



# The Trinity Times

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## Trinity Bible Fellowship— Where Losers Pray

So the joke goes like this: Where do liars go when they die? (Pause) To heaven, if they're saved! So I – maybe unwisely – morphed the joke to: Where do liars go? (Pause) To Trinity Bible Fellowship! Unfortunately, I think the press has become that liars go to TBF, but without a reason why! Sorry – my bad.

It is ironic and unfortunate that something designed to be a lesson on forgiveness and redemption simply becomes a declaration of sin. This isn't the first time (nor will it be the last) that someone has intended to teach something good and had it interpreted wrongly. The Apostle Paul, when He demonstrated God's goodness in forgiving sin, was accused of saying we should sin more so we can show God's goodness more (1 Cor 3:5-8). That wasn't at all his intent, and he shows little patience with those who twist his message. But it is a good example of how things can be misconstrued.

Which brings me to another thing we do. It started several years ago at youth group. It slowly expanded its reach, and is now a staple at Monday Night Football and has even intruded on board meetings. Someone sees a time for 'official' prayer coming, and raises a thumb. Swiftly and silently, more thumbs are raised. Newbies who



notice but don't understand receive furtive gestures to do the same. When all thumbs are raised but one, the silence is broken and the loser prays.

This started innocently and with no greater motive than to have fun; but it has raised several questions over the years. Are we teaching people to avoid prayer? Are we saying we don't want to pray? Shouldn't we be volunteering to pray? Often, in fact, people have used this as an opportunity to volunteer to pray, intentionally waiting for last to do so. Other times, seeing the 'loser' confused and ill-equipped to pray publically, another has stepped forward in his place. Admirable things to do. But there is one question I like, because I like where it leads: Are we teaching that losers pray?

Yes! Yes! A thousand times yes! Which is not to say that prayer is for losers, or that winners don't pray. But think of all the things losers could do, other than pray:

- Losers could try harder
- Losers could learn from their failure
- Losers could quit
- Losers could whine
- Losers could form a Losers Club, where winners aren't welcome!

There are lots of things losers can do, some of them clearly more beneficial than others. What could be better than losers praying? Does it hurt to lose?

## Photo of the Month



Holding a cake and a kid—  
guess they haven't changed that much in 25 years!

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

Take it to God. Does it cost to lose? Take it to God. Are you confused, wondering why God would allow your loss. Is there a better response than prayer.

I am struck by the examples I think of from Scripture where prayer actually reverses our opinion of who is a loser and who is a winner. Psalm 51 is a wonderful example of a loser's prayer. David had committed adultery with Bathsheba and had her husband, Uriah, placed in a dangerous situation on the battlefield, where he was killed. He then married Bathsheba. That makes him a winner, right? Because the winner gets the girl! But David only looked like a winner. Coincidentally, David the winner didn't pray. Nathan the prophet confronted David about his sin; David repented, but the child born from his sin died. David was a loser. But now David prayed. In his written prayer, David confesses his sin, seeks forgiveness, and anticipates the joy of forgiveness. "*Restore to me the joy of your salvation...Then I will teach transgressors Your ways.*" David is an apparent winner, then is revealed as a loser, and finally does win.

Paul and Silas, on the other hand, were apparent losers. They were in stocks in prison, after all. The jailer

and city officials were the apparent winners. But that night, losers Paul and Silas sang and prayed, and they were revealed as winners! Paul and Silas were freed. The jailer ran into the cell, and overwhelmed by what God had done, prayed too! He had seemed to be the winner; then became the loser. As a loser he prayed, and became a winner! The city officials, however, did not pray, and were revealed as still losers when they had to humbly ask Paul and Silas to move on. (You can read it all in Acts 16.)

Prayer is the act of asking the Mighty God to do what we cannot. We humbly ask Him to act on our behalf. Winners can do this as well as losers, but losing often does us the favor of reminding us of our need. So thumbs up may be a silly way to determine who prays, but if it reminds us that at Trinity Bible Fellowship losers pray, then there are worse things we could be known for.



## Annual Business Meeting and Pot—Luck

This year's Annual Business Meeting is set for Sunday, November 17th, after church. (Sorry, Seahawks fans, you'll have to DVR the game.) This is when we find out what's been happening at church, and what we can expect to happen at church.

