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## Daily Bread

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Senior Pastor

***Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily  
bread . . .***

We are to trust God, day to day. Normally I want to ask for more than a day's allotment of bread—for a week's worth, perhaps a year's supply. But God so often provides for our needs daily, not all at once. I used to contemplate this.

### Better?

*Wouldn't it be more economical to provide for our needs in bulk? Wouldn't this keep us from worry—induced ulcers and from bombarding Heaven's throne room with repetitive begging prayers?*



**W**hen Jesus spoke the words of the Lord's Prayer he was giving us an example that we should follow. All of the words are powerful and poignant, teaching us how to pray and who we should become as God works in us. But, in this article, I want to focus on a particular phrase: ***Give us this day our daily bread.***

### Details Count

Notice the wording. Not give us bread but ***give us our daily bread.*** Daily.

### BUT ... He Knows Best!

But God knows best. He doesn't have a daily limit on miracles. God isn't costing Himself extra time by doling out His gifts one at a time. Each miracle He performs doesn't incur a surcharge. God acts according to His eternal power and wisdom while enacting His own will.

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**Monday, May 1, @ 5:00 pm**

know. grow. go.

# Daily Bread

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## For OUR Benefit!

It is evident that His daily provision for our needs is for *our* benefit. While God delights in giving good gifts, He does not want us to lose sight of Him and fixate on His blessings. He doesn't meet our needs so we can run off and forget Who provided for them. Our Lord is so much more than a wealthy benefactor.

He is a Father who desires for His children to know Him. And the reality is that necessity tends to improve our prayer life. Our needs remind us to pray and by praying we come to know God more intimately.

## My Wish for Us

I wish we would be just as diligent in prayer during times of abundance. This is not usually the case. We are more apt to pray when we are needy, more likely to seek God when we are hurting.

There is also the matter of faith. **Hebrews 11:6** says that without faith it is *impossible* to please God.



MATTHEW 6:11

**Romans 1:17** says the just shall live by faith.

## Opportunities Await

Waiting on God, day by day, is an opportunity for us to learn to trust. *If God provided all at once, where would the faith be? How would we continue learning of His holy character and see His gracious provision?* If he gave us all our blessings up front, I'm pretty sure we would focus on the visible blessings and lose sight of Him who is unseen.

## Not So!

I used to entertain the fiction that I could grow in maturity *without* God stretching me. This is not true.

Through struggles, questions, and hardships I have learned to fix my gaze more intently on His countenance and learned to listen more carefully for His voice. Such lessons have been learned slowly



and painfully, seeing that God often provides in the moment of need, not before. Of course, there are times that God does bless me before I'm desperate and gives gifts I haven't even asked for. God is indeed good and generous, yet I am learning that the gifts are *not* the prize. **The prize is God himself!** ✝

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# LMF Update

By Joyce Harms

**T**his week, **Tuesday April 4**, EBC ladies are invited to join us for our Ladies Missionary Fellowship meeting at 11 am. Come at 9 am if you'd like to visit and join into some hand work projects.

There are several options to choose from, tying quilts, ironing fabric, making adult food protectors, or working with the LU pad group. (If you don't know what an LU pad is, *come and find out.*)



## The Gate

Our speaker this week will be **Ben Bobeda** from the The Gate youth center across the street from Central High School. Be informed about the youth ministry in our neighborhood community of Independence.

At noon join us when we enjoy our monthly potluck lunch. *See you soon.* ✝

# A New Dallas Domestic

By Associate Pastor Mike Fast  
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**L**ora and I are now residing in our new home in Northwest Dallas. *Yay!* We are loving it and doing our best to learn more about the area and its people.

## Fun Stuff

I have been discovering all kinds of fun things. Just 10 miles straight west of Dallas (*as the crow flies*) stands Laurel Mountain. And

I just learned that it is the wettest place in Oregon. In 1996, it set an all-time calendar year rainfall record for the lower 48 States with 204 inches—*17 feet of rain in one year!*

## Fast Pitch

Another little tidbit I recently learned about Dallas is that a man named **Darcy Fast** went on from here to pitch left-handed for the Chicago Cubs in the late 1960's. When his baseball career was done

he went on to work for 30 years as a pastor. Another pastor with the same last name...*nice*.

