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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."*



## Pretty Good Problems

Let's start with a thank you to all the rescuers. Robert Boleneus, Duane and Don Oehlwein, Pastor John, and Wanda Bowman all stepped up and pitched in when a sink overflowed—all night long—and flooded the Nursery, 2s & 3s room, and hall in the Sunday School wing. Jason Choate left the building project long enough to fetch his shop-vac for us to use.

Greg Bowman gets honorable mention for bringing in a floor fan to help dry up the mess. Speaking of Greg, he also gets a big thanks for fixing the front door when it literally blew off its hinges during the big wind-storm at the end of last month.

First grateful observation: It is good to be part of a church with willing and capable volunteers (even though we technically borrowed Don from the Lutherans). It takes both those qualities to be helpful, and we have them.

Second grateful observation: It is good to be part of a church that has these problems.

If the door had been locked, the wind couldn't have grabbed it. But someone was here; the building was in use on a weekday. That's a good thing.

The sink shouldn't have overflowed. There are at least two people who regularly check things after Awana to prevent issues



like this. But that night was especially busy, and everyone was distracted, so no one checked. Even then the sink had an overflow drain that should have caught all the water; but somehow it was plugged. All those things had to go wrong at the same time for this to happen, and then you have to add a child leaving the faucet running; just slowly enough to not be obvious. It was the perfect disaster.

So what am I grateful for? The child. The child who left the water running, Wiping his nose with the back of his hand as he left the room, completely oblivious to the chain of events he had set in motion. Because that child was here.

There is a saying that goes something like this: 'Someday the Christians will be gone and the devil will get the churches, so let's give him churches that are well-used.'

We don't desire stained carpet, and we don't desire broken doors. But we do desire to be the kind of church where floors get stained and doors get broken. We want to be the kind of church where people come and ministry happens.

Right now we're in this building project, and I feel very protective about the building. But we never want the building to be more important than the people who use it.

Church is for worshipping God. Church is for ministering to people. The church that seeks to do this will look nice. The church that seeks to do this will look used.

Sure we have problems. But they're pretty good problems.



## Photo of the Month



It's hard not to get excited! This picture shows progress on the Fellowship Hall as of December 21st. The money is now going quickly, and the Building Fund Balance with bills paid so far is \$158,948.21.

## Elders Report

Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019 @ 6 PM

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

Previous minutes reviewed and approved

### Pastor's report

- The Lampes are planning to visit, date is still TBD
- The Young Married (Couples class) is well attended
- Baby bottle (boomerang) campaign is coming up from Jan 19th – Feb 9th 2020 – last year we raised greater than \$1500
- What and Why sermon series continues
- There will be Christmas Day service

### Youth Pastor's report

- Youth Leadership
  - 8 youth regularly attending
  - Last meeting for 2019 will be Dec 13th, restart Jan. 10, 2020
  - Trek/Journey/Youth leadership will have a Christmas party Dec. 18, 2019
  - December service project is still undecided
- Mexico Mission Trip
  - Support letter to come out soon (~2nd week of December)
  - Fund raising efforts discussed

### Youth Group

- Regular attendance of 10-12
- Last regular meeting for 2019 will be Dec. 8th
- Resume Youth Group Jan. 5, 2020
- The Big event for November was decorating the Gazebo – went well, 15 youths, 3 Adults
- Upcoming Events: Christmas party Half-Nighter Dec. 14, 2019
- Youth fund reviewed

### Treasurer's report

- Building funds are being used as the construction has begun
- Church funds are healthy

### Old Business

- AED is in and ready for install
- Christmas Caroling to take place starting at Trinity on Dec. 21, 2019, Chili feed at 4:30 with caroling to follow
- Elder's Christmas dinner to be Dec. 20, 2019 – Bell's Hosting
- Assistant to Sunday School Superintendent again discussed.

### New Business

- Communion schedule for the Elder's for Dec 2019 – Nov 2020 laid out
- Meeting Model discussed
- Questionnaire for the congregation regarding interests and desired roles discussed and to be created, vetted and distributed
- Discussed the concepts of Biblical Authority and Leadership

### Intercessory Prayer

Next Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020 @ 6 PM

## Church Funds

11/30/19

Benevolence Fund	2,660.40
Missionaries Reserve	2,100.00
Missions Fund	1,939.26
Mission Trip	2,777.92
General Fund	39,595.42
Total	\$49,073.00

Building Fund	\$224,057.79
Overall Total	\$273,130.79



Pastor Steve & Joan and Pastor John and Jenn all want to thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity toward us this Christmas. It is a blessing and a privilege to serve this church.



## Next Year, in the Fellowship Hall!

Cement is poured, and walls are going up! You can go out and walk around and get a real feel for what this new building can and will be used for.

Being an Awana worker, I feel like it's mostly for Awana. Others foolishly think it's about the two-times as big kitchen. Others, for some reason, get excited about all the storage out there. The first pot-luck or Coffee Fellowship we have out there might just confirm the name, 'Fellowship Hall.'

As we build, we spend. Remember the building fund in your giving.