Committees will make their reports, and we'll vote on new officers, salaries, and budget.

This is also your opportunity to be involved firsthand in discussion about issues concerning us as a church. These are sometimes lively, but often helpful. Comments I've received over the years include: "You people act like you actually want people to know what's going

on here." and "Even when you people disagree with each other, you do it nicely."

Of course, the food will be good. Details for the potluck will be made clear in the days to come. As always, childcare will be made available.

Nominees for office are:

Sunday School Superintendent: Robert Boleneus (1 yr.)

Deaconess: Joan Wintersteen (3 yr.)  
Sandy Buchanan (3 yr.)

Trustee: Jim Buchanan (2 yr.)  
Mike Bell (3 yr.)

Secretary: Wanda Bowman

Missions Committee (1 yr) Cay Payne

Paul Scott  
Carol Horner



## Heart Talk

by Mark Smith

In regards to your walk with God, have you thought about how much time you spend listening to someone speak? That is God's intent; He commands us to come together for "*exhortation*" (Hebrews 10:25), a word used often in the New Testament for preaching or teaching.

Dallas Seminary "Prof" Howard Hendricks, now with the Lord, used to say that it's a sin to bore people with God's Word. So, the preacher/teacher must work hard to keep the presentation interesting and relative to the real lives we live.

But, those of us on the receiving end also have a key part in making sure God's Word isn't a bore. We don't want to end up like the young man Eutychus (Acts 20: 7-12), who fell into a deep sleep while the apostle Paul "*talked on and on,*" fell out of a third-story window and died! (God used Paul to restore his life, so the story turned out alright).

Listening requires hard work, but it will prove its worth since the Lord uses the spoken word as a primary means of His communication with us. Statistics have shown that the average person remembers less than 25 % of what he hears. As children of our heavenly Father, we must do better than that when His Word is proclaimed.

The suggestions that follow aren't original with me, but have helped me to great extent when someone opens the Word to teach or preach:

Listen expectantly. Go to church or Bible class desiring to learn something significant from God's Word. Then listen with expectancy and anticipation. If you hon-

estly look forward to learning something, you probably will.

Listen creatively. The human mind thinks four to five times faster than a speaker can talk, so mental gaps occur that often produce daydreaming. But, that may be avoided if you use creative methods like these. Guess at the speaker's next point. Challenge what he's saying (is there sufficient evidence in support of his point? Is it his opinion or is this the Word of God? Is his assertion consistent with the whole of Scripture?) Summarize and review occasionally as the speaker makes his way through his message or lesson.

Listen searchingly. Listen for specifics that will help you understand and write them down. Someone has said "the pencil is one of the best eyes" – a vivid way to encourage note-taking. Keep track of the title, subject, Scripture, thesis (main point of the message) and how the speaker develops it (see if you can trace the outline).

Listen personally. Keep the focus on yourself, not someone else, and allow the Holy Spirit to communicate directly with you. Listen as if you're the only one there and that the message is meant for you (in a positive way, to help you walk more closely and effectively with the Lord).

Listen obediently. James 1:22-25 says that obeying God's Word is the secret of spiritual blessing. The Word was never given for the head alone, but for the heart – to be lived out. God expects us to use what we learn – and be transformed by it (Romans 12:1-2). He won't entrust us with more until we practice what we already know (Hebrews 5:11-14).



### Last Man Standing...or Is That Stooping?

I'm sure you are aware that Chaco Christian Academy is a small school, whose Jr. and Sr. High are generally manned by a three teacher team.

This semester, one teachers' wife was able to have double-knee replacement surgery in the States, which meant the load was divided between the remaining two teachers. This was gladly done - we were relieved our co-worker could have the surgery now and in the US. They hope to return in time for the start of our January semester.

The plot thickened a bit when the other teacher fell 14-feet from a rooftop two Saturdays ago. He was hospitalized for the majority of that time, returning home just yesterday. He needs your prayers as he still has significant pain resulting from a broken tailbone.

