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Thanks!

By Pastor Troy Bassham

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men . . .

1 Timothy 2:1 (NKJV)

November is a time of culturally approved gluttony* . . . a time of giving thanks.

Actually for believers, every month—every day—should be an occasion to give thanks. Even in our darkest moments we have reason to be grateful to God: our life and breath, His love, the salvation in Jesus Christ, the future hope we have in eternity.

I hope we are people with hearts of gratitude and thanksgiving. It is the appropriate heartbeat of God's

children. While it is so easy to be negative and critical, we need to purpose ourselves to be appreciative and to stop and say *'Thank you.'***

Initial Step of Sliding Away...

The Bible shows us that a lack of thankfulness is an initial step of a society sliding away from God (**Romans 1:20–21**). So let us respond as we should, *in chorus with the rest of creation*, to honor, praise,

and lift our voices to God in thanksgiving.

With that in mind, I want to thank God for just a few of the blessings He

has given me:



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Deadline for the December, 2025 ISSUE is:

**Monday, November 17, 2025
@ 5:00 pm***

** Due date altered because of Thanksgiving Holiday.*

know. grow. go.

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My salvation. *Completely undeserved and wholly appreciated. I am so thankful that Jesus died to save sinners (including me).*

God's love. Amazing that God saved me out of love—not out of mere pity or logical and unemotional goodness. He loves me and has called me into a relationship with Him. *Unbelievable!*

My family. As if an eternal hope was not enough, God has given me so many good gifts in this life. At the top of this list is my wife (**Lori**) and my three boys (**Garrett, Matthew, and Will**). *I am so privileged to share this life with them.*

My church. It is such a blessing to partner in ministry with brothers and sisters in Christ to encourage one another, to grow in faith, and to work together for the Gospel. I love my church family.

Food (Seriously). And shelter. I am aware of the riches that I experience as a citizen of this earthly country. I pray I never take for granted the daily blessings I am given—especially when seeing the difficulties others are struggling with in meeting the needs of life.

Thank you!

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Prayer for Others

With that, and to give full attention to the other part of **1 Timothy 2**, I want to pray on behalf of those who are in the middle of dark times. I pray that God would pour out His mercy and use the difficulties and hardships of this life to draw people to Himself. I ask that the church might be a positive witness of Christ's love and speak truth.

There are so many things to pray for. I hope you will join me in giving thanks on a daily basis as well as lifting up the needs and hurts of

others. God is waiting to hear from us. Let's not waste this awesome privilege.

***I was going to say Turkey Apocalypse, but I didn't want to sound like I am adverse to the eating of turkey.**

****While it is important to thank God regularly, we should also be in the habit of thanking others. Practice saying 'thank you' to those around you. Don't assume they know. Tell someone today. ✝**

Office Update

By **Alison Johnson**
Office Manager



This month is the month of **THANKS!** In our world of high emotions and negative influences, keeping our focus on the Lord and what he gives us is more important than ever. I have been brainstorming ways to help all of us see the good all around us. For the month of November there will be thankful cards at the welcome centers to write something you are thankful for and we will place them on the big bulletin board each week. It will be fun to see how God is working in each other's lives and to see all the things that others in our church family are thankful for.

Calendar Filling Up

Other news from the office is the calendar is filling up fast for the holidays. If you are planning to have an event here, be sure to get your request in early and be aware that you may need to be flexible on dates or times. I (**Alison**) will be back most of the time now.

I still will have frequent medical appointments but should be in the swing of things for the most part. Thank you all so much for your patience while I was out. ✝



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Join the ... Shoebox Ministry of Samaritan's Purse!

Shoeboxes are available for pickup in the foyer and at the Welcome Center just outside the Activity Center.

These shoeboxes provide gifts to children throughout different parts of the world who most likely will never receive another Christmas gift in their lifetime. They should be **FUN AND FULL**. These guidelines help make the gift a special and meaningful experience for a child in need.

What To Include:

Children of all ages enjoy receiving a stuffed animal.

