

# The Trinity Times

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## Summer Here, Summer Not

For those of you who need the help, in the old days, we listened to music coming from a record player. Sometimes records would get scratched, and when a record had a bad scratch on it, the needle would sometimes hit the scratch and slide back to the previous groove, playing the same thing over and over. Hence the phrase, ‘You sound like a broken record.’ It is June, and that old groove looks important. It’s time for me to repeat, Don’t take a vacation from God this summer.

I will start with the reminder to myself – Church and God are not the same thing. If people aren’t at church because they are on vacation, that is not the same thing as taking a vacation from God. We preachers, if we’re not careful, can be judgmental about things we have no right to speak out on. I will do my best to listen to my own advice here and not feel critical of you when you miss some Sundays this summer. When you return and I call you a backslider, know that I am joking and am glad you are there that day.

For your part, I would like to encourage you; if you can’t be here on any given Sunday, attend somewhere else. You take a risk when you do that. You may walk into the deadest, most boring service you’ve ever experienced. I take a risk advising you to



do it. You may walk into a church that blesses you so much you wonder what’s wrong with us here at Trinity.

But it is a risk well worth taking. For one thing, the Body of Christ is large and diverse. We can learn from brothers and sisters in other places. We can

be blessed as we worship with them. An independent church like ours faces the risk of becoming narrow and ingrown, thinking we do it right and anyone who worships differently is wrong. Worshipping occasionally with others is healthy and protects us.

Speaking as a pastor, I’ve observed something about summer visitors. People who take the time to visit a local church while on vacation are the cream of the crop. They are a joy to speak to before or after the service. Be one of them, and bless some pastor’s heart.

Summer is a wonderful time, but it can be dangerous to a careless Christian. I wonder if it was June when the writer of Hebrews penned these words: “*Let us hold fast the confession of our faith without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day approaching*” (Heb 10:23-25).

Did they take vacations back then?

## 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.”

There are lots of best parts of Vacation Bible School, and one of them is Snack Time! VBS is June 17-21, from 9:00—11:30. See you there for your best part!

It's interesting that it is summer, when we are less busy, that we become more lax about church. The busy schedule of the work/school week keeps us regimented and organized, and it is easier to do the things we ought to do. An abundance of free time makes us sloppy, and things fall through the cracks. We have more time, but somehow in that time we find less time for God.

It's interesting that the word is 'backsliding.' Some people, I suppose, literally turn their backs on God and walk in the other direction, but far more common is the person who slides farther from God while still facing in His direction. The words are, "Let us hold fast...without wavering." Those words imply effort is required. Picture yourself working your way up a slope. There's loose rock that gives way easily, or it's wet and slippery. Fortunately for you, there's a rope tied securely somewhere above you. As long as you hold fast without wavering, you're okay.

The passage goes on to say, "Let us stimulate one another to love and good deeds." There are people who discourage you in the climb; there are people who encourage you in the climb. The most encouraging are those who are climbing along with you. They know how hard the climb can be, and you know they do, because they are also climbing. There are those a little ahead, and still moving onward; they're proving it. There are those right beside you, some of them sliding downhill; they make that option so appealing. But look at the passage. It doesn't say, 'be stimulated to love and good deeds', but

'stimulate one another.' Look downhill, and see those climbers behind you. They need you to do well. They need to see you holding fast and not wavering, so they too will be stimulated to do better.

And finally, the summer warning. "Not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some." The passage doesn't say 'backsliding.' That is, I think, a modern phrase. When we gather together, we encourage one another; we help each other to remain faithful. Not just in church attendance. Church is a means, not an end. But when we forsake assembling together, we become not an encouragement, but a discouragement. We are those not holding fast.

Summer can be dangerous. No one has yet (to my knowledge) said, "This summer I'm going to backslide, and in the fall I may not resume church at all." It doesn't happen by intent, it happens by neglect. But it happens, and the lower part of the hill is littered with people occasionally looking at the rope and the climb.

