

# The Trinity Times

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## Kicking Tail and Taking Names

If Paul had lived in modern America, would he have named names? I'm thinking of two particular individuals about whom he writes: "keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith.

Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan, so that they will be taught not to blaspheme" (1 Tim 1:19-20).

It intrigues me that we have these names, since we know little to nothing about these men. Why bother to name them? They are part of a small company of men who would be little or unknown except for their falling away from faith. Others are Demas (2 Tim 4:10) and Philetus (2 Tim 2:17). Another, who is not accused of falling away but does badly in the Church is Diotrefes of 3 John. Other passages speak of people falling away, and some unbelievers who oppose the truth are named. It seems to me that these names are named for a reason. Or reasons.

For one thing, while these men are unknown to us, they were clearly known to both Timothy and to Paul. These men apparently had been men of position in the Church. Paul doesn't describe their lapse as immaturity or backsliding, but as shipwreck. A large disaster. We don't know if



they were partners in the same error, or represented two entirely different areas of heresy. Hymenaeus is named in 2 Tim as co-conspirator with Philetus in false teaching. "And their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, men who have gone astray from the truth saying the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some" (2 Tim 2:17-18).

These are men who are not content to simply deny the truth, but are determined to drag others down with them. Shipwreck is an interesting term, since a sinking ship will drag otherwise buoyant things down with it. It is entirely possible Timothy might not have considered these men necessary to oppose if Paul had not named them. Most of us hold to at least one or two beliefs others might question. Is it necessary to oppose every perceived error? Sometimes it is difficult to know when an individual needs to be opposed. Paul helps Timothy gain perspective by using strong terms and naming names.

I think another implication of specific names is they confirm the situation is real. Anyone can say "people are saying," when 'people' might be you and one other. If, instead of saying 'people,' you say, "Joe and Bob," and everyone knows that Joe and Bob and movers and shakers, then it takes on real meaning.

In this 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy passage, Paul is

## Photo of the Month



"Who framed this wall?" Walt measures for sheet rock during work days. He was part of a great turn-out of over 25 people who cleaned a lot, repaired a lot, and hung a lot of sheet rock.

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

warning Timothy against wavering in his faith, the way Hymenaeus and Alexander did. By naming them, Paul says this happened to them, and it can happen to you, too. Timothy, in turn, should respond, "Wow, if it could happen to those two, I'd better be careful, because it could happen to me, too." Real names confirm the reality of the offense and the seriousness of the warning.

My third thought about specific names (of course there are three – I *am* a preacher), is that the names of sinners are known. One of the great blessings for believers is to consider that God knows our names. Consider the chorus:

He knows my name  
He knows my every thought  
He sees each tear that falls  
And He hears me when I call

It is such a blessing to know we are significant to God. We are not lost and anonymous in the crowd, but are known and loved. One of the blessings to the churches in Revelation is "*and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it*" (Rev 2:17). He who receives it, and, by the way, He who gives it.

The princess on the float waves to the crowd. One young man tells his friend, "She's waving at me." "No, she's waving at me." A fight breaks out. The float has passed the scene. She knows neither young man, and

doesn't know they're fighting over her. The actor receives his award and thanks his fans. Can he name them? Do the couple watching on the couch respond, saying "You're welcome?" No. They're named in general. They are actually unknown; they know it and accept it. But to God we are known! And loved! It is a wonderful truth.

Here is another truth; just as true, but one that possibly doesn't feel as wonderful. God knows the sinners, too. There is no anonymity. There is no getting lost in the crowd. And an additional thing about these people; Paul never says they are no longer part of the Church! Apparently, these are believers who chose first to believe and then to teach a lie; and they are forever recorded as having done so.

A thought to close on: God knows your name. Make sure you find comfort in that truth.

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## New in the Library

Jim Cymbala has been the pastor of Brooklyn Tabernacle for over 40 years. His wife leads the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir.

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Max Lucado



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## Heart Talk

by Mark Smith

With summer arriving later this month, I hope you've gotten a good start on your spring cleaning!

With regard to our spiritual lives, it's good to make a regular inspection (with the Holy Spirit involved, of course) of our hearts. We should keep "short accounts" with God.

