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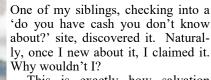
# **Limited Atonement?**

If you intend to give someone a gift, and they decline, does that mean you've failed? L, The third letter of the acronym TULIP, used as a shorthand for Calvinist doctrine, stands for 'Limited Atonement' meaning Jesus died only for those who are elect. Part of the logic of that idea is that if Jesus meant to give you eternal life, and you refused it, then He failed; which is inconceivable.

It's an interesting argument, but struggles in the face of clear statements of scripture, such as, "He is the propitiation (sacrificial payment) for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:2), "...Just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them" (2 Peter 2:1), and even John 3:16, "For God so loved the world...." Because of these verses, I say atonement is not limited, but unlimited. Jesus' death paid the price of all people, not just those who will accept it.

Debating this with a couple of men who do believe in limited atonement, I came to understand why they think unlimited atonement is not only wrong, but dangerous. They equate it with Universalism—the belief that everyone will get to heaven. If Jesus died for all, they reason, and Jesus cannot fail, then all will be saved. Since the Bible clearly teaches that all will not be saved, they conclude atonement is limited.

When I was born, my Great Aunt Kate bought a \$1,000 savings bond in my name. I assume that at the time people knew about it, but that information was lost over time.



This is exactly how salvation works. Jesus placed a gift of great value on account for us. The Bible even uses an accounting term for it, 'imputed' (Romans 5:13). The same word is used in the book of

Philemon, where Paul asks his friend to put Onesimus' debt on his account. Jesus paid the price of my salvation, and put it on my account.

The question still feels sticky, though. If Jesus paid for my salvation and I did not claim that payment, doesn't that mean He tried and failed? The answer is no, because it is a two-party transaction.

Any two-party transaction depends on both parties keeping their end of the deal. We all know how it feels to depend on someone who let us down. There is a proverb that says 'he who sends a message by a fool cuts off his own feet' (Prov 26:6). You did your part, but someone else let you down. You didn't fail, but they did. And the deal failed, but your part did not fail.

What you did do was take a chance. At the risk of someone else's failure, you made an effort to accomplish something of value. Jesus did that in His atonement. He paid a great enough price to impute righteousness to the account of everyone who ever lived. People

may fail to accept His offer. People fail. Jesus does not.





It's not often we get one photo to promote two events, but J.D. is hyping both the Men's Rendezvous and his own Graduation! Congrats, John Doyle., for the years of school and for the nice shooting.

### Elders Report

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

**Present:** Steve McLachlan, Jeremy Eaton, John Doyle, Mike Anderson, Mike Bell, Dion Ricketts

#### Intercessory Prayer:

### Pastor's Report:

- Professor Armstrong's seminar on Prayer is scheduled for October 18.
- Randy Hoffman will be here November 11th this year.
- Steve updated us on Bruce Morock's status.
- Mother's Day will include handing out carnations again.
- This year's graduate is John Doyle
- Steve will lead a service at TBF on Father's Day at the same time the service at the Rendezvous will be held.
- Steve will be the speaker for 7-8 Camp at Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp
- The sound room computer has been ordered
- The Fort Project at camp had 5 guys helping on the last trip.
- Steve received a letter from a Zachary West looking for odd jobs to earn money for Camp Spalding.

### Youth Group Report:

- Numbers up a little and same kids consistently showing, average 16
- Friday, May 4th, John will be starting a study for the YLT
- Big events:
  - April 15th; Quest Laser Tag with 33 kids and 6 adults
  - May20th; Bonfire/Capture the flag at the Doyle's
  - June 24th: Movie night at the Anderson's
- Men's Rendezvous will include a Teen Capture the chem-light game
- August 17-19th will be the TBF Ski Retreat
- TBF is hosting the Davenport Baccalaureate on June 7th
- Summer Outreach Program
  - Wednesday's from 12:00-3:00 pm at the park including food, games and a message
  - 4 Fridays will be a Teen only Pool Party
  - Skate board contest tentatively planned for August 1st.
  - Hang out with the Pastor from 6:00-8:00 pm
  - Advertised in Davenport Times
- Youth Group will shut down June 24th-August 5th
- Vacation Bible School June 18-22

### Old Business

- Prayer Chain document rough draft was presented and accepted
- Mike Anderson is looking for help to buy new Sound system Equipment.