School Supplies: Spiral notebooks, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, pens, colored pencils, markers, pencil case, index cards, solar powered calculators, blunt scissors, small rulers, glue sticks (**NO LIQUID GLUE**), small package of adhesive tape.

Toiletry Items: Toothbrushes, combs, brushes, hair ribbons & barrettes (for girls), washcloths.

Clothing: Hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, flip flops, shoes, socks, T-shirts, underwear, watches, sunglasses, bags, backpacks, purses, jewelry.

Other Suggestions Include:

Coloring books, crayons, yo-yos, marbles, tops, cars, balls of various kinds, Play-doh®, dolls, musical instruments, flashlights with batteries, puzzles, binoculars, compasses, chalkboards and chalk, jump rope, stickers, craft kits, books or picture books.



Or ... You Have Options!

You can also provide funds to the collection, processing and shipping.

The suggested cost is \$10 per shoebox.

Please make out checks to **Samaritan's Purse**. The checks and cash can be put in an offering envelope clearly marked that it is for **OCC**.

Disallowed Items Are:

Soap, foods of all kinds, candy, liquids, used items, breakable items and dangerous items.

Where to Put Them:

Please place filled shoeboxes under the coat rack in the foyer.

*Shoeboxes are due
Sunday, November 16. ✝*



Awana Update



Greetings from the Wednesday night Awana clubs! EBC's Awana program is up and running for the 2025–2026 year.

Great Progress ... and Good News!

Our meetings began in September and we are two months into the calendar. So far this year, clubbers have been memorizing verses, completing books, and playing games.

We have around 130 clubbers registered, and regular attendance hovers around 115 on any given night. 130 children being reached with the good word of the Gospel! **THAT IS GOOD NEWS!**

Special Events Coming Soon

In addition to the regular club night schedule, the clubbers have occasional events to participate in. We are currently in the middle of the **canned food drive** currently, which ends November 19. When that drive ends, we will be donating the food collected to Dallas Christmas Cheer, a local non–profit group that provides food to local families in need over the holidays.

Other “special” nights so far have included *“backwards night”* and *“favorite color night.”* The



By Matt and Lena Calef
Awana Commanders



clubbers get to dress up and earn Awana bucks for their participation. Upcoming nights are *“Bible character dress up night”* and *“red, white, and blue night.”* Awana bucks can then be spent at the first Awana store night coming up on November 12, or saved up over the year to buy bigger prizes on later store nights.

Fantastic Helpers Make It Work

Overall, the program is running well due to the fantastic volunteers that show up each Wednesday to pour into our clubbers.

Continued Prayers, PLEASE!

That being said, we always welcome prayers for God to bring children with soft hearts to receive the Word of God. Also, for the health of volunteers and clubbers through the winter. And for the ever present need for volunteers to shore up our leaders and give us some flexibility for when people do have to stay home for illness or other incidental reasons.

Thank you for your support of this important ministry as we work to teach the next generation to observe all that the Bible instructs us in. ✝

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. ✝



Women's Ministry



**CHRISTMAS
— CANDLELIGHT —
DESSERT**

Hope of the Earth

Speaker: Kelsey Enszen

FRIDAY ~ DECEMBER 5TH ~ 6:30

EBC ACTIVITY CENTER

Christmas Boutique Early Sale

Before: 5:15-6:15 pm

After: until 9:00 pm

Tickets on sale November 16, 23, 30
during coffee time ~ \$5

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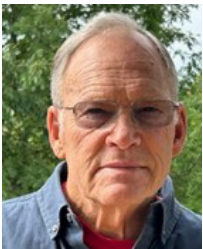


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Welcome to ...



Carl Van Well



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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 Joe Cacka

Life in the Body of Christ

The apostle Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe the many gifts found in the church, *the body of Christ*.

These gifts are wrapped in its many members given by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of building up of one another in Christ and the furtherance of the Gospel (**1 Corinthians 12:12–14**).

We Are Grateful!

Here at EBC we are grateful for each one of you; you are an important part of the body of Christ. We want to encourage you to walk in such a manner that is honoring to our Lord and desire that you utilize the gifts which the Holy Spirit has placed in you.

