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Fear Not!

By Pastor Troy Bassham
Senior Pastor

Lucy Van Pelt (to Charlie Brown):

“Are you afraid of staircases? If you are, then you have *climacaphobia*.

Maybe you have *thalassophobia*. This is fear of the ocean. Or *gephyrobia*, which is the fear of crossing bridges. Or maybe you have *pantophobia*. Do you think you have *pantophobia*?

“What’s *pantophobia*?” Charlie Brown asked.

“The fear of everything!”

“THAT’S IT.” Charlie shouted.

—A Charlie Brown Christmas

Small children are known for being afraid of strange and amusing things.

Childhood Fears

When my oldest son was very young, he battled age-typical bedtime fears. But it wasn’t the dark that he was afraid of, it wasn’t the monster under the bed. He was afraid of, *wait for it—chickens*.

He was convinced that, at night, chickens would

come into his room. *Have you ever tried arguing with a toddler about staying in their bed because the chickens would soon be there?*

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@ 5:00 pm

know. grow. go.

Fears!

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Go Away?

While many of our fears go away or become manageable as we grow older, we still can battle with legitimate concerns enlarged to exaggerated and ridiculous proportions. On top of this, most people that I know have an irrational fear or two. They may be afraid of spiders or dogs or small spaces or heights. Some people are afraid of sharks, even when they are swimming in a freshwater lake. And, of course, people are afraid of failure, rejection, and the unknown.

Made Well, But...

We may be fearfully and wonderfully made, but we are also quite a fearful bunch.

So, what is the problem with fear?

Our fears can keep us from experiencing God's best and can rob us of the blessing of faithful service. In **2 Timothy 1:7 (LSB)**, the Apostle Paul counsels the young preacher that **"God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and self-discipline."**



Variations on the command to **"be bold"** (*do not be afraid/take courage*) are the most plentiful in Scripture.

When Joshua assumed leadership of the Israelites, this was the message that God gave him **(Joshua 1:9 LSB): "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be in dread or be dismayed, for Yahweh your God is with you wherever you go."**

Don't Be Paralyzed!

When we let our fears paralyze us from what we know God is calling us to do, we demonstrate a lack of faith in His power, provision and character. Yet we are called to live by faith. We know that **"the righteous person will live by his faithfulness"** **Habakkuk 2:4 (NIV)** and that **"without faith it is impossible to please God."** **Hebrews 11:6 9 (NIV)**

Consider David in his fight against Goliath. When he came upon the battlefield at the Valley of Elah, the men of Israel were terrified by the Philistine giant, Goliath. None of them were willing to face this powerful warrior. But David, a mere



youth and shepherd, accepted the challenge to fight the Philistine, because his trust was in God.

Consider his words from **1 Samuel 17:45-46 (LSB):**

"You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of Yahweh of hosts, the God of the battle lines of Israel, whom you have reproached. This day Yahweh will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down."

Why Was He Bold?

David was bold *because* he knew His God.

In **Daniel 11:32 (LSB)**, we read **"... the people who know their God will display strength and take action"**.

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Points to Ponder:

"Our Reaction to Our Leaders"

By Pastor Mike Fast

Something caught my attention during my devotions recently. It was the account of the apostle Paul during his trial before the Sanhedrin.

Once again he was in trouble for preaching the Gospel. Paul had already endured imprisonment, beatings and even stoning. Now, in **Acts 23**, as Paul begins to profess his submission to God, Ananias gives orders to strike Paul across the face. Paul's reaction was to question their judgment, but then Paul is informed that he dare not insult God's high priest, Ananias.

Not Typical!

What happens next is not how the typical person would respond. Paul says, **"I did not realize that he was the high priest; for it is written: 'Do not speak evil about the ruler of your people.'" Acts 23:5 (NIV)**

Paul was living in the days of self-righteous Pharisees who could

manipulate the government or others to carry out severe punishment and even execution on those who disagreed with them. This was also during the days of the evil Roman emperor, Nero, who would burn Christians on stakes to light up his garden. And it is during these days that Paul goes back to a command that one **"not speak evil about the ruler of their people."**

This command is found in the



book of **Exodus**. After the 10 commandments are listed in chapter 20, a list of many more commands continues on for several chapters; this is one of those commands.

The statement reads **"Do not blaspheme God or curse the ruler of your people" Exodus 22:28 (NIV)**. What an interesting connection.

A Connection?

Is there a connection between God and the ruler of the people? Paul believed so.

