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## The Harvest

By Pastor Troy Bassham

***Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.***

**John 4:35 (NASB)**

It's been almost six years since our family left Salt Lake County, Utah and moved to Dallas, Oregon.

It was hard to leave our Utah church home and many friends, but we were excited to see what God was going to do in this next chapter of our life and ministry. One thing was certain; we knew that there were going to be many changes.



### Utah Challenges

Utah was a unique place with its own culture, blessings, and challenges. In Utah, we were a religious minority—the evangelical Christian community in Salt Lake City, Utah was about 2.5% of the population (*according to Sperling's Best Places*).

To put this into perspective, Communist China is between 2–4% Christian, North Korea is 1–2%, and Iran is 1.5% Christian.

### Different Place?

Moving to Oregon was most certainly going to be different. I

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**Monday, July 14, 2025  
@ 5:00 pm**

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know that the Pacific Northwest is not the most religious corner of the country, but after living in Utah, it felt like moving to the Bible belt.

## The Need for Revival

Of course, that last statement is not a reality. The need for revival in our neck of the woods is substantial. Let's look again at **Sperling's Best Places** ([bestplaces.net](http://bestplaces.net)).

This website provides data on different communities and regions. It was a helpful tool for us when we felt the Lord moving us out of Utah and into a new ministry. While this metric may not precisely match other assessments, it gives us a glimpse of our community. Many times we have a perception of our community that doesn't match the data. Or possibly, this will just confirm what you already know. So, let's look at what the evaluation says about Dallas.

## Deep Dive into Dallas

*Sperlings lists Dallas, Oregon as*



**24.3% religious.** This is likely an assessment taken from a sample of the population, I don't know how they accumulated the data. Whatever the case, 24% is a small number. In comparison, the Salem metro area is 39.6% religious and the state as a whole is 31.8%.

*Did you catch that?*

Dallas, Oregon is less religious, as a whole, than the state of Oregon!

*What do these numbers tell me?*

**Firstly**, that a self-assessment of being "religious" doesn't necessarily equate to being a follower of Jesus Christ.

In Salt Lake Utah, 75% of the people are religious, but as I previously said, only 2.5% of the population would be considered evangelical.

The same is true in Dallas and Oregon. If 24% of Dallas considers themselves religious, it is likely that the percentage of believers (*at least practicing believers*) is considerably less.

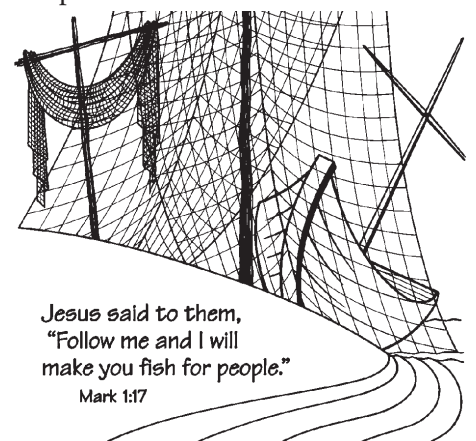
**Secondly**, just because a community has certain characteristics (*rural, conservative, traditional, etc.*) does not mean that these values are based in a personal walk with Jesus Christ.



Sometimes we equate traditional community values and 4th of July parades with a citizenry that has a thriving faith community. This is not necessarily true. Both Utah and Dallas had community elements that were desirable places for our family to live. Sadly, both have the largest portion of their citizenry that needs Jesus.

All that brings me to our final (*and main*) point. We have work to do. The fields are white for harvest. This is not the time to be idle. We need to pray for workers. We need to be those workers: praying for the lost, engaging with our neighbors and looking for opportunities to share Jesus.

This is the mission field that Jesus gave us, and it needs Jesus. Let's pray together that God would give us a love for our community and the effectiveness to reach it with the Gospel. ✝



Jesus said to them,  
"Follow me and I will  
make you fish for people."  
Mark 1:17

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## Points to Ponder

# Working As A Team

By Pastor Mike Fast

Several weeks ago, **Lora** and I traveled to Burns to visit our daughter's family. She and her husband, **Brett**, have four lovely daughters.

