



*Tryon
Church
Chatter*



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Pastor Bob's Blog

Have you ever been in the mountains and had the opportunity to listen to the echoes. "Hello" ... "Hello" ... "hello" ... "hello." Single words work well but sometimes you can have a few and have them return. "I Love You" ... "I Love You" ... "I love you" ... "I love you."

And so it is with life. Call it one of the immutable laws of human nature. We get in return exactly what we give. It all come back. Incredible echoes mirror our actions to an emphatic degree, sometimes in greater measure than we give, often embarrassing and even at times tragic.

Jesus told us to treat men exactly as you like them to treat you. Don't judge others and you will not be judged yourself. Don't condemn and you will not be condemned. Make allowances for others and people will make allowances for you.

The law of echoes applies to work, marriage, children, even church congregations. The rocky canyons of life echo back the identical attitude and actions that we initiate. The law is remarkably consistent, reflecting the same characteristics with rare exception.

A positive attitude is contagious but unfortunately, so are frowns, sighs, and harsh words. Whatever you deposit in the echo bank, you will draw in return.

Just what are you getting in return for what you give? Have you ever thought of this law of echoes and realized you are reaping what you have sown?

Isn't it grand that God gives better than we deserve?

Pastor Grant

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Mourning Cloak Butterfly

by Wanangwa Hartwell,
adapted from Wikipedia

Have you seen any butterflies this spring? There are so many different kinds and soon they will be all over our flowers. My personal favorite is the Red-Spotted Purple (which is actually orange-spotted blue) but this month I want to tell you about the Mourning Cloak, known in Britain as the Camberwell Beauty.

The Mourning Cloak has one of the longest life spans of any butterfly -- almost a year! They can even hibernate during cold weather, hiding under leaf litter to stay warm. Because of this, they don't usually migrate but they can be found all over North America and northern Eurasia and as far south as the northern part of South America. It's even the state insect of Montana!

In the caterpillar stage, they are called the spiny elm caterpillar and they live on the leaves of, you guessed it, elm, as well as willow, hawthorn, poplar and other plants. Adult mourning cloak butterflies live mostly on sap, rather than nectar, so you're more likely to see them on trees instead of flowers. They have dark wings for camouflage, so you may not see them at all! They can even play dead if they are afraid!

I hope you see many beautiful butterflies this spring and when you do, think of how amazing and creative God is to make so much variety, even in the little things. It tells us how much He cares, even for the little details of our lives. And let me know if you see a mourning cloak or a red-spotted purple!



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*Every saint has a past,
and
Every sinner has a future.
~ Oscar Wilde*





Bob & Julie Rayburn

Bob and Julie Rayburn began attending the Tryon Church in the Fall of last year after being encouraged to check out the church from close friends, Mark and Debbie Balvin. One visit was all it took to convince them that this was where they wanted to worship. Bob and Julie were voted into membership along with their daughter's family, Melissa and Nick Zjaci on February 12, 2022.

Bob & Julie Rayburn met at the Madison Tennessee Hospital campus in the fall of 1976 while Julie was attending Nursing School. Bob was the handsome grounds keeper that was often admired from the windows of the Nursing dorm and Julie was looking forward to a chance to meet Bob. It wasn't long before God brought them together. It seems that the interest was mutual as Bob saw Julie walking with some friends and decided "I am going to go meet that girl." Shortly after there was a first date, it truly was "love at first sight" for both of them. Bob proposed to Julie within 3 months of meeting in December at his parent's house with family present. After Julie graduated from Nursing school (from Southern Missionary College) they were married February 26, 1978 at Julie's home church in Downey, California. They lived in La Habra, CA for one and a half years and then bought their first home in Riverside, CA, in August 1979 just prior to their first daughter Jennifer's arrival. Two years later Melissa was born and two years after that, Jacques (Jake) was born while then residing in Mesa, Arizona.

In 1989 the Rayburns moved to Central California to be close to Julie's parents, in Springville, a town in the foothills of the Sierra's. They raised their three kids on a small ranch with various animals including horses, sheep, chickens, cats, dogs, etc. Fast forward, once the children had grown up and left home, there was another move to Visalia, California to be close to their kids. After three years and much prayer, Bob and Julie decided to escape California, knowing they had no interest in retiring there. God lead them to Apopka, Florida where they lived for five years. The initial move was quite challenging being away from family and job searching in a digital world. "Our faith was tested"; God provided both jobs and a beautiful home, new friends and a church family. This is where Mark and Debbie entered their lives.

