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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."*



Please note my picture that accompanies this article. I'm in the Bahamas, sitting in the sand leaning against a palm tree. I feel more relaxed just looking at this picture. Or at least I did. Then I noticed the watch. What kind of idiot wears a watch in the Bahamas? Not one who's worried about the time; one who wears it out of habit.

Last month was January, a time to talk about resolutions. Now that it's February, we can talk about habits—which are pretty much the opposite of resolutions. A resolution is something you resolve to do because it is good. A habit is something you just do because it's what you do.

Some habits are good: brushing your teeth, using the turn signal, saying please and thank you. Some habits are bad: biting your nails, talking with food in your mouth, gossip.

Habits form when we repeat an action often enough that we do it without thinking. One result of this is that good things we should be doing get done out of habit. This is great if it's brushing your teeth; but less great if it's saying your prayers or doing good things.

Don't get me wrong; it's a good thing if you are in the habit of praying and doing good things; but it is less good if when you pray you find yourself praying the things you always pray so that you don't even have to think about it and your mind wanders off while you do it.

When Jesus introduced what we call the "Our Father" (in Matthew 6:5-15), He was critical of people mindlessly repeating

## Habits



words while they pray. "They think they'll be heard because of their many words" He said. Then added, "Don't be like them."

God created us with the ability to do things by habit, and it's a good gift. And He created us with the ability to do things with purpose and feeling, which is also a good gift. And He gave us the ability to discern the difference between the two.

Nothing suffers if your turn signal lacks emotion or authenticity. If your service to God or your family is done this way though, something is definitely wrong.

What do you do then, when you realize your good habit of praying has become praying the same habitual words? The answer is actually pretty easy: change the way you pray. Think for a second about the first five words of the Bible. You know them. You should be thinking them on your own even as you read this: "In the beginning God created." God is creative. One of those things He created in the beginning was man, who He created in His own creative image.

You don't have to be a lot creative. You don't have to be a creative genius. Just occasionally change the way you pray. Use shorter sentences. Kneel. Stand. Write. Spend more time thinking and less time talking. Keep the habit of prayer, but get rid of habitual prayers.

If you ask me why I wore a watch in the Bahamas, my answer is, 'stupid habit.' I'd hate to have to give the same explanation for the way I pray.

## Photo of the Month

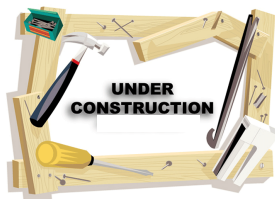


Can we say thank you enough? Here we are about one month ago, on one of the highest points of St. Thomas Island, looking out over the Caribbean. Thanks for sending us, we had a great time.

Pastor Steve & Joan



## Facilities Needs Survey Results



There is not enough space in the newsletter to print out the full survey results. There is a meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 11th, to present the findings more fully. In the meantime, here are some observations from the returned surveys.

- 21 Surveys were returned
- In answering the questions ‘What current needs are there?’ and ‘What are your least favorite aspects of our church facility,’
  - By far (more than two to one on both questions) your biggest desire is to move Awana games out of the sanctuary.
  - A distant but consistent number two is for a bigger and better kitchen.
  - You would like a better place than the sanctuary to hold pot lucks.
  - You would like a better entryway.
- To answer the question ‘What are your favorite aspects of our church facility?’
  - The top answer is ‘Love the new addition.’
  - No other answers got more than three votes.
  - Interestingly, 2 people said the kitchen is one of their favorite things.

Plan to be at the meeting after church on March 11th, as we discuss our results and discuss what, if any, action we should take.

## March will be a Busy Month

Get your calendar out, because this is going to take some scheduling and prioritizing.

- March 4 Emily Abell Wedding Shower 12:30 pm
- March 9 Virtual Reality Tour of Acts 7 pm
- March 10 Christian Heritage Auction
  - Tim Hawkins Comedy Show
- March 11 Building Project Informational Meeting
  - Rock & Worship Road Show
- March 18 TBF Pot Luck and Talent Show
- March 25 Emily Abell Wedding
- March 30 Good Friday

Did I miss anything? It’s entirely possible. Plan ahead to make sure you don’t.

## Ladies Meeting



Ladies, the Deaconesses request your presence at a meeting after church on **Sunday, Feb 4**, during Coffee Fellowship. The purpose is to let everyone know what opportunities are available when you sign up for Women’s Ministry, and to let you know what supplies are on hand, and where to find them. We hope you can make it!

## Church Funds 12/31/17

Benevolence Fund	2,233.15
Missionaries Reserve	2,100.00
Missions Fund	860.00
Asia Trip	4,777.92
General Fund	41,259.47
Total	\$51,230.54
Building Fund	\$244,987.37
Overall Total	\$296,217.91



## Vote on New Missionaries Feb 4

Leif and Jami Gustafson, with their children Annika, Ella, and Ike, are missionaries in Siberia serving with Send International. Their goal is to plant churches among the Buryat people, living in the region of Lake Baikal.

