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Un-cool Church

By Pastor Troy Bassham
Senior Pastor

Normally this space is set aside for my personal thoughts or scriptural insights. This month I decided to post someone else's thoughts.

Several years ago, I happened across an article in the Washington Post by **Brett McCracken*** titled *How to Keep Millennials in the Church?*

Let's keep church un-cool. I think you'll find some interesting insights on reaching this generation for Christ. I know that we are now just as concerned about reaching Generation

Z as the Millennials, but the article continues to be relevant to a question that different churches wrestle with. *If we were just a little cooler would more people come to church?*

Enjoy!

Hope you enjoy. The following is just a few thoughts and snippets from a larger article in the Washington Post:

I'm a Millennial, but I am weary of everyone caring so much about why Millennials do this or don't do that. I'm sorry Millennials, but I'm going to have to throw us under the bus here: we do not have everything figured out. And if we expect older generations and well-established institutions to morph to fit our every fickle desire, we do so at our peril.



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Monday, September 25,
@ 5:00 pm

know. grow. go.

Un-cool!

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[It has been said by others that Millennials are not] leaving the church because we don't find the cool factor there; we're leaving the church because we don't find Jesus there.

... "If the evangelical Christian leadership thinks that 'cool Christianity' is a sustainable path forward, they are severely mistaken. As a twentysomething, I can say with confidence that when it

Rather, what I need is something bigger than me, older than me, bound by a truth that transcends me and a story that will outlast me...

comes to church, we don't want cool as much as we want real."

... But a deeper problem is that Christianity has become too obsessed with how it is perceived. Just like the Photoshop-savvy Millennials she is so desperate to retain, the church is ever more meticulously concerned with her image, monitoring what people are saying about her and taking cues from that.

... I'm not saying that the church should never listen to the audience or pay attention to data and trends. It's just that more often than not, the "just tell us what you want us to be!" approach does more harm than good, turning the church

into a shape-shifting chameleon with ever-diminishing ecclesiological confidence and cultural legitimacy. It smacks of desperation and weakness.

... As a Millennial, if I'm truly honest with myself, what I really need from the church is not another yes-man entity enabling my hubris and giving me what I want. Rather, what I need is something bigger than me, older than me, bound by a truth that transcends me and a story that will outlast me; basically, something that doesn't change to fit me and my whims, but changes me to be the Christ-like person I was created to be.



Got You Thinking?

Hopefully some of these insights got you thinking.

✦ *Are we trying to entertain people to Jesus?*

✦ *Are we trying to make Christ a little snazzier and culturally appealing?*

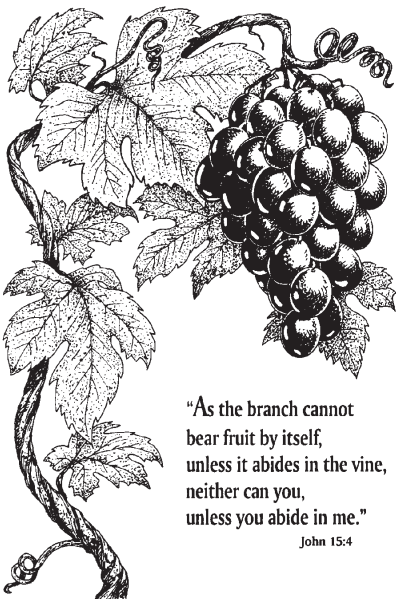
✦ *Are we trying to reinterpret the message to fit each new generation?*

✦ *Do we expect the church to conform to our own wishes and desires?*

✦ *Or, do we seek to introduce people to the eternal and all powerful Son of God?*

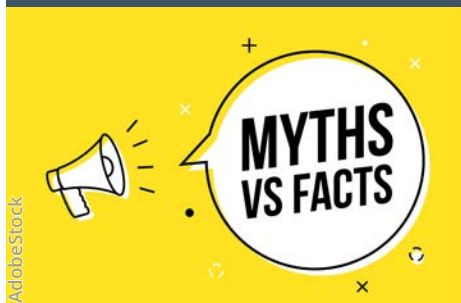
His is a message that is unchanging and relevant for every generation of lost sinners.

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"As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me."

John 15:4



Mythbusters #4

By Associate Pastor Mike Fast
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Today's myth is the declaration some have made that Christianity is opposed to science, or perhaps better stated, as *incompatible* with science.

Outgrowing ... God?

Richard Dawkins has written a book called "Outgrowing God." Dawkins is an outspoken atheist and naturalist who declares that evolution is the answer for where we find morality and the definition of good.

In a TED talk, he promoted "militant atheism." He stated that the mingling of Christianity and science is not possible. He said, "*Evolution is fundamentally hostile to religion ... I believe a true understanding of Darwinism is deeply corrosive to a religious faith.*"

That's an interesting statement, and while I agree with him that Darwinism can be deeply corrosive to a Christian faith, I disagree with his stance that science and

Christianity cannot and should not exist together. But we need to remember that Dawkins, as an atheist, is truly struggling with science having a divine component.

Another One...

I've recently also read some of **Jerry Coyne's** recent book called Faith vs. Fact. Coyne is another outspoken atheist and evolutionist, and has in fact written another book called Why Evolution is True.

In his new book, he spends essentially all of it describing why Christianity and science are mutually incompatible. He calls them intrinsically opposed to one another.

Do YOU Agree?

Conversely, there are Christians who feel the same, in that we cannot mix science and faith, because they believe science does *not* allow for a divine component. That's *not* true, but there are many accounts where the church and scientists have had unfortunate disagreements; Copernicus and the church, followed by Galileo and the church are examples, but we should also remember that many contributions toward science, throughout history, have been by Christians.

Interestingly, the majority of Nobel Prize winners have been Christian.

Some Grains of Truth, BUT...

You and I appreciate science when we are taking a medication that a scientist ascertained will help us with our ailment, but that's *not* the main drive behind this myth.

The grain of truth that causes the problem in this myth has less to do with science and more to do with how the data is used conclusively in the science. The issues come when a scientist sets out to prove spiritual things based on their spiritual preference and *not* their findings. For instance, Dawkins, Coyne, and Lewontin are brilliant scientists, but they use their status as scientists to promote their beliefs in atheism. When you listen to them, or read their work, you soon discover a strange and bad mixture of philosophy and science.

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Observations Based on Science

I want to present four observations, and these observations are based on science that is by definition, "*the systematic observation and study of physical structure and behavior of physical elements*," meaning, science that is veritable and impartial in its ideal qualities.

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1. The Christian faith and the existence of God are not cheapened because of science.

This is a good point to remind ourselves of as we discuss every one of the myths; that because people believe in a myth, does not mean that said belief alters the character of God. God remains the same regardless of our misconceptions.

2. The Christian faith is a rational worldview with the support of reason, knowledge and evidence.

The Christian faith has the support of reason and knowledge and evidence. It is not just opinion or emotion. For instance, in **1 Corinthians 15**, the apostle Paul appeals to the historical evidence for Jesus' bodily resurrection. Jesus provided evidence of His deity by His miracles. Mankind was created with the ability to reason and think.

