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Stand Firm!

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I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

1 John 3:4 (NKJV)

In Paul's second letter to Timothy, he gives the following warning, **"But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come . . ."** 2

Timothy 3:1 (NKJV)

Time is Short?

Sometimes, the days feel perilous and we wonder if the time is drawing short.

We hear of wars

and rumors of wars and witness that the love of many has grown cold. Events like what is happening in Israel and Gaza, and the ongoing war in Ukraine can make us remember the words of our Savior in **Matthew 24.**

While the day of our Lord's return remains a mystery, it feels that, as **Dr. David Reagan** regularly says, *"You can almost hear the footsteps of the Messiah."*

However ...

However, in this particular warning, Paul isn't speaking of civic unrest, famines, natural disasters or wars—the types of occurrences that often send us to brush up on our

knowledge of books like **Daniel**, **Ezekiel**, and **Revelation.**

Paul instead speaks of a spiritual malady—a sickness

of character, of people giving themselves over to sinful desires and behavior. He warns that, in these



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dark times, there will be... **"a form of godliness (that denies) its power."** 2 Timothy 3:5 (NKJV)

In recent days and weeks, and far too often, I've seen professing believers speak words which are contrary to Scripture. I'm *not* talking about inter-faith disagreements about election, spiritual gifts, eschatology, the roles of women in ministry or the proper mode of Baptism—areas which *do* matter but are not essential to a correct understanding of the Gospel and the ability to live as holy witnesses.

Rather, views are proclaimed that stand opposed to the clear reading of Scripture and centuries of established orthodox beliefs and practices that cut across denominational distinctives.

Be Aware...

To be sure, this is not a new trend. False teachers and departures from

the faith have *always* been with us (1 Timothy 1:18–20, 2 Timothy 3, 4:10–11, 1 John 2:18–19, 2 Peter 2, Jude 1:3–4). But it seems, at least from my vantage point and the circles in which I travel, that this is happening with increasing frequency. I'm not talking about those who neglect Christian fellowship or have fallen into disobedience, *but of those who reject the truth of God's Word while projecting a charade of spirituality and those who walk away from the faith altogether.*

Another Perspective

I was listening to another preacher this week, exposing many of the destructive heresies that come under the guise of Christianity. In the end, almost all of these distortions had a diminished view of God and Scripture and an elevated appraisal of man. Perceived happiness was more important than holiness, experience was superior to established practice and tradition, and maintaining relationships was more important than keeping sound doctrine. The natural end to all of these false teachings was an inversion of the true order of things—of God serving us instead of us worship Him: an idolatry of ourselves and desires.

Warnings...

This is alarming, but not unexpected. Scripture warns:

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers..." 2 Timothy 4:3 (NKJV).

I Have My Reasons!

At this point, I want to state my reason for writing this article. It is

not to give in to despair or anger, but rather to encourage that we remain purposed to stand firm, deeply rooted in God's truth. That we would not be swept up by any false teacher, new doctrine, or by the prevailing so-called wisdom of this age.

Keep the Flame Burning

Instead we should be like the women who kept their flame burning, oil in their lamps, until the return of the Master (Matthew 25). Like Jude, **it is my desire to see that we are alert and aware**, so that we may stand against spirits of deception and disobedience. That we may be faithful until the end.

What to Do?

So, what shall we do? **We need to know the truth and walk in it.** May we be like the listeners of Jesus who *heard* His words and put them into practice, those he likened to the wise man who built his house on the rock (Matthew 7).

One or the Other

Because Jesus is either Lord or He is not. We don't get to choose a third possibility—He has not left that as an option.

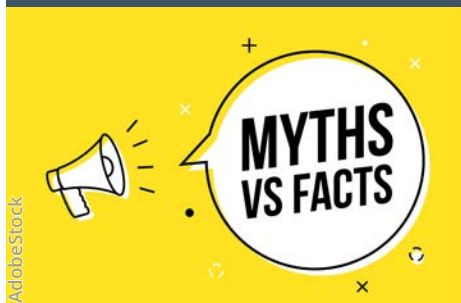
I believe God IS God and His Word is true. As such, I need to let Scripture stand in judgment over me, and I need to be transformed through the Spirit's work within me. **We are called to stand firm.**

Let us know the words of Christ and apply them. †



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Mythbusters #6

By Administrative Pastor Mike Fast
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The saying "*Christians should not judge*" is a misconception based upon one verse from **Matthew 7**, perhaps the most well-known verse in the unsaved world. This brings up two things we need to discuss as it pertains to this myth, one being how we understand the Bible, and two, how we communicate with others.

A. Interpreting Scripture

It is when we get lazy with the Word that we pull crazy ideas and myths from single verses, like **Jeremiah 29:11**, **Philippians 4:13** or others we have talked about in the past months.

I have heard some crazy ones through the years, like a Christian who justified drunkenness because, in **John 2:9** it tells us that Jesus turned water into wine.

I recently heard the craziest interpretation of **Matthew 14**,



when Jesus divides up the bread and fish to feed the 5,000, as justification for music and software piracy and torrenting.

So, I want to highlight four things regarding interpreting Scripture. These are not the all-encompassing guidelines for exegesis and interpreting the Bible, but four simple tips.

1. Always find out what the Bible says before you try to tell what it means.

This is a common mistake that contributes to the existence of many of these myths we are looking at. People often open the Bible hoping to pluck a statement from it that they want it to say. They go to the Bible looking for it to validate their theories, not studying it to determine the accuracy and truth of what is presented.

2. Apply the major intent of the author and not just minor details of the passage.

In **Romans 5:20**, Paul wrote that "*where sin increased, grace increases all the more.*" (NIV)

I am a Christian *under grace*, so, according to that little phrase, if I just keep on sinning more and more, then grace will keep coming more and more. The problem is, that is *not* the major intent of what Paul wrote. In the context, Paul was explaining

that *if* we repent, God can forgive any sin. In fact, Paul knew the danger of people misinterpreting what he wrote, so two verses later, Paul rhetorically asks, "***Are we to continue in sin so that grace may abound? God forbid. Of course not. How can we who died to sin still live in it?***"

This happens with **Matthew 7:1**. The verses right before it, at the end of **chapter 6**, are encouraging us to judge the faithful provisions of God. Then in **Matthew 7:2-5** the statements are inferring some kind of judging. **Matthew 7:6** says we should judge the character of people. **Matthew 7:15-16, 20** advises us to judge the qualities of those who profess to be Christian leaders.

Even on to the end of the chapter, it talks more about judging our qualities and discerning right from wrong. We cannot miss the major intent and just pluck out a minor statement without considering the rest of the text and topic.

