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#### A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

## **Unconditional Election**

It's kind of like the question of what weighs more, a ton of bricks or a ton of feathers. They both weigh the same, the feathers just do it in a kinder, gentler manner.

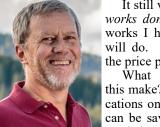
Who is more likely to get saved: a tattoo covered biker with a grisly past, or a grocery clerk with a good reputation? They both are sinners in need of a Savior, one has just sinned in a kinder, gentler manner.

Unconditional Election means that God can save whoever He wants, and does not place criteria on who He will or will not save. We do not qualify for salvation by being good people. If we did, then salvation would be by works.

In the book of Titus, God said it this way: "But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior." (Titus 3:4-6)

We see pretty clearly here why we are saved: He is good, He shows lovingkindness, He saves us, He shows mercy, He regenerates and renews us. What we do is a not. We don't earn it.

Someone who disagreed on this issue explained his position this way: "God looked ahead and saw the good you would do, and saved you because of that," he said. Interesting way of turning things, but such logic still makes me the basis of my salvation. Really? Based on my actions God thought I would be worth saving?



It still violates the "not because of works done by us" phrase. Not by works I have done, not by works I will do. I will never be worthy of the price paid for my salvation.

What practical difference does this make? If God places no qualifications on His election, then anyone can be saved! The least likely person is just as likely as the most likely person. In fact, there is no least like-

lv person!

The scariest looking person who has ever walked up to you has a human heart designed for fellowship with God. He has a mind like yours, that thinks human thoughts. He is as mortal as you are, and knows it. He is reachable. If God has been working on his heart, he is as reachable as anyone you've ever met.

The whole concept of people being reachable or unreachable; of some people being likely candidates of salvation and others not, is a creation of our comfort zone. The only reason some people are more likely to be reached is that we are more likely to make the effort to reach them. Children growing up with Christian parents are most likely to be reached. Why? Because of the constant effort made to do just that. Why are 'scary people' unlikely to be reached? Because they're scary and we don't try to reach them.

Unconditional Election means we are free to share the Gospel with anyone, and can expect to see results any time we do. God is really the One doing the reaching, and no one is beyond His grasp.



How many pastors does it take to put on a 12' roof? We probably could have used one more! This was an early part of the fort repair and remodeling we are doing. The next work day is May 5th. Hope you can join us.

#### Elders Report

Tuesday, April 11, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Jeremy Eaton, Steve McLachlan, Dion Ricketts, Mike Anderson, John Doyle

Intercessory Prayer:

#### Pastor's Report:

- TBF put new wheels and wheel studs on the Hamm's car and collected a \$700+ offering for them.
- The Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp work project on the fort is upcoming.
- Next Thursday, Lynn Caddell will start teaching The Jesus Curriculum at the Men's Bible study.
- This year's Sunrise Service was the smallest attended ever. Next year we will try and infuse a fresh spirit into it.

#### Youth Group Report:

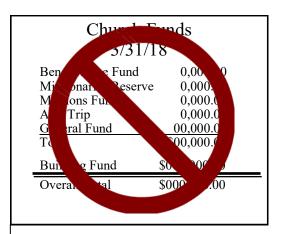
- Youth Leadership: no kids attending, it is typically a prayer meet-
- May is a CLBC Backpacking trip.
- March 11th was the Rock & Worship Road Show which attended by 13 kids and 7 adults.
- April 15th is Laser Quest. John can take up to 32 kids.
- May 20th is scheduled for May's big event. It will be the kids choice between a movie night or a bonfire.
- John will be Camp Dean at CLBC for Teen Camp and 11-12 Camp
- There is a reservation for Camp Na Bor Lee for June 1-3 that the youth group can't use. Perhaps it could be used for the TBF Family
- August 17-19 is set for the Youth Group Water Ski Camp.
- John has taken over High School Sunday School.
- June 7th is the Davenport Baccalaureate at TBF.
- A Summer Outreach Program is planned for Wednesdays from 12:00 to 3:00 followed by a casual hangout time.

#### Old Business

- The location for the Rendezvous looks to be available and should be in decent shape.
- A new computer for the Sound Room is in the works.
- A new phone number to add or update things on the Prayer Chain should be available within a month.

#### Next meeting:

Tuesday, May 1st, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.



#### **Guys Tough**

Oops, I meant Guy Stuff. Honest mistake. May 5th: we're heading out to camp for day two of the Fort Renovation Project. Finish the fence, build the gate, build stairs, replace watchtower posts, replace rails. The amount we can do is limited only by the number of guys we have. Hope to see you there.

May 18th & 19th: Men's Retreat at Cocolalla. Barbecued steak, a good speaker, good hang out time. Brochures available at church.

June 15-17: TBF Rendezvous. Three days and two nights of good man time. You won't regret it.

