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*"Our mission is to
proclaim the Word
of God, leading
people to a saving
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The Fifth Seal

In Revelation 6, The Lamb starts breaking the seals on the scroll that no one else could open. As the first four seals are broken, they unleash the most well-known figures of the book of Revelation, the four horsemen of the Apocalypse.

But the fifth seal doesn't seem to unleash anything, doesn't happen on earth, and hardly appears relevant to anything. It is followed by the sixth seal, which brings us back to earth with good Revelation stuff like signs in the heavens, earthquakes, and the wrath of the Lamb.

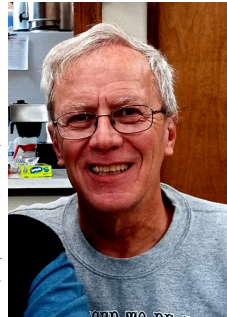
So what's the deal with this fifth seal? Let me say that it is relevant and does affect earth. No so much for what it says does happen, but for what doesn't.

The short version of the passage is that souls of martyrs cry out "How long, O Lord, until you judge the world and avenge our blood?" In response, they are given a white robe and told to wait a while, more people had to be martyred first.

The big picture answer, then, to what the fifth seal is about, is that judgment is coming, but just not yet.

The smaller elements support this. The souls crying out are under the altar, were slain for the word of God, and for maintaining their testimony, and are crying out for quick justice.

Because this is a vision, we are not seeing an exact picture of what things look like, but everything we see has meaning. The altar is the place of sacrifice; and God accepted their deaths as a holy sacrifice. But they are still there—they haven't been



able to move on to their reward.

They don't cry out because they are bloodthirsty and want to see their deaths avenged. Too many of them were praying for their killers as they died to have that attitude. But they know that judgment must come first, and they want to know how much longer they have to wait.

The white robes symbolize that they've been purified (Rev 3:5, 7:14). They are told to rest just a

little longer, because others are still to join them.

This seems to be fairly early in the Tribulation. Judgment has started, but there is much more still to come. Like us, they ask, "What do these things mean? Is this the end?" God's answer says it is not the end, but the end is close.

It sounds gruesome to think that God is waiting for more martyrs. Couldn't He cut it short and spare them this suffering? Appealing as that sounds, it misses something. *"The Lord is not slow about His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance"* (2 Pet 3:9). Many will turn to Christ even during the Tribulation. Some of those martyrs to be haven't even come to Christ at the time this question is asked. God is not merely saying more must die; but first that more must find life.

In the meantime, there's a lesson for us. Trust God to work in His time. He does all things well; and He's never late.

Photo of the Month



Absent from the body, present with the Lord. Elaine Cronrath passed away early Saturday morning, Feb 19, and George Scharff Monday morning, Feb 21. Faith is the victory.

Elders Report

Thursday, 3 Feb 2022 @ 6:30 PM

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

Previous minutes reviewed and approved

Pastor’s report

- Steve will hold a new member induction soon
- Seth Hoisington will speak on Sunday, February 6th
- Sunday School is still going strong but with some drop off in attendance
- A couple members in the congregation are showing signs of end of life
- Video for the Baby Bottle Fundraiser for Life Services is progressing well

Youth Pastor’s Report

- Youth Leadership
 - Back in full swing with great numbers
 - Plans for the mission trip to Crystal Peaks Youth Range is firming up
 - Not going to aggressively promote or attend the Spring retreat at Cocolalla due to overlap with other events
- Trek/Journey
 - Still serving on Wednesdays
- Youth Group
 - Back to full numbers
 - Big Event for February is a movie night on February 20th, movie to be determined
- College and Career meetings are on hold

Old Business

- Preparedness Meet-up in January was a success with another one planned for March 19th at 2:30 PM

New Business

- J. D. Doyle visited to present the idea of a Men’s Breakfast with the first meeting February 26th at 9:00 am.
- Finn Shumway is applying to be an SMI this year
- John will host an all church Super Bowl party
- Annie Ricketts would like to host a Give/Take day at the church

Treasurer’s Report: No report given

Intercessory Prayer

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 03, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

Church Funds
11/16/21

Benevolence Fund	3,564.61
Bus Fund	3,000.00
Missionaries Reserve	3,400.00
Missions Fund	1,220.00
Mission Trip	1,882.92
General Fund	61,629.27
Total	\$74,696.80
Building Fund	\$106,411.20
	\$ 181,108.00

Quilt Camp

Patchwork of Grace Quilt Camp is being held at Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp March 17-19.

Because of busy schedules, ladies (age 13 and up) can register for all or only part of the camp. Prices are pro-rated based on how much of the time you can spend there. Price for the full three days is \$95. For a breakdown of other costs, get a schedule at church or go online to www.clbcamp.org.

