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TACC's Home:

Taft Avenue + Greengrove St.

WORSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP

The Change Project: 70 Days to Becoming More Like Jesus

BY PASTOR BOB

A sermon series based on the book

You Can Change

By Tim Chester

I know very few people who are satisfied with themselves. And...I know quite a few who are dissatisfied with others: their spouse, children, parents, boss, co-worker. Maybe the answer isn't so much the other guy as it is ourselves and let God take care of the others.



We know, or should know, that the power to change is tied up in the Gospel, but how do we unleash its power? It is so easy to fall into the trap of making rules for change: do this, don't do that. And we certainly are given many of those in the Bible. But the essence of our faith isn't rules; it's relationship with God. How do we take advantage of that relationship, in the context of living in a broken world, so that we are different, different because we are like Jesus?

I will be preaching a sermon series, beginning Father's Day, June 19, which will follow the ten chapters in Tim Chester's book, *You Can Change*. Many of our small groups will be doing the homework and discussion questions at the end of each chapter.

Join a group! Commit to a ten-week process of becoming more like Jesus. You might be surprised.

Chapter Summaries:

1. **Be Transformed** (2 Cor. 3:13-18): We were created in God's image, but we are broken. Jesus is the true image of God, so we can be re-created in God's image by looking to Jesus. Big picture: image of God in all of us, broken, recovered in Christ.

2. **Why Should we Change?** (Luke 18:9-14): We have many reasons we would like to change: prove myself to God, other people, myself. Justified by grace! You cannot change and turn from your sin unless it is first pardoned at the cross. Holiness starts in the heart. We are children of God, bride of the Son, home of the Holy Spirit. Holiness is freedom, delight and growth.

3. **You Need a New Heart** (Ezekiel 36:25-27): We need the work of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to change us. We cannot change ourselves. We must repent of our own personal righteousness.

4. **Where Does Sin Come From?** (Luke 6:43-45): It comes from our hearts of distrust and failure to worship and desire the right things. God cares about our struggles; He uses them, promises to end them. They reveal our heart.

5. **Replacing Lies with Truth** (Eph 4:17-19): Replace the lies that prompt our sin with the truths that set us free: God is great, glorious, good, and gracious. The older brother in Luke 15 is us. Replace the lies of proving ourselves, anger, duty, performance, and comparison.

6. **Repentance** (Colossians 3:5-11): When we desire the wrong thing, it turns into an idol that cannot give what it promises. We cannot make small concessions to temptation.

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BIG PICTURE:
IMAGE OF GOD
IN ALL OF US,
BROKEN, RECOVERED IN
CHRIST.

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7. **Godly Grief** (2 Corinthians 7:8-13): Instead of changing, we rely on ourselves, justify ourselves, excuse sin, minimize sin, hide sin, and hate the consequences but not the sin itself.

8. **The Harvest of Holiness** (Galatians 6:7-8): God gives us these means of grace that so that we can change: Bible, prayer, teaching, preaching, community,

worship, avoiding temptation, service, suffering, repentance...

9. **Community of Change** (Ephesians 4:1-16): It takes a local church family.

10. **The Long Haul** (1 Peter 2:11, Gal 5:17): It takes a lifetime of hope, grace, and struggle, but it's worth it.

Mother-Daughter Retreat, June 24-25

“The True You—What God Sees and Loves in You”

A special overnight in Big Bear: Moms and daughters will discover together, through Bible study, activities and just plain fun, what God sees when He looks at them and how much He loves them. It should be a great time!

MISSION

July 4th & the Kingdom of God?

By Pastor Bob

July 4th falls on a Monday this year. Why are we celebrating it at TACC, on Sunday the 3rd from 5-8pm? In preparation for the day, here are some thoughts to ponder.

1. Over 90% of first time guests to a morning worship service at an evangelical church in America will come because a friend has invited them. This should motivate us to action because one of the most effective and biblical ways the Gospel is announced is on Sunday mornings at TACC. Our response should be to...
 - continually be making new friends.
 - inviting our friends to church activities.
 - fight the natural tendency of growing older—the older you get, the fewer new friends you make.

2. Most non-Christians are more open to talking about spiritual things than believers are open to talking about spiritual things.
 - We need to show more love by developing spiritual relationships with non-believers. A spiritual relationship is one that begins with good discussions about God, life after death, the meaning of life, etc. It is far too easy to develop relationship built on sports, family, politics, and never talk about the eternal issues.
 - Most non-Christians are more open to discussing spiritual things than the average Christian is open to discussing spiritual things. Our fear of rejection keeps us from speaking about our relationship with Christ. Trust Him. When you are obe-

dient to the Great Commission, He pours out His grace.

3. Do we really believe what we are saying? Do our actions match our stated beliefs? Is the world really lost without Christ? Do the decisions we make on a daily basis reflect the priorities of the Great Commission? July 3rd and our preparations for it are pathways that we can follow to be a part of God's plan.
4. Our July 3 activities at TACC are a perfect opportunity for friendship/relationship building/sharing because:
 - The *In-N-Out Burger* truck will be here! We will be discounting the price of the burgers and it has historically been a great draw for friends and family.