This means that for the last two weeks – and probably the next month – Brad has been the only teacher at CCA, and has also continued to provide oversight for the students in the distance education program. He is the last man standing, but with his own back issues (you may remember he herniated a disk in late June which he is still recovering from), "stooping" may be a more accurate statement. :) Either way, he needs your prayers! God has upheld him, but it is not a load that can be carried well for much longer. Please pray that his spirit will be encouraged, that he will have supernatural energy and above all that he will experience Christ's sufficiency and companionship in new ways through this.

We are thankful for two moms who have each taken on a class to share the load with Brad. Our co-worker, Mark, is hoping to start teaching two classes again starting this coming Monday. We are, of course, more interested in his full recovery than a lightened work load so please pray for wisdom for him.

We love you,

Shilo for the Cains



### Thanksgiving Thanks & Blessings!

Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you for praying for our thanksgiving outreach and a new ministry

car! Here is an update.

Iranian Thanksgiving Outreach - Last weekend we had our Canadian Thanksgiving dinner at the Middle Eastern Friendship Centre. About fifty Iranians (men, women, and children) came for a Thanksgiving dinner with turkey and all the trimmings. Then some of our single ladies took care of the children while the adults heard a presentation on the origins of Thanksgiving and the way it can remind us to give praise to God. Many shared what they were thankful for. One woman unashamedly shared her thankfulness to Jesus for everything. This gave us a good opportunity to transition into one-on-one discussions about spiritual things and prayer for various needs.

Ministry car - Praise God that we have been given a car from the CARS ministry from a church in Abbotsford. We, and Masoud, feel very blessed by this donation!

Please continue to pray for us - specifically against spiritual warfare. As our team becomes more engaged and effective, we sense that the enemies opposition increases.

love in the Lord,

Randy & Margo

### Pastor Daniel safe but in need after big storm

Dear Pastor Steve McLachlan and the saints at Trinity,

Congratulations on your silver jubilee celebrations Steve & Joan McLachlan for your committed services at TBF! Thank you so much for the support of \$ 998 for the last 3 months which I have received a while ago. Kindly convey my thanks to all the saints for their generosity and vision to support missions. My special gratitude to all the saints at TBF. I noticed that you will be sending for every other 3 months in order to save postage and delays. Thank you for sending through registered post and please continue to send it this way.

We are safe out of that recent big disaster storm. Lot of damage to our state, province and many people died and so much crops washed away. Our economy has already gone down and inflation and unemployment is very

high. In particular I am in debt unable to pay my bills because of very small income. I borrowed lot of money to complete this 3rd Church which I have completed a while ago is made me very handicapped. Pray that God may provide funds and new donors to pay back this debts on time.

This year I have accepted to build 5 Church projects in various places and only two sponsors gave their funds to do so. Out of 5 I have finished already 3 Churches and I am hoping to complete the remaining by the end of December this year. Please remember me in your prayers.

Thanks for your concern about me and my family. Thank you so much for your faithfulness. Please continue to help us.

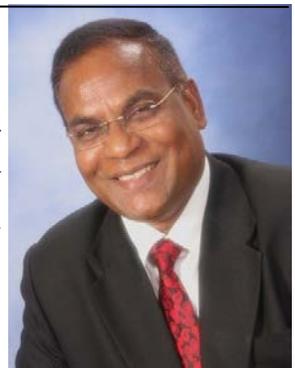
If God willing I am going to conduct a very big crusade during 2nd to 4th

December 2013 in a stadium and expecting about 50,000 people.

Also \$10,000.00 needed for this conference. I know it is very big step of faith but our God is in control. Kindly pray for this urgent need. The gospel must be preached and hundreds must be saved through this crusade.

Once again thank you so much for your special love and generosity to help my ministry. May the Lord bless you abundantly!

Yours in His services,  
Ch.Daniel



## Elders Report

October 4, 2013

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

Intercessory Prayer:

Pastor's Report:

- We will have two missionary family visits in the next two months. The Hamms in November and the Hoffmanns in December.
- The New Members Class has started and is going well.
- Josh McLachlan would like us to increase the Youth Ministries budget. We will include this in the annual budget review.
- We should consider changing the Worship Service time to 10:30. We will discuss this at the Annual Business Meeting.
- The Cocolalla Board is dealing with some recent challenges. This is an item for prayer.

Treasurer's Report:

- We reviewed last years budget
- The elders are scheduled to meet with the Treasurer on October 25 to discuss next year's budget.

