



Lessons from a Bad Guy

King Ahab is one of the most intriguing bad guys of the Bible. He is Elijah's nemesis and is summed up with these words, *"Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD more than all who were before him"* (1 Kings 16:30). And *"Surely there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do evil in the sight of the LORD, because Jezebel his wife incited him"* (1 Kings 21:25). I guess you could say he wasn't a bad guy, he was a Bad Guy. Still, I think I might have liked him, and maybe we can learn a lesson or two from his life.



First, I don't think it was so much that he was bad as that he didn't care about God. He met Princess Jezebel, and she was a babe, who worshiped another God. God wasn't important to Ahab, so idol worship was not a big deal to him. He cared about babes, so that was a big deal to him. His priorities would fit well in the modern world.

Second, he was immature. When a man named Naboth wouldn't sell him a vineyard, he *"came into his house sullen and vexed...and lay down on his bed and turned away his face and ate no food"* (1 Kings 21:4). Poor baby.

Third, he had no moral character. When Jezebel heard why he was pouting, she had Naboth murdered and gave the property to Ahab. Ahab wasn't party to the murder, but he took the land.

He allowed his wife to do pretty much whatever she wanted. She promoted worship of Baal and Asherah. He allowed her

to kill prophets of the LORD. At least where she was concerned, he had no character.

So why do I think I might have liked him? Because he was a warrior, and fearless in battle. The king of Aram came up against him with a huge army and demanded tribute. He agreed to give it. When it became apparent Aram didn't actually want tribute. But

war, they threatened to reduce his city to dust. He replied, *"Let not him who girds on his armor boast like him who takes it off."* God gave Ahab the victory that day (and the next time the two kings met); but Ahab had the courage to go into battle against a far greater army. Even when Ahab died, it was in battle, standing in his chariot and bleeding out from his wounds, facing the enemy.

He also was able to repent. Elijah confronted Ahab after the incident with Naboth. *"It came about when Ahab heard these words, that he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and fasted, and he lay in sackcloth and went about despondently"* (1 Kings 21:27).

Some lessons from the life of Ahab: 1. It's not enough to know about God, you have to care about Him. If you don't care, the knowledge won't help you. 2. Don't throw pity parties. 3. Take responsibility for your actions, and don't be a party to someone else's sins. 4. When you sin, repent. 5. Courage is admirable, but it won't save you. When you die, you'll still be dead.

First Kings, 17-22. Read up on Ahab. See what I missed and what else you can learn from this bad guy.



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Photo of the Month



Kathlene Shumway and her crew of volunteers prepare to lead songs at Vacation Bible School. See article inside.

Vacation Bible School Report



An unusual year has an unusual report. Here's what we can say about our Virtual Bible School this year.

We did an online VBS, with videos posted on YouTube. Technical issues abounded, and videos were mostly not posted on time. We inserted some pre-recorded videos. Crafts were done by Ben McLachlan and family, Missions were done by Brad and Shilo Cain.

Sunday School Charlie was done by Pastor Steve, and Kathlene Shumway presented fun and worship with songs. Special help singing and with the Memory verses came from helpers available each day. Thank you Lacy girls, Dehler boys, Reed children, and Emmett Shumway.

We can't tell how many people watched, or if any decisions for Christ were made, but we can share some figures with you:

50 Craft and Snack packets were made, and all were distributed.

YouTube tells us how many hits each video received.

Monday	53 Views
Tuesday	33 Views
Wednesday	27 Views
Thursday	16 Views
Friday	22 Views

If you're interested, you can still watch one anytime. Just go to YouTube and type in Trinity Bible Fellowship VBS and you'll find us.

Our Missions project went pretty well, though we didn't raise as much money as we usually do. Kids could bring money in to drop in either the boys jar or the girls jar, or adults could email a pledge or drop money in the offering.

The project was to raise money for Operation School Pack, run through Colegio Binimea, the missionary school where the Cains minister. Videos each day explained how school supplies help missionaries reach tribal children in the villages surrounding Chihuahua.

When the dust settled the girls beat the boys with \$331.25, as compared to \$292.30; with a grand total of \$623.30 raised for the project.



