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Repent

By Pastor Troy Bassham

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have placed before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants,
Deuteronomy 30:19 (NASB)

For the word of the Lord has sounded forth . . . how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is, Jesus who rescues us from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 1:8-10 (NASB)



I don't know what you think of when you hear the world "*repent.*" Maybe Jonah comes to mind. Or some other Old Testament prophet preaching to the people. Perhaps you have an image of some wild-eyed street preacher holding a cardboard sign that reads "*The End is Near.*" Whatever mental image you have, the reality is an important biblical concept.

To repent means to change one's mind and purpose. John the Baptist

was a preacher of repentance, calling for the people to make themselves ready for the Lord. His job was to get the people ready to meet the long-awaited Messiah. He called for the people to lay aside their sins and

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to seek God with their whole hearts. This was a call to real change. Sadly, the nation, as a whole, did not follow his instruction.

What People Don't Like

The problem, both then and now, is that people don't like to be told what to do. Most like to believe that they are "good enough" and tend to take the path of least resistance. They would rather continue in a superficial spirituality than take a hard look at their actions and values.

But Jesus calls us to more. His message, at the start of His public ministry was **"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."** (Matthew 4:17, NIV).

Broken and Sinful

It is painfully apparent that our society is broken and plagued by sin. Recent events scream this reality to us. **Charlie Kirk's** murder, school shootings, increased societal division, and everyday acts of violence along with increasing approval of behaviors and values that God's Word condemns. **We rightly recognize that we need a revival.** There needs to be more than a token acknowledgment of the Savior. A true change of our hearts and actions is needed.

Drawn to Church

I remember that immediately after the terrorist attacks of 9/11 our churches were full. People were seeking the Lord and prayer services were packed. But I also remember that after a few short weeks, life

had returned to normal—at least for most. The religious interest and fervor waned as quickly as it had come.

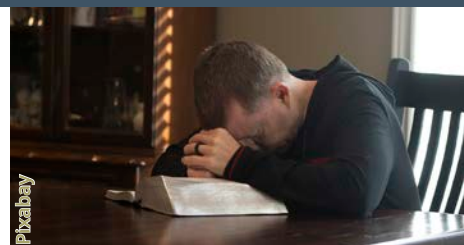
Seek True Repentance

My prayer is that we would, in this hour, see true repentance and transformation of individual and society in general.

But for this to happen, we need to realize that we need a Savior. Jesus did not come to be the perfect teacher or moral example (*though He certainly was both of those things*). He came because we needed saving. As sinners we had gone astray. Jesus came to pay our penalty and to restore us to God.

Unfortunately...

Unfortunately, many don't want to



be restored to God. They don't want to turn from sin and accept God's forgiveness. They would prefer to be affirmed where they are, without change of heart, mind or behavior. And without change, there can be no healing in our world.

The truth is that unless there is a turn from sin and self-will to Jesus, there are lasting consequences. Individually, there will be no life and no reconciliation. And in our world, there will be no change, only a continued drift into deeper darkness.



Office Update

By Alison Johnson
Office Manager

We've made it to the last quarter of the year! That means committees are due to get budget numbers into the Budget Committee this month, the calendar starts filling up fast, and the holidays are right around the corner. If you are planning to have an event here at the church, be sure to get your Facility Use Requests in as soon as possible. **Dates get claimed pretty quick.**

Medical Leave

I will be taking some medical leave for a few weeks. **Kari** will be here but not full time. I apologize for the changes, but my health is starting to struggle and I need to take a step back from almost everything right now.

Thank you for your patience with whomever they have filling in the office with Kari while I am out. As you can imagine, there will be some things to smooth out as time goes on. This is absolutely the best job I have ever had and I have poured myself into it. You guys are the best and have made it the best job ever. ✝



The fall season is upon us and that means the Christmas season is just around the corner. This year, EBC will once again be partnering with Samaritan's Purse to provide Christmas gifts in shoeboxes for children around the globe.

Getting Your Shoeboxes!