Many of us met them when they spoke at TBF on Jan 7. They return to Siberia in February.

In keeping with our constitution, it requires a 2/3 majority of voting members to approve taking on a new missionary. We are asking you to stay after church on Sunday, Feb 4, to make your voice heard.



# Youth Stuff



by John Doyle

January is a thing of the past.....January was a blast, Winter Camp @ Cocolalla, Youth Group, and the ‘Winter Palooza 2018.’ All of the Youth Ministry activities will be going full tilt: Youth Group, Youth Leadership and of course Youth Prayer Breakfast. The Youth G.A.N.G will be on the move in February!

## Youth Leadership Training

Youth leadership will continue to be Friday nights 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Ages 12 to 18.

## Youth Group

Youth Group is continuing Sunday nights 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Calling all Youth of Davenport, Lincoln County, and beyond. Come Hang with the G.A.N.G (God’s Anointed Next Generation).

## Youth Group (Big Event)

This Month it is better to serve than to be served! We are giving back, come join the G.A.N.G. as we help host the annual TBF Valentines Banquet. Please come Saturday February 10th, 5 pm ready to serve dinner in a white shirt & black pants; ladies can wear a modest length black skirt.

## Youth Prayer Breakfast

Calling all middle and high schoolers. Come, now is the time to PRAISE and PRAY. The breakfast will start promptly at 7:30 am with food, a devotional, and a season of prayer. Locations change, so call for more info.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> Monday, Prayer Breakfast 7:30am to 8:30am @ locations vary, call for info.
- Feb 10<sup>th</sup> Valentines Banquet 6-8 pm, servers arrive 5pm.
- Feb 02<sup>nd</sup>, 09<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> Friday, Youth Leadership Training, 6-8 pm.
- Feb 04<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Youth Group 6:30 to 8 pm.

February is the month of Love according to Valentine’s day. Jesus tells us that we are to love God with everything, all the time. Mark 12:30 (ESV) ‘And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ Come be a part of our G.A.N.G. and let us love God together. For more information please contact: Youth Pastor John Doyle @ (509) 435-6393, E-Mail: tbfpdoyle@gmail.com.



Being pro-life is not about condemning abortion, but supporting birth. Your baby bottles, returned to church by Feb 18 full of your donation of change, cash, and check, proves your love. Support life and share the message of Christ's love by your gift to Life Services of Spokane.



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## Awana

Special Nights this month:

Feb 7	Many-Colored Measles Night
Feb 14	Love Your Leader Night
Feb 21	Gloves Night
Feb 28	Awana Grand Prix!

For the Grand Prix, Sparks and Cubbies bring their best (Moms & Dads—best is not their best used, but new) Hot Wheels® or Match Box® type car. T&T Clubbers, Trek & Journey Teens, and Leaders all build a car to race. Cars must be built this year for this race, meet the written specifications that come with the car kits, and use Awana wheels and axles. Kits can be bought for \$3.00; or pre-cut cars for \$5.00.

We are sponsoring a clinic at the church on Feb 17, where we will help cut out and weight your cars.



On the night of the race, hot dogs, pop, chips, and ice cream sandwiches will be available at good prices. Bring the whole family to cheer and take winner pictures!

## Missionaries of the Month:

Cam & Valerie Hamm  
Serving in Cameroon, Africa  
with Wycliffe Bible Translators





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*Women's Ministry Leader: Jen Doyle*

*Group Members: Becky Oehlwein  
Bekah Downing  
Kristi Bell  
Margie Garnetti*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 BSF 9:30 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm	2 Youth Leadership 6 pm	3
4 Vote on Gustafson family as TBF Missionaries / Coffee Fellowship Ladies meeting after church YG 6:30 pm	5 Prayer Breakfast 7:30 am Men's Coffee 8:30 am	6 Elders Meeting 6 pm Missions Committee 6 pm	7 Awana 6 pm Measles of Many Colors Night	8 BSF 9:30 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm	9 Youth Leadership 6 pm	10 Valentine Banquet 6 pm 
11 YG 6:30 pm	12 Prayer Breakfast 7:30 am Men's Coffee 8:30 am	13	14 Awana 6 pm Love Your Leader Night 	15 BSF 9:30 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm	16 Youth Leadership 6 pm	17 Awana Grand Prix Clinic 10—1
18 Return Baby Bottles for Life Services YG 6:30 pm	19 Prayer Breakfast 7:30 am Men's Coffee 8:30 am	20	21 Awana 6 pm Gloves Night	22 BSF 9:30 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm	23 Youth Leadership 6 pm	24
25 Communion/Benevolence Offering Awana Cars Must be Submitted! YG 6:30 pm	26 Prayer Breakfast 7:30 am Men's Coffee 8:30 am	27	28 Awana 6 pm Grand Prix 