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*"Our mission is to
proclaim the Word
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Turning Nouns Into Verbs

"I wanna shop." "Hey, I want a shop!" "Then let's go shopping!" "Okay." "Hey, where are you guys going?" "We're going shop shopping." "Huh?"

There's a verb, and there's a noun. Sometimes they shouldn't meet; sometimes they should. For instance, you shouldn't watch your watch. The surest way to convince yourself your watch isn't working is to watch it too much. This is common knowledge, yet I continually see people who should know better watch-watching during Sunday service. That's a good example of a noun and verb that should not meet.

Sometimes you wish they could meet, but know they can't. For instance, you can't shove a shovel. At least not a snow shovel. Once you could, but now you can't. Today's plastic shovels with narrow metal plates at the end are fine for light, dry snow in modest amounts. Unfortunately, this winter was not modest, and we needed shovels you could shove, and they were in short supply. But, it's March, winter is over (If I dare say that in print), and I can forget about that problem for about 9 months.

Sometimes nouns and verbs meet nicely. A drummer who beats the beat cannot be beat. But a drummer who misses the beat should be beat.

The Church has its own peculiar noun-verb combinations that sometimes do work in unison, and sometimes do not.

We all like it when visitors visit. We treat them very well. Maybe so well that when they return often enough to cross that



unseen threshold that makes them not visitors any more, they might wonder what happened. Visitors might be the most consistent people to ever come to church, because they never visit without visiting.

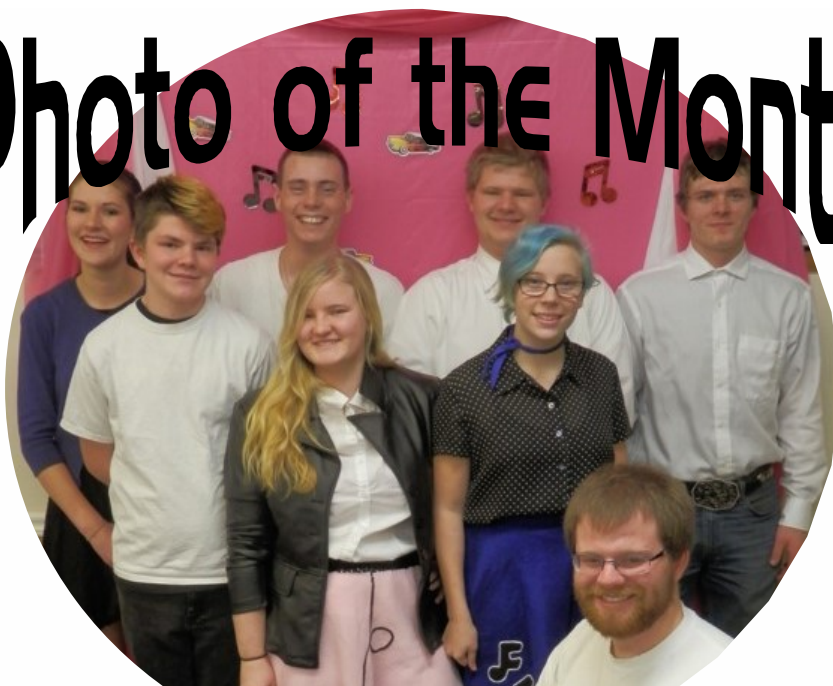
Compare that, for instance, with givers who do not give, witnesses who do not witness, or prayers who do not pray. Sometimes we are as useful as a shovel you cannot shove.

Peter said it so well, *"As each one of you has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength that God supplies"* (1 Pet 4:10-11). Paul apparently agreed with his fellow apostle, writing a very similar message, *"Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly; if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness"* (Romans 12:6-8). It's kind of like they're saying, "You've been given a noun, now turn it into a verb."

Everyone should pray, but some people are called to be prayers. We desperately need our prayers praying. Is there fire in the pulpit? Is there love for the brethren? Are the lost being reached? Serving without praying is like driving without gas. The car looks fine, and it's easy to maintain, but it's not going anywhere. We need prayers praying.

