



Precious Little People

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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."*

Going to the Greek doesn't always make me laugh—in fact, it's pretty rare that it does. But it did this time.

I was comparing two passages where Jesus speaks of how we treat children, one threatening and the other rewarding. Both refer to children as 'these little ones.' I just wanted to know if the same word for 'child' was used both times.

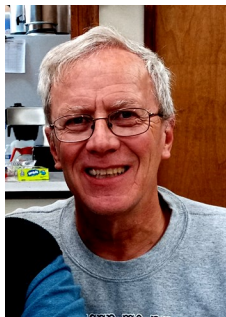
It was, and I enjoyed the Greek words, "Tōn micrōn toutōn." Tōn and toutōn work together to give us 'these.' Micrōn, from which we get micron, means 'little,' or 'little ones.' It sounds like something a Dad might say when he's angry. "Okay, you microns!" The word means small or little, and can refer to amount of something, size of something, to time, and obviously, to people.

But Jesus has a large love for these little people; and it's shown in the passages I've already referred to.

In Matthew 10, Jesus has not been talking to or about children. The chapter is all about discipleship. As He comes to the end of this 42 verse-long set of instructions, He chooses to end with an illustration, apparently referring to small children who were nearby, and saying, "Even a small thing done for a small person in My name will never be forgotten."

In this case, the child seems out of context with what Jesus has been saying, but it is still significant Jesus used a child to make His point. Children have a special place in God's heart.

On the other end of the spectrum, we



read in Matthew 18:6 that *"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it is better for him that a heavy millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depths of the sea."*

That is a desperate picture worthy of a good suspense film. Jesus didn't simply say, this is bad to do; but showed emotion in the way He described the fate of this person. The lesson is not hard to figure out; God really cares about children!

Is it any surprise then, that His people are quick to get behind a program like Operation Christmas Child (OCC)? It's clearly not just us at TBF; but God's people across America and the developed world jump on board to send gifts to bless children. It doesn't take a ton of convincing; the opportunity is all it takes.

Trinity has been involved with OCC since 2006. That's 17 years. If we averaged 100 boxes a year (a very low estimate), that's 1,700 boxes we've given to 1,700 children, cups of cold water given in Jesus's name. That's 1700 children who learned that Jesus loves them. That's 1700 children given not only the opportunity to believe in Him, but to do follow-up Bible study and discipleship.

When Jesus used the word 'micrōn' to describe little children, it was a term of endearment to say they are precious to Him. And I'm glad to say they are precious to us. As you give gifts to them, include your prayers that they will receive the greatest gift of all.

Photo of the Month



The Biggest fight was for the smallest birds; as both Pastor John and Charley had to win a shoot-off for third place to take home a Cornish Game Hen at the Men's Turkey Shoot.

Elders Report

Thursday, 12 October 2023

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

Previous minutes reviewed and approved with corrections

Pastor's report

- The Mission Board is recommending a \$25 raise for all supported missionaries and a \$500 Christmas bonus
- Pastor Daniel has asked for support to offset costs incurred to build two churches
- Discussion on Men's Ministries and who will lead the next sessions for the Kingdom Men study
- The Gideons will visit Sunday, October 22nd
- Membership rolls were reviewed
- Steve handed out new Elder's Handbooks
- Discussion on Gender Confusion session at the AWANA Conference

Youth Pastor's report

- Youth Leadership
 - See You At The Pole great success, Youth in attendance 7 (DHS) 23 (CHS)
 - TBF YLT Retreat and Service Project (Doyle's) Youth in attendance 21 plus Oehlweins
 - Next regular meeting is 13th & 27th Oct
- AWANA Trek/Journey
 - Gave Three scholarships to the Conference
 - Have great turn out for Serving on Weds nights
- Youth Group
 - Youth Group is great, good numbers, last Sunday had 24
 - Spokavenger Hunt, great turn-out both Youth and Drivers
- Pulpit supply one Sunday a month with 26th Nov next

Old Business

- Discussion on progress on the Fellowship Hall building project
- Discussion on a send off gift to Dan Shumway
- Turkey Shoot 21st Oct 9am Guest speaker: Josh Mc

New Business

- New Men's Event: 2024 Chili Cook-Off and Dad Joke Contest 4th Feb
- Kingdom Men Study leaders assigned

Intercessory Prayer

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 16th, 2023 @ 6:30 PM.

Church Funds

11/1/23

Benevolence Fund	3,443.61
Bus Fund	3,600.00
Missionaries Reserve	3,625.00
Missions Fund	2,100.00
General Fund	114,964.92
Total	\$127,733.53

Building Fund	<u>\$106,850.47</u>
Grand Total	\$ 234,584.00

Congratulations,
J.D. and Laura!
On Baby



Kiersten Jennifer Doyle

Born Oct 26,
8 lb 2 oz, 20 inches

It's All About You!

We are working on our new Church Directory, featuring you! If you are new to the church, have moved, or have just gotten better looking, we need that in the Directory!