Daily isn't too often to accomplish this. Before going off to sleep at night, we can reflect on the day we just experienced. Where did we mess up? How did we please or not please our loving heavenly Father? What evil still lurks within our hearts? The psalmist asked the Lord to search his heart and reveal any "offensive way" in him (Psalm 139:24).

We need the Holy Spirit to do this for us. Our hearts are "*more deceitful than all else,*" Jeremiah writes (17:9), "*and desperately sick,*" so much so that no one can truly comprehend it. The Apostle Paul was fond of reminding truly saved Christians of the depths of sin from which they were redeemed (Ephesians 1 and 2 is a good example of this).

Jesus reminds us that "*out of the heart of men proceed the evil thoughts*" and "*evil things ... from within (that) defile the man*" (Mark 7:21-23).

Before receiving the Lord's Supper, a monthly nudge in our church practice to keep short accounts with God, we're to "examine" ourselves (1 Cor. 11:28).

Sin is serious business. Although He loves the sinner, God hates sin. It is a violation of His character. F.B. Meyer, a Bible teacher of a former generation, describes it as "dark (it hides in the shadows), dangerous (it hurts, de-

stroy, scars and steals innocence), and damnable (deserves condemnation)."

We each have a dark side that, were it not for the Holy Spirit's enablement in our lives, would be expressed. Paul describes the struggle in Romans 7, describing himself as a "*prisoner of sin*" and "*a wretched man*" in need of rescue. The hymn writer notes how he (and all of us) was "prone to wander" and "prone to leave the God (we) love."

But if we regularly come to God for an inspection, we have the opportunity to experience cleansing, renewal and refreshment of the spirit.

"*If we confess our sins*" – to agree with God and say the same thing He does about particular thoughts, words and activity we are aware of that doesn't please Him, that doesn't line up with His holy character – "*He is faithful and righteous to forgive (them),*" John writes (1 John 1:9), "*and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness*" – the stuff that God knows is there, even if we don't.

When we receive Jesus as our Savior and are born again, the Holy Spirit makes us alive in Him, imparting to us a "new man." But the "old man" – that desperately wicked human heart – remains and a conflict ensues between the two.

But if we heed the counsel of Proverbs 28:13 – "He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion" – we will discover the blessings of fellowship with Him, walking in the light of God's Word and in the enablement of the Spirit of God.

May I encourage us all not to neglect the spiritual "spring cleaning" we need.



Dear Friends

I am writing to each of you as our friends and supporters to let you know of some recent developments in Shilo's and my life and ministry. It is with sadness I have to announce that we have decided to leave Paraguay this summer. There are a variety of reasons that influenced our decision to leave, and I will try to outline a few below.

The primary reason we have to leave at this time is Shilo's ongoing health crisis for which we have not been able to determine an exact cause or cure. You may remember that 2 months ago she was hospitalized for extreme muscle cramping and pain. While she has improved somewhat since then, she still lives with chronic pain and muscle tightness. The doctors here have tried several rounds of medical treatments; however, all of them just moderate the pain, but really don't provide a cure. As soon as she tries to taper off any of the medicine, her symptoms come right back. Plus the medicines are causing unpleasant side effects. The doctors here do not understand her Multiple Sclerosis (it is virtually unknown here), and are only having marginal success in managing her pain.

We were praying and looking to the Lord as to if and when we should consider returning to the USA for treatment. Then, with declining enrollment, the school will not need all 3 full time teaching families to meet its staffing needs for the foreseeable future. In light of this, we did not think it wise to stay. After seeking wise counsel, we decided this is the best time for us to transition elsewhere, seek medical treatment in the USA, and look to God for where He would have us serve next. Consequently, we have purchased tickets to return to the USA on June 26, which is the soonest we could realistically close out our ministry here gracefully and leave well.

At this point we do not know what God has for us in the future. Our desire is to remain in missions and full time Christian ministry as God allows. Our immediate goal is to return to Spokane for Shilo to see her neurologist and MS Specialist, and then depending on what we find out, seek God's direction for our future ministry.

We appreciate your prayers as we undergo yet another large transition in what has turned out to be a very difficult year. Pray especially for the kids as they have to say goodbye to their childhood home, and for Shilo who has close relationships with women in this community.