3. Science teaches us that God's glory is clearly visible.

English agnostic philosopher and mathematician, **Bertrand Russell** was asked what he would say if after he died he met God. Russell replied, "God, you gave us insufficient evidence."

Contrary to that, I believe God *did* give us sufficient evidence. **Psalm 111:2**, "Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who

delight in them." (ESV)

Psalm 19:1a, "the heavens declare the glory of God." (ESV) Not only does

Scripture assert that the heavens declare the glory of God, but Scripture also reminds us that God's glory is clearly visible. **Romans 1** tells us that ever since the creation of the world, God's works are visible and evident.

4. Science provides another opportunity for people to trust God or deny God.

Whether under a microscope, through a telescope, or with the naked eye, we see God's handiwork. This leaves us with a vital decision that we are *personally* left to make.

✠ Does the cosmological evidence point us to God?



✠ Does the teleological evidence (the fact that stuff has design and order) point us to God?

✠ How about the anthropological evidence (man's intellect, emotion and ability to reason)? (cf. **Romans 1:18-25**)

"Christianity is not rejected because it has been examined and found wanting for objective truth; it is often rejected because it hasn't been examined at all."

Psalm 111:10 reminds us that trusting in God is the most important decision. ✠

From the EBC Office!

Office News and Notes

By Alison Johnson



The office has been busy with so many things this summer. I am looking forward to the fall and school year starting and seeing so many people more regularly in the church during the week.

Starting Back Up

Bible studies start September 6 for Women's Ministry. Men's Bible study will begin September 7. Awana will begin with registration on September 6 and first week on the 13.

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AV Room Update

One big project that has been on the list of things to do is changing the AV or Resource room. It is now in the room just past the library in the office hallway. It got organized, moved, and new committee mailboxes added. It even has a new copy machine. Most supplies that classes and groups will need can be found there. If you have a need, but it is not there, feel free to let me know and we can get that solved.

90's Club Book

Another annual project was helping the visitation committee get the 90's Club book updated, printed, and assembled. This is a fun project to see how many of our church family are 90 years old or older and see their stories. There are extra copies in the Welcome Center for you to read, if you would like.

Ministry Fair, AND MORE!

Coming up on September 10 we have a big day of Ministry Fair, the annual church picnic, and baptism at the park.



For the church picnic we will be having the chicken like last year. Families with last names starting with A–L please bring a side dish or salad. Last names beginning with M–Z bring a dessert. We will provide paper plates, silverware, drinks, and napkins. It is a good idea to bring chairs, if you can, as well.

We look forward to seeing everyone there! ✝

(Shoebbox Ministry of Samaritan's Purse)

Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

By Kay Whitney
OCC Coordinator of EBC



It's the time of year when we start looking at filling Christmas shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. As you consider participating in this year's event, please consider purchasing the following items to be included in this year's shoeboxes:

✝ **Toiletry Items:** Bar soap (*in original packaging*), washclothes, combs, brushes, toothbrushes. **BUT** ... No toothpaste or deodorant.

✝ **School Supplies:** Pencils, crayons, coloring books, spiral notebooks, pencil sharpeners, erasers, small rulers, blunt scissors, index cards, solar powered calculators, markers.

✝ **Girls:** Dolls with clothing, hair ribbons, bows, barrettes, hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, flip flops, socks, sunglasses, purses.

✝ **Boys:** Cars, foam balls, plastic tools, hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, flip flops, socks, sunglasses.

✝ **Both:** Play-Doh®, yoyos, Etch-a-Sketch®, small frisbees, kaleidoscopes, marbles, small stuffed animals.



Can You Help?

If you would prefer to pay for postage, it is \$10 per shoebox. Please make checks payable to **Samaritans Purse** or put cash in a church envelope with OCC on the outside.

Each shoebox has information for The Greatest Journey, a 12-week discipleship course designed for OCC shoebox recipients.

Thank YOU!

Thank you for your contribution to this ministry that blesses children who may never get another gift for Christmas.

SHOEBBOXES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE EBC MINISTRY FAIR ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10. ✝



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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

This summer turned out much different for **Sylvia** and me than we had anticipated or planned. Sylvia's brother was taken to the hospital in May up in Washington with a life-threatening infection.

Little Did We Know...

In summary, he had far more problems than we knew of and Sylvia has had to wrangle with state bureaucrats for days at a time to help her brother get the care and support he needed.

We have made numerous trips to Washington to get **Allan**, her brother, into the Medicaid system. I am glad to report that her efforts have paid off and Allan has been approved. There were times of stress and tension as we had to make difficult decisions, but the overall experience was marked by God's guidance, intervention, and peace.

Many Problems to Go Around

There are numerous other EBC families that are dealing with difficult situations as tough as ours or even more difficult. Health problems, financial problems, family problems; **PROBLEMS!**

The Question

The question I want to explore is *"How do I experience the peace of God while dealing with stressful problems?"*

In **Luke 19: 41–44** we read that Jesus stopped as He approached

Jerusalem and cried **"Would that you had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes."** (ESV). We have God's Word to find those **"things that make for peace"** with the Holy Spirit

opening our eyes to the ways and blessings of God; no longer do we need to be blind to His peace!

Blind AND Numb

People that are blind to God's truth (*unbelievers*) try to find peace through many ways but end up with a false peace that does not stand the

tests of life and time. Some use alcohol or drugs to "numb" their minds and assume that this is the "peace" they are craving. They end up with addictions that create much bigger problems and no peace.

Others look to false religions to find the peace they desire. I had a couple of friends at work that embraced Buddhism to find their "peace" through meditation and good works. Although nice people, they did not have the inner peace of God. People embrace materialism to distract themselves and to appear *put together*. The Bible says that **"there is no peace for the wicked"** in **Isaiah 48:22** (ESV).

Finding Peace

Christians sometimes also have a difficult time gaining peace in their lives, but this is not God's fault. Paul

tells us in **Romans 14:19** **"let us pursue what makes for peace and mutual understanding"** (ESV). There is *no* automatic peace. We must do our part by right living and right thinking to gain the peace of God in our souls.

Know Jesus, Know Peace

The source of all true peace comes from God. He created peace. His Son is the Prince of Peace. He maintains peace and He will make peace the eternal state for us in His kingdom.

There is *no* true peace apart from our Sovereign Creator God. But know for certain that there are barriers to experiencing God's peace even as Christians. Peter warns us that **"as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions which war against your soul"** **1 Peter 2:11** (ESV).

Barriers?

What are some barriers to experiencing God's peace?

1) Wrong desires and/or ambitions: The Bible says that if we hold to wrong desires or selfish ambitions that we are not following the will of God. (**Philippians 2:3; James 1:13-15**)

2) Covetousness: The 10th commandment forbids us to hold a strong desire to have other people's things. Paul warns us that covetousness can keep someone from inheriting anything in the kingdom of God. (**Exodus 20: 17; Ephesians 5:5**).