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MISSION

PRAY FOR THE FISHERS



*The Fishers,
Missionaries to Southeast Asia*

PRAY for safe travel and good health for the team.

PRAY for Group 8 training courses in Yangon, Topics are 2 Timothy (church planting principles) and Bible Study Methods.

PRAY for the women's training classes in Yangon and Mandalay. K. will be in Mandalay alone.

PRAY for wisdom as important decisions are being made relative to national leadership.

PRAISE God for the funds provided to build a well for the "Moat People" village of 28 families. PRAY for a successful and smooth process that will result in clean water for them and their neighbors.

LOOKING BACK: "BELONGING" SPRING LUNCHEON

BY MARCIA LICHTÉ

"No matter the place you find yourself in, you can belong to Him." This was the message presented at our Spring "Belonging" luncheon on Saturday, April 30. It was a great time of sharing, fellowship, and worship. Many visitors, friends and family attended and all were blessed by the message of belonging and redemption through the story of Ruth, presented by our own Ruthe Shafer. Lunches were served to 84 women, about 1/3 of whom were from outside our church.

Thank you to the women of Taft Avenue. You really took to heart the outreach purpose and spirit of the day—you invited friends and family and were warm and welcoming to all of the new faces! You all helped make it a wonderful day!



LOOKING FORWARD: YOUTH MEXICO MISSION TRIP, JUNE 26-JULY 1

By Pastor Andrew

This June 26-July 1, the high school youth will be taking their second consecutive yearly mission trip to Punta Colonet, Mexico to serve the ministry of Casa de Pan with our missionaries Pablo and Martha Garcia. Please pray for us as we paint, build beds, and lead a Vacation Bible School program for the kids of Casa de Pan. We are excited for the opportunity to join in and support what God is doing through the ministry of Casa de Pan. Pray that God would use this experience to deepen and develop our students' love for the Lord and for the diverse people of our world, and that we might bring Him glory in both our words and actions.

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- We will be featuring kid's games, snakes/lizard show, our own Taft Avenue band, bounce house, watermelon eating contest, family atmosphere, and a bicycle parade.
 - In the context of a patriotic focus, we can build bridges to deeper friendships with others.
5. Here's the plan of action:
- June 11, Saturday morning, following a waffle breakfast in the Fireside Room, many of us will walk the neighborhood around TACC with door knockers and invite our neighbors to the July 3rd festivities. If you are unable to walk the neighborhood, come and pray with us and for us as we go out.
 - We will have a supply of door knockers for each family at TACC for their own neighborhood.
 - Sunday afternoon, July 3rd, come prepared to find and make new friends, spend a great part of the afternoon developing relationships with those who come to our campus for a fun afternoon.
 - We will need logistical help on June 3rd: Setting up tables, helping with games, greeting guests, etc. Sign-up using the tear out sheet in the Worship Guide.

CHARTING OUR MISSION TO ORANGE, INDIA AND THE WORLD

BY STEVE HICKS

It is time for the annual Taft Avenue Missions Celebration. This year, the celebration will take place the weekend of June 10-12. The theme will be "Church Planting: Locally and Globally."

On Friday, June 10, from 7pm to 8pm, we will start the celebration with an evening of prayer. Everyone is invited to take part as we pray for each of our supported missionaries.

On Saturday, June 11, we will begin the day at 9am with Pastor Bob's world famous waffle breakfast. At 10am, we will send out teams into the neighborhood to invite our neighbors to upcoming events at TACC. From 11am-12pm, we will hear from Bob West. Bob is with East-West missions, and is very experienced in church planting in northern/eastern India. He will also help us understand that church planting begins with sharing the Gospel, both here and abroad. On Saturday night, from 6pm to 8pm, there will be a presentation on what church planting might look like for TACC, locally.



On Sunday morning, we will hear from some of our supported missionaries, and have a time to welcome home Eunice Castle from Russia. We will have a guest speaker during the church service. Also, during the service, we will be formally adopting Pablo and Martha Garcia, our supported missionaries in Mexico, who have asked us to be their sending church. We will pray for them, and then commission them for further service to God in Mexico. Finally, your Missions Team will be hosting lunch in the Family Center, immediately after church.

The Missions Team is excited about this weekend. We look forward to celebrating how God has used our missionaries and TACC through the years, and how He will use us in the future.

Fall India Trip

God willing, we will be returning to India in the Fall. A team will be sent the last two weeks in September. If you are interested in being part of this trip, please contact Bill Petersen, or any member of the Missions Team.

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Sundays, 10-10:30am

SERVE & GROW

What's going on this month? A lot! Join us!

Missions Conference: June 10-12

Neighborhood Outreach: June 11 @10:00am

Men's Breakfast: June 18 @8:00am

Mother-Daughter Retreat: June 24-25

High School Mexico Mission: June 26-July 1

The One Thing

"The one thing we're gonna do is change. We're gonna change the way we run. We're gonna change the way we eat. We're gonna change the way we block. We're gonna change the way we tackle. We're gonna change the way we win." We're gonna change.

Men's Breakfast: June 18th, 8:00 - 9:30. See you there.