



# The Trinity Times

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## Little Characters with Big Lessons Josiah—One Faithful Man

When asked to name the kings of ancient Israel, most people won't be able to tell you more than David. Many will quickly be able to double that list with Solomon; and many will also remember Saul came before David. After those three, for most of us, we just know there were some, and they did have names. Personally, I enjoy the history of First and Second Kings and Chronicles, and the ups and downs of the kingdoms (plural – Israel was divided into two nations for hundreds of years). I couldn't tell you all the names either; they do get jumbled, but I can tell you my favorite king is known by few – Josiah.

Josiah was born into very dark times. The northern kingdom of Israel had been destroyed a hundred years earlier, only the southern kingdom of Judah was left. His grandfather, Manasseh, had ruled Judah for 55 years; and for most of that time he was an evil man. Idolatry had long existed in Israel, but he encouraged it in a big way, building altars to idols, even putting them in the temple. He sacrificed some of his own children, and practiced witchcraft and sorcery. During his reign, Israel was defeated by the Assyrians, and Manasseh finally repented; but the damage was done. God had already determined to punish Israel for its sins. Manasseh died and his son Amon – Josiah's father – became king, and was as evil as his fa-



ther had been. He ruled only two years before dying, leaving little Josiah, eight years old, to reign an evil people.

We can only speculate why – I'm going to guess he had a godly mother – but Josiah grew up differently. By the time he turned 16 he was actively following God. At twenty, he began to undo the things his grandfather and father – and kings before them – had done. He tore down altars, broke up idols, and even went beyond his borders into what had been Israel in his zeal.

In the eighteenth year of his reign, something dramatic happened. While building altars to false gods, the kings of Israel had allowed the temple to fall into shambles. Now that Josiah had cleaned up the countryside, he turned his attention to the temple to clean, repair, and rebuild it. This was the 18<sup>th</sup> year of his reign. While cleaning out the temple, the priest Hilkiah made a shocking discovery – he found the book of the Law of the LORD given by Moses.

Some speculate that this was the book of Deuteronomy; but based on the reaction this find generated, I think it was more. Josiah's reaction to reading this book indicates that the Word of God had been completely lost. Imagine if you will, that you had never seen a Bible; that you only knew of Scripture through legend. You had been trying to be godly, but were only doing so by best guess. Then, someone rummaging through an old church that had been ignored for

## Photo of the Month



My Hero! On a very snowy Monday morning, Clay Sterner whipped into the parking lot, jumped out with his shovel, and went to work! Way to go Clay!

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

centuries comes out with a book called The Holy Bible.

Josiah read this book, and tore his clothes. He saw how evil his people had been; he recognized the price of their guilt. *“For great is the wrath of the LORD which is poured out on us because our fathers have not observed the word of the LORD, to do according to all that is written in this book.”*

God sent word to Josiah that He would, indeed, send evil upon the land, but because Josiah humbled himself, it would not come in his lifetime. At this time, I’d like to make a comparison to another good king – Josiah’s great-grandfather Hezekiah. He had received a similar promise, and his response was, *“Good. For he thought...there will be peace and truth in my days.”* Josiah, however, was not satisfied to know things would be well for him.

He set about a national reform policy to bring godliness to the nation. He reinstated the Passover. This celebration of remembrance had not been remembered; but under his guidance, *“There had not been celebrated a Passover like it in Israel since the days of Samuel the prophet, nor had any of the kings of Israel celebrated such a Passover as Josiah did with the priests, the Levites, all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.”*

Josiah ruled for 31 years, until he died in battle.

I love Josiah for his faithfulness, dedication, and zeal for God. He had the backbone and courage to face a nation that had been sold out to evil and say, *“We’re not doing that any more.”* He is a terrific example of godly manhood and leadership.

When I look to Josiah’s life for a lesson though, I find two, and they are somewhat contradictory. The first is that one man can make a terrific difference. The second is that if people are only being good because of their leader, there really is no change at all. The first lesson is demonstrated by the things I have already mentioned. If you’d like to read the whole story, you can find it in 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 22:1-23:30 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 34:1-35:27.

The second lesson is found in his legacy, as found in the remaining chapters of both books. All through the books of Kings and Chronicles, the kings are evaluated as either being pleasing in God’s sight, or not. We typically refer to them as good kings, or bad kings. Josiah was the last good king the nation had. The next king was his son Jehoahaz. He only reigned three months, but that was enough to earn him the verdict, *“He did evil in the sight of the LORD.”* Jehoahaz was replaced by his brother Jehoiakim, who likewise *“did evil in the sight of the LORD,”* and so on, until the southern kingdom of Judah was taken into captivity at the hands of the Babylonians.

