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What Would YOU Do?

By Pastor Troy Bassham

What would you do if God called you to be a missionary?

Say, for instance, that God called you to Mongolia to reach the Mongolian people with the Gospel?*

Ready to Run!

Some of you might try and run from the call like Jonah. You might put your hands over your ears and scream "I can't hear you." Or, you might try and convince yourself that you only imagined God wanted you to go to Mongolia.

OR, you might respond in obedience and head to Mongolia.

What IF ...

If you chose obedience. *What would you do to be effective in ministry?* I'm guessing you'd move to Mongolia. It is, after all, easier to reach the masses of Mongolian people by going to them instead of expecting them to come to you. It's also easier to

connect in person instead of trying to arrange meetings via Skype®.

So, You Could ...

I suppose you'd learn the language. I doubt you'd require the locals to learn English so that they could learn and understand the Gospel message. You'd learn the cultural nuances. How to build bridges, how to build relationships, how to avoid accidentally offending someone by committing an accidental faux pas. Maybe you'd live in a Yurt and learn to drink **Yak**

milk. I don't know

what your life would look like, but I'm guessing you'd be making some wholesale changes to reach the Mongolian people and to respond in obedience.

Called Locally?

Now, what if God called you to reach the people of Dallas, OR (or Fall City, Independence, or Salem)?

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@ 5:00 pm**

know. grow. go.

What?

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Would you look for ways to engage? Would you become a student of the culture? Would you be willing to sacrifice and make changes in order to develop opportunities to reach your friends and neighbors?

OR, would you ignore the call, or convince yourself that you only imagined that God wanted you to be a witness for Him in the place He providentially placed you. Would metaphorically run away like Jonah?

If you did try to reach the people of your community, would you expect them to take the initiative to come to you, *would you expect them to learn your 'language?'* Would you just put up a sign and wait for people to respond? **OR**, would you be intentional. Would you take action?

We ARE Missionaries!

We need to start seeing ourselves as missionaries. We need to have the same commitment to reaching our community that we would have responding to a miraculous call to a foreign land. We need to pray for God's love to fill our heart with His concern for the people that He has put us in proximity with. We need to realize that we have a

mission. Because the commission God has given is for all believers—**wherever we are we should be making disciples.**

Willing to Adapt

And while we should never change the substance of the message of Christ, we need to be willing to move and adapt in order to find opportunities to share the Gospel. We need to be missionaries who

seek to understand our audience so we can more effectively communicate Christ.

Commitment to our mission may mean sacrificing time, or style of service, or money, or any other number of things.



God Placed Us Here and Now

I don't know what God will do through us. I don't know what He has in store. What I do know is that God has placed us in this time and place. He has called us to be His witnesses and empowered us with His own Holy Spirit. We need to be willing to take the opportunity given and to use it for His glory. This requires more than passivity. It requires action.

Let us be people of action, seeking to live out the Great Commission in our own mission field—in the place where God has placed us. ✝

**I just used Mongolia as an illustration of a foreign field. I could have just as easily have chosen Denmark, or Uganda, or Bolivia. I chose Mongolia because I wanted to use the word Yurt in my article.*

Trunk or Treat

By Alison Johnson

Last year was our first Harvest Party for the neighborhood and it went well, to say the least. So many people came that we ran out of candy and treats. Twice. There were a lot of people that live in the area right around the church that said they had never been here for anything before. *I was surprised by that.*

Doing It Again!

We have so many events for kids, but there were so many kids in our area that their parents had not brought them to the church before. This year we are going to do it again but we are going to have all of it outside and not do half inside and outside.

How You Can Help

This is where you all come in. We are in need of trunks that can be decorated. This does not have to be over the top or fancy. I loved seeing the creativity last year. I would love to see the parking lot filled with cars ready to greet the kids of Dallas.

Simple is OK, fancy is OK.

Kids love anything. *They really do.* We are also in need of candy to hand out. If you are willing to decorate your trunk, contact me in the office or sign up at the welcome center. If you want to donate candy, drop it off at the office or in the foyer on Sunday mornings.

Thank you for all your help! ✝

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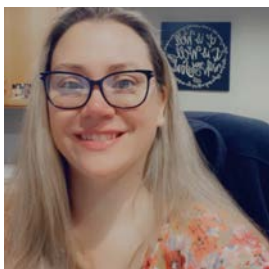
From the EBC Office!

Office News and Notes

By Alison Johnson
Office Manager

August is *normally* a quiet month that turns into a busy time of year for EBC. This year was a little different.

There was *no* quiet!



