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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."*

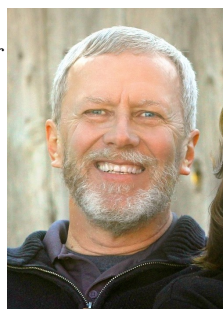


*"Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born the king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'" (Matthew 2:1-2)*

Have you ever heard or read claims that 'Scientists have found/ can prove the Christmas star?' Every now and then I run across such a claim for either the Christmas star or the day the sun stood still for Joshua (Joshua 10:12-14). Usually the story starts by citing a NASA astronomer as it's source, and then goes into an explanation I can't follow. Be warned. Such claims may be valid, but your only reason for believing them is that you want to believe them; and that is a poor basis for believing anything.

More serious sources that accept the star as real speculate as to what it could be. It didn't have to be a 'star' in the modern sense of the word; the ancient word stood for any night light in the sky, other than the moon. Because of this, some have proposed a conjunction of planets, a comet, a supernova, or even a temporary small visiting moon, which then escaped the earth's pull and went on its merry way. Another suggestion is that it was not a physical heavenly body at all, but a spiritual one—an angel!

Whether or not we can ever prove what God used for His heavenly beacon is not hugely important. What we will consistently find is that believers will believe it was there and non-believers will not. That's



## CSI (Christmas Star Investigators)

either really deep or really silly. Whichever, it's really true.

Far more important than investigating what the star was, is investigating what the star meant. This is where we look not to the heavens, but to the earth, and see that the wise men shine.

Apparently, studying stars was their special interest, supported by the fact that they noticed it at all.

Notice Herod's response in Matt 2:7. He did not say, "Oh, you mean the star that showed up last year?" but instead asked when the star appeared. It seems this star escaped most people's notice.

So, first they noticed the star; then they investigated what it might mean. Using sources we can only guess at (Daniel's timeline, Dan 9?, Balaam prophecy Numbers 24?) they concluded this star signaled the birth of a long-awaited king of Israel.

That conclusion could have been the conclusion of their investigation, but these CSI experts had merely been given a trail to follow. And, as experts following the evidence, it led them right to 'the place where the child was...and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him' (Matt 2:9,11).

When it comes to Christmas, most people won't even look at the evidence. But only those who consider the evidence can follow it to its right conclusion.

I can't conclude a lot about the star, for that matter I can't conclude a lot about the wise men. But I can reach the same conclusion they did, and I can worship the child.

## Photo of the Month



Merry Gazebo Decorating! A jolly group of hangers, rollers, and ladder climbers turned out to jump start the Davenport Christmas spirit! Not pictured are some of the hot chocolate drinkers and advice givers.



### Elders Report

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

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

Previous minutes were reviewed and approved.

#### Pastor's Report:

- Steve will be at Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp November 8-9 as the speaker for the Youth Leadership Retreat
- The Hoffmanns will visit Trinity Bible Fellowship on December 1st
- The Lampes will visit sometime in December
- Steve is looking at offering a Membership Class soon
- The Young Marrieds Group may start up again soon

#### Youth Pastor Report:

- Youth Leadership is growing, and 6 kids are planning to go to the retreat at Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp
- Youth Group has a steady attendance of 12 to 18 and the Youth Leadership kids are running the games
- The next Big Event will be to decorate the gazebo on November 23rd

#### Treasurer Report:

- Church funds are healthy

#### Old Business

- Automated External Defibrillators will be purchased with pads for children

#### New Business:

- Next year's budget was reviewed and approved with recommended additional increases for missionaries.
- The Sound Room staffing and functions were discussed
- There will be Christmas Caroling on December 21st

#### Intercessory Prayer:.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 5th, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.



Now that it's over, how did we do? As the numbers go, we packed 105 boxes in November, to add to the 166 we had from the July packing party. Add to that another 253 that were dropped off from other churches and individuals, and we delivered 524 boxes to Spokane, for distribution around the world.

Big Thanks to Annie Ricketts and all her volunteers for all their work to make this happen.

Remember, though, that it's not over. Keep praying that these boxes will make an eternal impact in the lives of boys and girls.

### Church Funds 10/31/19

Benevolence Fund	2,650.00
Missionaries Reserve	2,100.00
Missions Fund	949.00
Mission Trip	2,778.00
General Fund	31,160.00
Total	\$39,637.00
Building Fund	\$237,265.00
Overall Total	\$276,902.00



### Christmas Caroling!

Like caroling? Mike Bell—the younger elder—is putting together an evening of Christmas fun on Saturday, Dec 21st. Mark it on your calendar and be on the look out for more details.

### New Directories

Our 2020 Church directories are out.

Be sure and check your box at church (which may have been moved) to get your copy. Then thumb through it to see all our bright smiling faces; and figure out just who those people are you think you ought to know by now!



### Monday Night Football for All!

No more of that 'Men Only' foolishness, Come join us ladies. It should be especially fun on the December 2nd, when the Seahawks host the Vikings.

### New Bible Study

They might have called it a young marrieds Bible study, but it would have stretched the definition. It could have been called a families or parents class, but it's not about families or parenting. Anyway...

After meeting once, this group, led by Tyson and Rachel Lacy, are meeting on alternating Friday nights, and will be using the Overcomer Bible Study, that goes along with the new Kendricks Brothers Overcomer Movie.

Contact Tyson or Rachel for more information.



by John Doyle

## Youth Stuff

Wow! Say goodbye to Novemburr and hello to Christmas! December is here and I for one am looking forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior.