## Special Place

This area is special to me. When I

was a kid my grandparents (**Karl Fast and Marjorie Howe**) lived in Pedee. My father (**Daryl**) was born in McMinnville, his brother

(**Greg**) was born here in Dallas, and his sister (**Linda**) and other brother (**Doug**) were born in Salem. My dad had many uncles, one of them (**George**) was killed in a logging accident in this area. I have more ties here than I know of. It almost feels like coming home.

We are also loving the opportunity to meet new people, so many who are encouraging and helpful and generous with their time and work—specifically, thank you to those who helped us move in our things. Our new church family (EBC) is such a blessing. I pray that all of us at EBC will be effective tools used by God in our community to reach our neighbors and friends.

## My Prayer

I desire to be used by God in all I do, and I am committed to praying that I will see God work in a way that EBC becomes an effective witness in this place I now call home. I desire to build relationships that purpose to help others grow

spiritually. In other words, like the sign in my office, I want to ***“Love God with passion and Love people on purpose.”***

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And what I would *really* like, is to see others praying and working at the same thing, that we would all be intentional about passing on the baton of leadership, fellowship, discipleship, and the like here in our town and among our church family. I know many of you are already involved in doing that. **Praise the Lord.** Please pray with me that we would all be tools that God finds pleasure in using, and all for His glory. ✚



**The Prayer  
of the Righteous  
is Powerful and  
Effective.**

James 5:16





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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 Nat Thomas  
Chairman, Board of Elders

A few weeks ago I was talking with the office staff about finding space at our church and was pleased to hear that it was difficult to find a room to reserve for the time I wanted. EBC has a lot going on!

## LOTS Going On!

I am grateful for all the events, programs, and classes that are being held here. Bible classes in the day and evening; children's programs again during the day and evening and other events and programs that keep us busy. It is GREAT.

## More Opportunities

Coming up in the near future are more opportunities to be involved in our EBC Body Life.

Next week we begin to celebrate Passion Week in several ways. Starting with Palm Sunday (*also called Passion Sunday*) which is a celebration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem the week before He was put on the Cross (**Matthew 21:1-11**) in fulfillment of prophecy from **Zechariah 9:9**.



There will be the normally scheduled services in the morning, then a special time of prayer in the afternoon to hold each other and our church up in prayer. Other traditions hold celebrations for other days of Passion Week; for example, my wife

**Sylvia** tells me that when

she was a youth her church had a special service for **Maundy Thursday** when Christ held the Last Supper and gave the first communion.

Their church would have a simple supper of soup and ate it in total silence, then quietly went to the sanctuary for communion. Maundy

Thursday is a time to reflect on the Last Supper, communion, and the time of betrayal by Judas.

## Good Friday

At EBC our next celebratory event is on Friday—either described

as **"Good Friday"** here in America, or as **"Black Friday"**

in Europe. Regardless of the name, it is a day to commemorate Christ's death on the Cross.

At our church we are served communion that evening, sing in worship and hear a short message. Evangelical Bible Church will celebrate **Resurrection Day** (*Easter*) with the normally scheduled services due to the large number of



people that wish to attend. In the past we have had a single service but are not able to at this time.

## No Less Important

Other less important but nonetheless valuable programs and events in the next quarter include:

**1.** In May, we will have an **"All Chairs of committees meeting"** (date TBD)

**2.** In June, we will schedule our annual **Town Hall** meeting for attendees to ask questions of the leadership team (date TBD)

**3.** With summer around the corner, make the plan to participate in **Family Camp** this year. It will be held July 28, 29, and 30 at Triangle Lake. **Mark your calendars!**

**4.** **Vacation Bible School**

(VBS!) returns this summer between July 31 to August 4. **Are YOU able to help?**

## FEBC Connect 23!

In the past there have been a number of EBC members that attended the

→ Please see **"Elders"** on page 6.



## Healthcare Ministry Taking a New Approach!

# Topics to Live By



The Healthcare Ministry team has offered a variety of topics in the past, usually on a Saturday morning. Depending on the topic, attendance has been fair to very good.

### Someone Missing!

Yet someone is *still* missing—the middle aged adults with families who are going in all sorts of directions and adults who are working and whose weekend is too short to get everything done. **Sooooooo, we are going to try something new.**

### In Case of Emergency (ICE)

On April 30 and May 7, we will have two tables set up in the activity center during coffee time. Our topic is *“Communicating/Getting Help in An Emergency.”*

We will have **File of Life** magnets available for families, have a content handout: *Why and How to Enter*



*In Case of Emergency (ICE) on Your Phone*, a listing of options for people who live alone, and a preparedness test for you to take then, or take home to see how prepared your family is *in case of an emergency*.