I am sure that many of you have noticed there are

more people in the building, more cars in the parking lot, and more events on the calendar.

AWESOME!

Awesome news right? Absolutely! However, this does mean there are things that may be different than what you are used to.

For example, if you want to request a room on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, you will need to do that way in advance and have some flexibility. We are pretty booked up.

If you want to host a non-church event, plan ahead 30 days or more in advance. Church events are filling the calendar and are planned ahead of time. *We are rarely able to do short notice events.*

We have updated facility use forms outside the office so they can be picked up at anytime to be filled out and returned. It brings my heart so much joy to see and hear people in the building so much now after the months of covid keeping things so

quiet. The directory is mostly down and off to the editors, thank you to them for checking my edits and fixing my errors and changes that have happened in the month since we got the changes. They will be available very soon.

The BIG News!

Now, on to the big exciting change ... the new reader board! How nice is that thing? The trustees really did a great job with that project.

After a quick online training and troubleshooting the wrong internet browser, I am now able to change it from the computer at my desk. I am pretty excited about this. I am still learning how the colors on the computer look different on the screen outside and even how the two sides aren't exactly the same, but we will soon get those things running really smoothly.



I really hope that you all enjoy it. This was a project a long time coming and it looks so nice and well done. Thank you to all who made it happen!

Whirlwind Time!

As we are looking at October and the last quarter of the year, in the office I will be hard at work getting budgets started for 2023, looking at projects for the coming year, there are policies getting finished, and so much more to prepare for the end of the year and on to the next. ✚

Shoebbox Ministry of Samaritan's Purse

Operation Christmas Child (OCC)



By Kay Whitney
OCC Coordinator @ EBC!

THANK YOU to all who have donated items, packed shoeboxes, and/or gave postage to ship the shoeboxes. Speaking of that, if you prefer to donate postage, it is \$10 per shoebox. Please make checks out to **Samaritan's Purse** and write **Postage** in the memo of the check or put cash in an envelope and write **OCC postage** on the outside.

Shoebboxes to pack are available in the church foyer and office.

Still Needed

Items still needed for the shoeboxes my team and I are packing include:

- ✚ Balls
- ✚ Bar soap (*in original packaging*)
- ✚ Coloring books
- ✚ Combs
- ✚ Notebooks
- ✚ Scissors (sharp and blunt)
- ✚ Stuffed animals
- ✚ Cars for the boys
- ✚ Hair items for the girls

Please, NO ...

As with before, please don't include toothpaste, deodorant, candy, or war-related toys.

Thank you! ✚

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Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

Acts 20:28 (NIV) †



Elders' Epistle

By Nathaniel Thomas

Fall is a very busy time. Church programs get going and many other activities.

Birthday parties abound too—September is the month with the most birthdays of the year! In spite of all of this, we hope that you will continue to consider how you can play a role in volunteering your time in some of the ministries that were represented at our recent Ministry Fair.

Here is an update on some of the other things that are going on in administrating our church.

Pastor Search Team

The search team has been working hard to identify appropriate candidates for our open position of a new **Administrative Pastor**.

In early August, the team passed on a name of a candidate that seemed to meet the criteria for what we need. Although the Elders interviewed him and we all were impressed, he contacted us after a few days that the Lord seemed to be leading him to a more preaching position. We were disappointed, but are trusting and praying that the Lord will provide just the right person He wants in that position.

Pray for the search team as they identify new avenues to locate another candidate.

Keeping Connected

We hold a meeting twice a year with the chair people of each committee. In this way we can pass along future plans, information, and dates

of events. This open interaction between committee chairs has already proven valuable for improved communication and coordination.

The Early Birds

Every week there are folks who come early on Sunday mornings to greet each person as they arrive. Other folks host the welcome center booth.

This is a team effort to make certain that people coming to EBC feel welcomed and have resources to get information such as where a Sunday School class is being held.

Join the Team

We need volunteers who like this kind of interaction which is really quite fun! Many of you recognized, for example, what a fine job the whole **Tony and Connie Olliff** family did greeting incoming people for the first service. There are many others who have extended warm welcomes and helped with information, and I want to recognize and thank all of you who serve in this way. *Please contact me if you want to join the team for either service.*

DRV Isolation

During the Covid-19 years, one of the ministries that was hit the hardest was the Dallas Retirement Village (DRV). Our own EBC members who reside there felt isolated and cut off from our church. Our bus had to stop providing a

shuttle service and visitation had to cease for a time. Sadly, a significant number of them have continued to feel disconnected. **Sylvia** and I met with **Harold and Joyce Harms** over lunch last week to discuss some strategies to get EBC and DRV better connected.