Last month the G.A.N.G. and YLT crew didn't stray too far from home, but were still very active. We helped a few families clean up their yards and decorated the Davenport Gazebo for the Christmas season. (See photo

on front page) The Youth Leaders Crew managed to drive over to Cocolalla, ID to see Pastor Steve as guest speaker for the Youth Fall Retreat, good job Steve! We have some big plans for celebrating this Christmas, so come and hitch up your horses and put on the jingle bells, because the Youth G.A.N.G. is on the move!!!

Youth Group G.A.N.G. (God's Anointed Next Generation) Every Sunday @ 3:30 to 5pm, Ages 12-19 games, food, and a weekly Bible lesson. December 8th will be the last regular Youth Group meeting till January 5th

### The Big Event

This month; the Youth GANG will be celebrating our Savior's birthday. Come join the G.A.N.G Saturday, December 14th 6 pm to 12 am, for our Half-Niter Christmas party! Bring a friend and a White Elephant Gift (less than \$5.00, hand made ok) for food, games, and fun.

### Youth Leadership Training (YLT)

A more intensive study with an emphasis on Discipleship. Every Friday @ 4:30. December 13th will be the last regular YLT meeting till January 10th

### Upcoming Events

- **Winter Camp 2020**, January 17th – 19th, Register early for the discount

### 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 we can sure use help, please contact: Youth Pastor John Doyle (509) 435-6393, E-Mail: [tbfpdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:tbfpdoyle@gmail.com)



Meet Olivier Melnick

At the Annual Business Meeting, we voted to add Olivier Melnick of Chosen People Ministries to the missionaries we support. In case he is new to you, here is a short introduction to Olivier and his ministry.

Olivier Melnick was raised in a secular Jewish family in Paris. He is the son of Holocaust survivors. After meeting Ellen, his future wife and reading a book on prophecy that she had given him, Olivier began a search, which led him to belief in Yeshua (Jesus) as his Savior in 1983. They married and soon after, settled in the United-States where they felt an increasing burden to reach Jewish people for Yeshua.

Olivier has a Bachelor’s Degree in Jewish Studies from Moody Bible Institute. He is a bold evangelist and enjoys communicating God’s Word. His desire is to help Christians understand the Jewish roots of the faith and he hopes to train

many to be effective in Jewish outreach.

Olivier is the author of **They Have Conspired Against You**, a book on the rebirth of worldwide anti-Semitism and how to fight it, the novel **The Rabbi’s Triad**, an evangelistic thriller, and **End-Times Anti-Semitism: A New Chapter in the Longest Hatred**. He also writes for WorldNet-Daily, Times of Israel, Christian News Network, Watch.org, other sites and his blog site at [www.newantisemitism.com](http://www.newantisemitism.com).

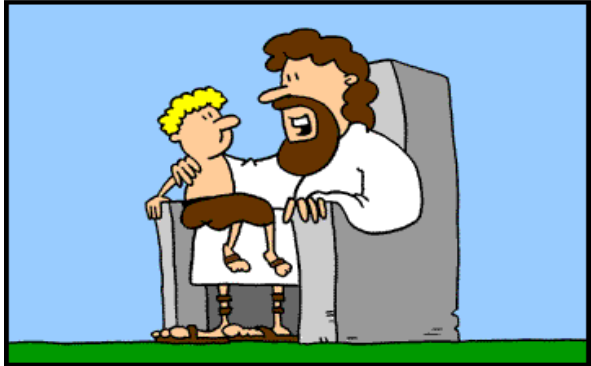
Olivier has spent two decades studying and teaching on the topic of anti-Semitism in all its forms, in the USA, Canada and Europe. Olivier serves as the NW Regional Director in Washington state, and as Chosen People Ministries’ National Director of Training, helping to prepare the next generation of ambassadors for Messiah. Originally from France, Olivier also serves on the Board of Directors as Vice-President of Chosen People Ministries, France. He is married to Ellen and they have two adult children, J.D. and Klaire.



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Awana

Just in case you looked at the Calendar and saw Christmas is on a Wednesday, relax. We won’t be having Awana that evening. The special nights we are having are:

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| Dec 4  | Sports Night         |
| Dec 11 | Penny Parade         |
| Dec 18 | Nativity Scene Night |

Penny Parade? Only because we have to call it something. This is the night we collect money to send as a Christmas gift to Awana missionaries Jim and Bev Van Mersbergen. Jim and Bev work hard all year long to start new Awana clubs and help existing ones. This is our chance to give them some thanks and encouragement.

Any pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and even paper money you give will be counted up and we’ll send them a check in time for Christmas.

Merry Christmas,  
and we’ll see you next year!



Missionary Of the Month:



# December 2019

Women's Ministry Leader: *Kristi Bell*  
 Group Members: *Annie Ricketts*  
*Janice Emery*  
*Justina Sliter*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Hoffmanns Visit TBF Coffee Fellowship Church Decorating Hometown Christmas NO Youth Group	2 MNF 5:15 pm	3	4 Awana 6-7:30 pm Sports Night	5 BSF 11 am Elders Meeting 6 pm	6 Bible Study 5:30 –7:30 pm	7
8 Youth Mission Fundraiser Breakfast 8:30 –10 am	9 MNF 5:15 pm Mission Committee Meeting 6:30 pm	10	11 Awana 6-7:30 pm Penny Parade	12 BSF 11 am	13	14 
15	16 MNF 5:15 pm	17	18 Awana 6-7:30 pm Nativity Scene Night	19 BSF 11 am  Building Committee Meeting 6:30 pm	20 Bible Study 5:30 –7:30 pm	21 
22  children's program 10:30 am	23 MNF 5:15 pm	24	25  Christmas Day Service 10 am	26	27	28
29 Communion/Benevolence Offering	30	31				