In fact, that is the very thing he wrote of in **Romans 13**. Paul encouraged Christians in **Romans**



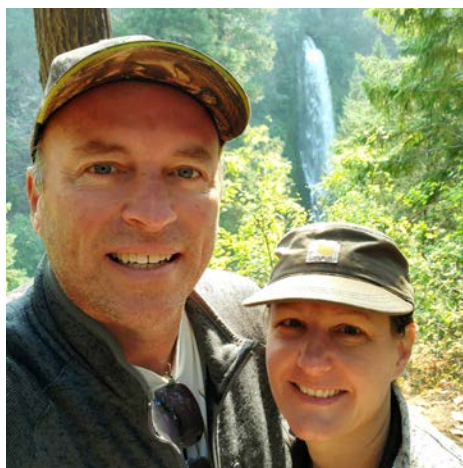
13:1 to remember that we **"must submit to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God" (NIV)**

Bigger Than You Think

Since it was the days of Nero, Paul would be the first to say a Christian may not agree with all that the authorities do, but Paul would remind us that it's bigger than that; this has to do with recognizing the sovereignty of God, the purpose of God and the Christian's submission to His plan.

This also relates to how we view our position over another. Paul always made it clear that he used to be just like them—another self-righteous Pharisee—but God intervened. God's **grace**, not Paul's work, brought change to his life.

Take care that your pride does not set you above others (see **Titus 3:1-2** and **1 Peter 2:13-17**). †



Annual Church Picnic



By Tammy Wolfe

Please plan to join us for the Annual Church Picnic at **Dallas City Park Seibert Fredrickson Memorial Shelter on Sunday, September 8, at 12:00 noon.**

What to Bring:

If your last name begins with the following:

✘ **A – M** please bring *a large side dish* to share.

✘ **N – Z** please bring *a large dessert* to share.

EVERYONE:

✘ Please bring lawn chairs.

EBC will provide chicken, bottled water, plates, napkins, and table service.

This is always a fun event. We hope that you and your family are able to attend! †



Fears!

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This does not mean that we will always slay the giant, walk on water, or stand in the fiery furnace. But when our knowledge of God leads us out of fear and into obedience, we get to experience God in a deeper way, and we bring pleasure to our Savior.

What Fear Can Do

Fear can keep us from trying something new, sharing our faith with a neighbor, standing up for the outcast, or standing alone for Jesus. At the same time, standing strong in faith and obedience allows us to experience the work of God firsthand instead of from the bleachers.

So, let's not exist as one of the Israelite warriors who cowered on the hillside as David triumphed in the valley. Instead, make sure you are walking with the Lord. Prayerfully consider what God is calling you to do. Exchange your fear for faith and boldly step forward, knowing that He is with you.

But when our knowledge of God leads us out of fear and into obedience, we get to experience God in a deeper way and we bring pleasure to our Savior. †

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry of Samaritan's Purse

Start Collecting Items!



By Kay Whitney
Coordinator, EBC Shoebox Ministry

It's not too early to think about the Operation Christmas Child Ministry (a Christmas shoebox ministry) of Samaritan's Purse. This annual effort will culminate with the shipping of dozens of boxes filled with gift items to help spread the Christmas message throughout the world. Last year our EBC family donated 180 boxes and over \$500 in cash to this ministry.

As you shop during this back-to-school time, please also consider purchasing the following:

School supplies: Pencils, colored pencils, small manual pencil sharpeners, erasers, pencil cases, crayons, pens, notebooks, markers, index cards, solar powered calculators, blunt scissors, small rulers, protractors, glue sticks (*no liquid glue*), and/or small adhesive tapes. †





Men's Ministry Update

By Tim Griffiths

Cooking Up a Great Ministry Burgers & Brats!*

*need we say more!?

Men! Are you hungry for some great food? Are you hungry for even greater fellowship? If you answered **YES!** to either or both of these questions ... *then what are you waiting for?* Mark your calendar **NOW!**

Here are the specifics for the next Men's Ministry event:

Food: Hamburgers and brats ... plus a variety of desserts and side dishes!

Date: Thursday, August 22,

Time: 6:00 pm start

Location: Ron's Pond
16300 Shady Lane Road
Monmouth, OR 97361



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What to Bring:

- ☒ Yourself
- ☒ A friend, relative, and/or neighbor
- ☒ Your appetite
- ☒ A dessert or side dish



See you there! †

Hog Roast



EBC Men's Ministry gathered in June at **Nathan and Ashley Brown's** house for our much anticipated Hog Roast.

Altogether there were 42 people—*and one hog!*—in attendance. It was a great time of excellent food and fellowship. Everyone, except perhaps the hog, had a great time.

If you missed it—or are now hungry again—you have another opportunity this summer. (See *Burgers & Brats* article, this page.) †



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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

The following testimony is from **Dennis Robertson's** pen and is our last entry for presenting the leadership team's life stories.

Dennis Robertson

Growing up in Los Angeles, I was fortunate to be raised in a Christian home.

My parents changed their lifestyle to a God-honoring one when I was too young to remember or realize that change. My siblings and I attended a Christian school for most of our early school years.

Outside Influences

As I approached junior high my parents gave me the choice of staying where I was or going to public school. I chose the latter and was influenced by a side of life I'd not been accustomed to.

My family was involved in church big time. Regular activities included Boys Brigade, prayer meeting, choir practice, youth functions, and two services on Sunday. In addition, my parents were the custodians of our large church.



