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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."*



## Essentiality

Seeing as we are already finished with 20% of the 21st Century, I couldn't be bothered with walking to the shelf for a dictionary. Searching online, I found this definition of 'essential:' "absolutely necessary, extremely important." Also, "a thing that is absolutely necessary." by this definition, air is essential. Food and drink are essential. Most other things are not.

After typing in 'Definition, essential,' I typed in 'Jokes, essential.' Rather than share the jokes with you, here are the top hits: '30 hilarious essential worker memes,' 'The 82+ best essential jokes,' and '60 hilarious jokes essential workers can't help but crack up at.'

Four months ago, 'essential' was a serious word. Now it is a joke.

In the last four months, we've learned that the government reserves the right to determine what things are essential and what are not. Reasonably, health care workers and public safety professional were deemed essential. Likewise, those tasked with getting food and necessities to us were essential. Somewhat less obvious, Craft stores, Electronics stores and RV Dealers were deemed essential. Surprisingly, Liquor Stores and Pot Shops were considered essential.

Churches were deemed not essential.

Beginning Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7, we will be open for corporate worship. Or, as most of us would say it, we will have church. We're not trying to be rebels, and we're not denying the possibil-



ity of spreading the coronavirus. We are saying that Church is essential, and no one has the right to say it isn't.

Services online have filled the gap; and seemed adequate for a while. But that's kind of like saying you can live on oatmeal for quite a while. I'm sure you could, but I have no desire to prove the theory.

God designed His Church to work as a body; and it works best when functioning as a body. In Acts 2, after the birth of the Church, we read in verse 42 "*They were continually devoting themselves to the apostle's teaching and to fellowship...*" In verse 44 we read "*And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common.*" In verse 46 they were taking their meals together.

We in the Church are to build each other up in love. We are to use our gifts to serve one another. We are not to forsake the gathering of ourselves together.

We have been given the privilege of seeing how valuable something is to us by having it taken away. We can better understand why people living under persecution meet in spite of danger and opposition. Because Church matters.

Those who do not make up the Church will not understand why Church is essential. But those who do, do.

We will continue streaming services for those who wisely choose to stay home. But the choice to come to Church is wise, too. We look forward to worshiping together with you.

## Photo of the Month



Worship Team Practice! We can't say we're getting back to normal, because that implies we once were normal, but we're at least on our way to where we once were. This picture, taken Thursday, shows this week's team getting ready for action.

Missionary Excerpts

“Though in-person work, shopping, worship, even fellowship, has been converted to primarily digital, God’s Truth has remained unchanged. He is not surprised by a pandemic. He has always had a plan in place for this moment in history and into the future.

In ministry, as we continue to respond to those in spiritual need, it is our desire to point them to the steadfast promises of God. In Him, we are called to peace that passes understanding. Thank you for being a part of the ministry team.

Lord bless,  
Robert & Cindy (McDowall)

COVID in the village!

Wed 5/27/2020 3:14 AM

Our neighbor, G, has loved befriending us over the past year, but has been extremely wary of anything connected to Christianity. When coronavirus first came to Buryatia, she and her family left our suburb-village to go to her home village to get away from the virus and quarantine. The situation there quickly changed as it ended up the region where her home village is (Kizhinga) is the hardest hit region in Buryatia. Just yesterday she wrote and asked us to pray!!! The situation is very difficult as some of her extended family has the virus and one aunt came to stay with them for ten days and then they found out this aunt was infected with the virus. The whole family is being tested for coronavirus and are waiting for the results.

Please pray with us.  
Leif and Jami (Gustavson)

from the Morocks

Wed 5/13/2020 2:46 PM

(Bruce, after explaining his diagnosis of stage 4 colon cancer)

So, I have no choice. All other options have been removed – and I love it! God is my only refuge. He is my refuge. He is my strong tower. He is a shelter for my soul; no, the only shelter for my soul. He cares for me. His loving-kindness and His steadfast love (words I am circling on my present journey through the Psalms) are on display everywhere, not the least of which is the demonstration of His love while we were still sinners (Rom 5:8). So, 740 words later, I still don’t know how my prayer request should read. Of course, we would love for me to be healed. I pray that God would teach me to number my days and apply my heart to wisdom. I pray that God would empower me to live every day like my last. I pray that it would be well with Lynda’s soul. And, indeed, with all my loved ones, here at Friant and all over the globe.

