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These Days!

By Pastor Troy Bassham
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In the book of Esther, the young queen was given a difficult task. The Israelites were facing a great evil.

Yet, God had divinely positioned her to provide deliverance. She had the opportunity to act and save her people. Even so, she was nervous. Taking action was a great personal risk. It required stepping forward in faith and trusting God with the future of both her people and herself.

Nervous About the Future?

Many people are nervous about the future. Indeed, the world has its share of difficulties and uncertainties.

Individual anxieties are both varied and numerous: wars, inflation, political divisions and all sorts of

worries ranging from pandemics to elections to climate change.

Nothing New

This, of course, is nothing new. Before this current round of difficulties there was COVID, ISIS, and the War on Terror.

Thinking back to my childhood, I remember nuclear drills, fears of a global

ice age and the Iran hostage crisis.

Years ago, the singer **Billy Joel** wrote the song We Didn't Start the Fire, listing the many problems and notable events from his own childhood. It has always been the



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know. grow. go.

Days!

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same. This world is under bondage as a result of sin. Creation itself groans, yearning for redemption (**Romans 8:22**).

Not To Be Alarmed

Looking to Scripture, we should not be alarmed. Jesus Christ told His disciples of the hardships that were to come upon this world:

“And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; those things must take place; but that is not yet the end. For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will also be famines. These things are merely the beginning of birth pains”
Mark 13:7-8 (LSB).



Who's REALLY In Control?

This warning was given to prepare us for the difficulties of this age and to give us confidence. It might seem like things are falling apart, but God is in control.

We should take comfort when we see that God has a plan to redeem this broken and sinful world. The prophecies in Scripture give us peace and inform us of the things to come.



I recently concluded a short teaching series on Biblical Prophecy. We should take comfort when we see that God has a plan to redeem this broken and sinful world. The prophecies in Scripture give us peace and inform us of the things to come. Although the exact manner and timing of future events can confuse us, He has everything firmly in hand.

Operating in Darkness

Presently, our world is operating in darkness and rebellion. But this will come to an end. The Lord's return is certain and when He returns it will be to judge the world, to heal it, and to rule in righteousness.

In this present time, we have not been abandoned, *but left as His ambassadors and witnesses.* We are called to live as lights in the darkness.

Never Forget!

When we feel the hardships and burdens of this present day, we need to remember the promises of Scripture. We do not need to fear the future, because we know we have a secure hope in Jesus Christ.

So how should we respond as we navigate the present?

With the future in mind, we should take advantage of our Lord's patience, proclaiming His mercy and the salvation that is found in Jesus Christ.

We should live for Him, living holy lives as His people. And we should be at peace, knowing that our current labors are not in vain.

Time is Running Out

This world, in its present form, is perishing, but we can store up treasures in heaven which will not fade away. We can honor Him in the present. This is our opportunity.

We have been placed at this time and in this place on purpose.

*Like Queen Esther of old,
 we were made for
 such a time as this! †.*



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Church Picnic @ Dallas City Park

Last names starting with A - M please bring a large side dish to share.

Last names starting with 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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A Special ... Thanks!

EBC is a blessed family doing the work of Christ in our community. It takes numerous people working toward the same goal to achieve this, and we, the pastors at EBC, want to thank you. So many of you help out in so many different ways as you steward your finances, your time, your talents, and many other resources.

*Pastors Troy,
Mike, and Andrew* ✝

Who are these snazzily-dressed people and what are they doing? To find the answers to those questions, keep reading in this issue of *The Sentinel!* ✝



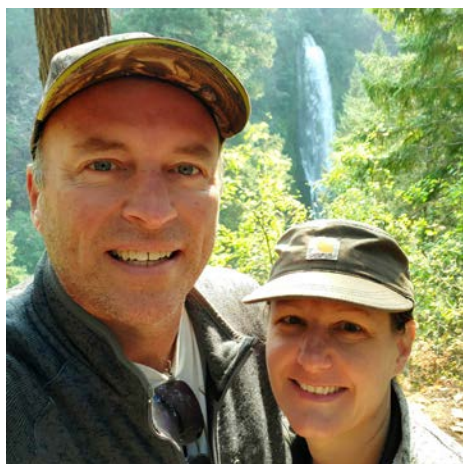


As a pastor and a chaplain for numerous years, I have personally witnessed the passing of many people, and it has never been easy. I trust God and His sovereign plan, but that does not mean that I always understand His timing.

My Hero ... My Dad!

My dad has always been my hero. I always admired his strength, determination, hard work, and caring spirit. About 20 years ago, dad was diagnosed with Parkinson's. He went from constructing buildings and jogging half marathons to a rapid decline which quickly led to being wheelchair-bound, and several other physical limitations in addition to that. He also developed mental limitations brought about by dementia.

It has been heartbreaking to watch dad endure such hardship for so long. In fact, I admit there have been



times I had hoped that God would have mercifully taken him home already.

I Understand...

I understand our desire, as humans, to help someone conclude their days of suffering. I understand the longing to end a loved one's life before more suffering comes. But, having said that, I do not believe God's Word gives us the right to end our own life.

Within the last week, I personally know of two people who chose to end their own life via Oregon's Death with Dignity Act, which was as simple as getting a prescription from the doctor and taking the pills when they chose. Interestingly, *both* families are still struggling with the decision.

We try to masquerade the act as better than it is. *Death with Dignity*

is still **death**. *Physician Assisted Suicide* is still **suicide**. *Mercy Killing* is still **killing**. *Euthanasia* is the combination of two Greek words meaning "good death," **but it's still death**.

This is a rough and charged-up topic. **I get it.**

We've Read THAT Story



We can read stories in the Bible of characters who wanted to die, people like Job, Elijah, and Saul, to name a few.

But at the end of Job's story, before God speaks, Elihu accuses Job of wanting to avoid suffering by doing the wrong thing

(Job 36:21). That's part

of our struggle: we want out of the suffering and affliction so much so that we are willing to do the wrong thing.

→ Please see "*Dignity*" on page 5.

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Dignity

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Although it may sound counter to what we would like to hear, I have always been amazed at the things that God can accomplish through our suffering. For example, it can draw us closer to Him, test the genuineness of our faith, and leads us to repentance *or* greater spiritual maturity. Also, our suffering displays His work in us, conform us to be more like Christ, encourages us to rely more fully on God, foster within us sensitivity and mercy, increase our wisdom and discernment, *and* teach us gratitude. As I have seen in my dad (*and some of my family as a result*) it can also make us increasingly ready and prepared for our Heavenly Home.

Know the Difference

I should clarify that refusing further medical care is not the same as taking one's own life. Not many years ago, we did not have the options that exist today to extend the length of our life. We would have simply passed away without some of the resources available today.



I am not suggesting that we avoid modern medicine. In fact, I believe it is reasonable to take advantage of it. However, there are situations where one has, let's say, endured dozens of radiation and chemo treatments, and yet the treatments are not working as hoped, and so that individual may choose to discontinue treatments. That is *not* taking one's life; that is, simply, allowing it to end.

I have a friend who has had nearly half a million dollars worth of modern controversial stem cell therapy done, and although he is not getting better, he continues to pursue it. Many would have refused to pursue that option.

Practice Compassion!

Again, this is a topic where we must practice compassion and sensitivity—being sensitive to the conditions others are in and the choices that they make.

But for ourselves personally, we need to remember our Sovereign God whose ***"eyes saw me when***

I was inside the womb, and all the days ordained for me were recorded in His scroll before one of them came into existence"
Psalm 139:16 (NET Bible). †



Blood Drive Update

By Sherri Fobert
 EBC Healthcare Committeer

On August 26, the EBC Healthcare Committee partnered with the American Red Cross for a blood drive.

This blood drive was special as all time slots were filled. Even with a couple of no shows and six deferrals (people unable to donate for various reasons), the Red Cross collected 30 pint donations for the afternoon. This accounts for an impact on the lives of 90 people. Amazing!

There is a national blood shortage and EBC drives are making a difference!

THANK YOU to all for coming to donate! If you missed it this time, not to worry. You can donate at other sites or wait until EBC hosts another drive. †



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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

It is always reassuring to be invited back to a regular event or venue as a speaker/teacher.

Both **Sylvia** and I have been teaching sessions on marriage and family at an annual conference in Romania for the past four years. We have now been asked to present these materials at another conference there.

What a Resource!

I want to emphasize the great resources we have as Believers in terms of the peace of God as described by Paul in **Philippians 4:7** and the enduring joy Jesus describes in **John 15:11**. Here are some excerpts from our materials:

Increasing Peace and Joy

Let's talk about how to increase the **peace and joy** of God in our homes. God is the God of peace and He promises us **PEACE** that is not available to the rest of the world.

John 14:27 tells us **"My peace I give you but not as the world gives."**

I looked on social media for *"how to have peace in the home"* and found many articles that suggested new paint on the walls, scented candles,



growing plants inside, and cooking good meals. These things may be nice, but they do not bring lasting peace.



Do You Want LASTING Peace?

The peace of God **is** lasting. It **is** eternal! Jesus told His disciples in **John 15:11** **"that My joy will be in you and that My joy will be full."**

This joy is also lasting and is eternal.

There IS a Difference
Emotions and
THE ROCK of
PEACE and JOY
are different

Emotions are important to our lives. They often have a great deal of influence on our decisions—*often too much influence!* If we "don't feel like going to work" in the morning, and we let that feeling influence us, we will probably get in trouble ... or fired.

Emotions?

We have emotional experiences all day long—happiness, sadness, curiosity, anger, infatuation, depression, enthusiasm, frustration, and so on.

What are emotions? Where do they come from? Are they important?

Emotions are similar to the lights and gauges in your car on the

dashboard. If you run low on water, a gauge will tell you the car engine is getting hot. The fuel gauge lets you know that you might be close to running out of gas! *Emotions are like this for people.*

Our brain is a processing center that controls our body, behaviors, and speech.

The only input the brain gets is from our five senses: What you see, taste, hear, touch, and smell. As the signals pour into our brain, it reacts based on a large pool of ideas, memories, beliefs, traditions, values, goals, and other things. **This is what generates emotions.**

If I want a shiny new car and I work to buy it, I probably would feel positive, happy, or satisfied. If someone calls me a bad name ... I might feel like reacting with anger or revenge and I might feel depressed if it hurts my self image.

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Feelings?

Feelings are the reaction to outside events. These reactions then stream into our consciousness and trigger our thinking process which then creates an emotion.

Whether positive or negative, emotions are very dependent on outside circumstances and therefore are temporary because life around us is always changing. We can be happy one minute and upset the next. The *same* event can and does trigger different emotions in different people.

→ Please see "Elders" on page 8.

Elders

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Some people can watch a movie and cry at a part that triggers an emotion. A different person watching the same movie might have an emotional reaction of boredom. Same movie, but different intangible emotions.

What We're Promised

Jesus promises us that we are given peace that **“passes all understanding”** **Philippians 4:7 (NKJV)** and joy that **“will remain with you”** **John 15:11 (NKJV)**. Rather than being emotional experiences, this peace and joy are a *“state of being or existence”* given to us by the Holy Spirit as we yield ourselves to Him.

These **“rocks of our soul”** are not available to non-believers. Only Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, can give us this stable, inner experience, like the deep currents in the ocean. The waves on top of the ocean—*which can be calm or rough*—are like our normal emotions.

This inner state of being or existence, is only available to the believer in Jesus Christ. He goes on in the next chapter of John to tell us in verse 11 **“My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full”**.

His **PEACE** and His **JOY** are not emotional experiences because they are not instigated by our sensory input, not influenced by world circumstances, not reactionary to what people say to us. We might be distracted by our emotional

experiences, our anxieties, or our sinful nature. But His **PEACE** and **JOY** are always present deep in your being, your soul, even if in the moment you are not experiencing it.

Please Pray for Sylvia and Me!

Pray for us that God will use us to reach into the hearts of the folks that attend the family conferences in the cities of Resita and Criova. **THANK YOU** for your prayer and support of our work in Romania.

Current Elder News

On a different note, in terms of elder events, we will host the Annual Committee Report Congregational Meeting on October 27.

This is the third of three annual congregational meetings and is designed to better understand the work each of our committees is doing. True support for our committees is only possible as we know and understand what each committee has done this past year

and then give God thanks for His work in our church!

More Prayers Needed!

Please pray for our Elder team:

✠ **Joe** as he works with the Young Life organization.

✠ **Darrel** is helping to transition the leadership of Men's Ministry to new leadership as **Tim Griffiths** steps down after many years of service. Give Tim a big **THANK YOU** when you see him for all of the years of service.

✠ Please pray for **Justin** as he transitions to working with the young adults at EBC and thank him for his (and **Elly's**) time and energy for 18 years serving in the youth group.

✠ Pray for **Dennis** as his hand heals from surgery for carpal tunnel.

✠ Pray for **Galen** for wisdom as he is the Mission Committee liaison for the Elder team. ✠

New Room!



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By Alison Johnson
EBC Office Manager



Photo by Alison Johnson

We have an updated and fresh conference room thanks to the Trustees.

They worked hard to get this room completely fresh and new after the walls were redone and new electrical was installed. This room is primarily used for committee meetings, but will also be useful for Sunday school classes, prayer meetings, smaller classes, and more.

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News from FEBC!

By Kevin Stone
President, FEBC



September 2, 2024

I had lunch with a few of our FEBC pastors the other day, and the conversation turned to miraculous changes we have seen in the lives of people around us. Whether a child or other relative, or some person in our community, each of us had seen God perform a miracle for someone that seemed “beyond redemption.”

A common thread is that it had seemed each of these people were just too broken, too addicted, too lost to come back. They had hit rock-bottom multiple times and still had not come around. But in different ways and different settings, God drew them out of the mess they were in and into his arms. These folks who were so far gone are now worshipping and often serving at local churches.

As we talked about these situations, there was great joy in what God has done, but also a bit of self-awareness. More than one of us realized that even though we have seen God perform miracles in the past, we still occasionally see people and wonder how they could ever be redeemed. My tendency is to be somewhat of a skeptic, but I want to fight that tendency.

When I see messy people, my desire is to believe that God is working, and that my prayer or my act of kindness might be what God uses to get their attention.

The writer of Lamentations said this: **Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall! My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:19-23 – ESV)**

Great is his faithfulness! And his faithfulness extends not just to individuals, but to our gathered bodies as well. Perhaps there is a situation in your church that just seems too broken to be mended, or a relationship between congregation members that seems beyond repair.



When we face broken people, broken relationships, or conflict, we should “call to mind... the steadfast love of the Lord,” and we should pray fervently and with hope. God is the great restorer of broken people and of broken relationships. May we firmly place our trust and hope in him.

Thank you for supporting and praying for your local church and this Fellowship!

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President, FEBC ✝

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Coming in September!

Women's Retreat 2024

By Alison Johnson
Chair, EBC Women's Ministries

The retreat is coming right around the corner, September 20–22. This year we will return to Fern Hill Lodge in Monmouth. Last year was such a great time of fellowship and encouragement with other women from EBC. This year our speaker is **Abi Ririe**. She will be sharing on *"The great story of how we came to sit at the greatest table in all of history."*

Registration

Registration for the weekend is \$135.00. To just come for the sessions and not stay the night the fee is \$80.00. Registration is during coffee time, during the ministry fair, or during the week at the church office.

We hope that you can join us! ✚



2024 Women's Ministry Event Schedule

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 7 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

Men's Trap Shoot

September 7, 2024
Ken Quiring's House

Breakfast is \$5
Bring your own gun and 2 boxes of shells.

God...has appointed a time for every matter, and for every work.
Ecclesiastes 3:17

Office Update

By Alison Johnson
Office Manager

As summer comes to an end the office becomes a busy place once again. I am working hard to keep the website and app up to date with all the current information and details.



Office Assistant **Kari Sampont** has quickly learned the ropes and is doing more each week. Kari is now doing the bulletins each week and taking on additional projects as they come in.

If you have bulletin announcements, they can be sent to:

office@ebcdallas.org or
ebcdallas.assistant@gmail.com.

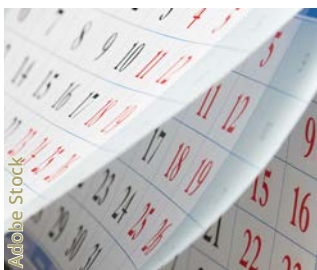
Production Delays

The update of the EBC Directory is still in production as there were some last minute additions and edits to complete. Please keep checking bulletin, webpage, and *The Sentinel* for future updates.

Calendar Getting Busy!

There are lots of things filling the calendar already for the end of the year and starting into 2025. The EBC app is a great way to have the church calendar with you on the go.

If you want an event posted to the app or website, please be sure to relay **ALL** information to me as soon as possible. (*What, where, when, who...*) I can make stuff up for you, **but it's best if you tell me the information.** With so many ministries restarting in September, there are lots of moving parts with classroom arrangements and scheduling groups into the calendar. **Your grace and flexibility is always appreciated.**



YOU'RE Special!

As always, it is a joy to be working in the church office. **THANK YOU**, all, for being you. Our church family makes coming to work a pleasure! ✝

It's Fair Time!

(Ministry Fair, that is...)

By Alison Johnson
Office Manager

On **September 8**, we will have our *Annual Ministry Fair* in the **EBC Activity Center/Gym**.

On that Sunday, the first service will be shorter and the second service will start about 10 minutes late. That way people will have an opportunity to see all the ministries and committees that are offered here at EBC.

Great Opportunity!

This is a great opportunity to meet people you do not know or to put names to faces as well. If you are looking for a way to get plugged into a connect group, want to volunteer somewhere, or want to know who to contact about different questions, this is the place to be.

We hope that you join us during the fellowship time between services and see all that EBC has to offer. ✝

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Spiritual Disciplines:

Service!

By Gwen Griffiths

As a young child in a small-church pastor's family, we often spent Saturday morning cleaning the church. Somehow, I often wound up with the chore of dusting the pews; there couldn't have been more than 24 or 30, but it seemed like there were at least 100. I did it—*perhaps not quickly or well*—because I'd been told to do it and knew there would be consequences if I didn't.

A few years later, I again spent Saturday mornings at church—this time working with the church organist to practice the songs for the next day's worship service. I understood that I had been given

piano lessons so that I would be able to play the piano for church, and I was expected to do so cheerfully and to the best of my ability.

Late in high school, I attended summer camp. Every week, an "honored camper" was chosen; this camper modeled a servant heart in attitude in actions. I wanted very much to receive that award, so I jumped to help in any way that I could—whenever any of the staff were watching. (*Perhaps not surprisingly, I didn't win that award.*)

✠ They hope to be **rewarded** for their service.

However, Christ calls us to serve for a different reason: our love for Him and for others.

As our understanding of His love and sacrifice for us deepens, so should our desire and commitment to live out that love by serving others.



Even when we realize the truth of His calling, our hearts sometimes fail to submit. Perhaps we feel the area in which our service is needed is too distasteful, or that we don't have time.



Motivations for Service

What do these three memories have in common? They illustrate three motivations for serving, our spiritual discipline for this month. People often serve because ...

- ✠ They have been **directed** to serve.
- ✠ They are **expected** to serve.

Requirements for Service

This is an opportunity to consider two requirements for service. Living out Christ's love will require generosity—the sacrifice of time, energy, recognition, and even money. Service also requires humility—the willingness to put **Philippians 2:3-4** into practice.

Sometimes we must begin to serve because we know that Christ has commanded us to, trusting that He will grow the right motivation

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→ Please see "Service" on page 13.



within our hearts as we serve. We may discover that we must pray, "Lord, cause me to want to do your will" before we can pray "Father, help me to do your will today."

The Discipline of Service

This is why service is a discipline. As **Richard Foster** says in *Celebration of Discipline*, "...service disciplines the feelings rather than allowing the feeling to control the service." As we step into service opportunities regardless of our will or skill to do them, we open our heart to the Spirit's sharing...and we become more like Christ. We learn to serve not for the reward of man's praise or accolades but instead to honor our Father and bring Him pleasure.

Through service, we learn to live out **Colossians 3:17 and 23 (CSB)**:

"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him...Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people." †



Your Child Will Be Wonder-Filled!

New Children's Classes

By Alison Johnson

This fall our children's Sunday School classes for ages 3 through 2nd grade are starting a new Sunday school curriculum. This curriculum will involve parents and families throughout the week, not just on Sunday mornings.

Families can explore fun activities, videos, and additional stories each week to reinforce the lesson taught on Sunday. If families are on vacation or sick, they can log into the site and see what was taught when they were gone as well.

We are excited to see how this program works with the kids and families here at EBC. The kids in all the classes will be covering the same topics each week so your younger kids will get the same story as the older kids, but simplified for their comprehension level.

From the website about the curriculum:

Core Values

Rooted in Biblical truth, the lessons are enriched with four core values:

- ✘ God Knows Me
- ✘ Jesus Loves Me
- ✘ The Holy Spirit Leads Me
- ✘ I Am a Child of God

Wonder Ink offers kids space to fully discover their place in God's Big Story, leaving no doubt about who God is and who they are in Him—helping them understand how their lives can tell of His wonder. †



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Operation Christmas Child (OCC)



THANK YOU for those of you who have donated items for the shoeboxes for children who may never receive another Christmas gift. We are gearing up for another campaign to fill as many boxes as we possibly can.

Things to Consider

Items needed for the shoeboxes include:

✦ Stuffed Animals:

Many OCC leaders have stated that children of all ages are excited to receive a stuffed animal in their shoebox.

✦ Toiletry Items:

Bar soap (*in original packaging*), washcloths, toothbrushes with holder, combs, brushes (*hair ribbons, barrettes for the girls*). **NO TOOTHPASTE OR DEODORANT.**

✦ School Supplies:

Pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers,



By Kay Whitney
Coordinator

pens, pencil cases, markers, colored pencils, index cards, solar powered calculators, blunt scissors, small rulers.

✦ **Miscellaneous:** Balls, coloring books, crayons, cars, dolls, Play-Doh®, yoyos, small frisbees, kaleidoscopes, marbles, flip flops, hats, gloves, sunglasses.

Shoe boxes will be available for pick-up at the Ministry Fair, Sunday, September 8. ✦



Fall Adult Sunday School Classes

9:00 Service

Bible in Life - Builder's Room

10:30 Service

Book of John - Rm. 226

Sermon Recap Discussion - Rm. 225

Young Adult Class - Room 222

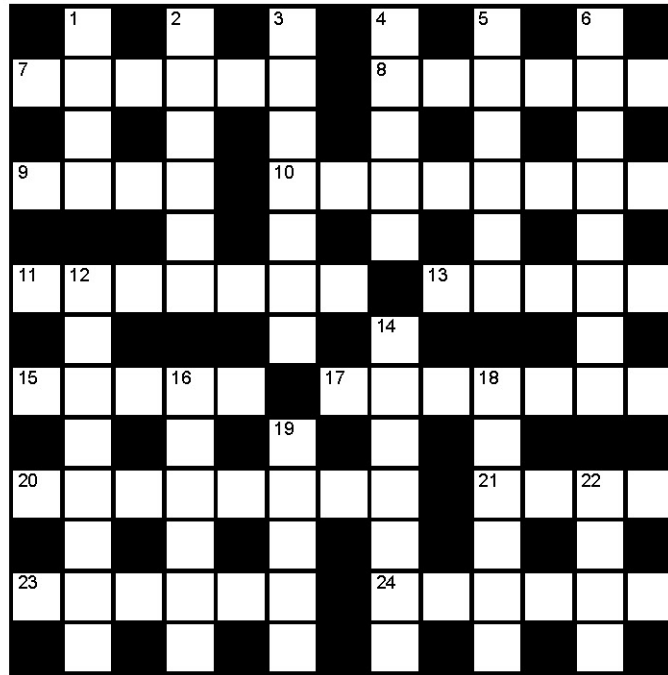
Bible in Life - Builder's Room

Prophets & Kings - Room 227

Book of Daniel - Youth Center Classroom

Philippians

Answer Key
on page 20!



Across

- 7 Synonym for greet. Phil 4:21 (6)
- 8 “If by any means I might _____ unto the resurrection of the dead.” Phil 3:11 (6)
- 9 Paul asked that the Philippians be of one _____. Phil 2:2 (4)
- 10 Paul lists out his qualifications and describes himself as a member of this Jewish group. Phil 3:5 (8)
- 11 “... But now much more in my _____, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” Phil 2:12 (7)
- 13 Paul wrote Philippians. This is another New Testament writer. (5)
- 15 “For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your _____.” Phil 2:20 (5)
- 17 The word that Paul uses to describe his expectation and hope. Phil 1:20 (7)
- 20 “So that my bonds in Christ are _____ in all the palace.” Phil 1:13 (8)
- 21 “Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark _____ which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.” Phil 3:17 (4)
- 23 The baby Jesus was laid in this. (6)
- 24 The Hebrew name for God. (6)
- 5 “Let nothing be done through _____ or vainglory.” Phil 2:3 (6)
- 6 Christ was made “in the _____ of men.” Phil 2:7 (8)
- 12 Judas’ act of _____ led to the capturing of Christ. (8)
- 14 One of the gospel writers. (7)
- 16 “Do all _____ without murmurings and disputings.” Phil 2:14 (6)
- 18 Paul instructed on being blameless “in the midst of a crooked and perverse _____.” Phil 2:15 (6)
- 19 Paul asks the Philippians to imitate what they have “learned, and received, and _____, and seen” in him. Phil 4:9 (5)
- 22 Beware of this. Phil 3:2 (4)

Down

- 1 Who was the son of Shamer in 1 Chron 6:46? (4)
- 2 Jesus is able to “_____ all things unto himself.” Phil 3:21 (6)
- 3 “Not that I speak in _____ of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.” Phil 4:11 (7)
- 4 “And _____ stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.” 1 Chron 21:1 (5)

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Mission to Thailand

Mae Sot Or Bust!

By Lori Bassham

Thirty-five hours. That's how long it took us to get to Thailand. Well, thirty-five hours of travel after five months of preparation, that is.

Lots of Travel

We gathered at the church for a beautiful time of prayer and then hit the road. **Mae Sot or bust.**

Our first stop was PDX, followed by a layover in Ontario, CA. We then flew to Taipei, Taiwan and then Bangkok, Thailand. We experienced the wildness of the traffic in the *most visited city* in the world as we transferred

airports before heading to our final destination.

Arrival!

When we finally landed in Mae Sot, we were exhausted. But even through our tired eyes, the beauty of Mae Sot and its people became immediately clear. Over the next week, as we

worked side-by-side with the wonderful people from **Maesot Evangelical Church (MEC)** and **Grace Boarding House (GBH)**, we fell in love with the area and the ministry there. Our trip to Thailand was a

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profound experience for each of us.

The mission included morning outreaches with MEC to various locations around Mae Sot. We were able to share testimonies with, worship with, and present the Gospel to adults and children.

Full Days

Most of the people we shared with are Burmese refugees living in Thailand after escaping war-torn Myanmar. Many of our afternoons and evenings were spent with the



beautiful children and teens living at GBH. Here, we also shared testimony and joined the staff and kids in worship. We also had the opportunity to play games, make crafts, and hang out with them.

When not working on a morning outreach team or spending time at GBH, we participated in Home Group Bible Study with MEC, helped out with a work project at GBH, visited the border of Myanmar and prayed for the country, went shopping for the week's food with the house parents at GBH, and broke bread (or, *in this case*, spicy Thai food) with the pastor and his wife as well as other leaders in the church.

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Lori Bassham, Madison Johnson, Garrett Bassham, Pastor Andrew, Tyler Basey.

Unless otherwise noted, pictures for this article are by Lori Bassham.

Announcing a Short-Term Mission Trip to Bolivia

Back to Bolivia!

By Patty Van Well, EBC Missions Committee

Photo by Dan and Judy Burke

Since spring of 2018, EBC has sent three short-term mission teams to serve with **Dan and Judy Burke** in Bolivia. The trips have been so successful that the Missions Committee is planning trip #4.

The main emphasis of the work has been to help print, assemble and bind booklets for the Chimane people group. Dan and Judy work hard to translate lessons and books of the Bible so that the Chimane can have Scripture and teaching materials in their own language.

Tentative Dates

This trip will take place sometime between March 1 and April 19, 2025 and will be 1–2 weeks in duration.

The Burkes can host up to 6 people, depending on the combination of individuals (*gender, singles, marrieds*) The age range for team members is large, but requires the ability to stick with the 'office type' work for an extended time each day.

Want More Information?

You may contact a member of the



Photo by Dan and Judy Burke

Missions Committee for more details; for a first hand report, contact someone who has been there! **Kim Disher, Alyssa Mackey, Patty Van Well, Kathy Reynolds, Nat and Sylvia Thomas, Ken and Ruth Quiring, Doug and Chris Mollerstuen, or Julie Gilreath** would be happy to share their experience with you! †

Welcome!

We are very much looking forward to meeting the next chapter of book teams sent down from EBC.

For us, not only is this a great way to have a bunch of tedious, manual labor done, this is a way for us to meet new friends!

We don't get many visitors down this way, so this has proven to be a great way to get to know people from EBC and you can really get to know people quite well when you spend hours and hours doing repetitive manual labor together!

Coming down on a book team gives people an opportunity to bless us through their busy hands and to encourage us with their friendship. After visiting us and spending time working on ministry projects, and hopefully being able to see where we minister, people have a greater understanding of what we do down here. A visit puts it all in perspective. **Come on down!**

Dan and Judy †



Mae Sot

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At the end of the trip, we spent a couple of days in Bangkok enjoying a day in the Ancient City and a River Cruise dinner. While it was an enjoyable way to end our time in Thailand, I think we all agree that a couple more days in Mae Sot, with

the people we had come to love so dearly, would have been even better.

Do It All Again!

Thirty five hours of travel and we'd all do it again for the opportunity to worship and share the Gospel with our new Burmese friends and hug the kids we all came to love.

Hopes for the Future

It is Pastor Andrew's desire to be able to return to Mae Sot in the summer of 2026. The trip will be open to older youth and adults. I cannot recommend more highly that you pray about this future possibility. It will change your life for the better.



Focus on Missions

Local Youth Programs

Weekday Bible

By Kay Dixon
Weekday Bible
Administrator

For over 80 years, Weekday Bible has been teaching Bible classes to students in the Dallas School District through release time classes.

How It Works

Students in grades 2–12 leave their classes for up to one hour per week, to learn about Jesus and His love for them. Originally students were bussed to a nearby church for Bible classes. Then, in 1955, the first chapel was built next to Lyle Elementary.



**WEEKDAY
BIBLE**

Over the years, Weekday Bible placed a building next to each

elementary building, as well as the middle and high schools. With the exception of the high school, all of the land was donated.

Still Strong

Today the ministry is still going strong. Many different churches from the Dallas area are represented on our executive team, our teaching staff, and our advisory council.

We rely on donations to pay our teacher salaries, maintain our buildings, and supply our curriculum and other teaching and office supplies. We are so thankful for EBC and your faithful support of this impactful ministry. We absolutely love hearing stories of how hearing the truths from God's Word has made a difference in our students' lives.

THANK YOU for being a part of that blessing.

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Oregon: Polk County Chapter

By Amy Wagnell,
Director

Though some may have heard of the *Wordless Book* or *Good News Club*, they may not be familiar with the organization that features these things: *Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)*.



Since 1937

CEF
CHILD EVANGELISM
FELLOWSHIP®
Reaching children worldwide™

Worldwide

CEF began in 1937 and is now a worldwide children's ministry. We are an interdenominational Christ-centered organization that presents the Bible as God's complete and inerrant Word.

We seek to reach children in the community through Bible Clubs and other outreaches. We train youth to become children's ministers in a program called *Christian Youth in Action (CYIA)*. Some CYIAers go on to become CEF staff.

Perhaps God is speaking to you to help reach children in Polk County or to help support Christian Youth as they seek their calling in God's Kingdom.

How YOU Can Help

If you are interested in volunteering or hosting a club or would like more information, please contact **Amy Wagnell** at **503.505.8863**.

Correspondence can be sent to the CEF Polk County Office at **office@cefpolk.org** or PO Box 425, Dallas, OR 97338. Donations are tax-deductible.

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Youth!

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Dallas YoungLife

By Jake Michalovich

Here at Dallas YoungLife we have the mission to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ, and help them walk in their faith.

How We Do It

In order to do this we get to partner with other Christ followers in



our Dallas Community in many different ways so that we can reach every kid in our middle and

high schools. These ways are through serving on our committee, becoming a leader, a part of our “cookie crew”, prayer partner, and a financial partner.

Our committee serves as a board for our ministry, helping out behind the scenes to help fundraise, put on events (like our banquet), support our leaders, and put together our prayer emails.



Our leaders are going to where kids are (*lunchtime at school, athletic events, school dances, etc.*) and getting to know them by name (*which we call **Contact Work***), praying for them daily, run our Clubs (*our gatherings*), Campaigners (*Bible Studies*), and helping our kids see Jesus through the way they interact with them.