We were there seven days a week for meetings or cleaning and setting up.



Rebellion!

By high school, I was in rebellion. I didn't want to be seen with my friends from church. Our church was extra Biblical in some areas and we lived with a lot of "we don't do these kinds of things". More rebellion.

Soooooo ...

So, how did I find the Lord? At age 13, I realized that my parent's salvation didn't cover me like their insurance did.

One night at summer camp I sheepishly asked a counselor to pray with me. But it wasn't until I entered college that I started putting God first and living my life for Him. It scared me to be on my own, away from parental guidance and help. I had a talk with God and shared what I was feeling and asked Him to take over and guide my paths.

Such a Joy!

It has been a joy for **Carolee** and me to raise our kids in an atmosphere of putting God first. It's neat to see them living the way God intended and to see our grandkids also following the same path.

Dennis



Elders' Update

June 30 we met at 4:00 pm for our annual Town Hall meeting, in which we discuss church business including the elders answering questions that were submitted by members of the EBC congregation.

I opened by sharing from **1 Corinthians 14:40** where Paul admonishes the Corinthians to maintain order in the church meetings and that the Town Hall meeting was designed to accomplish that.

Reflective Responses

Rather than questions from the floor and the elders having to think on their feet we are better able to reflect on the questions turned in ahead of time and provide a measured, reasonable answer.



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Flag Question

Two of the questions seemed especially important to consider. One was about where the American flag and the Christian flag should be displayed. Folks have varied and at times strong opinions on the subject.

Some think that the church should be patriotic and demonstrate that sentiment by putting the flag on the stage; others want to emphasize that we are to focus on the cross only. Two men from our congregation were chatting about the issue and after one asked about where the flags were, the other (*before the new cross was mounted*) wondered where the cross was? **Pastor Troy** answered

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Elders

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this question at the meeting by observing that while we love our country and are patriotic, other cultures need to know that we are focused on serving God.

As we live-stream our services out to the whole world, other believers can see that our emphasis is on our Christian faith in God. We do display the American flag and Christian flag in the narthex in a respectful placement but not on the stage where some folks might get a wrong message.



Service Animals

The second question that seemed important was about the presence of service animals in our church. **Darrel Hiebenthal** answered that question by quoting the ADA standards (Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990) that we will post at the entrances to the church.

Basically, a certified service dog is allowed in the church service if a person has a specific disability that the dog helps with. The security team will ask a person that brings a dog into the service the following:

☒ *Is this a service animal?*

☒ *What specific disability is it trained to accommodate?*

Darrel discussed several examples of what is a service animal—as opposed to a “comfort animal” that is *not* allowed into the church. For instance, there are people that have lizards, snakes, or other animals they deem as “comfort animals” that they take to stores and other places.



The ADA standards allow us to block access of these animals to our church. As Darrel said, we are here to worship God and serve one another without having to fear what an animal might do. Many people are allergic to various animals and others have a fear of animals that would distract them from focusing on worshiping God and listening to the teaching of the Word.

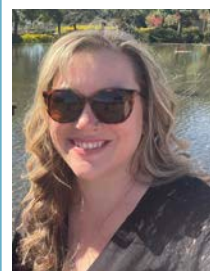
Special Thanks!

Thank you to all that made the Town Hall meeting a success and listened as we clarified several difficult issues, such as displaying the flags and the presence of service dogs in the service. ☩



Office Update

By **Alison Johnson**
Office Manager



The office has been quiet this month so we have been hard at work to get different projects completed.

Our biggest project is the update of our new directories. They should be available by September.

Kudos to Kari!

Kari Sampont, our new Office Assistant, has been doing a great job learning the ropes and taking on some of the office work. Kari generally works on Tuesdays and Fridays. Stop in and say “hi” if you haven’t already.

Electronic Presence

I have been learning more about how the website and app work to get things on there quicker and have things scheduled out more in advance for people to see and plan. We have had good feedback on our new app. If you haven’t already done so, please download it at the Google Play Store® and the Apple App Store®.

There are already events on the app for December! Start using the app today so you can stay informed. ☩

Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches

News from FEBC!

By **Kevin Stone**
President, FEBC



August 1, 2024

Connect24 is now behind us, and I praise God for this event. Delegates from 24 of our churches gathered in Dalmeny, SK for a time of connecting with, learning from, and encouraging one another. It is always encouraging to connect with these like-minded folks from around the US and Canada.

Dr. Greg Carlson did a fine job of presenting aspects of Biblical leadership, and his special plenary session regarding the proper function of boards and committees was particularly helpful. We also had a great line up of breakout sessions which were relevant for any member of the church.

We experienced powerful times of corporate prayer together for various topics, including our nations, our churches, our global partners, and the nation of Israel. We worshiped, sang, and experienced communion together. I left with my soul refreshed.