Thank You, Pastor Mike

You are likely aware by now, **Pastor Mike Fast**, (*EBC Associate Pastor*) has responded to a calling of the Lord, and as of the

first of September has taken on a senior pastor position in a church in Melrose, Oregon, west of Roseburg. He is greatly missed. He leaves with our blessing as he serves the body of Christ in Melrose.

Search Team Formed

The Elders appointed an **Associate Pastor Search Team**

in September to solicit resumes for candidates to fill this position.



Dave Whitbeck

is chairing this team, which consists of **Colleen Shinn, Craig McCulloch, Doug Mollerstuen, Sue Dirks, Jim Fowler, Sandie Radke, and Bruce McGillivray**.

We really appreciate each of these team members who are willing to give of their time and talents (*gifts*) to assist in this process. We ask each of you to bathe the search team in prayer and that the Lord will send us candidates whom He would have us to interview.

To date the search team has requested resumes through several possible sources. They have received resumes, and several of the candidates have and are being

interviewed. Following candidate interviews, the search team will recommend several potential candidates to the Elder Board for a second round of interviews.

After much prayer, a qualified candidate will be invited to speak before the congregation and members will have an opportunity to confirm the candidate before given an offer to fill this position.

I would invite you to sign-up for an Introductory Church Membership Class

If you are a part of the body of Christ, having repented of your sin and received Him by faith and are filled with His Spirit, I want you to realize that you are God's masterpiece in Christ Jesus, you are created to do good works (**Ephesians 2:8–10 NLT**).

New Member Class!

On another note, if you have been attending EBC and are not an EBC church member, I would invite you to sign up for an **Introductory Church Membership Class**, to be announced in November.

This class will provide information on what EBC believes, what membership involves and how you can grow in a deeper fellowship as a member of the body of Christ, fulfilling the plan that Christ has planned for you.

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Mom to Mom Update

By Gwen Griffiths

November looks different at Mom to Mom this year. Because we follow the school schedule and don't have meetings on days there is no school, we won't have a regular meeting this month.

Serving The Moms

We still wanted to serve moms this month, so we will hold a Mom's Night Out on November 14 instead. This event gives the Steering Team an opportunity to serve the moms in an intentional way. The evening will begin with a soup dinner so that moms don't have to cook dinner. Then, **Sarah McFarland** will lead the group in creating a one-of-a-kind piece of fall artwork for each mom to take home and display. It will be a good opportunity for the moms to connect while participating in a fun activity.

Registration Required



Registration is required for this event; the link can be found on the "**Mom to Mom of Dallas Oregon**"—or you can scan the QR code with your phone.

Perhaps ... YOU Can Help!

In December, we'll meet on December 9. As the holidays and

cold season approach, we often have a need for child care workers to fill in. Even if you cannot help on both the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, perhaps you could cover one week each month or serve as a substitute. Spending two hours with children can be one of the most enjoyable things you can do with your week--and you serve both the children you engage with and their moms! If you are willing to step in to support moms in this way, contact **Colleen Shinn (503.507.0310)**. ✝



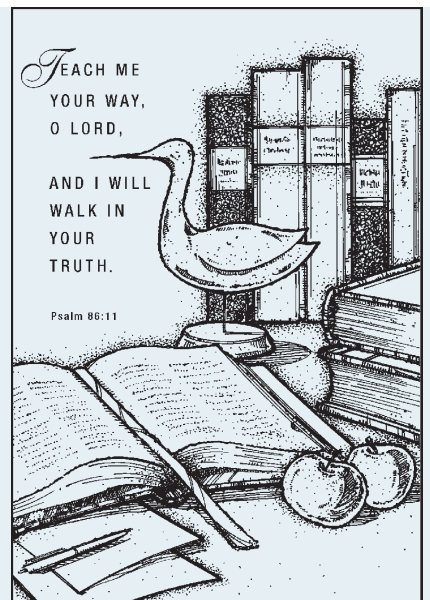
Elders

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Making Connections

The Connect Group ministry has a need for more small group facilitators to start new groups. This is a vital ministry within the church which enables us to grow together in Christ, to support one another in a small group setting. If the Lord is tugging on your heart about sharing your gift to facilitate a Connect Group or if you would like to be a part of a small group, please contact **Dave Whitbeck** or one of the Elders and we can give you further information.