We will write again once we return to the USA and have more clear direction from God as to what He has for us next. Thank you so much for your prayers, support, and encouragement during this transition and time of healing.

Love in Christ,  
Brad and Shilo Cain



Asia trip plans are progressing. Above is a picture of the full group, Mike Anderson (not going) is the group administrator; members from TBF are: Laurie Anderson, Sandy Buchanan, Heidi Abell, Dion, Katie, and Levi Ricketts, and Elizabeth Wandling. They are being joined by the mother-daughter team of Sherrie and Ali Tesch of Valley Ford Community Church.

Pray for the group as they speak at churches, send out prayer and support letters, and get organized for the trip, and for successful ministry once gone.

Don't forget to support their fundraising yard sale, near the corner of Wellesley and Wall St. in Spokane on June 14th.

**Cocolalla Schedule:**

- Staff Training: June 24—27
- Teen Camp: July 6—11
- 11-12 Camp: July 13—17
- 9—10 Camp: July 20—24
- 7—8 Camp: July 27—31



Cost: \$140. \$125 if pre-registered, post-marked 10 days prior to the camp you are attending. A coupon for a further \$15 off will be available at the church office for all TBF kids.

Greeting to friends and family,

We have finished up another semester here at the MTC training center. So thankful for these focused and committed lives of our students. Even after 15 years of being involved in this ministry, each class that passes through continues to touch our lives. They encourage, motivate, challenge and inspire us.

In regards to Randy's work at the Tech Center, he stays pretty involved year around equipping and consulting others in regards to practical needs of living remotely..... from things like having clean water to drink to power for living and working. Laura has a few less hours here on campus during the summer and so

she works some cleaning resort homes to supplement our income. Randy, when able, also works some extra hours doing the same. Needless to say, our summers end up being very busy.

Thank you so much for your continued connection with us. It has been very meaningful to us.

When you think of prayer for us, think about how you might pray for yourselves in regards to: continuing to grow in the Lord, hunger for his word, daily provision, healthy relationships, seeing the things he has set before us to do and doing them, etc. Feel free to ask how God is answering our requests...

**Specific Prayer Request**

Randy - trip to Africa to assist missionaries with all kinds of practical things... last 3 weeks of July. Planning, preparation and that we would be a blessing, giving encouragement, etc. in a spiritual sense and that we would get the work done that we are going to do in a physical sense. I also am looking forward to being overseas once again.



## Elders Report

DATE: 9 May 2014

In Attendance: Steve McLachlan, Mark Smith, Josh McLachlan, Knute Hernas, Mike Anderson

Agenda Items:

Intercessory Prayer: Time was devoted to prayer for the trials and hardships that some members of our congregation family are undergoing.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Steve gave us an update on a number of items that are being worked on (see Old Business).
- We will not be having a Mother's Day breakfast but we will be handing out flowers to all the moms.

Youth Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Josh gave a status report on the TBF Youth Ministries.
- This month's youth activity is called Catacombs. It is a simulated Bible delivering exercise. As many as forty youth and adults are expected to participate.
- The Youth Leadership Pic Social is scheduled for June 8th.
- Youth Sunday is scheduled for May 25th. Levi Ricketts will be giving the sermon for Sunday Service.

Old Business:

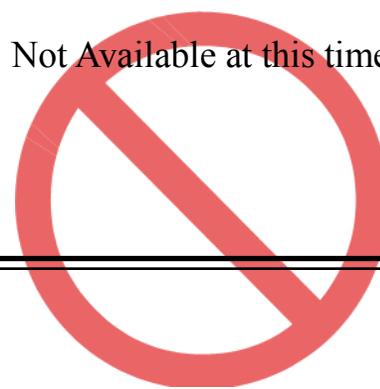
- We will proceed with providing the Women's Ministry with designated funding. All donated funds from anyone who uses the church (funerals, receptions, etc.) will be given to the ladies. They are responsible to manage and account for the use of the funds rather than having it go through the Church Treasurer.
- Support for Clifford and Rachel Abell.
  - \* The congregation unanimously approved designating the funds that formerly went to the Kars to start going to the Abells.
  - \* We will work with Clifford and Rachel to figure out the best way to set up the transfer the funds.
- The Asia Mission is progressing well. The team had their first official planning session. The Mission dates have been established for 27 July – 10 August.