If people are following the leader, even if he is godly, and are not following God Himself, they have gained nothing. The people of Israel were as quick to follow their leaders into ungodliness as they were into godliness. It was a show, and did not last. The lesson from Josiah is follow God. He is the Leader that matters.

## In the Library



Once again, this month we’re going out of the library to discuss what’s in it. At the far end of the hall in the Sunday School wing, just outside the High School classroom, is a four foot tall book shelf full of—predictably—books for teens!

I’ll start by saying this shelf could use a little TLC from someone gifted with organization skills and a love of books. Still, it’s got some great contents as it is.

On top are several Bibles, notably are some called “The Study Bible for Teens (NKJV). It’s nice to have

them on the shelf, but let’s get them into someone’s hands!

On the top shelf are several Bible studies and helps for adults working with teens. If you find yourself expected to lead a meeting, you might find one of these helpful: “Creative Meetings, Bible Lessons and Worship Ideas for Groups,” “Group Magazine’s Best Youth Group Programs,” or “Top 20 Messages for Youth Ministry.”

The remaining shelves contain novels, devotionals, and books designed to help teens navigate the

difficulties of life. These are in a somewhat jumbled order, hence the call for TLC earlier. Some practical living titles that caught my eye were: “Cars, Curfews, Parties, and Parents,” “Living, Love, Music, and Money,” and “Lockers, Lunchlines, Christianity and Cliques,” each containing 77 important ideas.

Books on dating include “I Kissed Dating Goodbye” and “Dating with Integrity.”

Check it Out!



## Heart Talk

by Mark Smith

We’ve spent a lot of time in this space discussing the priority of becoming an “intentional” Christian. Did you know that God is intentional toward us?

God is intentional ... He has His purpose, His plan ... and He wants us to fit into it. He has an aim, a goal – His glory – and He is directing all His efforts towards the realization of that goal.

First, God intends for us to be saved. He desires all to come to the saving knowledge of the truth about Christ and what He did for us at the cross (2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4).

Secondly, He intends for us to be intentional about our relationship with Him through Christ (Matthew 28:18-20; John 15:4-17).

He wants us to know who we are in Christ, to understand our purpose in life is to glorify Christ, to be assured of our destiny with Christ, and to live authentically as those who belong to Christ. These are the four life issues along the way to becoming Christ-followers that we’ve been discussing here.

Third, God intends that everything be brought together to line up with His original design for this universe and us (1 Corinthians 15:24-25). He accomplishes this, not all at once, but through a process in time, so that the end result is that we will be different than we were at the start.

This requires change! In fact, the essence of the Christian life is change!

The Christ-life begins with repentance – a change of mind about sin and who we are in relation to our Creator (Matthew 3:2, 18:3; 1 Kings 8:47).

It continues with a change of attitude and behavior as we become more like Christ through the process of sanctification – being set apart for His glory and use (Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 4:13; Colossians 1:28-30).

Finally, it culminates with a change of body at the resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:51-52; Philippians 3:21).

The time to become intentional as a Christian is NOW! Don’t wait until the kids graduate, you get along better with your spouse, the job is more favorable, there’s more money in your bank account, or something changes at the church. Can you think of a better time than right now to live for Christ?

There’s nothing greater to which we can commit our lives than God’s kingdom.

The Cross is God’s means of shaping us as we learn to say no to ourselves and yes more often to God. It’s the principle of sacrifice and suffering – all the while, God is changing me to become more like Him.

We must remember our mission – our purpose: to penetrate the world for Christ.



Missionaries of the Month—

### Cam & Valerie Hamm

Praise the Lord!

Whew! We are relieved NOT to have to travel to Yaounde to re-new kids passports. Noah and Elly have valid Canadian passports and Jojo has a valid American passport. That will do until we are home on furlough, where the renewal process is simpler.

We are really praising God for a good supply of water through this whole dry season. Our tank refills every day or two, so we don't have the stress of water we had last year. Power too has been quite good. Again, a huge reduction in stress!