We covet your prayers as we go into the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. It is our desire for you that Christ Jesus will be honored in your lives and homes, resulting in a good witness to our families and neighbors. ✝



Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches

News from FEBC!

By Kevin Stone
President, FEBC

November 1, 2025



As in previous years, I am mindful that this letter falls *between* Thanksgivings. That is, the one in Canada and the one in the United States. So, this is a letter of praise and thanksgiving.

The need we have spoken about the most over the past few years has been financial, so I will begin there. God has blessed us so amazingly!

- ◆ Most of you know that last year our finances were in the black for the first time in years.
- ◆ This summer, we received permission from the government to release the restriction on over \$90,000 in funds—moving them from an unused account into the general fund.
- ◆ Churches and individuals continue to give generously, exceeding our projections.
- ◆ Our Ministries Coordinator monthly pledged support is still hovering around 76% of our goal, but with one-time donations (including a couple of recent large gifts from individuals), we are on track to exceed 93% of our goal this year!
- ◆ Our volunteer leadership teams (directors and commissions) are well staffed, and we have had new volunteers join several of these teams over the past year or two.

Gary Krehbiel (our Ministries Coordinator) was recently certified in a new leadership tool, the “Working Genius,” and he has already used this training to help several church leadership teams.

God is providing for our churches as well! Many of our churches are experiencing growth, and several who have been looking for a pastor have either recently hired or seem close to hiring the man God has prepared for them.

We continue to have discussions with churches who might consider joining our Fellowship in the future. Just a couple of weeks ago I was introduced to a pastor from a like-minded church outside our Fellowship. He was initially resistant to the idea of joining any group, as they were previously with a group that started weakening doctrinally. But after a series of conversations, he said he would bring up affiliation with the FEBC to his fellow leaders.



God is truly at work among us, providing for our needs, exceeding our expectations, and strengthening our churches and our Fellowship. Thanks be to God!

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
1 Chronicles 16:8 (ESV)

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The Gift of Conflict

Our Role: Bearing

By Gwen Griffiths

Spend a moment pondering with me: when you are offended by someone else's actions, or when offense you have caused is brought to your attention, *what is your first reaction? What about when your strong opinion on something differs from another person's?*

I know that I fight against **defensiveness** in these situations. I want to prove that I am in the right (*I usually am not*), that it's the other person who needs to change. And that attitude generally causes me to put distance between us. I might do that through a sharp retort, a refusal to consider their point of view, *or* by disengaging from the conversation.

Keeping Scripture Ingrained

Memorizing **Ephesians 4** caused me a lot of problems in this area. You see, when you memorize

Scripture, it becomes ingrained in you. The words you worked to store in your heart pop up at inopportune times, reminding you to:

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)

This month, we're tackling how we can make allowance for each other's faults. Other versions tell us to **bear with one another in love**. As I've mulled over the idea of bearing with one another, I've often considered **Galatians 6:2**, which instructs us to bear one another's burdens.

What Is BEARING?

To bear is to carry, to assume the weight of, to support. Now picture with me: what does it look like to bear something with someone else? Can you do that from far away? **No.**

To bear anything with someone else, you must step closer to them in order to carry it. And we must

be willing to do the same thing in conflict.

When we decide to make allowance for each other's faults, we must be willing to love the other person regardless of the conflict between us. It takes grace and the desire to bear with someone else. This attitude determines to overlook the harsh comment or difference of opinion—because Christ has done the same for us!

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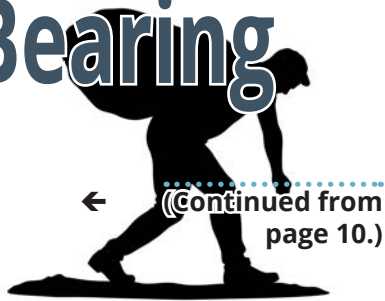
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Bearing

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Making Allowances

When we bear with one another, when we make allowance for each other's faults, we recognize that we are all still sinful humans struggling against a sin nature. We choose to respond in a manner that honors Christ instead of countering a hurtful word or action with a similar response.