3) Anger will rob us of the peace that comes

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Elders

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from God: **James 1:20** points out that our anger **“does not produce the righteousness of God” (ESV)**. So many Christians have problems with their temper and outbursts of anger. It is obvious that the peace of God does not reside in their soul.

4) Critical or contemptuous attitudes or statements:

Jesus warns us in **Matthew 5:22** that those that are critical or contemptuous are putting their souls in danger. There cannot be peace when we are critical or contemptuous of others or even ourselves!

5) **Pride** is the state of mind that believes self is superior to others and wants glory for himself or herself. How can we expect peace when the Bible says that God loves a humble attitude.

6) **Believing false doctrine robs someone of peace.** Correct beliefs about God and His kingdom are foundational for having the peace of God.

IF ...

If I have a false idea about being justified from sin with anything but the death and resurrection of Christ, then I am not able to have assurance of my salvation which is foundational for peace. Paul tells us in **Romans 5:1**, **“Therefore having been justified by faith,**

we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (ESV).

Not having a clear grasp of Biblical doctrines that give us a true understanding of who God is and what He has done for our salvation can be a barrier to true peace with God. These are merely a few examples of how we can thwart experiencing the peace of God.

What Steps to Take?

What positive steps can we take to better experience the promise of peace from God? Paul says to make the effort to put aside greed, put aside covetousness, put aside anger, put aside pride and put aside false doctrines.

If we hang on to some of these things it is like having one foot on the dock and the other on a boat that is drifting out. **James 1:6–8** tells us, **“But him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord” (ESV).**

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any sin we are holding in our lives. To develop correct doctrinal beliefs in the character, attributes and work of God, we have to get to know Him by reading the Bible.

Then most importantly, **we must practice trusting Him** for all things, concerns, worries...**ALL** things. I must know His intentions for me. **Jeremiah 29:11** gives us the Lord's intention for His children; **“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give**

you hope and a future” (NIV).

As we read **Proverbs 3:5 (Trust in the Lord with ALL your heart...)** we can better understand what this means knowing what trust is. The more we let go of our past hurts, the more we know who God is and we understand that His intentions for us are for our good, the easier it is to trust Him. Only then can we have wonderful peace that passes all understanding.

Trust's Three Elements

Trust has three elements in it.

A) We must have the capacity to trust others. Some find it difficult to trust due to early childhood problems and trauma. Ask the Lord to help you to trust as the man in **Mark 9:24** when he cried out to Jesus “help my unbelief”! Help me to trust You, O Lord, is our cry today (**Romans 15:13 NIV**).

B) To trust someone you must know them. You cannot trust someone you don't know! To have an everlasting peace in the depths of our heart we must KNOW God. You know God from reading the Bible; you know God from experiencing salvation through Jesus Christ; you know God from daily prayers and answers as you walk with Him. Know His attributes from reading *“The Attributes of God”* by **Arthur Pink**.

C) To trust someone you must know their intentions and motives.

I trust my wife because she has positive motives for my well being. The same for our trust in God! ✝

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News from FEBC!

By Kevin Stone
President, FEBC



September 1, 2023

And just like that, fall is upon us. Kids are going back to school, and our churches are gearing up for a new season of ministry. Many of you are involved, but perhaps you are not aware of the work going on behind the scenes. From choosing Sunday School curriculum to activities for youth, from selecting a Christmas program to the formation of new small groups, planning for retreats, and much more, church leaders are in high gear around this time each year.

This is a good time to be praying for churches and leaders, and we at the FEBC are committed to do so. We also lend advice and encouragement to leaders as they work through the structures and programs that allow a church to operate effectively. The effectiveness of an FEBC church is truly dependent on faithfully teaching the full counsel of Scripture, but all these other things also have an impact. Please pray for your church leaders and look for ways you can be involved. The Body of Christ is not complete without your gifts!

We have been very busy preparing the FEBC International office for sale and are making great progress. Bookshelves and file cabinets are slowly emptying, furniture is making its way to other ministries, and hundreds of documents are being scanned and converted to an electronic version. We are painstakingly ensuring that we have at least one of every important document, and that all our history is included in our electronic database.

I am excited to report that we have already received a fair cash offer for our office, without having to officially list it. I informed our neighbors about our impending sale, and one of them wants the property. We are currently ironing out the details, but we expect to be completely out of the office and have the sale complete by October 1. Praise God for his faithfulness in this. What a blessing that we do not have to list and show the property.



The proceeds from this sale will help significantly in the short term, but they will not meet the goal of keeping our Ministries Coordinator on staff in the long term. Please do not forget this need for ongoing support and consider sharing it with your congregations. Information about pledging and giving can be found at our website: www.fellowshipforward.org.

I am so grateful for the ministry you provide to your own community, and for the Fellowship in which we are partners! Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support,

Serving Him together, ✝

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Awana Starting Up SOON!

Awana

By Matt and Lena Calef
Awana Ministry
Co-Directors

Lena and I are super excited for our 2023–2024 Awana year! We have spent August planning and working with each club to be ready for **registration on September 6, 2023!**

Go and Make Disciples!

Matthew 28:19 says, *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...*

At EBC, we have a fantastic opportunity to share the Gospel with our community through Awana. Last year 35% of the youth that attended Awana left the *home church* line blank. This gives EBC a unique position to share the Gospel with families in the Dallas area through the Awana program and we are excited to take on the task!

Working on Specifics

As Ministry Directors, we have been working at new ways to help make our Awana program successful. Our focus has been on security and program organization. If you are familiar with Awana, this year you will notice more intentional signs and directions for families. Along with club classroom changes and implementation of Awana's 5 and 3 count system.



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A poster for "Seasons of Life Couples Date Night". The background is dark with a white circular frame in the center. The text "SEASONS of Life" is written in a mix of bold, blocky, and cursive fonts. Below it, "COUPLES DATE NIGHT" is written in bold, blocky letters. The poster is decorated with various autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red. At the bottom, a white box contains the date "SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14", the price "\$40/couple", the time "6 PM", and the details "DINNER, HUMOR, SPEAKER, & CHILD CARE INCLUDED" and "EBC YOUTH CENTER".

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Mom to Mom

Back in Service

By Lena Calef

Mom to Mom Coordinator

Mom to Mom held our 2023–2024 Kick–Off on August 22. We were so excited to have about 25 women attend and 21 filled out registration forms for our new year. This kick–off was a time for moms to meet others, learn more about our ministry and introduce our steering team.

Thank You, Rena! Welcome Sue!

After many years of leading our **Titus 2 Moms**, (formally *Mentor Moms*), **Rena Schuck** has stepped down. **Sue Cacka** has agreed to take on the role. **Titus 2 Moms** are an important part

of our ministry. These ladies are invested in our moms and each has an assigned group to spend the year communicating with and supporting.