We spent an evening at the studio watching them practice several dance routines for a large coming competition. They have difficult moves to perform and numerous routines to memorize, and to do it all in sync with one another.

## Missing Members

The problem this particular evening—as it was spring break—was that nearly half of their team was absent. The difficulty of nailing moves and position placement increased enormously without the missing girls. As I sat watching, I couldn't help but think about how we see the same thing in church when we are missing members of our body, *our team*.



When any member of our family of brothers and sisters in the local church is missing, we know it. We feel their absence in a variety of ways:

- ☒ Physically
- ☒ Emotionally
- ☒ Spiritually

Often things become more difficult when they and their service are absent. *Those present even exhibit a bit less joy when part of the family is gone.*

**Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)** prompts us to “**not neglect our meeting together, as some people do,**

**but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.”**

That verse reminds us of the importance of encouraging one another. **1 Thessalonians 5:11** exhorts us *to build one another up*, and **Ephesians 4:32** urges us *to be kind to one another*.

And as we worship our Lord and Savior together as a team it becomes a beautiful place when all of this is present.

## Functioning As A Unit

Lora and I just recently were able to watch our grandgirls' competition, and the whole closeknit team was present, and they did fantastic, even scoring in the top three regionally, out of hundreds of routines.

It was impressive to watch how well the team functioned as a unit with a similar objective in mind. The same can and should be true in church as well, but truly even better as the concern and love for one another is an even greater priority.

**Psalms 133:1** reminds us of *how good and beautiful it is when Christian brothers and sisters get along in unity.* ✝





# Loving Your Neighbor

By Greg Sykora  
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**D**o you show love according to how the Bible tells us to love? Jesus tells us in **Matthew 22:37-33(NKJV)**



the greatest commandment in the Bible is to ***"love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."***

And the second greatest command is like it: ***"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*** When Jesus said this, He was asked, ***"Who is my neighbor?"***—a very valid question!

## And Our Neighbor Is?

The answer to this question is found in the parable of the Good Samaritan, in **Luke 10:25-37**. A Samaritan finds a complete stranger in a desperate situation, shows mercy, and takes care of the stranger's needs.

These men didn't live in houses adjacent to one another. Our



neighbors are all of the people in the world, including those living next to us, family, friends, acquaintances, and complete strangers.

Scripture is full of ways to show love to our neighbor, both in the New and Old Testaments. One example is **Matthew 7:12 (NKJV)**, which tells us, ***"whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."*** This is what is known as the **Golden Rule**, and is heavily taught in kindergarten classes across the nation! As we receive opportunities, we should be kind

and give to others, especially to the poor, needy, and helpless.

The Golden Rule *also applies* to friends and family. We can be guilty of being unkind to those close to us, especially family members! If you wouldn't say or do something rude to a stranger, then you shouldn't say or do that same thing to a close friend or family member.

There are countless ways to apply the command Jesus gave us to love our neighbor. Part of loving others is to share the Gospel of Christ with them, so that they too can ***"love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."***

You show love for God when you obey the command to love your neighbor as yourself. ✝

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

Vacation Bible School Coming Soon!

# True North VBS



Join us for our **True North VBS** here at EBC. We will be hosting this year's VBS **July 28 to 31, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, each day.**

## What They'll Experience

At True North, children discover what it means to trust Jesus in a wild world! Kids participate in memorable Bible learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, and test out science-fun experiments they'll never forget.

Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called **God sightings**. Each day concludes with a **Compass Closing** that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 11:30 each day.

By **Alison Johnson**  
VBS Coordinator

## Want to Join the Team?

For those of you that are interested in helping with VBS this year, we will have volunteer meetings starting in early June. If you know you want to help and in what area you are ready to help, you can let **Alison** in the office know and we will make sure that your background check is current and you are on the list of volunteers. For those that would love to help but cannot, there are other ways that you can support our VBS program this year.

## Other Ways to Help

Number one is **prayer**. Pray for the kids that will attend, for the families involved, for the volunteers, and so much more. We will have weekly prayer cards for the six weeks leading up to VBS to help keep God at the forefront of this ministry.