Keys to Reconnect

Harold and Joyce gave me good feedback on three ideas for a better connection. We need to work toward starting back the bus shuttle to DRV. Without this, many are not able to come to church. The Trustees are working on finding a new(er) bus to replace the old, unreliable one.

Secondly, I would like to schedule a quarterly EBC leadership coffee time at DRV and invite DRV residents to come ask questions or to bring up ideas or concerns.

Thirdly, I would like to identify a point person (...*maybe YOU?*) to coordinate regular visitations to DRV and to make contact with folks who request a visit. Residents who are not able to come even with a shuttle service would appreciate a written note as well. Hopefully these ideas and others will help the DRV folks feel a part of our EBC family again!

Picnic Success

A hearty thank-you to all who made the annual EBC church picnic a great success! The chicken was superb, and the variety of side dishes and desserts was great! There were many hours of work represented



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Health Care Ministry Team Update

By Sherri Fobert
EBC Health Care Committee

The first blood drive ever hosted by EBC, was a success. Especially since it was held before a national holiday weekend and right before the start of school.

Many Helped!

A total of 29 pints of blood were collected. That calculates to 87 people being helped in a variety of ways. It's being discussed within the health care team as to whether EBC should be a site for future blood drives.

The team would like to thank several people who graciously volunteered to help the committee the day of the drive: **Patty VanWell, Joy Franz,** and **Kathy Reynolds.**

They Gave!

A heartfelt thanks to the following EBC people who rolled up their sleeve and donated: **Monica Robertson, Darren Radke, Kathy Reynolds, Dorothy Friesen, Andrew Wheeler, Judy Loewen, Joy Franz, Sherri Fobert,** and **Jeannie Schierling.**

Silent Killer

High blood pressure is known as the "silent killer" so years ago the health



care team began sponsoring a blood pressure check the first Sunday of the month in the kitchen alcove.

Every month people would come in to have their blood pressure checked. The numbers have decreased due to probably two factors: Covid-19 and participants bought their own device to monitor their blood pressure at home. (Oh, I forgot, drinking caffeinated coffee before getting it checked was a common reason too!)

Do YOU Want This?

Because very few people are taking advantage of this service, the health care team is considering discontinuing this service in 2023.

Of course, if more people would find this useful, the team would continue to providing the service. So, it's up to you the church family. *Let us know if we should continue this service.*

Health Topic Survey

In the fall of 2021, we passed out a survey listing a variety of health topics. We asked the church family for input to help us plan presentations, seminars, etc. that would meet their needs.

Diet/nutrition, high blood pressure, weight loss, and diabetes are topics that received marks of interest. The task became *how can we meet all of these needs?*

Food for Thought...

Of course food is a common factor and could there be a "diet" that would improve one's health regardless of what the individual may be struggling with?

The food guide pyramid has undergone major changes, and other diets may help with weight loss, or focus on one health area. Yet, there is one "diet" that can improve a variety of health concerns and that is the **Mediterranean diet.**

The health care team is in the process of arranging a presentation on this diet in January 2023. So get through the holidays, begin thinking about a new year resolution to improve your physical health, and plan to attend the presentation.



Little Steps = BIG Improvements

Even if you can pick up "one change", you'll feel better for it. More information will be coming in the next couple of months, so be looking for it on the health care bulletin board, announcements, and in future editions of **The Sentinel!** ✚



Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches

News from FEBC!

By Kevin Stone
President, FEBC



October 1, 2022

The FEBC is about the business of serving, supporting, encouraging, and helping our churches. It is such a joy that we are once again able to travel to our churches to help accomplish those goals. And we have indeed been traveling!

Since Connect22® in July, **Gary** and I have visited services and met with church leaders in Beloit, WI; Henderson, Hebron, and Omaha, NE; Hooker, OK; Kenora, ON; Mountain Lake, MN; Randville, MI; and Vita, MB. As I write this letter, I am in Saskatchewan, where I will visit with leaders from at least nine more churches. Each of these visits has been encouraging for us. I pray that they have also been helpful and encouraging for our churches and their leaders.

It is also exciting to me that my wife's new job has allowed her to begin traveling with me. She loves to visit our churches and meet with pastors' wives and other women to connect and share. I truly value her ability to see and hear needs or opportunities that I would have missed on my own.

As we continue our work of strengthening local churches, please pray for us. Pray for guidance to know where we are most needed, for endurance and needed rest during times of travel, for wisdom to provide help when appropriate, and for valuable connections to be made.

