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We've song a contemporary song, We are Hungry, with lyrics,

We are hungry; We are hungry
We are hungry for more of You
We are thirsty, oh Jesus
We are thirsty for more of You

And I'll be honest, I've had to stop and ask myself, Am I hungry? I mean, Am I really hungry?

When in the midst of life's storms, real hunger for God's presence, peace, direction, wisdom, etc is a given. Trials bring us to our knees, and we find ourselves hungry, thirsty and desperate for Him.

But when all that subsides, and we are satisfied in our peace and tranquility, the hunger pangs become distant memories.

Church, I bring this up because the last few months have been wonderful at TOBC. There has been peace and tranquility like we have not seen in a long time. God has satisfied every hunger pang and brought about restoration & unity. And while I am incredibly thankful for all He has done, I couldn't shake the question, Are you {still} hungry?

I found myself thinking of the children of Israel. After they wandered and cried out to the Lord for 40 years in the wilderness. Deuteronomy 8 says of them,

... When you have eaten and are satisfied ... Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe His commands, His laws and His decrees ... Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down ... then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God ... vs 10-14

While I don't see pride within our walls, I often wonder if we can fall into thinking,

... My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth {peace, tranquility, etc} for me vs 17

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Do you see the subtleness of that? We cease to be desperate/ hungry for God because we have become reliant/satisfied with ourselves.

The passage continues by saying,

... But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives....vs 18

Believer, where are you right now? Are you hungry for something only found in Him? Or are you satisfied with everything you can provide for yourself?

The song, We are Hungry, attempts to remedy man's condition by askina.

Lord I want more of You Lord I need more of You

But, those statements are not correct. God does not get poured out in increments following the point of justification. From the moment we believed, we are "sealed with the promised Holy Spirit," and we have all of Him that we will ever get and want. If we don't have enough of God, it's not because He's holding back. I've changed the song to more accurately {and theologically} depict the situation,

Lord I want You to have more of me Lord I need to give You more of me

Because, you see Believer, if we were to be honest, when we are not truly hungry, we begin holding back, and we begin singing with our lives (if not necessarily with our mouths),

I surrender (some). I surrender (some). (Some) to Thee, my blessed Savior (when I need You or have nothing else to do).
I surrender (some).

This month, would you fervently pray with me, "Lord, make us hungry, so we can truly surrender all"

In Christ......Pastor James

Family Night - February 8th

Make notice that our February Family Night will be held on the 2nd Sunday.

Business Meeting - 5pm / Family Night - 6pm Potluck Fellowship - 7pm

That evening, the Elder Candidate Q&A will be held and remember only pre-submitted questions for Eric Fisher and Jim Vannoy will be asked.

Senior Men's Breakfast & Wives Coffee Feburary 2nd 9:00am

Men will gather in the church parking lot then head out for breakfast and ladies will meet at Panera Bakery.

NC & Plumbing Referrals

Should the unforeseen occasion arise and you need an A/C or plumber technician at your home, check out these two companies. They are honest, reliable and very reasonable.

Quick Cooling, Inc Brandon Eitzen 512-919-2193 Texas Pro Solutions Scott Hill 512-295-4291

* WANTED NURSERY WORKER * for birth - 3 yr olds.

The church is looking for a person to work one Sunday a month in the nursery from 9:15am – 12:15pm.

He or she must be 18 years of age or older & a church member.

This is a paid position. If you are interested, contact Cathy or the office.

Caster Trail of Life

Meeting February 15th Following Serivce

If you'd be willing to help in the leadership and or planning, please join us. ~ Lunch is provided~ Volume 22, Issue 2 The Oak Leaf Page 5

Road Warriors

Thank you

To everyone who purchased a plate at the BBQ fundraiser.
They raised \$450.00 to go towards summer camp!

Camping

The plan this year is to hold two camps, one in Spring (at a National Park) and the other in Summer (at Highland Lakes) More details will follow.



The Road Warriors on Wednesday Nights did an awesome job in January learning their memory verse questions & books of the Bible! Not only did they reach their "goal" for the month; they actually tripled it! As such, they enjoyed a celebration with pizza, ice cream & a bounce house! Thank you, parents, for work working with your children. We 're looking forward to another great month in February!