And you, my child...  
will go on before the Lord  
to prepare the way for him.

Luke 1:76



Secondly, in July you can **sign-up to bring specific items for the daily snacks**. All snack supplies will need to be at the church by July 27.

Between now and June, please prayerfully consider helping with VBS this year. We need help in all areas:

- ☒ Registration/check-in
- ☒ Preschool/nursery
- ☒ Snacks
- ☒ Storytime
- ☒ Welcome/song time
- ☒ Group leaders
- ☒ Game leaders
- ☒ Group helpers
- ☒ Scripture memory activity
- ☒ Photographer
- ☒ Craft/object lesson time ✝

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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 Galen Harms

## Pierce My Ear

**W**ay back in the 1980s I heard a song titled *Pierce My Ear*, presented by a Christian college choir visiting our church. The choir director shared that the song was based on the scripture found in **Exodus 21:1-6**. I didn't read the scripture passage nor give it much more thought at the time.

Years later, say 15 to 20 years ago, I encountered that passage as I was reading through the chronological Bible in a year. In fact, the same command of God to the people of Israel is also stated in **Deuteronomy 15:16-17**.

### Further Study Needed

After thinking about this law several times over the years, I have chosen to do a bit more study and research, and share the results in this month's Elder Epistle. First, here is the passage from **Exodus 21 (NLT)**:



**1 These are the regulations you must present to Israel.**

**2 If you buy a Hebrew slave, he may serve for no more than six years. Set him free in the seventh year, and he will owe you nothing for his freedom.**

**3 If he was single when he became your slave, he shall leave single. But if he was married before he became a slave, then his wife must be freed with him.**

**4 If his master gave him a wife while he was a slave and they had sons or daughters, then only the man will be free in the seventh year, but his wife and children will still belong to his master.**

**5 But the slave may declare, 'I love my master, my wife, and**

**my children. I don't want to go free.'**

**6 If he does this, his master must present him before God. Then his master must take him to the door or doorpost and publicly pierce his ear with an awl. After that, the slave will serve his master for life.**

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**But the Bible passage shown above explains that slavery was a temporary condition.**

### Digging Deeper

The first thing that I encountered about the passage was the concept of slaves, specifically Hebrew slaves.

*How is it that one ethnic group had slaves of their own people?* I grew to understand that "slave" here in the Bible was absolutely not like the horrible period of slavery in our country's history or in those corners of the world where it still exists. From commentaries, I learned that slavery was *permissible* in the Bible in *certain situations*. But the Bible passage shown above explains that slavery was a temporary condition. In verse two, the slave is to be set free after six years of servitude. And there existed conditions that kept families together.

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# Pierced

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## What If...

But what was, and is, amazing to me, is the instance when the slave doesn't want to go free (see verse 5). There are passages in the Old Testament that tell slave owners that the slaves must be regarded as members of the community and treated humanely (see **Genesis 17:12; Exodus 23:12; Deuteronomy 5:14-15**). So under these conditions slaves may say, "I love my master. . . I don't want to go free." **Then what?**

To me this is the most interesting part of this passage; and we're coming to the title of the song. So this next step was to be done "before God" and probably refers to the place where God was worshipped. In all likelihood the master and his slave went to the tabernacle to find a door or doorpost. Using an awl, and with other folks present, the master pierced the ear of the slave. And with that act, the slave declared his love for his master and agreed to serve the master for life. Piercings are ubiquitous nowadays—not just ears but noses, lips, belly buttons, and much more. And the modern day piercings usually involve some jewelry. But I don't believe any of the modern day piercings have a

meaning anything like the one in the Old Testament. At this point I have actually stood beside the door jamb to see how this might work! *It does.*

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## The Power to Choose

Like the slave in the Old Testament passage, we have the power to choose. Different from the slaves in the Bible, we don't have to wait six years. As followers of Jesus we have metaphorically said to our Master "take me to the door, I want my ear to be pierced, and to serve you for life."

