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*"Our mission is to
proclaim the Word
of God, leading
people to a saving
faith and a growing
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Jesus Christ."*



Perseverance of the Saints

If you're not familiar with the title phrase, it's an odd one. It is the 'P' of the TULIP acronym we've been working through. The short version is, once saved, a believer cannot lose that salvation. This is a gimme if you accept the previous letters: Man is **T**otally depraved (a sinner who cannot save himself); he receives **U**nmerited (undeserved) grace, atonement is **L**imited to the saved (the letter I disagree with); and the call of God to salvation is **I**rresistible. In each of these, God is the giver of salvation. Since salvation is totally dependent on God, maintaining salvation is also dependent on God.

Obviously, this conclusion is disputed. There is a right answer. Convincing someone you have it might prove difficult. People on both sides pull out Bible verses to support their position. The correct answer is found someplace that agrees with all the Bible. I am convinced that once saved, a person cannot lose that salvation; thinking that is the most consistent with all Scripture.

That being said, I am now going to do a disservice to the phrase, perseverance of the saints. The phrase intends to teach salvation will persevere. I'm going to apply it in another way that might make more sense to when taken at face value – that saints need to persevere. To get that point across, I'll use a passage many believe shows you can lose your salvation, and try to present the message I think it intends; which is the need of saints to persevere.

Revelation 3 & 4, addresses the state of seven churches. To each church, there is a description of Christ, and His observation



of that church. He gives a warning to most; and offers rewards to all. But the reward does not seem to be to the church as a whole, but to individuals in that church who overcome. The NIV says they are 'victorious.'

These churches face various trials. The first has simply lost its first love. The second, however, is facing severe persecution. The third must overcome the deceit of false prophets. The fourth also deals with false teaching. And so on. The 'party line' explains these warnings by saying, "The saved will overcome." I think that might be the correct answer. I also think this may not be referring to salvation, but to special rewards. But the point I want to make is that overcoming will not be a walk in the park. To overcome you must overcome; to be victorious, you must be victorious. This requires perseverance.

If the threat to your personal Christian walk is persecution, Jesus expects you to remain faithful in the face of it. If your challenge is acting out of habit and not love, Jesus asks you to be faithful and overcome. If it is lethargic luke-warmness, He looks for you to overcome that. Believing your salvation is assured does not mean your salvation is easy.

Perhaps the best phrase to explain this is found in Philippians 2:12, "*Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling.*" We do not work for our salvation, but we work it out. We try to overcome, we want to be victorious.

Perseverance of the saints: we persevere in having our salvation. Perseverance of the saints: we persevere in living out our salvation. Both truths are important.

Photo of the Month



The future of our Worship Team looks good. Lynn Caddell leads an after-church guitar lesson that may ensure we don't lack for players for a long time to come.

Elders Report

Tuesday, July 3, 2018

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

Agenda Items:

Intercessory Prayer:

Previous minutes were reviewed and approved.

Pastor's Report:

- One individual has expressed interest in being baptized so a service will be planned in the future.
- Steve is enjoying the change in Sunday School duties.
- We will start running small ads in Advertiser in the near future to let people in the community know we are here.

Youth Pastor Report:

- The last Youth Group meeting was June 3 and the next meeting will be August 5th.
- Youth Leadership starts in September, the same week as AWANA
- Big events:
 - * Movie's @ Anderson's was June 24, with 6 in attendance
 - * Planning for a Big Event during the Ski Retreat
 - * Pool party at Hawk Creek in August or September
- The Baccalaureate was well attended, with 17 graduates and parents
- John will be gone the next 2 weeks to Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp
- The Ski Retreat will be August 17-19th.
 - * Rachel and others to cook
 - * The Eaton's boat is scheduled
- Summer in the Park
 - * Going well, with 25-30 kids
 - * John is meeting kids he has never met before and seeing kids that he has been trying to get ahold of
 - * All about relationships
 - * The Davenport Ministerial Association is helping
 - * The food has been a big hit and very needed
- John is starting to gear up for next school year
- There will be 5 5th Quarters this coming school year

Treasurer Report: See Newsletter

Old Business

- The quote for the new sound system is still forthcoming but initial numbers appear to be \$13,000 for the system and \$5,000 for a laser projector or \$600 for a bulb projector.
- The Building Project is still moving forward with a sub-committee formed to finalize the kitchen and bathroom layouts so the foundation and pad can move forward.

Next meeting: August 7, 6 pm

Church Funds

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| Benevolence Fund | \$ 2,335.40 |
| Missionaries Reserve | 2,100.00 |
| Missions Fund | 3,575.24 |
| Asia Trip | 4,277.92 |
| <u>General Fund</u> | <u>29,920.53</u> |
| Total | \$42,209.09 |

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| Building Fund | \$249,662.04 |
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| Overall Total | \$291,871.13 |
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baptism



Baptism

At this time, I am aware of four people wanting to be baptized. We are not scheduling the baptism service until we can confirm an available date for all. We hope to go down to the river at the earliest available time.

This is a wonderful time of testimony and shared celebration. We hope you can join us. Listen to Church announcements for the day.

If you are interested in being baptized, please contact Pastor Steve.