When Covid came along, Julie was working at Orlando Health in Corporate Quality and Safety and Bob a handyman in the neighborhood where they resided. Not being able to attend church was quite a challenge but discovering sermons on YouTube became an incredible blessing. "Our relationship with God soared with knowledge of prophecy and current world events." Doug Bachelor and Walter Veith became their favorites to watch during Covid and has continued even to the present.

In June of 2021, after much prayerful consideration, Bob and Julie decided to retire and moved to Greer, South Carolina to be close to Melissa, Nick and the grandchildren, Katerina,

Emma and Desten Zjaci. Again, their faith was tested when searching for a home in a crazy, competitive real estate market but God was faithful and placed them just 15 minutes from Melissa and Nick, residing in Taylors.

A typical day for Bob & Julie: a hot drink first, animals are fed next and then worship together. After that it's go go go! They have been very busy remodeling their house (kitchen, pantry, moving walls and fresh paint), and enlarging Bob's shop where he loves to spend time doing wood working and turning pieces on his lathe. Their backyard keeps them busy, preparing for their first garden in South Carolina.

Bob's hobbies are wood working, building, fishing, being out in nature and grandkids. Julie's favorite things to do are gardening, being outside in nature, cooking, decorating and, you guessed it, grandkids! (They have 7 in all -- 3 girls and 4 boys.)

Julie and Bob praise God for the blessings their family have experienced thus far with the Tryon Church including their grandkids being accepted into the homeschool day program at our Tryon Adventist School and Pathfinders. Bob has really been blessed reuniting with Robert Carney and working together on the kitchen remodel.

The Rayburn's agree that God has always been a big part of their lives; He has faithfully guided and blessed them and their children. They said that no matter what is going on in the world or what the future may bring, they have no fear because God is in control. It's no wonder that one of Julie's favorite verses is "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13.

Our church has welcomed Bob & Julie (and Nick, Melissa, Emma, Katarina and Desten) as an integral part of our Tryon Church family! What a blessing to have them all! And as a soon-to-be-known secret, Julie has agreed to lead out in our Vacation Bible School this summer. (The kids, both young & old, say "Yay!")



Disabilities Ministry

Terry Robinson

God, with regularity, sets up appointments where His believers can speak into the lives of people who have disabilities and needs that we can meet. We want to have the love of Christ moving in and through us. Then, every step forward that we take in the area of Disabilities Ministries will be with the warmth and love that Jesus exhibited when He was here.

“The Lord God has given me His words of wisdom so that I may know what I should say to all these weary ones. Morning by morning He wakens me and opens my understanding to His will. The Lord God has spoken to me, and I have listened.”
Isaiah 50:4, 5 (TLB)

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions or just need a listening ear.

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God Has Got This!

Rosanne Richards

God is working behind the scenes,
Using unseen and various means
To accomplish His purpose...
The best, faithful life for us.

What we finally learned through
This painful process? We grew.
Sometimes uncertain, we follow on,
Because the way God leads has won!



Upcoming WINGS Events

Kelley Edney

May 14, 1:45 p.m. Monthly meeting in the church sanctuary

May 15, 1-3 p.m. Strawberry jelly making with Ramona
Tryon SDA school kitchen
(Bring small jelly jars)

June 11 – Women’s Ministries Sabbath/guest speaker and
afternoon concert
There will be no monthly meeting

June 19, 9 a.m. Father’s Day brunch at the Morgan Center
(More details to come - I’ll need your help)

July 9, 1:45 p.m. Monthly meeting in the church sanctuary

July 17 – Pool party at Paula & Art Slater’s home
(Time to be announced)



Kindergarten

Tryon Adventist School – Thursday, May 12, 6:30 p.m. - Church

Colin Milks
Jedediah Price
Esme Quinn
Luke Reynolds
Emma Rose Selbee

Eighth Grade – Homeschool

Mills River Adventist School – Wednesday, May 18, 7:00 p.m. -
Mills River Seventh-day Adventist Church

Emily Ford

Eighth Grade

Tryon Adventist School – Thursday, May 12, 7:00 p.m. - Church

Benjamin Owens
Levi Rowe
Juliana Wolff

Academy Senior – Homeschool

Online

Jonathan Alvarez

Eighth Grade – Homeschool

Tryon Adventist School – Thursday, May 12, 7:00 p.m. - Church

Judah Kim
Adrian Medina
Katerina Zjaci

College

David Alvarez
Southern Adventist University, Nursing
December, 2021

John Painter
Nurse Practitioner, Specialized in Mental Health
February, 2022



Colin Milks

Favorite Bible Story: Jesus on the Cross
Favorite Song: You're a Grand Old Flag
Favorite Color: Blue & Green
Favorite Food: Cheese sandwich & vegetarian Scallops