In my mind I'm comparing my salvation experience as my declaration that "I love my master and don't want to go free;" my baptism as my public ear piercing; and my commitment to serve the Lord as being with the Master for life and not ever being a free man (see verse 2 of the song below).

Maybe you have thoughts about the implications of this passage or other analogies that you'd like to share. *Please let me know.*

## Pierce My Ear!

Here are the lyrics to *Pierce My Ear*.

*Pierce my ear, O Lord, my God;  
Take me to Your door this day.  
I will serve no other god;*

*Lord, I'm here to stay.  
For You have paid the price for me.  
With Your blood You ransomed me.  
I will serve You eternally.  
A free man I'll never be.*

*Pierce my ear, O Lord, my God.  
Take me to Your door this day.  
I will serve no other god.  
Lord, I'm here to stay.  
Lord, I'm here to stay.*

## Listen For Yourself!

I found several renditions of *Pierce My Ear* online. If you are reading the digital version of *The Sentinel*, you may [click here](#) to listen to one of those renditions. If you are reading the print version, you may access the same rendition by typing the following into your internet browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gz0ucs0mYdl> †



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<https://www.rjstevensmusic.com/product/pierce-my-ear/>



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Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches

# News from FEBC!

By Kevin Stone  
President, FEBC

June 1, 2025



## If you haven't signed up for Connect25, why not?

**W**e're set to have a fabulous gathering of our Fellowship churches July 10-12 at Crosspoint Bible Church in Omaha, NE. The cost of registration is less than many other conferences, and it includes meals for everyone and lodging if you choose to stay in a host home.

Our keynote speaker, **Mark Clifton**, is an expert in the field of revitalizing churches. But his content is not just for churches that are struggling. Mark believes that Jesus is in the business of renewing every church. Mark's theme is *"Every Church Renewed"*, and he will present a bonus plenary session titled *"The Prescription for a Healthy Church."* This seems like important content!

We also have excellent Breakout Sessions from which you can choose two:

- ◆ **Rev. Gary Krehbiel**, recently certified in the Working Genius tool, will present how this tool can be leveraged by your church's leadership to work more effectively as a team.
- ◆ **Rev. Tim Knelsen** will present an in-depth look at unity without unanimity.
- ◆ **Christi Krehbiel**, Christian school administrator, will explore age-appropriate world view formation.
- ◆ **Rob Quiring**, FEBC-supported missionary, will discuss how teaching English as a second language can be used as a platform for evangelism in your community.

If you are a pastor or leader within your local church body, you should attend. If you are neither of those, but care about local church ministry, you should attend. If you are not sure whether or not you care, you should probably attend.



There will be lots of time for connecting with like-minded believers, relaxed discussions about ministry, great meals, fun outings, and much more. Many of those who regularly attend Connect say that it is a highlight of their year.

Learn more or register now at [fellowshipforward.org](http://fellowshipforward.org)! While you're there, consider making a gift for the Connect25 Project Offering. You can find information about this need on our website and donate at our "giving" page.

Thank you for your ongoing prayer, support, and encouragement. See you in July!

Kevin Stone ✝ 

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## The Gift of Conflict:

# Causes of Conflict

By Gwen Griffiths

The other day, I asked my Instagram® friends to think of causes of conflict. The answers varied:

✦ **Physical Issues:** pain, hunger, lack of sleep that cause people to respond poorly

✦ **Character Traits:** pride, impatience, judgmental attitude

✦ **Lack of Skill in Interaction:** miscommunication, assumptions

✦ **Responses to Situations:** unmet expectations, feeling undervalued

✦ **Differences Between People:** opinions, personalities, preferences

As you likely know, there are a myriad of ways to wander into conflict—that situation we get when tension rises to the surface in an interaction.

### Tension?

*And just what is tension?* Tension is that awareness that something is going wrong—the unsettled feeling of pressure building or a stretching of relational bonds. I think we tend to believe that if the pressure isn't alleviated, the only option is for the band of tension to “snap”—causing negative consequences or repercussions for everyone in the area.



### Processing Conflict

In order for us to handle conflict well, we need to understand how we process conflict, and that others process in different ways. There are a few things that influence how we deal with conflict, and I'm going to mention three here.