### "Be Prepared"

If you have questions or are interested in a preparedness seminar, there will be someone to

By Sherri Fobert  
Chairperson, Healthcare Ministry

answer questions and a sheet for signups for a seminar. It is our hope more families will stop by, pick up an informative handout on a preparedness topic, and receive a File of Life magnet.

We want to help your family be prepared in an emergency, *so please stop by our tables on April 30 and May 7!* †

## Elders

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annual FEBC (*Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches*) conference that is typically held in the mid-West.

This year, the **FEBC Connect 23** will be held July 7 to 9 in Canada. If anyone would like to attend, please contact **Pastor Troy** or the office staff.

### Great Team!

*There are so many reasons to be grateful for the Body Life here at EBC!* Everything from having a large facility to do the Lord's work in to how the Lord has assembled a great Pastoral team including **Pastor Troy**, **Pastor Mike**, and **Pastor Andrew!**

Additionally there are the vast number of volunteers from the congregation that serve tirelessly in so many ways: repairing, teaching, cleaning, serving, driving, administering, encouraging, comforting and innumerable other services. **THANK YOU ALL!** The Bible tells us to glorify God with our gratitude. **Psalm 118:1** tells us *“Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good; because His mercy endures forever” (NKJV).*

May God bless each person, each family, as we glorify His Name in service to Him and each other. †



Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches

# News from FEBC!

By Kevin Stone  
President, FEBC



April 3, 2023

Undoubtedly, our church leaders have been busy preparing for the activities of Good Friday and Easter. Whether honoring old traditions or exploring new ideas, this is the season when we gather and attempt to grasp the amazing truth of a spotless Lamb who was slain for us, and who rose victorious over sin and death.

This is also a time when most churches see a few visitors. For various reasons, people who are not typically church goers often show up for holidays. This is an opportunity for each of us to make a difference, and we should be preparing our hearts for that task.

I recently met a couple who are relatively new to our church. They said that the first day they visited, a lady caught them before they could leave and said: "I don't know you!" She introduced herself, then walked them around the church, introducing them to family after family. They said everyone was so friendly and loving, they just felt like they were home.

This reminds me of a significant moment in the Easter story. After the Passover supper in the upper room, Jesus washed his disciples' feet, and then in **John 13:34** he gave them a new commandment: that they love one another. In verse 35, he said: **"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."** (ESV)

Sometimes I fear we think people will know we are Jesus' disciples because of our good biblical teaching, but it takes a mature believer to recognize good teaching from bad. Jesus says the thing by which everyone can recognize his influence is not what we teach, but what we do. We must love others. Perhaps one implication of that truth is that before we snap a family photo in our Easter clothes or run home to eat the Easter ham, we should connect with someone to let them know that they are truly loved. Let us pray that God will love someone through us.



May the love of Christ penetrate our churches until who we are is undeniable!

Thank you for your prayers, and for supporting your local church and this fellowship.

Happy Easter! ✝

**2 Corinthians 1:11**  
**as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.**  
(NIV)

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# EBC Women's Ministry



Ladies, please lend **YOUR** voice and **YOUR** energy to help EBC's Women's Ministries flourish. We have a lot of exciting programs and activities planned for the year and we will **ALL** benefit from your help and enthusiasm to make them all happen.

Contact **Alison Johnson**, Chairwoman, to discuss how **YOU** can lend your support to this important ministry.

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503.623.2331 ☕



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

## New Bible Study Starts April 5!

# Live By Faith

By Sylvia Thomas

**W**omen, please join us for a new Bible study starting in early April. The study is based on "*Habakkuk: Learning to Live by Faith (Flourish Bible Study)*" by **Lydia Brownback**.



The books are available for \$15 a copy and can be picked up at the church office.

### Pick Your Time Slot!

There are three time options from which to choose:

☒ **Wednesday at 9:30 am**

Led by **Lizette Chaffee**.

☒ **Thursday at 9:30 am**

Led by **Carrie Cruickshank**.

☒ **Thursday at 6:30 pm**

Led by **Christine Schneider**.