I am also mindful that as we go back to increased travel, the cost of everything related to travel has increased. Pray that God will continue to provide for the needs of our ministry. Perhaps God is prompting you to help us individually, or to suggest that your church reevaluate its level of support.

If you haven't seen one of us at your church lately, ask your church leaders about inviting us. If you are having a special event or if you need help with a problem, we definitely want to know!

Thank you for your ministry at your own church, and your support of our Fellowship of churches. We praise God for each of you.



Serving Him together, ✝

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EBC Women's Ministry

IN HIS IMAGE

Busy Times

By Alison Johnson
Chairwoman, EBC Women's Ministry

September brought the start of our fall bible study schedule and it was such a blessing to see so many ladies involved this year. If you are not plugged in yet, it is *not* too late. We have a couple books left for each study, and there is always room for you.

We have the following studies going:

In View of God's Mercies—A Study in Romans

Wednesday at 9:30 or Thursday at 9:30 (*same sessions—2 days available*)

Precepts Class in Romans

Thursdays at 9:30 am and 6:30 pm

Old Testament Study

Thursday at 9:30 am

Colossians and Philemon

Thursday at 6:30 pm

There's Room for YOU!

The women's ministry team selected the theme "**Room for More**" for the rest of 2022 and all of 2023 and



→ Please see "*Busy Times*" on page 9.



If you have questions about how to become a part of EBC Women's Ministries, please contact **Alison Johnson** at 503.623.2331! ✝

2022–2023 Women's Ministry Leadership Team

We want you to know our team! Feel free to contact us with questions or comments.

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Busy Times

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the verse **Matthew 10:40**. There are two parts to this theme.

Being Welcoming

We wanted to support the Elders' encouragement to be more of a welcoming church.

Matthew 10:40 says : **"Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."** (NIV)

In this passage Jesus was talking to the disciples and sending them out where they would need to depend on the hospitality of others. Back in that time, identity was tied to family and community.

It was understood that in showing hospitality, you did not welcome just an individual, but the community who sent the person and all that they represent.

Therefore, welcoming a disciple of Jesus would mean receiving Jesus himself and of the One who sent him, God the Father.

Giving Opportunities

We are working hard to make different types of events so that

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women at all stages of their faith walk can find something they can feel comfortable coming to.

Bunco is fun for *anyone*, but a Bible study could be super intimidating for someone that is just learning about Christ and is brand new to the idea of coming to church at all. We want to give opportunities for you to invite both your neighbors and coworkers.

The other side of the theme, **Room for More**, is that there is always room for more when it comes to knowing and growing in Christ. We always have room for more in our knowledge of Him and our need of Him. We *never* hit a "master" level and know all, there's always room for more.

Coming soon:



Bingo

Night

October 29

✠ Candlelight Dessert and Craft Boutique

December 2 & 3

Theme: "Comfort and Joy"



Elders



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there and it was most appreciated. Another event that was a success was the annual ministry fair last week between services. **THANK YOU** for everyone's work to set up and take down the displays- there were many people who came and asked questions and got answers! I appreciate each of your faithful services to the committees and ministries represented at the fair. God is at work at EBC!

Important Dates to Note

Lastly, remember to mark on your calendar these dates: October 2 at 6:00 to see and hear our experiences on the tour of Israel, October 22 & 23 for our Missions Conference, and October 30 at 4:00 to attend the EBC business meeting where the various teams and committees will share a verbal report of progress in 2022.

In closing, **Jude**, the brother of James, writes at the end of his short epistle: ***Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior who alone is wise be glory and majesty, Dominion and power both now and forever.***

Amen

Jude 1: 24-25 (NKJV).



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The Attributes of God

Do You Know the *Right* God?

By Gwen Griffiths

You've probably never heard of **Phil Erdman**. He was the youngest 47th Nebraska legislative district representative, elected just 4 years after graduating from high school.

You don't know him, but I went to high school with him. His family attended the church in which I grew up. So, if his name were somehow to come up in conversation, I'd be able to tell you not only how he voted during his 8 years in office, but about the conservative, agricultural values that led to those votes.

You now know a little about Phil Erdman—I *know Phil Erdman*. You could try to converse about him or his voting record, I suppose. But the moment you said, *"The guy I voted for would never support better tax rates for farmers,"* we'd both know that you have a false image of the poor guy. We might laugh a little and move on to a topic better suited to both of us.

Do We REALLY Know Him?

But here's the thing. Sometimes we talk about God like we know Him... when in reality, we don't.

