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*"Our mission is to
proclaim the Word
of God, leading
people to a saving
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Ezra, Nehemiah, and Handguns

My brother posted something like this online: "I don't need to wear a mask in public; I'm trusting God to protect me." "Then why do you need to pack a handgun when you go to the grocery store?" Before you get angry, marshal your arguments and start venting, recognize that this is how it looks; and there is reason in his thinking. The man who led me to the Lord – and I was already enlisted but not yet active in the Army – tried to talk me out of it. His reasoning was simple: if I shoot an unbeliever I'm sending him to hell, and if shoot a believer I'm killing a brother. There is reason in his thinking.

One of the effects of recent social unrest in our nation is an increase in people – and conservative believers in particular – packing in public. Some concealed carry; some open carry. For others, the idea of carrying a weapon designed to kill people is unthinkable. It feels morally wrong to them. One evokes a picture of the crusaders armed to defend Christianity; the other brings the martyrs to mind; dying for their faith.

Which is better? Who is right? Let me suggest we can find the answer in the Old Testament books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

A little review on the historical setting: Ezra and Nehemiah are descendants of Jews exiled to Babylon. The first Jews returned to Israel after 70 years of exile. About 80 years after that, Ezra returned to deal with some spiritual issues in Jerusalem. 12 years later, Nehemiah returned to rebuild the city walls. The two men were



there at the same time, knew each other, and worked together. The situation when each returned was similar; it was kind of a 'wild west' situation, with danger and lawlessness facing them on their journey from Babylon to Jerusalem. Let's compare how each responded to the danger.

Ezra: *"Then I proclaimed a fast there at the river of Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God to seek from Him a safe journey for us, our little ones, and all our possessions. For I was ashamed to request from the king troops and horsemen to protect us from the enemy on the way, because we had said to the king, 'The hand of our God is favorably disposed to all who seek Him...'"* (Ezra 8:21-22).

Nehemiah: *"Then I came to the governors of the provinces beyond the River and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent with me officers of the army and horsemen"* (Nehemiah 2:9)

Ezra saw a contradiction between trusting God and seeking the king's protection; Nehemiah saw no such contradiction. Applied today, I think Ezra would not pack a handgun, Nehemiah would. And I think they are both godly men, seeking to serve God, and being used greatly by God.

Knowing yourself, prayerfully make your choice and be at peace with it. After you have done that, be at peace with your brothers who make a different choice than you do.



Photo of the Month



It was a good time for all campers at Na-Bor-Lee this August. In this picture, Dan and Kathlene are leading worship with a quality group of singers.



You may not have been thinking much yet about packing shoeboxes; but we expect that to change as the time approaches. With Covid having an effect on other parts of the world even more than in the U.S., these gifts

may have a greater impact than usual.

Right now is a terrific time to buy school supplies at big discounts, and they make good gifts while taking up minimal space in a box; leaving room for the fun stuff you want to put in there. Small toys and articles of clothing are ideal. Deflated soccer balls with hand pumps are considered the premier gift by many. Hygiene items are also appreciated: Toothbrushes, combs, washcloths, and so on.

Checking the website, they instruct us not to send toothpaste (I decided not to abbreviate it T.P.) or candy. Toy guns or war-themed toys are not wanted.

We expect to be a regional collection center again this year. Annie will be looking for volunteers to help receive donations November 16—23. Because of Covid, there will be a no-contact drop-off system in place.

Don't forget the gift of shipping! Samaritan's Purse asks us to donate \$9 per box to cover the cost of shipping these gifts around the world. We appreciate your help with this expense.

Look for the Operation World Videos;
appearing at church soon!

Building Progress

Not much actual labor was done over the summer, but money has been quietly coming in, and we're about to start things up again. Watch for changes to happen outside, as Gypsum, siding, fascia and siding should all be up before the weather turns bad. There is also some cement work that needs to be done in front before an overhang is placed there. Pray, give, and look for opportunities to volunteer as we see this project move forward.



Monday Night Football

Monday Night Football kicks off September 14th with a double-header with the Pittsburgh Steelers at the New York Giants (4:15) and the Tennessee Titans at the Denver Broncos (7:10). We plan to show this at Church for whatever mixed and mixed up crowd wants to watch. We'll ask a couple of volunteers to bring chili or another basic meal; and everyone to pitch in with snacks or drinks to share.



by John Doyle

Hey Youth G.A.N.G., the summer break has been super nice but it is time once again to get back to work. School has been pushed back a week but the Youth G.A.N.G. has not. So hold on tight 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. Youth Group starts 30 Aug.

In an effort to minimize exposure to sickness there is a slight change to operations of Youth Group.

1. Parents, if your kids are sick or are running a fever with cough, please keep them home.
2. All Youth will have their temps taken at the door, if above 98.6 they will be asked to come back next week.
3. Activities will be planned with Social Distancing and CDC Guidelines in mind.

