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*"Our mission is to
proclaim the Word
of God, leading
people to a saving
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Ho Ho Ho Hosanna!

Do you know this children's song? The rest goes, 'Ha ha hallelujah. Hee hee hee He saved me, I've got the joy of the Lord. I've got the joy, I've got the joy, I've got the joy of the Lo-o-ord!'

'Ho ho ho' at this time of year usually guides your mind to a Christmas character not found in the Bible. 'Hosanna' in the Bible usually leads our minds to a different time of year. Which is fantastic, because this is the year in which the usual doesn't work! But, really, every year should unite the ho ho ho with the hosanna.

It was the angels who led with 'Joy to the world.' ("Good news of great joy," Luke 2:10.) Joy at Christmas is the proper Biblical/Spiritual response. We look at the love of God personified; we see our salvation set before us; we should be giddy! Of course, giddiness wears off, and we don't have to repeat the feeling; but we should remember it. Christmas is a time of remembering the Gift and celebrating the Giver. It is a time of great joy.

The 'Ho ho ho' the world knows is lacking the Hosanna. It is the joy without the reason. Which makes it not joy, but happiness. Happiness is not bad, but it is only a shadow of joy.

The happiness of most of the world at Christmas is a happiness based on expectations and hope limited to the world. Gifts, celebrations, and hope for things that may happen.

There is hope in the worldly kind of celebration, but is it a hope for what might happen; not a hope grounded in what has



happened.

In the best celebration without the hosanna, you get the gift you want. Guaranteed to bring happiness until it breaks, becomes obsolete, or otherwise loses its glow. In the best celebration without the hosanna, you have the celebration you want. The decorations are beautiful and the food is delicious. As part of this, you get the relationships you want. Everyone gets along.

Not only do no arguments erupt, but everyone seems to like each other. This is what the world hopes for—the best celebration without the hosanna. It is a good hope; but it is a hope without assurance, and that rarely goes fulfilled.

It is nice that even the shadow of a celebration of Christ's birth brings so much happiness to the world, but why should we settle for a shadow of the real thing when we have the real thing?

The celebration with the hosanna is entirely better. The Gift is better and the hope is already fulfilled. This celebration can contain all the things we found in the non-hosanna holiday, but they come as a bonus. We know the true meaning of Christmas. The joy is deep and rewarding.

Too often, those saved by Jesus Christ; those who have everything needed for a proper celebration of Jesus' birth, celebrate no better than the world. Don't trade true joy for manufactured happiness. Celebrate Christmas to its fullest.

Ho Ho Ho Hosanna!

Photo of the Month



Meet our new missionaries! Steve & Becky McMath, with daughter Deborah, are new missionaries setting out with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Steve is a former Marine pilot, and will serve as an airplane mechanic, helping the translators on the field. We are taking them on initially for \$50 a month.

Annual Business Meeting Report

Sunday, November 15

A delicious pot-luck was enjoyed by many. 24 people stayed after the meal for the annual business meeting. Some people joined the meeting on-line.

Minutes were read and approved, with one minor correction.

Reports were presented and largely focused on how ministry adapted to changing Covid restrictions:

- Streaming the service
- Holding two services for a while
- Awana split over two nights to decrease nightly attendance

And how ministry went on in spite of Covid

- Youth ministry continued
- Cocolalla Camps went forward as normal
- Camp Na-Bor-Lee was a big success
- We held a Turkey-Shoot
- Funds held strong
- Deaconesses fulfilled their normal duties; including holding a revised form of Women's Retreat.

Conclusion: The Church continued to be the Church.

Some highlights;

- All officers were elected unanimously: Elder: Dion Ricketts and Dan Shumway, Deaconess: Lori Rieth, Sunday School Superintendent: Mike Bell, Secretary: Bethany Reed, Treasurer: Debbie Anderson, Missions Committee: Laurie Anderson, Sandy Buchanan, Janice Emery, and Kathlene Shumway.
- We also voted unanimously to support Steve and Becky McMath as missionaries with Wycliffe in the amount of \$50/month.
- The budget was approved as presented.
 - Pastors were given a 5% raise, and a \$1500 bonus.
- The Trustees shared their plan to get a new heating and cooling system for the sanctuary.

New Business

- Discussed option of paying the Worship Leader.
- Discussed need for a new church vehicle.
- Both options were discussed and left open for more research.



Casual Christmas

Following what is now a long-standing tradition at TBF, we will hold a service at 10 am on Christmas morning. Don't dress up, don't bring an offering (unless it's goodies to share), and don't expect a long sermon. This service is about celebrating Jesus' birth with family and honoring Him on His birthday.

