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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."*



I'll start with the punch line. Even when God is silent, He's not. Or maybe it would be more accurate to say, even when He's not speaking, He's still acting. There is purpose in everything He does and everything He doesn't do.

There is a period of time theologians refer to as "The 400 Silent years." This is the roughly 430 years between the end of the Old Testament and the birth of Christ. Yes, these are theologians and not mathematicians; but since we don't know exact dates, 400 is close enough.

In those 400 years, Israel transforms from the nation we find at the end of Nehemiah—officially answering to the Persians but largely autonomous, worshipping at the temple, with no divisive sects, into something else we find at the beginning of the New Testament. In the New Testament we find Israel a kind of hopscotch country, with Jews in Galilee in the North and Judea in the South, but Samaritans in the middle. We find Pharisees, Sadducees, and Essenes. We find King Herod—who is not Jewish—on the throne, answering to the Roman Caesar. And we find these things called 'Synagogues' all over the place—things never mentioned in the Old Testament.

Nothing was said during those 400 years, but obviously, things were happening. God was not speaking; at least not in the way that inspires Scripture. But He was still doing.

Galatians 4:4-5 tells us, *"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the*

When God is Silent



law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."

God was not twiddling His thumbs waiting for the fullness of time; He was bringing it about. He brought Alexander the Great, who brought both the good and bad of Greek culture. Acceptance of Greek culture is what brought the Sadducees to power. It also brought a

common language to the world, so that the New Testament could be written in Greek for people from Rome to Jerusalem and everywhere in between.

He also brought the Romans to power, with their world-taming might. The Pax Romana (Roman peace) created a stable world for the Gospel to travel through. It was also a power that could crucify a Prophet or destroy a temple.

He also brought the Jewish religion—with all its history of truth and glory—to a place of bitter squabbling and pettiness. For 400 years, God was not speaking, but He was acting. Bringing the times to their fullness, the right time for Christ.

Frustration with God is common. He's not answering, we can't see what He's doing. To think that if we don't see it, He's not doing it, is a very foolish, arrogant, thoughtless (pick your adjective) thing. God is always working, and He's always working things out for our good (Romans 8:28).

The question is not whether God is acting, but do we trust Him to act. Because trust in God is never misplaced.

Photo of the Month



Another Ski Retreat is in the books, and everyone survived. But maybe barely. Can anyone tell what Rowan is about to hit her father with?

Elders Report

Tuesday, August 18, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

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

Agenda Items:

Intercessory Prayer:

Previous minutes were reviewed and approved.

Pastor's Report:

- Taking vacation August 20th-26th.
- John Doyle will fill in for Steve on Sunday, August 26th.
- Awana/Trek changes were reported:
 - Length has been reduced to 1.5 hours
 - Trek kids will meet for half an hour and then move over to assist with Awana
- Steve will resume teaching at Christian Heritage on August 30th.
- The Nominating Committee has completed its work
- A member with a financial need was discussed
- The work on the Ministry Fair is progressing well

Youth Pastor Report:

- Youth Group met August 5th and 9th but will not meet again until September 9th.
- Youth Leadership will start September 7th
- Big events:
 - Ski Retreat is August 17th to 19th with 15-22 youth expected
 - September 16th big event will be youth planned and is to be determined
- John is starting to gear up for next school year
- There will be five 5th Quarters for football and three 5th Quarters for basketball this coming school year.
 - John is working on being able to use the school facilities for these.

Old Business

- The quote for the new sound system was significantly larger than expected. Mike Anderson will follow up to discuss and verify.

New Business

- The recent ad in the Advertiser was discussed along with possibility of a follow up ad.
- Methods of revising the new Prayer Chain text strings were discussed.
- Jeremy will be leading a men's Bible study this coming fall.

Next meeting:

- Tuesday, September 4th, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

Ministry Fair

Like a better understanding of what we do and who does it? Want to know about a particular ministry? Want to know how you can get involved? Stick around for the Ministry Fair after church on Sunday, September 30th.



What About our Baptism Service?



First we lost our date, then we lost our location. Stay tuned for details as we figure things out.



Building Committee Report

The Building Committee continues to meet regularly and is close to finalizing the design of the Fellowship Hall that will contain bathrooms, new kitchen, storage, and four classrooms. Plans are to build in the spring. Please remember to continue to pray for God's wisdom and blessing.

Sandy

Ladies Retreat Snag

The 2018 Fall Ladies Retreat has run into a snag. I've been informed that the Porcupine Bay Road will most likely not be finished in time for our venue at the Rieth cabin. As a result we are considering any other options we can think of and I'm considering having a one day retreat at my home on October 6 rather than having an overnight event as we've always had. The retreat will start at 9:00 a.m. And go until about dinner time. That is the plan unless another venue becomes available where we can stay overnight. Kathleen Shumway will be our speaker.

Lori



Men's and Women's Retreats at Cocolalla

In His Image Stamp Camp

- September 14-15
- \$50

Men's Retreat

- September 28-29
- \$50



Brochures available at church or on-line at clbcamp.org



by John Doyle

Youth Stuff

It's official, summer is over!!!! School is here; you can tell because the Youth G.A.N.G are frowning. That's because I haven't told them all the exciting plans for the fall!!!

Youth Group (God's Anointed Next Generation)—Will be back September 9th. Better come early if you want a good seat. We meet from 3:30 to 5pm every Sunday. This

is our outreach program, so bring a friend and prepare to be amazed!

Youth Leadership—Starts Friday September 7th at 4:30pm. If you want to go deeper in the Word and develop a closer relationship with Jesus please join us. We understand everyone has different schedules, so come when you can, as long as you can.