Shoeboxes and a flyer listing items to put in the shoeboxes will be available for pick up in the foyer on **Sunday, October 12.**

What They Are

Our EBC family takes and fills these boxes with various items for children. The boxes are sent to Samaritan's Purse who processes and forwards them to children in need around the world. In addition to the gift items, a message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is included with each shoebox.

Operation Christmas Child is a great way to show the love of Christ during the Christmas season. It is also way to help instill the

spirit of giving in your children, grandchildren, and neighbors.

What To Include

As you go about your regular shopping, please consider purchasing some of the following to include in your shoebox(es):

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

Toiletry Items:

Toothbrushes, combs, brushes (*hair ribbons, barrettes for the girls*). **PLEASE ... NO TOOTHPASTE OR DEODORANT.**

School Supplies: Pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, pens, pencil cases, markers, colored pencils, index cards, solar powered calculators, blunt scissors, small rulers, glue sticks (*no liquid glue*).



Miscellaneous: Balls, coloring books, crayons, cars, Play-Doh®, yo-yos, small Frisbees®, kaleidoscope, marbles, flip flops, hats, gloves, jump ropes, sunglasses.

You Have Options!

If you prefer to provide funds for shipping the shoeboxes, the cost of collecting, processing and shipping the shoebox gifts to children who most likely will never get another Christmas gift remains \$10 per shoebox.

The \$10 also covers the cost of ministry materials and training for local churches. Each shoebox contains material with information about how to accept Christ.

Cash or checks made out to **Samaritan's Purse** can be placed in the offering box on the Welcome Center with designation for **OCC** or **Samaritan's Purse**.



New In The Library

By Ruth Quiring
EBC Librarian

Fiction

The Widower Takes a Wife by **Emma Miller**

An Amish Millionaire by **Wanda Brustetter**

The Stone Wall by **Beverly Lewis**

Count the Stars by Night by **Michelle Stocklee**

Big Sky Amish series by **Tricia Goyer**

Beyond the Gray Mountains (1)
On the Golden Cliffs (2)
Under Blue Skies (3)

Big Sky Book series by **Tricia Goyer**

Beside Still Waters (1)
Along Wooded Paths (2)
Beyond Hope's Valley (3)

A Season on the Wind by **Suzanne Woods Fisher**

Anything But Plain by **Suzanne Woods Fisher**

Lost Castle series by **Kristy Cambron**

The Lost Castle (1)
Castle on the Rise (2)
The Painted Castle (3)

The British Booksellers by **Kristy Cambron**

Broken Silence by **Jane Daly**

Her Forever Home by **Jane Daly**

When I Close My Eyes by **Elizabeth Musser**

Non-Fiction

Hope For Alcoholics, Addicts, Inmates (And Those Who Love Them) by **Gary L.**

When The Game Is Over It All Goes Back In The Box by **John Ortberg**

House Calls and Hitching Posts: Stories From Dr. Elton Lehman's Career Among The Amish as told to **Dorcas Sharp Hoover**

Seasons of Sorrow by **Tim Challies**

Choosing the Extraordinary Life by **Robert Jeffress**

Letter to the American Church by **Eric Metaxis**

Bible Prophecy: the Essentials by **Amir Tsarfati & Barry Stagner**

Union With Christ: The Way To Know And Enjoy God by **Rankin Wilbourne**

The Book of Signs by **David Jeremiah**

October Storm: Reflections On The Death Of Their Child by **Dan Bolin**

The Invisible War by **Chip Ingram**



High Impact Teams by **Lance Witt**

Placed for a Purpose by **Chris & Elizabeth McKinney**

JoyKeeper by **Suzanne Eller**

Journal of Voyages and Travels by **Rev. Daniel Tyerman & George Bennet, Esq.**

Does God Care About Gender Identity? by **Samuel D Ferguson**

DVDs

Badge of Faith (Based On A True Story) ✝



Library photos by Alison Johnson

Special Weekend Event!

Mission Update!