We need our servers serving. Paul said it

Photo of the Month



Great job, servers! Once again our Youth Group served at the Valentines banquet, freeing all the old people sweethearts (Eww, gross!) to have a good time. Congratulations go out to Jim and Sandy Buchanan for winning the Truly-Wed Game!

so simply, “if service, in his serving.” Peter said it so powerfully, “as one who is serving by the strength that God supplies.” Not everyone has the strength to serve, not everyone has the know-how. We can all serve in some ways, but some people are especially gifted at service. We need you to serve! The problem with service is it doesn’t look especially spiritual. That’s okay, because God did this funny thing when He made us – He made us physical. We have physical needs and God made some people especially capable of meeting those needs, and doing so in fulfilling their spiritual duty.

Some duties are fulfilled inside the church, others are not. Two little boys were raising a ruckus in the pew, and the usher started toward them. “Be quiet!” one said to the other, “The Hushers are coming!” Okay – that is a distinctly ‘in-church’ calling. But witnesses witnessing is best done outside the four walls of the church. The noun witness is the one who knows something; the verb witness is the act of telling what is known. How wonderful when witnesses witness! And how rare. And why wouldn’t a witness witness? And is he still a witness if

he won’t? Hebrews 12:1 tells us we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. These are the heroes of the faith, telling us we can do it. Since we have witnessed them, we should be bold to witness also.

Hopefully, the fellowship fellowships. I could say the congregations congregates, but that’s the easy part. It’s not just getting together, but being blessed by it. Again in Hebrews, we read, “And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day approaching” (Heb 10:24-25). Couple that with 1 John 3:11, “For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.” Fellowship is not just being together, but wanting to be together, and helping each other be better people.

God gave us all nouns. They don’t all look the same, but they’re what He gave us. Let’s do our part, and turn them into verbs.



Reading Corner

Welcome to the Reading Corner. Each month I’ll be sharing a book with you that can be found in the Church Library.

Do you find it impossible to love your enemies? Are you having trouble being nice to your family and friends even? Our first selection is **A Love Worth Giving** by Max Lucado. “The secret to loving,” he says, “is living loved.” He walks us through 1 Corinthians 13:4-8; each chapter full of Lucado’s unique brand of poetry. He shares biblical passages, personal anecdotes and stories from others in a way that sounds like waves crashing on the beach; gently urging us to abide in a Christ-centered love.

This book and many others can be found in the library in the TBF office. With a Sign Out Sheet and Library Return Box, you have easy access to a wealth of resources, advice, adventure and fun. Look for new books to be arriving and please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Blessings, Jennifer Doyle



Heart Talk

by Mark Smith

“Love” may be one of the most commonly used words in the English language – and one of the most abused as well.

Think about how we use this word. Some examples: I love football, I love the cold weather, I love Taco Bell burritos, I love a particular TV show, I love you, I love God.

Perhaps we’re all victims of the limitations of our language. I find it telling that the Greek language (of the New Testament) offered at least three words to cover the many shades of meanings our English combines into the one word “love.” Love is such a precious word – and we lose that when we overuse it, even though our language doesn’t offer us much choice.

The key New Testament word for love is “agape” – the unconditional, no-strings-attached love of the will. Agape isn’t packed with much feeling; it’s love that is decided-on, then takes the necessary action for the benefit of the one being loved. It’s God’s love, pure and simple, for us.

This is the love that the apostle Paul says God has “poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit” (Romans 5:5), and that the apostle of love himself, John, describes as “lavished” on us by the Father “so that we should be called the children of God” (1 John 3:1). This love “comes from God” (1 John 4:7) and is “demonstrated ... in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

I think that God’s agape also includes the “kindness of God that leads (us) towards repentance” (Romans 2:4). We are all beholding to God’s love for the eternal life we possess by His grace.