We had fun – from group outings like tours, museums, and golf to a special family game night led by **Gary Krehbiel**, to sitting around a big bonfire making s'mores. Meals and breaks were full of vibrant conversations and laughter. Connect is like a great family reunion.

We rejoiced at how God provided for us over the past year, but also reinforced the need for increased giving in this next year to continue ministering effectively. Our Project Offering helped increase the support for our Ministries Coordinator position, but we still have work to do.

The delegates approved our budget for FY2025, elected folks to serve as directors and on our various commissions, and handled the other typical AGM business.

My address included a challenge to each of our churches and their leaders to take ownership. Our Fellowship was founded 135 years ago by men and women who saw the need for mutual encouragement and accountability, and they established the structure to provide these things. It is up to us to take ownership and to continue this great legacy. The FEBC can and will have a positive impact on churches and communities when we invest our time, our talents, and our money to help it grow. Please consider how God might be calling you to take ownership for our Fellowship.



Thank you for all the ways in which you support and encourage us, especially with your prayers.

 **Kevin Stone**
President, FEBC ✝

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Avoiding Pride

By Greg Sykora

It's no secret that the Lord hates a prideful heart. **Proverbs 16:5 (NKJV)** says, **"Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord."**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Even the most put-together person that you know has sinned and doesn't meet the standard. **There are two types of people:** the **proud** that haven't acknowledged their sins and the **humble** that have accepted that they have sinned.

Our human nature doesn't like to admit that we have done wrong, and we don't like to be told about our mistakes. We like to think of ourselves as good at what we do.

Don't Be OVER Confident!

While it's okay to be confident, we don't want to be overconfident or think too highly of ourselves.

Luke 14:11 (NKJV) tells us **"whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who**

humbles himself will be exalted."

Christ's sacrifice to pay the penalty of our sins is the ultimate gift of love and grace. When one remains inflated with their pride, it becomes much more difficult to feel the love that God poured out on us when He sent His Son to die for us.



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1 Peter 5:5 (NKJV) tells us to **"be clothed in humility, for 'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.'"**

Turn away from pride. Be humble.

Proverbs 11:2

(NKJV) says, **"When pride comes, then comes shame; but with the humble is wisdom."**

Well?

It's a no-brainer...don't choose shame. The Lord hates pride. Have wisdom! †

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Women's Ministry

By Alison Johnson
 Coordinator,
 EBC Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry has some fun events coming up toward the end of the summer. Mark your calendars **NOW** so you can be sure to participate.

Ice Cream Social

On Saturday, August 17, we will be doing a no host ice cream social at **Dreamie's Creamery** (141 SW Court St, Dallas, OR 97338). We will meet at 1:00 and have a nice cool treat. From there ladies can walk around downtown looking at shops, go for a walk, or whatever you would like to do. It is nice to have a time to just catch up with each other.

Bunco!

By popular demand we have added a **Bunco Night on August 23**. We will meet at 6:30 here at the church. Bring a friend and a treat to share. Be prepared for a fun evening of games and laughter.

Retreat!

Women's Retreat 2024 is **September 20-22**. We will once again be at **Fern Hill Lodge in Monmouth**. You can come for the day or stay the weekend.

Early Bird price for the weekend is \$115 if you register before August

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Women

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1. Regular price is \$135 for the weekend or \$80 for daytime only.

Our speaker this year is **Abi Ririe** and we will hear her speaking on *"The great story of how we came to sit at the greatest table in all of history."* We hope that you can join us!

Still Available...

There are still a handful of summer devotionals available for \$10. We are reading *Heart of God—31 Days of Discovering God's Love for You* by **Elisabeth Elliot**. †



2024 Women's Ministry Event Schedule

January Journey Book Review Pizza Party
Monday, February 12 at 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Come enjoy pizza and discussion about "Pilgrim" by Ruth Chou Simons

Dreamies Creamery Informal Ice Cream Date
Saturday, August 17th at 1:00 p.m.

Meet us at Dreamies Creamery downtown Dallas for a fun ice cream break and stroll through downtown shops!

Bunco Night - Friday, August 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Retreat - Friday - Sunday, Sept. 20-22
Location: Fern Hill Lodge (more info to come)

Bingo - Friday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Candlelight Dessert & Boutique
Friday, December 6 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 or by E-mail: office@EBCDallas.org

Ladies Night Out

BUNCO



Date: Friday, August 23
Time: 6:30 pm
Place: EBC Activity Center

No cost & please bring a snack to share!

Bring a friend!

Ladies 12 years of age and older invited!



For more information
call the Church Office at 503.623.2331
or email at
office@EBCDallas.org

THANK YOU, Alison Johnson, for providing the above graphics.

Choices ...

By Gwen Griffiths

When my three children were small, they loved getting the grocery cart with a plastic car attached to the front; **Tyson** and **Jesalynn** would scramble into the molded seats and grab the steering wheels (*thank goodness there were two!*) while I buckled **Natasha** into the seat at the front of the cart.