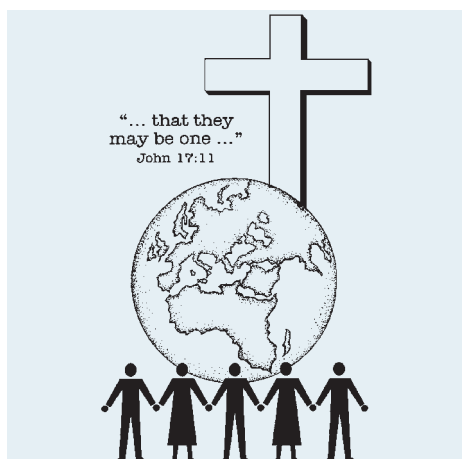
By Galen Harms
Missions Committee

On Saturday, October 25, and Sunday, October 26, a special event will be held with our visiting friends **Daniel and Aubrie**, who work with people from Central Asia.

On Saturday a continental breakfast will be hosted by the Missions Committee and served at 9:00 AM. This will be followed by a time of sharing and discussion with our visitors.

On Sunday, Daniel will bring the message in both morning services. We will also meet in the evening at 6:00 PM at which time Daniel and Aubrie will share more stories from their work with the Central Asia diaspora.

You are encouraged to be present to renew acquaintances with our visiting friends and learn first-hand about their life overseas. ✝



Weekday School of the Bible

By Rand Dow
Current Acting Weekday Bible President

Weekday School of the Bible is a release time program for public school students. This ministry gives public school students the opportunity to learn about the Bible, the Gospel, and Jesus during the school day every week.

Our teachers are drawn from the Dallas youth pastors and other qualified teachers. Weekday Bible maintains five chapels, one near each of the main public schools in Dallas. The close ties between the Dallas Ministerial Association and Weekday Bible has enabled a great witness to God's work here in Dallas.

Good Start!

This school year has started well. There are already over 250 students enrolled. This number historically grows during the year as the students invite their friends to join them. Last year ended with over 450 students. The kids are excited to learn!

I personally have had the opportunity to substitute teach and assist in classes and observe them, listening, learning, and asking very interesting questions about God and the Bible. Just this week one student was trying to understand how God is the Father, the Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, which led to a good discussion involving all of the kids present.

Many Thanks

I'd like to thank all of our teachers, assistants, and volunteers, and the teams who oversee the program, the Executive Team and the Advisory Council members. During the time that I have been involved over the last two years, I've been very impressed by the amount of work that must go into this program.

Major Opportunities (And Some Challenges, Too!)

This year brings a special challenge and an opportunity! Two of our chapels are on leased lots and one of those (**LaCreole Chapel**) has been given a lease termination notice for June, 2026. We are in the process of purchasing the lot, which comes with an almost 30 year old agreement to pay for the street improvement when the City of Dallas starts the work. This might be as soon as the coming year. Our challenge is raising the funds to purchase the lot and finance the street improvement.

This is also our opportunity to own the chapel and not be subject to the needs of other organizations. We praise God that He owns everything and we pray for wisdom in pursuing this project. The growth of the program is surely His work.

Fundraising Dessert

Weekday Bible will hold a Fundraising Dessert on Saturday evening, November 1. Please plan to come and support us! ✝

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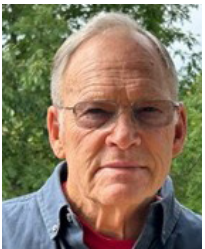


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Welcome to ...



Carl Van Well



Jim Walker



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) †

"Be Wary Of The Works Of The Flesh"

By Greg Sykora

When I think of **Galatians 5**, I typically think of the fruit of the Spirit and the children's song we sing with kids.

But there's a lot more in **Galatians 5** than just the fruit of the Spirit. The opposite of the fruit of the Spirit is the works of the flesh, which are a big part of this chapter.