New Business:

- The 2014 TBF Golf Fiasco is tentatively set for June 14th (since revised to the 21st).

Next Meeting: June 6th, 2014

Not Available at this time



### 2014 Summer Golf Fiasco

Saturday, June 21, 2014

Harrington Golf and Country Club

(Price is the cost of golf.)

Please sign up at the church by June 15

The front 9 holes are "Best Ball," The back 9 holes will consist of a "Chapman," where team members play the same ball. What could be easier?!

For **men and women, also boys and girls**, ages 12 and older.

Call Knute Hernas with any questions: 725-2580.

### TBF Men's Rendezvous

A Friday to Sunday campout for Men high school age and up. Tomahawk throwing, Black Powder rifles, Archery, and maybe even a spitting contest! Men's teaching for Men, and Man Food.

June 27—29. See Mike Anderson for info.

### New Ladies Bible Study

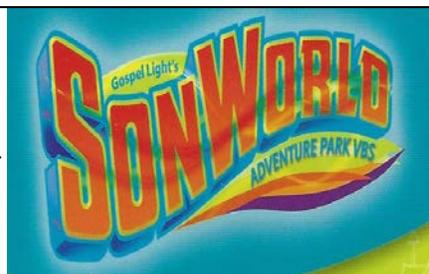
Beth Moore's Study "Children of the Day" on 1st & 2nd Thessalonians. Thursdays at 6 pm. Starting June 5. Contact Laurie Anderson for info.

### VBS is Here!

This year's theme is theme—that is, a Theme Park! There is a Castle Room, a Wild West Room, a Pirate Room, a Roller Coaster World Room, and Celebration Square. Lessons will be fun and Bible-based.

Kids from those 3 years old to those just leaving 6th grade will have lots of fun. Nursery is available for workers' kids.

June 16—20, 9—11:30. Like to help? There's still room for a few qualified workers! Contact Pastor Josh for available spots.



by Josh McLachlan

## Youth Walk

### Taking a Break

Does this phrase sound familiar? Anyone ready to sing this little tune again? "No more papers, no more books, no more teachers dirty looks." This means... Summer is back, time to kick back and take a break. I hope you have great vacation plans, friends to hang out with, and jobs (if you want them). During the summer we get a break from teachers, sports, homework, and even the alarm clock. I want to encourage you not to take a break from God, and meeting up with each other at church or at least Youth Group. Did you know you can take your Bible on vacation? Did you know you can attend a church in a different town? Did you know, that even at camp grounds, sometimes there is a church service?

by Josh McLachlan

### Hebrews. 10:25

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the

*habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

The typical "American" thing to do is to take a break from church, too. After all, you went fairly regularly the last 9 months. It's easy to forget other Christian believers in the Lord, but let me tell you how encouraging it is when as many as possible are worshiping God together. We are planning to have Youth Group all throughout the summer unless otherwise mentioned. Pastor Steve and Vance Reed (works with youth on a regular basis) will be teaming up to keep the Sunday nights exciting. Leslea and I will be attending the nights we are here. During the summer, we will be part of a mission trip to Northport WA., and we will be working up at Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp, and we will be on vacation 2 Sunday's in August. (God is coming with us too.)

We hope to see you all summer.

*"Reach them to teach them, teach them to reach them."*



by Robert Boleneus

### Be Careful

As a child in Sunday School, I sang, "Be careful little hands what you do, ... little eyes what you see, ... tongue what you say, ... ears what you hear, ... for there is a Father up above and he is looking down below ..." Later in life I learned, "... looking down in love..." At a young age I "got it" about Father up above looking down below. It was at Grandma's house. I was outside, and did something I knew I shouldn't. Then, I heard a knock on a window from the second floor above me. It was Dad. I was only about 5 years old, but I knew if continued, He was going to come down and do something that would make me stop. Fear that Dad might see me "from above" helped to keep me from many things in my early years.

I must admit that I like the phrase "looking down in love," because even though I was motivated by fear, I do know Dad was motivated by love. He wanted the best for me, and for those around me. Today, I have the perspective of a father, and I do truly understand the "looking down in love."

# Teachers Corner

I am given comfort by fact that God sees me from above and is ever present with me. In fact, a favorite passage of mine is; Psalms 139:7-12, "Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there: if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will hold me fast. If I say, 'Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,' even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you."

