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



It's Not That I Don't Care...

I care. Of course I care. It's not that I don't care. Except I don't.

Confused? Sorry. Except that if I really didn't care, I wouldn't apologize. And if I was really sorry, I could avoid the whole thing by not even putting it in print. So why is this worth mentioning? Because Paul thought it was. Because God had it included in His Holy Book. *"But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself"* (1 Cor 4:3). *"Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God"* (1 Cor 4:5).

People were not judging Paul's actions, but his motives. He responds – rightly – that he is not concerned with that judgment. People's evaluation of your motives matters little.

Actions can be judged. If I stole your car, that would be wrong. I could and should be caught, tried, convicted, and punished. Because what I did was wrong. Paul was not arguing at all that rules didn't apply to him and he could do whatever he wanted. He was saying he was not concerned what people thought of him.

He's not giving himself a pass here, by the way. Between those two verses I quoted above, he says, *"I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me."* He/we will be judged even on our motives. But it



is not judgment in the court of public opinion that matters, but judgment before the throne of God. Therefore, he does not seek to please the court of public opinion, but God.

We worry too much about public opinion, and public opinion is completely messed up. Public opinion excuses an addict's crimes, because he is a victim. Public opinion condemns the person who says homosexuality is wrong, because he is intolerant. Public opinion says the parent who would discipline with a spanking is bad. Public opinion says if you can tax a vice and fund the government with it, it becomes good. Public opinion is a moving target controlled by fifty per cent plus one.

And we care? You've got to be kidding me!

If you're with me this far, let's try the next step and see if it works. What's wrong with us is that we do care! What is it about public opinion and wanting to be accepted that makes us care what other people think of us?

I'm not advocating antisocial behavior. We should simply accept it as a truism that we are social creatures and like to be accepted. Recognizing that, we are able to understand that like anything we like, it can be taken too far. As soon as we let pleasing people have priority over pleasing God, we have taken it too far.

It's not that we don't care; it's that some things we care about have priority over others. And God is at the top of that list.

Photo of the Month



Our newest members are voted in during a recent Sunday service. They answered 'Yes' to the two questions we ask: Do you trust Jesus as your Lord and Savior? And, Are you in agreement with our Constitution and Bylaws? If you would like to become a member, contact us at the church office.

Elders Report

Thursday, January 3, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

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

Agenda Items:

Intercessory Prayer:

Previous minutes were reviewed and approved with corrections.

Pastor's Report:

- Steve's upcoming calendar:
 - Tuesday, January 8th – Quarterly Board Meeting
 - Thursday, January 10th – Building Committee Meeting
 - Monday, January 14th – Mission Committee Meeting
 - January 20th – Baby Bottle Boomerang will start
 - February – Valentine's Day Banquet and Dr. Armstrong visit
- There is a new/used piano in the Middle School room
- The church walk will be shoveled by one of our teens

Youth Pastor Report:

- Youth Group and Youth Leadership have been shut down for the holiday season
- Youth Leadership will resume on January 11th
- Youth Group will resume on January 13th
- The Christmas Party was a huge success with 24 kids in attendance
- The upcoming Big event will be at Get Air on January 27th
- The Youth Leadership retreat will be January 18th through the 20th
- A Pie Social is being planned for some time in February as a Youth Group Mission fund raiser

Old Business

- Sound room management was discussed
- The electric drum set was discussed again

Next meeting: Thursday, February 7th, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

Church Funds

12/31/18

Benevolence Fund	2,400.40
Missionaries Reserve	2,100.00
Missions Fund	136.00
Mission Trip	4,277.92
General Fund	41,675.95
Total	\$50,590.27
Building Fund	\$264,277.09
Overall Total	\$314,867.36

Weekly Email Update

Most Mondays, we send out an email reminding you of announcements and letting you know next Sunday's sermon title, passage, and Scripture reading. Contact the office if you would like to be added to the list.

Building Committee

One of the things we are considering as we move forward is money. Like it or not, we are going to need more. We've been sitting on a large amount for so long, we might fool ourselves into thinking it will always be that way; but once we start buying materials and paying builders, it will dwindle fast. Prayerfully consider what you can donate toward this cause.

Save the date (and donations) May 18th, Church Yard Sale.

Operation Christmas Child All Year Long



January didn't bring on much, so February will be soap and washcloths again, and winter clearance clothes. Bring your donations to church any Sunday. On line? Click on picture for more info.

Are You the Answer they Need?

Life Services' Maternity Home is still in need of either a live-in Respite to cover every other weekend in exchange for room and board, or 2-3 more couples (preferably) who can be part of a pool and willing to commit to a weekend every other month.

Contact Pastor Steve if you would like more information.



Valentines Banquet



Couples, plan to join us Saturday evening, February 16th, at 6 pm for a wonderful casual soup and rolls dinner out with friends.

The Truly-Wed Game is back, only with a twist we think you'll like. As always, it promises to be a lot of fun.

We are also bringing back live music with our Worship Team blessing us as they entertain. Bring your Sweetie, and come be a part of the fun!