Works of the Flesh

Galatians 5 lists the **works of the flesh**:

- ✠ Adultery
- ✠ Fornication
- ✠ Uncleaness
- ✠ Lewdness
- ✠ Idolatry
- ✠ Sorcery
- ✠ Hatred
- ✠ Contentions
- ✠ Jealousies
- ✠ Outburst of wrath
- ✠ Selfish ambitions
- ✠ Dissensions
- ✠ Heresies
- ✠ Envy
- ✠ Murders
- ✠ Drunkenness
- ✠ Revelries
- ✠ *And others*

This is an important list to observe as it serves as a very specific warning to Christians. If we find ourselves doing



something or thinking in such a way as described in the works of the flesh, then what we're doing needs to change because it is a sinful act. When we are in step with the Holy Spirit, then instead of the works of the flesh, we display the **fruit of the Spirit**:

- ✠ Love
- ✠ Joy
- ✠ Peace
- ✠ Patience
- ✠ Kindness
- ✠ Goodness
- ✠ Faithfulness
- ✠ Gentleness
- ✠ Self-control

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It's very easy to assume that we don't have any issues to correct, especially in contrast to the increasingly sinful world we live in. However, careful evaluation of the listed works of the flesh can give us a good reminder that we still have our sinful nature and need to continue to strive to be more like Christ. Envy, jealousy, outbursts or wrath, and selfish ambitions are in the same list as murder, adultery and drunkenness.



God's standard is very different from the world's standard.

For example, murder and jealousy are lumped together in the same verse. God's standard sees murderers and jealous people as both guilty of sin and in need of Christ.

Same Penalty!

Both people who succumb to jealousy and murderers deserve the same penalty for their sins when held to God's righteous standard. By human standards, murderers are judged more harshly and can end up in prison, whereas I think most of us are glad that jealousy won't lead to our being locked up behind bars!

If our actions don't send us to jail, we think of ourselves as better than the worst of criminal offenders. It's human nature to compare ourselves to others, as it often makes us feel better about ourselves, but God sees all the works of the flesh as sin.

Don't Judge!

We must be careful not to judge others when we see or hear about

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Spirit

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their sins. We should confront the sins and help restore our brothers and sisters in Christ. One needs to be careful not to judge them or to just think better of ourselves.

Many of the works of the flesh are more visible and public than

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others: adultery, fornication, sorcery, murder, and drunkenness are much easier to see in others than hatred, contentions, jealousies, wrath, and selfish ambitions. When someone commits a more public sin, we should remember that we also have a sinful nature and are no less guilty of sin than they are. This can help us keep in step with the Holy Spirit and produce the fruit of the Spirit.

If someone does something that makes me angry, I try to realize that it is only that person's sinful nature that I don't like. I should love the person regardless. We are called by God to love others, especially within the church, and this includes restoring our brothers and sisters in

Christ when they sin. By watching for hidden sin in our lives, not comparing ourselves to others, and focusing on love, we shift away from the works of the flesh. Then the

Holy Spirit can work further in our hearts to produce the fruit of the Spirit, God's desire for us. ✝

A Diary of Private Prayer

By John Baillie
Scottish Theologian
1886–1960

Submitted By Sherri Fobert

Researched By Michael Barnes

O GOD, ever blessed, who has given me the night for rest and the day for labor and service, grant that the refreshing sleep of the night now past might be employed in Your greater glory during the life of the day now before me. Let it breed no slothfulness within me, but rather send me to more diligent action and more willing obedience.

Teach me, O God, to use all the circumstances of my life today that they may bring forth in me the fruits of holiness rather than the fruits of sin.

Let me use disappointment as material for patience;

Let me use success as material for thankfulness;

Let me use suspense as material for perseverance;

Let me use danger as material for courage;

Let me use reproach as material for long suffering;

Let me use praise as material for humility;

Let me use pleasures as material for temperance;

Let me use pains as material for endurance.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who for the joy set before You endured the Cross, despising the shame, and who sat down at the right hand of God, let me consider You who endured such contradiction for sinners against Yourself, lest I be wearied of mind or faint of heart.

Holy God, I remember and call to mind before You now all my friends and those of my own household, praying especially for [name friends and family]. I ask You that in Your great love You would keep them also free from sin, safe-guarding all their deeds this day in accordance with Your most perfect will. *Amen.* ✝

Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches

News from FEBC!