Vital Service

The experience of our **Titus 2 Moms** is vital so our moms not only form relationships, but to help grow in empathy and support so our moms know they are not alone in this journey.

We are so thankful for all the time, support and prayers that Rena has covered us with and she will be missed!



Meeting Plans

Mom to Mom meets most 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, 8:45 am to 11 am.

Our 2023-2024 Schedule

- ✦ September 12 & 26
- ✦ October 10 & 24
- ✦ November 14 & 28
- ✦ December 12
- ✦ January 9 & 23
- ✦ February 13 & 27
- ✦ March 12
- ✦ April 9 & 23
- ✦ May 14 & 28 †

Awana

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We are also working with our Sparks team to make a change to using the “*Together We Move*” Awana method. This is different from in the past. Each grade, Kindergarten through 2nd, will work on one of the three Sparks books. Each week, Sparks will be assigned specific sections and will work together with their small group leader. We are also adding Awana’s “Fast Track” method where every meeting will offer about 15 minutes before check-in where youth can work on additional verses and have an opportunity to make up

missed sessions for Sparks, T&T and Trek.

Help Wanted:

1) T&T Director for our Boys. Responsibilities:

Working with the Ministry Directors to plan the year, planning the individual schedule for the night within a particular area, supporting leaders, being prepared to share the Gospel, preparing the space for whatever is needed, greets families, and helps clean up. **Time requirement:** About 6 hours a week.

2) T&T Leaders for our Boys. Responsibilities:

Greet and engage with children, be prepared to share the Gospel,

implement the night’s lesson, hear and sign off on verses. **Time requirement:** About 4 hours a week.

3) Fast Track Leaders.

Responsibilities: Listening to T&T and Sparks youth recite their additional or missed sections before the Awana Club begins, signing off on handbook sections. **Time requirement:** About 1 hour a week.

4) Security Help

Responsibilities: Help roam the halls, monitor activity, be a familiar face to families. **Time requirement:** About 4 hours a week.

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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.

Alison: office@ebcdallas.org
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Women's Retreat: Friday - Sunday, Sept. 15 - 17

Breakfast & Bunco: Saturday, October 14 at 9 am

Secret Sister Reveal: Sunday, November 5 at 4 pm

Candlelight Dessert & Boutique:

Friday, December 1 at 6:30 pm

Boutique: Saturday, December 2 from 9 am - 2 pm



All EBC women are encouraged to participate in these events by inviting their friends, attending, and/or helping with the event. Contact the church office with any questions you may have. (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! †

2023 Women's Ministry Leadership Team

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

Position	Name	Phone	Email
Chairwomen	Alison Johnson Lori Bassham	503.623.2331	office@ebcdallas.org
Recording Secretary	YOUR name here!		
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		

Fall Bible Studies

Luke: Good news of great joy

Wednesday 9:30 Youth Center Classroom

Thursday 9:30 Ambassador Room

Thursday 6:30 pm Library

Precepts: Zechariah

Thursday 9:30 Builder's Room

New Testament

Thursday 9:30 Youth Center Classroom

Women's Ministry Moving Forward

By Alison Johnson
Chairperson, Women's Ministry

This fall there are several opportunities to get together with other women here at EBC.

September 15–17 we will have our annual Women's Retreat at Fern Hill Lodge in Monmouth. There is time to register until September 9.

Registration is open for *The Word Speaks* conference in Salem. This is a great conference to attend if you can. This year it is on November 3 and 4. The

speaker is **Courtney Doctor**. We have done a couple of her Bible studies this year. The tickets are \$99 and available online at www.thewordspeaksconference.com

Bible Studies Are Back!

Bible studies return Wednesday, September 6 and Thursday, September 7. On Wednesday mornings the studies are at 9:30 in the Youth Center classroom. On Thursdays the study is at 9:30 in the Ambassador Room (*across from the kitchen*)

and Precepts meets at 9:30 in the Builder's Room (*at the end of the hall*). On Thursday evenings there is a group at 6:30 pm in the church library.

For the fall, Precepts is working through **Zechariah**. These books for Precepts are \$17.00.

The other studies are working on **Luke**. These books are \$15.

Looking into the rest of fall we have **Breakfast and Bunco** in October.

We hope that you can join us for one of the studies or events coming up. ✝



When God Seems Far Away ...

Looking Forward

By Gwen Griffiths

On a bright day in the Black Hills of South Dakota, our young family set off on a hike at Sylvan Lake. As is common for our gang, we knew little about the hike—just that a sister-in-law had recommended it.

On the Trail

In the beginning, the path led us under a canopy of green, a brook splashing next to us. We helped our kids work their way down a chain of huge boulders and often dipped our feet in the cool water flowing next to us. As the trail descended, we chatted with the kids about our trip and the things that were currently important in their lives.

We didn't notice when the path and the creek diverged, or when the shade above our heads grew sparse. And so, when the trail beneath our feet was suddenly dusty and the heat from the sun overhead became intense, our first instinct was to check that we had not accidentally taken a wrong turn.

We soon encountered hikers that confirmed we were on the right path, so we hiked on. Surely the path would loop back into the cover of trees and comfort would return.

Conversation dwindled. Someone asked if we were there yet, and we stopped for a water break. After considering a U-turn (*certainly we had already covered more than half the distance!*) we continued.

Are We There, Yet?

The kids began to voice the complaints running through the minds of the adults. *"It's too hot! How much longer? Why do we have to do this? Can't a helicopter come get us?"* Somehow, we had wandered into a wilderness, and we had no idea how much time we would be required to spend there.

"The wilderness" is an apt description for the desolation we can feel when we perceive spiritual distance from God. When it seems like the refreshing, nourishing presence of the Father is absent, our Christian life feels barren and lonely. We have *head knowledge* that teaches us that God is everywhere, but our finite emotion-based selves feel as if His presence is gone.

What to Do?

So what *should* we do? First, we should check the

path of our heart. The presence of a "wilderness feeling" should motivate us to examine our heart and ask God to reveal any sinful patterns, attitudes, or habits that stand between our heart and the heart of our Father. Anything revealed should be confessed and repented of.

But what if, upon examination, nothing reveals itself? We must then consider that God may have a purpose and a plan for the wilderness we find ourselves in.

We Were Not Alone!

A few minutes spent paging through my Bible reveals many who spent time in the wilderness:

✠ Moses spent 40 years in the wilderness before leading the people of Israel. And then those people spent another 40 years there, learning what God required of His people.

✠ David hid from Saul in the wilderness.

✠ Elijah retreated to the wilderness, as did Jonah.

✠ Even Jesus & Paul spent time in the wilderness prior to beginning ministry.

All for His Glory

It seems clear that God purposefully utilizes wilderness experiences in

→ Please see *"Forward"* on page 15.



Forward

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the lives of His people, and I would like to suggest that when we find ourselves in our own personal wilderness, we can trust that He intends to use it to prepare us for something to come.