### New Business

- The budget for Vacation Bible School will be determined for next year by keeping track of expenditures this year.
- John Doyle has taken over teaching High School Sunday School.

### Next meeting:

Tuesday, June 5th

# Church Funds 4/30/18

| Benevolence Fund<br>Missionaries Reserve<br>Missions Fund<br>Asia Trip<br>General Fund | 2,263.15<br>2,100.00<br>2,755.87<br>4,777.92<br>38,863.37 |
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| Total  | \$50,760.31   |
| Building Fund  | \$247,972.37  |
| Overall Total  | \$298,732.68  |

# TBF goes to the Old Ball Game

Thursday, June 28 is \$1 family Feast Night, and we're signed up to go! Tickets are \$5, hotdogs, drinks, and ice cream bars are \$1



each. And you get to sit with your friends from church! To register, click on the Indians logo, or go to spokanindians.com, and click on the Groups link then scroll to find Trinity Bible Fellowship.

# Stopping in Davenport, en route to Siberia!

Kathlene Shumway is headed for Siberia to work with missionaries Leif and Jami Gustafson this summer. She will be



here to share her heart and her plans with us on Sunday, June 10. Keep Kathlene in your prayers, and consider ho you might be able to help bless her on her way.

### What Would You Like to Hear?

This summer, Pastor Steve is looking for your suggestions for sermon topics. You can talk to him personally, email him, or use

the suggestion box in the back of the sanctuary. Among the topics so far: Baptism, Pitfalls of Social Media, Tithing, Testimony Sunday, and the Urgency of the Gospel.

# Youth Stuff



Summer's Here!!! May was Awesome!!! The Youth G.A.N.G was taking charge all over the place. We attacked the Double J ranch and captured the flag! Special thanks to Mrs. Tarbert and Mr. Sterner for helping out. Of course Mrs. Jen Doyle was there to cook for the rebels, aka Youth Group, thank you all for your support.

June is going to be packed! What a summer this is going to be. So come hang with the G.A.N.G! The Youth G.A.N.G will be on the move in June!!!

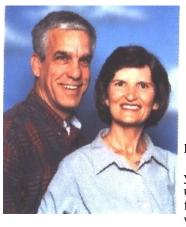
- ⇒ Youth Leadership Training will be shutting down for the summer June 1st
- ⇒ Youth Group (God's Anointed Next Generation): Sundays 6:30-8pm Hang with the G.A.N.G! Last day for summer June 24th, first day back August 5th
- ⇒ Youth Group (Big Event): This month we are taking over the Anderson place. June 24th, leaving TBF parking lot 2:30pm. See Flyer for details and directions.

- ⇒ Summer Camp Program
- ⇒ TBF youth group with the Davenport Ministerial Alliance will put on a Summer Program each Wednesday of summer. Starting June 20th and ending August 15th. 12 to 3 at the City Park. Come out for Food, Fun and excitement. High schoolers, this is a great way to get Volunteer hours.

### Important Dates

- ♦ 15 to 17 June, Men's Rendezvous, 13 and up
- 18 to 22 June, Vacation Bible School. Volunteers needed
- ♦ 20th June, Summer Program kick off. Great time to help the little G.A.N.G.
- July, Summer Camp season begins. Contact TBF for more info and dates

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





Dear Friends,

We thank the Lord upon every remembrance of you and how you have walked with us and supported us these many years in ministry. Many of you have faithfully supported us since the beginning, 1989, while we worked in southern Idaho with Ramiro

Reyes, then onto Mexico, working with Chuy Garcia in Linares and Galeana, then moving further south to serve with Puebla Christian School and Oaxaca Christian School. You stayed with us when we moved back to Idaho to serve at Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp and continued supporting us when we returned to Mexico in 2011 to serve again in Puebla at Puebla Christian School and the BAM center. We can't thank you enough for your faithfulness to the Lord and to us.

After much prayer and seeking the Lord and Godly counsel we believe the Lord is calling us to a new ministry but not a new calling. I began my Biblical studies as a pastoral major. I love preaching and teaching and although Lynda and I have served in missions and education throughout our ministry, the times I have been able to teach and preach have been some of my most memorable times. I have felt that I would like to "finish" my years of ministry pastoring a church. We have applied and been accepted by Village Missions (VM). VM has served rural churches in the United States and Canada for more than 70 years. These churches often have to close their doors because people are moving away and those still there are no longer able to support the church and/or a pastor. VM helps these churches find and support a pastor. We think the idea of applying with Village Missions sprouted from the time we spent at a missionary retreat center hosted by former VM Missionaries on Camano Island in Washington, during our last furlough in 2016.