The first is our **personality**. Some people are by nature more comfortable with direct conversations and hard interactions, while others struggle to process feelings or word things well when tension rises.

You may be generally more sensitive to developing conflict and

What can feel very tense to one person may just seem like a normal conversation to another.

try to mitigate it immediately while others close to you communicate in a more assertive manner. What can feel very tense to one person may just seem like a normal conversation to another.

A second factor in handling conflict is **learned patterns of behavior**. When I was a kid, I don't remember my parents working out conflict; they must have done so behind closed doors. But I do remember my mom walking around the house in frustration, and saying something like, “*I don't know why your dad always leaves his stuff out*” or “*I don't know why your dad never asked me about this before committing us.*”

And then one day I was in the van, in a rush and frustrated with **Tim**, and the following words came out of

→ Please see “Causes” on page 11.





# Causes

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my mouth: “*I don’t know why your dad always...*” And I looked in the rear-view mirror to see two pairs of big brown eyes looking back at me, and that was the last time I let those words come out of my mouth. ***It was a learned pattern of behavior.*** When conflict hit, I defaulted there.

Finally, the way we deal with conflict from event to event quickly becomes a pattern, and it doesn’t take long for a pattern to **develop into a rut**. And the longer we walk in our rut the deeper it becomes and the harder we find it to climb *out* of that rut.

## Reactions to Conflict

These three things—*personality, learned patterns, and ruts*—all shape how we deal with conflict, and chances are, we fall somewhere along a spectrum of reactions to conflict, with one extreme being running away from conflict (*avoidance*) and the other extreme running towards conflict (*aggression*). Each of us finds a place somewhere on that spectrum in each instance of conflict.

## Avoid ... or Engage?

If you’re like me, you want to avoid conflict. The mere feeling of tension building in a room is enough to bring on a queasy stomach or

shaky hands. You’ll come up with any reason to avoid the conflict, becoming ever more creative with your justifications and excuses, while difficult situations continue to fester and build up tension.

On the other hand, some people seem to run wildly towards any and all conflict. *No situation is too trivial to “have it out”*. They often seem to jump to defensive declarations of fault. Tension doesn’t seem so much to bother them as to follow them or collect around them.

As it turns out, we all regularly find ourselves in situations involving conflict. And as Christians, we bear a responsibility to represent Christ well during those times. In the next issue, we’ll talk more about that responsibility.

## Keep thinking:

✠ *What sort of situations are most likely to make you feel tense or lead you towards conflict?*

✠ *Where do you fall on the conflict spectrum I described? ✠*

# Amazing Moms

By Gwen Griffiths



Moms are often known for their flexibility and resourcefulness, and those abilities were useful for the May 13 meeting. Since the church roofing project was in full swing, holding a meeting at the church proved to have some logistical difficulties.

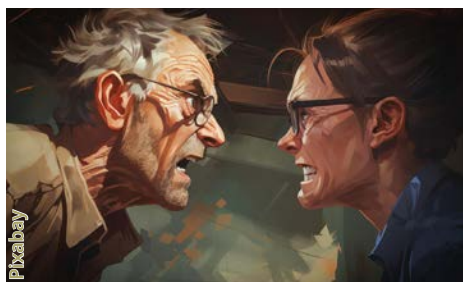
After some discussion with the trustees and among the steering team, mentor moms invited the moms at their tables to meet at the park for an informal play day.

## Another Amazing Year ...

Mom to Mom completed their year on May 27 with an inspiring message from **Joy Franz**. She spoke about what’s constant in this changing world and challenged the moms to rely on foundational truths from God’s Word.

## And Another One On The Way!

Our group is now on break for the summer, but we’ll be back! **Mark your calendars for August 26 and plan to join us for our annual kick off at the Dallas City Park.** Even if you can’t benefit from these meetings, you probably know a mom who can! ***See you in August!*** ✠





## Family Update

**W**ow! We are over halfway through our furlough. We shared at four churches in Oregon and enjoyed reconnecting with longtime friends and meeting new ones. Thank you to everyone who helped make our time there special.

