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*"Our mission is to
proclaim the Word
of God, leading
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Lost in Bluestem

If you see someone hitchhiking between Edwall and Bluestem, you know he's got a story. If you want to hear it, though, you're going to have to pick him up. Or let your pastor do it, and then read what he says.

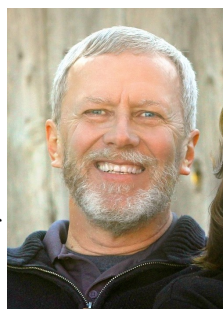
I was about two miles west of Edwall, heading for Davenport, when I saw this young guy walking with his thumb out. How could this be? I hadn't passed any broken down cars. If someone's hitchhiking out there, he really ought to have a broken down car. But he didn't. Since this guy didn't know things even as basic as this, he clearly needed help, so I offered him a ride.

Turns out he'd been riding the train without the benefit of a ticket. Somewhere back "where the track crossed a road" he felt something slip out of his pocket and fall. Doing a quick search, he realized it was his phone. As any young person can tell you, it may be possible to ride the train without a ticket; but not without a phone. As soon as the train slowed down, in Edwall, he bid his chauffer adieu and started walking. Not wearing footwear that favored the rough ground of the tracks, he chose to walk along the road, where he met me.

"It's just a little way," he said. Where a road crosses the track.

"That's just around this turn," I assured him. But it wasn't. The next crossing was around the turn, but it wasn't his spot. Neither was the next one. It turns out this city boy wasn't very good at gauging distance in the country.

Starting to get a little nervous, I asked



him for more detail. Hearing his answer, I described Harrington to him. "No, that isn't it." He replied. I was evaluating just how far I was willing to go, when he said, "That's it!"

"You might have mentioned the bridge," I tried to say nicely.

I dropped him off and wished him luck. He scrambled for the track, sure he would find his phone.

Here's the thing about Bluestem: Bluestem is not a place where you get lost, Bluestem is a place where you realize you're lost. You either know where you are, or you know that you don't know where you are.

Thank God for Bluestem. In this case, Bluestem is a metaphor for the place where we realize we are lost without Jesus. Nobody intends to go there; but we're fortunate when we realize we are there.

Jesus said, "*for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.*"

We're not looking for Him. We're not looking for a place where we can meet him. And we're not looking for help, either. Most of the time we don't even realize we are lost. Romans 3:11 says, "*There is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God.*" But sometimes, while we're out there not seeking God, we stumble upon Bluestem and realize we are lost.

I remember my Bluestem. It was a couple of years ago (1977). Out of the blue and much to my surprise, I realized I was lost and needed Jesus. I thank God for Bluestem. It is not where I became lost; it is where I became found.

Photo of the Month



It's been a long time coming, but work has begun! By the time you get this newsletter, the footing and foundation walls are poured, and the floor is coming next. By next month, things should look really different!

Elders Report

Thursday, October 10, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Mike Bell, Steve McLachlan , Dion Ricketts

Previous minutes were reviewed and approved.

Pastor's Report:

- The Mission Committee is looking at adding Olivier Melnick with Chosen People Ministries as a supported missionary
- Randy Anderson will speak at Trinity Bible Fellowship on Sunday, October 20th
- Operation Christmas Child promotional videos will start to be shown Sunday, October 13th
- Pastor Daniel has invited Pastor Steve to visit him in India
- Randy and Margo Hoffman have not yet decided if visiting TBF this coming November is something they can do
- The Homiletics class has been completed

Youth Pastor Report:

- No report given

Treasurer Report

- Church funds are healthy

Old Business

- Sunday School classes and teachers are doing well
- Work on buying Automated External Defibrillators for the church is still progressing

New Business:

- There is need for additional Greeters for the Sunday service

Intercessory Prayer:

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

Church Funds

9/30/19

Benevolence Fund	2,640.40
Missionaries Reserve	2,100.00
Missions Fund	734.50
Mission Trip	2,777.92
Persecuted Church	350.00
General Fund	35,516.03
Total	\$44,118.85
Building Fund	\$256,431.73
Overall Total	\$300,550.58

Annual Business Meeting and Pot Luck

Sunday, November 17, after church. We will have good food first. Following is a business meeting to hear reports from the various church boards on how things are going at church. We will vote on new officers and approve a budget, which includes missions support. We will vote on a constitutional amendment to replace our Sunday School Superintendent position with a Children's Ministry Coordinator.

Stay to eat, to know what's going on, and to be a part of what's going on.

Retreats at Cocolalla

Ladies Fall Scrapbook Retreat

Nov 1st & 2nd

\$60

You're already late to pre-register, but walk-ins are welcome!

Fall Youth Retreat

Nov 8th & 9th

\$60 (\$50 if pre-registered by Oct 29)

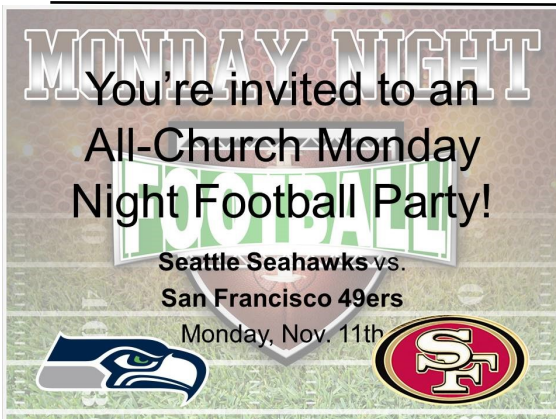
Pastor Steve is speaker for this retreat.

