

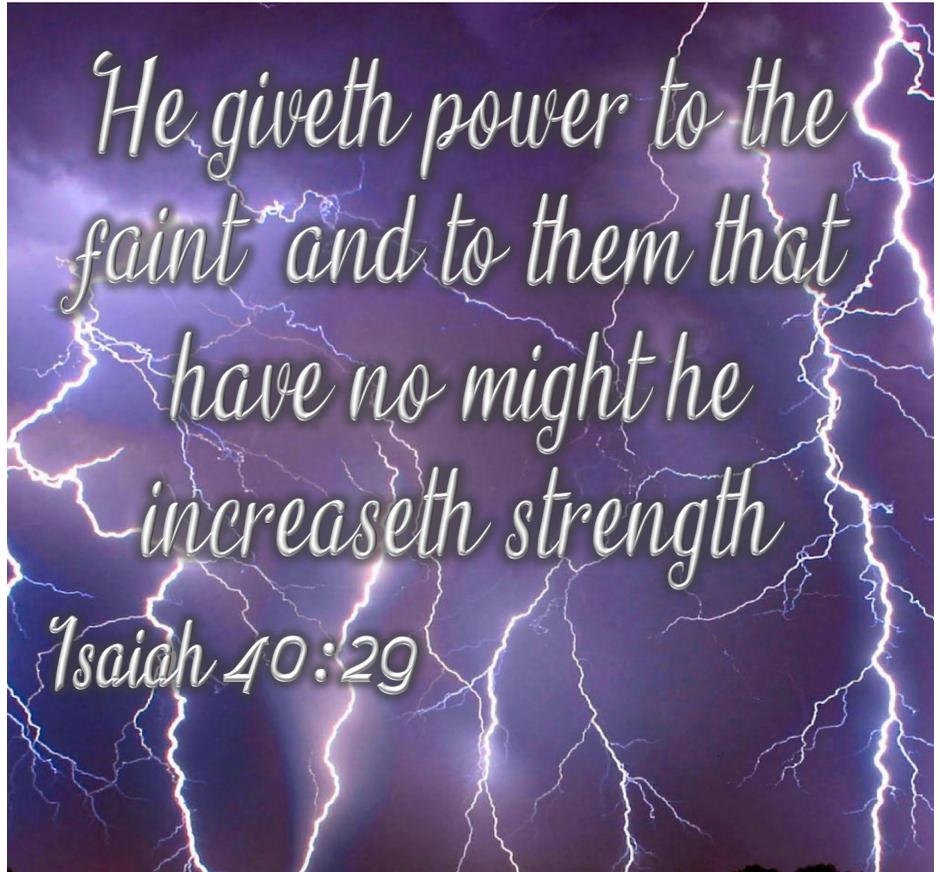
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## Theme for 2021

Renewing our Strength  
ISAIAH 40:31

# PASTOR'S PEN

*A word from the heart*

Pastor Ron Tobin

## *The Love Doctor*

Wow! What a provocative title. Is Pastor Tobin trying to give counsel, like these books, or be funny. My answer is yes-both. I have a Doctorate and know something about love. O.K., O.K., so that did not work either. A medical doctor gives prescriptions, analyzes, and counsels. A Dr. of "Letters" or subjects teaches, so here I go with both.

In the Bible we are to love different people in different ways. For instance, we are to love God with all of our strength, heart, mind, etc. That is a command to all believers. This means that God is in the forefront of your thoughts and action plans. We probably all could use as improvement in that area. Affection is as an aspect of this love. Of course we are to love the Lord with Agapā. A love we are only capable of because He supplies it at salvation.



Interestingly it is this love that a husband is to love his wife with (Ephesians 5:25-33). Husbands are given an example "as Christ loved the church." So how does Christ love the Church, His Bride? He loves His Bride preemptively (I John 4:10). This means he loved her first, and then pursued her. Second, He loves the church sacrificially. He gave everything for her. Thirdly, He loves the

church eternally. He never leaves or forsakes her (Hebrews 13:5). Finally, Christ loves His Bride, the Church, unconditionally. It is not based upon any performance of the Bride.

Wives, however, were to learn from elderly women how to love their husbands. I can just hear a wife joke about the learning process. A wife's love is different than the husband's. Her love is "Philandros," which means friend or friendly, and affectionate. The wife needs to love her husband affectionately as his best friend. Honestly, that is how God designed you as his helpmeet.

Finally, there is the love Christians are to have toward one another. The Lord Jesus commanded us in John 15:12, and John reminds us in I John 4:11. We might ask but what if they hurt us etc.? We know the answer to that too. So What! It makes it difficult but God hasn't rescinded His command. Further, His love will enable us to love those brethren who have wounded us. Pastors often have to. It is viewed by God as wicked when we do not forgive or love the brethren. He still loves us even when we are wrong. The love we are to love the brethren with is Agapā, His love. If we are to love our enemies with His love, we can love one another.

Well, that's all from the doctor for February. So, get better!