Church Funds 10/31/2020

Benevolence Fund	2,960
Missionaries Reserve	2,100
Missions Fund	465
Mission Trip	1,883
General Fund	43,200
Total	\$50,508

Building Fund	\$ 63,876
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Gideons Report



We had a good presentation from Rod Hegel and Dave Brennen of the Gideons on Sunday, Nov. 22. They reported that the offering they received here was \$755!

Thanks for your faithfulness in sending God's Word out to all the world.

Missions Committee

Our new Missions Committee is scheduled to meet Thursday, December 10. This is a time devoted to discussing our missionaries news and needs, and praying for them.

New missionaries Steve and Becky McMath send their thanks for our support.

Church Directories

Check your box at church for your new directory. New families have been added, pictures are updated, and contact information has been changed for some.

If you are staying away from church due to Covid and would like your directory delivered to you, give us a call at the church office and we'll get it to you.

Thank You from Your Pastors

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity in voting us both a raise and a bonus. We are truly blessed to serve at this church. If you haven't heard it yet, we also thank you for your kindness to us over Pastor Appreciation Month in October.

Pastors Steve, John, and our families



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 decorated the Davenport Gazebo for Christmas, and sang a few Christmas Carols. The Youth Leaders Crew managed to drive over to Cocolalla, ID. to see Dirk Darrow as guest speaker for the Youth Fall Retreat, good job Dirk!

We have some big plans for celebrating this Christmas, so come and hitch up your horses and get ready with 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 13th will be the last regular Youth Group meeting till January 3rd

The Big Event

This month; the Youth GANG will be celebrating our Savior's birth day. Come join the G.A.N.G Saturday, December 19th 6pm to 11:30, for our **Half-Niter Christmas party!** Bring a friend and a White Elephant Gift (less than \$5.00, handmade ok) for food, games, and fun.

Youth Leadership Training (YLT)

A more intensive study with an emphasis on Discipleship. Every other Friday @ 4:30. December 4th & 18th will be the last regular YLT meeting till January 8th.

Upcoming Events

Winter Camp 2020, January 15-17th, Register early for the discount clbcamps.org

Trek & Journey Christmas Party, December 16th during the normal Awana schedule.

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College Career Christmas Party
December 23rd, 6 pm to ???





The boxes are packed and delivered to Spokane. TBF packed 116 boxes and we collected a total of 356 boxes from the surrounding communities. \$1010 has been donated to ship boxes. To cover all boxes we collected, we still need \$334. If you would like to contribute, please see Annie.



Ladies Christmas Tea



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(See Luke 2:1-16)

12-19-2014

IT HAD A STAR ON TOP SO I FIGURED IT SHOULD HAVE A MANGER AT THE BOTTOM

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

Awana



“Awana wish you a merry Christmas, Awana wish you merry Christmas....” Okay, it’s ‘I wanna,’ but some times Awana just sounds that way. What does Awana mean, anyway? Glad you asked. It’s taken from the initials for ‘Approved Workman, And Not Ashamed.’ It is based on 2nd Timothy 2:15, which tells us to do our best to be approved workmen, not ashamed.

Special Nights in December

December 1-2	Twins Night
December 8-9	Penny Parade
December 15-16	Nativity Scene Night

For Penny Parade, kids and leaders bring in money to drop in a bucket, which will be sent as a Christmas gift to Jim and Bev VanMersbergen, Awana Missionaries.

What about Covid? Anyone who would like to pass sections over the phone can do that. Otherwise, as long as schools are open, we will not cancel Awana due to Covid 19.

Missionary of the Month:




Olivier & Ellen Melnick



December 2020

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Awana 6—7:30 pm Twins Night BSF (Lutheran Church) 6:30 pm	2 Awana 6—7:30 pm Twins Night	3 BSF 10:30 am	4 Youth Leadership 4:30 pm	5 Ladies Christmas Tea 11 am—1 pm 
6 Coffee Fellowship Youth Group 3:30—5 pm	7 MNF 5:15 pm	8 Awana 6—7:30 pm Penny Parade BSF (Lutheran Church) 6:30 pm	9 Awana 6—7:30 pm Penny Parade	10 BSF 10:30 am Mission Committee Meeting (ZOOM) 5 pm	11	12
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20	21 MNF 5:15 pm	22 BSF (Lutheran Church) 6:30 pm	23 CAC Christmas Party 6 pm 	24	25 	26
27 Communion/Benevolence Offering	28 MNF 5:15 pm	29	30	31		