Now, it's important to acknowledge that we are *not called* to ignore or enable sinful behavior. There is a time and place for bringing these things to someone's attention. But we have the ability to show Christ each time we step into conflict and towards the other person. This month, consider how you can bear with the people around you.

Keep Thinking:

✠ *When you find yourself in conflict, what is your default attitude?*

✠ *Do you see the other person as an enemy to be fought, or as a hurting member of Christ's body who needs your support? ✠*



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Coming Soon!

EBC Harvest Meal

By Sherri Fobert



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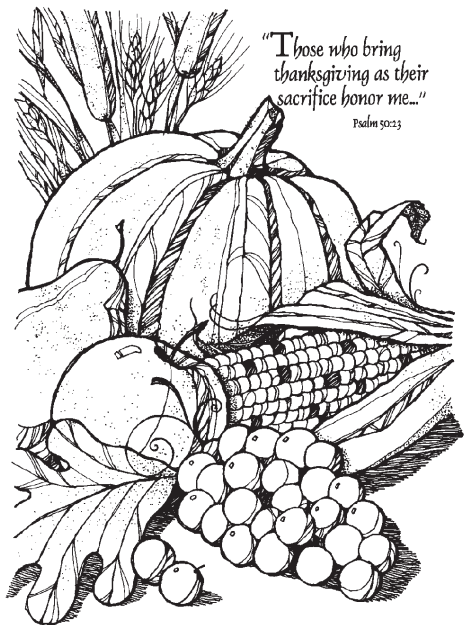
EBC's Harvest Meal will soon be here on **November 9**. Committees have been formed; sign-up sheets for attending, requesting take home/delivery meals, and offering to bake a pie or sweet potatoes have been available for two Sundays.

Last Day to Sign-Up

Sunday, November 2, is the last day to sign up. Now the kitchen committee, committee leaders, and volunteers will work together to provide a wonderful meal for our church family and guests. It will be a time of fellowship and especially giving thanks for our numerous blessings.

Seating for All

Serving will begin around 4:00 p.m. If you are disabled or handicapped, you and your family may enter through the breezeway. Other families are requested to enter the sanctuary and will be directed to sit in order as they arrive. Families will be released for the activity center when the serving line can accommodate them.



*Let our lives be filled
with thanks and giving!*

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Handing On the Ministry:

A Call to Generational Faithfulness

By Jonathan Hansen

A Sobering Mirror from Judges

In **Judges 8:33–35**, we encounter a sobering moment in Israel's history:

***"Then it happened, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the sons of Israel again played the harlot with the Baals... And the sons of Israel did not remember Yahweh their God, who had delivered them from the hands of all their enemies on every side; nor did they show lovingkindness to the household of Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) in accord with all the good that he had done to Israel."* (Judges 8:33–35, LSB)**

This passage is more than a historical tragedy—it's a mirror. It reflects what happens when spiritual memory fades and intentional discipleship is neglected. It reminds us that ministry is *not* just about what we

build in our lifetime, but what we leave behind for those who follow.

Psalm 145:4 declares:

***"One generation shall laud Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty deeds."* (LSB)**

This is not a passive hope—it's an active mandate. Legacy is not automatic. It must be remembered, honored, and handed on with care.

The Quiet Collapse

Todd Rhoades sounds the alarm in ***Silent Alarm: The Quiet Collapse of the Church Staff Pipeline***:

"The leadership pipeline is thinning—not just in the pulpit, but across the board: worship, youth, kids, and executive roles are all drying up."

This echoes **Judges 8:34**—when spiritual memory fades, the next generation falters. The thinning pipeline is not just a staffing issue; it's a discipleship crisis.

"Most churches aren't hearing the quiet alarm. Staff roles are going unfilled. Search timelines are stretching into months. Young leaders are opting out before they even get started."