It's not uncommon for people—even for Christians—to have an

inaccurate understanding of God. I hear people say things like, *"Well, my God would never send people who do good things to hell,"* or *"I'm a Christian, but I could never worship a God who would wipe out entire people groups, like what I read in the Old Testament."*

The hard truth is, though, that God is who He is and does what He does, no matter our opinion or preferences. We tend to like the *"warm, fuzzy"* parts of God—attributes like loving and merciful that seem more to our benefit—but we struggle to accept the more challenging attributes, like wrathful. We may even overlook them, and in doing so, develop an incorrect image of the God we claim to love and serve.

I would go so far as to argue that we create an idol—something that resembles God *but isn't God*—when we try to make God be what we want Him to be. We could begin to worship our idea of God instead of God Himself.

Must Learn the WHO

When we try to manipulate what is true about God, or limit what we are willing to believe about God, that

informs the way we live out our Christian life. We must learn *who* He truly is so that, in our journey to look like Him, we can truly reflect Him. And learning to truly know God is a life-long process.

Study His Attributes!

One way to really get to know God is by studying His attributes. As you read through His Word, look for clues that reveal His qualities:

- ☒ Omniscience
- ☒ Holiness
- ☒ Goodness
- ☒ Wrath
- ☒ Jealousy
- ☒ Immutability

Then, find out what each attribute means. Make sure to work from a correct definition, not just your idea of the word. Next, ask, *"What does [attribute] look like in the context of God?"*

In other words, how does this facet of God look in His interactions with His people? What does that tell me about Him? Now, ask, *"How do I interact with [attribute]?"* In light of what you have learned about this aspect of God, *how should your thinking or actions change?*

Jesus

Editor's Note: This is the first part in a series on the Attributes of God.

Stay tuned!

→ Please see "Attributes" on page 11.

Missionary of the Month

Finding IDentity in Turkey

By Daniel Stent

“Sorry, I can’t help you.”

“There is nothing I can do.”

“Without the ID number, this won’t work.”

Such were the comments we heard from the bank teller and phone clerk as we tried again and again to get service. The bank would not let us open an account without the special government issued ID, and specifically the number on that ID card. Our phones had been turned off after a three-month grace period

and could not be turned on again until that magic ID number was added to the system. This left us constantly explaining to people that we could not call them since our phones did not work, *so could we try some other communication method?*

When we looked for updates as to the card’s issuance on the official website, we just got error messages. And daily we prayed, please let the cards come!

Finally, The Cards Arrived

Then one day there was a knock on the door and waiting outside was the postman with the registered mail for us containing the national ID cards!

Of course, he wanted to see our national IDs to confirm that we were the right people to receive the envelopes. I explained in my limited Turkish that the IDs were inside the envelopes. After thinking about it for a moment, he allowed me to open the envelopes to show the IDs so that I could officially receive

the envelopes. Finally, we had our special ID cards with the special numbers. *Oh joy!*

In Business

Now we could walk into the bank with our ID cards, and a few clicks of a mouse, some typing on a keyboard, a signature here and there, and we had a bank account.



Another quick trip to the phone company

branch office and we had working phones. The power of this little plastic card blew down the barriers before us and now we could feel like functioning members of society, with all the rights and responsibilities that entailed.

All this stress about a simple ID card made me wonder, what is the deal with ID anyway? Why do we place such a high emphasis on it?

Attributes

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Talk It Through

Talk to God as you work through this entire process. Ask Him to reveal Himself to you, to show you the truth of who He is. As you build up layer after layer of knowledge of God, you will see an ever-clearer picture of Him. And that will shape you to look more like Him. ✝

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Concerning Our Missionaries ...



Positive Reassuring Action Yielding Eternal Results

P.R.A.Y.E.R.

Submitted By Patty Van Well
EBC Missions Committee

Yount: They ask for direction and health while in Manaus, Brazil and blessings on the work and people at the **Missao do Ceu** organization.

Domes: October 14–16 is the Fall retreat at **Bethel Bible Camp**. Pray that all goes well and that God will speak to many hearts.

Weekday Bible School: Pray for continued growth in students coming to **Bible classes**. There is the need for someone to fill a part time paid staff position.

CEF: They are looking for volunteers to teach **Child Evangelism Fellowship** clubs, serve on the board of directors, or donate snacks.

Wiens/Sat 7: Support of **Sat 7** is leading people to a knowledge of Christ. Please partner with us to provide continued encouragement to new believers.

Bulande: That God would provide the balance of funds needed to complete the purchase of a house.

Stent: Pray for the people in Turkey who return each Sunday to fellowship and grow.

Brooks: The team in Wamena keeps going through tough times (illness, water issues etc). Pray that they can remain faithful through the trials.

→ Please see "PRAISE" on page 13.