Facing less physical stresses allows us more chances to reach out to those around us. We are thankful for increased contact with our neighbors and church family. Sunday night the kids also enjoyed a great evening of play with several church kids during a surprising dry season rain storm! This was a blessing to all. A boy Noah's age is new in our church and only speaks French. A fun challenge because Noah is learning some French. Elly also enjoyed some special "girl play". We praise God for growing relationships for all of us.

Lord, we need You . . . in the Ndop Plain

Two of the Ndop translation teams, Bambalang and Bamunka, have finished Luke and Acts and are now working full-time, pressing forward quickly to draft the New Testament.

Four other translation teams are beginning to work half-time, finishing the Easter story in Luke. Pray for these teams and their families as they coordinate schedules, grapple with the Biblical texts, and grow in their understanding of God's word and how to translate it into their own languages. Many of them also continue in pastoring roles in their churches or other responsibilities. Some have waited years for this time to arrive. "It's like the dream is coming true" a translator's wife told me Saturday.

Lord, we need You . . . in Bamenda

Cam will travel an hour to Ndop each day to help teach a workshop on discovering the Verb system of Ndop languages. Six languages groups have been invited to attend. Pray for road safety, good understanding, growing relationships, and the end goals-- to establish a good way of writing clear, accurate translations of God's Word.

Valerie's looking forward to a good week of homeschooling. Proud that Noah is a good speller :)

Thursday afternoon, our church ladies group will meet at the children's ward at the General Hospital to deliver fruit baskets and pray with each child and family.

Cameron & Valerie Hamm



### New Year's Wishes from Puebla, Mexico

Good New Year's Eve to you,

I hope this finds you waiting with anticipation for what God has for us in the new year. I pray that your

plan is to "*press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of you.*" And in that planning to "*strain toward what is ahead, pressing toward that goal to win the prize for which God has called you...*"

We wanted to write once again and thank you for an excellent year together serving our Lord. I hope that you agree that He has been very good to us all. Yesterday one of our co-workers flipped her car (with eight passengers) returning from an orphanage visit. Car destroyed -- no one seriously injured! God's watch-care over us is truly amazing. "*He who watches over Israel (and all His children) slumbers not nor sleeps*" There is no reason to believe that He won't continue His vigilance throughout this upcoming new year. Keep your eyes on Him for He is certainly keeping His eye on you.

Please pass our greetings on to the church. May God richly bless in the coming year.

We are: Yours by grace,

Bruce & Lynda



Dear Friends,

Seems hard to believe that it has been two months since we left the Pacific Northwest and traveled all the way to Paraguay. These last 60 days have been a blur. We arrived in the capital the beginning of November, and spent just a day recuperating before we headed back to the Chaco. For the next couple of weeks we settled in and attended to several maintenance items on the house that came with having it sit empty for 6 months. About the time we got everything operational, it was time to head to the capital again for our annual field conference. Between the con-

ference, preparing Victoria's visa paperwork, and buying a new vehicle, we spent almost three weeks on the road. So we were definitely glad to return home just in time for Christmas. Our dog was glad to see us too.

Thanks to the generosity of many of you, we were able to purchase a 2000 Mitsubishi Nativa (a diesel version of the Mitsubishi Montero Sport). Thank you so much for those of you who gave and prayed to see this become a reality. Driving in the 115 degree Chaco heat is so much more enjoyable with a functioning AC in the vehicle.

The next several months are filling up quickly. Brad is starting his research for setting up internet-based schooling options for homeschooling families on the field. He plans to make a trip to each ministry station to test their internet speeds to see which resources can be made available there. Please pray for his safety in traveling and for wisdom in designing a workable program. Brad also

plans to travel to Florida in May for ongoing training in his secondary role as Regional Security Coordinator for Latin America.

Shilo is starting an online class this month titled Dynamics of Biblical Change, and is excited about how God will use this class to equip her for ministry here. She also has the important task of homeschooling our son, Gabriel, as well as being a mom and wife. Both Brad and Shilo plan to attend various ministry-related seminars down in the capital in March and April. Please pray that God will use these opportunities for us to grow in our ability to minister to others more effectively.

Thanks so much for the love you have shown us through your cards, notes, and care packages. We love and appreciate each of you.