Old Business:

- Building Program: the next step is to frame the addition. This is projected to take place on October 12.
- We recommend Dave Fitzpatrick be reimbursed for mileage and supplies for his ministry at the Lincoln County Jail and Martin Hall.
- Trinity Bible Institute: Steve is exploring the possibility of wrapping up last year's Theology course, and Mark is planning on a new class in the spring.
- Nominating Committee update: All but a couple of the projected vacancies have been identified and candidates have accepted the call. As soon as the process is completed, names will be posted for the congregation's review.

New Business:

- It was moved and passed to update signers for the Youth Group checking account.
- Knute passed on information that he received a call from members that they were leaving the church. We discussed their reasons and prayed they find the opportunities to serve and grow they are seeking.

Next Meeting: October 25.

## Church Funds 9/30/2013

Benevolence Fund	1,186.20
Missionaries Reserve	2,100.00
Missions Fund	2,370.00
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>24,917.92</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,574.12</b>

Building Fund	\$236,634.44
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>\$267,208.56</b>

### Shoebox Packing Party



You've heard the announcements, you've seen the videos, you've donated money and bought supplies. What's left to do? Pack the boxes and send them off, of course! We're meeting at the church at 10 am on Saturday, November 2nd. We'll pack and label our shoeboxes and get them ready to send, then we'll sit down for a well-earned meal! We'll be looking for you!

### Addition Update

The latest word is we can expect the trusses to arrive about the time this newsletter goes out. Once they're up and the roof is on, we can get to work on the inside. A little more framing, some wiring and sheetrock, and we're ready to go!

Ken Horner is the project manager. Let him know if and when you can help.

### Thanks so Much

Joan and I can't thank you enough for how you blessed us at our twenty-five year celebration. The party was wonderful, the gifts and cash were so thoughtful; I just know the new clubs and cart will knock points off my score. And the quilt is amazing! But the biggest blessing of all was the shared memories and all the cards and notes. You have blessed us tremendously.



by Josh McLachlan

## Youth Stuff

### Youth Walk- IS GOD STILL GOOD?

Scott Krippayne sang a song with this very thought in mind. If from this point on I never got to experience anything good in my life, could I still say God is good. He gives examples as simple as seeing

another rainbow to kissing my child goodnight again.

Habakkuk 3:17-18 talks "what if" about having not receiving any blessings from God. Even if Habakkuk didn't receive the necessities of life (food, drink) he was going to praise God for his salvation. That may be hard to comprehend because we have grocery stores, and our houses have lots of food but what if you lost use of your lower limbs, or your best friend moved. Could you still say God is good? What if you flunked a test, or lost the big game, would you still praise God for his Salvation or complain and walk away from God because you didn't get what you wanted or

needed?

Remember to praise God anyway because He is your Savior. Every earthly blessing is temporary. God gave you eternal life. Try remembering all that God had done for you in the past and thank God for them again too.

### Up-coming events:

**Youth Group** every Sunday 6:30-8 p.m.

Nov. 4 **Youth Leadership** 7-8:30

Nov. 9-10 **Faith builders retreat** at Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp

Nov. 24 **Diamond Smuggling** (bring your friends)

Nov. 18 **Youth Leadership** 7-8:30





### New Sunday School Class

by Josh McLachlan

Well it's been three years now and the "Young Marrieds" aren't getting any younger so we should probably come up with a new name! *Married With Children* has been suggested, and seems fitting. :) We had a hard time finding a night of the week that would work for everyone this time around and came up with a new plan. We are now going to meet as a Sunday school class. The only space big enough for us seems to be the trailer so from now on we will be meeting from 9:45-10:45 in the trailer to the North of the Church. The study we have chosen this time around is called Sacred Parenting by Gary Thomas and looks very promising. New couples are always welcome!

I want to take this chance to say God is faithful! He provided all the help I needed throughout this past year, whether it was help for the summer V.B.S. or help on Sun-

day with substitute teachers. Thank you for your help. May God bless you as you have blessed me.