Think about it. As the comfort and distraction of the easy Christian life fade, we gain opportunity to become more dependent on our Provider. We see our own weakness and inabilities more clearly. And as we increase our trust and dependence on God, we become ready for a time of growth or testing.

And here's the cool thing about following a Savior of contradictions: when we intentionally seek Him—even as it feels like His presence is far away—we discover His nourishment for our souls.

Look Forward

Instead of focusing on *"how soon can I get out of here?"* we should instead choose to look forward, to shore up the walls of our faith. We must choose to savor the place where God has led us for this time, to settle in and seek to learn what God has for us, to watch for His work. *(In a future article we'll discuss how can do this in a practical way.)*



Epilogue

In the end, the trail *did* lead us back to the cover of trees, then the creek, and eventually, the lake. When we finally stepped on to the paved path encircling Sylvan Lake, the beauty of the water before us seemed more vivid than it had a few hours before, the water in the fountain where we refilled our canteens even more refreshing.

And I'd like to think that, on *that* hike, our family grew a little. We learned that discomfort won't kill us, that the wilderness even led us to our destination. ✝

Shoe Photo: AdobeStock

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VBS Adventure

By Alison Johnson



This year Vacation Bible School (VBS) had "Adventures at Sea." We had 98 children throughout the week come and hear about Jesus.

The kids observed as the pirates learned a lesson throughout the week in the skits. They worked on crafts each day and had great stories and lessons. Then we wrapped up the very busy VBS week with a recap for the parents and a hot

VBS photos in this article by Pastor Troy Bassham



dog dinner for all of the families.

Thank YOU, Volunteers!

Many thanks to all the volunteers that helped make this year go so well. From

➔ Please see "VBS" on page 16.



snacks, crafts, story, security team, registration, skits, songs, leaders, helpers, and everyone else involved.

We are looking forward to next year and the adventures to come.



Nursery Changes

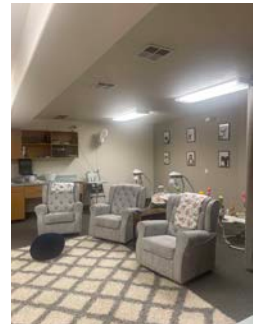
By Alison Johnson



Over the last month and a half the nursery has started a change over to new coordinators. **Madison Johnson** and **Elizabeth Calef** are taking over the responsibilities from me and learning all there is to do and take care of in the nursery.

They are sharing the position and looking forward to working with

the volunteers and families down there. There is always room for more volunteers both monthly spots and substitute spots. You can see them about helping at the ministry fair on September 10. ✝



Photos for this article by Alison Johnson.

New Van for EBC!

By Alison Johnson

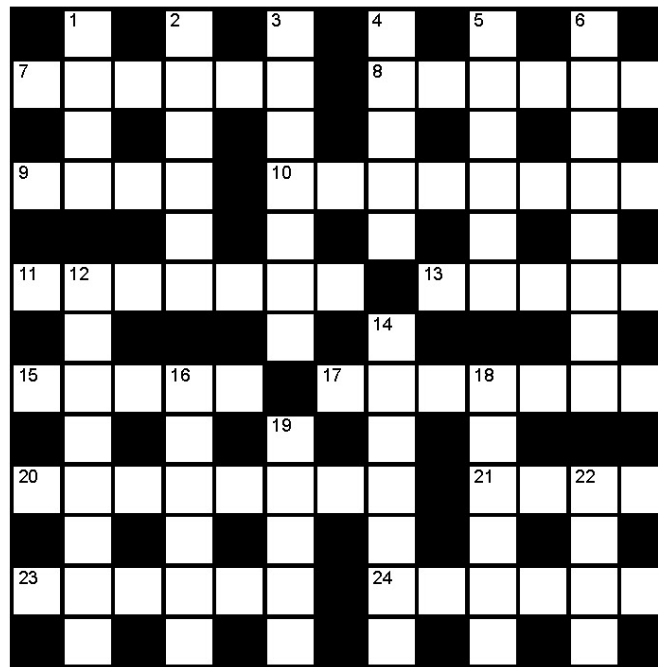
After a long wait, the new EBC van has arrived. Currently the rides to church from the Dallas retirement village are coordinated by **John Love**. The van arrives at DRV at 10:00 on Sunday mornings. ✝



Photos for this article by Joyce Harms.

Job

Please see page 23 for Puzzle Answer Key!



Across

- 7 One of Job's three friends. Job 2:11 (6)
- 8 "Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still _____ thine integrity? curse God, and die." Job 2:9 (6)
- 9 The bones of behemoth are like bars of this. Job 40:18 (4)
- 10 "In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at _____, and pass away: and the mighty shall be taken away without hand." Job 34:20 (8)
- 11 "What time she lifteth up _____ on high, she scorneth the horse and his rider." Job 39:18 (7)
- 13 Job said his eyes pour out these to God. Job 16:20 (5)
- 15 "Why doth thine heart _____ thee away? and what do thy eyes wink at." Job 15:12 (5)
- 17 The Leviathan's nostrils smoke "as out of a seething pot or _____." Job 41:20 (7)
- 20 "So the poor hath hope, and iniquity _____ her mouth." Job 5:16 (8)

- 21 "How _____ more abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity like water?" Job 15:16 (4)
- 23 "Is my strength the strength of _____? or is my flesh of brass?" Job 6:12 (6)
- 24 "If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, or have caused the _____ thereof to lose their life." Job 31:39 (6)

Down

- 1 "_____ remembrances are like unto ashes, _____ bodies to bodies of clay." Job 13:12 (4)
- 2 "God thundereth marvellously with his voice; great _____ doeth he, which we cannot comprehend." Job 37:5 (6)
- 3 "The pillars of heaven _____." Job 26:11 (7)
- 4 "There they cry, but none giveth answer, because of the _____ of evil men." Job 35:12 (5)
- 5 "Why dost thou _____ against him? for he giveth not account

of any of his matters." Job 33:13 (6)

6 "And said, _____ shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?" Job 38:11 (8)

- 12 Zophar said, "Know therefore that God _____ of thee less than thine iniquity deserveth." Job 11:6 (8)
- 14 "Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one _____ us in the womb?" Job 31:15 (7)
- 16 Job said, "I abhor myself, and _____ in dust and ashes." 42:6 (6)
- 18 "Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will _____ of thee, and answer thou me." Job 38:3 (6)
- 19 "Who teacheth us more than the _____s of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?" Job 35:11 (5)
- 22 "They reap every one his _____ in the field: and they gather the vintage of the wicked." Job 24:6 (4)

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This and That in Missions

By Sylvia Thomas
EBC Missions Committee

There are Christian missionaries all over the world spreading the Gospel message as Christ directed.

These dedicated missionaries need financial support to be able to do their work since most have given up jobs that give a regular paycheck. They instead depend on the Lord to provide their daily support in a less-than-regular salary.

Of course, the Lord does not pour money down from heaven to the missionaries. Instead He pours funds to us through the work that we do and we have the job of giving some of this to the work of the ministry.