Jedadiah Price

Favorite Bible Story: All of them
Favorite Song: Stop, Go, Watch
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Food: Pizza



Esme Quinn

Favorite Bible Story: Parable of the King who forgave the man, who didn't forgive the other man.
Favorite Song: Jesus Loves Me
Favorite Color: Red
Favorite Food: Strawberries



Luke Reynolds

Favorite Bible Story: Joseph and coat of many colors
Favorite Song: Books of the Bible song
Favorite Color: Green and red
Favorite Food: Corn on the cob



Emma Rose Selbee

Favorite Bible Story - Jesus calmed the storm
Favorite Song: King of Kings
Favorite Color: Pink
Favorite Food: Sushi



Benjamin Augustus Owens

My favorite Bible verse is Ephesians 4:1. It says; “Live a life worthy of the calling you have received.”

My favorite Color is red and blue because they are patriotic colors and represent our country.

My favorite song is “Homesick.” It is sung by Kane Brown, a country singer.

My favorite food is Mexican. I like that they put a lot of cheese on their food, and it is a good food choice.

My favorite vacation was when we went to the Florida Keys. It was a fun place to visit.

My plan for the next four to five years is to try to get thru high school and not fail. Then start my career and make a living.

In the next 10 years I hope to be well into my career and making a living and live on a nice little place in the countryside.



Levi Rowe

Favorite Bible verse: John 3:16

Favorite song: “Speak Life” Toby Mac

Favorite food: Taco Bell

Favorite vacation: Mission Trip to Kenya

Next year: Fletcher Academy

5 years: going to college or working

10 years: owning my own business-(I have to figure out what kind first)





Juliana Wolff

Favorite Bible Verse: Ecclesiastes 3:1

Favorite Song: Reasons by Hulvey

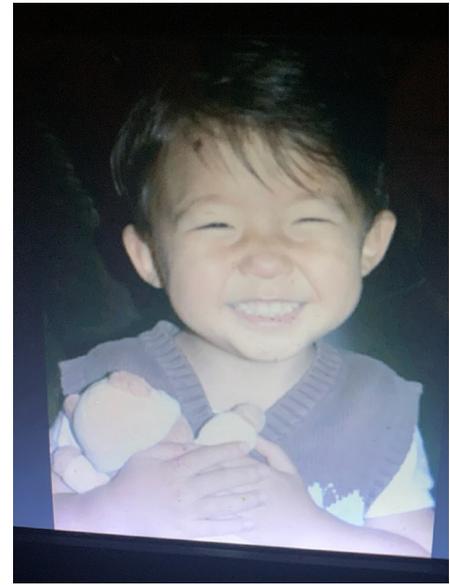
Favorite Color: Pink

Favorite Food: Taco Bell

My favorite vacation is at the beach or Florida.

In 5 years I hope to be in college

In ten years I want to be a lawyer



Judah Kim

What is your favorite Bible verse? Psalms 51:10 “Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.”

What is your favorite Song? “Gabriel’s Oboe” by Yo-Yo Ma

What is your favorite Color? Dark Orange

What is your favorite food? Lasagna, but I like almost everything!!

Tell about a favorite Outing or Vacation. Cancún, Mexico

What do you plan to do next year? Homeschool and start working this Summer

If Jesus doesn’t come, what do you hope to be doing in five years? Going to college and start my own business

If Jesus doesn’t come, what do you hope to be doing in ten years? Get closer to God, broaden my business, and work out at gym every day.





Adrian Medina

My favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13

My favorite Song is Redeemed

My favorite Color is Red

My favorite food: Cereal

My favorite Outing or Vacation: Camping in Okefenokee with the Pathfinder club.

My plan for the next year is pass ninth grade.

If Jesus doesn't come in ten years, I hope to be a follower of Christ and be racing in Formula 1.



