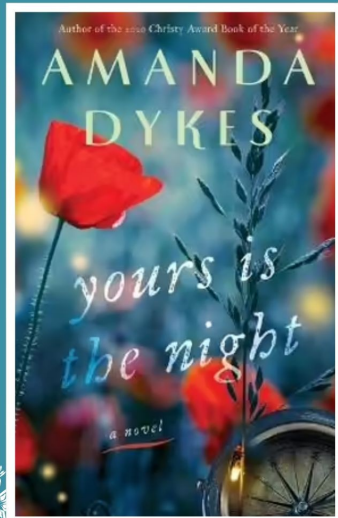


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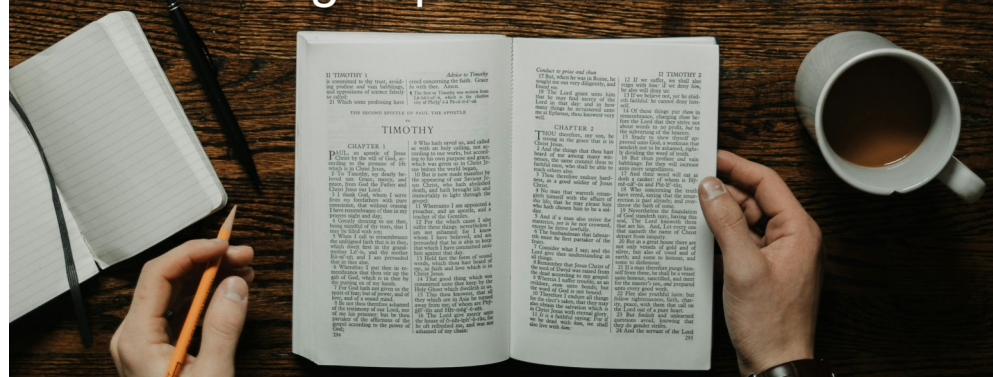
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From the Pastor’s Pen

As we begin 2026, we are entering the Gospel of John; this will take a while as we consider life-altering truths about our Savior. Matthew, Mark, and Luke are called the *synoptic* gospels (*synoptic* means “*see together*”) and they follow a similar format, focusing more on what Jesus taught and did, while John focused more on who Jesus is. John was probably the last of the four written and John left out details the others included: Jesus’ birth, baptism, and temptation; the parabolic teachings, the Last Supper, Gethsemane, and His ascension into the heavens.

John was writing for a specific purpose! In 20:31 John would state that this record had “*been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.*” Jesus was not some mystical, Spirit-being; He was a man John knew personally. John immediately states a ***TRUTH*** that will shape the narrative; that...

...Jesus is GOD (John 1:1-2). John states that Jesus was “*In the beginning*” which immediately takes our thoughts back to the creation. Jesus is the WORD (logos). A word is a visual (written) or audible (spoken) expression of a thought. John is telling his readers (us) that Jesus is the word of God – He is the expression of God’s thought that we can see and hear so that we might understand the mind of God! The Word was with God “*in the beginning*” – not only was He “*with God*” but He “*was God.*”

Jesus is the Creator (John 1:3). John tells us that through the Word all things came to be; “*All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.*” Nine times in Genesis 1, during creation, we read the phrase “*Then God said . . .*” indicating that the Word of God was spoken. The Word – the Son of God – was speaking into being what the Father had designed in His amazing creative mind!

Jesus is the source of life and light (John 1:4-5). Verse 4 states that “*in Him was life.*” This is more than just biological existence, this is the principle of life – we are more than just a body, we are spiritual beings – like God Himself! Life is a key theme in John’s gospel, used at least 36 times. Human life requires at least four essentials: light, air, water, and food. Jesus is all of these! Jesus is the light of the world (Jn. 8:12); by the Holy Spirit, He gives us the breath of life (Jn. 3:8, 20:22), He is living water (Jn. 4:10), and He is the living bread (Jn. 6:35). Not only does Jesus have and give life, but according to John 14:6 ... **HE IS LIFE!** As life, He does not abandon us to find our way. He is with us and He illuminates the way for us – He is “*the Light of men.*” Not everyone gets it, some just don’t want to; they are content in the darkness, but the darkness will never overpower the Light. Jesus came to light up this world and though the world does not agree with Him, and many people turn away from Him – He just continues to shine.

Will you hear “*the Word*”? Will you choose to walk in “*the Light*” and follow Jesus? The world is a tough place, and life is tough but if you hear and heed His call to walk in the light, you will . . . Be Blessed!

Under His wing,

Pastor Tim

Jesus, Pizza, and Dodgeball

There is an old commercial where a young boy gets a participation trophy at the end of the football season even though they won every game. The father sees that his son’s trophy says “Participant” and so he takes off the plaque and writes “CHAMPS”. We live in a culture where it’s frowned upon to make anyone feel like they didn’t win. So instead of winners and losers everyone is placed in the same category. By doing this we are setting up a generation to fail. With the “everybody wins” mindset they never know what failure is until much later in life. Successes and failures are some of the most impactful life lessons that a person can experience. And often we can learn more from our failures than our successes.

Many people, including parents, say they do not agree that everyone should win, yet our actions would say otherwise. While we may let our kids lose a game, we do not let them experience failure in life. When our child says they are being picked on at school we are in the principal’s office the next day to handle the situation. When a child fails a test, we are in the teacher’s classroom to discuss the grade. When a child has conflicting commitments, we allow them to choose what they want to do rather than to do what they committed to first. Over and over again we rescue our kids instead of allowing them to fail.

Parents should protect and look out for their children, but we also must let them fail. If we rescue our kids from every situation then they will never be ready to be on their own. When they get their first full-time job and they miss a project due date or their boss yells at them for not doing their job, they will be ill-prepared for that situation. Studies show that many young adults are not able to keep a steady job despite having an education. Most employers blame it on the fact that young people feel entitled. They come to work and expect to be given a promotion and higher pay within a short amount of time. Young people do not know how to work, fail, learn, and then succeed because many times all we have taught them is that they deserve to succeed.

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It’s hard to put much blame on the younger generations (at this point) as they are just learning from the example of their parents. While parents may experience failures, we too lack a sense of commitment. We allow our children to dictate our schedules and choose what we will do as a family. Parents are the primary spiritual leaders of the home and it’s time we start taking that responsibility seriously. It starts with our commitment to Christ. If we are not committed to our “first love” of Christ, it is highly likely that we will struggle with all of our other commitments. If we do not fully commit to Christ and His church, then we shouldn’t expect to see results any different from what we’ve already been getting.

Andrew

2025 Weekly Budget Requirement:

\$16,596.15

2025 World Mission Offering YTD:

\$27,061.05

Attendance for December 24, 2025

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 156

Attendance for December 28, 2025

Sunday School 145

Morning Worship 210

Evening Worship 24

Receipts for December 21, 2025

Budget Offerings \$32,725.14

World Missions Offerings \$245.00

Building Fund \$119.00

Horseshoe Ministry \$780.00

Kids Camp 2026 \$500.00

Lottie Moon \$400.00

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