We are in Kentucky for the second half of furlough and are enjoying a slower pace here. We have just a few more weeks to spend time with family, catch up with friends, and prepare to return to Indonesia.

We have had a lot of sickness these past few months, but overall, we are doing well. There are a lot of good parts to furlough, but



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we look forward to returning to our normal routine in Wamena soon.

## Financial Update



A huge thank you to all who pray for and financially support our ministry. We are grateful to have you as partners as we serve the people of Papua.

MAF is increasing the minimum support amount from \$9,800 per month to \$10,600 per month, so we are looking for additional financial partners to support our ministry with MAF. Accompanying our letter is one from our CEO explaining why this increase is necessary.

We praise the Lord for already providing \$400 of this increase, and we trust Him to provide the rest.

## How to Pray for Us

**O**ur MAF support target is increasing. Pray that the Lord would bring forth financial partners for our ministry.

✠ Pray for a good end to furlough, that all five of us can be healthy and we can return to Papua well rested.

✠ Praise God for the completion of the new Bible translation in the Ngalik language.

✠ MAF currently has a lot of job positions open overseas, as well as at our headquarters in Idaho. Pray that the Lord would send people to fill those vital positions.

✠ Pray that our travels back to Papua in mid-April will go smoothly.

→ Please see "Brooks" on page 13.



March 2025

**Dear family and friends of Tim and Mallory Brooks,**

MAF exists to see isolated people changed by the love of Christ. Our staff around the world, including the Brooks family, hold that vision close and work to bring help, hope, and healing wherever they're living and serving.

To see the impact of MAF, consider the opening of a new airstrip. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, an airstrip recently reopened in Gwendjé. The villagers worked for years to clear and smooth the airstrip, celebrating with enthusiasm when the first MAF plane landed! With the airstrip open, missionaries and pastors are coming in to support a local pastoral training institute. Help, hope, and healing are now close at hand.

In Indonesia, MAF opened Bisek, a new airstrip in the mountains. The first planeload was box after box of Bibles! Although God's Word was already translated into their language, the village had been waiting for MAF to open the airstrip so we could deliver the Bibles. As the Bibles were unloaded, the people danced and shouted with joy.

Before our pilots go overseas, they train on the rugged backcountry airstrips in Idaho. A new airstrip near the Salmon River just reopened; with its 18-degree slope, the airstrip offers a realistic challenge for mountain flying elsewhere.

We're so grateful for each airstrip and every MAF team member! Whether a mechanic, accountant, pilot, mobilizer, IT technician, teacher, or one of the many other roles needed for our work to take place, each person plays a vital part in accomplishing Mission Aviation Fellowship's ministry.

MAF desires to declare His glory among the nations (1 Chronicles 16:24)! Thank you for sharing this vision and walking alongside us. We look forward to seeing His continued faithfulness to our worldwide ministry and to you.

Serving Together,



President and CEO



# Brooks

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## How to Give

Please prayerfully consider joining our financial support team. You can do so via one of the following:

✦ Our website ([www.maf.org/brooks](http://www.maf.org/brooks))

✦ Calling **MAF Donor Services** at **208.498.0800** or toll free at **800.359.7623**

✦ Via mail to:

**MAF Donor Services**  
**PO Box 47**  
**Nampa, ID 83653**

Write **Brooks 9119** in the check memo line!

*Thank you!*

MAF missionaries raise support for a pooled fund out of which MAF covers salary, housing, benefits, and staff-related ministry expenses. MAF exercises discretion over the use of missionary support to carry out its mission and care for its staff. ✝

# Youth Group Updates

By Pastor Andrew Wheeler

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**H**ello everyone! Here's an update regarding upcoming events. Please note that I was unable to supply any alternative to the parent meeting we missed on 5/18 due to the senior trip.

However, the calendar is finalized, so please take a look at it on the following page.

## Compass Events

### 8th Grade Night

Thursday, June 12th is our final night at Compass for 8th grade students! the 8th graders have been meeting with myself and other youth leaders for the past two weeks after youth group, and we will meet one more time this coming Thursday (6/5) to plan the night as our 8th graders will be running every piece of the night. Don't let your 8th grader forget to come that night to participate and receive a special congratulatory gift on behalf of EBC.