*\*Note: Pastor Tobin's new booklets "The Husband's Commands" & "God's Commands for the Wife" are available at the office for \$3 each.*

## Renewing our Strength: The Cause of Weakness

In our Tomah Baptist Academy Jr. High Bible class, we are currently studying the life and times of Elijah. I was struck today by how applicable this study is to our theme of “Renewing our Strength.” I Kings 18-19 records the conflict between Elijah the prophet and Ahab the king of Israel. In these chapters there are at least three people or groups of people who should have been strong, but instead were weak. These people lacked strength for the same reasons that many of us lack strength today. If we want to “Wait upon the Lord” and allow Him to renew our strength, then we need to identify and remove things which prevent us from waiting on the Lord and cause our weakness.

### **Cause of Weakness #1: Sin**

By all accounts Ahab should have been a strong king. He had the ten northern tribes firmly under his authority. He had strong political allies. He was wise in the ways of kings, a great leader. The nation should have flourished under his rule, yet it was dying. He was a weak king. He was powerless to help the economy of his nation. There was a famine, and for three years he employed all his strength and political influence to end it, yet he failed. His official statement on the cause of his weakness was that it was Elijah’s fault. Elijah was the one troubling their nation. I Kings 18:18 records God’s response, through Elijah, to Ahab’s excuse. Elijah said to Ahab, “...I have not troubled Israel: but thou, and thy father’s house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou has followed Baalim.” The cause of Ahab’s weakness was not the prophet’s preaching, but his own sin. We cannot expect God to renew our strength if we hide secret sins in our lives.

### **Case of Weakness #2: Indecision**

Even without a strong king, the children of Israel should have been strong. As a nation they were God’s chosen people. They had the truth of God’s word. They had the covenant promises that God would bless them. They were living in the promised land, a land flowing with milk and honey. They had a rich heritage full of great heroes of the faith, who stood for God and were strong. Yet the children of Israel were weak. When King Jeroboam introduced a new religion worshipping a golden calf, they went along with him and did nothing. When king Ahab married Jezebel, a pagan, Zidonian princess and brought Baal worship to Israel, they did nothing. When Jezebel began to hunt down and murder the prophets of the Lord, they still did nothing. After three years of famine in the land they still did nothing. When Elijah called Ahab, his false prophets, and all Israel to Mt. Carmel, he said this to them, “How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.” (I Kings 18:21b) The cause of their weakness was indecision. They did not want to totally reject God and join Ahab and his prophets in serving Baal, yet they did not want to reject Ahab and Baal by joining Elijah in serving God. As a result, they were weak and accomplished nothing.

### **Cause of Weakness #3: Discouragement**

Of all the people mentioned in these chapters Elijah should have been the strongest. He made his decision. He served God. God gave him a great victory on Mt. Carmel. Yet within a few days of this victory Elijah is alone in the wilderness despairing of life itself. The cause of his weakness was not sin or indecision, but discouragement. Two discouraging thoughts dominated his mind during this time. The first was the death threat he received from Queen Jezebel. He forgot that God kept him safe for three years with Ahab searching for him. The second discouraging thought was that he was alone in serving God. Ignoring the fact that all the people of Israel had just thrown off and killed the false prophets of Baal, and he had just met Obadiah a governor who had rescued 100 prophets of God. When temptation fails, Satan uses discouragement to weakening Christians. Elijah had to get alone with God and listen to that still small voice of the Lord reassuring him before he could renew his strength.

We want to renew our strength in 2021. Let us Decide that we will Follow God. As in Hebrews 12:1-2, Let us “lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us.” Let us “Wait upon the Lord” (Isaiah 40:31) as we “Run with patience the race that is set before us,” And lest we be discourage, we must be “Looking unto Jesus the author and Finisher of our faith...”



## February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	School Pictures	13
14	No School	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Fine Arts	27
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*Heart Banquet*

Deadline: Sunday, February 7th, 2020

Saturday, February 13th, 2020  
 @ 6:00 pm  
 Speaker: Dr. Ron Williams  
 Tomah Baptist Church  
 Cost: \$15 per person

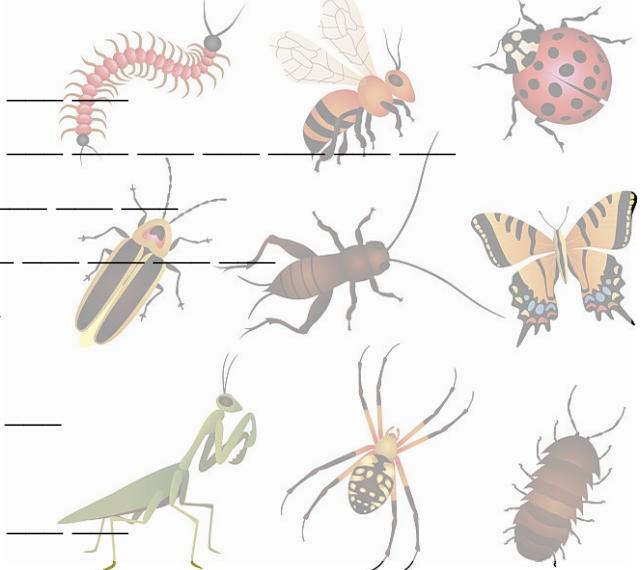


**Menu Options**

Sirloin Beef Tips or Chicken Breast



Proverbs 6:6 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Psalms 78:45 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Matthew 23:24 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Judges 14:8 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Acts 12:23 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Deuteronomy 7:20 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Joel 1:4 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1 Samuel 24:14 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Isaiah 50:9 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Isaiah 59:5 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exodus 8:16 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_



