

LIVES OF FRAGRANCE

2 Corinthians 4:14-17

Tulsa Bible Church (TBC) will hold the 1:Eight Conference on Nov. 5-6, so we are taking a look at the TBC Missions Committee and its work of caring for our TBC missionaries. Jennica Ralston describes the composition and work of the Missions Committee.

MINISTERING TO THE LABORERS

By Jennica Ralston

The TBC Missions Committee is tasked with directing and supporting the local and international missions efforts of TBC. Included within this direction and support is involvement with our more than 40 missionaries (both active and retired) and more than 10 ministries. The committee is composed of couples and individuals who are interested in missions and in our missionaries. Several members are in fact former missionaries, bringing a unique perspective to committee discussions and considerations. One of those former missionaries is Kyle Jones, chairman of the committee. A complete list of current missions committee members is as follows: Kyle & Vanessa Jones, John & Penny Alden, David & Debbie Breeden, Travis & Marlene Jones, Marilyn Lowery, Amos & Jennica Ralston, and David & Marilyn Sargent.

The work of the missions committee is a weighty responsibility. However, it is a joy to know and support our missionaries and to serve in the important task of telling the world the good news of God and His love. Some of the committee's responsibilities include interviewing missionaries seeking official TBC partnership and support; recommending missionaries and/or ministries to the elder board for official partnership and/or support; organizing churchwide missions events, such as quarterly missions prayer meetings, the annual missions conference, the local ministries event, and miscellaneous outreach efforts; connecting individual TBC members to individual TBC missionaries as part of the LifeLine ministry; providing for the allocation and distribution of the missions budget; caring for our missionaries and responding to issues in their lives; providing missionary and ministry updates to the congregation at large via the TBC Weekly email; coordinating opportunities for visiting missionaries to share in adult fellowship classes and the main service. The TBC missions committee meets once a month, with extra meetings thrown in here and there as necessary or desired. This summer the committee hosted a dinner and fellowship time for a few visiting missionary families plus their TBC LifeLines! Are you interested in joining the missions committee? In introducing a missionary to the committee? In becoming a missionary yourself? In seeking partnership or support for a missions project? In becoming a LifeLine? Talk to Kyle Jones or another committee member, or email missions committee members at tulsabiblemissions@gmail.com.

PRAISE GRATITUDE APPRECIATION

**"...even
Solomon in
all his glory
was not
arrayed like
one of these."**

Luke 12:27b ESV

This beautiful oil painting is the creation of Stacy Condie. Stacy says that she loves to make art for church, and that this painting is a fall-inspired gift to TBC.



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WHAT'S NEW

NOVEMBER

Christmas shoe-boxes, for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, are available at TBC. Fill a box, bring items to fill a box, join the packing party (Nov.5, 2-5 p.m.), or volunteer to receive filled boxes at TBC. Drop-off dates are Monday, Nov. 14 to Saturday, Nov.19, 2-5 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 20, 12-3 p.m.; and Monday, Nov. 21, 8:30-10:30 a.m. If you are able to help, please contact Nina Cowan at 918-905-4345.

NOVEMBER 24

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

DECEMBER 3

The Hanging of the Greens. Come help decorate TBC for the Christmas season. For more information, contact Caitlin Bush or Tasha Roundtree.

DECEMBER 10

Women's Christmas Fellowship
9:30 a.m. - 12 noon
TBC Gym

GRATEFUL HEARTS

Dear Ladies,

God has placed us according to His good will and pleasure in the twenty-first century; in and around Tulsa, Oklahoma; within our families; and in the fellowship of Tulsa Bible Church. At TBC, we are blessed to have solid Scriptural teaching from our pastors and teachers, to worship God in community with our fellow believers, and to enjoy opportunities for fellowship and discipleship. Each woman has unique giftings as well as unique needs; happily, in God's economy, He brings together women who are able to minister to each other's needs. Since we are so richly blessed, the following women have graciously shared reasons for why they are thankful to God for TBC.

I am thankful for Tulsa Bible Church because . . .

