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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."

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

The What and Why Series

Back in the days before electronic ignition, carburetors flooded. This resulted in frustrated drivers stomping repeatedly on gas pedals as batteries wore down, trying to start vehicles that would crank but not fire.

A mechanically-minded friend explained to me that I just had to hold the pedal to the floor until the car fired, and my problems would

be over. Actually, in his explanation there were a lot of words between 'Hold the pedal to the floor' and 'then the car will start,' but none of them meant anything to me. But I remembered the relevant part. I didn't care why I did it; I only cared that it worked.

Christianity doesn't work quite the same as cars. God is interested much more in the motivations than the motions. In David's penitent Psalm 51 he wrote, "You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; You don't take pleasure in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise." Micah later wrote something very similar, then added, "He has showed you, O man, what is good and what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). Even in the Old Testament, where form and ritual were such a big part of worship, God looked at the heart and not at the outward appearance (1 Sam 16:7).

There are a lot of things we do because we are Christians. Some of them, we may do with no better explanation than, 'That's what Christians do.' That's a good start.

It's better than to refuse to do them. But when answering the question about the greatest commandment, Jesus answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul an with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30). Jesus isn't seeking mindless ritual actions, Jesus is seeking us!

Sometimes we do the things we do out of duty. But in our better moments, we do them out of love and a desire to please Him, and with understanding.

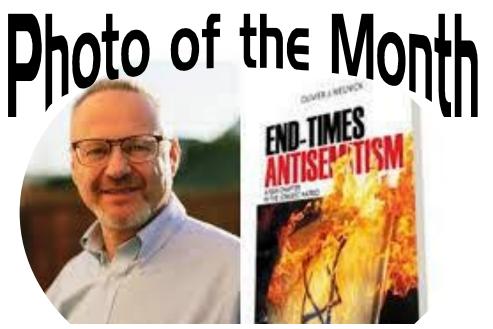
So, what are the things we do? There are many. They range the gamut from going to church and dropping money in the plate, which we do regularly to fasting, which many have never done at all. They include the Lord's Supper, which we observe monthly, and baptism, which we often see just once a year.

Why do we sing songs? Why do we support missions? Why, why, why?

We are about to start on a new preaching series I'm calling 'The What and Why Series.' It won't cover everything Christians do for Christianity's sake, but some of the biggies will be covered; starting with fasting, about which we're all pretty clear on the what; but much less so on the why.

Very few of us actually understand the reasons why our cars work. We don't need to, we have people for that. But when it comes to understanding the things God wants us to do, He wants us to be the people for that.

Hopefully, we don't just learn better what to do, but come to love Him more at the same



Author and speaker **Olivier Melnick of Chosen People Ministries** will be speaking at Trinity on October 6th at our morning worship service, 10:30 am.

Elders Report

Thursday, September 12, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: John Doyle, Steve McLachlan, Mike Bell, Dion Ricketts Agenda Items:

Previous minutes were reviewed and approved.

Pastor's Report:

- Monday Night Football will be hosted in the church sanctuary.
- Randy Anderson to visit in near future
- The Gideons with be at TBF on Sunday, September 22nd
- Olivier Melnick with Chosen People Ministries will be here on Sunday, October 6th
- There is currently no Christmas Program in the works
- A policy for signs posted around the church needs to be written

Youth Pastor Report:

- Youth Leadership started last week, good turnout about 6 kids
- Mexico Mission Trip
 - Mexico Caravan Ministries
 - Parent's meeting on the 23rd of August had 5 parents in attendance
 - \$1400 with 50% fund raising and 50% from raised support
 - Partnering with Grace Community Church in Ramona, CA
 - Required Youth Leadership Level 3, service at CLBC and be approved by Elder Board
 - Fundraising for September:
 - Cinnamon rolls and flavored coffee before church 3 weeks in September (raised \$327)
 - Burger burn part II, 22 Sep after church
- Youth Group started 25th Aug
 - 3rd week, avg 12 kids
 - 5th Quarter for the DMA, home football games, Fridays TBD

Treasurer Report: Church funds are healthy

Old Business

- A proposal to change the Sunday School Superintendent position to a Children's Ministry Coordinator will be announced Sunday
- The purchase of Automated External Defibrillators is still in process
- There will be no Men's Rendezvous this year with the plan to still hold one next year

New Business:

- The Elder Board will ask for a day of prayer and fasting on the 29th of September for the Building Project.
- The Youth Fund will be increased \$50 a month during AWANA to offset the cost of food for the Trek/Journey class

Intercessory Prayer:

Next meeting:

Thursday, September 3th, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

Church Funds 8/31/19

Benevolence Fund Missionaries Reserve Missions Fund Mission Trip General Fund Total	2,620.40 2,100.00 634.50 2,777.92 31,898.62 \$40,031.44
Building Fund	\$255,079.47
Overall Total	\$295,110.91

Annual Business Meeting and Pot-Luck

Our annual get-together to settle church affairs is set for Sunday, Nov 17th after the worship service.

This is a time to hear reports on the previous year, elect officers, set the budget for the coming year, and discuss any other business that comes up.