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## 2021 Summer Camp Schedule

Family Camp @ Chetek	July 5th—10th	Ben Everson
Junior 2 @ Chetek	July 12th - 17th	Ben Everson
Teen 3 @ Chetek	July 26th—31st	Morris Gleiser
Camp Jubilee	To Be Announced	To Be Announced

*We will be taking camp registrations on Sunday, Feb 21st & Sunday, Feb 28th  
No Money is needed to register. The church will pay the registration fee out of the children's camp point earnings.*



### Afraid of the Dark

One of Tommy's favorite games was to ride his mother's broom around the yard like a horse. When it started to get dark, Tommy went into the house, leaving the broom in the yard. In cleaning up after dinner, Tommy's mother asked the boy to bring in her broom.

"But I'm scared to go out in the dark, Mom."

Mother answered, "The Lord is out there, honey. Do not be afraid."

So Tommy opened the back door a crack and called out, "Lord if you are out there, hand me the broom!"

A big shout out and thanks to two of Tomah Baptist Church's men. These brothers repaired and replaced a ramp for one of our older families. That is an example of "agapatos." That was an example of Christians In Action.





# February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Print Ministry 10-2 6:30pm Weekly Clubs & Mtgs	4	5 RU 7 pm	6 Deacons Mtg Teens-New Lisbon
7 Building Fund Offering Singspiration	8 P & W NL	9 Print Ministry 3-6	10 Print Ministry 10-2 6:30pm Weekly Clubs & Mtgs	11 Noon Prayer	12 RU 7 pm	13 Trustees Heart Banquet
14 Dr. Don Williams	5	16 Print Ministry 3-6	17 Print Ministry 10-2 6:30pm Weekly Clubs & Mtgs	18 Noon Prayer	19 RU 7 pm	20
21 Camp Registration	22	23 Print Ministry 3-6	24 Print Ministry 10-2 6:30pm Weekly Clubs & Mtgs	25 Noon Prayer	26 RU 7 pm	27
28 Camp Registration Lord's Supper					Sunday School- 9:30 Morning Service-10:30 Evening Service-6:00  TBA Calendar on Page 4	



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**Birthdays**

1st Steve Bobo

2nd Zyana Eldridge

2nd Stan Dunn

3rd Heather Motschenbacher

4th Eleanor Beebe

8th Tim Weigen

8th Marlene Brueggeman

8th Logan Hershey

10th LeAnn Falk

17th Kathy Friday

17th Robert Scheier

18th Dylan Motschenbacher

20th Bobbi Jewison

20th Abigail Oyefeso

21st Pastor Ron Tobin

21st Paula Heesch

21st John Hill

22nd Judy Tatu

23rd Tracy Gilson

25th Phillip Frank

28th Andrew Buehner

**Anniversaries**

4th Fred & Barb Buehner

10th Adam & Tammie Ewert

10th Anthony & Michelle  
Voshell

16th Jerry & Kathy Nelson

**Independent Fundamental Church Ministries:**  
Tomah Baptist Academy K-12 ~ Tomah Baptist Institute  
Live streaming Sunday Services ~ Christian Counseling  
Mid-Week Children & Youth Ministries  
Light-Bearing Print Ministry ~ Discipleship Program  
Victorious Overcomers Addiction Ministry



**“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world,  
and preach the gospel to every creature.”**

**Mark 16:15**

*February Missionaries*

**Mike & Sarah Frueh in Budapest Hungary.** They are working with a national Hungarian church, Lighthouse Baptist Church, and assisting Pastor Gedeon Olah and his wife Joli. God has given them a great opportunity to learn from and help the Olahs, as well as to plant indigenous, fundamental Baptist churches in Hungary.

**Prayer Requests:**

- Language classes
- To be able to get back in to Hungary
- Church Growth

**Light Bearing Print/Scripture Assembly Ministry** (Phil Braman & Rick Beebe). They partnered with Light house Baptist Press in December of 2016. They were able to help them with an order of 300,000. They have assembled over 1 million copies of John/Romans in at least 14 different languages. The Lord blessed them to produce 193,000 Scriptures in 2017, compared to the 80,000 done in 2016.

**Prayer Requests & Praises:**

- God will supply finances needed
- God supplied many new workers
- The souls of the receivers of the materials assembled.