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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Total Depravity

Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 1:9, "What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun." He wasn't trying to write prophecy, he was just making a pessimistic observation: We're not making any progress.

In the early years of the Industrial Revolution, people were optimistic that we were finally breaking that

mistic that we were finally breaking that cycle. Medicines would get rid of sickness, machines would do our work, and food would be plentiful and cheap. Because of these advances, man would find nothing to fight over, and we would all live at peace with each other. We would attain Utopia on earth.

Living on the other side of the Industrial Revolution, we take comforts for granted that our ancestors couldn't have dreamed of. Cars, planes, trains, lights, heat, phones. Not just phones you can talk on, but that talk to you. My problem is I can't figure out how to make the thing shut up.

And yet, we look at those words of Solomon, and confirm how true they are. Because the problem is not what is outside of us, but inside of us. Jesus said it this way: "It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a person" (Matt 15:11). The problem is not what people have, the problem is what people are.

The theological shortcut to describe this problem is 'Total Depravity.' That sounds like it means we are as depraved as we can be, but that's not it. It means that all of us are sinful, and we have no ability to change

that situation on our own.

Human nature constantly tries to deny this doctrine. We work under false premises, and think things like: If we can get people more educated, they will be better. Or, If we can get them to use a democracy, it will fix their problems. Or, If we can eliminate poverty, it will fix things. What human nature seems to ignore is that the thing we need to fix is human

nature

At the time of Christ, the Pharisees were trying to 'fix' human nature with R&R: Rules and Religion. Jesus described their efforts this way: "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean" (Matt 23:25-26).

Trying to make a person good by cleaning up their behavior is like trying to make an old car run by washing and waxing it. It doesn't work. It's a false promise and a cruel joke. Total Depravity cannot be cured from the outside

Jesus cleans us from the inside. He forgives our sin and gives us a new nature. A nature that is not totally depraved. A nature that, because it is clean on the inside, does not resist cleaning on the outside.

Back to Solomon's words. There are two reasons we are not making progress. 1. People without Christ are rejecting Him, and 2. people with Christ are not offering Him. We

can't stop people from rejecting Him; but let's see if we can offer them hope.



Be sure to see the Hamms while they're here. They will be at Awana on Wednesday March 28, at the Seder Dinner on March 30, and at Church on Easter. If you would like to have them over for lunch or dinner, just call Pastor Steve's.

Work Project at Camp

Men, We have two consecutive Saturdays lined up to repair and remodel the fort at camp. We are looking for volunteers on Saturday, April 21 & Saturday, May 5. We are rebuilding part of the fence, putting (glassless) windows in the sheds, pouring cement, and more. Lots of

work for lots of guys, some requires skill, and some requires only a back attached to a will to work. Greg Bowman is project foreman, Contact Pastor Steve if you want to work (& have fun).

Cocolalla Women's Retreat

April 27—29. Cost—\$70; less if you can only attend part of the retreat.

Linda Nelson, former food services manager for camp is the speaker. There will also be a talent show and flea market. Pick up your brochure at church.

Summer Camp Schedule

Teen Camp	July 8—13	\$195
11—12 Camp	July 15—19	\$160
9—10	July 22—26	\$160
7—8	July 29—Aug 2	\$160

All four camps receive a \$15 discount if pre-registered 10 days prior to the start of camp. We will also have coupons good for another \$15 off at the church office. Still too much? Contact Pastor Steve or John or one of the elders and we'll find a way to get you there.

Don't forget **Work Days**, June 1-2. This is where we earn those \$15 off coupons we hand out. Yard work, cleaning, repairs. It's a lot like church work days, only there.

Family Camp is August 17—19. Cost depends on family size, starting at \$85 and maxing out at \$125.

Take the Cocolalla Quiz!

Draw a line from names to the correct Camp Ministry

Robbi & Suzy Coffman Director
Dirk Darrow Food Services
Aaron Kin Maintenance
Leslie Patchen Office

Sean Trostrud Youth Missionary

Could you do it? Did you have to guess?

The Cocolalla camp staff, named above, will visit TBF on Sunday, April 8, to share camp needs and ministry with us. This is a great time to make/renew friendships with these partners we have in sharing the gospel with young people.

Church Funds 2/28/18

Benevolence Fund	2,253.15
Missionaries Reserve	2,100.00
Missions Fund	1,080.00
Asia Trip	4,777.92
General Fund	43,151.01
Total Building Fund	\$53,362.08 \$246,757.37

Overall Total \$300,119.45



Keep Easter Special!

Good Friday Passover Meal.

6—8:30 pm, Friday the 30th. This is a Pot Luck. Bring a hot dish and a salad or a hot dish and a desert. This interactive meal will be led by Cam & Valerie Hamm.

Sunrise Service

Meet at the City Park at 7 am to celebrate Christ's resurrection!

Easter Service

Church and Sunday School will meet at their regular times. The children will present special music, and the Hamms will share their ministry with the church. There will be a coffee fellowship afterwards for those able to attend.

Church Clean-Up Day



Set aside Saturday, April 14, to do some spring cleaning at church. Inside cleaning, outside yardwork, repairs and maintenance, organizing, special projects. You name it, this is the day for it. Lunch is provided. See you here!