Katerina Amelia Zjaci

Favorite Bible verse "John 14:1-3"

Favorite song "Into the Unknown"

Favorite color "Blue"

Favorite food "Mom's Mac 'n Cheese"

Favorite vacation "Family vacation to Italy"

Tell about it "in 2019 we went to Florence Italy for two weeks to visit family"

What to do next year "survive homeschool and my first year of high school"

Doing in five years "graduate from mechanic school and have a good job"

Doing in ten years "have my own house in the country with lots of animals"





Emily Ford

What is your favorite Bible verse? Psalms 91:4

What is your favorite Song? My Jesus: By Anne Wilson

What is your favorite Color? Aqua

What is your favorite food? Macaroni and cheese

Tell about a favorite Outing or Vacation. I really enjoyed a vacation my family and I took to Michigan. Seeing the Great Lakes was exciting. We did a boat tour to see the Pictured Rocks on Lake Superior and camped along the different lakes as we traveled. Seven Mile beach was my favorite camping spot. It was fun looking for pretty colored stones along its shore. We saw lighthouses, historical sights, listened to loons, hiked and saw some beautiful waterfalls. Mackinac Island was very fun to explore on our bikes and we got to drive our own horse and buggy that we rented around the island. The Sleeping Bear Dunes were awesome and it was fun to run down the dunes in the sand and hard work climbing back up to the top. I really enjoyed this vacation!

What do you plan to do next year? I am planning on attending Fletcher Academy

If Jesus doesn't come, what do you hope to be doing in five years? I hope to be in college.

If Jesus doesn't come, what do you hope to be doing in ten years? Being self employed and on my own.



John Painter

What is your favorite Bible verse? John 1:1

What is your favorite Song? Love at Home

What is your favorite Color? Blue

What is your favorite food? Cherry Pie

Favorite Vacation Spot: Jekyll Island, Georgia

What do you plan to do next year?

Hike the Appalachian Trail

If Jesus doesn't come, what do you hope to be doing in five years? Writing a book with my wife

If Jesus doesn't come, what do you hope to be doing in ten years? Living off the royalties from the book!





David Alvarez

What is your favorite Bible verse? Psalm 23

What is your favorite Song? Ocean

What is your favorite Color? Green

What is your favorite food? Thai food

Tell about a favorite Outing or Vacation.

Skiing in Park City, Utah

What do you plan to do next year?

Have a good job as a cardiac ICU nurse

If Jesus doesn't come, what do you hope to be doing in five years? Married and Masters degree

If Jesus doesn't come, what do you hope to be doing in ten years? Enjoying helping others with my career and a family.

Jonathan Alvarez

What is your favorite Bible verse?

Beatitudes Matthew 5:1-12

What is your favorite Song? You are my Hiding Place

What is your favorite Color? Blue

What is your favorite food? Baleadas (flour tortillas with fried beans and sour cream)

Tell about a favorite Outing or Vacation.

Skiing in Oregon

What do you plan to do next year? College

If Jesus doesn't come, what do you hope to be doing in five years? Graduate

If Jesus doesn't come, what do you hope to be doing in ten years? Wife and travel the world



There's Hope for the Dandelion

Dick Bayley

Those who paid attention to the Master's golf tournament this April were impressed with the skill of the golfers, of course, but how many were also struck by the carpet-like perfection of the greens? These patches of bentgrass are the envy of countless suburbanites whose lives are burdened, some in fact preoccupied, by a desire to present a pristine, weedless lawn to the neighborhood.

There are many botanical offenders out there, plantain, ground ivy, white clover, sedge, and crabgrass to name a few, and the one that is especially vexing—the lowly dandelion! What a beautiful beginning it brings to the warming days of spring, those cheery yellow puffs that crop up overnight, the blossoms gone the next day, and just as quickly replaced by tall seed stems, eagerly plucked by many children wanting to make a wish before blowing off the seeds. The famous blind Japanese concert pianist Nobuyuki Tsujii, in the TV program about his life, was shown delicately feeling a dandelion blossom, and saying “It's beautiful.”

Anyone who has attempted to have a beautiful green expanse of grass knows the frustration of looking at the yard the day after mowing, and noticing dandelion seed stems that have shot up overnight! Oh well, it's off to the hardware store, or Lowe's or another such place to pick up something, anything, that will wipe out those pesky dandelions. Nevertheless, they have their advocates. Take Canadian author Heather Babcock for example, quoted in A to Z Flowers online, who says, “Dandelions are just friendly little weeds who only want to be loved like flowers.”

So how did this lawn fervor get started anyway? It's an interesting story, but the open lawn idea began in Europe with aristocrats, who set an example for prominent people in our country, figures like Thomas Jefferson and George Washington. Then estates in the U.S. began incorporating expanses of lawn as well; one thinks of Biltmore. The lawnmower was another factor in the mix. The grass needed to be mowed after all. Consider the fact that one of the earliest lawnmowers was steam powered! Just imagine! Along comes the shorter work week in 1938, (giving more people time to work outside) and after WWII, the construction of 17 thousand homes in New York—with yards requiring grass, and covenants requiring yard maintenance.