It has always been our custom to pray for God's leading and that we would be sensitive to His leading and direction in our lives and that we would be willing to go wherever He wants us. We believe this is the direction God is leading us now. VM is a support based ministry and we will continue to be missionaries; just in a pastoral position and in the United States rather than Mexico.

The Lord willing we will leave Mexico around the middle of August and go to Idaho to spend some time with you, our support team. We will have some meetings with VM during that time. We would attend their candidate school in Oregon in November. The Lord willing, we would be assigned to a church around that time.

If we do not keep our eyes on Jesus, the coming changes and all they involve seem overwhelming. We will have many expenses in the coming months with at least two major moves. The move from Mexico seems huge in itself then we also have the move to a new, unknown destination.

We would really appreciate your prayers for us during this time:

- that we would finish well here.
- the upcoming changes
- moving from Mexico to our future home
- for the church God leads us to
- for a profitable time meeting with our support/mission team
- for God's direction for us through the leadership of our home church and VM
- for Village Missions, leadership, missionaries and the VM churches
- Pray for wisdom for VM leadership as they consider in which church the Lord would have us serve.

We truly appreciate you.

Yours by grace, Bruce & Lynda

#### **Short Term Missionaries:**

Kathlene Shumway, Going to Siberia this summer to work with Leif and Jami Gustafson in Siberia. Kathlene will be at TBF on June 10 sharing about her upcoming trip.





Elizabeth Wandling, Traveling to Delhi, India with a team from Cedarville as a medical missionary. A repeat traveler to China, this will be her first trip to India.



Deanna Fitzpatrick,

Returning to Mexico this summer on a housebuilding/evangelism trip with a group from Davenport and other area churches.

Keep them in your prayers, and consider supporting them financially.









I will definitely read this!" B said in reference to the Buryat New Testament in his hand as he and his family were putting on their heavy winter coats and heading out the door. They came to our house near the end of Sagaalgan (White Month), the biggest Buryat holiday of

the year. Well-wishes, gifts, and cleansing are all part of this important holiday. Earlier in the evening we gave this gift along with a bar of soap that had a Buryat symbol on it that our local partner Y had made, and some chocolate. We told them that we wished for them to experience true and lasting cleansing not only of their hands or homes, but of their souls too. Pray that we would know how to not only be nice neighbors, but that we would have opportunity to share the good news about Jesus, too.

We have been sharing and asking you to join with us and pray at least weekly for a movement of disciple-makers among the Buryats. We're also taking prayer seriously here and see a growing focus on prayer with our teammates and partners. One

teammate felt the burden for prayer among expat workers here and has freed up an apartment for us to come to the Father together once a week. It is so wonderful to be with others in prayer and hear them pour out their hearts to God!

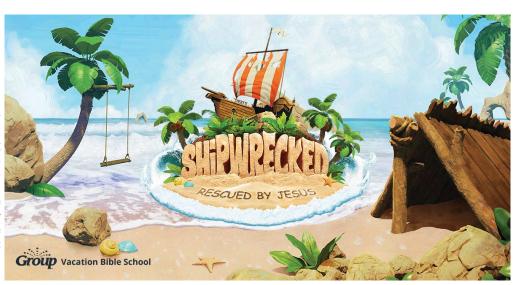
We are settling into life in many ways. Ike has been enjoying Russian Kindergarten where his language skills are growing leaps and bounds. This has also been another place to connect with people as we meet parents and teachers. Anneka and Ella enjoyed a couple of months with two beloved teachers in March and April, and are continuing through unit studies about popcorn and dogs with another. Supplementing some of this learning is the garden we just planted and the stray puppy we adopted a month ago. Both the garden and the puppy have given us opportunities to spend time as a family, learn about this amazing world God ahs made, and meet and connect with more people.

Than k yo so much for continuing to partner with us! It is humbling and amazing to know that you care and are praying and giving to see the good news of Jesus reach the Buryats!