Church and God are not the same thing. You could choose to skip church all summer and think about it in the fall. But God gave us this passage to show us what He thinks we should do. For the next three months we'll be seeing summer here, and summer not; but I hope all are finding their way to a place of worship.

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## New Building Progress Report

This may not seem like part of the Building Project, but it makes such a difference. The garage has been moved from the front to the back of the property. This will allow us to extend parking all the way to Main Street. Also, in its new location, the garage has a cement floor, so it will be much better for storage.

For progress on the extension, here is a report from project manager

Ken Horner:

"This is the follow up on our conversation, I've ordered the (electrical) service disconnect and the larger equipment. It is four weeks out. I will be getting a plumber lined up to move the gas line inside the church. We can start getting the siding off of the building anytime, so we are ready to move

the gas, water, telephone and power. I can talk to Greg or this may be something we could pay Josh to do. I will also be talking to Avista to ascertain the exact location of the ditch and transformer location, these too can proceed while we await the service equipment. I'll get back to you when I have more information on what is going on!

Ken"



## Heart Talk

### Being Angry at God

When life deals out stuff that leaves us confused, it's not difficult to get mad at God.

Scripture includes the stories of real people who took it to God, frustration and all, and in so doing, experienced His grace in a special way. Last month, we looked at a situation in Moses' life. This month, let's look at something that happened to David, leaving him a perplexed king.

The story is told in 2 Samuel 6 and 1 Chronicles 13 and 15. Wanting the visible symbol of God's presence at the center of his new kingdom, David took steps to bring the Ark of the Covenant to his capital city of Jerusalem. The ark had been abandoned for more than 100 years – and David thought it right to correct this.

So, David's men put the ark on a new cart, just as the Philistines had done years before, and set out on the journey. Along the way, one of the oxen stumbled and it appeared the ark might be tipped off the cart. Uzza stretched out his hand to steady the ark – and was immediately zapped by the Lord, who had prohibited anyone, including the priests and Levites, from directly touching the ark.

This upset David – who was honestly confused. He was doing a spiritual thing, with spiritual motivations – and look what happened! It's like God had slapped him across the face!

by Mark Smith

But as David would learn, he had done the right thing in the wrong way. When God intervened, David despaired of doing the right thing in the right way, of doing it at all. This is a very common error.

So the project was shelved for three more months. And David missed out on the blessing of having the ark in Jerusalem – while those with whom the ark was left enjoyed the blessing!

When you're mad at God, it often results in fear of Him and inaction. At the root may be trying to do God's work, but not in His way.

Fortunately, David used those three months to do a bit of research. He looked into the Scriptures and found out where he had gone wrong. When he resumed the ark's journey, he did it according to God's instructions about how the ark should travel (not on a cart, but on foot with the proper personnel carrying it by long poles attached to it so they wouldn't touch it).

And, God prospered him for doing it His way.

We can learn from David's experience. Don't give up your dream for serving God, but let Him show you the ways and means of how He wants what He's placed in your heart to be carried out. And, if you do get angry with God, do what David did – keep open the communication line through prayer and time spent in His Word.



### Meet our Summer Missionary Interns!

Actually, as the shirt says, if you don't know them, you're not from around here. But just to be sure, they are, from left to right: Levi Ricketts, Elizabeth Wandling, Emily Abell, Andrew Abell, and Heidi Abell.

While they do other things as well, SMIs are mostly known for their service at Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp. They form the backbone of the camp staff. While we look at them and see a group of teens (and an early 20's), each one of them has several years of experience as camp staff. They will cabin lead, pray, teach devotions, pray, teach skills, pray, do grunt work, and pray. They will stay up late and get up early, and sometimes miss sleep in between. They will get wet. Several times. They will get very little time off. They will do most of it with a smile, and some of it with a heavy heart. Some of it will give them great joy and stories they will never forget.

Expect to receive a support letter from some or all of them. This is their summer job. The only pay they get is what they receive from donors. They will work much more than 40 hour weeks, and receive less than minimum wage at a part time job. Please be generous in response. Pray for them consistently, as they will be in constant need of strength and guidance.