We wouldn’t have known what love really is without the involvement of God in our lives, because “love comes from God” (1 John 4:7) and “God is love” (verse

8). In fact, what matters is “not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins” (1 John 4:10).

“We love,” John continues (4:19), “because (God) first loved us.”

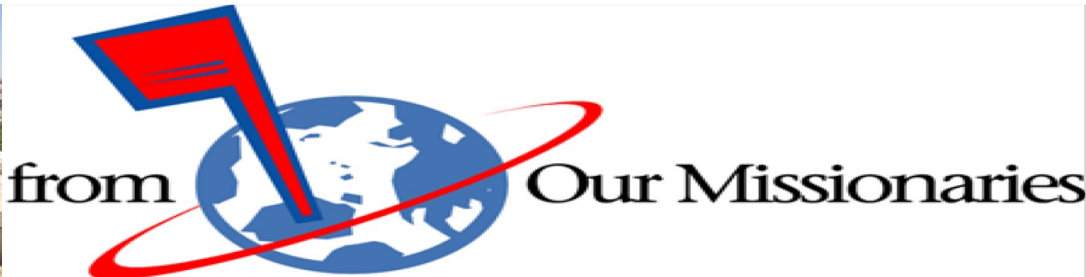
Once we have accepted His love by faith, we enter into an eternal relationship with our heavenly Father that will never be severed. “Nothing can separate us from the love of God and the love of Christ,” Paul insists in Romans 8:35, 39). That includes ourselves.

Why? Because God is the source of love. It’s all on Him. Our Lord took – and takes – the initiative in the relationship, regardless of the response that is returned. Christ died for all, but all will not experience the benefits of His love-motivated sacrifice. Those who respond to His love discover that His “perfect love casts out fear, because there is no fear in love” (1 John 4:18). We find new assurance and security – and purpose for living – in the experiencing of God’s great love.

As part of our response to God, we are commissioned to be His means of sharing His love with others beyond ourselves. John warns us that if we don’t love our brothers and sisters in the Lord, for example, we are “still in darkness” (1 John 2:9) and we really don’t love God at all, despite our claims to the contrary (1 John 2:9, 4:20-21).

Our love must be like that of Christ, who “laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers” (1 John 3:16). John goes on to write that our Christian love is demonstrated in sharing with those in need from the stuff God has entrusted to our care. Then he sums it up: “Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue (only), but with actions and in truth” (1 John 3:18).

Because that’s how God first loved us!



Jerusalem

Hello from Jerusalem! We arrived in Israel last summer and went straight into intensive Hebrew learning classes at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The schedule became less intensive in November when the fall semester started. We have now finished intermediate Hebrew at the university, and we feel like we have a much better grasp of how the language works and have gained a lot of vocabulary as well. We can understand much more than we were able to when we first came, but there is still lots of room for improvement.

We are renting an apartment in student housing, and we have some welcoming Jewish neighbors in our building. We also have two Christian families from the US who live just a couple of buildings away, and they have helped us a lot in different ways. God has blessed us so we can be involved in two churches. One is a Hebrew-speaking congregation that meets on Friday night and the other is an English-speaking one on Saturday morning. One of the ways our friends have blessed us is to either help us get rides to church or allow us to borrow their cars at times. In Jerusalem, most public transport shuts down on Friday afternoon until Saturday night in observance of the Sabbath, so we are very grateful for their help to get to church.

Our kids are going to a Hebrew-speaking school. They are really doing quite well and made friends quickly, and they are picking up the language the natural way that kids do – being immersed. It hasn't been without frustration or challenges, but they are all making huge strides, both in learning Hebrew and dealing with non-Christian classmates. Their teachers are very good and supportive, and we are so proud of our kids for doing so well. They have started teaching us words we don't know and correcting our silly grammar mistakes, just like we expected.

What's ahead for us?