3. Application should never seem contrary to other clear Bible passages.

There are also many Christian groups that use **Matthew 7:1** as a justification for how we prefer to live. Some have used it to declare that all legal systems are wrong. *But, then, what do we do with **Romans 13** and a few other passages that inform us otherwise?*

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4. Assess and balance Scripture with Scripture.

The best interpreter of Scripture *is* Scripture. This is where the work comes in, the digging and reading of more and more Scripture. Do the work, find out what the Bible says before you try to tell what it means, and look for the major intent of the author, and evaluate and balance all of Scripture with more Scripture.

This statement, “***Judge not***” in **Matthew 7:1** is not a declaration against every kind of judging, but it is a statement against some kind of judging, and we only find that answer when we study more of the context and more of the Scriptures.

When we read the very next verse, **7:2**, it becomes obvious that this statement refers to our perspective and attitude towards others, so, let us now consider that.

B. Interacting with Others.

Many of the people who cite this myth to you are possibly implying they don't like the way you are coming across.

1. Bear in mind the worldly confusions of the unsaved.

Those who often have the tightest grip on this myth and are using it

often, are the unsaved, so, when we talk with them, we need to remember where they are coming from. They are lost. They are not bound to live as you do. They are not reasoning the same way as you, and you should not expect them to as long as they are without Jesus. They are living in a world of confusion, confusion regarding purpose, love, pleasure, truth, identity, and much more.

2. Be aware of your vocabulary.

My friend, **John Vawter**, wrote three books for those who are interim pastors in unhealthy churches. I was even able to contribute to one of the books just a bit with stories of churches I have worked with while doing assessments and consultation.

In the beginning, he wrote that “*it is a foundational imperative of the interim pastor to make evaluations of the church board.*” Then he continued, “*It is important to realize that evaluating is different from judging. Judging is God's job.*”

Dr. Vawter was trying to put an idea in a nutshell. He was differentiating between two types of judging, which is precisely what we are talking about.

In **Matthew 7:1**, the term *judging* is connected with pronouncing another person guilty or righteous before God. Instead of “*judge not*,” it carries the implication of “*condemn not*.”

It is most certainly not our place to declare who is going to burn in Hell and who is not. That's God's area. And I am truly sorry for you if you

want to judge people based on what you see on the surface, because if that's what you want, **verse 2** says that God will judge you the same way.

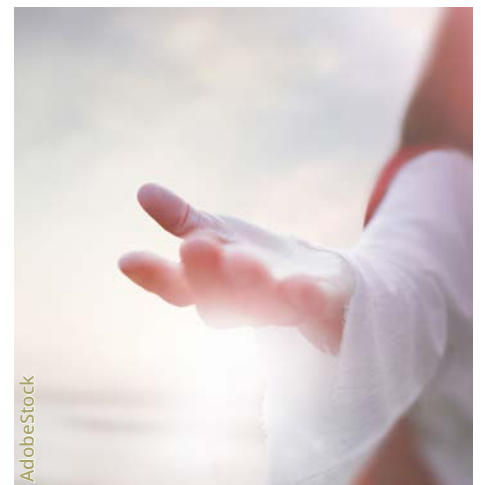
3. Bind professing Christians to a biblical standard.

This is what Jesus is talking about in **Matthew 7:15**. In **Matthew 18:15**, Jesus is talking about discipline in the church. Then you go to **1 Corinthians 5:11**, and the apostle Paul is addressing the same.

We have nothing to do with judging the unsaved, but those who profess to be saved are on a different accountable path. Judging the fruit of those who profess Christ is exercising discernment for the church body and concern for the individual. God's Word needs to be elevated above our opinions. We also need to judge our own heart, which is the next point.



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After interpreting Scripture and interacting with others, is this...

C. Include the grace of the Gospel in every interaction (Colossians 4:6).

1. Constantly evaluate your sin and weaknesses.

This is perhaps my favorite portion in the first paragraph of **Matthew 7 (vv. 3-5)**.

2. Compassionate, not critical.

Including the grace of the gospel in every interaction means that we are demonstrating our compassion for others. **1 Peter 3:15** tells us to let others know about the hope within us, the grace of the gospel, but to do it with gentleness and respect, with compassion. ✝

From the EBC Office!

Office News and Notes

By Alison Johnson



There are some changes coming for the office right now. **Elly** has moved on to new things, so there is just me for the time being.

Early Closure on Fridays

That means that I will be here on Fridays now, but we will be closing at 12:00. Once we evaluate the top needs in the office with **Pastor Mike** and the Elder Board, we will hire a replacement for the assistant position and let everyone know of any other changes.

In the meantime, I am working on the many things that happen all at once at the end of the year. It is such a busy time, but when I say that I truly love my job, *I mean it*. Everyone here is seriously the best. **THANK YOU!**

Closure Dates Coming Up:

There are some closure dates for holidays that you should know about:

- ✝ November 13 for Veteran's Day
- ✝ November 23 & 24 for Thanksgiving
- ✝ December 25 for Christmas
- ✝ January 1 for New Years

November 30—Substitute!

There will be a substitute in the office as well on November 30 as I will be going on a tour with other local church staff members to other larger churches and learning their children's ministry procedures, volunteer engagement, policies, and safety/security measures. ✝

Men's Ministry Retreat Planned

Retreat! Retreat!



By Rand Dow



EBC Men's Committee is planning a Men's Retreat on March 15–16, 2024. We plan to arrive by about 5:00 pm on Friday for dinner and then head for home on Saturday afternoon at 3:00 pm. We'd like to have at least 70 men (*and young men*) there!

Be watching for additional information! ✝

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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

Sylvia and I just got back from Romania after five weeks of teaching marriage seminars and preaching in several churches around southwestern Romania, plus two Romanian churches in Austria. We thank the Lord for the opportunity to share His Word with these brothers and sisters as part of our work with Romania Outreach Ministries and The Cross Foundation.

One of our tasks was to share what the Bible teaches us about God's pattern for a marriage that is healthy and a testimony of His work in our lives.

Relevant the World Over

Learning more about marriage is a relevant topic in America as well as in Romania. I like to use images when discussing marriage. A favorite image is that of a sturdy table in a house that is being constructed and, later, maintained.

In marriage, we each bring to the "marriage table" many things such as

our differing histories, expectations of our various family cultures, traditions, our differing knowledge base, understanding of life, our spiritual background, etc.



All this is heaped onto the table in a disorganized mess which needs to get sorted out. The goal is to learn to use our differences in a way that can be complimentary to build a strong relationship.

In a Christian marriage, the center piece on the table should be the golden bowl of the fruit of the Spirit:

- ✠ Love
- ✠ Joy
- ✠ Peace
- ✠ Long-suffering
- ✠ Kindness
- ✠ Goodness
- ✠ Faithfulness

Key Questions

A question for each spouse to ask themselves is:

- ✠ *Do they more often give to the table or take from it?*
- ✠ *Do you more often expect your own needs to be met by your spouse, or*

do you try to contribute to their needs as well?