. . . "From the day I visited, I felt welcomed; there is a genuine love among the believers expressed to me in many ways; BUT most of all, the Word of God is preached and taught." Ruth J. DuBois

. . . "I am so thankful for our Pastor who preaches the Word of God faithfully. I am thankful for so many ladies who support praying for our church and for the lost souls that need a Savior! I love TBC!" Marilyn Sargent

. . . "I'm thankful for sound Biblical preaching and teaching. We so appreciate being part of a caring family of believers who love and serve one another." Ronda Palmer

. . . "I have found that the women at TBC are refreshingly genuine. They don't put on fake facades and routinely impress me with their willingness to share candid fears, concerns, struggles, and weaknesses, all while displaying humility in seeking support and help in their trials. I am thankful to be surrounded by 'real' women who speak their truths without reservation." Marcia Coggins

. . . "I'm thankful that prayer is a priority around TBC! The TBC calendar is a great tool to help me to be more committed to pray for our church, and I'm thankful for each lady who comes to PRAY at Grannies' Prayer at 12 noon on Tuesdays for our church and missionaries each week!! James 5:16." Nina Cowan

. . . "I am thankful for the teaching of God's Word as written. I am also thankful for the friendliness of all the people I come in contact with." Diana Norwood

. . . "Because TBC is my church family. I'm so thankful to God for these 25+ years of doing life with such a beautiful family in Christ." Nancy Graham

. . . "I am thankful for Tulsa Bible Church because of the opportunity I have to grow in my relationship with God through prayer with the Praying Grannies and for the sweet fellowship we share together." Stephanie Villines

. . . "I am thankful for TBC mostly because I feel God's presence here. Love is paying attention and being here now to give and receive: it is important. Educated teachers are here and we are never too old for making the effort to learn how to live a life according to God's plan." Mollie Weaver

. . . "I am thankful for TBC's over 65 years holding the inerrant truth of God's Word in beliefs and teaching. The Tuesday night Young Married Bible Study in the '80's is also something I'm grateful for. They welcomed Harold and I when we knew no one, and many are still our special friends." Charlotte Driver

. . . "I am thankful for the depth of the teaching, and how it challenges and strengthens my own faith and convictions. I am thankful for the teachers who teach and bless our family and children." Rachel Robertson

WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the following words which are focused on giving thanks.

ginkinsagthiv _____

traitgeud _____

sniblegs _____

catniparepio _____

RECIPE

Cheri says this is delicious! This is a crockpot meal, so you can start it earlier in the day and return home to your dinner.

White Bean and Chicken Pumpkin Chili

From Cheri Ennis

Saute 2 T. olive oil with:

- 1 medium chopped onion (Vidalia)
- 1 sweet yellow pepper
- 3 cloves garlic

Place in slow cooker.

Add:

- 2 c. large cooked shredded chicken breasts
- 1 large can (29 oz.) pumpkin
- 2-3 cans (15.8 oz.) of white beans (Northern or Cannellini)
- 3-4 c. chicken broth
- 2 tsp. chili powder
- 2 tsp. cumin
- 2 tsp. oregano (dried & crushed)
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 can (14.5 oz.) diced tomatoes

Cook covered on low 4-5 hours.

Serve with chopped avocado and green onions on top.

BOOKS ON MISSIONS

Compiled by the TBC Missions Committee

WOMEN MISSIONARY BIOGRAPHIES

Gladys Aylward: The Little Woman, Aylward

A Chance to Die: The Life and Legacy of Amy Carmichael, Elliot

These Strange Ashes or Made for the Journey, Elliot

One Vision Only: A Biography of Isobel Kuhn, Canfield

My Once Upon a Time, Liborio & Hoag (Authored by TBC missionary, Sarah Labriel. Available at TBC Library.)

Give Me This Mountain, Roseveare

An Ordinary Woman's Extraordinary Faith, St. John

The Hiding Place, Sherrill, Sherrill, & ten Boom

A Passion for the Impossible: The Life of Lilius Trotter, Huffman Rockness

Faithful Women and Their Extraordinary God, Piper

Women of Faith Series, Bethany House Publishers

MISSIONARY BOOKS FOR KIDS

Heroes of the Faith Series, by various authors

The Lightkeepers Series, Howat

Trailblazer Series, Jackson & Jackson

Christian Heroes: Then & Now, Youth With a Mission (YWAM)

(Check out the TBC Library for additional books on missionaries and missions!)

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