Biblical Directive

We have the directive in the Bible to tithe our funds for the work of the Lord, and usually this is given to our local church fellowship for the ministries they do. We then have extra giving over and above this which we have the blessing of giving to others. Many in our congregation individually support various missionaries and organizations apart from their giving to EBC.

Mission Committee Task

The main job of the EBC Missions Committee is to manage the funds in the EBC missions budget. We take this responsibility very seriously

as we collectively determine how congregational funds allotted to the missions budget should be spent. We have developed a mixed menu of local and foreign missions to reach various groups of people and projects that we think best reflect the values of our church body.

We Have Limits!

Frequently we have requests for support from individuals or groups, but we cannot give to all of them. Instead, we use various policies EBC has in place to help guide our decisions.

Any organization that we support must adhere to our doctrinal statement and be submitted to the Elders for their review. Prayerfully, we then consider if any request should be denied, be given a one-time gift, or be considered for regular support. Even for regular support, we have guidelines as to the amounts allocated for couples or families. Some requests are best left to individuals who have special interest in certain projects rather than congregational support.

Pray for Guidance

In any case, please pray for our committee: that the Lord guide and direct us, give us wisdom and discernment, and that we are attentive to the needs of the

missionaries and groups that we have committed to. We are grateful for the many ways that the Lord has used the funds He has given us to administrate for His glory. Thank you for your part in giving and praying. ✝

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Save the Date!

By Patty Van Well
EBC Missions Committee

The Missions committee is excited to announce that **Steve and Mikki Schmidt**, missionaries with SIM in Africa, will be here at EBC on **Sunday, October 15**.

This will be a Focus on Missions day and Steve will be sharing from the pulpit at both services. There will also be a Sunday evening time of sharing at 5:00. Watch for more information as details are still being finalized.

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Child Evangelism Fellowship of Oregon, Inc.

Polk County CEF Chapter

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Main Ministries

✠ Good News Club®

Bible clubs for kids held in churches, schools or homes that include songs, games, Bible lessons, snacks and more.

✠ 5-Day Club®

Summer week-long clubs similar to a VBS that includes snacks, games, songs, Bible lessons, and missionary story.

✠ Party Clubs

Afternoon clubs that last 1 1/2 hours, centered around holiday or other themes that can be scheduled anytime of the year.

✠ Fair ministry

Sharing the gospel with children by telling the Wordless Book Story.

✠ Christian Youth in Action®

A teen summer camp and missions program that trains them to teach Clubs.

✠ Check out our YouTube® Channel U-Nite for kid-friendly curriculum and songs.

CEF of Oregon, Polk County Chapter coordinates after school Bible Clubs called Good News Club, 5-Day Clubs in the summer and holiday party clubs anytime of the year. You can volunteer to host one of these clubs in your home, a favorite park, your church or school in Polk County.

CEF stands for Child Evangelism Fellowship, a non-profit organization that screens and trains teachers to teach these clubs for kids, geared towards 5–12 year-olds. They also have a summer missions program for teens called *Christian Youth in Action*. The teens attend a week-long training camp in June and go out for the month of July, teaching and leading 5-Day Clubs.

A Whole-Family Ministry!

Volunteering with CEF is a ministry that an entire family can do, whether it be hosting, teaching, attending, or helping to set up for a club.

You can also volunteer to help in the local CEF office with clerical duties or cleaning. During the summer time we also ask for volunteer drivers to help get teens back and forth to clubs.

Real-Life Application

One time I was preparing to teach a Good News Club, practicing my Bible story out loud, when my little 5-year old daughter wanted to listen.

I told her that she'd hear the story later that day at the club and would get tired of hearing it twice, but she

assured me she wanted to listen. When I got to the invitation to receive Jesus Christ she had tears in her eyes and wanted to pray right then and there.

It was humbling, knowing that I could've pushed her away unknowingly. When children are ready to receive Jesus we need to be prepared and ready to share the Gospel with them.

The entire ministry of CEF is to prepare our young people and families to share the Gospel in a systematic and careful way, giving opportunities for children to come when ready. They need an invitation, just like we do. Many people do not come to Jesus simply because they are not invited. ✠

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Introducing Adolescents to Christ!

Young Life

By Jake Michalovich
Staff Associate



Here at Dallas Young Life we have a mission to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ, and help them grow in their faith.

The way that we primarily do that is by going to where kids are, get to know them, and love them where they are, just like Jesus did for the lost while He walked on earth. Apart from going into the lives of kids, we will have Clubs, where kids get to come out on a school night for fun, games, prizes, and get to hear one of their Young Life leaders talk about Jesus.



YL Committee
Front – Kerri, Ruth, Lisa, Kristy, Kelleigh.
Back – Jerry, Joe, Ken, Mitch (missing: Judy, Nick)

Diving Deeper

We also hold *campaigners*, which is our version of Bible studies where we get to dive deeper into who Jesus is, why he came to earth to save our lives, and how we can live outwardly because of that sacrifice. Then, lastly,

we have camp where once a year we get to take kids to Washington Family Ranch in the summer for the best week of their lives!

Incredible Team

In addition to our leaders who go into the lives of kids, we have an incredible team who make sure our ministry runs that we call our Committee. Our Committee is the glue that holds our ministry together, from connecting with donors, checking in and filling the cups of our leaders, and taking on some of the administrative tasks that it takes to run our ministry.

A Newcomer

Young Life has only been around for a short time, but God has been doing amazing things through this ministry in the lives of our kids in the high school these past few years, and we are so excited to expand this ministry into LaCreole this fall.



YL Leaders – Ken, Ian, Michelle, Trent

Expansion = More Help Needed

As we expand, we need more hands on deck to make this ministry thrive. We are looking for God-fearing individuals who love kids and want them to experience Jesus on our team. This could be as a leader with

Young Life
(high school)
or **WyldLife**
(middle school),
a Committee member, a prayer partner, and/or through joining our ministry as a donor.

Can YOU Help?

If God is placing any of these options on your heart, or you want to know more about our ministry please contact me **(Jake Michalovich)** at **760.828.2205** or via **JMichalovichYL@gmail.com**

Note: Attached are a few photos of our kids at camp this summer. At camp our kids were able to experience God (*some for the first time*) through fun, club talks from an incredible speaker, and discussion with friends and one-on-one times with their leaders. ✝



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Weekday School of the Bible

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LaCreole

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High School Chapel

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Dallas Weekday School of the Bible is a release time program for Bible instruction and application for public school students. We are building a biblical foundation for strong family values and an understanding of who God is. Our purpose is to provide instruction for young people in our community and to help them gain

Here is the link to the updated Weekday Bible video.

<https://vimeo.com/854045550/78cb41b2fb>

knowledge and understanding of who Jesus Christ is and how to have a personal relationship with Him.

Dallas Weekday School of the Bible does not discriminate in regard to race, color, religious, or ethnic origin.