For the foundation of a marriage to be strong, we need to have Jesus Christ as the cornerstone of our foundation.

Both Sylvia and I brought our faith into our marriage with the conviction that the Bible was the final authority in our lives. This has made all the difference in our 45 years together. It gives a standard to follow in decision making, values, and direction.

Start with the Foundation, THEN...

After the foundation is established, the framing and the maintenance of the house follows. One of the initial issues that often causes conflict is the question "who is the boss?"

Power Struggles

Many marriages are marked with power struggles over who decides what and when. Power structure in a marriage should be like a triangle, with Jesus at the top point. The husband and wife make up the base points at equal levels.

Even though the Bible tells us that the husband is head of the home and the wife is to submit to her husband as to the Lord, there has been a lot of misunderstanding about this. There are some families that interpret this as the husband is the boss and can act like a dictator while the wife remains simply an extension of him—this is fairly common in eastern Europe.

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The word in **Ephesians 5:22** for *submit* is different than the word for *obey* in **Ephesians 6:1** where it says “*children obey your parents*”.

A wife is *not* directed to “*obey*” her husband. **They are a team.**

What is Submission?

Submission means that the wife is to bring her goals into alignment with her husband's goals, both giving respectful feedback as the joint marriage goal is to serve Christ in a way that God directs.

Pray together about decisions, talk about options, then discuss good strategic directions without making it a struggle of win/lose. It is how a good team operates. *But* in the end, God has designated the husband to be the final decision maker who does his best to treat his wife with loving attitudes just as Christ loves the church.

Always Vigilant

Be vigilant about maintaining your marriage. If left in habitual neglect, there is danger that time and life can erode away the pleasure of each other's company. In **Revelation 2**, John writes about the church at Ephesus and concludes with the statement “*you have lost your first love*”.

We ... Not Me!

Our culture abounds with “*me*” first instead of “*we*”. We need to be willing to yield our ideas or desires to the other spouse with the goal of maintaining our first love. Resolving

conflict starts with having a humble attitude that seeks understanding and willing forgiveness.

GOD Created Marriage!

God created marriage, so use His handbook, *the Bible*, for directions on how to make our marriages a testimony to our extended family, our church, the community around us. As we more closely obey the Word of God, we will be more able to keep “our first love” and to be the husband and wife that God intends.

Behaviors/Goals to Have

Here are some behaviors and attitudes that can help as you contemplate your own marriage. These are compiled from people who have been happily married for over 40 years.

Behaviors

1 Read the Scriptures together and pray for one another. **2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18**

2 Seek and take counsel from others. **Proverbs 11:14**

3 Tell each other “I love you” often. **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

4 Listen to each other respectfully. **James 1:19**

5 Encourage one another—do not criticize. **Ephesians 4:29**

6 Ask for and give forgiveness when necessary. **Ephesians 4:32**

7 Do not say anything negative about your

spouse to others. **Proverbs 16:28; 17:9**

8 Agree to disagree on tough issues. **2 Timothy 2:23**

9 Talk over big decisions (money, children and relatives); no domineering attitudes. **Titus 3:2**

10 Be patient; we are all human with weaknesses. **James 1:3-4**

11 Be respectful; use the Golden Rule by doing for your spouse what you would like. **Luke 6:31**

12 Give to your spouse generously and unselfishly of your time, energy and resources. **Proverbs 11:24-25**

13 No domineering attitudes; this is not a kingdom with a dictator. **Ephesians 5:28; 1 Peter 3:7**

14 Be committed; this is a covenant relationship not a consumer relationship. **Matthew 19:6**

15 Be positive and optimistic about life; remember God is in control! **Romans 8:28; Colossians 1:16-17 †**



Missionary Christmas Boxes

By Kay Whitney
Missionary Box Coordinator

Funds are currently being collected for the missionaries that our church supports in the cute little "take-out" boxes. These boxes are available for pick up in the foyer so get yours TODAY!

You can include loose change, cash, and even checks. This extra contribution is intended to be a gift and these donations are not tax deductible. The filled boxes can be dropped off at the box provided in the foyer.

The last Sunday to donate is Sunday, December 10. †



(Shoebbox Ministry of Samaritan's Purse)

Operation Christmas Child (OCC)



By Kay Whitney
OCC Coordinator of EBC

THANK YOU to all who have already donated items, picked up shoeboxes to fill and/or postage for shipping.

Items still needed:

School supplies: Erasers, pencil sharpeners, spiral notebooks, pencil cases, solar powered calculators, blunt scissors, small rulers.

Toiletry Items: Toothbrushes, washcloths, combs, brushes, (hair ribbons, barrettes for the girls). **No toothpaste or deodorant.**

Miscellaneous: Stuffed animals, balls, coloring books, dolls, play-doh, yoyos, small frisbees, kaleidoscopes, marbles, flip flops, hats, gloves, socks, sunglasses.



Filled shoeboxes are due Sunday, November 12!

If you prefer to donate the cost of collecting, processing and shipping the shoeboxes, the cost is \$10 per shoebox.

Due Sunday, November 12!

Please place filled shoeboxes under the coat rack in the church foyer. The last day to bring filled shoeboxes is Sunday, November 12. †

FEBC Update

We received the following note from **Janet Rosenquist** of FEBC. Please keep **Kevin Stone** in your prayers as he recovers and gets back to his normal routine. We hope that he is able to continue his monthly column next issue!

Hi Bob,
Unfortunately, Kevin won't have his monthly [FEBC] letter for November in time for this next Sentinel. He has been ill with Covid since last week and is still not feeling well.

Thanks,

Janet Rosenquist †

Health Care Ministry Update

By Sherri Fobert

Once again our Health Care Ministry Team was approached on the possibility of hosting a presentation with regard to important documents adults should have ready for an emergency, a life altering emergency.

Important Documents

These documents could be a will, trust, power of attorney, POLST, and an advance directive. Along with a grief situation, trying situations can occur, and one can easily become overwhelmed.

These situations may not be easy to discuss and/or people will put them off “I’ll take care of it later”, but unfortunately something could happen and one, who is left, wonders where to begin.

Laws Change

Laws are constantly changing. Elderly parents, please consider having your final documents in place and share this information with a responsible family member. It is recommended that adult children talk with your parents, make sure you know their wishes and have the

legal documents in place to ease the handling of a situation when you are also dealing with grief.

Special Presentation

The Health Care Ministry Team has scheduled a presentation for

age of those individuals who would consider coming so the information could be tailored to their possible questions.

We CAN Help!

If you want solid information on wills, trusts, power of attorney, advance directives, and POLST forms, and haven’t completed a survey form, forms can be found at each Welcome Center.