By Kevin Stone
President, FEBC



October 1, 2025

There is a divide in our society (both in the US and in Canada), and that divide seems to be deepening. The lines are not clear. There was a day when you felt like the people in your group (family, school, job, church, age, etc.) would agree with your thinking. Today it is impossible to know what the person next to you might be thinking. For instance, there are many churches and individuals who are riding the wave of “progressive” thinking to endorsement of sinful behavior.

The tension only seems to be mounting. We watched in horror the assassination of Christian conservative apologist **Charlie Kirk**. And the thing that shocked many of us is how openly this man was mocked within days of his death. Many seemed to publicly assert that he deserved what he got due to his stated beliefs, but many of his stated beliefs were based on Biblical truths and represented the beliefs of many Christians. I know Charlie Kirk wasn't perfect, and there were undoubtedly things he said that we wouldn't all agree with. But he was unashamedly sharing the Gospel, and his positions were very normal for many evangelical believers.

While no one said the quiet part out loud, it kind of felt like there was a group of people publicly declaring open season on the “extremists” who hold to Biblical values.

So, what does that mean to you and me?

- ◆ It means God's Word is true, and we can believe that persecution will come. **1 Timothy 3:12, John 15:18, 1 John 3:13**, and other passages promise that we will face persecution if we are following Christ.
- ◆ It means we should rejoice no matter what. **1 Peter 4:12-14** tells us that we shouldn't be surprised when we are persecuted, but that we should rejoice. It says that if we are insulted, we will be blessed. Further, when we are reminded that the end of days is coming, we should rejoice at God's great plan of redemption and restoration (**Revelations 21:1**).
- ◆ It means we should love those who hate us (**Matthew 5:44**).
- ◆ It means we must proclaim the Gospel boldly (**Ephesians 6:19-20, 1 Thessalonians 2:2, Acts 4:29**).

God will not fail us, and this is a moment that others will know we are Christians by our joy, hope, and love. I am so glad that we can face future trials together, as part of a Fellowship of Bible believing churches that are committed to encouraging and supporting one another.

Thank you for your ministry, for your support, and for your prayers!

Kevin Stone
FEBC President ✝



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The Gift of Conflict

Our Role: Patience

By Gwen Griffiths

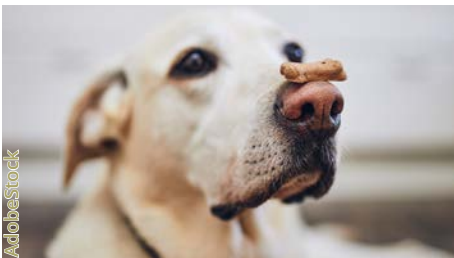
Last week, a conversation between my youngest daughter and myself ended with the statement, ***“Wow, Mom. You’re so much smarter when I let you finish your sentences!”***

We Are Impatient By Nature

It’s part of our human nature to assume we know what the person to whom we are speaking intends to say and rush in to finish the thought or refute their idea. In conflict, this makes us impatient, eager to defend our view or prove the other person wrong.

Remember Our Verses For This Series?

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in



the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.
(Ephesians 4:2-3, NLT)

Have you considered how patience impacts conflict, or what it looks like to be patient in conflict?

How Patience Impacts Conflict

Patience changes the rhythm of conflict. When we move away from a fast-paced argument where each person strives to prove the other wrong, we learn to truly hear each other. I’ve been following an Instagram® account called *Jimmy On Relationships*. One thing I’ve learned from the videos I’ve watched is the importance of letting the other person express their view and its implications before responding.

When someone comes to us with a view different than ours, but we rush to defend ourselves, we tell them that their view isn’t important...and that they aren’t important. But when we take time to listen to that view, we show that we value them—and

we may learn that we didn’t fully understand what they were trying to say!

When someone comes to us with a hurt we’ve caused, and we rush to justify or defend, we again show a lack of value for them and their concern. But when we take the time to listen to the hurt and take responsibility for our part in it, the relationship can grow.

Even when we are the one that has been hurt, taking the time to patiently listen to the other person can help us understand the situation and move toward forgiveness.

