

ECCLESIASTES

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Ecclesiastes #5

July 6, 2014

When Life's Not Fair Ecclesiastes 4:1-4:16

Life's not fair. Bad guys win. Innocent lives are destroyed. Bad things happen to godly people! If there is nothing "under the sun" to give us meaning in life, we must go "beyond the sun," to God, to find hope. As St Augustine said, "Without God man has nothing, with Him man has everything." In Ecclesiastes 4:1-16 Solomon is disillusioned with life and is looking for answers. As he observes his world, life seems unfair...what we have are the musings of a cynical man.

➤ Four "under the sun" observations from life that cause men "to give up on God" and a few "beyond the sun" solutions

❶ PROBLEM #1...men are _____...4:1-3

❶ SOLUTION #1...NO solution given

❷ PROBLEM #2...men are _____ and struggle with _____...4:4-5,7-8

❷ SOLUTION #2..._____ is better than burn-out...4:6

❸ PROBLEM #3...men are _____...4:9-12

❸ SOLUTION #3...value _____...4:9-12

❹ PROBLEM #4...fame is _____, popularity is _____...4:13-16

❹ SOLUTION #4...NO solution given

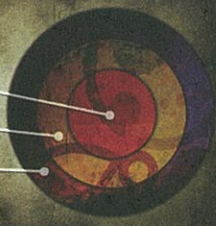
➤ don't give-up on God when life does not seem fair... _____ rather than _____!

CORE VALUES

SURRENDER

COMMUNITY

MISSION



GIVING IS A PART OF WORSHIP:

We do not pass an offering plate during the service. Boxes are located in the hallways for those who wish to serve by giving.



WELCOME TO TBC... HERE'S WHAT'S NEW:

ADDITIONAL USHERS NEEDED

Men, we need additional ushers to help with each of our services. Contact Craig Bonstead at cpbonstead@yahoo.com or 254-295-6163 if interested.

BACKPACK BUDDIES

The Work Day for Backpack Buddies 2014 will be Tuesday, July 8th, from 9am to 11:00 at TBC. Please join us here at TBC and help prepare the name tags for the 200 children we will be sponsoring this year. For more info, contact Carol at cml125@sbcglobal.net.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Friday, July 11th from 7-9pm at the Outback. No games - just a great time of girl talk, new friends, and a chance to hear what's happening in women's ministry. Make plans to join us! Did we mention we're serving chocolate?

GROUP LEADERSHIP TRAINING SEMINAR

If you're interested in leading a community group for the first time or are an existing leader that wants to improve your abilities, please join us for a Group Leadership Training Seminar. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Pick up a handout from the Currents Rack to register and for more info.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

This year's Women's Conference will be October 3rd-4th here at TBC with guest speaker Jennifer Kennedy Dean. Cost is \$20 per person in advance, \$30 per person at the door. Pick up a brochure from the Currents Rack to register now!

SAVE THE DATE!

August 20th ... TBC Night @ Summer Fun

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**Don't forget to check out our Currents display,
monthly calendar, and website for more information**

www.templebiblechurch.org

Japan 2014

July 26 - Aug 6



A team from TBC is headed to Japan to host a VBS as well as a Family Camp this summer! As they connect with local people in the community, and work with a local church planting group, their hope is to share the love of Christ and the Gospel.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for hearts to be receptive of the Gospel
- Pray that God will be glorified through the Summer School (VBS) and Family Camp
- Pray for boldness as the team shares the Gospel during the activities with non-believers

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**Please fill out this form and return it to
Temple Bible church 3205 Oakview Dr. Temple, TX 76502**

**Please make checks payable to Temple Bible Church
and note "Japan Summer Trip" in memo.**

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone # _____

___ I will commit to partnering with the team by joining their prayer team.

___ I will give a one-time gift of \$ _____.



group life

TBC

Are you interested in leading a Community Group for the first time?

Are you an existing leader that wants to improve your abilities?

This course is:

*Designed to both equip those who want to lead a group for the first time as well as help existing leaders improve their abilities to lead and shepherd.

*Divided between vision and the practical aspects of leading your group such as launching/growing a group, leading a discussion, building community in a group, training an assistant leader, etc.