It will take about 10 seconds to complete the form, and leave it at the Welcome Center by November 19.

This information would be very beneficial as we plan the upcoming event, **January 20, 2024**. Or let one of the following committee members know your thoughts:

✠ Julia Emblen

✠ Janet Minden

✠ Pat McMurchy

✠ Jaxon Brateng

✠ Connie Olliff

✠ Sherri Fobert †

Presentation on Important Documents:

Saturday

January 20, 2024

Please come—You’ll be glad you did!

Child care provided!

Saturday, January 20, 2024,

where professionals in the various areas will present information and answer questions. Child care will be provided.

Busy Time

We tried to hand out a survey the last two Sundays in October, but with signups for the Harvest Meal, Operation Christmas Child Boxes, Christmas donations for our missionaries, it was really difficult to distribute the surveys and get a feel for where we could help with specific information for our church family. We also wanted to know the

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Elderly parents, please consider having your final documents in place and share this information with a responsible family member.

The New EBC Security Committee

Safe and Secure

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By Paul Lyman

Co-chair of the EBC Security Committee

What does the Bible say about physical security in the church? How are we to respond to physical threats today?

We recognize as followers of Christ we must hold to a Biblical worldview in all areas of life, *but what does that look like when we talk about security?*

This is the introduction to a new series of articles which will be released each month examining what the Scriptures teach us about security related topics.

One of the most common verses used throughout the church security landscape today is **Nehemiah 4:9**. It says ***"And we prayed to our God and set a guard as a protection against them day and night."*** (ESV)

This verse is the response by Nehemiah and God's people to the opposition and threats of Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs and the Ammonites and the Ashdodites. In **Nehemiah 4:7-8** they are presenting opposition to Nehemiah's efforts to lead the rebuilding of the wall. **Nehemiah 4:9** was Nehemiah and his peoples' response to the threat and opposition.

Two-Pronged Approach

We should be using this same two-pronged approach to threats and violence the church is facing today.

As a church, our first response to the security and safety of our congregation is that we need to pray just as this verse describes. We are called to be people of prayer throughout the scriptures.

We are to pray for ourselves, our families, our friends, our enemies, our government, our society, our culture, and every other aspect of life. (**Matthew 6:6; 7:7, Luke 6:27-28, Ephesians 6:18, Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, James 5:16, 1 John 1:9, 1 Timothy 2:1-3**).

People Called to Prayer

1 Peter 3:12 states ***"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and the ears are open to their prayer."***

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." (ESV) We must recognize God hears our prayers and we are to be people of prayer.

Posting a Guard

Second, we need to recognize we need to post a guard. The word translated guard in Nehemiah

means one who is watching over for protection. This word is used eight times in the book of Nehemiah alone. In the context of Nehemiah, we can read in **verses 4:17a-18**

"Those who carried materials did their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other, and each of the builders wore his sword at his side as he worked. But the man who sounded the trumpet stayed with me." (ESV)

Serving As Gatekeepers

The concept of posting a guard is not just found in Nehemiah. In **1 Chronicles 26:12-16** we can see the watch established that will take place by the gatekeepers at the gates.

They were tasked with the protection of the city and people. We can see in **Jeremiah 51:12**

"Set up a standard against the walls of Babylon; make the watch strong; set up watchmen; prepare the ambushes; for the Lord has both planned and done what he spoke concerning the inhabitants of Babylon." (ESV)

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Again, the concept of watchmen and guarding for protection is clear. We need to recognize throughout the scriptures God uses His people many times rather than always taking action Himself. We see examples of Saul, David, and many others who God worked through for His purposes.

Times Are Changing!

While it may not seem a pressing matter, the rates of incidents raging from unauthorized entry, theft, physical altercations to enforcing no contact orders by refusing entry to affected parties is on the rise. In response to the need to be good stewards of God's resources and to care for the flock, we are formalizing this process and starting a more comprehensive program to meet the needs of our body.

While this may seem like a great undertaking, it is because it is! The facilitation of orderly worship and caring for the flock is throughout scripture, such as **1 Chronicles 9:21-24** which says: **"Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah was gatekeeper at the entrance of the tent of meeting. All**

these, who were chosen as gatekeepers at the thresholds, were 212. They were enrolled by genealogies in their villages. David and Samuel the seer established them in their office of trust. So they and their sons were in charge of the gates of the house of the Lord, that is, the house of the tent, as guards. The gatekeepers were on the four sides, east, west, north, and south." (ESV)

... some of the changes [to come] are necessary for maintaining the correct posture of security, and thereby the safety of God's people gathering together.

Caring for His Flock

Now, that is a pretty good indicator that God definitely ordains the need to care for his people, his flock. So in the next few months as we go through a recruitment and training phase of the church security team, please do not get frustrated, some of the changes are necessary for maintaining the correct posture of security, and thereby the safety of God's people gathering together.

New Line Item Coming Soon!

In the next budget cycle, there will be a new line item, for security. Be aware, this is not new except

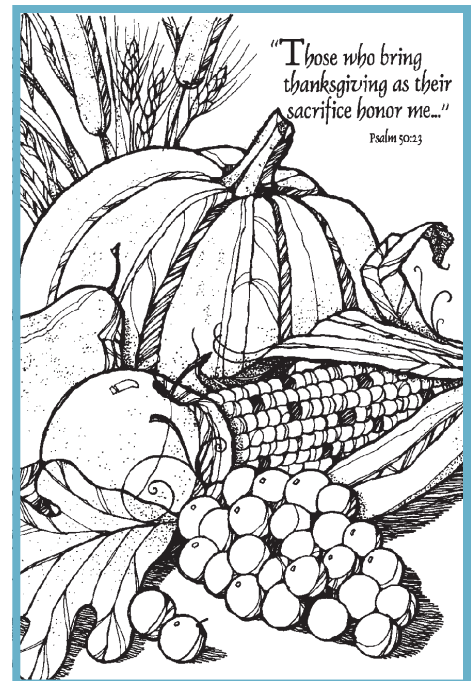
in name only. Most of the safety and security expenses have been previously covered under other expense categories such as the cameras, background checks, and other incidental categories with many carried under the purview of the trustees' budget, or church general budget.

Our Call—Founded in Scriptures

Regardless that our safety and security ministry here at EBC is in its infant stages, the call has been established for many years. The foundation of our ministry must be the scriptures. **Nehemiah 4:9** provides a clear two-pronged approach resting in God's sovereignty through both prayer to Him and the use of His people as protectors. We look forward to developing this program, staffing and serving the church body in a way that is honoring to God as well as those of you in our local body.

Additional Info?

If you have questions, comments, or concerns about the safety needs of our church, please contact me at: paul.lyman@yahoo.com. ☕



Why Awana?