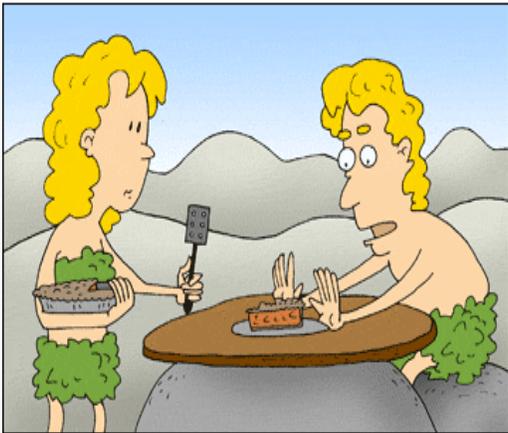
Once, my Grandfather was disappointed with something I had done, and he said, "What kind of a grandson am I raising." Wow – burn! That always stuck with me, and kept me away from the lifestyle that Grandfather was concerned about.

My point is that "The Loving Father" with me all the time. There is safety and comfort in that! I know, the song might imply that He is going to "get you" if you mess up, but wouldn't you rather feel the motivation to please your loving Father?



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June 29-July 3<sup>rd</sup> the Youth Leadership team (Levi, Emily, Jason, Mad- die, Gabby, Josh & Les- lea) will be in Northport Vacation Bible School WA putting on a 4 day from 9-11:30.

If you would like to throw the pie, please join us June 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 as we would like to show you a sample of what we will do. This includes songs, Sunday School Charlie, games, a puppet skit, and of course, Pie!

If you would like to make sure one of these Youth Leadership team- mates get the pie, just add money to their jars prior to 6 o'clock June 8<sup>th</sup>. The one with the most, gets the pie!

Our trip is pretty much fully funded, but we would like to sponsor one boy and one girl to Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp!

Sincerely, The Youth Leadership Team

Missionaries of the Month:

Asia Mission Team



# June 2014

Women's Ministry Leader: Denise Hayes  
 Group Members: Debbie Boleneus  
 Joan Wintersteen  
 Brenda Victor  
 Kim Farbert



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Coffee Fellowship Youth Group 6:30 pm</p> <p>Tim &amp; MaryAnn Scheiffele</p>	<p>2 Deaconess Meeting 6 pm</p> <p>Randy &amp; Laura Damschen</p>	<p>3 Ladies Prayer @ TBF 6:45 pm</p>	<p>4 VBS Meeting 6 pm</p> <p>Shilo Cain</p>	<p>5 Beth Moore Bible Study 6 pm</p>	<p>6 Elders Meeting 8 am</p>	
<p>8 Pie Social 6 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Ben &amp; Michelle McLachlan</p>	<p>10 Ladies Prayer @ TBF 6:45 pm</p> <p>Jasper Eaton</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Beth Moore Bible Study 6 pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Mission Trip Garage Sale</p> <p>Ranse Herzinger Margo Hoffmann Carolyn Ross Ken &amp; Carol Horner Walt &amp; Sarah Sweetser</p>
<p>15 Asia Team Shares @ TBF Youth Group 6:30 pm</p> <p>Kathlene Shumway</p>	<p><b>Vacation Bible School at TBF June 16—20 9 am—11:30</b></p>			<p>19 Beth Moore Bible Study 6 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Jeremy Eaton Robert Vaughn</p>	<p>21 Golf Fiasco 8 am Harrington Golf Course</p>
<p>22 Youth Group 6:30 pm</p> <p>Gabrielle Sweetser</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Emmett Shumway</p>	<p>24 Ladies Prayer @ TBF 6:45 pm</p> <p>Lynne Anderson Kristi Bell</p>	<p><b>CLBC Staff Training June 24—27</b></p>		<p>26 Beth Moore Bible Study 6 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>Men's Rendezvous @ Farbert's June 27 &amp; 29</b></p> <p>Paul &amp; Jill Knittel</p>
<p>29 Communion /Benevolence Offering Concert of Prayer 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm William Victor Brad &amp; Shilo Cain</p>	<p><b>Youth Leadership Mission Trip to Northport June 29—July 3</b></p>					