Thank you for your partnership with them.



Thursday 4/4/2013

Steve and family:

Esteemed brothers in Christ. With much affection and love I direct this

letter in order to greet you and your family and the whole church, desiring that you are well and rejoicing in the blessings of our good God.

Brother, we are all well, thanks to God and to your prayers. Brother, on 17 February, we had our church anniversary celebration and the 28-30 of March we had a camp in Galeana. We were richly blessed with four youth saved. We had around 120 people in attendance. It was a great blessing for our lives, thanks to God.

Brother, I want to thank you for the offering that you sent me right when I needed it. It was a great blessing.

Because of the camp I ask for your prayers because it is completing what the scriptures say in Acts 2:26-27. Brother, much thanks for everything. We love you in the love of our Lord.

Greetings to the entire church and God bless them. These are always the desires of your brothers in Christ.

Vicente Reyna and family

Dear Friends at TBF,

We are so glad we had a chance to see you, albeit briefly, this quick trip back to the USA. We love to worship with you, and always feel like we are coming 'home' when we visit Trinity. Thank you so much for the way you pray for us and faithfully support us financially each month. You all are a blessing to us.



Love,

Brad, Shilo, Gabe, Sam, & Tori :)

### The Damschen's Perspective

(May, 2013)

Dear friends,

We have so many things to rejoice for. One of those things recently was getting to celebrate with Tiahna in her graduation from Bible School! Can you believe it already! Anyway, so glad she can continue on in life with such a good foundation. Pray for her as she looks to the Lord for her future. She is hoping to work at a Christian horse camp this summer.

Speaking of foundations, we have been reminded how easy it is to get disoriented, off track, confused, out of sorts, have a loss of perspective, etc. .... (there are many ways to express it). The fact is we all need be reminded of the truth! That truth of course is Jesus. One of the verses I have found especially meaningful as of late is Hebrew 12:2.... looking unto Jesus. Dig out your Bible and meditate on those words and spend some time in the word on a regular basis. I am sure you'll find, as we do, that that is the one and only way to have and keep true perspective. My

father wrote in my Bible that I got as a high school graduation present, "I would rather you have Jesus than all that this world has to offer". Time doesn't really change the important things in life.

We sure do appreciate having you as partners! Yes, you are encouraging to us! Thank you so much for your support, prayer, and encouragement.

We got this word back from Papua New Guinea recently about one of the things Randy was involved with. Guess what? You too are all a part of what has happened in many tribes already and what will happen in this tribe. Here it is:

*"To you at the Tech Center,*

*Thank you so much for all you did for us putting our Solar Electric System together. We are now living in our new home here in the Amdu tribe in Western Papua New Guinea. The Solar Electric System is working well and we are very grateful to all of you for the work you did for us in making sure it was all in the boxes! We are starting our ministry in this new tribe*



Tiahna's Graduation

*in good working order thanks to all of you. We are pretty far from any towns and all of our things arrive by air. There is no other option for us. Not having to fly fuel in to power our houses is a very helpful thing, especially as we look forward to the years of ministry here.*

*Thanks again go to all of you for your faithful service there. We over here are grateful. You are a part of the history of this work going forward for God's Name here in Amdu. The Allens"*

Keep your perspective!

With Love,

Randy and Laura

## Elders Report

DATE: 17 May 2013

IN ATTENDANCE: Steve McLachlan, Knute Hernas, Mark Smith, Mike Anderson, Annie Ricketts, Deaconess

Intercessory Prayer: Time was devoted to prayer for the trials and hardships some members of the congregation are experiencing.