By Matt and Lena Calef
Awana Ministry Directors

EBC has had an Awana program for many years, it's been a standard program, a line item in the budget, and many of our church family have participated for generations. *But why do we have an Awana program?*

Early Beginnings

Started in 1941 in Chicago, founded in 1950 as a parachurch children's program, the Awana program was created as an appeal for church and

T Tyler O'Donnell, an Awana missionary in Kansas and U.S. Field Director says, *"[As leaders,] we want to be able to build our children's lives on the Lord Jesus Christ so that when the world around them starts to throw their arrows and the storms of life come through and sweep through, they will bend and flex but not break. They'll stand resilient."*

"So when children are building their lives in the Lord Jesus Christ and they're memorizing Scripture, they're growing closer to Him and in their walk with Him."

"The intentionality of belonging and believing is so that the youth that attend our Awana program become lifelong followers of Jesus Christ. Growing to serve Him and continuing to grow and bear fruit so that others may come to know, love and serve Christ."

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are earth.
Colossians 3:2 (ESV)

unchurched children. It was a new concept in children's ministry, and considered a creative way to reach kids with the gospel. Ultimately leading them to know, love and serve Jesus Christ. By 1960, 900 churches had started the Awana program and by 1972, Awana began its first international club. Today you can find Awana Clubs all over the globe, uniting countries through teaching children about the Gospel.

Philosophy

Awana has a club philosophy that is essential to our Club here at EBC — **Belong, Believe and Become.**

As Ministry Directors we are united with every other Awana leader under a common purpose and a common vision to disciple youth around the world so that they will come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and love and serve Him throughout their lives. The way that we at EBC minister to the kids in our community today, impacts how they serve and love the Lord throughout their lives.

Our desire is for the youth that attend Awana here at EBC to feel that they belong, and are a part of something. We hope that we can take all the information and resources that the Awana program

offers to help create a program at EBC that the youth in our community belong to, building a foundation that leads to believing in Jesus and becoming a fellow brother or sister in the family of Christ.

We want to say **THANK YOU** to our EBC family for continuing to provide the resources in funding and a building to host this ministry to our community youth. Spreading the gospel starts in our house, our community, and expands around our world. We appreciate the opportunity to be a small part of planting the seeds that spread the gospel to the ends of the earth. ✝

Awana Praise & Prayer

By Matt and Lena Calef

Praise God!

✝ That most of our youth are returning regularly. AND youth and families are excited to be there.

✝ That Fast Track is gaining participation and clarity

Prayers!

✝ For more help with **Fast Track**. Fast Track is a 30-minute commitment that entails listening to youth say verses so they can stay on track with their groups. ✝



EBC Women's Ministry

the
joy
of
Christmas

Boutique

Friday, December 1st
Time: 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 2nd
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Candlelight Dessert

Friday, December 1st
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
EBC Activity Center
Ticket: \$5.00

Tickets will be on sale
in the EBC Activity Center
between services
(November 5, 12, 19)
& through the church office.

Encouraging Words ❄ Games ❄ Cocoa Coffee Bar ❄ Prizes ❄ Music



For more information contact: EBC Office: 503.623.2331 • E-mail: office@EBCDallas.org



If you have questions about how to become a part of EBC Women's Ministries, please contact [Alison Johnson](mailto:Alison.Johnson@ebcdallas.org) 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		

Women's Ministry Update

By Alison Johnson
Chairwoman, Women's Ministry

November is here and before we know it the holidays will be upon us and then you blink and 2024 has arrived.

As a mom I know the pressure and stress of everyday life and the demands of work, home, kids, husband, and more. Then you throw in the holidays and you want to make the magic happen for your family. For your kids or grandkids or nieces and nephews. That can add more to your mental load.

Take a DEEP Breath!

Taking a deep breath, focusing on what is truly important and the real meaning of Christmas and not outside influence and demands. Take time to be with the Lord daily.

Candlelight Dessert

On December 1, the Women's Ministry Team invites all the ladies to join us for the annual Christmas Candlelight Dessert. This year we are focusing on **The JOY of Christmas**.

Matthew 1:21–23 says: **"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."**



"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" [b] (which means "God with us"). (NIV)

This is the joy of Christmas. *This* is God's promise coming to earth. What a wonderful, amazing gift he gave to us.

The More the Merrier!

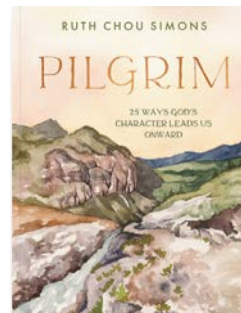
We want to invite you to bring a friend and have an evening of refreshment, encouragement, and fellowship before the holiday season takes over your schedules. We will have a dessert, some music, *and some surprises along the way*.

This is an outreach event, so while we will be sharing the good news that Christ's birth brings, we want to be inviting and encouraging to women in our community that may not have accepted Him yet. So I encourage you to be praying for anyone in your circle that this event may be beneficial to.

But Wait ... There's MORE!

The same evening will also be the start of our annual craft boutique and cookies by the pound. You will have an opportunity to shop and pick up cookies to take home.

There will be the **January Journey** books available to purchase. The books are \$25.00 and that includes the cost to come to the wrap up event that will take place in early February. This year we will be reading the book *Pilgrim* by **Ruth Chou Simons**. This is a devotional book on 25 ways God's character leads us onward. Books will be available through the end of the year ... *or until we sell out*.



Tickets for Candlelight Dessert will be available November 5, 12, 19.

Bible Studies

The current study in **Luke** will finish November 16. There will not be Bible study on Thanksgiving. The next study is called *Remember Your Joy* by Courtney Doctor and Melissa Kruger and will start November 30. This is a study on salvation stories in the Old Testament. Books are \$15 and available in the office or during coffee time starting November 19.

There will still be the **New Testament** study with **Alice Morris** on Thursdays at 9:30 and **Precepts** on Thursdays at 9:30 am and 6:30 pm. ✝

When God Seems Far Away ...

Thankfulness in the Desert

By Gwen Griffiths

Over the past few months, we've been talking about the wilderness—times when our spiritual life feels dry and barren. Last month I suggested some internal practices for the wilderness—ways to remind ourselves of the truth of God's faithfulness. As we bring this series to a close, I want to discuss some external practices.

Talk About It

First, talk about it. Tell God about the distance you feel and bring the weight of the wilderness to Him. Our Father wants us to share our hurts and trials with Him...and when we avoid talking to Him about this, it makes the problem worse. Remember that we are told to **"cast our care (some versions use 'anxieties') upon Him because He cares for us 1 Peter 5:7 (NKJV).**

After you talk to God about your spiritual desert, tell a friend. Choose a friend that has a solid spiritual foundation, one that you trust to pray and give good advice. I remember calling one of my

friends and discovering that she had experienced her own wilderness.