Then off we'd go to find bargains and nutrition as quickly as possible.

Inevitably, there would come a time when I would turn one way at the end of an aisle and hear a little voice say, "Hey! I didn't turn that way!"

Who's Driving, Anyway?

The Christian life can be like steering a pretend car at the front of the shopping cart; so often we think we are directing our own path, only to suddenly careen in an unexpected direction. At that point, we must make a choice. Will we accept the new direction or fight and struggle against it? When we accept the new direction, we choose to live out our trust in and acceptance of God's total sovereignty; when we

fight against it, we insist on prideful reliance in our fallible selves.

What's Submission?

And this is where we arrive at this month's spiritual discipline: submission. Just so we're all on the same page, here's a definition from the Oxford Dictionary: *the action or fact of accepting or yielding to a superior force or to the will or authority of another person.*

When discussing faith, submission is the act of bowing our will before God and living out **Philippians 2:1-10**. It is complete trust in God's best path for us. It is chosen servanthood. It is a life lived for someone else.

A Counter-Cultural Practice

Submission can be a tricky concept in today's culture. In a society that values independence and autonomy, the idea of submission can seem like a command to let the world walk all over the doormat of your will. We've been convinced that we have the right to plot our own course, to get our own way.

In fact, **Richard Foster** (**Celebration of Discipline**) addresses this concept when he writes that submission is "*laying down the terrible burden of always needing to get our own way.*"

Foster goes on to say, "...only in submission are we able to bring this spirit [of needing to get our own way] to a place where it no longer controls us...to distinguish between genuine issues and stubborn self-will."

Which Choice?

Like it or not, everyone encounters situations in which they must choose to either submit or struggle against authority. Adults live under the authority of government and bosses. Children live under the authority of parents and teachers. And we all are subject to God's authority.

Living a life submitted to God is living a life of self-denial and discovering "*the freedom to give way to others*" (Foster). It is a life full of gratitude and joyful service to the One Who plots our course.

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And, when you think about it, it's a useless waste of effort to struggle against God, because He is sovereign, and His plans always come to fruition. In submission we find freedom from the negative emotions that we experience when we don't get our own way and discover a more peaceful, simple life.

Next Steps

We face a choice, then. We can continue the attempt to plot our own course, frantically whirling a plastic steering wheel in the direction opposite of the one in which we find ourselves facing...or we can seek to align our hearts with God's and willingly follow where He leads.

How can we go about that? Here are a few thoughts:

✠ Ask God to reveal areas where you struggle against Him. Determine what actions are working against His direction for you and replace them with actions that follow in His path.

✠ Memorize **Matthew 16:24 (NIV)**. ***"Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'"***

✠ Look for ways to practice submission to those who God has placed in authority over you and ask God to help you overcome the need to get your own way in day-to-day situations. ✠



Kick Off

**Tuesday, August 27, 2024
10 am to Noon**

**Seibert Fredrickson Memorial Shelter
266 SW Academy Street
Dallas**

Mom to Mom meets the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays** of the month from September through May. It is a place for fellowship, encouragement, and food.

Meetings include announcements, a topic/speaker and/or a craft. There is lots of time to chat and enjoy a nice brunch. Child care is invited!

**First Meeting:
Tuesday, September 10, 2024
8:45 to 11 am**

momtomodallas@gmail.com ✠



Children's Ministry Update

By Alison Johnson

This summer, while many ministries that involve children are on a break, we have been hard at work to update the children's ministry areas. All the rooms have been painted in recent years, but the look has not changed.

The basement area, which is used several times a week to host children from church and unchurched homes, had bare walls and not much color to the room.

Brainstorming

We brainstormed how to make the room engaging for the kids coming into the space for the first time or maybe the fortieth and get them excited to hear the Word of God.

We changed the layout of the room, added pads to the poles (*those kids love to spin around them until they hit their heads, but now they can't*), made space for games and free play time, added some non-permanent decor to the walls, and installed fun area rugs to play on with cars or puzzles.

Reaching the Unchurched

As I was installing the wall decor, my unchurched preschool nephews were with me. One took a look at

the story picture, went to get a chair and sat there staring at it. This was an opportunity. I told him the story of Jesus and Zacchaeus and he was so engaged in it. To us as Christian adults it may seem trivial to just add little things, but this already showed me that it was a good move.

Other Changes

Other children's Sunday School classrooms got sets of Bibles for their class so that even when kids forget there is a Bible ready for them. There are new tables and chairs in one classroom.

Appearances DO Matter!

Appearances matter to all of those new families who walk in the door of our church. It makes a difference to show we value the importance of ministering to children as much as we do. This church is an

amazing body of Christ that does an incredible job of offering programs and ministries for kids to come and learn the good news of Jesus.

Thankful

I am so thankful for all the volunteers that spend time to invest in sharing Christ with children of all ages here. I pray that these changes help us to engage kids and get them excited to learn more. ✝





Church Picnic @ Dallas City Park

A - M please bring a large side dish to share.

