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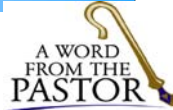
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Two Services, One Church

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you also were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all” (Eph 4:4-6). But two services.

Now that is a problem.

Why do we need two services? Because we need to encourage—rather than discourage—people from coming to church. Perhaps you were in church when I told this true story from just a few weeks ago: two people arrived late for church. They had a hard time finding a place where they could sit together. It’s not much of a story, but that’s the whole thing.

It’s not so much a story, however, as it is a problem. Putting on my problem-solving hat, here are some possible solutions: 1. They can arrive earlier, and push the problem off onto someone else. 2. They can make the best of it and sit separately. 3. They can decide it’s no fun to come to church together and sit separately, and stay home.

Putting on my other problem-solving hat, I say each one of the options above act as if the problem is with the people. How about we treat this as if it is our problem to solve, rather than theirs. Since it is our problem to solve, we solve it by: 1. Building a bigger sanctuary, and 2. in the meantime, running two services.



As often happens, however, solving one problems creates others. We are working out details with the need for new greeters, for worship/music leaders for two services, and for child-care for an extra service. Who is responsible for counting the offering? Who will run the audio/visual? Will

we still have coffee fellowships, and how will they run? What is involved in setting up communion for two services? The list goes on. How long it is depends on your ability to spot problems on the horizon (both a blessing and a curse).

In my own humble opinion—which I probably don’t voice with adequate humility—these problems are just details. They need to be tended to, but you make a few decisions and implement a few changes, and they’re solved. From the pastor’s perspective, the potentially big problem is one of unity. We will have two services, but we must remain one church.

While the sermon will be the same, the two services will be different in other ways. The first service will have piano-based music. The second will continue the more contemporary mix of our usual service. The first service is scheduled from 8:30—9:30, and must end on time to make room for Sunday School at 9:45. The second service faces no such end-time pres-

Photo of the Month



“Our mission is to proclaim the Word of God, leading people to a saving faith and a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.”

What a quality group of servers from last year’s Valentine’s banquet! Look for them to repeat that role this year, though in slightly different costume—Carnival Barkers! Donations for their services will help them go on mission trip this summer.

sure, and is expected to run a little longer. "Little longer" is yet to be defined.

Presumably, some people will choose their service because of convenience. The 8:30 service frees up most of the day for those who would like to get something done. The 11 O'clock service (even after you go to Sunday school, of course) lets you sleep in later. What kind of a nut wants to get up that early on a Sunday anyway! One nice perk is the ability to do either, according to how it suits you on any given Sunday!

Other people will choose to attend based on the style of service that pleases them most. Time will be a secondary consideration for these people.

Don't read judgment into any of these observations, because there is none intended. I'm excited to be able to give people more options. My only fear is that someone might start to think of the service they attend as being the church, rather than the whole group. How embarrassing if we were to require a paraphrase of 1 Corinthians 1:12 so it said, "Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, 'I am of 8:30,' and 'I, of 11:00.'"

With this in mind, I've been praying for God's wisdom and protection ever since the need for a second service became evident; and asking others to pray since we've began discussing it. Join us, and pray for God's blessing on us as one body.

On the subject of prayer, I have a couple of suggestions, and one of them is about prayer. Start praying through your church directory. Joan and I started this with the new year, and we pray through one page a day. So, on day one, we prayed for the Abells and all the different Andersons. The service someone attends won't affect this at all. Prayer can unite us regardless of what the clock does.

Another suggestion is Sunday School. People from both services will unite in the one Sunday school set between them. Make it a point to be there, regardless which service you attend. You will strengthen us as a body.

One of our current great fellowship times is Coffee Fellowship; and that is taking a hit. Rather than having it once a month after church, we plan to have it once a quarter, when there's a fifth Sunday, and hold it between services, in lieu of Sunday School. Make it a point to be at church for this.

There are several things that contribute to the health of a church, and one of them is the fellowship of believers in that church. Fellowship is the one thing we most fear losing as we go to two services. Don't let that happen—let's make this a positive move all the way around.

In the Library



by Judy Crowell

I'm writing this after Steve mentioned the book Experiencing God (by Henry Blackaby and Claude King) in Sunday School. He shared some passages where the authors gave examples of how God often calls people (like Moses) to do something specific, and then empowers them to accomplish the task--rather than just calling people to do things to match previous abilities. Thinking along these lines should help make us more willing to "try something new" if we feel God is leading us in that direction. Another suggestion that caught my interest concerned how to

discover ways to serve God more.