*Rejoice always, pray
continually, give thanks in all
circumstances; for this is God's
will for you in Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (NIV)

PRAISE!

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Praise the Lord!

P.T.L.

McFarlands: Praise the Lord for an encouraging and enjoyable two months spent on home ministry assignment in Great Britain, visiting Ian's family along with supporters and friends in that part of the world.

Weekday Bible: The new year of Bible classes is off to a great start!

Brooks: Tim received his Indonesian maintenance license and they are making good friends in Wamena. ✝

2022 Missions Conference

By Carolyn Stent
EBC Missions Committee

What in the world are you doing for heaven's sake?

God delights in using his children to share the love and saving grace of Jesus. He gave all of us the assignment to invite people into the Body of Christ. *Are you on board?*

This month we're going to learn together about local and global missions and how we can participate in them.

Mark Your Calendars

Mark your calendars for October 22–23. The conference will begin with a meal on Saturday evening at 5:00 pm, followed by a missions movie night. We plan to have childcare available for this event. On Sunday mornings this month, we'll have free "movie tickets" available in the church foyer. *(We'd like to have a general idea of how many people will come for the dinner and movies.)*

On Sunday morning we'll be challenged and encouraged by our guest speaker in both worship services. Our speaker is **Pastor Adi Gaspar** from Romania.

Please Join Us!

Throughout the conference you'll have opportunities to learn more about the local ministries that EBC supports, too. It will be an inspiring weekend, and we hope you join us! ✝

Fun Times at All-Church Picnic

By Alison Johnson



A big **THANK YOU** to the **Aime** and **Lyman** families for cooking our delicious chicken for the picnic this year. There was so much cooking going on, the neighbors called the fire department on them.

Thank you to **Joy Franz** and **Dorothy Friesen** as well for all the planning, site prep, and organization to the rest of the event and meal as well. This was one of the biggest church picnics I have been to in a long time. Looking forward to next year! ✝

Photo By Paul Lyman

Youth Perspective

Living With Change

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By **Natasha Griffiths**
FORGED! Youth Reporter

Throughout the past five years, our youth group has endured a lot of shifts and changes. From new youth pastors to entirely new youth buildings, change is a rather common occurrence for our teens at EBC, and it hasn't all been easy.

It's Never Easy!

Even though the change has been good it's never easy to adapt to something new and unknown, a fact I think most of us can relate to and agree on.

Last fall our youth got introduced to our new youth pastor, **Andrew Wheeler**. Right from the start Andrew and his wife—**Mariah**—had an uphill battle to fight. They were coming in at the middle of a school year, tossed into our events without even getting their footing first.

Working Through Change

While Andrew and Mariah were trying to get a grasp of our group and provide the activities and events we take as granted, our youth were processing and working through the change in leadership. We had



become accustomed to certain ways of doing things and that's how we wanted to keep doing them; but Andrew pushed for us to look at things from a different angle and see the positive of a new way of things.

Bringing Us Closer Together

While keeping our expected events, our new youth leader ventured into the unknown with a goal to bring our youth group closer together, bonding us despite the change. A great way I saw him do this was in the trust groups our spring retreat had and the games he chooses, encouraging us to work as a team and get to know one another.

Positive Changes

A few of the other changes Andrew has been heading in our youth group are:

- ✦ Naming our High School youth group 'Forged'
- ✦ Changing youth group from Sunday nights to Tuesday nights
- ✦ Going more in depth during small group time at youth group
- ✦ Connecting the messages at youth group and Sunday school

✦ Providing dinner before youth group and

✦ Introducing a Student Leadership Opportunity to a select group of kids from the core of our youth group.

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Week #1

On the first week of youth group we saw a lot of these changes come into play and ... **WOW!** The turn was out big! A lot of kids I had never met before showed up for a night of tacos, games, worship, and learning about what the Word of God says.

Week #2:

During the second night of youth group we didn't have too many new faces in our midst, however it was still an amazing night full of genuine, refreshing laughter. None

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Identity

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What It Doesn't Do

Your ID card, or passport, or driver's license does *not* tell anyone if you are a good or bad person. It does *not* let them know if you can be trusted with their secrets, or with their money. It does *not* inform the reader of that ID if you will go out of your way to help them in their distress or turn your back on them when they knock at your door at 2 am asking for a sheep to serve to their unexpected guest.

Where I'm From...

On a personal level, the concept of ID has always been a bit tricky,

especially when someone asks me where I am from. The short answer is ... *I am not sure*. The long answer is I have an American mother, British father, was born overseas in one country, and lived much of my life in yet another country and am writing this in even another country.

Thank You, Peter!