N - Z please bring a large dessert to share.

Please bring lawn chairs.

We will provide chicken, bottled water, plates, napkins and table service.



SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 8, 2024



TIME:
12:00 PM

DALLAS CITY PARK
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Youth Perspective

Moving On!

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By Isabelle Lovell
FORGED! Youth Reporter

This past month had been full of congrats and goodbyes as our seniors moved on into the next chapter of their lives.

It was a busy month full of graduation parties, which took up



most of the normal youth group nights. Therefore, I was a little lost on what to write about.

So, I decided to ask a few of the graduates to talk about their time at youth group and what they will be taking with them.

Lilly Amie:

"I am so grateful that God led my family and me to EBC. I quickly got involved with Forged youth group and built strong relationships with Andrew and Mariah, as well as the other students. I've learned so many great lessons that I can take with me on this next chapter of my life. Something that has stuck with me is how much your story—your testimony—can change the lives of others. Sharing your testimony to other non-believers can help lead them to Christ as they relate to your personal story. Everyone has a

testimony. Share with others what your life was like before Christ, what it was like when you met Him, and how it has changed your life forever."

—Lilly

Clara Johnson:

"During my time in youth group, I not only learned about God, but I also learned about building relationships. On my first day in the youth group, I was met with overwhelming friendliness, though I didn't know anybody; by the end of the day I learned everybody's names and what they were like. I don't know if I can ever completely pin down my favorite memory from youth group, but I will always look back on the witty banter, inside jokes, interesting food discussions, and meaningful conversations that each Tuesday and Sunday brought about. I believe that God brought me to this youth group to show me that although the world's trials can be hard at best, you can always lean on your fellow Christian brothers and sisters. If I could go back in time, I would not change a single part of my time in the EBC youth group."

—Clara

Helping students:

*Meet Jesus,
Trust Jesus,
Follow Jesus!*

Youth Group Meetings

Compass (Middle School) Youth Group:
Thursdays

6:30 pm—Official start time

8:30 pm—Official end time

FORGED (High School) Youth Group:
Sundays

6:30 pm—Official start time

8:30 pm—Official end time

Spread the word!

Gavin Huber:

"Youth group at EBC has taught me a lot over the years and has been very beneficial in my spiritual growth. The

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Youth

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most important thing I learned from youth group was how to gather with other believers outside of church to grow as friends and followers of Christ. I am glad God placed me at EBC for the lessons I have learned and the people I have met. I hope to continue learning about God through church and the situations that God decided to put me in. I am grateful to have been in EBC's high school youth group but I am excited to be moving on so I can see what God has planned for the future."

-Gavin

Joy Foster:

"Youth group has helped me straighten my faith and knowing my hills to die on. The whole series helped me reaffirm my faith, and gave me the confidence that I needed to know my hills of faith that I am willing to die on. Some of my favorite times during youth group were going to small groups after each lesson. The girls and leaders in our group became the people I could lean on and discuss matters in my life and my faith. I learned to never be afraid to have fun with the youth group because these are the people that help you through high school and hold you accountable."

-Joy †



Awana!

By Matt and Lena Calef, Awana Commanders

2024-2025 School Year

Awana Registration is Open!

Costs:

- ☒ \$10 registration (\$30 max per family)
- ☒ \$10 Handbook
- ☒ \$15 Uniform

*Scholarship available

<https://ebcdallas.twotimtwo.com>

Volunteers Needed!

Awana volunteers needed! Please reach out to **Matt or Lena Calef**. Volunteer training will be held **every Wednesday in August (6 - 8 pm)**. **August 28 will be a mandatory training and a registration night.** †



Ages 3 - 5

Celebrate the spiritual potential of preschoolers by helping them learn core truths about God, Jesus, and salvation.



Grades 3 - 6

Discover how T&T can encourage kids to explore the meaning of God's grace and how it affects our relationship with Him and others.



Grades K - 2

Discover how Sparks ignites children's curiosity and builds a foundation for knowing Jesus Christ.



Grades 6 - 8

Discover how Trek helps middle school students solidify what they believe and own their faith. †

Focus on Missions

Million Miles and Counting!

By Dennis and Cindy Wiens

Welcome to our June newsletter! Our May was filled with a variety of activities. Please take a look at the highlights below. Even though we are semi-retired, our four decades of international ministry experience have taught us so much. We continue to contribute to the mission of SAT-7 USA. The work of SAT-7 USA represents roughly 70% of the global budget of SAT-7 activities. We stay active by visiting ministry partners, attending conferences, hosting a monthly Zoom prayer initiative, podcasting, and engaging in strategic planning. Thank you for joining us on this journey. Read on as we highlight our recent activities and look ahead to future endeavors.

May was a good month with many activities! Here are a few of them.

✠ **Dennis** joined the SAT-7 USA Field Staff to work on a multi-year strategic plan for SAT-7 USA.