Building Project Update

We have new direction for our Church Building Project. After reviewing results from our Church Use Survey and meeting to discuss desires, we voted unanimously to first build a multi-purpose building to the north of the current building, then, once we can move Awana and Youth Group out of the Sanctuary, working to enlarge an beautify it.

That is our direction. Be ready to be a part of the action as we move forward.



by John Doyle

Youth Stuff

Happy Easter!!!

Where did March go? March was Awesome!!! The Youth G.A.N.G was marching all over the place. We stormed the Spokane arena and saw one of the best 'Worship Roadshows' ever! Thanks to all the adults that came out to support the Youth. Last month we invented a new sport, 'Crabwalk Soccer'. Yes it is as

fun as it sounds. No crustaceans were harmed, a ceiling fan was in mortal peril though.

April is going to be jammed packed full of events and excitement. So come hang with the G.A.N.G! The Youth G.A.N.G will be on the move in April!!!

Youth Leadership Training: Fridays 6:30-8pm. Ages 12-18 Youth Group (God's Anointed Next Generation): Sundays 6:30 -8pm Hang with the G.A.N.G!

Big Event

This month we are taking over Laser Quest in Spokane. April 15th, leaving TBF parking lot 3pm. Cost will be \$15 plus money for Dinner. Prizes for 1st and 2nd place. Bring two friends, you and they come for free.

Youth Prayer Breakfast: Every Monday morning 7:30-8:30 am place TBD.

Important Dates

15 April, Laser Quest Frolic 13th& 14th April, Spring Retreat CLBC 19th-22nd April, Backpack Camp CLBC

This is the season that we remember what Jesus did for us. John 19:30 'So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit' ESV. With those words everything is changed. Our relationship with God is restored, the penalty we owe for our sins is payed, and our salvation is assured. So what is our part? What do we need to do? According to Romans 10:9 'that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved' ESV. Think about it.

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: tbfypdoyle@gmail.com

Open House

Christian Heritage School April 19th7pm

Come see what CHS has to offer! Pre-enrollment for 2018-2019

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Missionaries of the Month: Randy & Lynne Anderson

Not only are Randy and Lynne two of our longest-serving missionaries, they are charter members of Trinity Bible Fellowship! And Randy graduated from Inland

Empire School of the Bible with Pastor Steve.

Randy began his missionary work as Youth Missionary with what was then known as American Missionary Fellowship—now InFaith. This is the position now filled by Sean Trostrud. He served at Cocolalla as Program Director, and later as Director. He is now Missionary Pastor at Blanchard Community Church.

Randy & Lynne live in Spirit Lake, Idaho. They have three grown daughters: Lindsey Anderson (She is married—both her married name and maiden name are Anderson), Ashley Peterson (serving with MAF in Congo with her husband Dave), and Kelsey Anderson.

They're in our Church Directory. Drop them a line and let them know you're praying for them!



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Awana News

The Grand Prix Results are in:

Cubbies: They are All Winners!

Sparks: 1st, Sophia Denison, 2nd, Adney Lacy, 3rd, Bristol Sliter. T&T Speed: 1st, Trevor Laflin, 2nd, Acacia Plasencia, 3rd, Pablo Gutierrez.

T&T Design: 1st, Samuel Choate, 2nd, Kariya Lacy, 3rd, Chase Greenwood.

Trek, Journey, and Leaders Speed: 1st, Becky Oehlwein, 2nd,

Steve McLachlan, 3rd, Christine Young.

Trek, Journey, and Leaders Design: 1st, Marie Plasencia, 2nd,
Jennifer Doyle, 3rd, Becky Oehlwein.

Great job, everyone!

Special Nights in April

April 4 Spring Break, No Awana April 11 Uniform Inspection Night April 18 Duct Tape Night April 25 Sports Night

We're getting close to the end. Press on and finish well!

Missionaries of the Month: Randy & Lynne Anderson Serving:





April 2018

Women's Ministry Leader: Lori Reith Group Members: Annie Ricketts



Annie Ricketts
Debbie Boleneus
Joan Wintersteen
Debbie Beckstrom

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Coffee Fellowship after church	2	3	4	5	6	7
7 am Sunrise Service	Spi	ing Break—	April 2—6	No Awana or	BSF	
8 CLBC Visits TBF Truth Project @ Hernas' 6:30 pm	9 Prayer Breakfast 7:30 am	10 Elders Meeting 6 pm Mission Committee Meeting 6 pm	11 Awana 6 - 8 pm Uniform Inspection Night	12 BSF 9:30 am Quarterly Board Meeting 6 pm	13 Youth Leadership	14 Church Clean-up Day! spring cleanup
Youth Group 6:30 pm					Youth Leadership Retreat @ CLBC April 13 & 14	
15 Youth Group to Laser Quest Frolic—Leave TBF 3 pm	16 Prayer Breakfast 7:30 am	17	18 Awana 6 - 8 pm Duct Tape Night	19 BSF 9:30 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm	20 Youth Leadership 6 pm	21 Men's Fort Project @ CLBC
22 Youth Group 6:30 pm	23 Prayer Breakfast 7:30 am	24	25 Awana 6 - 8 pm Sports Night	26 BSF 9:30 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm	27 Youth Leadership 6 pm	28
					Women's Retreat @ CLBC April 27, 28 & 29	
29 Communion/Benevolence Offering Youth Group 6:30 pm	30 Prayer Breakfast 7:30 am Ladies Comedy Night 7 pm					