Thank you to everyone who served, gave, and prayed for Vacation Bible School. We trust that God's Word never returns empty, and that this year's VBS was a blessing.



by John Doyle

Hey Youth G.A.N.G, we have had a great few Meetings, good turnout and fun was had by all. Looks like we are almost to Summer camp season. If you haven't registered for 'Teen Camp' you need to hurry, price goes up 10 days before camp. Youth group is going to shut down for most of July, but we will be back at it in August. So, grab your Sunscreen and your board shorts cause 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. Last Youth Group 28 Jun 2020, Youth Group starts back up 2 Aug 2020

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

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

Church Funds 5/31/2020

Benevolence Fund	2,814.37
Missionaries Reserve	2,100.00
Missions Fund	6,425.36
Mission Trip	1,677.92
General Fund	40,335.63
Total	\$53,353.28
Building Fund	\$ 45,568.65
	\$ 98,921.93

Building Fund



Current Building fund through 6/21/20:

Balance 12/31/18	\$264,277.09
Plus income 1/1/19 thru 6/21/20	\$62,893.22
Total Building Fund Income:	\$327,170.31
Less expenses	\$279,486.66
Current Balance	\$47,683.65
(matches Fund Balance on 6/21/20)	

Quarterly Board Meeting

Thursday, July 16, at 6:30. We would like to hear from all boards and board members, as we seek to bring Church back to 'normal.'

Youth

Guidelines in mind. Any food or drink will be prepared and served according to Davenport School District Guidelines.

Youth Leadership Training (YLT)

Will be back starting in September

Upcoming Events

Teen Camp @ CLBC July 5th-10th. For more info contact Pastor John or www.clbcamp.org

Young Adults College and Careers Group

Come join us and kick off this new group with a bang, 18 and up, working or attending college. First monthly meeting 17 July, Friday 7pm. We will have pizza and drinks, bring dessert to share.

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

How Shall We Do Church?

Once again, the rules are changing. Pray for our elders, as they have been working overtime trying to keep up with our responsibilities in light of continuing change. Most recently, the governor's requirement that masks be worn in all public settings. We acknowledge this rule. We encourage you to decide for yourself how you will respond to it. We will not enforce this rule.

Other updates:

We continue to livestream Sunday services on Facebook at 9:30 for the benefit of those who choose to/need to stay home.

Those of us coming to Church on either **Saturday at 7 pm** or **Sunday at 9:30 am** have been enjoying the renewed fellowship.

We are still streaming **Children's Church at 8:30 Sunday mornings**, in spite of continuing technical challenges. As with VBS, we get help singing from child volun-

teers who show up to help. Also, Children's Church will now be offered during the Sunday morning Worship Service.

We have a new electric drum set to be in use soon. This is something we've been discussing for years, but the ability to run the drums through the sound board should be a great asset for sound quality with streaming the service, and that made it easier for us to move ahead with the decision.

We are ready to run a 'normal' baptism service, unaffected by the pandemic. If you have trusted Jesus as your Savior and have not yet been baptized, your question should be the same as that of the Ethiopian Eunuch in Acts 8:36: "Look, water! What prevents me from being baptized?" Don't worry about the details, we can make it happen.

There is work we can do on the new building! We have some work that requires cutting boards, driving nails, and climbing ladders, but other than that, no building skills are required. If you are available on Fridays or Saturdays in July, let Pastor Steve know. Volunteer labor may not be as fast as skilled labor, but it's a whole lot cheaper!



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Camp Plans

It's July, and camps are here! And camp coupons are here! Contact the office for discount coupons good for \$15 off the cost of camp for each girl and boy associated with Trinity Bible Fellowship. You can save another \$15 by pre-registering at least 10 days before camp starts. If cost is still an issue, contact Pastor Steve or Pastor John.



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

For more info, we have a few brochures at church, or you can go to www.clbcamp.org

Missionaries of the Month:



July 2020

Women's Ministry Leader: *Toby Herzinger*
 Group Members: *Joan McLachlan*
Jerie Broze
Kim Tarbert

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ladies Prayer 4 pm	2	3	4 Worship 7 pm
5 Worship 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship	6	7	8 Ladies Prayer 4 pm	9 Elders Meeting, 6:30 pm	10	11 Worship 7 pm
Teen Camp at CLBC July 5–10 Pastor John at Camp						
12 Worship 9:30 am	13 Mission Committee Meeting 4 pm	14	15 Ladies Prayer 4 pm	16 Quarterly Board Meeting, 6:30 pm	17	18 Worship 7 pm
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19 Worship 9:30 am	20	21	22 Ladies Prayer 4 pm	23	24	25 Worship 7 pm Communion Benevolence Offering
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26 Worship 9:30 am Communion Benevolence Offering	27	28	29 Ladies Prayer 4 pm	30	31	
7 & 8 Camp @ CLBC July 26–30 Pastor Steve at Camp						