✠ **Cindy** and her sister **Barb** visited Barb's granddaughter's high school graduations in Louisiana and Illinois.

✠ SAT-7's first feature-length film is now available for travelers flying with Emirates, Qatar Airways, Saudia, and Kuwait Airways! The movie's inclusion on the in-flight playlists of these major airlines means that tens of millions of travelers are now only a click away

from encountering Christ's message of forgiveness.

✠ The toll of the war in the Holy Land has been particularly heavy for women and children. According to UN Women, over 10,000 women have been killed, among them an estimated 6,000 mothers, leaving 19,000 children orphaned.

✠ An Iranian woman named **Shiva** wrote into SAT-7 to share how she watched her father weep "tears of joy" when he encountered the Holy Spirit for the first time. As we celebrate Father's Day this month, may this testimony encourage you. She writes: *"Greetings in the Lord to you, His saints. I want to share with you the sweetness that the Lord granted us this Nowruz (the Persian New Year). My family was visiting, and I invited one of my sisters to read from 1 Peter. I explained the verses to the extent of my ability, using simple language. As I was approaching the final verses, I really could sense the sweet presence of the Spirit of God."*

✠ A milestone for Dennis: on Friday, May 31, on a trip returning from visiting SAT-7 ministry

partners, I crossed the million-mile mark on Delta flights. I'm now a Delta Million Miler. As you can see, my semi-retirement is going well.

✠ Famous actors, writers, influencers, and entrepreneurs from the Arab world are helping to raise the profile of SAT-7's **Youth for an Enabling Society (YES)** project by taking part in productions aimed at inspiring the next generation in the region. Content created by the **YES Project** is mostly shared through social media as that is where young people mainly interact. This includes short programs, songs, drama, and youth-led initiatives in their communities. The team has recently launched a new social media page called Our Generation Plus, and in less than two months, it has attracted 1.1 million views on Facebook® and 1.3 million on Instagram®.

✠ Cindy completed 10 years as a **Youth Friend (YF)** in the North Kansas City Schools. The last 6 years

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Dennis and Cindy Wiens

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Praise & Prayers

PRAISE:

✠ Praise for safe travels in May.

✠ Praise good strategic planning meetings for SAT-7 USA.

PRAYER:

✠ Pray for some new initiatives SAT-7 is launching this summer.

✠ Pray for the millions of Arab youth interacting with SAT-7 on social media.

✠ Pray for our daughter, **Brynden**, as Echo Ranch has started its camping season.

✠ Pray for our daughter, **Brooke**, as she starts a new school year on June 12. ✠

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 ✠

Wiens

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have been with the same boy. She started when he was in kindergarten, and he just finished 5th grade. She will miss him. Her very first YF just finished college!

Special Event!

Our daughters **Brooke** and **Brynden** are throwing a come-and-go reception/party to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. Join us **Saturday, August 17, 2024, from 2 pm to 5 pm** at the Avant Ministries Conference Training Center (10,000 North Oak Trafficway, Kansas City, MO 64155).

Recent Guests

Some recent highlights on the **Unconventional Ministry Podcast** are follows:



Episode #161 Embracing Aging as a Gift with Don Zoller.

While most see aging as fraught with challenges that require navigation through the 'autumn of life,' **Don Zoller** asks us to see aging as a gift from God. Our discussion centers around The Gift of Aging, a book that offers a transformative perspective on growing old.

Episode #159 Article18 - A Voice For Iranian Christians with Mansour Borji

In this podcast episode, you can learn from **Mansour Borji**, Founder and President of **Article18**.

Article 18 is an organization that advocates for persecuted Iranian Christians and endeavors to see Iran's full compliance with its national and international commitment to religious freedom as defined by Article 18 of the **International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)**.

Our conversation highlights both the difficulties and the courage of Christians living under one of the world's most oppressive regimes. Mansour emphasizes the resilience and faith of these individuals who persist in their religious practices despite significant risks.

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Cindy's Thrive Ministry Trip to Sicily

Thrive Ministry is unique in that its mission is to journey with women ministering overseas by providing spiritual resources, transformative experiences, and authentic one-on-one relationships to replenish them as they invest in Kingdom work.

This is not a one-time event but a journey as Cindy continues to stay in touch with her past retreat attendees even after they all disperse.

Cindy is excited about her second trip with the Thrive Ministry to Sicily, Italy, on October 11–20.

Much Activity!

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We stay active by visiting ministry partners, attending conferences, hosting a monthly Zoom® prayer initiative called “Beyond Borders Prayer”, hosting the SAT-7 USA

podcast called **Unconventional Ministry**, and engaging in strategic planning.

We are also involved in our local church and serve on several committees. Check out www.sat7usa.org/stories for highlights of our recent activities and a look

forward to some of our future endeavors.