Pastor's Report:

- 13-27 May: Josh and Kim Cooper are on vacation
- Larry and Dorothy Skinner will be moving once they work through a few issues
- Josh McLachlan will be preaching at a church in Blanchard, Idaho for the next few Sundays.
- Awana is done for this year. Next year we will be adding a Trek program.
- We have been experiencing technical difficulties for the last three weeks so there were no sermons recorded. The issue is now resolved.
- 31 May – 1 June: Cocolalla Camp workdays
- The Trustees will be installing a new playground activity set.
- 19 May: Brad and Shilo Cain will be visiting TBF.
- 26 May: the Cocolalla SMI's will be presenting at the Sunday Service.
- Vern Ross finished the move of the garage.
- We received a thank you letter from the Ugandan Children's Choir.

Treasurer's Report:

- The only item of interest for this month was that we have earmarked \$6000 to pay the tuition costs for Victor Chittumuri. Sue Judd will make the final arrangements in the near future.

Deaconess' Report: Annie Ricketts gave the elders an update on some of the things the Deaconesses are working on.

- The Deaconesses are going to start having monthly coordination meetings.
- She asked the elders to ensure they are remembering to do timely coordination with the Deaconesses when needs arise.
- She informed everyone that the Ladies Retreat was coming but that they hadn't yet settled on a location for the event.
- The topic of communion was discussed; a plan to standardize which elements would be served was settled on.

Old Business:

- The building program is proceeding even if there hasn't been much visible activity. There is a lot of coordination that is taking place behind the scenes.

New Business:

- We briefly discussed providing some training sessions for the members of boards and committees. Nothing was decided on at this point.
- We will be having the inaugural TFB Summer Golf Scramble on the 29th of June.

Next Meeting: 14 June, 2013



by Josh Cooper

### God is In Control

In June 1873, evangelist D.L. Moody arrived in Liverpool, England to hold evangelistic meeting. After he arrived he found out the men who promised to pay for his expenses had died and there was no money for him

to do anything.

Moody said to the people that came with him, "God seems to have closed the doors. We'll not open any ourselves. If He opens the door, we'll go in. If He doesn't, we'll return to America."

At his hotel that night Moody remembered George Bennett, the founder of the local YMCA in York. Bennett had once invited Moody to York for evangelical outreach. Moody got up and told those with him, "The door is only ajar."

The next morning Moody sent a telegram to Bennett,

## Church Funds

4/30/13

Benevolence Fund	1,178.02
Missionaries Reserve	2,100
Missions Fund	1,786.50
<u>General Fund*</u>	<u>25,558.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,622.52</b>

Building Fund	\$207,966.95
Overall Total	\$238,589.47

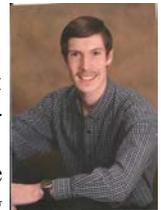
Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers this last week with my knee surgery. Thank you for your cards, flowers, and meals. We have felt loved and cared for.

Joan McLachlan

## Congratulations, Graduates!

This year's graduates are: Andrew Abell, Carlin Shumway, and Elizabeth Wandling! As a church, we will recognize them on June 2nd both during and after the morning service.



Andrew

Andrew and Carlin are graduating as home school students, with a ceremony followed by a reception at TBF at 3 pm June 9th. Elizabeth is graduating from Davenport High school on June 8th, with a reception that afternoon from 1-7.



Carlin

All three have been Running Start students this last year, carpooling to classes at Spokane Falls Community College.



Elizabeth

## Bible Study Fellowship

A prayer meeting for the launch of a Bible Study Fellowship group in Davenport will be held at TBF on Tuesday, June 4th, at 5:30 pm. Call Kim Tarbert for more information.

# Youth Stuff

"Moody here—are you ready for him?"

Since Bennett never heard a reply he, he was surprised at the telegraph. He replied, "Please fix date when you can come to York." Moody replied, "I will be in York tonight."

That night Moody and Bennett planned out some events to preach the gospel. The next day he found places to preach and made up posters. Over the next two years half a million people in England heard Moody preach the gospel.

*"I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord."*—Psalm 27:13-14.