This quote underscores the urgency of **2 Timothy 2:2**:

"And the things which you have heard from me in the

***presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."* (LSB)**

If we don't entrust the mission now, we risk silence tomorrow.

"Rebuilding ministry isn't just about strategy—it's about obedience and spiritual leadership."

This aligns with our call to "walk it out" from **1 John 2:6**:

***"The one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked."* (LSB)**

Legacy isn't built on clever systems—it's built on faithful lives.

Seven Commitments for Generational Ministry

1. Remember the Faithfulness of God

Israel's failure began with forgetfulness. ***"They did not remember Yahweh their God..."* (Judges 8:34, LSB)**

We must be storytellers of grace, rehearsing the mighty acts of God in our homes, churches, and communities.

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2. Honor Those Who Came Before

"They did not show lovingkindness to the household of Jerubbaal..." (Judges 8:35, LSB)

Honoring spiritual predecessors is not about nostalgia—it's about gratitude.

3. Entrust the Mission to Others

As Paul instructed Timothy, we are to entrust the Gospel to faithful people who will teach others also.

This means mentoring, equipping, and releasing—not just to serve, but to lead.

4. Rejoice in the Fruit

"I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in truth." (2 John 1:4, LSB)

There is no greater joy than seeing those we've discipled walking in obedience.

5. Walk It Out

"The one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked." (1 John 2:6, LSB)

Our lives are the curriculum. Our obedience is the legacy.

6. Challenge the Next Generation to Ask the Right Question

Instead of *"What do you want to do with your life?"* we must teach:

"Lord, what would You have me do?"

Jesus called His disciples to follow Him (Matthew 4:19). Paul told Timothy to guard the Gospel (2 Timothy 2:2).

Major Ian Thomas captured this beautifully:

"You were not saved to be a sensation. You were saved to be a servant... The only right to which you have is the right to be put by the hand of God wherever He chooses..."

7. Build a Ministry Pipeline That Flows with Purpose

Stage: Role in the Pipeline

✠ **Home:** Parents model obedience, prayer, and love for the Word

✠ **Church:** Nurtures gifts, provides opportunities, affirms calling

✠ **Bible College:** Deepens theological roots and prepares leaders



✠ **Sending Agency:**

Ensures accountability, support, and placement

✠ **Mission Field:**

Deploys workers with clarity and conviction. This pipeline must be cultivated. When each link is strong and aligned, the next generation is not just equipped—they're deployed.

In Village Missions, we're addressing this through our **On-Ramp** college program and the **Contenders Discipleship Initiative (CDI)**—identifying, training, and launching leaders from rural churches into long-term ministry.

A Rural Reminder

For those of us serving in rural communities, this call is especially urgent.

Rural doesn't mean irrelevant. It means rooted. And roots are where legacy begins.

A Final Word

Robby Gallaty said it well:

"The Gospel came to you because it was heading to someone else." — **Long Hollow Church**

We are not the endpoint of God's work—we are a link in the chain.

Let us remember, honor, and entrust. And let us rejoice when the next generation walks in truth.

➔ Please see "A Call" on page 16.

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In Brazil

The Expansion of Harvest Radio

September 1, 2025!

That is when Harvest Radio completes 21 years on the air on 102.7 in Nova Russas. And that is the goal for going on the air on 104.7 in a town called Ibiapina (two hours north of Nova Russas). Harvest Radio will soon double in coverage and outreach! And here in Mucambo, we will get a clear signal from the new radio station.

Praise the Lord:

- For this great opportunity.
- That after many discouraging delays, we finally have a signed purchase contract.
- That so many have been generously giving to this project.
- That we will be able to reach so many more people through the radio waves.
- For a group of people from among our churches/towns who want to help advertise the new station with a personal distribution of advertisement flyers.

Pray:

- For the many details of setup to be attended to by September 1.
- Elwyn (Ivan's brother) is primarily responsible for getting it set up. His son, Nathan, and a friend of the family, Jesse Regier, will be coming for a couple of weeks to help with the technical/computer stuff.
- For it to have a great impact on the new area reached.