Serving Jesus with you,

Josh McLachlan



Teachers Corner

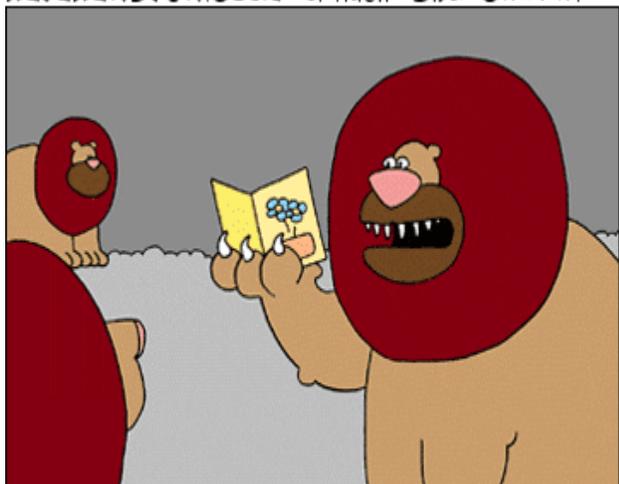


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Fall Back! Sunday morning, Nov 3

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IT'S FROM THAT DANIEL GUY ... HE JUST WANTED TO THANK US FOR A WONDERFUL VISIT

### Awana in the News

We had a very successful Jog-a-thon Oct. 12. God brought the sunshine in, just in time. The total pledged was over \$1300 dollars. Because of the money raised, we are able to make this program available to many more boys and girls in our community. A big thank you to all who sponsored a runner.

Our top runners were: Noah McLachlan, Alex Plasencia, Ethan Plasencia all with 18 laps.

Our top earners were: 3rd place: Katie Fitzpatrick, \$208.00, 2nd place: Murray Eaton \$ 210.00, 1st place: Noah McLachlan, \$246.00

A big thank you to all who ran to raise money. All who raised \$25.00 have a cool black and neon green Jogathon t-shirt. If you find someone wearing one, give them a high five.

Upcoming events in November:

- November 6 Inside Out Night
- November 13 Patriot Night
- November 20 Canned Food Night
- November 27 no Awana

Your Awana Commander,  
Josh McLachlan

Missionary of the Month: Randy & Margo Hoffmann

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*Women's Ministry Leader: Lynn Hernas*  
*Group Members: Cay Payne*  
*Marcia Smith*  
*Deanna Fitzpatrick*  
*Kristi Bell*  
*Carol Horner*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Awana Directors Meeting 6 pm  <b>Scrapbook Retreat @ CLBC Nov 1 &amp; 2</b> <i>Teresa Karr</i>	2 Shoe Box Packing Party 10 am/Potluck Lunch following
3 Cam & Valerie Hamm visit/Coffee Fellowship Youth Group 6:30 pm  <i>Andrew Abell</i>	4 Men's Coffee 8:30 am Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am Monday Night Football Youth Leadership 7 pm	5 Theology Class 6:30 pm	6 Awana 6 pm Inside-out Night  <i>Allyson Morrison</i>	7  <i>Leanne Wilson</i> <i>Robert &amp; Debbie Boleneus</i>	8  <b>Faith Builders Retreat @ CLBC Nov 8 &amp; 9</b>	9
10 Youth Group 6:30 pm	11 Men's Coffee 8:30 am Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am Monday Night Football	12 Theology Class 6:30 pm  <i>Mark Smith</i> <i>Troy Tarbert</i>	13 Awana 6 pm Patriot Night	14	15	16
17 Annual Business Meeting/ Potluck after church Youth Group 6:30 pm <i>Paul Knittel</i> <i>James Wilson</i> <i>Greg &amp; Wanda Bowman</i>	18 Men's Coffee 8:30 am Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am Monday Night Football Youth Leadership 7 pm	19 M & M's 6 pm  <i>Tim Karr</i>	20 Awana 6 pm Canned Food Night  <i>Steve &amp; Marie Plasencia</i>	21	22  <i>Duane Oehlwein</i>	23
24 Communion/Benevolence Offering Youth Group Diamond Smuggling 4 pm <i>Joshua Regan</i>	25 Men's Coffee 8:30 am Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am Monday Night Football  <i>Dion Ricketts</i>	26  <i>Rod &amp; Lori Rieth</i>	27 <b>NO</b> Awana	28 <b>Thanksgiving</b>  <i>Debbie Boleneus</i> <i>Wayne Lembcke</i>	29  <i>Elizabeth Hamm</i>	30