### Move Up Night/ Parent Night

Thursday, June 19, is the move up night for incoming 6th

graders!! If you have a student going into the 6th grade in September, 2025, then they are welcome to come to Compass YG starting the night of the 19th! It will be a normal night of youth group to introduce to our newest class what we're all about. Join us from 6:30–8:30 for games, worship, Bible, and small groups!

Something new we are doing this year for our Compass move up night is that it is also a parent night. If you are the parent/guardian of a student currently in, or going to be in, Compass please join us from 6:30–8:30 on June 19! We want all of our students at Compass to have a parent with them, not just incoming 6th graders. There will not be childcare provided, so if only one parent can come that's okay! We want to show you what we're all about and how we do things. Please join us with your student Thursday, June 19, from 6:30–8:30!

### Helping students:

*Meet Jesus,  
Trust Jesus,  
Follow Jesus!*

### Move Up Night

Tuesday, June 17, is our move up night for incoming freshmen students! If you are an 8th grader in Compass right now, or even if you know

a high schooler who would like to attend, bring them on Tuesday, 6/17 to Forged! There's dinner from 6:15–6:45 and games, worship, Jesus, and small groups to follow! **See you then.**

## Sunday School

### Senior Sunday

This Sunday, June 8, is the last Sunday for seniors to participate in EBC Youth Sunday school. We will be having a pancake, bacon, and eggs breakfast to celebrate all the seniors have accomplished and to encourage them on their way to whatever God has in store next. Join us in the youth room from 10:30–11:30 that Sunday!

→ Please see "Youth" on page 15.

## Forged Events

### Baccalaureate

Tuesday, June 10th will be the final night of youth group for our graduating seniors. It will *NOT* be a normal night! We will only be meeting from 7–8 pm in the youth center and *there will be no dinner.*

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# Youth

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## Move Up Sunday

Father's Day, June 15, will be move up Sunday for all incoming 6th graders! If you will be starting middle school in the school year of 2025-2026 then you can begin attending Sunday School at EBC Youth starting 6/15! 10:30–11:30 in the youth center. Cereal provided weekly!

## Other

### Forged Dinner

As noted in a separate email, we are in need of generous people to supply dinner for Tuesday night Forged youth groups through June. If you would be so kind as to consider signing up for this outreach to our high school students and their friends, that would be awesome! Please follow this [LINK](#) to put your name on the list. Generally, you go buy the food and cook it, and I take your receipt for reimbursement. *Thank you to all who have helped in the past!*

### No Youth Group

*There will be no youth group the week of July 4 (7/1 and 7/3) in celebration of the holiday. Enjoy time lighting and watching fireworks with your family!*

### July House Parties

It's almost time for our annual house party month! We take July to still meet weekly, but we meet in the houses of congregation members instead of at church. This part of the ministry helps keep the youth connected to the larger EBC family,

**Summer Calendar 2025**

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**JUNE**

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**AUGUST**

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| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
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**8 SENIOR SUNDAY**  
 Let's celebrate the seniors' last Sunday with EBC Youth! We'll have a big pancake, bacon, etc. breakfast from 10:30-11:30 AM in the youth room.

**10 BACCALAUREATE**  
 It's the seniors' last night with Forged. Parents are invited to come give an encouraging word to their students and all other high schoolers are welcome as well! Dessert will be provided 7-8 PM in the youth room.

**12 8TH GRADE NIGHT**  
 The final night for our 8th graders is on Thursday, 6/12 from 6:30-8:30! The 8th graders will be in charge of the night, so let's encourage them as they enter high school.

**15-19 MOVE UP WEEK**  
 Father's Day is also the day we kick off move up week at EBC Youth! Sunday we welcome the new 6th graders to Sunday School. Tuesday we'll have the former 8th graders/new freshmen join us at Forged. Thursday the new 6th graders experience Compass for the first time!