In Christ,

Brad, Shilo, and the kids

## Elders Report

By Mike Anderson  
DATE: 1 January 2013

IN ATTENDANCE: Steve McLachlan, Josh Cooper, Knute Hernas, Mark Smith, Mike Anderson

### AGENDA ITEMS

Intercessory Prayer:

Pastor's Report:

- 20 January is Sanctity of Life Sunday. The pastor discussed his intent to focus his sermon on the topic and that we would be starting the Baby Bottle Campaign to support Life Services of Spokane.
- Josh McLachlan has asked our help in his pursuit of full time ministry. Pastor Steve will be providing him with sermon opportunities and other ministry avenues.
- Moody Northwest is offering an Expository Preaching Seminar 14-18 January. Pastor Steve, Youth Pastor Josh and Josh McLachlan plan to attend.
- Dave Fitzpatrick has agreed to help out in the church office.

Old Business:

- Uganda Children's Choir: The possible conflicts that were a concern last meeting have been resolved and TBF will be hosting the choir on the 21st of April. We will begin looking for four families to act as hosts for the two nights they will be staying in Davenport.
- Ushers: Pastor Steve plans a meeting with the greeters on things they can do to ensure visitors feel welcome and have a place to sit comfortably. He also provided them with a book on ushering techniques.
- Church Movie Night: The showing of "The Princess Bride" is on track for the 18<sup>th</sup> of January at 6:30 pm.
- Communion: Pastor Steve will be working with the Deaconesses to establish standardized bread and juice offerings for the Communion Service.
- Pastor Evaluations: The status of what we are going to do regarding formal Pastor evaluations was tabled.
- Sunday Services: The topic was visited briefly, mostly centered on ensuring we were tracking the number of people attending Sunday Service.

### New Business:

- Tuition Assistance: After discussion and review of the pertinent documents, all agreed that Bethany McLachlan, Josh McLachlan, and Robert Abellare be eligible for the TBF Ministry Training Tuition Assistance program.
- Easter Service: We briefly discussed the date and plans for the Sunrise and Easter Sunday Services
- Altar Calls: We talked for a short time about how and when to we should have alter calls during Sunday Service.

Next Meeting: 1 February, 2013

## Church Funds

12/31/12

Benevolence Fund	1,028.02
Missionaries Reserve	2,100
Missions Fund	770
Scholarship	200
<u>General Fund*</u>	<u>29,983.40</u>
Total	\$34,081.42

Building Fund	\$183,027.02
Overall Total	\$217,108.44

## Valentine's Banquet 2013

A Night to Remember

Ladies and Gentlemen the time has come again. Our Valentine's Banquet! This year our speaker will be Dirk Darrow, Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp Director. Our theme, A Night to Remember. Ladies (and Gents) this is your opportunity to dress up as fancy as you'd like. Whether that means an evening gown, suit or jeans and the always attractive Tuxedo teeshirt (available at Walmart for \$7.95).

As usual, this is a fundraiser for our Youth Leadership group's mission trip. Whether you can make a donation or not, please come enjoy a night of Italian food, romance, and the Truly Wed game!

Hope to see you there!

### New Wednesday Evening Bible Study

"Discovering What the Future Holds" is a study on the book of Daniel by Kay Arthur and Georg Huber. This study is designed especially for Moms while their kids are at Awana, but is open to any women who would like to attend. Joan McLachlan has the books and leads the study, which meets at her home (1111 Merriam, look for four ones in Awana colors), Wednesdays, from 6:15—7:45.

Call Joan for information, 725-1832.

THE UGANDAN  
**Orphans  
Choir**

April 21st at TBF



by Josh Cooper

## Youth Stuff

Can a teenager make a difference for Jesus in their world? You bet they can. There are many examples in the Bible of young men and women who stood up for God and made a difference in their world.

There are a lot of examples in the Bible of young people doing this. In the Old Testament we find young people like Joseph, Samuel, David, Ester, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and in the New Testament we read of Timothy. These young men and women stood up for God and made a difference for Him. In the upcoming months we are going to look at the lives of each of these young people and see how they stood up for God in their world. I hope this will help encourage us to stand up for God and make a difference in your world.

Paul writes in 1 Timothy 4:12 "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech,

in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity"—ESV. This passage was written to Paul's young follower Timothy. Paul is challenging Timothy not to worry what others think of him, but to set an example for everyone to follow in the way he lives his life for others.

### Upcoming Events

**Ice skating** at the ice palace on Sunday Feb. 17th (presidents day weekend). We will meet at the church at 6:00 and be home at 10, the cost will be \$10.00.



**March 3rd-Rock and Worship Road Show** at the Spokane Arena. Some of the bands that will be there are Mercy Me, Kutless, Jeremy Camp, and Family Force 5. Tickets will be \$10 at the door. We will leave the church at 3:00 and be home around 10:30.