### Bring a Friend

**The study starts on April 5 and 6.** Bring a friend, if you can, and delve into God's Word together as we learn to know Him more. ☕

## 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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Treasurer	Linda Baton		
Retreat Coordinator	Lori Bassham		
Bible Study Coordinator	Sylvia Thomas		
Hospitality (weddings, receptions, & showers)	Ruth Quiring		
Prayer Coordinator	Lizette Chaffee		
Events	Allison Brown, Colleen Shinn, Cassie Kroeker		





**M**om to Mom has had a slow start to our 2023 year. In February, all of our meetings were snow days! We were able to have our Mom & Pop Night out February 17.

### Night Out!

For our Mom & Pop Night out, the Steering Team organized a Taco Bar and childcare. For a small cost, parents were able to enjoy a "Night Out" and adult conversation. In all 16 couples came.

### Swap Meet

March started out with our **Mom Swap**, where we had many moms and community members donate gently used items. A total of 35 ladies attended our March 14 meeting. After an appetizing breakfast and catching up on upcoming Mom to Mom activities,

the ladies shopped for household items, toys, and the next size clothing for that ever-growing kiddo.

### Mom's Night Out

On **March 17**, we hosted a Mom's Night Out, where moms were able to share snacks and garden tips. We also had **Jon and Christie Henderson**, from **Old Mill**, come speak on gardening and soil suggestions.

### Make Up Meeting

Due to missing *all* of February's meetings, the Steering team has decided to have a make up meeting March 28 during Spring Break. We intend for this to be a regular

meeting, with some adjustments due to kids being out of school for spring break.

### Looking Ahead

The Mom to Mom is planning ahead to the 2023–2024 year, looking at themes, ideas and events. We are always looking for those who have a heart for moms, whether planning and attending meetings or older women who would like to support.



### Contact Me!

If you have questions on how you can get involved in this exciting outreach ministry, please phone or text me at **503.805.4374** or via email at [caleflena@gmail.com](mailto:caleflena@gmail.com). ✝

## Women's Ministry Activities Gets Great Reviews!

# Dwell Home Success!



By **Alison Johnson**  
**Chairwoman,**  
**Women's Ministries**

**O**n Saturday, March 11, bright and early in the morning, the ladies of EBC were treated to a Dwell Home event.

### Off to a Great Start!

They started the morning by opening with prayer before enjoying coffee and snacks. After everyone

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# Dwell

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was properly caffeinated, they went to the first session of workshops.

## Options, Options, Options!



The options were pie baking, home decorating, painting, and houseplants 101. Each person attended two choices and some wished for time to get to all four.

## Fun Material, Excellent Presenters

✦ **Ashley Brown** shared her tips for decoration your home and utilizing space well.

✦ **Annie Dimick** shared so many tips and tricks around painting your home.

✦ **Alyssa Mackey** shared plant care and selection for your home.

✦ **Gaye Stewart** shared making delicious and beautiful pie crusts.



Photos of this event provided by Joyce Harms, Gaye Stewart, and Alison Johnson.



We are so thankful for all of the time and efforts these wonderful women spent to share their knowledge with us and got such great feedback. We hope to do this kind of event again.





# MAY FESTIVAL

**FRIDAY, MAY 12 AT 6:30 PM**

**TICKET: \$8**

**EBC ACTIVITY CENTER**

**SPEAKER: STEPHANIE TEAGUE**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM**







## The Attributes of God

# Gentleness

By Gwen Griffiths

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

*Stay tuned!*

**W**hen our second child, **Jesalynn**, was born, our son **Tyson** was just over 16 months old. We were concerned that, while he wanted to show love to his sister, his rough and tumble little boy methods might not be the right approach. So as he interacted with Jesalynn in the beginning, we often encouraged him to be gentle with her. We showed him how to touch her carefully instead of jumping onto the couch almost on top of her.

He learned how to show her a toy instead of dropping it on her face. He found that sudden loud sounds would startle her, but he could pat her on the shoulder or back to help calm her down again.

### Understanding and Learning

Being gentle with his sister required Tyson to understand that his sister had different wishes and needs than he did, and to act accordingly. It was rarely perfect, because toddlers have a lot of energy and enthusiasm and not a lot of foresight, but he

did learn to treat her gently. And if a toddler can learn to treat someone else with gentleness, so can we!

### Following His Example

Our God is gentle...and I think that's an attribute we don't often stop to consider. *Do we truly appreciate God's gentleness with us?*

So often He works slowly, giving us time to adjust our hearts and using gentle nudges to turn our thoughts toward Him. He's God—He could just force each person into subservient obedience! But instead, He works gently in our hearts.