- **The Big Event**—Is back by popular demand....this is a once a month youth group event that reaches out to Lincoln County and beyond. Our first event, "The Spokavenger Hunt", is September 23rd from 3:00 to 8:30 pm. Join the G.A.N.G. as we invade Spokane looking to score points for our team. This year we will have several teams from the Lincoln County area churches competing. Should be a blast. Meet @ TBF 2:30 pm.

- **5th Quarter**—TBF, in partnership with the (Davenport Ministerial Alliance) is proud to once again host the **5th Quarter**. September 7th and 28th; October 5th, 19th, and 26th. Come root the Davenport Gorillas football team on to victory during their home games, then join the DMA in the Cafeteria for food, games, and prizes.

- **Volunteers**—The Youth ministries can use your time, talent, and prayers. If you are interested in volunteering or serving the Youth G.A.N.G we can sure use you. Please contact Pastor John for more information.

Important Dates

Start of **Youth Leadership** Training Friday, 7th September

Start of **Youth Group** Sunday, 9th September

Spokavenger Hunt, Sunday 23rd September

September "5th Quarter", 7th and 28th of September

Come be a part of our G.A.N.G. and let love be Genuine. Parents and teens, we will be make a concerted effort to keep our **Face Book** page up to date, for access or more information please contact: Youth Pastor John Doyle @ (509) 435-6393, tbfpdoyle@gmail.com

Ladies Bible Study

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) is an in-depth, interdenominational Bible study that helps people know God and equips them to effectively serve the Church throughout the world. Ladies, join us Tuesday nights at 6:30 at the Methodist Church or Thursday mornings at 9:30 here at Trinity.



This year our study focuses on **People of the Promised Land, Part I** where we study Joshua to Solomon where God's united people entered and flourished in the promised land and follow the ups and downs of the nation of Israel. Got questions, call Lynn at 725-2580 or Kim 725-1810.



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Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is one of the many ministries of Samaritan's Purse. OCC provides Christmas gifts (in shoebox type boxes which OCC provides for us) to children in over 100 countries, many of which are not "friendly" to Christian ministries/missionaries.

Shoeboxes are packed with school supplies, toys, hygiene items, clothing, shoes, flashlights, fishing kits, sewing kits and so much more. Along with those items OCC includes a Bible book with stories of Jesus from the book of John.

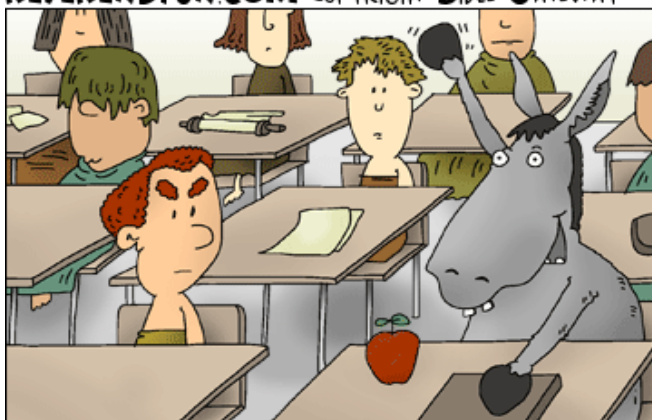
Please pray for how you can become involved. I am in need of volunteers for 8 days in November. Volunteers can work an hour or a full 2-3 hour day. You can work one day or all 8 days.

Trinity is a Central Drop Off Location for several counties and many individuals and churches. If you have any questions please contact me.

Blessings, Annie Ricketts, Drop Off Location Coordinator



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Welcome Back to Awana!



Time Change! In response to what seems to be a very strong consensus to get your kids home to bed sooner, we are shortening Awana by 1/2 hour. Our **new time is 6—7:30 PM**, every Wednesday. We are working to keep the quality of the program high. There will still be good Bible lessons, games, cookies, and Bible memorization.


September Theme Nights:


September 5	Come As You Are Night
September 12	Wacky Socks Night
September 19	Team Colors Night
September 26	Mustache Night

Not familiar with Awana? Awana is an international kids Bible ministry with the stated goal, "To reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and to train them to serve Him." We do this using kid-appropriate games, songs, and lessons. But the thing that really makes it work is Bible memorization.

With all these things, Awana is fun, and Awana is effective.

Missionary of the Month:




Serving with


Randy & Laura Damschen

September 2018

Women's Ministry Leader: Janice Emery
Group Members: Debbie Beckstrom
Annie Ricketts
Donna Erickson
Allyson Morrison



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Coffee Fellowship	3	4 Elders Meeting 6 pm Mission Committee 6:30 pm	5 Awana 6 pm Come As You Are Night	6 Building Committee Meeting 6 pm	7 Youth Leadership 4:30 pm 5th Quarter after FB in MS Gym	8
9 YG 3:30—5 pm	10 Men's Bible Study 7 pm	11 BSF @ Methodist Church 6:30 pm	12 Awana 6 pm Wacky Socks Night	13 BSF @ TBF 9:30 am	14 Youth Leadership 4:30 pm Stamp "Camp @ CLBC September 14th & 15th	15
16 Bruce & Lynda Morock Visit TBF	17 Men's Bible Study 7 pm	18 BSF @ Methodist Church 6:30 pm	19 Awana 6 pm Team Colors Night	20 BSF @ TBF 9:30 am	21 Youth Leadership 4:30 pm	22
23 YG Spokavenger Hunt 3 pm	24 Men's Bible Study 7 pm	25 BSF @ Methodist Church 6:30 pm	26 Awana 6 pm Mustache Night	27 BSF @ TBF 9:30 am	28 Men's Retreat @ CLBC September 28 & 29th	29
30 Communion/Benevolence Offering Ministry Fair after Church YG 3:30—5 pm						