To RSVP, simply sign up on the clipboard passed around at church, or call Annie and let her know you want to come.



by John Doyle

Youth Stuff

January was a month on the move!! The Youth G.A.N.G took over Cocolalla over MLK weekend. At **Get Air** they bounced like crazy, kudos to **Elizabeth Angel**, she is the official Youth G.A.N.G. Ninja. Elizabeth narrowly beat the Youth Pastor, there is talk of cheating, mainly from the Youth Pastor.

Ok out with the old in with the new, bring on February!!! This month we will be helping to serve at the **TBF Valentines Banquet** February 16th. We will be cruising back to **Cheney Lanes** February 17th. Come one come all bring a friend or an enemy, here at the Youth G.A.N.G we're not too picky. So, without further delay, the Youth G.A.N.G. is on the move in January!!!

Youth Group (God's Anointed Next Generation)

We meet from 3:30 to 5 pm every Sunday. Bring a friend and prepare to be amazed!

Youth Leadership

Every Friday at 4:30pm. Going deeper in the Word to develop a closer relationship with Jesus.

Spring Youth Leadership retreat is just around the corner, you must be apart of YLT to go!!

The Big Event

February 17th, 3:30 to 8 PM Cheney Lanes, **Bowlapalooza!!!** Buy one game and Pastor will buy second! Pizza and fun as always included!!! Parents will need help with rides, please contact Pastor Doyle for more info.

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 help. Please contact Pastor John for more information.

Come be a part of our G.A.N.G. For more information please contact: Youth Pastor John Doyle @ (509) 435-6393, E-Mail: tbfpdoyle@gmail.com.



Baby Bottle Fundraiser Midway Report

Seventy-two empty bottles have left the building, ten have returned so far, no longer empty. Some are completely full of change; some contain a combination of change and paper money. Some are surprisingly light, but still contain valuable gifts.

Money raised supports Life Services of Spokane in its various ministries: clinics, maternity home, mentoring, and post-abortive care for those who realize they’ve made a terrible mistake. In all of this, they attempt to share the love of Jesus Christ with people in need.

Entertainment Break: If you’re reading this online, click on the baby above and sing along!

You Can Still Join Secret Sisters

We would like to match up our Secret Sisters soon, so please get your information sheets to Joan McLachlan as soon as possible. She would like to let you know who you’re sharing with by Sunday, February 10th.



In Siberia and at Home

Thank you all for continuing to pray for Jami's mom Linda. The surgery went very well, and after a few days of recovery in the hospital, she is now in the long recovery process at home. We are still waiting for the biopsy results , and are praying that everything comes back clear and healthy.

Meanwhile I wanted to share about a friend. Last spring he came to the small group in Spring Village and showed great interest in God and His word. He then got a job in the neighboring city (8 hour drive), and has obviously not been able to come. He recently asked if he could video call in to the group and asked if there were any churches like ours in Irkutsk that we could recommend. He continues to feel like he is lacking something and the only answer is in Christianity. Please continue to pray for him and that more would have the hunger for God that he has. Please pray with us.

Blessings,
Leif (Gustafson)



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I STILL THINK A GOOD LAWSUIT COULD GET THOSE REDUCED TO 10 SUGGESTIONS

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Awana

Dear Awana Kids and Leaders at Trinity Awana,
Thank you all for the special gift you set us at Christmas! We appreciate your cards and thoughtfulness!
Jim and Bev VanMersbergen
Awana Missionaries

Table with 2 columns: Special February Nights, Dates, and Events. Rows include February 6 (Sunglasses Night), February 13 (Love your Leader Night), February 20 (Ugly Sweater Night), and February 27 (Paper Airplane Night).

Start planning for the Awana Grand Prix! It is set for the last Wednesday of March. We will start at 6 pm, and it will last as long as it needs to! Sparks and Cubbies can race their Hot Wheels® and Matchbox® style cars. T&T, Trek, Journey and Leaders must build their cars from the kits we provide. Kits cost \$3, and include a block of wood, wheels, axles, and regulations. If needed, we also have willing volunteers to help design and build your cars.

February 2019

**Missionaries
of the Month:**



Women's Ministry Leader: Annie Ricketts
Group Members: Toby Herzinger
Ronda Caddell
Bekah Downing
Lexine Eaton



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Youth Leadership 4:30 pm	2
3 Coffee Fellowship Secret Sister Draw Youth Group 3:30-5 pm	4 Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm	5	6 Awana 6-7:30 pm Sunglasses Night	7 BSF 9:30 am Elders Meeting 6 pm	8 Youth Leadership 4:30 pm	9
10 Youth Group 3:30-5 pm	11 Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm Mission Committee Meeting 6:30 pm	12	13 Awana 6-7:30 pm Love Your Leader Night	14 BSF 9:30 am 	15 Youth Leadership 4:30 pm	16 Valentine Banquet 6 pm 
17 Life Services Baby Bottle Return  Youth Group Bowlapalooza 3:30-8 pm	18 Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm	19	20 Awana 6-7:30 pm Ugly Sweater Night	21 BSF 9:30 am	22 Youth Leadership 4:30 pm	23
24 Communion/Benevolence Offering Youth Group 3:30-5 pm	25 Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm	26	27 Awana 6-7:30 pm Paper Airplane Night	28 BSF 9:30 am		