Register online at clbcamp.org



Happy 90th Birthday George Scharff!

Plan to stay after church on November 10th, and be ready to belt out a big Happy Birthday! Birthday Cake and Chili will be served.



Everyone is invited to this fun night. The game starts at 5:15; you probably want to come early, but you can join in any time.

We're looking for about 4 people to bring Chili/Wings/etc. Everyone is asked to bring some kind of munchies or dessert. Wear your colors. Good manners are optional.



by John Doyle

Youth Stuff

Looks like the big chill is on!!! Break out you gloves, hats, and heavy coats because the Youth G.A.N.G is ready for the big freeze. Last week's big event, the Bowlapalooza, was a huge success. Twelve youth, 5 adults, and 1 pastor descended on Cheney Lanes to knock down some pins. Special thanks to Mr. Wyatt Downing, Mr. Jim Buchanan, Mrs. Jen Doyle, Mr. JD Doyle, and

Mr. Clay Sterner for helping the G.A.N.G. to knock'em down. If you haven't taken the family to the Lanes, I highly recommend it!!!

This month we will be staying close to home. The Youth G.A.N.G. and YLT (Youth Leadership team) will be teaming up to decorate the Davenport Gazebo. October has fallen and gone, say hello to Novemburrrrr!! 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 we are inviting any and all citizens of Davenport to help **decorate the gazebo**, drink warm cocoa, and sing Christmas carols. @ Town Center Gazebo, Saturday 23rd November, 10 to Noon. Bring warmies and the Christmas spirit.

Youth Leadership Training (YLT)

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

Youth Leadership Fall Retreat CLBC Nov 8th and 9th Leaving TBF—3:30 pm.

Upcoming Events

24th of November @ TBF after service the YLT is having another **Burger Burn** to raise funds for the upcoming Mexico Missions Trip 2020.

Volunteer

The Youth ministries can use your time, talent, and prayers. If you are interested in volunteering or serving the Youth G.A.N.G please contact: Youth Pastor John Doyle @ (509) 435-6393, E-Mail: tbfpdoyle@gmail.com

We're updating the Church Directory

Are you new to the church, added a new family member, have new contact info, or have a current picture that's just a little bit (years) out of date? Our church directory helps us know how to contact each other, and how to recognize each other. It's not supposed to be a walk down memory lane!

Please check/submit your information with a current photo. We'll try to have these out before December. Digital photos can be sent to us at tbfdavenport@hotmail.com.

Women's Ministry Sign Up

One of the best things in this church is our Women's Ministry. This group takes care of Coffee Fellowship, meals for the sick, baby and bridal showers, and special events. To prevent just a few ladies from bearing all that burden, we ask women to sign up on a monthly basis.

Sign up with your friends, or sign up and make friends! You will be a blessing, and receive blessings as well.



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Daylight Savings Time
Fall Back Saturday night, Nov

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We've been talking about it all year, but now it's right on top of us! Saturday, November 16 is the TBF Shoebox Packing party; from 9 to 11(ish).

From Sunday the 17th to Monday the 25th, we are a Regional Drop-off Center. This means that churches and individuals can drop off shoeboxes here, instead of taking them to Spokane. Coordinator Annie Ricketts is looking for volunteers to help. You can sign up for one day or several, whatever works for you. Times open vary with each day, so check with Annie for the day and time that best suits you.

Like those OCC Videos we show at Church? Go to <https://video.samaritanspurse.org/channel/operation-christmas-child/> and watch them all! If reading this on line, just click on the logo above.

Awana

Thank you to everyone who worked, gave, or ran in the Jogathon! The money we raised lets us be generous in helping anyone who has trouble affording the regular costs of Awana. If you know of anyone who isn't coming because they're afraid of the cost, send them on in. We don't want money to keep anyone away.

Special November Nights

Nov 6	Patriots Night
Nov 13	Glow Stick Night!
Nov 20	Twins and Triplets Night
Nov 27	Stay home and get ready for Thanksgiving

Every night at the Opening of Awana, we start with the Pledge of Allegiance, the Pledge to the Awana Flag, and prayer. The Pledge to the Awana Flag is not a pledge to Awana, but to it's goals: 'To reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ, and to train them to serve Him.'

Missionaries of the Month:
Randy & Margo Hoffmann
Serving with



November 2019

Women's Ministry Leader: Kristi Bell
Group Members: Holly Sullins
Marie Plasencia
Justina Sliter



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Youth Leadership 4:30 pm	2
					Scrapbook Retreat @ CLBC November 1 & 2	
3 Coffee Fellowship Youth Group 3:30—5 pm	4 MNF 5:15 pm	5 Prayer Meeting 5 pm	6 Awana 6-7:30 pm Patriot Night	7 BSF 11 am Elders Meeting, 6 pm	8	9
					Youth Leadership Retreat @ CLBC November 8 & 9	
10 George Scharff 90th Birthday party after church Youth Group 3:30—5 pm	11 MNF 5:15 pm All Are Welcome Seahawks vs 49ers	12 Prayer Meeting 5 pm	13 Awana 6-7:30 pm Glow Stick Night	14 BSF 11 am	15 Youth Leadership 4:30 pm	16
						
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24 Communion/Benevolence Offering Youth Group 3:30—5 pm	25 MNF 5:15 pm	26 Prayer Meeting 5 pm	27 NO AWANA	28	29	30
						