## Way to Go, Jim!

Jim Buchanan was a perfect 15—0 on his picks for Monday Night Football this year. Congratulations on a job well done. Now I hope the pressure isn't too much when all eyes are on you to repeat next year.



by John Doyle

# Youth Stuff

I hope everyone had a great Christmas! What a time of giving, sharing good cheer, of course remembering the birth of our Savior. Last month the G.A.N.G. threw one heck of a party, then took a well-deserved Christmas break.

So enough of that resting stuff, it is time to kick the G.A.N.G. into high gear. We have a year planned full of fun and excitement, that's right, the Youth G.A.N.G. is on the move!!!

### 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. Youth Group resumes meeting till January 12th

### The Big Event

This month; the Youth GANG will be scouring the streets of Davenport for clues as to their next meal. Come

join us for 'Davenport Dine & Dash' January 19<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm.

### Youth Leadership Training (YLT)

A more intensive study with an emphasis on Discipleship. Every Friday @ 4:30. YLT resumes meeting on January 10th.

### Upcoming Events

Winter Camp 2020, January 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 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: [bfypdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:bfypdoyle@gmail.com)

## Baby Bottle Fundraiser is back!

Life Service of Spokane is a pro-life pregnancy center that offers pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, referrals, resources, and even housing for women in need of help. This is a very tangible way to show Christ's love for the world and make a huge difference in the lives of women and their babies.

We will be handing out empty baby bottles on Sunday, Jan 19, and receiving them back, filled with change and other money by Sunday, February 16. Last year, our gifts totaled \$1576! Let's be generous again. Only when we get to heaven may we find out how much difference we have made.

(click on heart to visit Life Services website)



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**secret  
sisters**

## Two Baby Showers and Secret Sister Revealing!

The fun starts on January 4th at 10 am with Secret Sister revealing. Some of you figured it out long ago and are practicing your 'act surprised' routine. Others will be truly surprised and have even more fun. This is also your chance to sign up for Secret Sister for the next 6 months.

Immediately after that, at 11, we will have a baby shower for **Sarah Holmberg** and Baby Number Six—Emberly! Congratulations to Mother and Child.

A baby girl shower for **Rickie (Rieth) Frutche**y and Baby Number One is scheduled for after church on Sunday, January 12. Come be part of the joyful celebration.



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TO DO THE THINGS I SHOULD HAVE BEEN  
DOING LAST YEAR

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## Awana

Welcome back! We hope you had a great Christmas and are ready for a great New Year. The first Wednesday of the new year is the first day of the new year! It's a holiday, so we're taking that day off. After that, we've got some great nights planned:

### January Theme Nights

Jan 8	Middle of Summer Night
Jan 15	Duct Tape Night
Jan 22	Colored Spots Night
Jan 29	Talent Night

Great job on the Penny Parade! Blue team was the winner, with \$86. Altogether, we sent the VanMersbergens a Christmas gift of \$207.86. Great job, kids.

What is your favorite part of Awana? Most kids will quickly answer, "Games!" But you might be surprised to find out that is not universal. Many kids like the lesson and song time, and some prefer the closeness of small group. Whatever part you like best, we like sharing Jesus!

**Missionaries of the Month:**  
**Brad & Shilo Cain**  
Serving



In Mexico



# January 2020

*Women's Ministry Leader: Wanda Bowman*  
*Group Members: Joan Wintersteen*  
*Debbie Boleneus*  
*Becky Oehlwein*  
*Sara Wilkie*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>31</b> <b>New York Time New Year's Eve Game Night Party 6-9 pm</b> 	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <i>Young Marrrieds Bible Study 5:30—7:30 pm</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Secret Sister Reveal 10 am</i>  <i>Baby Shower for Sarah Holmberg 11 am</i>
<b>5</b> <i>Coffee Fellowship</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <i>Awana 6-7:30 pm</i> <i>Middle of Summer Night</i>	<b>9</b> <i>BSF Resumes 11 am</i>  <i>Elders Meeting 6 pm</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Youth Leadership 4:30 pm</i>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <i>Baby Shower for Rickie (Rieth) Frutchey 12:30 pm</i>  <i>Youth Group 3:30-5 pm</i>	<b>13</b> <i>Mission Committee Meeting 6:30 pm</i>	<b>14</b> <i>Quarterly Board Meeting 6:30 pm</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Awana 6-7:30 pm</i> <i>Duct Tape Night</i>	<b>16</b> <i>BSF 11 am</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Youth Leadership 4:30 pm</i>  <i>Young Marrrieds Bible Study 5:30—7:30 pm</i>  <b>Teen Winter Camp @ CLBC January 17-19</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <i>Life Services Baby Bottle Fundraiser begins</i>  <b>Youth Group Dine &amp; Dash starting at 3 pm</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <i>Awana 6-7:30 pm</i> <i>Multi-Colored Spots Night</i>	<b>23</b> <i>BSF 11 am</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Youth Leadership 4:30 pm</i>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <i>Communion/Benevolence Offering</i>  <i>Youth Group 3:30-5 pm</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <i>Awana 6-7:30 pm</i> <i>Talent Night</i>	<b>30</b> <i>BSF 11 am</i>	<b>31</b>  <i>Young Marrrieds Bible Study 5:30—7:30 pm</i>	