We are blessed to be studying in a program called the Jerusalem Center for Bible Translators, a program designed to equip translators and consultants to be able to use the Hebrew text of the Bible in translation work. There will be courses on language acquisition, grammar, culture and historical geography (including many days of touring around Israel reading passages that happened on location), and biblical poetry. The full-time schedule started on February 17. It concludes on June 23 and then we will have a week to pack up and say goodbye to all our friends in Jerusalem.

We plan to fly to the eastern US and begin a cross-country road trip to meet supporters we have not seen in many years. We hope there will also be time to enjoy God's beauty in national parks and historical sites along the way. Our plan is to spend July on the east coast, August moving westward across the northern part of the US and then stay in the Vancouver, BC, area for the fall. We'll also make trips to supporters on the west coast in October, Lord willing.

Love, Cam, Valerie, Noah, Ellie, and JoJo.

(Look for more in the March Newsletter)



Dear Family and Friends,

God has truly blessed Margo and I over the years with enough support for our living costs, and somehow has always met our needs for ministry expenses too. Thank you for being part of our prayer and support team! We thank God for each one of you.

We have been informed by our Missions Office that over this past year we have been financially short each month. Our account, which had some extra in it, was slowly going down. What this means is that we have been kept afloat by some one-time gifts - above and beyond our regular committed monthly support.

Over the past years we have been helping a few families, who are believers from a Muslim background, to raise their support. This has taken quite a bit of effort on our part. We introduced them to some of our prayer and support partners, and a lot of churches. As well, we have been helping the House of Omeed to raise its support. And we will continue to help these people and ministries. During this time we have neglected raising or maintaining support for ourselves, so that we are now \$600/month short.

Can you please pray with us for those whom the Lord would prompt to become support partners with us? Thank you. We will give occasional updates to let you know how it's going.

Words cannot express how much we value and appreciate your prayers, encouragement and support.

love, Randy & Margo



Thank you for praying for and with us!
Brad & Shilo

We thank God for a special time with Brad's parents and sister who came to Chihuahua to spend Christmas with us.

We are grateful that Mexico seems to be a great fit for our family and that Brad is really enjoying his work at Binimea (the MK School).

Brad had a good trip to Florida recently for the yearly meetings related to his role as Regional Security Coordinator for S. America for our mission. Ask God to guide him and his team as they

seek to mitigate situations that would hinder the spread of the Gospel, and as they provide guidance in crisis situations.

Please for safety on our morning commute. Shilo has found the adjustment to city driving to be somewhat challenging and anxiety producing. Please ask God to give her a sound mind in this and also pray with us for God's provision for a second car so Brad could at take on at least part of the driving.

Our visas are coming due this summer. Please pray that the current political disputes between the USA and Mexico will not hinder our ability to get visas. We have the opportunity to renew the visas for a full three years in June (instead of just one), if we are willing to pay the fees up front. We think this may be worthwhile, as not only do we get a discount on purchasing 3 year's worth of visas, but it would increase ministry security in the midst of this tumultuous political climate. Ask God to provide the approximately \$2000-\$2300 needed to pay for a 3 year visa renewal by June.

Prayer Requests from Brad & Shilo

Continue to pray for us as we build relationships with our Mexican neighbors in this community. Pray that God would grant us favor with these new friends, despite the political climate between our countries. Ask Him to give us opportunities to share our faith with them in the midst of the interactions we have.

Pray that God will convict our daughter Victoria, turning 5 soon, of her need for salvation and that she will put her faith in Christ for salvation. Pray also that our boys will grow in loving God and exercising wisdom.

Pray for us to have wisdom to know if Shilo should be involved in a formal ministry here in Mexico. Several possibilities have been presented to her, but we need wisdom to know from God how much she should take on as she guards her health (which is currently very good – thank you for praying!), cares for our family and continues her studies in biblical counseling.



Elders Report

by Jeremy Eaton

Feb 7, 2017

Prayer

Minutes reviewed and approved

Pastors Report

- Trinity is being considered as a regional drop off location for Operation Christmas Child
- A game night is planned for March 17th. For more information contact John or Jennifer Doyle.
- VBS planning is underway.