Staff Training at Cocolalla: June 25—28

Teen Camp July 7-12



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

by Josh McLachlan

These three words mean different things to different people. To some it means one less week of is having to hear "I'm bored." To others, it means more work. To others it's not the kind of work you dread doing, but actually look forward to: harvesting souls. There are those who will plant seeds of faith, and those will harvest, but we all are working toward the common goal: Salvation for everyone who enters through our church's door. Several of you are involved in this year's vbs. and I praise God for you. For those of you who aren't yet involved, please feel free to show up and fit in wherever you can. If you don't want to/can't help physically at church, there is still work to do:

- Pray for salvation-everyone hears, understands, accepts Jesus as their Savior



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# Teachers Corner

- Pray for good weather- games are much more fun outside
- Pray for health- for both leaders and kids
- Never too soon, never too much.

Dates: June 17-21, 9-11:30

One last final note. Jared Regan is the V.B.S. director this year. He will be under the guidance of Pastor Steve. Remember to pray for him, and listen to his direction.

Praying for the Harvest,

Josh McLachlan

## Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp

Teen Camp: July 7-12, 4 pm Sunday to 1 pm Friday. \$170.

11-12 Camp: July 14—18

9-10 Camp: July 21—25

7-8 Camp: July 28—August 1

These camps all begin at 4 pm Sunday and end at 1 pm Thursday. Cost is \$135.

You can save \$15 at any of these camps by preregistering at least ten days before the camp begins. You can save another \$15 by picking up a discount coupon at TBF after workdays (May 31-Jun 1).

Family Camp is August 16—18. Cost depends on family size. Coupons are not valid for family camp. Pastor Steve is speaking at Family Camp this year.

Brochures are available at church, or Register Online at: [www.clbcamp.org](http://www.clbcamp.org).

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Missionaries of the Month: Summer Missionary Interns



Andrew Abell  
Emily Abell  
Heidi Abell  
Levi Ricketts  
Elizabeth Wandling

# June 2013

Women's Ministry Leader: Debbie Boleneus

Group Members: Joan Wintersteen  
Deanna Fitzpatrick  
Brenda Victor  
Kym Faulkner  
Janice Emery  
Denise Hayes



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  <i>Tim &amp; MaryAnn Scheiffle</i>
2 Graduate Recognition/ Coffee Fellowship  <i>Randy &amp; Laura Damschen</i>	3 Men's Coffee Break, 8:30	4 BSF Prayer Meeting 5:30 pm	5 Worship Team practice, 6:30	6 Asia Mission Trip leaves	7	8
9 YL Pie Social 7 pm Home School Graduation 3 p  <i>Ben &amp; Michelle McLachlan</i>	10 Missions Committee Meeting, 6 p at McLachlan's Men's Coffee Break, 8:30 <i>Jasper Eaton</i> <i>James Scheiffle</i>	11  <i>Brian Lembcke</i>	12 Worship Team practice, 6:30	13	14 <i>Margo Hoffmann</i> <i>Carolyn Ross</i> <i>Ken &amp; Carol Horner</i> <i>Walt &amp; Sarah Sweetser</i>	15  <i>Kathlene Shumway</i>
16 Father's Day BBQ after church  <i>Heidi Abell</i> <i>Wayne &amp; Annette Lembcke</i>	17  <b>VACATION</b> <i>Duane &amp; Becky Oehlwein</i>	18	19 Worship Team practice, 6:30 Asia Mission Trip Returns <i>Clifford Abell</i>	20 <i>Jeremy Eaton</i> <i>Robert Vaughn</i>	21	22  <i>Gabrielle Sweetser</i>
23  <i>Emmett Shumway</i>	24 Men's Coffee Break, 8:30  <i>Lynne Anderson</i> <i>Kristi Bell</i>	25	26 Worship Team practice, 6:30	27  <i>Paul &amp; Jill Knittel</i>	28	29 Golf Scramble @ Harrington  <i>William Victor</i> <i>Brad &amp; Shilo Cain</i> 
30 Communion/Benevolence Offering						

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT TBF JUNE 17—21**

----- Staff Training at Cocolalla June 25-28 -----