### Meeting Their Needs and Feelings

*And how does God's attribute of gentleness inform our behavior towards others?* When we treat each other gently, we put their needs and feelings into account as we interact with them.

This *might* mean realizing that they process information at a slower rate

than we do, and finding the patience to wait while they formulate their thoughts. It *may* mean recognizing a sensitivity to a difficult topic and approaching that topic in a way that allows them to feel safe while processing their feeling about it.

### Follow the Bible!

Gentleness in our everyday life means living out **Philippians**

**2:3-5. "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests**

**but each of you to the interests of the others." (NIV).**

This is a great opportunity to put that **Golden Rule** into practice and think about how the other person feels and how we can reflect Christ in the way we treat them.

So as you interact with those around you this week, stop to consider how God has shown gentleness to you—and how you might display that same characteristic to each person you encounter. ✝

.....  
***And if a toddler can learn to treat someone else with gentleness, so can we!***



Short-Term Missions Trip Coming SOON!

# Bolivia Bound

By Sylvia Thomas  
EBC Missions Committee

**T**he 3rd mission trip group to Bolivia from EBC (Bolivia Chapter 3) will be leaving April 19 and returning May 3. Please pray for their safe travel, good health, efficient work, and that they will encourage those they come in contact with.



Team members for this year's short-term mission trip are: **Doug and Chris Mollerstuen, Julie Gilreath, Ken and Ruth Quiring.**

## You CAN Help!

The group is raising funds to purchase a badly needed new copier for missionaries Dan and Judy Burke. If you are able to donate to this fund, please note **"For Bolivia Copier"**



and place it in the offering box or bring it to the church office.

## Important Trip

These types of missions trips are important for several reasons. The missionaries need the extra hands to accomplish the

work that they don't have enough time to do themselves. The people who go gain a deeper understanding of that particular mission field which helps others to respond to the needs that exist.

Upon their return, our church body has the opportunity to rejoice in the work that the Lord has allowed EBC to participate in. And maybe, just maybe, a spark will be ignited in someone in the

congregation to explore if the Lord may be calling them into missionary service.

## Missions Committee Goal

One of our goals as the EBC Missions Committee is to present opportunities for serving either locally, within the US, and overseas. Service has many facets—specific prayer, financial contributions, and physically going to serve are just some of the ways. We hope that you will be watching for ways that you might be able to volunteer when projects come up. ✝



# Opportunities!

By CIA World Factbook

<https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/countries/bolivia/summaries>

**B**olivia ranks at or near the bottom among Latin American countries in several areas of health and development, including poverty, education, fertility, malnutrition, mortality, and life expectancy. On the positive side, more children are being vaccinated and more pregnant women are getting prenatal care and having skilled health practitioners attend their births.

Bolivia's income inequality is the highest in Latin America and one of the highest in the world.

Public education is of poor quality, and educational opportunities are among the most unevenly distributed in Latin America, with girls and indigenous and rural children less likely to be literate or to complete primary school. The lack of access to education and family planning services helps to sustain Bolivia's high fertility rate—approximately three children per woman.

Bolivia's lack of clean water and basic sanitation, especially in rural areas, contributes to health problems.



# Bolivia Fun Facts

By CIA World Factbook

<https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/countries/bolivia/summaries>

✠ **Size:** Slightly less than three times the size of Montana.

✠ **Borders:** Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Peru.

✠ **Climate:** Varies with altitude; humid and tropical to cold and semiarid.

✠ **Terrain:** Rugged Andes Mountains with a highland plateau (Altiplano), hills, lowland plains of the Amazon Basin.

✠ **Land Use:\***

Agricultural land: 34.3%

Forest: 52.5%

Other: 13.2%

\*2018 estimate

✠ **Population:** 12,186,079 (2023 est.)

✠ **Major Religions:** Roman Catholic 70%, Evangelical 14.5%, Adventist 2.5%, Mormon 1.2%, agnostic 0.3%, atheist 0.8%, other 3.5%, none 6.6%

✠ **Ethnic Groups:** Mestizo (mixed White and Amerindian ancestry) 68%, Indigenous 20%, White 5%, Cholo/Chola 2%, African descent 1%, other 1%, unspecified 3%. ✠

## Bolivian Flag

By CIA World Factbook

**T**hree equal horizontal bands of red (top), yellow, and green with the coat of arms centered on the yellow band; red stands for bravery and the blood of national heroes, yellow for the nation's mineral resources, and green for the fertility of the land. ✠





## Focus On Missions!

# In Faith at Bethel Bible Camp

By Kevin and Jennifer Domes



**H**i from the Domes!  
Thank you for all your prayers and encouragement! We are in the time of year that is full of to-do lists and things that we are getting ready for our summer camps.