Ms Charlotte's Sunday School Class

Last month the 9-11 year olds were blinded, shackled, mummified and turned into pigs! They learned that Jesus has power over creation, evil, illness and death. This month we will be discussing parables! The children are doing wonderfully. Thank you parents and the entire congregation.



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Catechisms & Memory Verse



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live," John 11:25



Question 1

What is the ultimate purpose of man?

Man's ultimate purpose is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

Comment: "Glorify" does not mean make glorious. It means [to] reflect or display as glorious.

Other words you could use for "end" are "goal" or "purpose."

Question 2

What ultimate standard has God given us to glorify and enjoy Him?

The Word of God is the ultimate standard to direct us how to glorify and enjoy Him.

Question 3

What is the Word of God?

The Holy Scriptures, the Old and New Testaments, are the Word of God, the ultimate standard for faith and obedience.

Comment: "Scriptures" is a special word for the "writings" of the OT and NT. Perhaps you will want to explain that the OT deals with God's word that came before Jesus was born; and the NT is the word of God that came after Jesus was born. "Infallible" means it will never lead us astray in what it teaches. It is true and does not err. It can be trusted. "Faith" refers to right thinking and feeling; and "practice" refers to right doing. We measure our thoughts and emotions and actions by the rule of the Bible. "Inspiration" means that it is God-breathed: by his Spirit he guided his spokesmen to speak his word in their language.

Question 4

What do the Scriptures principally teach?

The Scriptures principally teach the will of God, everything man must believe for salvation, and the works God requires of man.

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Catechisms & Memory Verse



Then the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?"And He answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given."

Matthew 13:10-11



Question 5

How do we know that the Bible is the Word of God?

The Bible evidences itself to be God's Word by the heavenliness of its doctrine, the unity of its parts, and its power to convert sinners and to edify saints.

But only the Spirit of God can make us willing to agree and submit to the Bible as the Word of God. Comment: "Heavenliness" refers to the fact [that] the teachings of Scripture are of such a nature that they cannot be explained by mere human resources. They bear the marks of the supernatural. "No man ever spoke like this man" (John 7:46).

The "unity of its parts" has to do especially with the way all Scripture points to Christ.

"To him all the prophets bear witness" (Acts 10:43). There are detailed and scholarly historical arguments for the reliability of the Bible, but these are generally beyond the acquaintance of ordinary Christians, and so do not serve as widespread support for Scripture. They are needed, however, in the scholarly arena.

Question 6

May all men make use of the Scriptures?

All men are not only permitted, but commanded and exhorted, read, hear, and understand the Scriptures.

Question 7

What method should be used for interpreting the Scriptures? The Scriptures interpret the Scriptures. Let the simple interpret the difficult.

Saturday, February 14th at 6:00pm

Falentine Banquet

All couples are invited to join us for the Kickoff of our **2015 Couple's Nights!**

Couples can consist of those who are dating, engaged, married, or somewhere in-between! Join us Saturday, February 14th in the Fellowship Hall for a night of fun! There will be a wonderful home cooked dinner as well as other lively "entertainment."

All tickets will be presold from February 1st-11th. Suggested donation is \$20/couple. Contact Kristen Vannoy, Cathy Torrey or the office for details.

4G'S February 21st @ 9:30am

The 4G's will meet at the church for a short personal defense video and a 'My Favorite gun' show and tell.

The limit will be 2 guns per person (pistols or long guns) After the video, we will allow 30 minutes for anyone who wants to take 3 – 5 minutes and give the spec's for their favorite gun and why it's their favorite.

After that, with permission from the owner of each gun, other's will be allowed to handle the guns.

Kids 14 or under must be accompanied by a responsible adult while handling any gun.

The event will also be open to the ladies and kids.

Home Fellowship



February 6th @ 6:30pm

Cultivating more intimate relationships through fellowship.

Spend time in prayer with one another and discuss more deeply the current studies that are going on at TOBC. Meet every Friday for 8 to 10 weeks at Ana & Chris Kimbrell's house 8817 Panadero Drive,

Austin, TX 78747

Bring a brown bag dinner or snack & children of all ages are welcome.

Questions? Contact Scott Tyson.

The sign up sheet can be located in the foyer.