The authors suggest that people looking for new ways to serve Him should look around to find places where God is currently working, and then join in. They give many examples where this approach has been fruitful. I really enjoyed reading this book, and even listened to it (abridged) on audio tapes. (If you would like to listen to it and don't have a tape player, the church library has one that can be borrowed.)

Some new books in the library include Fix Your Eyes on Jesus by

Anne Ortlund, Lost Women of the Bible by Carolyn James, and Having a Mary Spirit--allowing God to change us from the inside out-- by Joanna Weaver. A new novel is Echoes by Kristen Heitzmann. And there are a couple of new kids' books in the Joy Berry Help Me Be Good series: Being Mean and Breaking Promises.



Heart Talk

by Mark Smith

"The LORD is my shepherd."

Possibly no other group of five words from the Bible pack as much emotion as these from the beginning of the familiar Twenty-third Psalm. There are gems to claim as our own from every line of this song of faith.

David begins Psalm 23 with that five-word announcement: "The LORD is my shepherd." The One of whom he writes is the Lord of the covenant, the promise-keeping God. He's reliable, trustworthy, a perfect object of faith, one upon whom we can depend. He is true to His Word.

This One "is" – present tense – David's caring shepherd. The relationship is in real time, not suspended in the past or only longed for as a potential future. It's right now!

David personalizes his relationship with the Lord when he writes "my." Although the Lord is available to be everyone's shepherd, for David (and for us as well), there's a special closeness, an intimacy with our Creator and Redeemer that's there to be experienced.

The flip side of God as shepherd is that we humans have a sufficient volume of sheep-likeness to justify the comparison. Like sheep, we have needs – rest, protection, food and water. Like sheep, we are practically helpless (even though we have an inflated concept of ourselves). Like sheep, we cannot make it on our own – we need the

direction and guidance of someone from the outside.

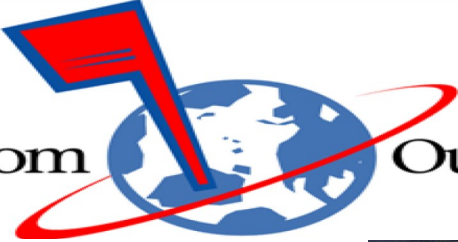
The promise-keeping God steps up and meets our needs, gives us grace that is sufficient in our weakness (2 Corinthians 12), protects us from danger and the attacks of Satan, guides our path, feeds and nourishes us. He's able and willing to be everything we need in a shepherd.

The imagery in the psalm flows from the life of a shepherd in that part of the world. A friendship developed between the shepherd and the sheep. His task was to watch over his animals, protecting them from preying animals or robbers. He carefully selected where the sheep would feed and partake of refreshing water. He lived among them 24/7.

As David experienced God's abiding presence in his life, both as a young boy tending his father's sheep and as a mature man keeping watch over God's flock (Israel), he knew the truth of what he wrote in Psalm 34:10 – "The young lions do lack and suffer hunger, but they who seek the LORD shall not be in want of any good thing." Centuries later, Paul concurs (Philippians 4:19) – "My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus."

In the New Testament, our Lord Jesus is presented as the "Good Shepherd" (John 10), the "Great Shepherd of the sheep" (Hebrews 13:20) and the "Shepherd and Guardian of our souls" (1 Peter 2:25). As the God-man, He is exceptionally qualified to be our Shepherd.



from  Our Missionaries

Tim Karr's Camp Report

Family: Teresa and I are, by God's grace, doing well. We continue to dialog about our future family and life plans, and are eager to see what God has in store for us!

Personal: I have finally completed my M.A. from Liberty University!! It has been a little strange not being a full time student after 19 years of it, but I am enjoying the time off. I have set a new goal of reading the Bible during the year, reading the OT twice, and the NT & Psalms 4 times in a year. This has been challenging, but I am enjoying the pace. God has been gracious in so many ways. I have been convicted lately that I have neglected the ministry of support-raising, and am setting new goals in raising my support. My primary long-term goal is that my missionary income will support my family so that Teresa does not need to work.

Ministry: Youth Leadership is in full swing and I am thinking about Summer Camp. Winter Camp was a few weekends ago. The event was well attended and there was definite spiritual growth during the weekend.

Summer Camp plans are moving full force. I have been recruiting Summer Missionaries and will start recruiting volunteers soon. One of my goals this summer is to develop a more active prayer ministry during the summer camps.

Spring Retreat is in April, and summer events start shortly after. I am working hard at compiling information for the 40th year celebration.

Resting in Jesus,

Tim Karr.



Dear saints at TBF, Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Hope this will find you all safe and sound as we are here in India. Thank you so

much for your prayers and regular financial support. I just received this month support from your Church and I am so much thankful to you. Thanks. Here things are going well. The ministry is also in good shape. Please continue to pray for us.