History

In the early years Bible lessons took place near the only elementary school in town, Morrison School. The Bible class was held at the First Christian Church, just a couple blocks away. In the early 1950s, Lyle School came on line and a chapel was built on Rainbow Street. As Whitworth School became part of the Dallas School District an effort was made to provide busing of the students to the Lyle Chapel. However much of the class period was consumed by the busing.

In the late 1970s **Ted Westfall** worked with a donor at the First Presbyterian Church to provide a vacant lot adjacent to the new Oakdale School. A chapel was erected, becoming the second building and offsetting busing from the new school. Ted's vision was to have a chapel by each elementary school, so the next one would be at Whitworth. **Don and Edythe Perry** lived directly east of the school and generously provided space on their large lot for this new chapel. This occurred in the early 1980's.

As the program expanded to include middle school young people, another chapel was built just north of LaCreole School with the generous provision by the First



Methodist Church and building skills of **Steve Cameron**.

Finally, in 2000, another lot became available across from Dallas High School. A major fund-raising effort brought to fruition this great facility. All buildings were funded with no loans! This history overlooks the true wonder of relationships and staff people who have carried the message of God to Dallas young people over several generations.

We praise God!

Multiple Locations

Weekday Bible has a chapel building beside every regular school building in Dallas. At Oakdale and Lyle we have classes for 2nd and 3rd graders. At Whitworth we teach 4th and 5th grades. LaCreole is our middle school chapel, for 6th, 7th and 8th

→ Please see "Weekday School" on page 22.

Donations Appreciated!

Weekday Bible is solely supported by donations from churches and individuals. Gifts can be sent to:

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Weekday School

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graders, and high school covers 9th through 12th grades.

How to Register

Students can register during orientation, or they can go online to sign up at www.weekdaybible.com. Registration is required for attendance.

Answered Prayer

Our Middle/High School Director took a new job, so we have been praying about who could fill that role. God answered that prayer this week! We have hired a new director, and God is also providing for all of our teaching staff needs as well. It is a wonderful blessing to have such a great staff already lined up!

We are currently setting up meetings with the principals at each school, where we will come up with our class schedules for the coming school year. We are eager to get back to teaching Bible lessons to our children when school begins. ✝



Natasha Griffiths Update Greetings from Germany!

By Natasha Griffiths

It's crazy that I've only been in Würzburg for a little over a week because it feels like a lifetime.

✠ From day one I was having conversations with the other kids about religion, my all time favorite subject. There's at least five kids here who walked away from the Mormon Church, two who walked away from the Catholic Church and a toss up of people who might still be going to church but don't know what to believe, don't know but want to believe something, or don't know but are willing to hear others' opinions.

I've made a pact with myself that I will listen and ask questions first. I'm hoping that the way I live my life is my testimony until someone wants to ask. I've shared a bit of what I believe, but for the most part I've just asked numerous questions about the belief system of others.

✠ I love our German class.

I was placed in one of the two beginner classes but our teacher only speaks German and our work book is only in German. However, I think I'm doing really well.

Because of how much we're out in the city, I've become comfortable

with trying my best at forming a sentence to ask questions at the shops. During class my teacher gives two other students and me extra work during class since we're

understanding more than the rest. We could move up to the next level, but I think this repetition is good for me and in a week or so we'll be learning things I don't know yet.

✠ Würzburg loves its bells.

The reason I'm posting this and not taking a nap at this moment is because the 15:00 bell rang for five minutes straight. There are at least six churches in hearing distance who all

I've made a pact with myself that I will listen and ask questions first.



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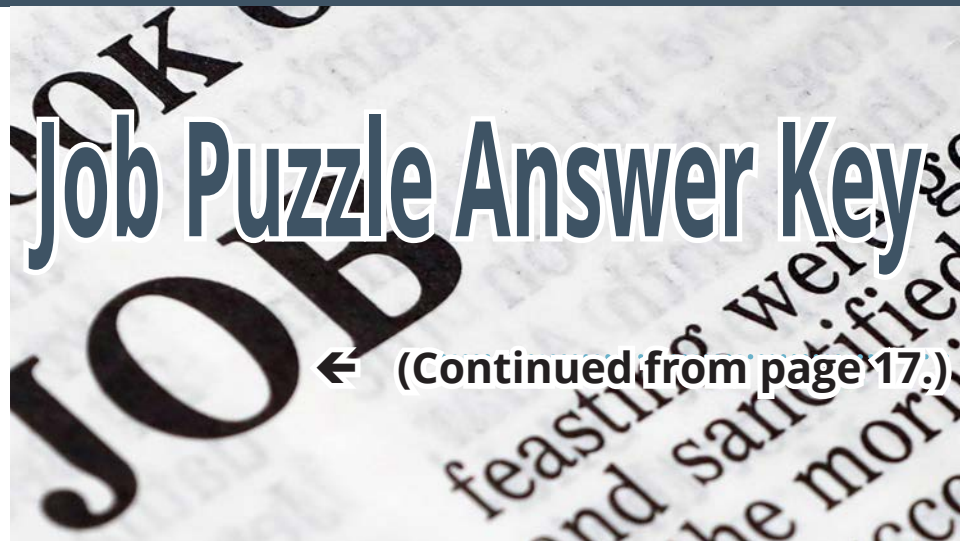
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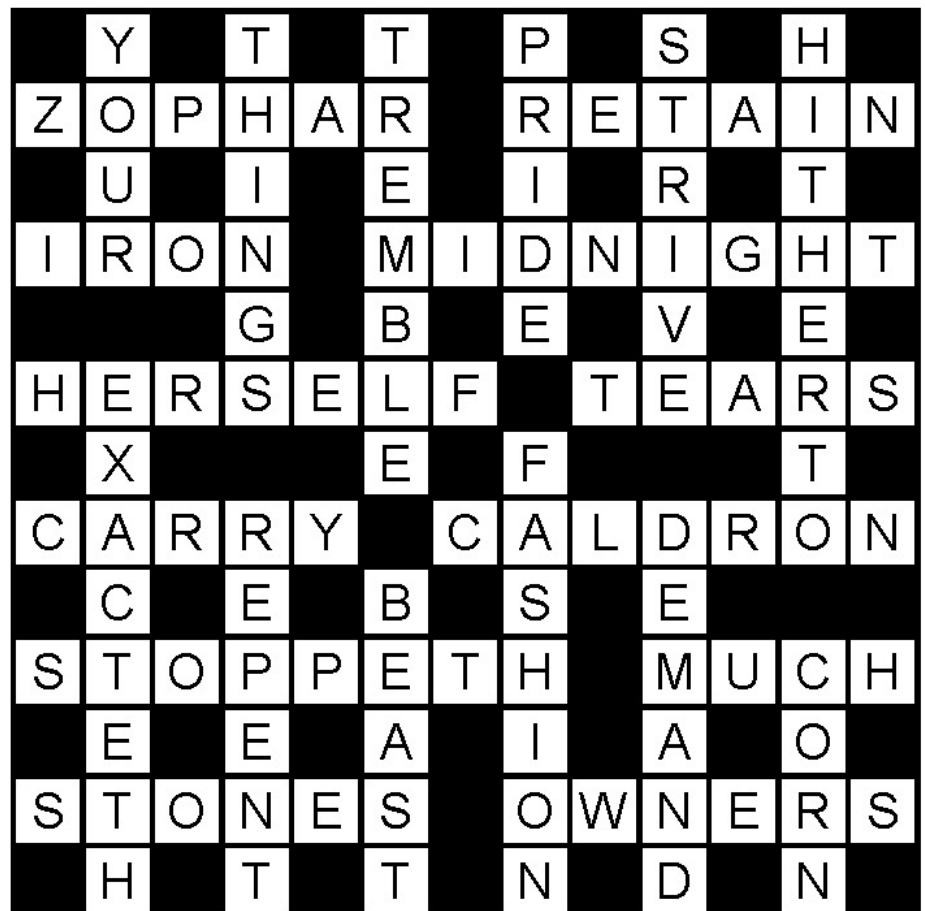
love to ring their bells at a change of an hour, every 15 minutes and sometimes at times that no one knows what it's for.