Learning to Be Patient

I often joke that I get paid to be patient—the days I spend teaching piano lessons certainly require it! ***How can we develop this trait in our lives?***

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Patience

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1. Be patient with yourself. Remember that even developing patience takes patience. God works in each of us in His perfect timing. So ask God to grow this trait in your life and then watch for opportunities to practice it.

2. Begin to act patiently. Remember the call to consider others better than yourself (**Philippians 2:3-5**); each person you interact with is as worthy of sharing their thoughts and perspectives as you are. Take that gentle breath as you pause to consider their words and viewpoint, and then answer slowly and carefully. As you begin to act patiently, you will become more patient.

Keep Thinking:

✠ Consider God's patience with you. *How can you "pay it forward" when you find yourself in conflict?*

✠ *Why do you think we rush to a quick answer when we find ourselves in conflict?*

James 1:19-20 (NLT)

19 Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. 20 Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires.



Mom to Mom

2025-2026 Dates

September 9 & 23

October 14 & 28

November: no regular meeting
(*Moms Night Out: November 14*)

December 9

January 13 & 27

February 10 & 24

March 10

April 14 & 28

May 12 & 16

Meetings are held at Evangelical Bible Church (1175 SE Howe Street, Dallas)
9-11 am (check-in @ 8:45)
Childcare provided.



Save time: scan the QR code to register!

Mom to Mom Update

By Gwen Griffiths



of the month (following the Dallas Public School schedule), from 9 am to 11 am. These meetings involve brunch, conversation, activities, and spiritual encouragement. Child care is provided.



Mom to Mom started the school year with a kickoff event in the park on **Tuesday, August 26**. All moms—those who attended in past years, those who are interested for this year, and everyone in between—were invited. This year, we even had a couple of dads join in!

The event was an opportunity for new chairperson, **Jackie Neufeld**, to meet members and for moms to register for the upcoming year as they caught up with each other after the summer. Between the bubble pool for the kids and the iced coffee bar for the moms, everyone seemed to find something that they enjoyed.



Meetings Underway!

The first regular meeting occurred September 9. This opportunity for **Titus 2** mentor moms and group members to get to know each other was well attended. Then, on September 23, **Lori Dressel** spoke to the group on the topic of not giving in to extremes. She gave out cards with "extreme" prayers each mom could pray for her child.

Calling All Moms!

If you know a mom who could use encouragement or would like to get to know other moms, please give them the flier included in this newsletter. We always have room for one more! ✝

Mom to Mom photos by Gwen Griffiths.



Meetings continue on the second and fourth Tuesdays



Looking Ahead

In October, we'll be hearing from **Lori Bassham** on October 14, then celebrating fall with a pumpkin contest and devotional on October 28.



Women's Retreat Reflections

By Erin Lovell
Chairwoman, Women's Ministry

This year as summer turned to autumn and we found ourselves in September, Women's Ministry once again geared up for our annual retreat. Like last year, the weekend was held at the beautiful log house, **Fern Hill Lodge, in Monmouth.** This getaway felt like you were far away in the mountains, but in reality we were only fifteen minutes from Dallas.



Weekend Plan

The weekend was arranged into four sessions, each beginning with a time of worship from our amazing team, a speaker session, and a discussion time.

This year's speaker was **Vanessa Hunt.** She and her husband are Outpost Directors for Stand to Reason and lead an apologetics class at Salem First Baptist. Vanessa has a passion for apologetics and shared

with us the importance of knowing the details of our faith enough to defend and explain it.

Vanessa began session one discussing how we, like the Israelites, are living in exile. This world is not our home and is getting crazier by the day. We need to spend time truly getting to know God so that we can recognize the false teachers.

Session two continued the conversation as Vanessa expressed how Satan wants to destroy families, often times using the trustful nature of women to creep into households. We must protect ourselves by having a biblical worldview, which we gain by knowing God so deeply.

In the third session, Vanessa shared why Christian apologetics is so important and gave several resources for further study.

The fourth session was a time where Vanessa shared tips on how we engage with others in conversations, defending and sharing our faith.