### Prepping for Camp!

As a brief update, we mailed out our summer brochures a few weeks ago and in April we will have our Annual Meeting. This meeting is open to the public where we provide a supper then have a time of singing and cover any business that Bethel's board of directors has for the evening.



### BIG Challenge

One of the biggest challenges we are facing in our mission work is finding volunteers for the summer ministry at camp.



Each summer, we need volunteers at Bethel Bible Camp to be dorm leaders, kitchen help, maintenance and more. In the past, a lot of our volunteer staff have been high schoolers who have grown up coming to camp.

These “kids” become our dorm leaders, guiding and leading the campers younger than them. We

have been blessed to be able to find kitchen help and maintenance volunteers, but we have seen in the past few years that it is getting harder and harder to have young people commit to being a volunteer.

### Spreading the Word

Some of the ways we are addressing this challenge is making sure we use several ways to get the word out about our need. We talk to those we can in person, post on social media, send out invitation letters, and put it on our local Christian radio station.

We have seen God work many times when we didn't know how we would be able to run camp with so few volunteers, but every time, God provides! ✝



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# History of Bethel Bible Camp

By Camp Staff via webpage



In the fall of 1946, the **Earnest Nelson** family was transferred to the Sutherland area by the American Sunday School Union. They bought a place in Sutherland (*property was 100 by 400 feet*). It contained a house, garage and an old barn.

Soon after the Nelsons came they felt the need to began a camping program. So in June of 1947 the first camp was held. A tent was rented for a chapel. The girls slept

in the haymow of the barn, and the boys slept in the garage. The Nelson home was used for the kitchen and dining room.

Before the 1948 camp, studs on the barn had been sawed in half, the top part lowered down, and the lower part moved out to the east to make a building twice as long as it had been. A chapel was built as well. Camp was held even as the buildings were being finished over a period of time.

In 1950 a basement was dug and a building erected on it. The basement held a kitchen and dining room. The upper part was the girls' dorm. The boys used the old building. In 1978, the girls' dorm was struck by lightning and burned down. The camp board, after much prayer and searching, decided to move the Camp to Wellfleet on a 4 acre tract of ground. The old camp was sold to a Baptist Church and construction began in Wellfleet. The 1979 camps were held at Camp Joy, in Alma, Nebraska. By 1980 one building was ready in Wellfleet; so camps were held there. The first (main) building was a kitchen, dining room and chapel. In 1981 a dorm was built for girls and in 1986 the boys' dorm was added. Since 1987, a recreational pavilion has been added and a new staff/shelter facility (top is staff quarters and the basement is a classroom/storm shelter). The 330 acre Seller's homestead property was donated to Camp in 1996.

Several missionaries served the Sutherland field, including **Dirk Derksens** in 1964, **George Cochrans** in 1966, **Paul Johnson** served from 1971-1987, and John and Carol Lewis served from 1987-2017. In 2013 **Kevin and Jennifer Domes** came to serve at Bethel Bible Camp alongside **John and Carol**, then in 2017 **Kevin** took over as Camp Director and **Jennifer** as Head Cook. John and Carol still serve in the area with other ministries as well as assisting at the camp when needed. ✝



# Having Cake!

As was reported in the March, 2023, issue of *The Sentinel*, **Allan Wiebe** reached a major milestone on his life's journey. Allan recently celebrated his 100th birthday at a gathering at EBC.

The event was well-attended and a great time was had by all.

**Happy Birthday, Allan!** May the Lord grant you many more years to spread the Good News of His kingdom. ✝



Photo by Joyce Harms.



# 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**  
Wycliffe

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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**  
Missionary Aviation Fellowship  
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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**  
SIM  
[dianaafrica@gmail.com](mailto:dianaafrica@gmail.com)

- ✠ 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  
[kjdomes.ministry@yahoo.com](mailto:kjdomes.ministry@yahoo.com)

- ✠ 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**  
Avant Ministries  
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- ✠ Serve in Mucambo, Brazil
- ✠ Involved in evangelism and discipleship

→ Please see "EBC Supports" on page 17.

