



He Said/She Said Merry Christmas

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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."*

"Mary!" Joseph yelled, running into the room, "We're supposed to call Him Jesus!"

"I know!" she answered, excited and surprised.

"How do you know?" They both asked at the same time.

"An angel told me!" they answered in unison.

Now silent, they both looked at each other. Then they wrapped each other up in the first real, warm embrace they'd ever shared.

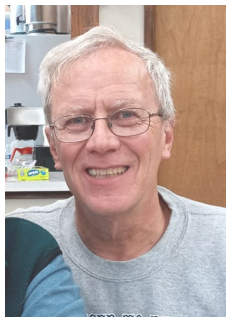
Okay, this is a fictional account of things that really happened. But it could have happened this way.

Matthew appears to give us the Christmas story from Joseph's perspective, and Luke from Mary's. It is interesting to consider what they share together, and what they share separately.

For instance, in Matthew, the story starts in Bethlehem. Nazareth isn't mentioned until Joseph and his small family return from Egypt. Luke, by the way, doesn't mention this trip to Egypt at all, nor the maniacal hatred of Herod that they went there to escape. No killing of babies in Luke.

Luke, on the other hand, tells us about a census, and that Joseph had to travel with his pregnant wife from Nazareth to get to Bethlehem. Both stories speak of both Nazareth and Bethlehem, just with different details emphasized or omitted.

Luke tells us about an Inn with no room and the Baby in a manger. Matthew speaks of a Child in a house. Luke has shepherds led by angels. Matthew speaks of Magi led by a star.



Interesting tidbit—Matthew, from Joseph's perspective, outs Joseph for planning to send Mary away quietly; but Luke, from Mary's perspective, doesn't mention that at all. I picture Mary as the source of this information, being sure to say nothing that might disparage her husband. Good for you, Mary!

The first thing out of looking at these differences is that they are differences, not disagreements. Just like Mary and Joseph both came in with the name Jesus, they both also came in with the story of Jesus' birth. You may prefer one story over the other, but you don't have to believe one over the other.

The other, and bigger thing, is that they both teach God sent His Son, born of a virgin with no earthly father, to be the Savior of the world. He is foretold by the prophets, proclaimed by angels, worshiped by shepherds, and honored by wise men. He is looked for by the godly, and opposed by the ungodly. The best plans of human and demonic evil cannot stop or harm Him. But the efforts of the good to honor Him—those succeed.

He said/she said. He said a lot of things, but in the end, he said the Baby is the Son of God. She said a lot of things, but the biggest thing she said is, the Baby is the Son of God. The Son of God, sent to be the Savior of the world.



Photo of the Month



We had a pretty good crew packing shoeboxes this year. There were 110 boxes when this picture was taken, and it has grown since then. Now all that's left for us to do is pray.

Elders Report

Tuesday, 4 November 2025, 6:00pm

Attendees: Steve McLachlan, John Doyle, Jeremy Eaton, Knute Hernas, Ranse Herzinger

- Previous meeting minutes were read, corrected and approved.
- Pastor’s report
- Operation Christmas Child boxes require a \$10 donation for shipping and handling. TBF is committed to covering the final cost in the amount above and beyond the money donated.
 - Men’s Breakfast is Nov. 15. We still need a speaker.
 - Sunday School’s subject on Ezekiel is almost done. Looking for the next topic.
 - Putting together the 2026 Photo Directory is proving to be extremely time-consuming.
 - Discussed a railing to help elderly people climb the stairs to the stage.
 - Greg Bowman is very willing to accept the role of General Contractor for our building project.
 - Elders Christmas Party is at the Eaton’s on Dec. 13.
 - A donor has asked if TBF can accept electronic donations

- Youth Pastor’s report
- Youth Leadership Training (YLT)
 - Having great turnouts, averaging 10 Youth.
 - Retreat is planned for Nov. 7-8 at CLBC.
 - Mission Trip to House of Omeed this April 6-10 is now fully funded! (Further fundraising is scaled back)
 - Planning to learn helpful cultural focus and phrases in Farsi.
 - On Dec. 19-20 Mark Kennedy, street evangelist, invites YLT to Lewiston for their Festival of Lights.
 - Youth Group
 - Two new Youth from Reardan have joined, along with one Davenport middle schooler.
 - Small attendance is up from four to eight and going well.
 - October Big Event at Walters Fruit Ranch was well attended, around 26. Took the big bus.
 - Youth Fund stands at \$2453.00. (\$1500 of this is designated for the 2026 Mission Trip)

Intercessory Prayer

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 2 December 2025, 6:00pm

Church Funds
10/31/25

Benevolence Fund	1,762
Bus Fund	3,600
Missionaries Reserve	3,935
Missions Fund	2,727
OCC	78
General Fund	173,560
Total	\$185,662
Building Fund	\$241,919
	\$427,581

Ladies Breakfast Fellowship

It’s special for Christmas this month. We will have an ornament exchange and it’s open to young women and girls as well to join us. Moms and daughters, or Grandmas and Granddaughters! It will be fun, and of course the food will be great!

See you Saturday morning, December 6th, at 9 a.m.



Men’s Breakfast

You know the drill, guys. Line up, get food; sit down, eat food. Any questions? Oh yeah, and lots of conversation and some really good time in God’s Word. Your boys are welcome to tag along. See you at 8 sharp, Saturday the 20th.

Kids’ Christmas Program

It’s always special when the kids get up front; and they’re doing it again Sunday the 21st. Come early to get a good seat, because it is likely to be crowded.