Which is why I am so grateful to the Apostle Peter for setting me straight on this whole ID question. He tells those of us who believe in the living Stone, ***But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*** **1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)**



Our first identity is based on who your parents were or where you were born, but your true identity is that of a chosen one, chosen by the Lord of All Creation Himself. We are a priesthood whose job is to serve the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

No Bounds

We are citizens of a nation that is not bound by political borders but is demarcated by the imparted holiness given to us by the Holy Savior. We are not a lost people wandering in darkness but are a people belonging to the One who owns everything. And as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven we have the joyful duty of praising the Alpha and Omega forever. There is not an ID card in the whole world big enough to print on it all the amazing facets of what it means to be a citizen of heaven.

You Are Acknowledged

Our first national ID cards are only valid for six months, so in a few months we will do the application and waiting process all over again. I am so grateful that we do not have to keep filling out paperwork to enter the kingdom of heaven!

Revelation 3:5 reminds us, ***I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels.*** **(NIV)**

Amen, come Lord Jesus. ✝

Change!

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of this would still be happening or heading in this great direction without Andrew and Mariah.

Perseverance!

They have stayed and persevered. They have fought through our teenage assumptions and protective walls. They have been here for the long run and have purposefully invested into our lives. They have made it their mission to give our youth a broad and deep understanding of the Word, teaching us how to dive into it ourselves while encouraging us to see different angles of our ideas and pre-made assumptions.



THANK YOU!

Thank you, Andrew and Mariah, for sticking through the battle and giving us a continuous place of joyous fellowship and nourishment from the Bible! ✝

Missionaries & Ministries EBC Supports!

Note: EBC is committed to supporting missionaries. Some supported missionaries are purposefully omitted from this page to protect their safety in hostile political or social climates.



Tim and Sondra Armstrong
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- ✠ Serving in Chang Mai, Thailand
- ✠ Tim is involved with training nationals in linguistics and Bible translation
- ✠ Structuring online class training for staff
- ✠ Sondra is involved in new member orientation and human resources within their organization



Tim and Mallory Brooks
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- ✠ Serving in Winema, Indonesia
- ✠ Tim is a mechanic for MAF planes on the base
- ✠ Both Tim and Mallory are studying to gain proficiency in the language
- ✠ Support for team members on the MAF base



Joshue and Diana Bulande
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- ✠ Serving in Lichinga, Mozambique
- ✠ Church planting, discipleship training
- ✠ Women's Bible training
- ✠ Children's ministry and tutoring



Dan and Judy Burke
Ethnos 360 (formerly New Tribes Missions)
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- ✠ Serve in Bolivia in Cochabamba and San Borja
- ✠ Development of a discipleship center in northwestern Bolivia
- ✠ Work with the Chimane people group
- ✠ Write and produce books and commentaries in Chimane for the tribal people
- ✠ Teaching, construction, leadership development



Kevin and Jennifer Domes
IN FAITH
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- ✠ Work at Bethel Bible Camp in Wellfleet, Nebraska
- ✠ Involved in youth ministry, maintaining the camp facility
- ✠ Teach in the Awana program, lead a high school youth ministry
- ✠ Administrate retreats
- ✠ Jennifer also works in food preparation for the summer camps



Ivan and Mary Goossen
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- ✠ Serve in Mucambo, Brazil
- ✠ Involved in evangelism and discipleship

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EBC Supports

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✠ Administrate programs such as a coffee shop outreach

✠ Long time involvement with a Christian radio ministry



Eric and Judith Hedeon

Ethnos 360

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- ✠ Serve in Papua, New Guinea
- ✠ Mentoring new missionaries to the field
- ✠ Translation work
- ✠ Judith works in the medical clinic and member care
- ✠ Leadership development among the indigenous people



Andrew and Rachel Kruse

Youth For Christ

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- ✠ City Life/Leader In Training with Youth For Christ in Tacoma, Washington
- ✠ Andrew provides training, supervision and mentoring in three sites, reaching youth between 11–19 years of age
- ✠ Has an outreach program at Joint Base Lewis-McChord military base for military connected youth and their friends
- ✠ Rachel is involved in mentoring youth and a group for young mothers



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- ✠ Serve in Shell, Ecuador
- ✠ Administration of medical team outreach to rural areas via medical Caravans
- ✠ Administration of a program for repairing cleft lips in children
- ✠ Help with relief programs for families



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- ✠ Steve is the SIM regional Director for West Africa
- ✠ Supervises country directors in 11 countries
- ✠ Both Steve and Mikki work in SIM's Global Leader Development Program
- ✠ Mikki does educational consulting work, and also works in the Paths to School Improvement program which trains Christian school leaders throughout Africa



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- ✠ Learning Avionics in preparation for future Missionary pilot position ✚

Other Outreach Ministries We Support:

◆ Awana
◆ CEF

◆ Crisis Pregnancy
◆ River of Life

◆ Prison Ministry
◆ SAT-7 (Dennis & Cindy Wiens)

◆ Village Missions
◆ Weekday School of the Bible

◆ Mission Connexion

EBC Missions Committee

By Sylvia Thomas
Chairperson, EBC Missions Committee

The missionaries that EBC supports serve in places in the world that most of us have not been called to go.