**19 PARENT NIGHT**  
 If you are a Compass Parent, then you are invited to Parent Night on Thursday, 6/19! Come experience what youth group is like with your students and meet the youth leaders that make it all possible. 6:30-8:30 PM.

**1+3 NO YOUTH GROUP**  
 We're taking the first week of July off to celebrate Independence Day! Enjoy some summer fun!

**8-24 HOUSE PARTIES**  
 Instead of youth group at EBC, we're wandering all over Dallas to the houses you generous hosts! But we need your help to make it happen. Contact Pastor Andrew if you'd like to host Forged or Compass at your house this July.

**29+31 END OF SUMMER PARTIES**  
 These will be the last two youth group meetings of the summer. Both will be held at Pastor Andrew's house. Let's hangout and celebrate God's goodness this year.

**5-28 NO YOUTH GROUP**  
 We take the month of August off from youth group to give our leaders a break and to prep for the new school year. Enjoy this time as a family and gearing up for another great year to come!

and it shows the youth how much they are loved and cared for.

This year, we need a total of 6 houses for the month (3 for Forged, 3 for Compass), beginning Tuesday, 7/8 and ending Thursday 7/24. The last week of July (7/29 and 7/31) will

both be held at **Pastor Andrew's** house.

*Please let me know if you would like to host a youth group night at your house!*

*Thank you very much! ✝*

Children's  
Sunday School



Summer

Pre- K - Kindergarten



1 - 5 Grades June



1 - 5 Grades July



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



## 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](mailto:tgriffiths@villagemissions.org).

## Attending Man Camp

I went to Man Camp with my oldest son and six men from our church. It was at a Bible camp in Manitoba, about five hours away. We were all impacted by the powerful messages and the close fellowship with other participants. We had deep conversations and formed new friendships. A group from another church offered to come to Ear Falls to help with a youth activity or worship event.

**Jonathan & Doralyn Elgy**  
Ear Falls, ON ✝

## Special Egg Hunt

We began Easter Sunday with a Sunrise Service at a local park. Afterward, over 80 people came to the church for breakfast. We invited the children up front to sing together and hear a children's sermon during the worship service. An egg hunt followed. Instead of candy, the eggs were filled with objects that directed the children and their parents to think about Jesus' resurrection.

**Aaron & Suzanne McNally**  
Valleyford, WA ✝

## Bible Basics

Our church has many new believers who are just learning to read the Bible. One of them asked Kortney, "What are the big numbers and the smaller numbers in my Bible for?" As a result, we held a 4-week study on Bible basics. I explained that the Bible is God's Word, described its origins and answered participants' questions. Twenty-one people attended.

**Mace & Kortney Wilder**  
Breezewood, PA ✝

# Missionaries & Ministries EBC Supports!

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

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



**Dan and Judy Burke**

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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

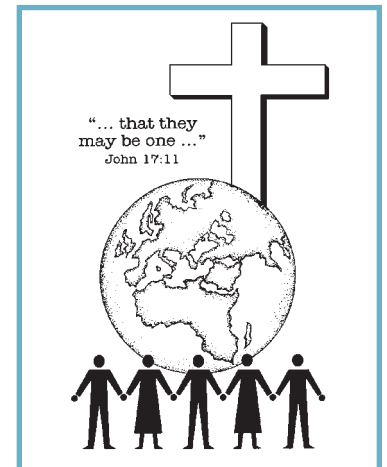


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- ✠ Jennifer also works in food preparation for the summer camps



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- ✠ 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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**SIM**

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

→ Please see "EBC Supports" on page 19.



# EBC Supports

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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



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**Ethnos 360**

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- ✠ Mentoring new missionaries to the field
- ✠ Translation work
- ✠ Judith works in the medical clinic and member care
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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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- ✠ Sharing the Word of God and discipling youth.



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- ✠ Steve is the SIM regional Director for West Africa
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- ✠ Both Steve and Mikki work in SIM's Global Leader Development Program
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## 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

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**Thank  
you!** ✝



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



***We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;  
persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in  
our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we  
who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be  
revealed in our mortal body.***

**2 Corinthians 4:8–11 (NIV)**