When I asked how it turned out, she said, *"At first, nothing changed. And then everything did."* Her answer encouraged me when it seemed like all my efforts to find a spiritual oasis came to naught. And I trusted her to hold me accountable, to keep checking in to make sure I was still making time for devotions and seeking God.



Keep a Record

The next thing to do in a spiritual wilderness is to mark each time you notice God at work in your life. Keeping a record of God's faithfulness will help you to see that there are small drops of "rain" here and there—that this spiritual desert is not as dry as it seems.

You remember the story at the beginning of Joshua, as the Israelites crossed the Jordan River to enter the Promised Land. As the priests,

carrying the Ark of the Covenant, entered the river, the water dried up. Every person in the nation of Israel crossed that river on dry ground. If that's not a statement of God's power and provision, I don't know what is! But after the entire nation had crossed over, God commanded one man from each tribe to go back into the riverbed and choose one large stone. Only after those stones had been gathered and the priests reached the other side of the river did the water flow again.

Then, the men who chose the stones carried them to their lodging place for that night. They became a monument to what God had done—something that each person who crossed the Jordan and witnessed the dry riverbed could point back to when they questioned God's faithfulness. And future generations would see those stones and ask about them, giving opportunity for the story to be told again.

When you keep a record, writing down the times you see God's care over your life, you create your own testimony—your own monument—

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Keeping a record of God's faithfulness will help you to see that there are small drops of "rain" here and there—that this spiritual desert is not as dry as it seems.

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to God's faithfulness in your life. This practice of recording moments of refreshment in the wilderness will encourage you to be more vigilant about seeing and seeking God. Remember, we see what we expect to see. If we expect to see God at work, it is likely we will find that. But if we expect to see nothing...we will likely notice nothing.

Our trust in Him will grow. Remember, God has a purpose and a plan for this wilderness in your life, and He will bring you through it.

Give Thanks

And as we build this record of God's faithfulness in our lives, seeing it more and more, we can only give thanks back to Him. As the Thanksgiving season approaches, we have ample reminders and opportunities to commemorate His work.

This Thanksgiving, *why not begin to build your own "altar of remembrance"?* On your own or with your family, begin to mark God's faithfulness in your life. You could use a page in the back of your prayer

journal, or a list tacked to the fridge, or a bunch of leaf cutouts ready to be written on and tied to a garland or tree branch.

Help Someone Else

As we close this series, *I want to suggest one more thing.* When you realize that you've come through the wilderness, **I encourage you to seek someone who may be experiencing their own spiritual desert.** Share your record of God's work in your life and commit to praying with them—not just for them. Check in with

them and encourage them as they navigate their own wilderness. And then give thanks together for God's faithfulness in your lives. ✝

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:6-7 (NIV)

Meet the...

Mom to Mom Steering Team



Compiled By Lena Calef
EBC Mom to Mom Coordinator

Meet Hannah!



My name is **Hannah Rand**. I have been married to **David** for 12 years. We have four kids (**Libby**—10, **Linnaea**—eight, **Daniel**—almost 6, and **Susie**—3).

I have been a part of Mom to Mom (*called MOPS® when I first started*) off and on for about 9

years. I started serving on the Steering Team in Hospitality in 2019. Many of my closest friends here in Dallas originated from a Bible study that was through MOPS®. I want women who are lonely and don't know many other women to be able to come in and leave with friends who will stand by and encourage them and point them toward Jesus as my friends have done for me.

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Mom to Mom

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Meet Gwen!



I'm **Gwen Griffiths**, and I've been married to **Tim** for 26 years. We have three mostly-grown children: **Tyson** (*attending college in Nebraska*), **Jesalynn** (*attending college at OSU*), and **Natasha** (*foreign exchange student in Germany*).

My role with Mom to Mom is Publicity, and I also serve as a **Titus 2 Mom**. I feel called to serve with Mom to Mom because so many women intentionally connected with me, sometimes at very challenging times in my life, and those connections were a huge encouragement to me.

I hope to encourage other moms in their walk with Christ and in motherhood.



Meet Abby!



Hi, my name is **Abby Watkins** and I've been married to **Jonathan** for almost 7 years. We have two daughters, **Charlotte** (*3 years old*) and **Eleanor** (*9 months old*).

I started attending Mom to Mom a year ago, when I hardly knew anyone in the Dallas area. Now I feel so connected to moms and other families here!

I wanted to help the Steering Team this year because of how much this group has blessed me. I am helping with registration.

THANK YOU EBC for supporting and hosting Mom to Mom, and **THANK YOU** to everyone who volunteers to make it happen!

Meet Val!



My name is **Val Daberkow** and I've been married to **Roman** for 7 years. We have one daughter, **Claire**, who is almost 2, and a new baby boy, **Henry**, born October 18.

I've been coming to Mom to Mom since January, 2022. I enjoy getting to meet other moms and form relationships with those around me and the mentor moms. It has also been a great opportunity for Claire to meet other kids and allow others to mentor in her life (**THANK YOU** to all the ladies who watch the kids and for the grandpas who help get the load of stuff into the church!) I have decided to help out as much as possible this year as I want to serve those around me, but also set an example for my children of having a servant's heart.

Meet Amanda!



My name is **Amanda Peterson** and my family and I moved to Dallas 5 years ago. My husband, **Brion**, and I have been married for 11 years. We have 4 children, **Kira** (7), **Judah** (5), **Liam** (2), and **Owen**, who was born October 13.

Our family has fellowshipped at West Salem Foursquare Church for the last 4 years. Shortly after we moved to Dallas, I was introduced to Mom to Mom (*formerly MOPS*) and have attended for three years.

I want to help with Mom to Mom, because this meeting has always been a gathering that I look forward to! I have been greatly blessed by everything, from the grandpas, to breakfast and the wonderful speakers.

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Mom to Mom

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I will be helping the Steering Team wherever they need an extra hand. I'm very grateful for Mom to Mom, and hope that I can bless others in the way that I have been blessed!

Meet Julie!



I'm **Julie West**. I've been married to **John** for 35 years, and we have one daughter and three sons—all adults now. Three of them are married and have given us three granddaughters and eight grandsons.

My Mom to Mom (formerly MOPS®) experience began 27 years ago, shortly after my third child was born. What a blessing and encouragement the ladies and the ministry were to me! Later I got involved in leadership, and when I *graduated out*, I told the Lord I would help with the childcare to *give back* so other moms could be blessed like I was.

I and all my volunteers want to provide a safe and nurturing place for the children, so their moms can eat, visit and enjoy getting "mom time."

I consider it a joy and a privilege to serve the moms, their children and the Lord in this ministry!