Youth Ministries Report

- Youth Group is going well

Old Business

- Membership class is going well
- China Trip: Postponed for now

Next Meeting is set for March 7.

Dion will bring Pizza

Church Funds	
1/31/17	
Benevolence Fund	2,159.87
Missionaries Reserve	2,100.00
Missions Fund	1,065.30
Asia Trip	4,777.92
General Fund	32,667.40
Total	\$42,760.49
Building Fund	\$234,731.11
Overall Total	\$277,491.60

Christian Heritage School's

27th Annual Benefit

AUCTION

SATURDAY

MARCH 11, 2017

Silent Auction, 8 am
Live Auction, 1 pm

Game Night

Set aside Friday evening, March 17th, for a game night at church. You can bring your favorite board game to share, and host it at your table, or browse the games that are there and join the table of your choice.

You may choose to Monopolize one table, take the Risk to play at another, or face Aggravation at a third. You may find your Ticket to Ride, or just be Sorry. We don't have to like the same thing; we don't have to compare Apples to Apples. So come on down, roll the dice, and have some fun.

This is also a pot luck, so don't be chicken! Maybe we'll roast someone, and we can throw tomatoes at the hams.



Talent Show

You know you can do it. The rest of us might not know you can do it, but you know. Maybe it's time to let the rest of us in on your secret talent. Dust off that old baton, shine up the tap shoes, or rosin up the bow. Bring your talent to church on March 12th and show off for the rest of us.

Especially if your talent is cooking! Because this is also a pot-luck. And as we know from experience, when the Pastor gets up to show off his talent, the show might not be so great, but the food never disappoints.



Don't Steal!



telling the operator that he was choking and needed help. (World Magazine, Spring '05)

CAN YOU DESCRIBE IT? While on routine patrol, Lt. Brent Rumfelt of the McDowell County (N.C.) Sheriff's Office stopped a vehicle. When the driver asked why he had been stopped, Rumfelt told him, "Because you're driving my car." The white Honda, normally driven by Rumfelt's sister, had been stolen earlier in the week. The driver and passenger were arrested. Rumfelt said the car was in "good condition". (THIS is TRUE for 18 April 2004 Copyright www.thisistrue.com)

A 43-year-old woman has been arrested for bank robbery after she allegedly took the loot she got at one bank to another and attempted to deposit the cash there. But Sharon Ann Luck's bankers called the police when something happened that they considered suspicious: a dye pack exploded in her purse. The pack, which

was slipped among the cash during the robbery, malfunctioned, said a Ft. Worth, Texas, police spokesman -- it was supposed to go off sooner. (Ft. Worth Star-Telegram) ...It doesn't really matter: she was caught red-handed. (THIS is TRUE for 2 May 2004 Copyright www.thisistrue.com)

POLICE TACTICS 101: David Miller, 38, of Nashville, Tenn., was surprised by a robber who pistol-whipped him into submission, shoved him inside his apartment, then stole a video game console, cash, and Miller's watch and cell phone. When police Sgt. Matt Pylkas arrived to investigate, he decided to call Miller's phone. Sure enough, the robber answered it. The cop told the robber if he brought back the game console he'd be given \$50. "It was something straight out of a police drama," Pylkas said, calling it "classic negotiation 101." When Craigen D. Harris, 18, arrived to collect the loot, he was arrested. "It wasn't funny last night," Miller said, still nursing a head wound, "but it's funny now." (Nashville Tennessean) ...Miller: hurt until he laughs. Everyone else: laugh until it hurts. (THIS is TRUE for 14 March 2004)





Mike's Sunday School Minute

Hello TBF, this is your friendly neighborhood Sunday School Superintendent here with a quick update of some of the awesome things we have upcoming in the near future. I am not here to cause a bug ruckus but am excited after the meeting we had after church on 2/19. I sincerely would first like to thank everyone teaching for their time, I can't say it enough, without you there would be no Sunday School. I also want to thank all that came to the meeting and are willing to help.