# 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 Hedeem

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



## Steve and Mikki Schmidt

SIM Missionaries

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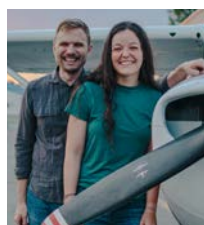
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✠ Steve is the SIM regional Director for West Africa

✠ 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



## Andrew and Jerusha (Dressel) Yount

Proclaim Aviation Ministries

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✠ On staff with Moody Bible Institute's Mission Aviation School

✠ Learning Avionics in preparation for future Missionary pilot position ✚

Please **Pray**  
**DAILY** for  
our  
missionaries!

### 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  
◆ The Gate





## Concerning Our Missionaries ... Positive Reassuring Action Yielding Eternal Results

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

Submitted By Patty Van Well  
EBC Missions Committee

**Kruse:** Youth For Christ has a Leader in Training program that helps young adults grow in their faith and skills to share the Gospel with teens. Please pray for this group.

**Goossen:** **Pedro** is a 20 year old who has been going to the coffee shop and is searching to understand God. Pray for Pedro.

**Yount:** Pray that God would use us at Moody Aviation and our church to enable them to be more effective in ministry and lead us as we consider His direction for the future.

**Stent:** Please pray that they will be able to get new visas.

**Bulande:** They ask for safety in travel as they return to Mozambique and for a fast, easy transition (after almost a year in Romania)

**The Gate:** The annual **Gala Fundraiser is April 14.** Pray that God will bring preparations together and that all the people who are to hear about the ministry will attend.

**CEF:** They are in need of more board members to help govern the ministry and they ask for prayer as they transition with new, paid office staff.

**Brooks:** Pray for a healthy baby and a smooth delivery, as well as for their upcoming support increase.

# P.T.L.

**CEF:** Praising God for new office staff and for the three current Good News Clubs.

**Bulande:** They are thankful for a wonderful time in Romania.

**Weekday Bible:** Praises that the Bible classes continue to add new students.

**Brooks:** They are thankful for time in the states as they await the arrival of their baby. ✝

## 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](mailto:tgriffiths@villagemissions.org).

## Riding Along

I did a 5-hour ride along with a Deschutes County deputy. We had a great time patrolling La Pine and Sunriver on Sunday night, talking more about Jesus and the church than we did law enforcement. We stopped for a break at the local substation and visited with another deputy and their patrol sergeant. All three of these men are solid believers I've known for a few years. Seeing so many godly men in law enforcement in our community is encouraging.

**Don & Gaylene Manning**  
La Pine, OR ✝

## We Know Our Flock

**W**e've completed our first year on this field. Getting to know the flock of God brings immediate satisfaction as well as memories to last a lifetime. We were given a church directory a year ago with a few pictures in it, but today their faces, voices, and mannerisms are firmly etched in my mind. For example, I love to see Faith and John each Sunday. In their 90s and both on hospice, they still faithfully attend church weekly, one in a wheelchair and the other with a walker. They and all the others in this rural church are God's sheep to feed and love, and I do so with pleasure.

**Dale & Peggy Bartles**  
Skokomish, WA ✝

## Reaching Students

**O**ur church highlighted and participated in the National Collegiate Day of Prayer. We are located between two large universities—the University of Wyoming and Colorado State University (CSU)—and some students regularly join us for worship. A friend leads a college ministry at CSU and sends me encouraging reports and specific prayer requests. We thank God for the reminder to pray and opportunities to help college students grow in Christ.

**Josh & Janice Hendrix**  
Virginia Dale, CO ✝

## 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!** ✝

# April

4/2 Prayer Meeting

4/2 Ladies' Worship Night

4/4 Ladies Missionary Fellowship

4/7 Good Friday Service

4/8 Community Easter Event

4/9 Easter

4/10 Hymn Sing

4/11 Mom to Mom

4/15 Men's Cornhole Tournament

4/21 Mom to Mom Night

4/23 All City Youth Group

4/25 Mom to Mom

4/26 Awana End of Year



**Article Deadline for May ISSUE is:  
Monday, May 1, @ 5:00 pm!**



**T**he 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. ✝

***Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.***

***2 Corinthians 4:16–18 (NIV)***