### The Seven Laws of the Teacher

The Seven Laws of the Teacher; written by John Milton Gregory, and paraphrased by Josh McLachlan:

For the teacher, here is a list of seven laws to help in teaching your class. These laws are simply stated, but over the next year or two, we will look more in depth at these laws. Here we will dive deep into the knowledge of what they were intended to mean. Whether or not you are a teacher, please feel free to come and learn. These laws will fit most every potential teaching moment in life ranging from the student to teacher, boss to employee, and parent to child. If you didn't make it to our first training session, feel free to come to the next one which should be in April.

Law 1: Know very well and be very familiar with the lesson you want to teach.

Law 2: Keep your student's attention. Don't teach until you have their full attention.

# Teachers Corner

Law 3: Make sure you use language and wording that your students will understand.

Law 4: Start with what the students know and build in small easy steps.

Law 5: Teach the material in a way that helps your student to see the right answer for themselves, even before you tell them.

Law 6: Require your students to tell you what you told them, in their own words.

Law 7: Review, review, review with your students; last week as well as at the end of each lesson.

For the student, remember the teacher can do their God given best to teach you. It is up to you to take the information, make sure you understand it, and ultimately apply it to your life.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Josh McLachlan



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### Awana Updates

#### Special February Nights

- February 6th Mega-Night
- February 13th Love your Leader Night
- February 20th Presidents Night
- February 27th All-Sports Night

Most of these nights are self-explanatory, but what is Mega-Night? The kids don't have to do anything but show up, but once here, they play mega-games and earn mega-points! It's Mega-Fun!

It's not too early to think about the **Awana Grand Prix!** We're a long way from race night (April 17th), but you can buy the kit to build your car any time. T&T Clubbers and leaders build their car to specifications from a block of wood, using Awana wheels and axles. Sparks and Cubbies race their Hot Wheels®, Matchbox®, or similarly sized cars.

#### MomAwana!

Interested in a Bible Study for yourself while the kids are at Awana? Join the ladies at Joan McLachlan's (1111 Merriam) for a new study starting Feb 13!

Missionary of the Month: Cameron & Valerie Hamm

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# February 2013

Women's Ministry Leader: Annie Ricketts  
Group Members: Kristi Bell  
Sandy Buchanan  
Leslea McLachlan  
Carmelyn Choate



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Elders meeting, 9 am  <i>Vernon Ross</i>	2
3 Coffee Fellowship	4 Men's Coffee 8:30 am  <i>Walt Sweetser</i>	5	6 Awana—6 pm Mega Night	7 Ladies Bible Study 6 pm Worship Team Practice	8 Homeschool Meeting @ Shumway's 6 pm  <i>Emory Coriell</i> <i>Sonny Walker</i>	9
10 Dirk Darrow Sharing Intro to Theology 5 pm HS Awana 5:30 pm 180° 6:30 pm	11 Men's Coffee 8:30 am Mission Committee Meeting 6 pm Youth Leadership, 7 pm	12 Young Married's Bible Study 6 pm	13 Awana—6 pm Love Your Leader Night Ladies Bible Study 6:15 pm  <i>Finn Shumway</i>	14 Ladies Bible Study 6 pm Worship Team Practice  <i>Toni Kay Copeland</i>	15  Valentines Banquet 6 pm  <i>Tristan Hoffmann</i>	16
17 Hermeneutics 5 pm HS Awana 5:30 pm 180° 6:30 pm <i>Baby Bottles due date</i>  <i>Vicente Reyna</i>	18 Men's Coffee 8:30 am	19 M & M's 6 pm  <i>Linette Vaughn</i>	20 Awana—6 pm President's Night Ladies Bible Study 6:15 pm	21 Ladies Bible Study 6 pm Worship Team Practice	22	23
24 Communion/Ben. Offering Intro to Theology 5 pm HS Awana 5:30 pm 180° 6:30 pm  <i>Tiffany Abell</i>	25 Men's Coffee 8:30 am Youth Leadership, 7 pm  <i>Jim Buchanan</i> <i>Annie Ricketts</i>	26 Young Married's Bible Study 6 pm  <i>Tyson Lacy</i> <i>Cindy McDowall</i>	27 Awana—6 pm All Sports Night Ladies Bible Study 6:15 pm	28 Ladies Bible Study 6 pm Worship Team Practice  <i>Dan Abell</i> <i>Mike Crowell</i>		