One key takeaway from this session was to always be ready to ask the question, ***"What do you mean by that?"*** We do not need to be afraid to counter arguments with this question. Let the person explain, listen and make them think, then be ready to counter with God's truth.

Remember to always let the Holy Spirit work!



Small Group Discussion

Following the sessions ladies broke up into smaller groups and went through discussion questions. Although discussion time was set for fifteen minutes, each group easily surpassed this limit. It was a great time of sharing and thinking together as we pondered the topics.

While growing in our spiritual walk with the Lord was our primary focus, another goal for the weekend was to relax and recharge.

The ladies enjoyed time chatting on the porch overlooking the picturesque

countryside, walking to the pond, playing games, and soaking in the hot tub. As the leader who worked on organizing the weekend, it was so fun to watch the fellowship and enjoyment everyone had together.

What a blessing! ✝



Coming Soon!

Store Time

By Kim Disher

Awana Store Shopkeeper

The first Awana store night of the school year will be on **November 12 for T&T** (3–5 graders) and **Trek** (middle schoolers) and **November 19 for Sparks** (K–2 graders).

Ready to Donate?

*Did the children in your life receive new toys lately? **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, knick-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. ✝



BUNCO NIGHT

Ladies, join us for a fun evening playing Bunco.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

@ 6:30 pm

EBC Youth Room

**BRING A FRIEND
BRING A SNACK TO SHARE**

Youth Group Updates

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By Pastor Andrew Wheeler

The Fall is a busy season for youth ministry, but really every season has its own form of busyness. From fall Launches to retreats, EBC Youth will be keeping particularly busy this season, but we are excited about it!

Busy Times

We started regular youth group gatherings again in September after a month off in August. They were a blast with lots of students attending, and several new people joining us.

Coming up we have a few important events that should be lots of fun. With Compass, we are going *mini golfing* on **Thursday, October 2**. This has been a fun event the past few years where students get to invite friends to join our community.

The following **Tuesday, October 7**, Forged is going on its third annual *Pietro's night*. We drive over to Salem and spend some time at Pietro's playing



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laser tag, glow-in-the-dark mini golf, and the arcade games. Students really enjoy spending this time with friends and bringing new people along.

When we bring them along with us to have a lot of fun and build community, they are more willing to return on a regular youth night.

Harvest Time!

Later in October, both Compass and Forged will host their annual harvest parties.

Forged will have pumpkin carving, carnival games, and a chance to pie **Pastor Andrew** in the face during this fun event. And Compass will, once again, be hosting Hulaween, a mashup of a luau and a harvest party. We carve pumpkins for prizes, eat a yummy Hawaiian dinner, have a limbo contest, and, *of course*, a costume contest.

While we do plenty of fun events, they are all for specific reasons. We change

Helping students:

*Meet Jesus,
Trust Jesus,
Follow Jesus!*

up going out from EBC for events and staying in to reach others for Jesus. Students have the opportunity to invite friends who would otherwise feel uncomfortable or skeptical of coming to church. When we bring them along with us to have a lot of fun and build community, they are more willing to return on a regular youth night.

Moreover, during these fun events we get to spend quality time with our small groups while doing something fun, which builds community, friendship, and trust—all vital ingredients in discipleship. ✝

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!

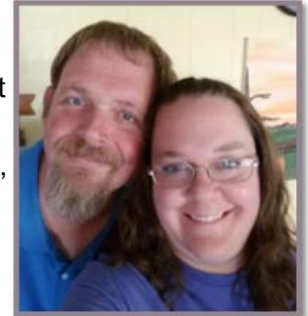


The Domes Daily

Summer 2025

Hi friends and family!

This has been quite an exciting summer for us! The month of June flew by with four weeks of camp at Bethel Bible Camp, then July was upon us in no time! We left July 1st to take a 3-week road trip out to the Northwest to visit a couple of our supporting church families, take time for a quick vacation at the coast near Newport, Oregon, and we were even able to spend time with family at our 2025 Domes reunion and a few days up in Washington with Kevin's parents. We arrived home just in time to help with VBS at our church, which is going on this week!