Sunday School Teachers prior and new, starting on Sunday 2/25, please if you remember and you can join me and the other Sunday School Leaders in the addition for a short prayer time at 0845 to make sure our hearts and minds are ready for the day.

Parents of Sunday Schoolers, Sunday Schoolers young,



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old and in between please keep your eyes and ears open for some new changes we will be making in the upcoming weeks. They will be announced through the service and I will try to get them in the church bulletin in a timely manner.

Last but not least, we are starting to plan for VBS in June. Please pray about if this is a ministry you can support even in a small way. If you feel called and can help please contact me at home 725-0042 or at church. My lovely wife Kristi is already getting things set in motion, so don't wait too long, there is a lot to get accomplished by June and the time seems to go faster every month.

Thank you for all you do TBF, see you Sunday!!!!



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Awana

Grand Prix Results

Cubbies: 3rd Place: Dahlia; 2nd Place: Annalise; 1st Place: James.
Sparks: 3rd Place: Paige; 2nd Place, Fiona; 1st Place, Rebecca
T&T speed: 3rd Place: Nikki; 2nd Place, Murray; 1st Place, Kaitlyn.
T&T Design: 3rd Place: Emma; 2nd Place: Nikki; 1st Place: Samuel.
Leaders Speed: 3rd: Clay; 2nd: Steve; 1st: Kristy.
Leaders Design: 3rd: Clay, 2nd: Kristy; 1st: Steve.

Big Events in March:

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| March 1 | Wild Tie Night |
| March 8 | Talent Night |
| March 15 | Sports Night |
| March 22 | Giant Banana Split Night! |
| March 29 | Uniform Inspection Night |

Giant Banana Split? Yep—60 feet of ice cream and toppings in a totally sanitized rain gutter. Bring Friends!

Missionary of the Month:
Robert & Cindy McDowall
Serving



March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Awana 6:00 pm Wild Tie Night	2 Ladies Workout 8:30 am BSF 9:30 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm	3	4
5 Youth Group 6:30 pm	6 Men's Coffee 8:30 am Ladies Workout 9 am Craft Night 6 pm	7 Elders Meeting 6 pm <i>Robert Boleneus</i> <i>Brandon Dodge</i>	8 Awana 6:00 pm Talent Night <i>Randy & Lynne Anderson</i>	9 Ladies Workout 8:30 am BSF 9:30 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm	10 Awana Workers Meeting, 6:30 pm	11 CHS Auction <i>Robert McDowall</i>
12 POTLUCK & TALENT SHOW AFTER CHURCH Youth Group 6:30 pm	13 Men's Coffee 8:30 am Ladies Workout 9 am	14 <i>Robert Abell</i> <i>Kurt Elledge</i> <i>Maryann Scheiffele</i>	15 Awana 6:00 pm Sports Night <i>Peggy Semprimoznik</i>	16 Ladies Workout 8:30 am BSF 9:30 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm	17 Game Night @ TBF Potluck & Games 5 pm QUILT CAMP @ CLBC MARCH 17 & 18 <i>Dick Wandling</i>	18
19 Youth Group 6:30 pm	20 Men's Coffee 8:30 am Ladies Workout 9 am	21	22 Awana 6:00 pm Banana Split Night <i>Wanda Bowman</i> <i>Ken & Allyson Morrison</i>	23 Ladies Workout 8:30 am BSF 9:30 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm	24 <i>Raleigh Beckstrom</i>	25
26 Communion/Benevolence Offering Youth Group 6:30 pm <i>Madison Tarbert</i>	27 Men's Coffee 8:30 am Ladies Workout 9 am <i>Berry Ball</i>	28	29 Awana 6:00 pm Uniform Inspection Night	30 Ladies Workout 8:30 am BSF 9:30 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm <i>Lexine Eaton</i>	31 <i>Victoria Cain</i>	