This year we will also be voting on a proposed constitutional amendment. The full wording is too large to include in the newsletter. It is designed to replace our current Sunday School Superintendent with a Children's Ministry Coordinator responsible for only the children's classes.

Only members have a vote, but anyone who is a part or is thinking about being a part of the church is invited to participate and see what we're all about.

We're Thinking about our New Directories

No hurry yet, but if that picture of you and your family in the

Church Directory doesn't look like you and your family any more, now is a good time to do something about it.

If you're new to the church, we'd love to add you to the directory. We only need a picture, names, and addresses.

Monday Night Football at TBF

Guys, we're meeting in the sanctuary Mondays from 5:15 pm to about 8:30 pm to watch, cheer, heckle, share God's Word, and eat. And eat.

You're invited!



by John Doyle

Youth Stuff

School is in full swing, there's a chill in the air, and freshmen high school students are running for their lives because of homecoming initiation pranks... must be October!!! Last week's big event, the **Spokavenger Hunt** was a huge success. Twenty-six youth, 3 adults, and 2 pastors descended on Spokane to look for points. Special thanks to Mr. Wyatt Downing, Mr.

Mike Bell, Mrs. Jen Doyle, and Pastor Steve for driving the mean streets with our awesome teams. This month we will be traveling to Cheney Lanes for **Bowlapallooza**. September is in the rearview, October is coming on fast, so without further delay, the Youth G.A.N.G. is on the move!!!

Youth Group (God's Anointed Next Generation)

Every Sunday @ 3:30 to 5pm, Ages 12-19 games, food, and a weekly Bible lesson.

The Big Event

This month; **Bowlapallooza!** Cost is \$15, includes pizza and bowling. Bring a friend, both get in for ½ off, or BOGO, meet @ TBF 3-8pm October 20th

Youth Leadership Training (YLT)

A more intensive study with an emphasis on Discipleship. Every Friday @ 4:30

Upcoming Events

Youth leaders Fall Retreat CLBC Nov 8th and 9th

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. Come be a part of our G.A.N.G. For more information please contact:

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Olivier Melnick of Chosen People Ministries

will be speaking at Trinity Bible Fellowship October 6th, during the morning service.

The Prophetic Significance of the Feasts of Israel



A love-offering for Chosen People Ministries will be received

Operation Christmas Child

It's October already! We only have until November to get these packed and off. Once again we will be a County Drop-Off Center, and will be manning the Addition on the week of Nov 18—24. We will have our own **Shoebox Packing Party** the Saturday prior, Nov. 16, at 10 am.



In addition to asking for gifts and volunteers to pack them, we are looking for financial donors. The cost of shipping each box is \$9; and we usually send more than 100 boxes, so it adds up quickly.

Help local churches share the love of Christ with boys and girls in a practical and joyful ways! Be a part of Operation Christmas Child.



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Awana in October

Why do we do the Awana Jogathon each year? The biggest reason is that it provides the money to give out scholarships. We charge fees for Awana that pay for books, uniforms, awards, and special events like the Giant Banana Split and Grand Prix. But we don't want to prevent anyone from coming because the cost is too high. So, we use the Jogathon to cover registration and books for anyone who asks. The second reason is that runners who raise at least \$25 get those cool Awana Jogathon T-Shirts (This year's will be the same design, only in red).

Special Nights in October

October 2 Fashion Disaster Night
October 9 Jogathon
October 16 Inside-Out Night
October 23 Baseball Hat Night

October 30 Dress Like Mom & Dad Night

Mom & Dad—please be extra careful in the parking lot when picking kids up after Awana. We try to protect your kids and keep things well-lit, but they can dart out there pretty quickly. Caution is our best defense.

Missionary of the Month: Pastor Daniel & Mary Chittumuri

Serving in India



October 2019

Women's Ministry Leader: Janice Emery
Group Members: Lorie Wandling
Ronda Caddell
Debbie Boleneus
Debbie Anderson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Prayer Meeting 5 pm Homiletics Class 7 pm	2 Awana 6-7:30 pm Fashion Disaster Night	3 BSF 11 am Elders Meting 6 pm	4	Conference in Spokane
6 Olivier Melnick shares Chosen People Ministries Coffee Fellowship Youth Group 3:30—5 pm	7 MNF 5:15 pm	8 Prayer Meeting 5 pm Quarterly Board Meeting 6:30 pm	9 Awana 6-7:30 pm Jogathon	10 BSF 11 am	11 Youth Leadership 4:30 pm	12
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20 Youth Group Bowlapaloo- za—Cheney Bowl 3 pm	21 MNF 5:15 pm	22 Prayer Meeting 5 pm	23 Awana 6-7:30 pm Baseball Hat Night	24 BSF 11 am	25 Youth Leadership 4:30 pm	26
27 Communion/Benevolence Offering Youth Group 3:30—5 pm	28 MNF 5:15 pm	29 Prayer Meeting 5 pm	30 Awana 6-7:30 pm Dress Like Mom Or Dad Night	31 BSF 11 am		