Family Legacy

In July, the extended Wiens family will gather in Bemidji, MN. The family has done this every three years for over 50 years. Creating a family legacy is important and takes intentionality and work. †

Cindy's Easy Mexican Casserole

Ingredients:

- ✘ 1 lb. lean ground beef
- ✘ 1 can Ranch Style beans
- ✘ 1 bag (10–12 oz) tortilla chips, crushed
- ✘ 1 can Rotel tomatoes
- ✘ 1 small onion, chopped
- ✘ 2 c. shredded cheddar cheese, divided
- ✘ 1 pkg. taco seasoning
- ✘ 1 can cream of chicken soup
- ✘ 1/2 c. water
- ✘ Sour cream and salsa for serving



Instructions:

- ✘ Preheat oven to 325* F.
- ✘ Brown the ground beef in a skillet and drain the fat.
- ✘ Mix in beans, tomatoes, onion, taco seasoning, soup, and water. Simmer until combined.
- ✘ Grease a 9x13 casserole dish. Layer crushed tortilla chips, meat mixture, and half the cheese. Repeat layers.
- ✘ Cover with foil and bake for 20-30 minutes, until bubbly.
- ✘ Remove from oven. Let sit for 5-10 minutes. Dish up. Top with sour cream and salsa.

Enjoy! †

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.

First VBS

This summer the church hosted its first Vacation Bible School since our family came to Watersmeet. Up to a dozen kids participated. They heard the Gospel, and some received their first Bible. We used the Answers in Genesis VBS curriculum and materials supplied by Reach 19 ministry partners. We're very grateful for this resource! We look forward to doing another VBS next year.

Rob & Pam Yerks
Watersmeet, MI †

(Learn more about Reach 19 at reach19.org)

Breakfast Changes

For years we held a monthly men's breakfast at a local restaurant. It was more like a social get-together than a spiritual time because of the setting and was typically attended by only 3-4 men because of the cost. This year we moved it to the church fellowship hall and incorporated a devotion. It's been very well received. Around a dozen men come, and we've had good discussions. I pray this will encourage more men to be involved in the life of the church.

Tim & Barb Douglass
Monitor, OR †

Apples = Introduction

A local farm gave us boxes of apples, so we bagged them up with invitations to the annual Backyard Bible Club and delivered them door to door in our community. As new missionaries here, we were happy for the opportunity to introduce ourselves to many people in town. Twenty-six kids came to the Backyard Bible Club and enjoyed Bible lessons, snacks, crafts, and games. Five professed Jesus as their Savior for the first time. Praise the Lord!

Mace & Kortney
WilderBreezewood, PA †

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.



Tim and Mallory Brooks

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



Joshue and Diana Bulande

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



Dan and Judy Burke

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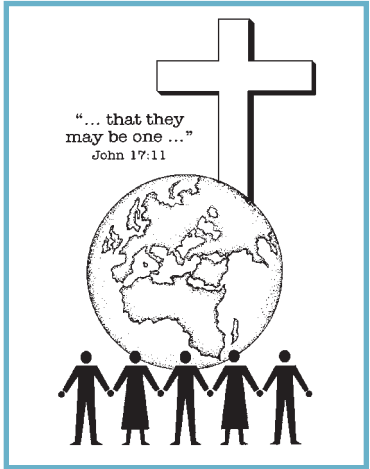
- ✘ Serve in Bolivia in Cochabamba and San Borja
- ✘ Development of a discipleship center in northwestern Bolivia
- ✘ Work with the Chimane people group
- ✘ Write and produce books and commentaries in Chimane for the tribal people
- ✘ Teaching, construction, leadership development



Kevin and Jennifer Domes

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- ✘ Work at Bethel Bible Camp in Wellfleet, Nebraska
- ✘ Involved in youth ministry, maintaining the camp facility
- ✘ Teach in the Awana program, lead a high school youth ministry
- ✘ Administrative retreats
- ✘ Jennifer also works in food preparation for the summer camps



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EBC Supports

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Paul and Leslie Lanquist

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- ✦ Developing outreach programs for the homeless in their area
- ✦ Starting a women's ministry program
- ✦ Leading the church in new directions after COVID divisions and other issues left the church without a senior pastor for nearly a year



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



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

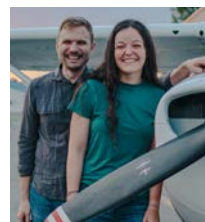


Eric and Judith Hedeem

Ethnos 360

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



Andrew and Jerusha (Dressel) Yount

Proclaim Aviation Ministries

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- ✦ On staff with Moody Bible Institute's Mission Aviation School
- ✦ Learning Avionics in preparation for future Missionary pilot position ✚

Other Outreach Ministries We Support:

- ◆ Awana
- ◆ Crisis Pregnancy
- ◆ Prison Ministry
- ◆ Village Missions
- ◆ Mission Connexion
- ◆ CEF
- ◆ River of Life
- ◆ SAT-7 (Dennis & Cindy Wiens)
- ◆ Weekday School of the Bible
- ◆ The Gate

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!** ✝



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



Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:30-31 (NIV)