*Led by David Richardson & Stephen Cheung.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I'm interested in attending:

☐ Group Leadership Training Seminar, Saturday June 21st, 7:30am - Noon Room 302

☐ Yes, I need childcare. | How many kids? _____ Age(s): _____

☐ Group Leadership Training Seminar, Saturday Aug 2nd, 7:30am-Noon, Room 302

☐ Yes, I need childcare. | How many kids? _____ Age(s): _____

☐ Group Leadership 4 week Short Course Sunday Mornings, July 20th-Aug 10th, 9:30am,
Room 301

Drop in an offering box or turn into the TBC office.

** Office use only: turn in to David Richardson

2014 Short Term Trips

UKRAINE July 2 - July 19 & Aug 6 - Aug 17

A team from TBC is headed to Ukraine to work alongside our sister Church to put on student and children's camps. They will also help with any needs within the Church as well as the nearby community.

☐ I will commit to partnering with the team by joining their prayer team.

☐ I will give a one-time gift of \$_____.

RWANDA July 24 - Aug 1

A team from TBC is headed to Rwanda this summer to work alongside our sister Church conducting a children's camp to help the Church's outreach to the villages in their region. They will be doing Impact style Bible clubs and serving with local believers to share the gospel with children and their families.

☐ I will commit to partnering with the team by joining their prayer team.

☐ I will give a one-time gift of \$_____.

ESTONIA July 5 - July 16 & July 24 - Aug 2

TBC is partnering with our Estonian missionaries in Tartu, Estonia at local Churches along with Mission organizations, Light in the City and Light in the Forest.

In addition to doing Evangelistic English Camps, the group will work with Light in the City's Crisis Pregnancy Center to share Christ and offer hope to young ladies in need. English Camps serve as a great avenue to share the gospel with Estonians and connect them with local Churches in their city.

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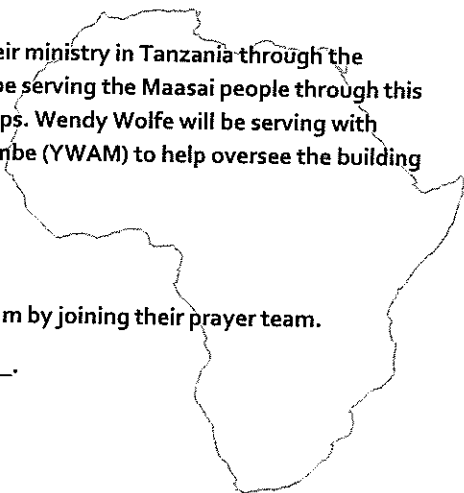
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TANZANIA July 6 - July 21

Jack and Mija Coles will be continuing their ministry in Tanzania through the completion of the Dispensary. They will be serving the Maasai people through this clinic as well as through discipleship groups. Wendy Wolfe will be serving with them as well as working with Boma Ngombe (YWAM) to help oversee the building of more water wells in the region.

☐ I will commit to partnering with the team by joining their prayer team.

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2014 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

October 3-4

Temple Bible Church

Schedule

Friday, October 3rd

- 6:00pm Registration
7:00pm Session 1
8:30pm Dessert/Fellowship

Saturday, October 4th

- 8:30am Doors Open/Coffee Bar
9:00am Session 2
10:15am Break
10:45am Session 3
12:00pm Q&A with Jennifer
(Will dismiss by 1pm)

Childcare not provided

Speaker

Jennifer Kennedy Dean

is the Executive Director of The Praying Life Foundation and a respected author and speaker. Her book, *Heart's Cry*, has been named National Day of Prayer's signature book. Her book, *Live a Praying Life*, has been called a flagship work on prayer. Jennifer's book, *Altar'd*, is the theme for this conference. *Altar'd* is a 40-day exploration of the Scriptures which reveals that we are created to live in an "altar'd" state—surrendered, yielded, free.

Please Return Registration with Check or Cash.

You can drop in offering box or mail to:

Temple Bible Church-Meagan
3205 Oakview Dr
Temple, Tx 76502

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Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

COST:

\$20 per person

\$30 at the door

You can also register online at templebiblechurch.org.