This is a valuable tool for our Church Family, so don't be shy! Make sure we have your info and that we got it right. Email pictures to tbfdavenport@hotmail.com.

Ladies Fellowship

Ladies, don't miss our time of fellowship on Saturday, Nov. 4. This will be the same sweet time you are used to; with the added plus that you can walk over to the Shoebox Packing Party when we are done!

Lynda Morock

Retired missionary Lynda Morock will be with us Sunday, Nov 5. She will briefly share God's ongoing work in her life, then join us for Coffee Fellowship.



by John Doyle

Youth Stuff

Well, there goes October, bring on Novemberrrrr!! What an awesome month October was. Youth Group was packed with games and food and.... well Youths!! The G.A.N.G. went to **Walter's Fruit Ranch** again for our Fall Harvest festival, what a blast that was. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Downing, appreciate all the help. Looks like November is going to be just as fun!

Youth Leadership Retreat is just around the corner, better get registered ASAP! Well, here comes November and the cold blast of Fall. That's ok cause the Youth G.A.N.G. won't stop long enough to get cold....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 the 26th of Nov

Big Event

No Big Event this month, please enjoy a great Thanks Giving.

Youth Leadership Training (YLT)

No regular meetings.



Youth Leadership Retreat is Nov 10th & 11th, leaving from TBF 3:30pm on the 10th. Register @ clbcamp.org

Upcoming Events

Live Nativity Scene December 1st (Whole Family is invited)

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

Nominations

The Annual Business Meeting and Pot-Luck is set for Sunday, Nov 19. If you haven't marked it on your calendar, please do. We will hear reports, elect officers, approve a budget—including salaries and missionary support—and conduct any other church business that comes up. We hope to see you there.

Nominations:

Elder: Knute Hernas & Dion Ricketts

Trustee: Micah Choate

Deaconess: Rachel Lacy & Peggy Semprimoznik

Secretary: Jana Scott

Missions Committee: Laurie Anderson, Sandy Buchanan, Sharyn McClure, Janice Emery, and Cathy Plumb

For your information: The Missions Committee has requested a \$25/month increase for each missionary, as well as a \$500 bonus.



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Fall Back!
Time change Saturday
Night, Nov 4.

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

Operation Christmas Child



It's right on top of us—Operation Christmas Child and our Shoebox Packing Party! Our party here is set for Saturday, Nov. 5 at 10 a.m. Two weeks later; Nov 13-20, we will be a Regional Drop-off center.

Do you have time to volunteer? A lot of the time is spent visiting with each other; but there are brief times of mad dash in between. Volunteers are asked to Greet, Carry, Pray, and Pack.

Schedule: (Nov 13-2)

Monday,	11—1
Tuesday,	2—4
Wednesday,	11—1
Thursday,	12:30—2:30
Friday,	11—1
Saturday,	10—N
Sunday,	1—3
Monday,	10—N



My weekly prayer on Wednesdays is that leaders come to Awana excited and looking for opportunities to share the Gospel with kids, that kids come excited for Awana, and in large numbers, and that we get to see God work. Make that your prayer as well.

November Nights at Awana

Nov 1	Twins Night
Nov 8	Patriots Night
Nov 15	Baseball Hat Night
Nov 22	Stay home it's Thanksgiving Eve
Nov 29	Team Color Night

As the weather gets iffy, so does our schedule. As a rule, if Davenport schools are closed, so are we. If we choose to be open/closed contrary to the school, we will let you know!

Missionaries of the Month:

Randy & Margo Hoffmann

Serving:



November 2023

Women's Ministry Leader: Debbie Boleneus

Group Members: Rachel Lacy

Debbie Anderson

Monica Colvin



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 ↓			1 Awana 6—7:30 pm Twins Night	2 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	3	4 Ladies Fellowship 9 am OCC Packing Party 10 am
5 Coffee Fellowship Lynda Morock Shares Youth Group 3:30 pm	6 Evening of Prayer 7 pm	7	8 Awana 6—7:30 pm Patriot Night	9 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	10	11 Youth Leadership Retreat @ CLBC November 10 & 11
12 Offering for Kenya Mission Trip Youth Group 3:30 pm	13 Men's Bible Study 7 pm Kingdom & the Workplace Mike Bell	14 Mission Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	15 Awana 6—7:30 pm Baseball Hat Night	16 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm Elders Meeting 6:30 pm	17	18
	11—1 am	2—4 pm	11 am—1 pm	OCC Drop-off Center hours 12:30—2:30 pm	11 am—1 pm	10 am—Noon
19 Annual Business Meeting & Potluck after church Youth Group 3:30 pm	20 Evening of Prayer 7 pm	21	22 NO Awana	23 	24	25
	OCC Drop-off Center hours 1 —3 pm					
26 Communion/ Benevolence Offering Youth Group 3:30 pm	27 Men's Bible Study 7 pm Kingdom & Finances John Doyle	28	29 Awana 6—7:30 pm Team Color Night	30 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm		