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Consider Noah

By Pastor Troy Bassham

I'm sure you remember Noah. He's that guy who built the big boat with all the animals. You'll often see children's classrooms at church decorated with the ark and animals.

Really, it's kind of crazy—a story about *divine judgment* on mankind as the preferred mural for church nurseries. I digress. Anyway, the animals look cute on the wall sitting together under a rainbow. *We'll come back to Noah in a minute.*



warns Timothy that a day will come when people will reject the Word of God: ***For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.***

The Day Will Come...

In what may seem like an entirely different subject, there is a passage in **2 Timothy 4:3-4 (NKJV)** where Paul writes to the young pastor. He

Consider It...

I think we may need to consider Paul's warning, originally for

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know. grow. go.

Noah!

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Timothy, for ourselves. The day may come when men do not listen to truth. *Wait a second, I summarized that wrong.* It is not **MAY** come ... it is **WILL COME**. **The day will come.** People will ignore truth because they do not prefer it and instead will choose to believe in fables.

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Not Due to Our Works

There is sometimes a mistaken notion that if we are obedient in service and faithful in doctrine that we will see a great spiritual harvest. Of course, this is our hope but it is not always true. When our labor doesn't produce the desired results we question our methodology. Maybe we decide to pray more. Perhaps we update our website. There are all sorts of different

places that we look to improve our productivity. In and of itself this is actually a wise endeavor. *However,* we must remember that, ultimately, salvation or any spiritual success is *not dependent* on our own efforts.

To God Be the Glory

So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase 1 Corinthians 3:7 (NKJV).

In Christ's own earthly ministry people rejected both Him *and* His message. I don't think we can question His content, faithfulness, *or* methodology.

Indications of Faithfulness

A great response does *not* necessarily indicate great faithfulness. False prophets often drew large crowds and Jonah was hardly a worthy example of an evangelist with a correct heart. The Gospels also tell us that Jesus drew large crowds so long as He did miracles and offered free food. It was when He challenged them spiritually that they turned away.

The Bible tells us that people will reject the truth. It tells us that near

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the end they will do so in ever increasing number. *It is important to realize that our visible successes are not always an accurate indicator of our faithfulness.* **Nevertheless, we are called to be faithful.** We are called to preach the word, being ready in season and out of season (**2 Timothy 2:4**). Whether people respond to the truth *does not* determine whether or not we should be faithful in proclaiming it. It *does not* alter the commitment we are called to serve God well.

A Preacher of Righteousness

In the Bible, we remember Noah for his faith and for the boat he built. However, the Bible also says that he was a preacher of righteousness (**2 Peter 3:5**).

By modern metrics he wasn't very successful. After all, only his family listened and even one of his three sons seemed a little sketchy. Nevertheless, God's Word refers to him as an example of faith and obedience.

There are *many more examples*. Jeremiah was called to rebuke a nation that would not listen to God. He preached warnings of judgment and was even specifically instructed by God not to pray for the people (**Jeremiah 7:16, 11:14, 14:11**).

Don't Change the Message

The day may come when people stop listening to God's message. Let us *not* give in to the temptation to modify the message to accommodate people's desire.

Let us not grow weary in our labor—even when there seems to be no harvest. **Instead, like Noah and Jeremiah, let us serve for our Lord's pleasure. †**



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MissionConnexion Northwest

January 17-18, 2025
Portland, OR @ Sunset Church

Submitted By Doug Mollerstuen



Are you ready to be excited about missions? Mission work is the lifeblood of the Church.

The Great Commission given by our Savior, Jesus is this: **"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" Matthew 28:19 (NIV).**

Whether you're dipping your toe into missions, a church team looking for fellowship and guidance, or a mission organization enlisting new workers, we help you connect with the people, places and things you need to know to go forward on mission in your part of the country.

Keynote Speaker
The founder of the Nehemiah Project

(nehemiahproject.com/), **Patrice Tsague**, will be the Friday night Keynote Speaker.

Patrice Tsague will open our MissionConnexion Northwest event this January 17-18, 2025. He founded The Nehemiah Project in 1999 with his wife, **Gina Tsague**, in Washington D.C. Patrice and Gina both arrived in the United States in 1983, with Patrice coming from Cameroon, Central Africa and Gina from Haiti.

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Plan to attend! †

Mission**Connexion**
Northwest

Sharing Blessings

By Kay Whitney
EBC Missionary Gift
Box Coordinator

The EBC family opened up their hearts—and wallets—this month to provide the missionaries we support with an extra bonus this Christmas Season. This annual drive involved providing EBC households with a "take-out" box in which to place loose change, cash, and checks. It provides our missionaries much-appreciated bonus cash during this time of year.

Our EBC family, *as always*, did not disappoint and came through with a generous gift. Altogether, **\$2,675.19** was raised this year. Here's how it was dispersed:

Single person: \$78.69

Couples: \$152.74

Families: \$305.48

Thank you, EBC, for your continued generosity in helping to provide our missionaries with this extra bonus as a token for the excellent work they do to further His kingdom. †



Getting to Know Worship Leader Skyler Lovell

Meet Skyler!

By Skyler Lovell
EBC Worship Leader



Hello EBC Fam!

I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. With every year I find I want the Christmas season to be simpler and slower. That didn't happen, but honestly all of the events, food, and family time were absolutely worth it. Now for sleep...

As Promised...

As promised in last month's letter, I thought I'd give a formal introduction of myself. You get to see me up front every week, so you'd probably like to know a little bit of who I am.

I was born to loving Christian parents way back in 1981 at the old Salem Hospital on Center Street, which doesn't even exist anymore. Shortly thereafter my parents moved from Salem to Dallas, so our cool little town here in the foothills of the coast range is all I've ever known as home. I remember a time when the noon whistle actually called the mill

workers to lunch, log trucks parked on Main Street, there was an airport behind Safeway, Walmart didn't exist, and many of the homes we now live in were still tracts of forest, open fields, and farmland.

Our Family

A sister and then a brother rounded out our family. My parents loved us immensely and raised us with Christ as the center of all.

Of course, being born to Christian parents does not make one a Christian. That is the work of the Holy Spirit.

Opening My Eyes

I recall the day the Holy Spirit opened my eyes well even though that day came at quite a young age. My parents offered our house to host a backyard Vacation Bible School that summer and on that day after the lesson I simply knew in my heart that it was all true. Everything my parents had instilled, all that I had learned at Sunday school, and everything the group was teaching in our backyard ... it was all true. God was true, Christ had died for my sins, I needed saving, *and* Christ was that savior.

Of course, I didn't know all the ins and outs, but as a young boy I knew God had called me his own. I made a profession of faith that overcast summer day in my backyard and the rest, *as they say*, is history. I'm not sure of my exact age, but I figure I was somewhere between 5–7.

High School Changes

High school is certainly a pivotal time for many, and I am no exception. Hormones, brain maturation, first "real" life experiences—they all add up to truly begin defining who we are as people in this world. I blew out my knee riding dirt bikes in eighth grade and I can't help but see that was God steering me towards His

Word and music. I learned to play guitar that summer before my freshman year—*football certainly wasn't going to happen.* Knee surgeries on a 14-year-old just weren't a big thing back then.

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Youth Group Ministry

Turns out God had brought together all the right ingredients for a youth worship ministry in our youth group (*Faith Evangelical Free Church, now*

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Skyler

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Faith Church, was my church for 39 years).

We had a full band, tech support, financial support, and a rather large youth group for which to lead worship. Our skill improved rapidly. We were not only leading on youth group nights, but soon we were leading worship for the main church service once a month, and although I wasn't missing school for sports, I was able to miss a lot of school to go lead worship at the various Christian school chapel services in the valley. There were also a couple of years we were invited to participate in leading worship at Winter Youth Retreat in Portland, and opportunities to lead worship for various youth rallies in the valley as well. That was such a sweet time of spiritual growth, and yes, I made my mistakes, but God was walking with me all the way.

Heart For Worship

During those years God formed in me such a heart for worship. It is genuinely one of my absolute favorite things to create a space



where people can worship our Lord and Savior. I'm not the best or most talented, but all through the years God continues to use me to lead His people in worshipping His great name and I am grateful to be used as long as He sees fit to do so.

After high school I did the college thing for a couple of years at Trinity Western University (twu.ca/) in Fort Langley, British Columbia, Canada.

College ... and Erin

Admittedly, I'm not so much of a sit in a classroom kind of guy; add that to meeting my now wife, **Erin**, when I returned home for summer after my first year and you can see why college only lasted two years.

After completing my second year and returning home to stay, Erin and I grew ever more in love and were eventually married on February 22, 2002. It is hard to believe we are just a couple months away from our 23rd anniversary!

The Lord has blessed us with two amazing kids, **Isabelle** (18) and **Elijah** (14) and it is so awesome to see their growth, their lives being shaped in to the people God wants them to be.

I could go on, but in the interest of time and space I suppose I should wrap this one up.

I will, however, leave you with a couple fun facts, and also a big

THANK YOU for welcoming me, and my family, in to the EBC family. And, **YES**, you can always pull me aside and ask me any questions about my life to fill in any of the gaps left out!

Fun Facts:

1 My father was a taxidermist for a while, so I in turn learned that craft and have mounted several ducks, even presenting one of my mounts to my 4th grade teacher.

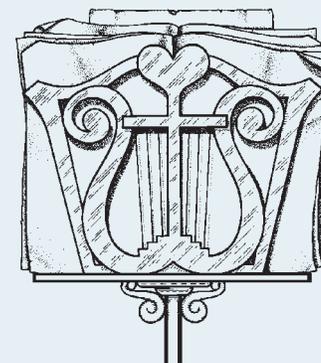
2 I killed my first deer when I was 12 with a Savage .243 rifle. I still have that rifle.

3 I very much enjoy 2-wheeled transportation. My motorcycle and bicycle are truly freedom machines!

4 I took up a hobby of restoring axes over a decade ago. I once shipped an axe to Puerto Rico.

5 Snakes are awesome. The biggest snake I've ever caught was a 5 foot gopher snake.

6 Just an opinion, but vinyl records sound better than streamed music ... *and* film photographs are better than digital.



Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
Colossians 3:16

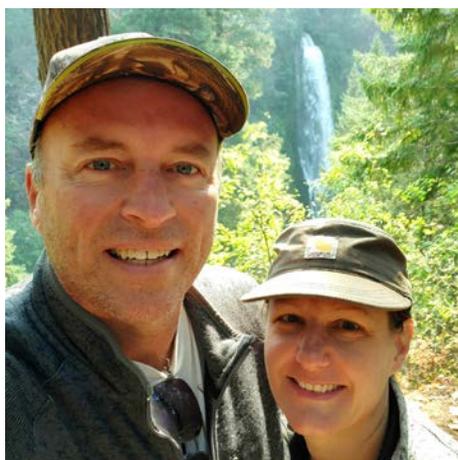
Know, Grow, Go!

By Pastor Mike Fast

“Know, Grow, Go”

We have seen this three-word statement around for quite some time at EBC.

In the coming year you will see it more often, and you will also see its explanation with it, accompanied by yet further descriptions. Each of the three words are explained just a bit further as we look to it as our Vision Statement (*our desire for each member of EBC*).



Know. Grow. Go.

We desire each person know Jesus, grow in Jesus, and go for Jesus into their community with the good news.

Know!

We desire each person **know Jesus**. This is where it starts... with Jesus. We emphasize relationship, *not* religion.

Grow!

We desire each person **grow in Jesus**. EBC provides many options for increased learning and steps toward spiritual maturity, including the Foundations course the first quarter of this year.

Go!

We desire each person **go for Jesus into their community** with the good news. The only hope for our broken world is Jesus, and

we should each be looking for and praying for opportunities to share the good news of a remedy available to all through faith in Jesus Christ.

May this Vision Statement give us greater purpose and effectiveness as we reach out into our community as a witness for Jesus Christ. †



Coming Soon!

Store Time

By Kim Disher
Awana Store Shopkeeper

The second Awana store night will be on **February 19 for Sparks** (K–2nd graders) and **February 26 for T&T** (3–5 graders) and **Trek** (middle schoolers).

Ready to Donate?

Did the children in your life receive new toys for Christmas? **OR** ... have they outgrown some of their current toys? If you answered **YES** to either question, please consider donating discarded toys to the Awana store. We're always looking to build our inventory in order to give the children a wide variety of items from which to choose.

Ideas to Consider

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

Thank YOU!

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



Office Update

By Alison Johnson
EBC Office Manager



As the new year starts, I have nothing new to report. Things are running pretty smoothly in the office. There are some projects in the works for the year and you all will be notified if there are any changes to the day to day operations for the office.

Contribution Receipts

As for this month, contribution receipts will be available Sunday mornings starting no later than January 19. I hope to have them ready earlier, if possible.

Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting will be January 26. Packets for the Annual Business Meeting will be posted on the bulletin board and at the welcome centers January 12.

Annual Business Meeting
Sunday, January 26
Plan to attend!

Please note that due to the size of the packets and the amount of printing involved, there will be a limited number available to pick up, but I will be happy to send PDF copies to anyone that requests one.

Funeral Aid

Funeral Aid enrollment will be open starting February 1. Be on the lookout for information from them leading up to the enrollment period.

Bible Reading Plan

This year there is a devotional Bible Reading plan available but it will be in monthly packets or booklets. I will also be getting them up on the website and the EBC app.



Thank YOU!

As always thank you all for being so wonderful and making my job the best job ever. ✝

Short-Term Mission to Bolivia

Getting Ready to GO!



By Galen Harms
EBC Missions Committee



DeeAnne Hiebenthal, Darrel Hiebenthal, Elizabeth Schneider, and JoAnn Loewen will depart for Bolivia on March 4, 2025!

Right now a Short Term Mission team of EBCers is making plans to go to Bolivia in March, 2025, to serve with **Dan and Judy Burke** in Cochabamba. EBC helps support the Burkes, missionaries with Ethnos360 (ethnos360.org).

The team will assist the Burkes in making books—collating, stapling, binding, and more—that are used in their discipleship ministry with the Chimane, an indigenous people group that live in the lowlands. From time to time a local church person has approached me with a question along these lines: *“Why don’t we just send money so the Burkes can get the work done there?”* I posed this question to the Burkes and received this reply.

Hello, Dan here.

The reason for the book team is not singular. There are many reasons for the team. There are 3 categories. The books, the team and us.

The Books:

No publisher can nor would make books the way I do. I have a system that has proven cheap and effective. My system demands a lot of folding and taping and stapling. Publishers do not fold pages, they sew their pages and glue the ends. Their style lasts about one third the time of my style bookmaking. If I were to buy the songbooks made at a Cochabamba publisher, it would cost at least 20 Boliviano (approximately \$2.90) each. My way of doing it costs less than 5 Boliviano each for materials and lasts 3 times longer. So, it is a better financial option.

The Team:

Second category is the team. The criticism that a work team is a waste of money because someone there can do it cheaper is a criticism not of my work team only but of any work team or ministry team anywhere.

The simple answer to that is Jesus commanded us to go. He

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Bolivia

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never commanded us to pay someone to go for us. As for the team itself I believe each member has an experience that will be remembered for their lifetime. God works in the hearts and lives of short term ministers. On the practical end, the ones who have come from EBC are workers. They get a lot of work done in a hurry. I exclusively reserve book making for EBC because you do a great job.

Us!

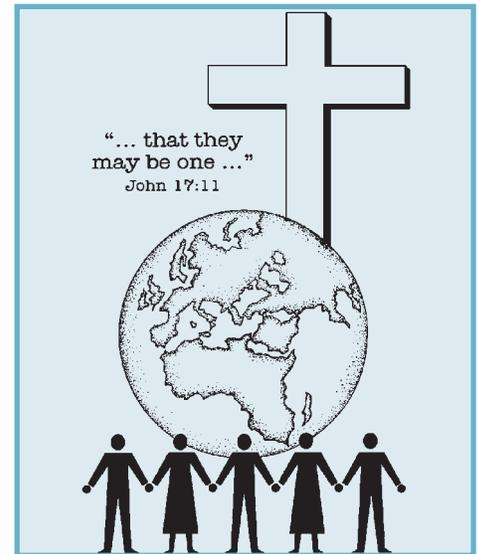
The third category is us. We get a blessing out of getting to know people from EBC. It is an encouragement to us. Just because we are long time missionaries does not mean we no longer feel the cost of the sacrifice. The team is a taste of home, a time of fellowship in our heart language and culture. We don't get that much otherwise.

There is more I could add but this is a good start.

God bless, Dan

Our Bolivia-Bound Team!
Elizabeth Schneider,
JoAnn Loewen, DeeAnne
Hiebenthal, and Darrel
Hiebenthal make up the team that will go to Cochabamba, Bolivia, in March.

They are at the point in their preparations of applying for visas. Please pray that their visas will be expedited in a timely manner. If you wish to support them financially you may do so through the church office.



Awana Grand Prix January 25, 2025

EBC Activity Center



THANK YOU, Alison Johnson, for providing the above Grand Prix graphic.

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Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

Acts 20:28 (NIV) †



Elders' Epistle

By Nat Thomas
Chairman, Board of Elders

This is the time of year that many people pause to reflect on the past and to use those reflections to form new goals or intentions for the new year.

Prompting Change

Some reflections are positive and bring a smile to our soul, while other reflections are a little painful as we regret some words or behaviors we knew were not right. The pricks of pain often are the ones that spur us on to make a list of changes we intend to make for, *in this case*, the year 2025. There are common resolutions that are the subject of jokes and banter; losing the average weight gain of seven pounds over the holiday season, exercising more frequently or intensely, or socializing more frequently.



What About YOU?

Do you have a list of resolutions that nag at the back of your mind? I do—the losing of weight, exercising more



and socializing more frequently are on my guilty list. Excuses are as common as the resolutions—the food jumped in my mouth *or* it was too tempting *or* I had to clean my plate... it is too cold to go walking *or* I don't feel like it today *or* I am too tired... ***I have the excuses down cold!***

Not As Important As ...

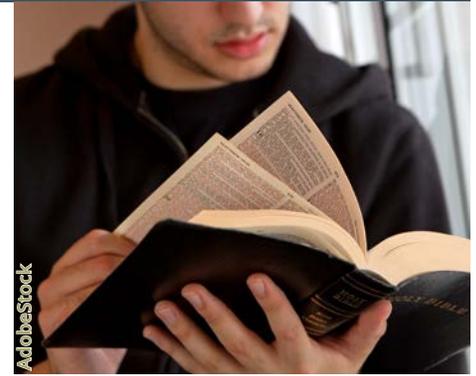
But those are topics of the body and of less importance than our relationship to our Lord Jesus.

What are some reflections about your walk with God? The Bible tells us to use the accounts of the people in the Old and New Testament to transform our lives and to avoid the mistakes they made or to pattern our walk on how they did trust in God and served Him.

Who?

Which character in the Bible do you see yourself the most like or want to use as a pattern? Often we reflect on the heroes of the Bible—Moses, David, Isaiah or Jonah. A friend of mine told me he wanted to be like Purah, the faithful servant of Gideon, that boosted Gideon's courage to go into the enemy's camp to spy and, as God commanded, to hear what the Midians were saying about Israel in **Judges 7**.

My friend thought it would be an honor to assist Gideon in his



obedience to God to fight the Midianites! I have thought that I want to be like Barnabas in the book of Acts. In **Acts 9:27** it says that while other disciples were still afraid of Saul after his conversion, Barnabas went and told the disciples about Saul's conversion and to not be afraid. In **Acts 11:22-24** Luke reports that Barnabas was ***"an encouragement to others"***.

I want to be an encouragement to others as Barnabas was in the book of Acts. As you read God's Word take a moment to reflect on who you would like to use as an example to guide your life this next year.

The Time Has Come

On a personal note, my time of rotation on the elder team is due, so I will be taking a sabbatical this year. As I reflect on my time on the elder team I will miss our time working together and praying together.

THANK YOU!

There have been many challenges, opportunities, and accomplishments that were in need of the Lord's wisdom and discernment. ***I thank the Lord for His faithfulness in our work providing the wisdom we needed and the resources to accomplish the tasks before us.***

Thank you each one for your support of the elder team over the years! †

Annual EBC Holiday Tradition A Huge Success!

Christmas Play

By Isabelle Lovell

On Saturday, December 14, I had the opportunity to go with family and friends to watch the annual EBC Christmas program. The time spent with my church family flew by as I was entertained by the cute and fun performance.

Bringing the Season to Life

Directed by **Sophie Lyman**, **Sarah McFarland**, and **Julie Fuller**, the play followed the Christmas story that brought this season to life.

It began with several members of the cast sharing passages from the Gospel of the light that came to us. After that they jumped into a fun song that went through the lineage of Christ.

From there the program followed a pattern of songs and narration from the band members as the kids acted out the story. An angel came



to Mary, played by **Libby Rand**, telling her she would be the mother of God's son. This did not go over well with Mary's betrothed Joseph, played by **Jack Johnson**.

However, after Joseph was visited by an angel in a dream, he took Mary as his wife and they traveled to Bethlehem. The play also cut to the journey of the wisemen and how they met with King Herod as they followed a prophesied star. Finally, little Jesus was born and angels told the shepherds of the news and the Magi gave Jesus their gifts.

Nicely Done!

It was so fun to be able to see the kids perform, both through acting and singing. I am amazed by how quickly they can memorize their lines and the lyrics. I was also impressed by the kid's abilities especially during the song that listed all the long, complicated names of the ancestry. I loved seeing how some of them find their voice while on stage and get into character. One moment that stood out to me was when King Herod, played by **Maddi Fuller**, sent the wisemen out. Her energy in



the moment brought a smile to my face.

Set and Costumes

I knew the set and costumes had been a struggle in the beginning, but they turned out great. I loved the little stable and the usage of the star on the cross, it was perfect for when the wise men were out in search of baby Jesus. *The costumes were cute and creative.* I thought each of the angels were beautiful in their white dresses, and the shepherds were perfect.

Great Music

The music sounded amazing and fit smoothly between the acting and narrating. Over the years I have seen plays and had admittedly found myself wishing there was less singing and more acting, but I did not wish that here. I enjoyed the balance between the kid's and adult's songs, and the chance to sing along with the hymns at the end. The musicians were wonderful, and of course I loved the two solo songs performed by **Stacy Foster** and **Sophie Lyman**.

A Crowd Favorite

As I watched, I glanced around to view the reactions of the crowd around me. I think it is safe to say they enjoyed it. Heads nodded with the rhythm of the music, and feet tapped along as well. Applause was loud and full at the end of each performance. I heard several laughs when the kids loudly announced *"listen closely because I don't want to sing this twice"* during the ancestry song. ✝



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Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches

News from FEBC!

By Kevin Stone
President, FEBC



January 2, 2025

Have you ever wondered why we celebrate the New Year? It sort of seems like a strange holiday to me. Most holidays have some historical event to celebrate – Christmas and Easter being obvious examples. New Year's is more like, "Congratulations, the earth is a year older now than it was a year ago." I guess it's like a birthday party for the planet.

Clearly, the most exciting New Year's celebration ever was Y2K, when the calendar rolled from 1999 to 2000, and all the experts were declaring that society would collapse when computers couldn't handle the math. That was exciting because we were waiting to see what would happen, but it turned out to be quite anticlimactic.

Apparently, the earliest known celebration of a new year happened in Mesopotamia around 2,000 BC. Different date of course, since it was before the Julian calendar, but the idea was similar. Hurray! A new year! We've been doing it for a long time.

If I had to take a guess, this is what I would say New Year's Day is really about: We live in a world that is broken and marred by the effects of sin. Because of sin, we face grief, hardship, pain, isolation, loss, despair, anxiety, poverty, hate, and so on. I dare say most people in our society look back on the previous year and think of so many things they would change if they could.

Enter New Year's Day – a time to say that the past is the past, and surely the future will be better. A time to resolve to make better choices that will positively impact things. A time to hope.

This is the world we inhabit. A world where people want to hope. But we are a people of hope, and we carry a message of hope. Are we sharing hope with the world around us? Are we giving them an alternative to shallow resolutions and inebriated visions of what might be?



Right beside the word "Bible" in our name is the word "Evangelical." That means we are people who believe in sharing the hope of the Gospel with those around us. We bring tidings of great joy!

Let's pray that the churches of our Fellowship and the people in those churches will faithfully share hope with the communities and individuals around them. Let's be people of hope.

Thank you for supporting and praying for this Fellowship. May God bless you this new year! ✝

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Busy Times at Mom to Mom!

Mentoring for Success

By Gwen Griffiths

It's 8:45 on a Tuesday morning, and the EBC parking lot is filling up. Moms hook baby carriers over one arm and reach for their toddler with the other hand, somehow balancing a diaper bag and purse as they make their way into the church. Often, they'll be assisted by a "Grandpa"—one of the group of EBC men who comes just to help the moms who attend Mom to Mom.

Getting Connected

Once inside, the moms get their children settled in childcare before heading to the youth center, where they find their tables and chat with other moms while waiting for brunch and the program. And at each table, they also connect with their **Titus 2 Mentor Mom**.

Mentor Moms

Titus 2 Mentor Moms are part of what makes Mom to Mom different from a run-of-the-mill coffee date.



Moms participate in the cookie exchange during the December meeting.



Sandie Radke gives a devotion about simplicity at Christmas.

Each of these women has raised children of her own and now attends Mom to Mom to share from her experiences. She leads the discussion at the tables and connects with the ladies at her table between meetings. She prays for them and shares their excitement when those prayers are answered. Sometimes our Titus 2 Mentor Moms speak to the entire group as part of the program.

Whatever they do, these mentor moms do it with a heart for showing Jesus to the moms they encounter. While it may not be a huge sacrifice for a mentor mom to hold a brand-new baby so his or her young mother can have her hands free to eat, it makes a difference for that mom. And when a Titus 2 Mentor Mom takes the time to reach out with words of encouragement for an unsaved mom who has been experiencing tough times, God's love becomes more evident to her.

December Meeting

During our December meeting, Titus 2 Mentor Mom **Judi Peters** led the group in creating Christmas centerpieces—a favorite activity every year. The ladies enjoyed creating unique centerpieces with the greenery and decorations Judi provides.

The December meeting also included a cookie exchange and a short devotional given by Titus 2 Mentor Mom **Sandie Radke**. As she talked about simplicity, Sandie used the letters from the word "Christmas" to illustrate her talk.



Some of the kids got to be a part of creating centerpieces during the December Mom to Mom meeting.

Please ... PRAY!

As you can see, the Titus 2 Mentor Moms play a vital role at Mom to Mom. *Would you pray for them as they reach out to the moms assigned to them?* †



Why I Donate Blood

By Sherri Fobert

While serving on the church's Health Care Committee, we had been discussing what we might offer to our church family that could make a difference.

What a Great Idea!

Kristiina Broten suggested we should look into sponsoring a blood drive. There is always a shortage and a need. It seemed like a good idea to the committee so I offered to call the Red Cross.

As Christians we know that God works his wonders in ways that surprise us. When I called and talked to the lady who is responsible for our area, she was so excited. She had just gotten off the phone with a facility in the Monmouth area that could no longer serve as a donation site. She asked if our church would consider becoming a site to replace the one she had just lost. As we talked and I learned what becoming a site would require, it was certainly feasible.

So our committee decided on a date for our first blood drive. Since our committee was sponsoring a drive, it only seemed reasonable in my mind that *we* should be willing to donate.

What About ME?

That decision would be left up to each individual. I thought, **"I hate needles."** (*I use them in my own health treatment.*) **"My blood type is nothing special."** It's the most common, type (A), and the RH factor (+) is the one with the highest percentage. But then I started to learn more about blood donations.

Whole Blood vs Power Red

Most donations at EBC are considered a whole blood donation.

This type of donation is often used for trauma patients and those undergoing surgery. It can also be separated into *"its specific components of red cells, plasma and platelets."* (**Red Cross**)

An individual must wait eight weeks between each donation, therefore an individual can donate up to six times a year.

Some individuals can also make what is referred to as a Power Red donation at our site.

This type of donation filters out one's red blood cells and returns the plasma and platelets to one's body. These red blood cells can be given to *"trauma patients, newborns and emergency transfusions during birth, people with sickle cell anemia, and anyone suffering from blood loss."* (**Red Cross**)

Blood types that are especially useful in this type of donation are O+, O-, A-, and B-.

So the question became, am I going to donate? Do I have the time? Then there is that needle component.

Not Long

Whole blood donations take about one hour. My finger has to be pricked to make sure I'm healthy enough to donate and the needle is only in place for around five to six minutes. (*Time varies according to how quickly you squeeze the bulb placed in your hand to help the blood circulate.*)

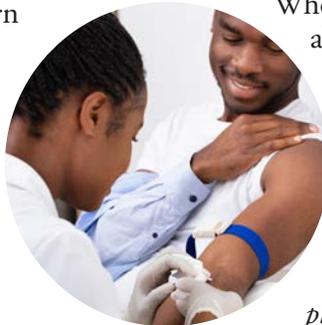
Worth the Benefit!

After pondering and praying about it, I decided that with one hour of my time—and conquering my fear for five minutes—was worth making the difference of a lifetime for three individuals.

Make the Call!

Donating blood is a personal decision. Perhaps you know of someone who received a blood donation. What a difference it can make!

EBC is hosting its next blood drive on Monday, January 6. It's not too late to call the Red Cross (**1.800.733.2767**) or the church office to see if there is an available time for you to donate. **Thank you for considering making a difference!** †



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Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Update

By Erin Lovell
Chairwoman, Women's Ministry



Ministries, I knew I would be stepping out of my comfort zone.

While I had been greatly enjoying my year on the team and my role as hospitality coordinator, I wondered if I was up to taking on leadership of the team. After pondering and praying for several weeks I felt the Lord leading me to accept this new role. There are definitely still moments of doubt, but I know the Lord will be there for me as I step into this challenge.

Introduction

Hello, Church Family!

For those of you that do not know me, my name is **Erin Lovell**...also known as **Skyler's wife** or **Isabelle's mom** or **Eli's mom**. That in a nutshell is how I am usually known, as I am *never* in the spotlight. So, when I was asked to take on the role of chairwoman for Women's

Fun Facts

To introduce myself and help you get to know me better, I thought it would be fun to share some random facts about me.

✠ I have lived in three states: Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where I lived until age 13. I then lived in southern California until age 24. Then moved to Dallas, Oregon.

✠ I graduated from University of California, Riverside, with a BA in Psychology, but almost all of my jobs have been in business financials. I love numbers and there is nothing like balancing a complicated account.

✠ I am in the 11th year of homeschooling my two kids.

✠ I love following the weather, especially in the winter when there is a chance of snow. I **LOVE** snow!

Brief Testimony

For generations my family was Roman Catholic so I grew up in the Catholic Church.

My sister became a believer when she moved to Dallas with her family. She prayed for me, gave me a Bible, and shared her Christian life with me.

→ Please see "Erin" on page 17.



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There are definitely still moments of doubt, but I know the Lord will be there for me as I step into this challenge.



As I read the Bible and heard the truth of how I was not saved by my works but that I was a sinner in need of Jesus' cleansing blood, I accepted God's gift of salvation at the age of 26. At first, I kept going to the Catholic Church with my mom and was amazed at how my ears were opened to truly hearing the message during the sermon.

Not Long!

It did not take long, though, when I realized I was not going to grow in my faith remaining in Catholicism. Though it was difficult on my mom, I stepped away from the Catholic Church and began my spiritual growth at Faith Evangelical Free Church. It was there I met my wonderful husband, **Skyler!**

Looking ahead

Besides the big change of **Alison Johnson** and **Lori Bassham** stepping out of co-chair positions and my new role as chairwoman, there are three other vacant spots. This is half the team from last year

One of my biggest goals is to bring together the various generations of women of our church.

stepping out for various personal reasons.

Rebuilding Time

As we transition and work on rebuilding our team, the year will start quieter than in past years for Women's Ministry. We decided to not do a January Journey book this year. As a team, we are encouraging ladies to focus on the all-church Foundations series and joining one of our weekly Bible studies.

Our planning meeting will be in January and we are excited to plan

ways for the women of our church to fellowship together, study God's Word together, and learn from each other as we share life as a family. One of my biggest goals is to bring together the various generations of women of our church.

Humbled and Excited

As I look to this coming year and taking on the chairwoman job, I am still incredibly humbled to have been asked to lead this team. I am excited to see how God will work through our team and draw us closer to Him. ✚

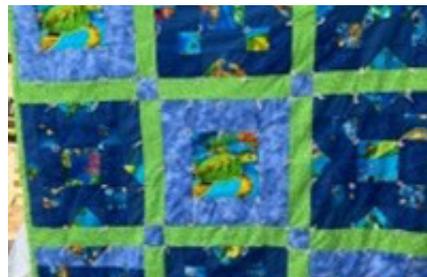
Ladies Missionary Fellowship

LMF Update

By Jerry Thiessen

Ladies Missionary Fellowship has been very busy in our monthly meetings and in our special Christmas Luncheon our President, **Christine Schneider**, along with **JoAnn Loewen's**

assistance, gave a summary of what projects have been completed and are being put to use in various locations.



Plan to Attend

We are so thankful that we could have a small part in helping others. Our monthly meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month and we have a great time of working, visiting, and hearing from a variety of speakers and ending the meeting with the best potluck set out in a beautiful way every month by two dedicated couples. *Truly a treat to look forward to and the husbands are welcome to join us.*



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Spiritual Disciplines:

Guidance!

By Gwen Griffiths

A little over 12 years ago, Tim and I faced a big decision: Tim was asked to consider becoming the Director of Stewardship at Village Missions. We were working at a conference and retreat center in Kansas and because of leadership issues had tried to leave that ministry—but every time God closed the door. In response, we committed to staying in Kansas until God moved us. We had barely made that decision when the offer from Village Missions came.

So we sought guidance. We asked our parents to pray with us and I chatted with my mentor and another close friend. Tim also talked to close friends. As we prayed, we concluded that we would walk through every door that God opened for us. And twelve years ago this week, we followed God’s guidance as we moved to Oregon.

Learning to Rely on God’s Guidance

The spiritual discipline of seeking guidance can seem a little less concrete than some of the other disciplines we’ve covered. *After all, how do we know that God is truly directing us and that we aren’t just interpreting our own wishes and desires as His will?*

As I think about it, seeking God’s guidance builds on many of the other disciplines. We pray and study the Scriptures, meditating on God’s words to us. We may spend time in fasting or in solitude as we seek God’s will.

Guidance, when pursued as an individual discipline, means intentionally setting aside my wants and desires to pursue God’s plans and desires. And when pursued as a corporate discipline, it requires us to open our hearts to the possibility that the path that seems clearly open to me may not be the correct path for the body of Believers—and to respond in a God-honoring way.

Seeking God’s Will—Together

While many of us may have experience in seeking God’s will

on an individual level, the idea of corporate guidance may be less familiar. Sure, we attend quarterly business meetings and vote on issues. But that is still a case where each person indicates their individual position.

What would it look like for a congregation to reach total unity on an issue before proceeding?

In truth, guidance—in a corporate sense—is about unity. And that requires us to trust our leaders and each other.

Our culture places a high value on individual rights and opinions. If we aren’t

getting our way, we feel justified in citing the conflict between Paul and Barnabas and leaving the group to find another group that will more closely align with our desires. Yet much of Paul’s writing (**Ephesians 4** and **Philippians 1**, for example) ties together unity with living in a manner worthy of our calling from God. Our desire should be first that the will of God be done, second that

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Guidance

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we are a help to the implementation of His will rather than a hindrance... and our own desires should fall in somewhere further down the list.

Unity can be reached when people adopt God-honoring postures in times of conflict (something I intend to discuss in 2025).

Richard Foster's *Celebration of Discipline* recounts a story in which a congregation was seeking God's will. Foster writes:

After a considerable period of time, a united sense of direction began to emerge among all except a few people. Finally, one person stood and said, "I do not feel right about this course of action, but I hope that the rest of you will love me enough to labor with me until I have the same sense of God's leading as the rest of you or until God opens another way to us."

Foster goes on to share how, all over the auditorium, small groups



formed to pray and share together. And eventually they reached a united opinion. This happened because, in a variety of ways, each person put the needs and desires of the group above their own.

Applying Guidance to Our Lives

So where do we go from here? How do we apply this discipline on both an individual and corporate level? We begin to work on humility so that we might better prioritize God's plan above our own.

We develop relationships with those who can offer wise counsel in times of uncertainty. And we practice the entire body of spiritual disciplines so that we might be better inclined to hear God's voice—both in our everyday, individual lives and in a more corporate sense.

Next Steps

✦ Memorize **Psalm 25:4-5** and pray through it when seeking God's will. Add **Philippians 2:3-5** to your memory list and pray through it prior to seeking guidance as part of a group.

✦ Commit to praying for the leaders in our church, that they would clearly see and willingly follow God's will.

✦ Attend our next quarterly business meeting with a goal of modeling unity and care for the entire body. ✦



LMF

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Very Busy Year!

LMF had a very busy year in 2024. Some of the highlights were the completion of the following projects:

✦ **57 Blankets** given as wedding gifts, new babies, missionary gifts, many to Union Gospel Mission and Hope Pregnancy Clinic.

✦ **4 Baby Towels** to Hope Pregnancy Clinic

✦ **35 Clothing Protectors** given to individuals and Dallas Retirement Village

✦ **211 LuoPads** were sent to UNTO, (part of CRU) for women's needs in developing countries.

✦ **3,000 Precious Pockets** completed for Oregon Right to Life to be given out at the county and State fairs.

New Projects Coming

In the coming year we have a couple of new projects we are looking forward to starting and we would welcome more ladies to come and join in this encouraging and useful time.

See You On January 7!

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, January 7, starting at 9 am**, to work on our projects. Please join us in the **Youth Building Classroom**. The meeting starts at 11 am for business, a guest speaker, and prayer time. ✦

Forged Youth Report

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Fall Retreat

By Isabelle Lovell
Forged Youth Reporter



In November, several youth groups from around Dallas went over to **Camp Tapawingo**

for a weekend of fun and fellowship.

More Connected

We did this All City Retreat last year, but there was something about this trip that felt more connected. Everyone had a blast playing games such as *Steal the Bacon* and *Archery Tag*, but we also had a great time coming together to worship.

Brian Woolard was the speaker for the retreat and he was amazing. We all loved him.

First Session

We all love to get invitations, but what makes an invitation great? Typically, there are three things that we consider when determining this:

- ✘ *Who is this from?*
- ✘ *Who is it to?*
- ✘ *And how is it presented?*

All of us are given an invitation, but when we consider those things, *do we always think it is the greatest? Or ... do we just go on living our daily routine?*

Is That All There Is?

We become absorbed in things which suddenly become everything in life. *But is that it, is that all there is to life? By no means!* God invites us to His eternal life and He calls us to live with purpose. **That** is living.

Second Session

We all view ourselves in a certain way, *but where do we go to find our identity? Do we look to someone, or do we look in the mirror and wonder?*

Christ knows us on the deepest level. He redefines us, leading us to who He created us to be. Christ knows this because He lives in us. *Is that not incredible!?*

Helping students:

Meet Jesus,
Trust Jesus,
Follow Jesus!

“Christ lives in me” is a profound and powerful statement that changes who you are. **But** ... we have to invite Him

in first. Unfortunately, things like pride and shame can stop us from

→ Please see **“Youth”** on page 21.

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!



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Youth

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doing so. How we define ourselves can impact us too. If we look in the mirror and only see a sinner, that is all we will be. Instead, we must know we are new and let go of the past.

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Third Session

Change is a part of life, *but do we live out that change?* God is in the life-changing business, and He wants to make us new from the inside out. But sometimes we do what we do not want to do to become what we want to be. We are constantly in a battle between flesh and Spirit, and if we are not in the fight, then we have already lost.

Fight Back!

Therefore we must fight back with perseverance and trust in God's control. Live in the light because *when sin is brought out from the shadows it has no power.*

Last Session

Love is crucial, it makes *all* the difference. No matter how much faith we have but do not love, *does it really make a difference?* Love is what is worth living for, and how we love



Retreat's Theme Verse:

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)



shows what we truly believe. This is what it means to be mature in our faith. We get to be the manifestation of God's love towards others. **We get to love Christ!** †



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Missionary In Training: Matthew Schneider

Preparing for His Work

By Matthew Schneider

I just finished up my six-month English teaching internship in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. I am serving with DestiNations International (destinationsint.com/), a conservative Mennonite church planting mission.

Back in the USA

I returned to the United States on December 15 in order to complete the application process for long-term service. Lord willing, I will return to Cambodia to help with church planting.

Next Steps

The next steps will include an in-person interview in New York City, going to Bible School back east, and reading some books. I am looking at spending between six months to a year in the US.

Exciting and Challenging

It has been an exciting time for me. Within the first week of arrival in Cambodia, I slipped and fell on a wet tile floor and hobbled around on crutches for a month. I've battled giant bloodsucking mosquitoes,

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eaten crickets, and seen a great hornbill, a large and colorful bird.

I got to witness the baptism of a new follower of Jesus, was around when two more young men decided to follow Jesus, and preached a couple of sermons at the fledgling church.

Alphabet Soup

I have plugged away at learning the world's largest alphabet (74 characters) and stumbled over quite a few challenging pronunciations.

→ Please see "His Work" on page 23.



DestiNations International

Our Vision

Our vision is to make Christ known, His name worshipped, and His Word obeyed among every nation, people, and tongue.

Our Mission:

We partner with Anabaptist churches to recruit, train, send, and support teams to proclaim the Gospel and plant reproducing, mission-minded Anabaptist churches among unreached peoples.



His Work

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Affiliation

DestiNations International is the mission branch of the Biblical Mennonite Alliance (**BMA**), an association of congregations who are committed to the Lord Jesus Christ and to His Word. Learn more at: biblicalmennonite.com.

Would You Like Updates?

If you would like to receive regular updates filled with accounts of daily mundane missionary life with a few exciting things thrown in, deep theological, and, *occasionally*, convicting musings, favorite songs, and a bunch of Bible, ... you can email me at gaviaimmer@live.com or text/call/WhatsApp/Telegram me at 503.509.1067. †



DestiNations Core Values

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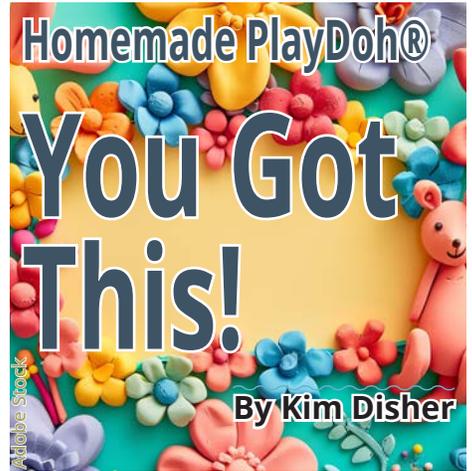
We are willing to suffer, die to self, and put aside our fears for Christ's service. We are not ethnocentric. We will be hospitable and humble, giving up our comforts and immersing ourselves in the culture of those we serve. We are committed for the long haul.

Anabaptist

We are committed to faithfulness to all the commands of Scripture, accountability in brotherhood, Jesus' ethic of love and nonresistance, and the Great Commission. We are guided by a hermeneutic of obedience—we believe the study of Scripture should produce not only a correct theology but also a transformed life. Our commitment to obedience is not just a personal matter. It's a commitment in community to God's Word and to each other.

Team

We are co-laborers. We are not lone rangers, individualistic, or in competition. We need each other. We celebrate each other's wins and rely on each other's strengths. We will be vulnerable, teachable, and flexible. We are many members yet one body in Christ.



Parents ...

Looking for a fun and inexpensive way to keep the kids occupied during those loooong rainy days? Making homemade PlayDoh® is both fun and economical.

Ingredients:

- ✘ 1 cup flour
- ✘ 1/2 cup salt
- ✘ 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- ✘ 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- ✘ 1 cup water
- ✘ A few drops of food coloring

Directions:

1. Mix all ingredients in a saucepan.
2. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until the mixture forms a ball.
3. Remove from heat.
4. Allow to cool slightly until mixture is comfortable to work with.
5. Knead briefly to smooth out.

As with commercially available PlayDoh®, this homemade version will eventually dry out. Therefore, store in an airtight container or ziplock® bag when not in use. †



First Sunday Finery

By Gwen Griffiths

There's something happening at EBC that you may not have noticed. On the first Sunday of each month, if you take a moment to glance around the sanctuary, you'll see more suits and ties, more dresses, than you might on other Sundays.

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At some point in the last couple of years, some of our youth decided to dress up on the first Sunday of each month. Slowly, others have joined in. I don't know why this practice started, but I have found it encouraging. Our culture grows increasingly more casual and seems to not do much to set apart Sunday as "God's day"—a sharp contrast to how I grew up.

In my family, the girls were not allowed to wear pants to church (unless the weather was extremely cold)—and we never wore jeans to church. When I complained, my dad explained that he wanted us to give our best to God on Sundays, and that when we take care in presenting our physical selves to God, it helps us get into the mindset of presenting our best mental, emotional, and spiritual selves to God as well.



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It reminds me of an old hymn I grew up singing: *Give of Your Best to the Master*, written in 1902 by **Howard P. Grose**.

Give of your best to the Master; give of the strength of your youth;

Throw your soul's fresh, glowing ardor into the battle for truth.

Jesus has set the example, dauntless was He, young and brave;

Give Him your loyal devotion; give Him the best that you have.

Refrain:

Give of your best to the Master; give of the strength of your youth;

Clad in salvation's full armor, join in the battle for truth.

Give of your best to the Master; give Him first place in your heart;

Give Him first place in your service; consecrate every part.

Give, and to you will be given; God His beloved Son gave;

Gratefully seeking to serve Him, give Him the best that you have. (Refrain)

Give of your best to the Master; naught else is worthy His love;

He gave Himself for your ransom, gave up His glory above.

Laid down His life without murmur, you from sin's ruin to save;

Give Him your heart's adoration; give Him the best that you have.

How Can You ...?

How can you give of your best to our Lord and Savior in 2025? Perhaps you'll choose to dress a little more "dressy" on that first Sunday of every month or you might commit to giving God the first portion of each day in devotional time. Perhaps you'll endeavor to speak more words that honor Him or to use a portion of your income in a way that shows your desire to put Him first.

Keep Your Eye on the Goal!

Whatever it may be, you will become more like Him through the experience, and others will see Him in you. ✚

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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:

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Harvest Blessing

About 100 people came to our church's annual Harvest Supper. Many were people I hadn't met before. A group called Salt/Light shared the gospel through music. I briefly shared what Jesus did for all people. The event was a blessing to us all!

Philip & Valorie Rownd
Stanley, IA †

Community Outreach

Our church organized a "Fall Frenzy" for the families of our community. We offered games, distributed tons of candy, and provided hot dogs and nachos. Every child received a gospel tract and printed invitation to a worship service at our church.

Mark & Deborah Lugg
Bowman, CA †

Momentum

To continue the momentum of VBS and invest more in the lives of the children and their families, we started hosting monthly Family Fun Nights at the church. We're grateful for the enthusiasm of the four adults who help! The evening begins with an activity such as a wagon ride, a bonfire, or pumpkin bowling. One of us shares a devotion. Then we form small groups for discussion and snacks. Some families from the community regularly attend. We're praying that they would be drawn to our Sunday worship services as well.

Andy & Heather Nelson
East Poestenkill, 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



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



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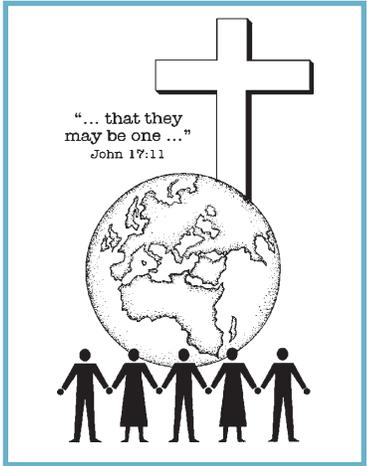
- ✘ Serve in Bolivia in Cochabamba and San Borja
- ✘ Development of a discipleship center in northwestern Bolivia
- ✘ Work with the Chimane people group
- ✘ Write and produce books and commentaries in Chimane for the tribal people
- ✘ Teaching, construction, leadership development



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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Ivan and Mary Goossen
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- ✘ Serve in Mucambo, Brazil
- ✘ Involved in evangelism and discipleship
- ✘ Administrate programs such as a coffee shop outreach
- ✘ Long time involvement with a Christian radio ministry



Eric and Judith Hedeem
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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
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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



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- ✘ Jake is the Area Director for Young Life in Polk County.
- ✘ Moriah serves as a Young Life leader.
- ✘ Sharing the Word of God and discipling youth.



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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.



Other Outreach Ministries We Support:

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

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**Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do:
Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to
win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 3:13, 14 (NIV)