Family Camp at Cocolalla

"Escape the distractions of everyday life to the beautiful and relaxing shores of Lake Cocolalla. Enjoy a refreshing swim, invigorating canoe ride, or just kick back and relax as you soak in the splendor of God's creation. Kids and adults will enjoy well programmed activities as well as plenty of free time to play with the family. You will be encouraged by the Word of God and fellowship with your family in Christ."

- August 17-19
- 4 pm Friday—2 pm Sunday
- \$85 per couple
 - \$10 per child
 - Maximum \$125 per family



by John Doyle

Youth Stuff

I hope you're having a great summer, 'cause the Youth G.A.N.G. is cruisin' into August!!! July was a firecracker. 'Summer in the Park' Was the Bomb. Teen and 11/12 Camp at Cocolalla was a blast. As August approaches we have some great stuff on the horizon. Summer is not over and neither is the Youth G.A.N.G.!!

out for Food, Fun and excitement. High schoolers, this is a great way to get Volunteer hours.

Important Dates

Youth Group 5th and 12th Aug
Summer in the Park 1st, 8th, 15th Aug
Ski Retreat 17-19th Aug



In the Book of Matthew 19:13-15 Jesus is saying, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." So are you? Parents are you encouraging your children? How about their friends? Kids, are you telling everyone you know about how much fun Youth Group is, or AWANA? Is your excitement infecting them or boring them? If the answer is Yes to these questions, then great! Let's go have some fun with Jesus. If the answer is "No" or "Sort of", well then let's do what God tells us, "Let the little children Come." Go out there and 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.

Youth Group (God's Anointed Next Generation)

Will be back August 5th and 12th Important to be there if you want to go the Ski retreat.

Youth Group Ski Retreat

17-19th Aug. Leave TBF parking lot 2pm Friday the 17th Return TBF parking lot around 12pm 19th. Come to Youth Group for permission slips and packing list. Cost \$25.00. If you need help with cost or camping items, i.e. Sleeping bags, Tents, and etc. Contact the Youth Pastor

Summer Camp Program

August 1st, 8th, and 15th 12pm to 2pm @ Cottonwood Park. Come

Building Committee Report

Unfortunately, we don't have much to add. We expect the plans we need for the layout of kitchen and bathrooms soon. This will allow us to prepare for cement.

Members of the Worship Team and Elders met with Huppins professional sound for sound system upgrade that would meet our needs both now and after expansion. We have not yet received that estimate. We expect these costs would come out of the building fund.

You Can't

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Operation Christmas Child

Get the good deals while you still can! Back to school shopping time is a great time to buy popular supplies for Shoe Box gifts. The same 'gifts' our kids groan over are special treats for many children around the world: things like small toys, hygiene items, and clothing. No candy of any kind.

This is your opportunity to show the love of Christ in real and practical ways. Gifts are distributed by churches or other Christian organizations. Kids hear the Gospel and have the opportunity for follow-up teaching.

Our goal is to fill at least 100 boxes this year. You can fill them at home as a family, or bring supplies to fill them at our annual shoebox packing party on Saturday morning, November 10.

There are some items we want every box to have—there will be a list at church soon so you can sign up to bring specific numbers of different items. Other things, you can let your sense of fun control.

Each box also comes with a \$9 shipping fee; and \$6 covers The Greatest Journey study mate.

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(See Daniel 6)

10-17-2011

REMEMBER THAT TIME WHEN YOU GOT THROWN IN OUR DEN AND EVERYBODY THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO EAT YOU ... THAT WAS AWESOME!

Prefer to get your Newsletter by email? We can do that! Contact the church office at tbfdavenport@hotmail.com



Are you Ready for Awana?

The first night of Awana is September 5th. We have classes for 3-year-olds (Cubbies) through High School (Journey). We are trying a new schedule this year, shortening the night by a half hour, so it will run from 6—7:30. The basic elements of Awana are still there—Large Group Time, Bible Verses, and Game Time; everything is just compressed a little.


Leaders:

- You want to mark your calendar now for the Awana Conference in Spokane: October 6 at Calvary Chapel. Let's push for a good turn-out. The attendance plaques hanging in the hall are getting dusty.
- Please confirm with Pastor Steve if you are returning this year; or if you're not! Interested in becoming a leader/worker? Call Pastor Steve to find out how we can use you.


Parents:

- Plan to help your kids again this year. They do best with help at home.
- If the cost of Awana is a problem, we have generous scholarships made easily available.
- All Workers Planning Meeting August 29th at 6 pm.

Missionaries of the Month: Bruce & Lynda Morock



In Transition
to Village Missions



Village Missions
Keeping Country Churches Alive

August 2018

Women's Ministry Leader: Kim Farbert

Group Members: Debbie Boleneus
Bekah Downing
Brenda Victor
Lexine Eaton



Hugs

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 DMA Summer Program in the Park Noon—2 pm | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Coffee Fellowship Youth Group 6:30 pm | 6 | 7 Elders Meeting 6 pm | 8 DMA Summer Program in the Park Noon—2 pm | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Youth Group 6:30 pm | 13 | 14 | 15 DMA Summer Program in the Park Noon—2 pm | 16 | 17 Youth Group Ski Retreat @ Camp Na-Bor-Lee August 17, 18 & 19 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Communion/Benevolence Offering | 27 | 28 | 29 Awana Workers Planning Meeting 6 pm | 30 | 31 | |