Yesterday last night by 12 mid night I returned from Orissa state trip. I visited one of our Churches that were destroyed by the radical Hindus RSS recently. They beaten very badly the Pastor and some believers and they removed the Church doors and windows and they were burned. I cried there to see the situation. (Another man named) Pastor Daniel is in that village. To go to that village called Goluru, Koraput District, Orissa I have to walk more than 3 miles after 150 KMs driving from Visakhapatnam and go by a boat to cross the river. The Christians are suffering with lots of poverty. I need to help them to re-build the Church building again to conduct their services. Please pray for them.

Then I visited another village called Golugonda where Pastor David Raju is working and his wife died a year ago with a mysterious disease. Recently a Church was built for that village too. We took lots of blankets, and warm clothes to that people and helped them. Please pray for these tribals. I will soon send pictures of this destroyed Church and Pastor. Thank you once again for your special love and support. My wife Mary and all my family is sending their greetings to you. Thank you.

Yours in Him,
Ch.Daniel

Ministry in Cameroon

Praise the Lord!

* Our kids are enjoying Cameroon. The kids are enjoying playing together, and Elly can play with either Noah or Jojo, so she helps keep everyone happy. They are also excited to go and visit a local playground after school, or go to the missionary library to pick out new books! They sometimes go visit a local orphanage, and enjoy a kids' club with the kids there (the orphanage kids attend our church, so they have Sunday School with them at church, too). Noah has enjoyed playing soccer with some of our neighbor kids some afternoons.

*Cam met with a potential translator from Bangolan, and was given four stories that are ready to be input into the computer. These will help us understand the grammar to prepare for good translation. Nine other stories have been recorded but not yet written out (this is a big challenge because the languages are only newly written and spelling rules are still being established).

For more, get on Cam & Valerie's email list. Contact the church office to see how.



Hey Steve, Getting back in the saddle is more difficult than I imagined and I didn't think it would be easy. There is a whole

new culture, new personnel, new kids, here at the school. I have had parent meetings, board meetings, staff meetings, student meetings; all on top of my normal meetings. But, God is making my path straight. He has an awesome way of making me look wise and judicious when I trust in Him with all my heart. So, once

again I find myself leading from my knees! On the other side, I subbed for the High School Bible teacher for two weeks and I got to meet the students. They are an excellent bunch, though I have yet to discover who the spiritual leaders are. Also, the school families and staff "pounded" us this week and that was a real blessing. It was a special encouragement to Lynda.

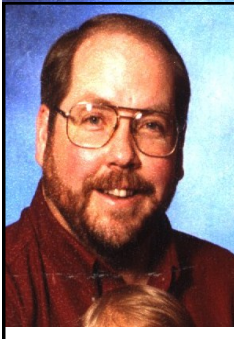
It was 43 this morning but it is 72 right now. But, I am enjoying all the face book photos of Davenport, Sandpoint and places between.

We have reunited with two couples whom we met on our first tour of duty here. Neither couple know Christ, but they love hanging out with us. Pray that God would use

these relationships to draw them to Himself.

So, it is Friday. I am definitely ready for a weekend. A missionary couple is having a yard sale tomorrow. Lynda wants to be there. Otherwise, I hope to watch the New England game on Sunday if it comes on the one channel I get at the house. Those are my weekend plans.

Yours by grace, Bruce



by Richard Hayes

Elders Report

Date December 30, 2011

- Intercessory Prayer:
- Attendance: Steve McLachlan, Knute Hernas, Richard Hayes, Mark Smith
- Scheduled report:
- Scheduled leaders for Communion. Discussed plans for Good Friday and Sunrise services. Good Friday falls on Passover this year.

Pastor's report:

- Steve said he will be looking into palm fronds for the children on Palm Sunday.
- Reminded everyone of the Quarterly meeting on January 10, 2012.
- Steve and Greg are taking the weekend of January 15th to complete the remodeling project in Vancouver.
- Moody N.W. has been contacted for a guest speaker on the 15th.
- Steve plans to incorporate altar calls in more services. Just because we haven't had great responses in the past should not limit their use.
- The 5th Sunday in January will be Testimony Sunday.
- Steve brought up the idea of two Sunday services. The elders discussed some of the aspects of two services. Two services would be brought up at the quarterly meeting for further discussion.
- Treasurer's Report: The report will be given at the quarterly meeting.

Old Business:

- Richard will talk with Sue about her progress looking into health insurance policies for Josh and a possible "group policy" for Josh and Steve.

New Business:

- Discussed dress standards for those serving at church.