Our “**Cookie Crew**” is a group of incredible individuals who make breakfasts, muffins, cookies, and meals for our ministry. We do this not just because the understanding that there will be food or treats gets kids in the door, but because sharing a meal together is an intimate thing where we can break bread and have genuine community together.

Prayer Partners

Our prayer partners are committed individuals who pray for our ministry daily based off of our bi-weekly reports that we send via emails throughout the school year. They are the backbone of this ministry, as we cannot do this with our own strength but only by relying on Him.

Financial Supporters

Lastly is our financial supporters. YoungLife is a **501(c)(3)** organization, which means we completely rely on donors to support the work that we do in this community. Our donors give monthly or give one-time gifts to allow us to continue this work we are doing.



Now Middle Schoolers!

YoungLife now as of last year is not just working with the high schoolers, but also the middle schoolers in town!

Our YoungLife (**HS**) and WyldLife (**MS**) Clubs meet every other week during the school year and weekly for our Campaigners Studies.

This info can be found in the coming weeks on our website (dallasor.younglife.org) and reminders will be on our Facebook page (Dallas, Oregon YoungLife/WyldLife) and Instagram (@dallasoregonyounglife).

Questions?

If you have any questions about getting involved, getting a student plugged in, or any general questions please contact me:

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Philippians Puzzle Answer Key

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How did you do?

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.

A Blessed Event

I recently baptized six of the young people in our church who we've ministered to over the years. It was a wonderful and blessed event! At the potluck that followed, we shared the Gospel with some relatives who aren't believers.

Joe & Jaine Garness
Star, CO †

Church Partnerships

We joined a few other churches for some joint service projects and outreach activities. Together, we cleaned the streets and offered free pizza at a local park. This gave us the opportunity to share the love of Christ and to speak with people who don't attend a church. This unity between churches grew out of a combined youth group and a desire to disciple the youth in serving others.

Jad & Amber Crouch
Calumet, MI †

Mission Partnerships

A team from a VM-affiliated church in Ohio came to do a variety of work projects on the parsonage and church and in the community. On the church grounds, they installed a wheelchair ramp, built a playground, and set up a basketball hoop. In the parsonage, they repaired electrical issues, remodeled the kitchen, and painted. They also cut down a fallen tree and trimmed others. We are so thankful! On Sunday, the team worshipped with our church family, and we all enjoyed a meal together.

Sam & Mercy Farag
Gorham, NY †

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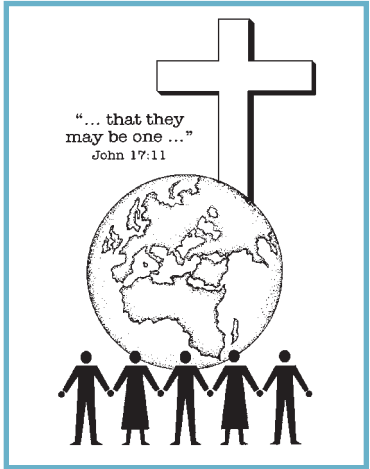
- ✘ Serve in Bolivia in Cochabamba and San Borja
- ✘ Development of a discipleship center in northwestern Bolivia
- ✘ Work with the Chimane people group
- ✘ Write and produce books and commentaries in Chimane for the tribal people
- ✘ Teaching, construction, leadership development



Kevin and Jennifer Domes

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
- ✘ Administrative retreats
- ✘ Jennifer also works in food preparation for the summer camps



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EBC Supports

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Ivan and Mary Goossen

Avant Ministries

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- ✦ Serve in Mucambo, Brazil
- ✦ Involved in evangelism and discipleship
- ✦ Adminstrate 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



Paul and Leslie Lanquist

Village Missions at Tanwax Country Chapel, Washington

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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



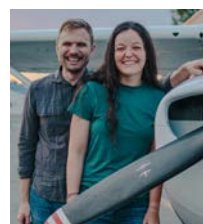
Steve and Mikki Schmidt

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



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

Other Outreach Ministries We Support:

- ◆ Awana
- ◆ 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
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items as they are announced.**

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**Thank
you!** ✝

September

9/2 OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY
 9/3 LADIES MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP
 9/4 AWANA YEAR KICK OFF
 9/7 MEN'S TRAP SHOOT
 9/8 MINISTRY FAIR
 9/8 CHURCH PICNIC
 9/9 HYMN SING
 9/10 FORGED KICK OFF
 9/10 MOM TO MOM
 9/12 COMPASS KICK OFF
 9/15 BAPTISM CLASS
 9/15 ART OF BEING NEIGHBORLY
 EVENING SERIES STARTS
 9/18 MEMBERSHIP CLASS
 9/20-22 WOMEN'S RETREAT
 9/24 MOM TO MOM

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



Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

John 17:7-9 (NIV)