Also on the 21st, we will have two specials by our Adult Choir! This day will be set aside in a special way to remember the birth of our Savior.



And on Christmas Day

Join us at 10 am Christmas morning to celebrate Jesus together in a simple yet meaningful service.



by John Doyle

Youth Stuff

Novemburr is almost gone, you know what that means?...time for Decemburr! Cold winter is coming but the Youth G.A.N.G. Fun is gonna be hot!!! November was a great month. The Youth G.A.N.G. played great games and had a blast. The YLTs went to Cocolalla and learned a little bit more about our God. We even had a Thanks Giving potluck. This month will be even better, why?....Christmas of course!!! Not only that, we are going to Lewiston to share the Gospel. Then if that’s not enough we are going to hunt Christmas lights in Spokane. December will be cold like normal but we won’t even feel it 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. Youth Group starts 3:30 to 5 pm (No YG the Sunday after Thanks Giving)

Big Event

Spokavenger Hunt (Christmas Edition): Dec 21st meet at TBF 4pm: Come hunt for Christmas lights with the G.A.N.G. and friends. Leaving TBF 4pm, bring \$5 for pizza.

Youth Leadership Training (YLT)

Youth Leadership Dec 1st & 15th 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Ask Pastor John for food theme
Festival of Lights Outreach, Lewiston WA, Dec 19th Leaving TBF 11:30 am, Returning Dec 20th afternoon. YLT is teaming up with Mr. Mark Kennedy in Lewiston to spread the Gospel of Jesus. Please pray for our team.

Upcoming Events

CLBC Winter Camp Jan 16-18

Volunteer

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



Friday, Dec 5th, is the start of a much-needed ministry to a sometimes overlooked segment of our church—Young Adults. Andrew Abell will host an evening of pizza, fellowship, and Bible study for High School Seniors through 25 (ish) year-olds.



Sitting around the living room, conveniently right next to the kitchen, the group will work their way through the life of the Old Testament character Joseph, and see what applies and what doesn't.



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New York New Year's Party

You don't have to go to New York, and we don't even bring New York to you—except for the time zone!
Bring the kids and come for an evening of food, fun, and bringing the New Year at 9 pm!
Bring your own board games, or play with those brought by others. There will be a Pinochle party for those interested. Conversation is available for all.
5-9 our time. That's 8 to midnight Eastern Time.

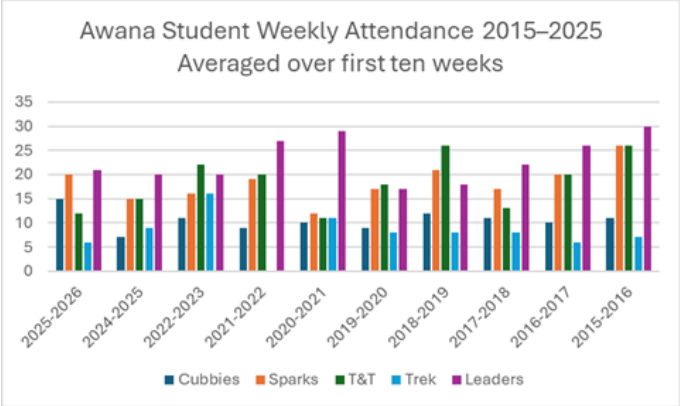


I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT MARY ... THIS IS THE FOURTH ONE OF THESE 'CHRISTMAS CARD' THINGS THAT WE'VE GOT THIS WEEK ALONE, IT MUST BE SOME NEW CRAZE
Prefer to get your Newsletter by email? We can do that! Contact the church office at tbfdavenport@hotmail.com

AWANA By the Numbers



Thank you all so much for your prayers. We are above the historical ten year attendance average this year.
2025–2026 Weekly Student Average for first ten weeks: **53**
Ten Year Weekly Student Average for first ten weeks (2015–2025): **50**



Missionary of the Month:

Olivier & Ellen Melnick

Serving: Shalom In Messiah
Ministries
Rockwell, Texas



December 2025

Women's Ministry Leader: Janice Emery
Group Members: Sandy Buchanan
Annie Ricketts
Carmelyn Choate



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Deaconess Meeting 2 pm Monday Night Football 5:15 Youth Leadership 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6 pm	2 Elders Meeting 6 pm	3  6—7:30 pm Ugly Sweater Night	4 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	5 Young Adult Fellowship @ Andrew Abell's 6 pm	6  <i>Ornament Exchange</i> 9 am
7 Youth Group 3:30 pm	8 Monday Night Football 5:15 pm Choir Practice 6 pm	9 Mission Committee Meet- ing 2 pm	10  6—7:30 pm Polka Dot Night	11 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	12 Young Adult Fellowship @ Andrew Abell's 6 pm	13
14 Cookie Fellowship after church Youth Group 3:30 pm	15 Monday Night Football 5:15 pm Youth Leadership 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6 pm	16	17  6—7:30 pm Nativity Scene Night	18 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	19 Young Adult Fellowship @ Andrew Abell's 6 pm Youth Leadership Outreach to Lewiston	20  8 am
21  10:30 am Spokavenger Christmas Hunt	22 Monday Night Football 5:15 pm Choir Practice 6 pm	23	24	25  10 am	26	27
28 Communion/ Benevolence Offering Youth Group 3:30 pm	29 Monday Night Football 5:15 pm Choir Practice 6 pm	30	31 New York New Year's Eve Party 5—9 pm 			