# Vacation Bible School

- June 18—22, 9:00—11:30.
- For preschoolers through 6th Grade.
- Games, crafts, experiments, food, active songs and great Bible teaching.
- Cost: Free! But a daily offering will be taken to support this year's Mission Project: supplies for camping ministry in Siberia!

Vacation Bible School is one of the highlights of the year here at Trinity Bible Fellowship. If you would like more information or to get involved, get hold of Mike or Kristi Bell.



Kids, color and autograph this picture and bring it to Pastor Steve on Sunday morning to get in his prize basket!





### **Building Committee Report**

Pastor Steve, Pastor John, Greg Bowman, Jim and Sandy Buchanan, Dion Ricketts and Lori Rieth met to discuss building plans and progress. Their first point of business was to agree to make the building project a priority in their lives.

It was agreed that beautifying and enlarging the sanctuary is a priority,

but the way to accomplish that is to first put up a functional multipurpose building. This building will house classrooms, restrooms, a new and larger kitchen, and an open area large enough to accommodate Awana games and Youth Group activities.

Once that building is in usable condition, the focus will move to the sanctuary. We are exploring the option of moving the current entry into the area now occupied by the church office, and pushing the sanctuary back, rather than add on to the exterior of the building.

Our next meeting is set for June 12th, where we expect to compare cost estimates of Steel frame and wood frame build-

#### Rendezvous!

Food? Check. Shotguns? Check. Shells? Check. Rifles? Handguns? Tomahawks? Check, check, check. Tents? Sleeping bags? Earplugs if your tent is near the young guys who talk all night? Check, check, check.

Don't forget your Bible and a lawn chair.

It's hard to say what the best part of the Rendezvous

is. For some it might be the scheduled activities. For others, the lack of schedule. Maybe sitting around the fire, or throwing horseshoes. Maybe it's that feeling when you sit around the fire discussing what God has to say to you.

Hope you can be a part of it. June 15—18. Families are invited to



come out for worship Sunday morning at 10. Tarbert's pasture, maps will be available.

Oh, three pounds of cherries and a spittoon? Check.



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## Summer Camp at Cocolalla

Teen Camp: July 8—13 \$195 (Save \$15 by pre-registering, another \$15 with a coupon from one of the pastors) Cocolalla
Lake Bible Camp

Other Camps are \$160, with the same discounts as above.

11 & 12 Camp: July 15—19 9 & 10 Camp: July 22—26 7 & 8 Camp: July 29—Aug 2

Skills, Swimming, Water Games, Canoeing, Good Food, Good Messages from the Bible, Caring Staff.

Pastor John will be working at Teen Camp. Pastor Steve will be speaking at 7 & 8 Camp.

To register, go to clbcamp.org, or click on the Cocolalla logo above.

Missionary of the Month: Leif & Jami Gustafson



Serving in Siberia

# June 2018

Women's Ministry Leader: Annie Ricketts
Group Members: Brenda Victor
Donna Erickson
Melody Dowdy

| Sun   | Mon | Tue                                      | Wed  | Thu   | Fri                        | Sat               |
|---|-----|--|--|---|----------------------------|-------------------|
|   |     |  |  |   | 1 Youth Leadership 6 pm    | 2                 |
| 3 Coffee Fellowship<br>Graduation Recognition<br>Youth Group 6:30 pm                                    | 4   | 5 Elders Meeting 6 pm                    | 6  | 7 Baccalaureate Hosted by<br>TBF 7 pm   | 8                          | 9                 |
| 10 Kathlene Shumway to<br>share about Mission Trip<br>NO Youth Group                                    | 11  | 12 Building Committee Meet-<br>ing, 6 pm | 13   | 14  |                            | rous at Tarbert's |
| 17 NO Sunday School Church @ TBF and Tarbert's 10:30 am Potluck Lunch & Games to follow N O Youth Group | 18  | Vacation Bible                           | the Park Noon to 3 pm                          |   | <sup>22</sup><br><b>22</b> | 23                |
| 24 Communion/Benevolence<br>Offering<br>Youth Group Movie at Mike<br>Anderson's 3 pm                    | 25  | 26                                       | 27 DMA Summer Program at the Park Noon to 3 pm | 28 Spokane Indians Baseball<br>Church Night and<br>Yokes \$1 Family Feast Night | 29                         | 30                |