# For the Ladies

Scrapbook Retreat at Cocolalla, May 11 & 12. Fun, relaxation, good food, prizes, and scrapbooking. The speaker is Michelle Darrow, wife of camp director Dirk. He has nine kids, she has ten. She is not only qualified to speak, she is qualified to do anything. Bro-

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chures are available at the church.

### Mother's Day

Moms, we've got something special for you on Mother's

We will have a youth Day—your kids! group led service that day. Your kids will honor God as they use their gifts and talents in the service, and honor you for the great job you've done raising them. We look forward to what they have to offer.

# Youth Stuff



They say that March is in like a lion out like a lamb, well April was in like a Weasel with two tasers riding a crocodile! Now that it is finally heating up so is the Youth G.A.N.G.

We had a great month of activities in April. 32 warriors descended on the arena of Laser Quest, Spokane. Two warriors reigned supreme. Congrats goes to Ethan

Plasencia and Dylan Holbrook. Ethan had the top place and Dylan had the most points. Special thanks goes to the Chaperones and drivers that made this event such a success, Mr. Duane Oehlwein, Mr. Mike Hogan, Mrs. Jen Doyle, Mrs. Kristi Bell, and Mr. Clay Sterner.

Summer Camp schedule is out and available for pick up, get ready, online registration starts early March.

- All of the Youth Ministry activities will be going full tilt. The Youth G.A.N.G will be on the move in May!
- Youth Leadership Training:

Youth leadership, Friday nights 6:15 to 8:00pm. Ages 12 to 18. Starting a study of Angels and Demons 1st week of Mav.

- Youth Group (God's Anointed Next Generation) Youth Group, Sunday nights 6:30 to 8:00pm. Come Hang with the G.A.N.G!!!
- Youth Group (Big Event)

Happy!

**Mother's** 

This Month we are heading outdoors for a bonfire and a few rounds of Capture the Flag!!! See flyers for de-

Youth Prayer Breakfast: Look for this next school year.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

13 May: Mother's Day, Youth Lead Service TBF 20 May: Big Event, Capture the Flag and Bonfire!

May is the month that we celebrate Moms. Mary the future mother of Jesus was called Blessed by Elizabeth her cousin. Luke 1:42 ESV "and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" Only through woman could God come to be Man. Happy Mothers Day!! 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.

#### Seeking Volunteers For Meal Delivery

- \* OCTN Meal Delivery is a non-profit organization contracted through Aging & Adult which provides cooked food to those who want to continue living in their homes and remain independent. The Volunteer Opportunity Description is as follows:
- \* In Wenatchee, East Wenatchee, Okanogan & Lincoln counties: Deliver hot, nutritious meals to those recovering from surgery, the disabled, those with disease or illness, the homebound and others who are not able to fully care for themselves:
- \* Volunteer must be 18 years or older and carry a valid Washington state driver's license; couples may deliver together; each driver drives once per month; each driver delivers 8 to 15 meals on a route and spends approx. 1 1/2 hours delivering.

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#### Ministry in San Nicolas de Iose Ranchos

Lynda and I are using verses to teach. One great example is using John 14:6 and Exodus 3:14 to teach

the verb "to be." Of course, all the "I am" portions of John's Gospel would suffice to teach this great verb and great truths as well. God willing these truths will sink in.

I have to admit, sometimes it seems that we have not progressed at all. After the long break we decided to review and the kids remembered nothing (or so it seemed). But they are coming and they are excited to see us and sometimes share what is on their hearts.

The goal is bigger than teaching English, I know, but sometimes the blank looks on their faces make us wonder if we are getting through.

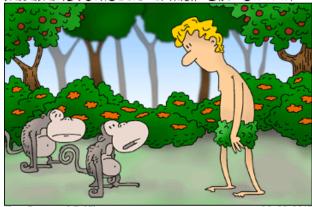
Anyway, that is how you can pray for us. Also, I mentioned about team members leaving. There's a spot for you on the team. Would you like to join us?

(Bruce Morock, an excerpt from Bruce's Corner, in the BAM Center Newsletter.)



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#### Awana

The Apostle Paul wrote, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." That's how we want to approach the end of Awana. We have two weeks of Awana, and then Awards Night. Let's not slack off as we see the end, but run strong to the very finish!

Special Nights in May:

May 2 Jelly Bean Night
May 9 Fashion Disaster Night
May 16 Awards Night

Awards Night is a special time of recognizing the hard work and faithfulness of your kids through the year. Some have earned special recognition, all will be honored. Moms and Dads, plan to stay for this night and enjoy cake and lemonade after the ceremony. If you can't stay for it, be aware this goes more quickly than the normal night of Awana, and your child will be ready to be picked up early.

Have you picked up your Cocolalla Camp Brochure yet? Pre-register to save!

Missionary of the Month: Vicente & Maria Reyna Serving in: Allende, N.L



# May 2018

Women's Ministry Leader: Rachel Lacy
Group Members: Dawn Dehn
Sandy Buchanan
Wendy Cronrath
Ronda Caddell
Joan McLachlan

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