Next regular meeting: Friday February 3rd @ 3:00 pm.



Valentines Carnival!

Remember taking your date to the Fair? This year it's official as our theme for the Valentines (Banquet?) is the Carnival! There will be games and carnival food, as well as a good Valentines message by missionary Robert McDowall.

Walt and Sarah Sweetser are hosting the Truly-Wed game this year. Let's see if they can stir up trouble before speaker Robert McDowall solves it for us.

Youth Leadership will run games and serve. Donations for this summer's mission trip are being accepted.



by Josh Cooper



Pastor Josh writes from India:

"I hope all is going well for everyone back home. Everything is going very well here in India. We don't have internet; the internet café down the street is not open that often, and when we are there we don't have lots of time; so sorry about not emailing you sooner. Nobody has gotten sick, and we have an excellent team. Most of them are Indian and from the area. We have been teaching a lot of high schoolers English, and visiting homes in the slums. When I get home I can share with you in more detail.

In Christ,
Josh."

(Josh will be speaking on Sunday, Feb 12.)

Church Funds

12/31/12

Building Fund	163,238.90
Benevolence Fund	729.82
Missionaries Reserve	2,100.00
Mission Trip	505.25
Scholarship Fund	200.00
General Fund	29,025.90

Overall Total 195,799.87

Mercy Triumphs

A New Women's Bible Study by Beth Moore on the Book of James is scheduled to start on Thursday, Feb 9th. This study will be led by Laurie Anderson, and held at church. It is expected to run between 6:30 and 8 pm each evening. If you would like more information, you can call Laurie at 714-2255.



Olivier Melnick

Chosen People Ministries speaker Olivier Melnick is scheduled to speak here at TBF on Thursday, Feb

16th. His topic is Israel's Place in the World, a discussion which takes in current events. He is scheduled to speak at 6 pm, followed by Q&A and a dessert pot-luck. Mr. Melnick is also an author and artist, and will have books and prints available for sale.

For more information, you can go to: <http://www.oliviermelnick.com/>

Teen Challenge in March



"Providing Faith-based Recovery Services for over 50 years"

Teen Challenge will visit TBF on March 4th to share their work and challenges with us. They will speak briefly during the service and be available afterwards to meet with anyone who would like.

Baby Bottle Campaign

Fill a baby bottle with change and support Life Services of Spokane. Bottles available at church. Return them by February 19th.



Youth Stuff

Five of us have been doing our best to fill Josh's shoes in his absence. Terry Anderson is acting Awana Commander, Pastor Steve & Dave Fitzpatrick are leading 180°, Josh McLachlan is teaching the Sunday School class, Deanna Fitzpatrick is leading High School Awana and worked at Winter Camp, and Pastor Steve is directing Youth Leadership. I (Steve) have had a lot of fun, and find I still love doing youth work; but I have been reminded why I had to give it up. The mind is willing, but the flesh is feeble.

Coming Events

Youth Leadership will be serving and running carnival games at the Valentine's Banquet on Friday, Feb 10. This is their first fundraiser of the year, as they begin raising money for this year's mission trip.





Having recovered now from the first month of the New Year, it's time to really get to business!

We'll have our first teachers and children's ministry leaders gathering in 2012 on Sunday, March 4. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. While we're enjoying the feast, we'd like also to give an opportunity for everyone to share an idea, method, strategy, etc., that you've used effectively in your classes or children's church sessions. This was a suggestion from our most recent gathering last year – and a good one, too! So be thinking of what you'd like to share. Feel free to bring along materials, handouts, etc., if you like.

The March 4 session's second hour (from about 6 to 7) will be devoted to some interaction on methods of organizing your lessons to effectively communicate God's truth. We'll also have an extended time of prayer together for our Christian education ministries at TBF.

Although there's still snow and ice on the ground outside my window, summer isn't as far away as we might think. And that means VBS is on the way. It's a Summer Olympics year, so "God's Champions" seems an appropriate theme. The dates are Monday through Friday, June 18-22,

Teachers Corner

from 9 to 11:45 a.m. each day. We'll have some organizational gatherings and be contacting folks individually to be involved.