Speaker for the camp is Michelle Darrow. In addition to being wife of camp director Dirk Darrow, she is the mother of nine and grandmother of two. She certainly will have good things to share.

For more info, call the camp at 208 263-3912.

Pre-register by March 7.

Pot Luck

According to the dictionary, potluck is one word; but in my mind that minimizes the luck, which I wouldn’t want to minimize. Also according the dictionary, a potluck can be called: a pitch-in, shared lunch, spread, faith supper, carry-in dinner, covered-dish-supper, fuddle, Jacob’s Join, and fellowship meal .

Whatever you call it, we’re having one March 6th after church. Bring your appetite and some food to share, and we’ll see you there.



by John Doyle

Youth Stuff

February is in the books, what a month it was! The Youth Group was on fire this month, Superbowl party, Movie-Night and general fun!! Youth Leaders were also busy with the **Parents Night Out** Service Project and the **Youth Conference** in Cocolalla.

OK, get ready cause here comes March, and it’s a moving! The Youth G.A.N.G is on the move.

Youth Group G.A.N.G. (God’s Anointed Next Generation)

Every Sunday @ 3:30 to 5pm, Ages 12-19 games, food, and a weekly Bible lesson.

The Big Event

This month ‘Game Night’ 20th March, 3-6pm

Youth Leadership Training (YLT)

A more intensive study with an emphasis on Discipleship. Every Friday @ 4:30. This month Youth Leaders is throwing a ‘Pie Social’ 19th March, 6pm. Come ready to eat and buy pies, all proceeds go to fund the upcoming mission trip in April.

Upcoming Events

- Pie Social 19th Mar, 6pm
- Game Night 20th Mar, 3:30 to 6pm



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

Mission Trip to South Africa

Emilie Colvin, a Junior at Cedarville University, is getting ready to join a mission trip to Hammanskraal, South Africa.

The group is going sponsored by Global Outreach, a ministry of Cedarville, and will be gone from May 9 to 24. The group’s plan is to work at an orphanage and share the Gospel while serving the kids there.

Emilie will be with us during her spring break on Sunday, March 6th, and will share in church about her upcoming trip.

The plate will be out after the service. Come prepared to be generous and help her on her way.



Building Report

This is overdue, but hopefully the information fills in any gaps you have in what you know about our building program.

We came to the last Building Committee meeting expecting to hear and talk about electric plans and costs. Instead we learned that the heating and cooling system had to come first. Moving on, we delegated Greg Bowman to seek bids on a system.

Since then, not surprisingly, progress has been slow. Greg has received a bid from only one dealer, and the bid was high. We have enough money in the fund to cover it, but without much left over. In the meantime, we are waiting for more, and we hope lower bids.

In the meantime, we ask you to keep donating and praying for the program to be finished in God’s time and to His glory.



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Spring Forward
Saturday Night,
3/12/22



AFTER A FEW MISHAPS, BARRY FINALLY
TOOK HIS 'PRAISE THE LORD' CAR OFF
THE ROAD

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



March is Big!

Hang on, because it’s time for the Awana Grand Prix! Moms, Dads, and the whole family can join us for races, fun, and food as kids and adults run their cars down the track. Hot dogs, sodas, ice cream bars and chips are back on the menu; prices will be low, but are uncertain right now because costs are unknown.

March 2	Awana Grand Prix
March 9	Paper Airplane Night
March 16	Piñata Night
March 23	Spots Night
March 30	Giant Banana Split Night

Races, Piñatas, and Ice Cream—Three of our most popular events happen in March. Don’t miss out on the fun!

Missionary of the Month:
Robert & Cindy McDowall
Serving:



March 2022

Women's Ministry Leader: *Debbie Boleneus*
Group Members: *Annie Ricketts*
Tiffany Abell
Noemi Beckstrom



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Awana 6 pm Grand Prix 	3 BSF 10:30 am Ladies Prayer 2 pm Worship Team Practice 5:30 pm Elders Meeting 6:30 p	4	5
6 Emilie Colvin , Sharing All Church Potluck Youth Group 3:30 pm	7 Evening of Prayer 7 pm	8	9 Awana 6 pm Paper Airplane Night	10 BSF 10:30 am Ladies Prayer 2 pm Worship Team Practice 5:30 pm	11	12
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27 Communion/ Benevolence Offering Youth Group 3:30 pm	28	29	30 Awana 6 pm Giant Banana Split	31 BSF 10:30 am Ladies Prayer 2 pm Worship Team Practice 5:30 pm		26 Preparedness Class 2:30—4 pm  Youth Leadership Pie Social 6 pm