The Missions Committee is responsible for identifying and supporting missionaries that are:

- ✠ From approved mission agencies
- ✠ Have the same doctrinal beliefs that EBC adheres to and ...
- ✠ Usually are known by someone in the congregation or denomination.

✠ We also identify local ministries that we believe further the mission of our church to reach our community.

Who We Support

We currently support 11 full time missionaries plus several

local organizations. The missions conference that we are offering this month will be a time to highlight many of these outreaches and other organizations.

We hope that you will plan to attend to be challenged on how you can be involved either in being a “goer”, a “pray-er” and/or a “giver”.

God has entrusted into our pockets the resources He has intended to support these multiple ways of spreading the Gospel.

Prayer Card Bookmarks

Be sure to pick up one of the new prayer card bookmarkers with the names and pictures of our missionaries.

A Great Reminder!

I tested it out—it fits perfectly into a Bible as a reminder to pray! If you

don't know what to pray about, each month there are specific prayer needs listed in *The Sentinel*.

Ordinary People!

If you don't know what to pray, remember that they are ordinary people, not more holy than you. Try to put yourself in their shoes and you will probably discern enough to be able to pray for a long time!

Being a missionary can be a lonely job, it can be confusing, you constantly need wisdom for unexpected situations. But it can also be the most rewarding thing ever to be in the place where you know God has sent you, remembering that the results are up to Him. ✠

Men's Ministry Trap Shoot: 9/24/22!



Photos By Pastor Troy Bassham!

Stories from the FIELDS

Editor's Note: Stories from the FIELDS is produced monthly by Village Missions. They contain inspirational accounts from many of those supported by Village Missions who are currently working in the mission field.

If you would like to receive your copy directly from Village Missions or desire more information on this organization, please contact Tim Griffiths at:

tgriffiths@villagemissions.org.

Encouraging Reminder

We served about 530 people for the church's 107th annual chicken dinner. (Our church's average attendance is 60 people.) We all helped make homemade ice cream for it. One man who attended is a pastor in a nearby town. He said a Village Missionary in Missouri led him to Christ years ago. We were encouraged by this reminder of the continuing influence of VM!

Nathan & Claire Walters
Chambersburg, IL ✝

Trouble Rejoicing

Within a short period of time our extended family experienced a death, an engagement, a birth and a serious illness. Our little church was very supportive during this time. Godly men in our congregation took turns teaching and preaching during Steve's absence. One Sunday, a Gideon came to share with the church. Our people were very friendly to him and gave him a generous love offering. He commented, "There is nothing small about this church!" Praise the Lord for our faithful group of believers here who are so supportive and committed to upholding us in our times of trouble as well as in our times of rejoicing.

Steven & Lisa Rief
Redland, OR ✝

Something Incredible

When many people volunteered to help with our Vacation Bible School this year, I figured that God would do something incredible, and He did! Throughout the week, 45 different kids came through the doors of the church, and we had an average attendance of 38 kids per day. We were very encouraged as we watched them engage in the activities and learn about God. At the end of the week, we gave out 11 children's Bibles to kids who did not have a Bible. Praise God for His faithfulness!

Brenden & Helena Peters
Boyle, AB ✝

Sunday Worship Services:

9:00 & 10:30 am Sunday Morning
Worship Services

10:00 am Coffee Time!

Awana: (September through April)

Wednesdays 6:30 to 8:00 pm

**Please check the Sunday Bulletin and
the EBC website for updated calendar
items as they are announced.**

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**Thank
you!** ✝



**Article Deadline for November ISSUE is . . .
Monday, October 31 @ 5:00 pm!**

The Bible is a guide for our lives; for example **Psalms 119:105** tells us that ***Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (NKJV).***

This principle is certainly true for us as individuals, but is also true for organizations and ministries. *The Sentinel*, as a ministry, views **Romans 14:19** (***Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. NIV***) as a guiding passage for what to include and/or exclude for print. ✝

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV) ✝