Before you know it, we've got real neighborhoods, many very “upscale,” brimming with pride and the competitive spirit, “keeping up with the Joneses” you know. So the whole yard thing took off. Data from PsychologyToday.com, in an article by Austin Perlmutter, M.D., reports that Americans spend as much as \$60 billion per year to maintain lawns, including a wide variety of expenses besides that lawnmower in the garage. There are the many herbicides and fertilizers, insecticides, and lawn services, sprinkler systems, rollers and thatchers, aerators, weed eaters, lawn services, as well as turf farms that will sell you nearly-perfect grass, and more!

We haven't even mentioned the 20 trillion gallons of water used to water all those lawns in a year, all that grass that occupies over 40 million acres of land, and that's

besides the 17 million acres of roadside vegetation, also from PsychologyToday.com. However, we may be turning a corner when it comes to lawns. These days you may hear someone whisper “Brown is OK,” suggesting we don't have to water the lawn. Or, think about a front-yard vegetable garden!

The professionals are adding weight to the “movement,” if we may call it that. Some landscape architects are saying to leave those unwanted plants in the yard alone. The biodiversity will improve, with bees, moths and butterflies, birds, insects, and maybe a lizard or two.

Nutritionists are joining in the discussion too. According to healthline.com, dandelions are the “most nutritionally dense greens you can eat,” because they contain vitamins A, C, K, B, and D plus iron, potassium and other minerals.

It's yet to be seen whether the “naturalized lawn” catches on. Because the typical suburban lawn represents a sign of belonging, of conformity, of being a good neighbor, there is bound to be reluctance to just let the yard go. By now, a certain kind of front yard has become well established as part of the culture.

My wife and I visited old friends in Pennsylvania a few years ago, who have long since bought into the new lawn and garden philosophy. A veterinarian by profession and bee researcher, he told us about his garden, but when we looked out the window we didn't see what we thought of as a garden. What we saw was a “natural” garden, where the crabgrass was tall, the colorful butterflies fluttered all around, and the dandelions were not threatened with eradication.

Today there are probably more such yards around the country, little islands of refuge for weeds, where there is new hope for the dandelion.

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A Rose Grows

Rosanne Richards

It doesn't just sit upon a vine,
It's soon inside a vase that's mine.
Besides its glorious beauty,
Perfumed scent is its duty.
Bedewed with luster,
This praise I muster:
A rose grows as though it knows
Our Father's mercy overflows.
Though thorns may always persist
We notice not that they exist,
As long as we are around
Charming roses, that abound.



A Late Easter Thought

Wanangwa Hartwell

Over the past few weeks, thinking about Easter and the life and death of Jesus reminded me of this poem that I wrote a few years ago.

Thoughts on Matthew 16:24

Not a cross of gold or silver
Does the Master have in mind
But a rugged cross of wood
Splinters and all we find

Not a small cross on a chain
Easily carried and light to wear
But large and long as we are
For it's our whole life we bear

Yet the Master carries it with us
As did Simon of Cyrene
For He knows how great the burden
And He longs to make it seen

How easy it is to carry
Up the rocky mountain tall
For with the Master bearing too
It's but a light yoke after all.

There is a great lesson here that the students at Little Rock High School will never forget. I would presume also that most students would never have given this a thought.

In September of 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a history teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks in her classroom. When the first period kids entered the room they discovered that there were no desks

'Ms. Cothren, where are our desks?'

She replied, 'You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk.'

They thought, 'Well, maybe it's our grades.' 'No,' she said.

'Maybe it's our behavior.' She told them, 'No, it's not even your behavior.'

And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still no desks in the classroom. Kids called their parents to tell them what was happening and by early afternoon television news crews had started gathering at the school to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the desk-less classroom, Martha Cothren said, 'Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he or she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you.'

At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it. Twenty-seven (27) U.S. Veterans, all in uniform, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, 'You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. They went halfway around the world, giving up their education and interrupting their careers and families so you could have the freedom you have. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it.'

By the way, this is a true story. And this teacher was awarded the Veterans of Foreign Wars Teacher of the Year for the State of Arkansas in 2006. She is the daughter of a WWII POW.

Let us always remember the men and women of our military and the rights that they have won for us.

(Submitted by Wanangwa Hartwell, Found online)