FM 102.7 has been on the air for almost 21 years.
FM 104.7 is the new frequency.

The Church of the Lamb

- ✦ In July, we had VBS. While we didn't have as big a group this year, 35-40 kids came each day to sing, hear stories from the book of Daniel, and play.
- ✦ At church we have three weekly activities: the service on Sunday evening, prayer meeting on Tuesday evening, and Bible Club on Saturday morning. *(photos on second page)*
- ✦ The Saturday morning Bible Club fairly consistently attracts 30+ kids. It is a time for singing, Bible story and verse memorization and also for playing games. We have lately been using the book, *The Lamb* (by John R. Cross), to teach about the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and salvation. We used this book with the children in our initial years of ministry in Mucambo but felt it was time to repeat because we have almost a whole new set of children.
- ✦ On Tuesday nights, we usually have a time in the Word and prayer. After that, some of us go to read Scripture in the homes of some of our young people. Recently, we have initiated doing prayer walks in the town. We do it individually, but last Tuesday, we split into two groups, each group walking several blocks;

stopping to pray for people we saw on the street or for the homes, schools and businesses we walked by.

Praise the Lord:

- For the VBS and the kids who attended.
- For those who regularly come to our services and the Bible Club
- For the open doors to read Scripture in people's home. Many have never sat down to read the Bible before.

Pray:

- For the kids who attended VBS, that they will believe the truths about salvation taught there.
- For those who attend or have visited our church service, that they will believe for salvation and will grow in their faith, and that they will participate in outreach.
- For Scripture reading in homes, that the hearing of the Word will bring about salvation.

Café e Graça Coffee Shop

The coffee shop continues to serve as a place of outreach/evangelism and teaching opportunities. It is well accepted in the community. We have had an unexpected setback as two of the guys who have been working there have made some very poor choices, and we had to let them go. We continue to pray for their spiritual life. They accepted Christ with us several years ago. We still have two guys working there along with us and Joshua and Camila. We continue to try to teach them and be examples to them of living for Christ.

Praise the Lord:

- For many opportunities to converse and sometimes talk about Christ with a variety of people from Mucambo and surrounding areas.

Pray:

- For the two guys mentioned here who need to get back to living their life for Christ.
- That we can have a life-changing influence through Christ in people's lives.



Church service on Sunday evening



Bible Club on Saturday



VBS 2025



The Coffee Shop

If you would like to give to our ministry, please go to
avantministries.org/give.

Or send a check (earmarked Ivan Goossen) to
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Kansas City, MO 61455



Prayer

Lord, help us to be faithful in remembering Your works, honoring those who've gone before, and discipling those who will follow. May we be found faithful in our generation—and may the generations after us follow our intentional Christ-representing example.

Ministry of Music

Find Us Faithful by **Steve Green**

"Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful..."

This song echoes the heartbeat of this article. It's a prayer that our lives would leave a trail of obedience, sacrifice, and love for Christ—one that future generations can follow.

Application: What Are You Doing in Response to God's Call?

Take a moment to reflect:

- ✠ *Are you remembering and rehearsing the faithfulness of God?*
- ✠ *Are you honoring those who came before you?*
- ✠ *Are you actively entrusting the mission to others?*
- ✠ *Are you rejoicing in the fruit of those you've discipled?*
- ✠ *Are you walking out your faith in a way others can follow?*
- ✠ *Are you helping the next generation ask the right question?*

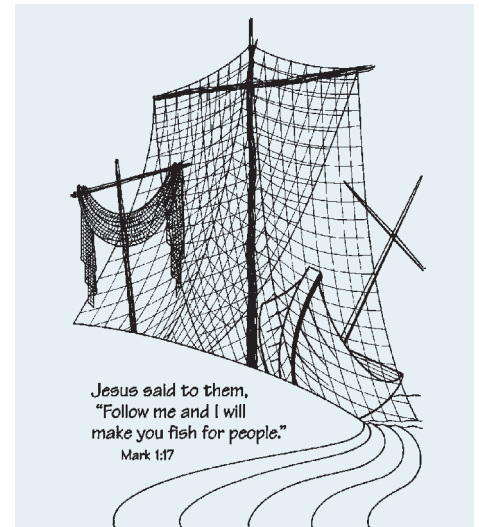
✠ *Are you strengthening the ministry pipeline—from your home to the mission field?*

Your Response Matters

God's call is not just for the gifted—it's for the faithful.