Meet Lena!



My name is **Lena Calef**, I have been married to **Matt** for 12 years, we have 4 kids, **David** (20), **Elizabeth** (18), **Samuel** (11), and **Naomi** (8). We have attended EBC for three years and recently became members.

I started attending Mom to Mom, formerly MOPS®, around 2018. I remember coming home and telling Matt that this was the community I was yearning for. A community where life isn't all the edited social media posts, and no one really talked or even acknowledged the hard parts. There was a relatability to each season we were in and could be in the *Motherhood Community*.

This is my second year of coordinating Mom to Mom. I love working with my Steering Team to intentionally create a morning that will be meaningful to our moms. My heart is for those Mommas striving to do this mom thing through the mundane and the messy, and point them to Jesus.



mom to mom

Meet Sue!



I'm **Sue Cacka** and have been married to my husband, **Joe**, for 49 years. We have three sons and one daughter and six grandkids, with another one due next year. I have been a mentor mom since 2015 and my favorite aspect of Mom to Moms is getting to know the mom's at my table. They are so special!

Final Thought:

Our Mom to Mom program thrives because *these* ladies intentionally take **Titus 2** to heart. They authentically take the time to support and teach the younger moms. ✝

Joke of the Month

Submitted By
Patty Van Well

Who was the
smartest man in
the Bible?

Answer: Abraham. He knew a Lot! ✝

Youth Perspective

BIG Questions!

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By Isabelle Lovell
FORGED! Youth Reporter

Over the past few weeks, we have been asking and discussing many of the big questions we either tend to under or over think. In our day-to-day lives our thoughts are normally consumed by things that involve us, *but what if God was a part of each of those thoughts?*



Have You Ever Wondered About God?

It's crazy how one question can spark so many thoughts and yet still make you feel as if you've only scratched the surface on how to answer the question. I, for one, know that I tend to under think about God and get too caught up in daily things. However, the videos we have been watching have made me think more about how I view God and have helped me realize even simple daily things can be brought back to Him. Although, talking about God's character in small groups is far easier than being challenged by someone in a larger group setting.

Asking Others

When you grow up in a Christian home, have Christian friends, and are home schooled, the idea of discussing God with someone new is frightening. Ultimately, I know the idea of talking about God outside of church and youth group shouldn't be scary, *so then how do I overcome being afraid?*

Somehow, the answer is simply trusting Him. I must trust that He will give me the right words to say and believe that the gifts he has given me will be used to share His Word, which leads me to the next question.



How Valuable Am I?

We all have our own gifts and skills that we are proud of and find value in, *but what will those values bring us to in the end?* **Nothing!**

I personally love to draw and write stories, and I am proud of these skills, but if I put all of myself into these things they ultimately won't get me anywhere.

So what will? The only thing that I will find value in forever is Christ. While it's good to have things to be proud of and to challenge yourself in those things, they won't last forever—**but God will.** He is the *only* thing in my life that has been and always will be, and the cool thing is that I can use those skills to honor Him.

Then What?

The last big question is, *what happens when our life on earth is over?*

What happens after we get through school, and a job, and marriage, and having a family of our own? When we grow old and eventually, no matter what, will die?

For different people the answer will vary but I know what will happen to me when this life is done.

So, then, what about the other people? One thing that stuck out to me in this video was when the speaker said that if one person saw what hell and

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While it's good to have things to be proud of and to challenge yourself in those things, they won't last forever—but God will.

Questions

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heaven would be like, that person would change the hearts of so many others. While we can only get an itty-bitty glimpse of what either is like from the Bible, it still should make us want to do that same. To direct as many hearts as we possibly can to God so we can save them from the shadows they live in.

Connecting the Dots

So, with these three big questions in mind, how do they all connect? In these videos I have discovered that not only do we need to push ourselves to seek God out, but we also need to encourage others to do the same.

This isn't always easy, so use what you are good at. I like to write, so I can only hope that one day I can spread messages about God through my books because we shouldn't be afraid to tell others. In fact, we should be urged on by the knowledge of knowing what awaits those who neither hear ... nor let themselves listen. ✝



Awana Store Coming Soon!

Shopping Opportunity

By Kim Disher
Awana Shopkeeper

Three times a year the girls and boys who participate in Awana are able to spend their hard-earned Awana Bucks in the Awana Store.

Working Hard!

They earn their 'money' by memorizing Bible verses, completing sections in their books and participating in special theme nights. The first store this year will be on **December 6 for the Sparks (K–2nd graders)** and **December 13 for the T&T (3–5 graders) and the Trek (middle schoolers)**.

Our Inventory is DOWN!

Thanks to a lot of hard work by our Awana kids, the store inventory is down quite a bit. In order to continue to reward the dedicated efforts of our youth, additional items to sell are desperately needed.

New and Gently Used

As you look around your house or while out at the store, please keep the Awana store in mind. New and gently used items are welcome.

Specifically ... WHAT?

What can you donate? Well, anything that children in K–8th grade might like. Below are some ideas. Please keep in mind that the list is not all-inclusive, so if you have something that you think is appropriate but not on the list, please donate it.

All donations can be put in the Awana store box under the bulletin

board outside the multipurpose room.

Ideas

Legos®, games, sports items (*balls, bats, gloves...*), trucks, cars and tracks, dolls (*all sizes*), dollhouse items, doll clothes, stuffed animals, small framed pictures, knick-knacks, nativity sets, crosses, arts and craft items (*markers, paints, coloring books, stickers, pompoms...*), Christmas items, jewelry, flashlights, headlamps, speakers, tape measures, tools (*hammers, screwdrivers...*), small lotions, lip balm, bubble bath, hair items, items for gifts for moms, dads and siblings (*kitchen items, tools, ...*).

As you can see, the list is huge! Some of our more unique items have been: a Little Kitty Toaster®, a bean bag chair, a cooler, a clock, a suitcase, fishing poles....

Please note that we will not be selling food items this year. So please, ***no candy, chips or other food items.***

Thank YOU!

Whatever you find to donate, we are greatly appreciative of your support of our Awana program. ✝



Focus on Missions

Dan and Judy Burke

October 23, 2023



Dear friends,

Thank you so much for praying for us here in Horeb. Friday morning I asked you to pray for our health and stamina in the extreme heat and at about 1 in the afternoon there was a noticeable drop of at least 10 degrees in the temperature. We were so grateful!

Since then the temperature has soared again, it is supposed to peak tomorrow and then drop down to 97 by Saturday. We are trying to pace ourselves, or better said, I am trying to pace **Dan!**



Success!

Class One was a success. Everyone, but one guy, showed up. He lives way out in the middle of the grassland, so everyone suspected he was trying to keep his place from being burned up. Fires are out of control all over the place this year. Many of the people in class have lost their gardens or possessions to a fire that got away this year.