Among the busyness though, we want to highlight some of God's blessings:

- At camp this summer, we saw kids super excited to go home and grow in their relationships with God, by reading their Bible's more and sharing with their families what they'd learned! We also saw at least 3 campers choose to surrender their lives to Christ!
- During our road trip, we were blessed to connect with many people that have been supporting us in our ministry! It's an amazing thing to be able to talk to and meet up with friends that either only know us through our letters, or with those that we only ever get to see every few years. We loved seeing them! We wish we could've been able to stop everywhere we know people on this loop, but know we were thinking of you!
- This week, as we are in the midst of VBS at our church in North Platte, we are seeing so many young kids be taught how amazing God is and how we can see how big HE is in the smallest of things!

Prayer and Praises

- Praise God for a good summer camp season! God provided: volunteer staff right when needed, a washer when needed replaced, and lots of food and supplies to help camp keep costs low!
- Please pray as we enter the fall season: school, sports (for Henry and Ryan), AWANA, etc. Pray we can stay balanced with family and ministry.
- Pray for God's direction in every aspect of our lives, for his provision for our needs, and for us to always walk in the way HE wants us to go, to glorify HIM!

We want to thank you all so much for your support and prayers for our ministry! We really love what we do, and we are blessed with the opportunity to serve!

Thanks again!

Kevin and Jennifer Domes

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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.

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Growing Leaders

I asked the church board for a volunteer to preach the Sunday after the VM staff conference. One man was admittedly nervous but willing to try since I'd be there to encourage him. As he was preparing, he excitedly told me about the Bible passage he chose. On the day, he preached with enthusiasm and did well. I am encouraged to see church leaders stretching themselves spiritually.

Tim & Barb Douglass
Monitor, OR ✝

What are we doing?

We had an exciting VBS week with an average of 30 children per day. Some used to attend Awana, and some were from families we connected with recently. On the first day, when I stepped up front to pray, one child looked at a leader and asked, "What are we doing?" The leader responded, "We're talking to Jesus." The gospel was clearly presented several times throughout the week.

Aaron & Suzanne McNally
Valleyford, WA ✝

Return Report

I volunteered with the Fellowship of Christian Farmers International at the FFA State Conference at Virginia Tech. We shared the gospel with hundreds of people. Three teen girls returned to tell me that they had prayed together and accepted Jesus as Savior.

John & Deb Norris
Oriskany, VA ✝

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.



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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

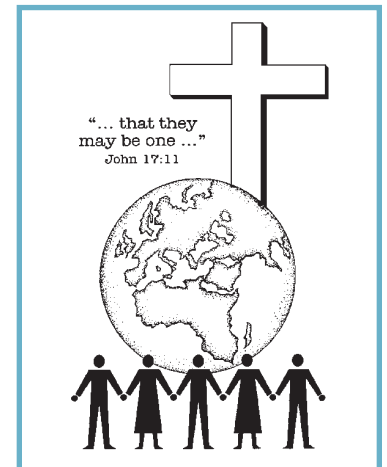


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- ✠ Work at Bethel Bible Camp in Wellfleet, Nebraska
- ✠ Involved in youth ministry, maintaining the camp facility
- ✠ Teach in the Awana program, lead a high school youth ministry
- ✠ Administrative retreats
- ✠ Jennifer also works in food preparation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



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
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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

← (Continued from page 18.)



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- ✠ Administrate programs such as a coffee shop outreach
- ✠ Long time involvement with a Christian radio ministry



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- ✠ 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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- ✠ 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
◆ CEF

◆ Crisis Pregnancy
◆ River of Life

◆ Prison Ministry
◆ SAT-7 (Dennis & Cindy
Wiens)

◆ Village Missions
◆ 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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**Thank
you!** ✝



October

10/7 Ladies Missionary Fellowship

10/13 Hymn Sing

10/14 Mom to Mom

10/24 Women's Ministry Bunco Night

10/25 Mission's Conference Breakfast

10/26 Mission's Conference Evening
Service

10/28 Mom to Mom

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

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:8–9 (NIV)