Church Funds

7/31/2020

Benevolence Fund	2,834.37
Missionaries Reserve	2,100.00
Missions Fund	1,425.36
Mission Trip	1,677.92
General Fund	41,872.73
Total	\$49,910.38
Building Fund	\$ 57,125.31
	\$107,035.69

Retreats at Cocolalla

In His Image Stamp Camp

Workshops, Stamping, and a Great Speaker!
Door Prizes, Fun, and Fellowship!

\$55

September 11—12

Ages 13 & up

Brochures available at Church/
For more info, call Linda Nelson
at 208 263-3912



Women's Retreat

Theme: "Nashville, Tennessee"

Talent Show and Flea Market

Speaker: Linda Nelson

\$80 (Discounts if you can only come for part of the retreat.)

Brochures available at Church.

To register on line, go to www.clbcamp.org



"Beginnings—A Study of Genesis"

Details are still being worked out for where and when this year's Bible Study Fellowship will take place, but we are planning in person classes for this year. This year's book is Genesis. All women are invited and encouraged to attend and participate.

For more information, please call Kim Tarbert at 725-1810 or Annie Ricketts 725-3250.

Youth Stuff

Youth Leadership Training (YLT)

Starts 11 September 4:30 pm @ TBF. Parents are required to attend the first meeting. Please contact Pastor John to make other arrangements if needed.

Young Adults College and Careers Group

High School grads and up, come join us for **Game Night!!**
17th Sep, 6 pm @ Youth Trailer next door to TBF. Bring food or drink to share, see you there!

Upcoming Events

Spokavenger Hunt, 27th Sep, Meet 3pm @ TBF

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

Doing Church in Changing Times

2020.9, the Upgrade...

“The mind of a man plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps” (Proverbs 16:9).

“You ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that’ (James 4:15).

Knowing our plans keep changing, we still try. Here is a look ahead as we envisage it.

1. We will continue services on both Saturday evening and Sunday morning for the foreseeable future.
2. Sunday morning will move back to 10:30 on the 13th.
3. Sunday school will resume on the 13th
4. Youth Group will have already started on August 30th.
5. Youth Leadership begins on Friday the 11th.
6. Small Groups will begin at various times within the first two weeks of September.
7. Awana will begin on a split schedule on Tuesday the 29th and Wednesday the 30th (see article on this page).



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In addition to these plans, I have some hopes. I hope to have a Membership Class soon. I hope to make the Adult Sunday School class available by Zoom or Facebook live as well as in person. I’m thinking about offering a class on Systematic Theology in the near future. And I hope to see a lot of progress made on the Building Project.

Plans, hopes, and changes. This is the standard of 2020. In the midst of this, it is important that we continue to be the Church. In contrast to what you may see in our plans, that does not mean that the Church has lots of classes and programs, but that the Church glorifies God. That we, the Church, demonstrate love for each other. That we build each other up, that we proclaim the name of Christ.

Even though it may feel that we’re struggling just to keep our heads above water, we want to remember that we’re not just treading water. We’re going somewhere! Whatever we can actually do, and whatever plans fall apart, let us not lose sight of the goal of pleasing Christ.



BACK TO SCHOOL FOR PROPHETS

Prefer to get your Newsletter by email? We can do that! Contact the church office at tbfdavenport@hotmail.com

Awana 2020

The first decision you have to make is whether you want to participate in Awana at all. We will have game time, and will not require masks. Parents and kids must be comfortable with this. Otherwise, we will allow kids to pass verses by phone for full credit.

If you do plan to participate in Awana, here is our plan. We do not yet know for sure if we will offer Cubbies (Preschool age). If we do, it will be on Tuesday evenings. Sparks (K-2) will also meet Tuesdays. Truth and Training (3rd—6th grades) and Trek (7th—12th grades) will meet on Wednesdays. The time will still be 6—7:30.

We will act independently of the Davenport school schedule this year. We will follow their calendar for things such as Christmas and Spring Break, but will make our own decisions on a week to week basis. We will make contact by phone as needed when there are changes.

Our first night of Awana has been pushed back to Tuesday, September 29th and Wednesday, September 30th.

You are welcome to opt out and rejoin at any time as conditions change.

Missionary of the Month: Randy & Laura Damschen



Serving:
New Tribes Mission
In
Roach, Missouri

September 2020

Women's Ministry Leader: Sandy Buchanan
Group Members: Lori Rieth
Maryann Scheiffele
Tiffany Abell
Allyson Morrison



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Elders Meeting 6:30 pm	4	5 Worship Service 7 pm Coffee Fellowship
6 Worship Service 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship Youth Group 3:30—5 pm	7 	8	9	10	11 Youth Leadership 4:30 pm	12 Worship Service 7 pm
13 Worship Service 10:30 am Youth Group 3:30—5 pm	14 Mission Committee Meeting 4 pm Monday Night Football 4:15 & 7:10 pm 	15	16	17 College & Career Game Night 6 pm 	18 Youth Leadership 4:30 pm	19 Worship Service 7 pm
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27 Worship Service 10:30 am Communion/Benevolence Offering Youth Group Spokavenger Hunt 3 pm @ TBF	28 Monday Night Football 5:15 pm 	29 Awana Starts 6 pm Sparks & Cubbies 	30 Awana Starts 6 pm T & T and Trek			