Ultimately, the prayer in Ephesians 3:14-21 (NLT), expresses the desire of my heart;

*When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you (me) with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts (my heart) as you (I) trust in him.*

Contact Pastor Steve If you would like to read more of Bruce’s letter.

Church Funds

4/30/20

Benevolence Fund	2,794.37
Missionaries Reserve	2,100.00
Missions Fund	6,350.36
Mission Trip	1,677.92
General Fund	34,703.27
Total	\$47,625.92
Building Fund	\$40,798.65
Overall Total	\$88,424.57

Baseball?

Just in case life is normal-ish enough by then, we are signed up for Church Night with Spokane Indians baseball on Wednesday, July 15th. These are \$5 bench seats; and it is Family Feast Night. I can’t guarantee it will happen, but if it does, we should have a lot of fun together!



Bridal Shower

Bridal shower for Bethany Johnson, Levi Rickett’s fiancée.

Saturday, June 6th, 11-1, lunch provided (bring a salad if you’d like, would be appreciated!)

Boleneus yard and garden (30301 Bald Ridge Rd N)

The kids are registered at:

Bed, Bath and Beyond  
Amazon.com  
Wayfair.com  
Walmart  
Macys



Please RSVP to Annie Ricketts or Debbie Boleneus.

We are trying to make this precious event as "normal" as possible for them. Their dream wedding, as of now, will only be 10 people instead of the 200 they had invited. That means that even their wedding party members, other than Best man and a maid of honor, cannot attend. Please come and celebrate with them! We will also have a big reception once things open up more, possibly this Fall.



by John Doyle

Youth Stuff

Hey G.A.N.G, as I look back at this Pandemic I see halted and stunted lives. I see a country trying to figure out how to recover from being slammed into a crashing halt. So G.A.N.G. it’s time we also get back to our lives. Enough sitting around, we can’t change the past but we can get up and charge into the future. As God continually tells us in His word, ”Do not be afraid!!”

So, the G.A.N.G. is on the move!!!

Youth Group G.A.N.G. (God’s Anointed Next Generation)

Sundays @ 3:30 to 5pm, Ages 12-19: games, food, and a Bible lesson. Youth group will continue through the summer June and August, break in July for Summer Camp Season.

In an effort to minimize exposure to sickness there is a slight change to operations of Youth Group. As of the writing of this article the changes will be:

- Parents, if your kids are sick or are running a fever with cough, please keep them home.
- All Youth will have their temps taken at the door, if above

98.6 they will be asked to come back next week.

- Activities will be planned with Social Distancing and CDC Guidelines in mind.
- Any food or drink will be prepared and served according to Davenport School District Guidelines.
- Youth Group will continue to be ‘Zoomed’. Links will be provided on TBF Youth Facebook page.
- Unfortunately, we cannot mitigate all risk. Understand there is still possibility of becoming ill. Please make the decision for your child that best reflects your wishes.

The Big Event

June 21-22 Lord of the Rings (extend version). 12 to 3:30pm. We will show one movie each day, show starts promptly at noon. Snacks and Drinks will be provided. Youth aged 12 to 19, bring a friend.

Upcoming Events

- Teen Camp @ CLBC July 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. For more info contact Pastor John or [www.clbcamp.org](http://www.clbcamp.org)
- Lake Roosevelt overnighiter, Aug TBD



## Making Church Work

### Church Services

Beginning Saturday, June 6 at 7 pm and Sunday, June 7 at 9:30 am, we are opening Church for those who want to come. The goal of two services is to keep numbers smaller at each service. Pick the one you'd prefer. Streaming will still be available for the Sunday morning service. Our 'No Closure, No Guilt' policy applies. If you're not comfortable coming to Church at this time, stay home and join us while wearing your slippers.