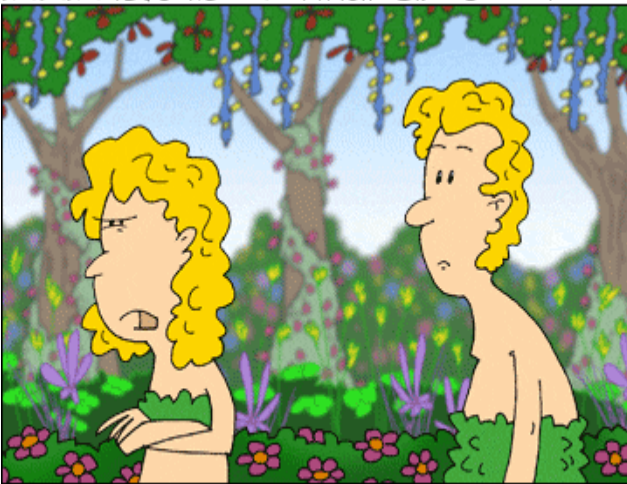
Pastor Steve and I are brainstorming a new level of Christian education at TBF that we'd like to launch in the fall. As our congregation has grown in numbers and various levels of spiritual maturity, I feel there may be a need for a "college-like" curriculum for "deeper" study and for ongoing training opportunities for our teachers and children's workers. Along with the Bible, there would be assigned textbooks, special assignments and yes, tests! We're thinking of offering two 10- to 13-week courses to begin with, on different days so that both could be taken if desired. Courses could include hermeneutics (Bible interpretation), spiritual life, Old and New Testament surveys, systematic theology and Biblical worship.

I'd like to hear what you think about this possibility. Would it meet a need and desire on your part? What courses appeal to you?



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I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU FORGET TO GET ME FLOWERS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

Awana

Special Nights in February

Feb 1	Teeny Tiny Night
Feb 8	Mega Night
Feb 15	Love Your Leader Night
Feb 22	Presidents Night
Feb 29	All Sports Night

We're half-way there! Congratulations, all you kids who have been working so hard learning your memory verses! This is a good time to look at your book, and see how much you've finished, and how much you still have to do if you want to finish. Are you right on schedule? Ahead? Great. Behind? Now is a good time to pick up the pace. You've got a lot of time to make up lost ground without having to work too hard.

Thanks, Commander Terry! While Pastor Josh has been in India (He's supposed to return on Feb 8th), Terry Anderson has done an excellent job of filling in for him. Things have continued to go well, and we're grateful.

Missionaries of the Month:

Cam and Valerie Hamm
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February 2012

Women's Ministry Leader: Annie Ricketts
 Group Members: Rebecca Seim
 Kym Faulkner
 Marie Plasencia



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 Awana—Teeny Tiny Night 6 pm</p> <p>Vernon Ross</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Elder's Meeting 3 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Walt Sweetser</p>
<p>5 Early Service 8:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Late Service 11:00 am 180° 6:30 pm</p>	<p>6 Men's Coffee 8:30 am</p> <p>Susan Holzapple</p>	<p>7 Women's Bible Study @ Sandy Buchanan's 9:30 am Essentials of Discipline 6 pm</p>	<p>8 Awana—Mega Night 6 pm</p> <p>Emory Coriell</p>	<p>9 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm</p>	<p>10 Valentine Banquet Games 5 pm Dinner 6 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Joshua McDowall *</p>
<p>12 Early Service 8:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Late Service 11:00 am 180° 6:30 pm Membership class at McLachlan's, 6 p</p>	<p>13 Men's Coffee 8:30 am Mission Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Youth Leadership 7 pm Judy Crowell Finn Shumway</p>	<p>14 Women's Bible Study @ Sandy Buchanan's 9:30 am Essentials of Discipline 6 pm</p> <p>Toni Kay Copeland</p>	<p>15 Awana—Love Your Leader Night 6 pm</p> <p>Tristan Hoffmann *</p>	<p>16 Chosen People Speaker Olivier Melnick 6 pm Dessert Potluck</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Vicente Reyna *</p>	<p>18 Pinochle Party @ Shumway's 5:30 pm</p>
<p>19 Early Service 8:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Late Service 11:00 am Return Baby Bottles 180° 6:30 pm Linette Vaughn</p>	<p>20 Men's Coffee 8:30 am</p>	<p>21 Women's Bible Study @ Sandy Buchanan's 9:30 am</p> <p>M & M's 6 pm</p>	<p>22 Awana—Presidents Night 6 pm</p>	<p>23 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm</p> <p>Michael Coleman</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Tiffany Abell</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Jim Buchanan Annie Ricketts</p>
<p>26 Early Service 8:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Late Service 11:00 am 180° 6:30 pm Tyson Lacy Cindy McDowall *</p>	<p>27 Men's Coffee 8:30 am Youth Leadership 7 pm</p>	<p>28 Women's Bible Study @ Sandy Buchanan's 9:30 am Essentials of Discipline 6 pm Dan Abell Lindsey Anderson * Mike Crowell</p>	<p>29 Awana—All Sport Night 6 pm</p>			