Studying False Teachers

The men went through the new commentary on **2 Corinthians** and found several areas that they could relate to very well in their own communities. Two of the big topics were *false teachers* and *offerings*. They could relate to the false teachers part, not so much to the offering part.

They did mention that someone came to one of their villages and asked them for an offering. No one had cash so they decided to give an offering of bananas. They gathered 50 stalks of bananas, for each one they



would receive ten Bolivianos. The transportation of the bananas from their community to town cost 400 Bolivianos.

So the end result after much time and effort was an offering of 100 Bolivianos, or \$14.50. *That gives you a glimpse of their economic situation.*

The Women Studied, Too!

The ladies studied **Exodus 9 and 10**, the plagues on Egypt. One of their memory verses was **Numbers 23:19** *"God is not a man, so*

God's desire is for all of mankind to repent. He does not punish them all at once, but is patient, allowing time for repentance.

➔ Please see *"Bolivia"* on page 23.



mode. Last week we got two existing wells dropped down deeper and they are functional again. Right now the crew is bricking

The classes with 32 families use a significant amount of water. The picture, below left, shows the smoke. One thing we are super thankful for is the asphalt. If we had extreme dust, as we did in years past, on top of the high heat and smoke it would be intolerable. Today they canceled all school classes in Santa Cruz due to the poor air quality.

Thank you all for your prayers and support! ✝

Dan and Judy Burke



he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?" (NLT)

Over and over we see that God always does what He says. Another couple of verses that consistently come up in our studies is **Romans 2:4-5**. God's desire is for all of mankind to repent. He does not punish them all at once, *but is patient, allowing time for repentance.*

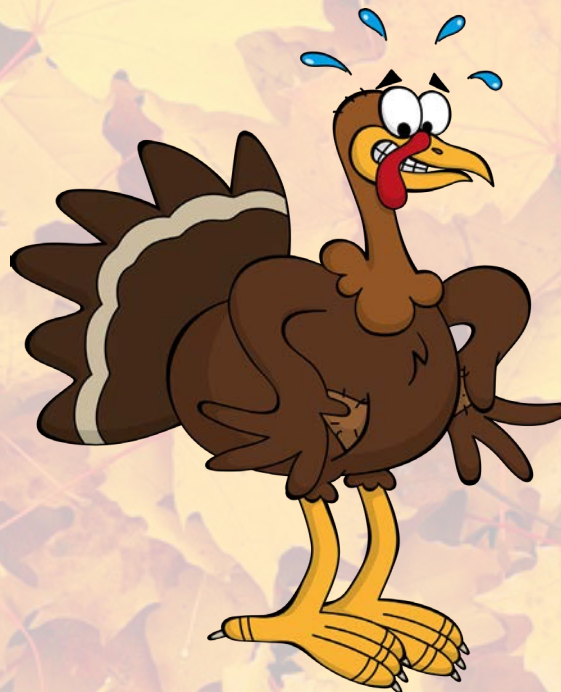
Digging Wells!

Class is over now and for the next ten days we are back into work



You don't want to miss this...

EBC Harvest Meal!



**Sunday,
11/12/23,
4:00 pm**

Where you will gobble up some great food among your amazing family, friends, and neighbors!

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

IN FAITH

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- ✠ Work at Bethel Bible Camp in Wellfleet, Nebraska
- ✠ Involved in youth ministry, maintaining the camp facility
- ✠ Teach in the Awana program, lead a high school youth ministry



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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✠ Administrative 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

✠ Administrative 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



Steve and Mikki Schmidt

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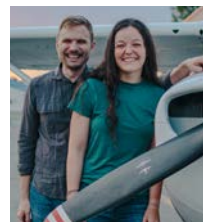
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Please **Pray**
DAILY for
our
missionaries!

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

Ladies' Missionary Fellowship

LMF Meeting Soon!

By Christine Schneider
Secretary, LMF

Ladies' Missionary Fellowship will be meeting November 7 at 9:00 am. There are several projects we are working on and would love for you to come and join us.



Sylvia Thomas to Speak on Romania

We always have an enjoyable time working and visiting together. At 11:00 we put our projects away and this month we will be hearing from **Sylvia Thomas** about their recent trip to Romania. Then, at 12:00, we will have a potluck lunch and husbands are welcome to join us.

If you have any questions feel free to call me, **Christine Schneider**, at **503.949.4228**. †

Humor: Hymns for All Occasions!

Submitted By Julia Enblem

The Dentist's Hymn	<i>Crown Him With Many Crowns</i>
The Weatherman's Hymn	<i>There Shall Be Showers of Blessings</i>
The Contractor's Hymn.....	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>
The Golfer's Hymn.....	<i>There is A Green Hill Far Away</i>
The Politician's Hymn	<i>Standing on the Promise</i>
The Optometrist's Hymn.....	<i>Open My Eyes That I Might See</i>
The IRS Agent's Hymn.....	<i>I Surrender All</i>
The Gossip's Hymn	<i>Pass It On</i>
The Electrician's Hymn.....	<i>Send The Light</i>
The Shopper's Hymn.....	<i>Sweet By and By</i>
The Judge's Hymn	<i>Almost Persuaded</i>
The Geologist's Hymn.....	<i>Rock of Ages</i> †

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.

Concert & Testimonies

This year 70 people came to our annual gospel concert. Four people shared testimonies of how God gave them the strength to endure and overcome hard things they experienced. The performers included a man in his 50s, who is training for ministry, and a group from another church. Many said this was the best gospel concert we've hosted.

Alan & Bonnie Klein
Sutherland's River, NS ✝

Blessing Others

We held a Gospel Singspiration one Sunday night. It included congregational singing and musical specials. Our church is blessed with many pianists and singers; we see this as an opportunity to bless others. Community members and people from other area churches attended. It's always encouraging to sing praise to God with a full house! We were all reminded that we are part of a vast Church made up of all God's redeemed children.

Jim & Lynette Karg
Murdo, SD ✝

Joy Club Success

Our new Joy Club for ages 3 and older has been a great success thus far! The volunteers are enthusiastic, and the kids are responding well. They are excited to learn how to read and study the Bible. Some have asked insightful questions. Kimberly and I are happy to stay in support roles for the volunteers and leaders.

Daniel & Kimberly Waide
Formoso, KS ✝

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!** ✝



November CALENDAR

11.4 Men's Breakfast

11.5 Secret Sister reveal event

11.7 Ladies Missionary Fellowship

11.12 Harvest Meal

11.13 Hymn Sing

11.14 Mom to Mom

11.23 Happy Thanksgiving

11.23-24 Office Closed

11.28 Mom to Mom

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

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

James 1:2-5 (NIV)