At this time, there are no plans on when we will resume with Children's Church or Sunday School.

The elders are still meeting (at least) weekly, trying to stay aware of the changing rules and policies that affect us, seeking to guide the Church through this time. Pray for your four elders (2 pastors + 2 elders = 4 elders) as we are individuals with our own thoughts and opinions, seeking the leading of the Holy Spirit to come up with God's direction.



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## Virtual Bible School

VBS will run the week of June 15, beginning at 9 am each morning. We will have lessons, songs, memory verses, a missions project, crafts, and even snacks. To get your 'VBS Bag' with all the supplies you need, register by sending an email to [prchr\\_steve@hotmail.com](mailto:prchr_steve@hotmail.com) or calling Miss Joan at 725-1832.

Our Mission Project is school backpacks for tribal children of Chihuahua, Mexico. We are participating in 'Operation School Pack' with Colegio Binimea, the Mission School where missionaries Brad & Shilo Cain serve. \$6 buys a school pack for a child, providing pencils, paper scissors, glue, etc. \$12 provides a Teacher Pack, with things like stickers, markers, maps, and other supplies. Classroom Packs cost \$25, and include things like sports balls, puzzles, games, and supplies that can be used by everyone in the class.

Investing in Children at the Point of Need  
with the Heart of the Gospel

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I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW MANY TIMES YOU  
HAVE MISSED CHURCH ... YOU WOULD  
NEVER SEE MY FAMILY SKIPPING

Prefer to get your Newsletter by email? We can do that! Contact the church office at [tbfdavenport@](mailto:tbfdavenport@)

### Camp Plans

Cocolalla Lake bible Camp is still planning to run their regular camp schedule this July. Staff training is set for June 16—19.

Parents, you need to realize your kids will be in close proximity with other kids, and there is no way to make camp risk-free for the Corona virus. If you're okay with that, camp will be a blast.

Pastor Steve is speaking at 7 & 8 Camp

Teen Camp	July 5—10	\$200
11 & 12 Camp	July 12—16	\$170
9 & 10 Camp	July 19—23	\$170
7 & 8 Camp	July 26—30	\$170

All camps are discounted by \$15 if you pre-register at least 10 days in advance, and if we have a chance to get church discount coupons, that will save you another \$15. If cost is still an issue, contact Pastor Steve or Pastor John.

For more info, we have a few brochures at church, or you can go to [www.clbcamp.org](http://www.clbcamp.org)



Missionary of the Month

Leif & Jami Gustafson  
Serving:  
SEND International  
In Russia



# June 2020

*Women's Ministry Leader: Debbie Boleneus*  
*Group Members: Rachel Lacy*



*Wanda Bowman*  
*Joan Wintersteen*  
*Tiffany Abell*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Elders Meeting 6:30 pm	5	6 Bridal Shower Luncheon for Bethany Johnson 11—1 at Boleneus Church 7 pm
					Work Days @ CLBC	June 5 & 6
7 Children's Church 8:30 am- Church 9:30 am Also Live Streaming on Facebook Youth Group 3:30—5	8	9	10	11 Elders Meeting 6:30 pm	12	13 Church 7 pm
14 Children's Church 8:30 am- Church 9:30 am Also Live Streaming on Facebook Youth Group 3:30—5	15	16	17	18 Elders Meeting 6:30 pm	19	20 Church 7 pm
	Virtual VBS June 15-19 9 am CLBC Staff Training June 16-19					
21 Youth Group 3:30—5 Children's Church 8:30 am- Church 9:30 am Also Live Streaming on Facebook	22	23	24	25 Elders Meeting 6:30 pm	26	27 Church 7 pm
28 Youth Group 3:30—5  Children's Church 8:30 am- Church 9:30 am Also Live Streaming on Facebook Communion	29	30				