✠ Right behind us is a castle that very rudely blocks the sunset, but is breathtaking in its vastness. I've been up to the castle a multitude of times but have yet to go inside or go to the museum. Hoping to do that soon! Also hoping to watch the sunrise from the castle this weekend.

✠ Overall, I feel so grateful to be here! I love my roommates and I love the relationships I'm building with everyone here. The city is beautiful and the food is... well there's a lot of mush in Bavaria. I'm learning more and more every day. I think this month at camp will be one of the easiest and I'm trying to soak it all in! Thank you for all your prayers for me, I am ever so grateful for them. ✠



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Missionaries & Ministries EBC Supports!

The focus of the Mission Committee is to follow the mandate Jesus gave to go into the world for the advancement of evangelism, discipleship and Christian education in a manner effective for the culture being reached. The committee exists to be a supportive and evaluative conduit between EBC and the work on the mission field that the congregation supports, maintaining an attitude of advocacy for missionaries and corresponding projects.

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



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

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- ✠ Work at Bethel Bible Camp in Wellfleet, Nebraska
- ✠ Involved in youth ministry, maintaining the camp facility



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

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

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EBC Supports

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- ✠ 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
- ✠ 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



Steve and Mikki Schmidt

SIM Missionaries

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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

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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

Weekday Bible: Pray that many children and teens would choose to attend Bible classes, that their hearts would be open to the gospel and those who already know the Lord would grow in their faith

The Gate: As teens return to The Gate pray that God will bring the right workers and volunteers who will connect with them.

River of Life: Pray that the upcoming residents will embrace their new lifestyle and find balance in their lives while seeking the Lord and getting to know Him better.

Stents: Central Asian refugees are coming to “Tea and the Word” time at church on Saturdays. Pray for their salvation.

Village Missions: Please pray for more pastors who desire to shepherd rural and small town churches so that Village Missions can provide pastors to all of the churches waiting for one.

Goossen: There are young believers in Mucambo who have come to faith at the coffee shop. Pray that they will grow in their faith and service and for God's direction at the coffee shop.

Yount: Pray that the incoming freshman class at Moody Aviation will adjust to life in Spokane and their new community. Keep the health of their baby boy, due late October, in prayer!

Bulande: The rainy season is coming to Mozambique and the new church building needs a roof! Pray that they can get zinc roof sheets on in time.

P.T.L. (Praise the Lord!)

Weekday Bible: God has raised up an incredible staff for the coming year! They are anxious and excited to work as a team and teach the children of Dallas from God's Word.

The Gate: The Gate had several kids attend various camps during the summer and at least two who attended put their trust in Jesus!

River of Life: God's amazing provision has provided jobs for the residents in the most unlikely places!

Village Missions: A new Payroll Specialist has been hired. Praise God!

Goossen: Mary had nasal/sinus surgery that has been improving her hearing and she thanks everyone for their prayers. They are back in Brazil and getting to work again.

Bulande: They were encouraged by, and grateful for, the visit from the director of the SIM sending office in Switzerland who spent several days with them. ✝

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.

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Theme: Camp

Camp was a theme of this summer for us. We took eight teens to San Marcos Christian Camp in Santa Barbara for the first time. Daniel was the camp speaker. Cindy had a full cabin of girls. It was a great week of building relationships and discipling some of the teens of Stonyford Community Church! In addition, we held the church's annual Sports Camp. Twenty-five kids participated, and the entire church helped. We feature four teams: basketball, volleyball, marksmanship, and *"Kick-Start"* (our program for the little ones). All the children heard the story of Joseph and how it points to Jesus. Many of them memorized our theme verse (**Psalm 18:2**).

Dan & Cynthia Reagan
Stonyford, CA ✝

Riverside Baptism Service

God provided a beautiful day for our Riverside Baptism Service. We set up a canopy by the nearby river. First, we held our worship service there. Then I baptized two people from the church. Afterward, we returned to the church for a BBQ. It was such a wonderful celebration of Jesus Christ and His work of salvation! We hope that word of the church service and baptisms spreads among the community and causes people to consider where they stand in the scope of eternity.

Thomas & Micah Heotzler
Blodgett Mills, NY ✝

Unique Outreach

This is the second year of our "wood ministry"—an outreach to the recreational crowd that swells to large numbers each summer. Doug prepares bundles of wood just right for a family at a campsite. He includes in each one a sealed bag with a church brochure, copies of *Daily Bread* and "More than a Carpenter," and a Peace with God tract. Then we head to Fort Randal Recreation Area on the Missouri River and North Point Recreation Area on Frances Chase Lake. We drive around and offer a free bundle of wood to each family we see at a campsite. We tell them we are from the Pickstown church and invite them to a worship service. Last year Doug distributed 120 bundles, and several families visited our church as a result. So far this year, we've given away 45 bundles.

Doug & Sally Johnson
Pickstown, SD ✝

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
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you!** ✝



September

September 5 – Ladies Missionary Fellowship

September 6 – Awana Registration Night

September 6– Women's Bible Study Begins

September 7 – Women's Bible Study Begins

September 7 – Precepts Study Begins

September 7 – Men's Bible Study Begins

September 10 – Church Picnic

September 10 – Ministry Fair

September 11 – Hymn Sing

September 12– Mom to Mom returns

September 12– Forged Youth Group returns

September 13– Awana begins

September 14– Compass Youth Group returns

September 15–17 Women's Retreat

September 17 – New evening series begins

September 23 – Men's Trap Shoot & breakfast

September 26 – Mom to Mom

September 27 – Membership Class

THANK YOU, Alison Johnson, for providing the calendar graphic.

**18 But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without
deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds 26 As the body without the spirit is dead,
so faith without deeds is dead.**

James 2:18, 26 (NIV)