Who are you mentoring right now? Who will carry the torch when you're gone?

What step will you take this week to hand on the ministry with intentionality, humility, and joy? ✚



Harvest Radio 104.7!

By **Linda McFarland**
EBC Missions Committee

Harvest Radio 104.7 is now on the air in Ibiapina, Brazil!! We rejoice with **Ivan and Mary Goossen** and their team there in Mucambo as they seek to spread the good news of Jesus Christ with their neighboring villages.



Here is a recent comment from Mary...

"We, with several from the church, have walked most of Mucambo handing out flyers at each home and business in Mucambo. The front of the flyer advertises the new radio station. The back offers a free Bible to whoever sends us a Whatsapp message requesting one. We are

now in the process of following up on those requests, taking Bibles to the provided addresses. Pray for those who have tuned into Harvest Radio and for those who have received Bibles.

We deeply appreciate how EBC has upheld us in this effort through both prayer and financial support."

The Missions Committee wants to thank each one here at EBC who has given and prayed for this ministry. Keep tuned! God is at work in that corner of Brazil. ✚

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.

Community Outreach

We invited our community of 160 to a BBQ and games event for families in the park. My children handed out flyers to all the families in town, and we advertised on the community board. Nearly a third of our community came. We enjoyed interacting with the families and invited them to our church's Kids Club. As a result, three new children from two families are joining the club, and one family has started attending church on Sundays.

Nathan & Michelle Bice
Venango, NE ✝

Thriving Study

Our Women's Evening Bible Study is thriving. Kim has led this study for 21 years. This year, we are focusing on God's character and how he alone can transform people. On the first night, they took an offering for a fellow Village Missionary.

Keith & Kim Walker
Pahrump, NV ✝

Paint and Prayer

At our town's fall festival, we set up a large canvas with the words "Bethel Community Art." We offered six colors of paint, each representing a type of prayer request, such as peace of heart, family love, relationships, or some form of healing from God. We invited people to paint the color of their prayer request on the canvas. As we had hoped, this opened doors to meaningful conversations with several people in the community.

Dan & Becke Haas
West Bethel, ME ✝

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.



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

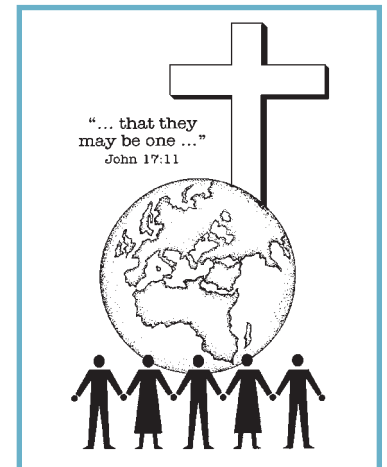


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- ✠ Involved in youth ministry, maintaining the camp facility
- ✠ Teach in the Awana program, lead a high school youth ministry
- ✠ Administrative retreats
- ✠ Jennifer also works in food preparation for the summer camps



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
- ✠ 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

→ Please see "EBC Supports" on page 19.

EBC Supports

← (Continued from page 18.)



Ivan and Mary Goossen

Avant Ministries

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



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- ✠ Mentoring new missionaries to the field
- ✠ Translation work
- ✠ Judith works in the medical clinic and member care
- ✠ Leadership development among the indigenous people



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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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- ✠ 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:

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| ◆ 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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November

**11/4 LADIES MISSIONARY
FELLOWSHIP**

11/9 HARVEST MEAL

11/10 HYMN SING

11/15 MEN'S BREAKFAST

**11/21-24 ALL CITY YOUTH
RETREAT**

**11/27-28 OFFICE CLOSED
HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

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

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them."

Matthew 7:15-20 (NIV)