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Treasures in Heaven

By Pastor Troy Bassham

One of the most memorable battles in the Bible happens in **1 Samuel 17**.

While the men of Israel's army are frozen by fear, David volunteers to face Goliath, the mighty Philistine warrior in the Valley of Elah. David is armed with only a sling against the giant, clothed in armor, bearing shield and sword and javelin.

Facing His Giant

David bravely faces Goliath while the two armies watch from the sidelines. It is a great story of faith, courage, and God's intervention.

God gives David the victory over his opponent. Seeing this unexpected triumph, the men of Israel rush into battle putting the shocked enemy to flight.

As I thought about this passage, I began thinking that this is a great example of individual trust in the

LORD as well as a witness to God's provision. *However, it is a bad example for what Christian service is supposed to look like.*

Think about it, two men facing one another in battle while thousands of bystanders stand, watching the champions take all the risk. Too often this is how Christian service is viewed, or at least how it plays out.

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How many times does a small portion of the body shoulder all the labor and risk while the majority is

content to be the audience cheering on their efforts?

Are We Like That?

In this regard, the church has been compared to a professional football

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know. grow. go.



But even in these instances, it is a sad thing to see people forfeit the opportunities for service and reward that God graciously gives them. Too often, we think of our service as a chore or burden instead of a chance to honor our Savior and to join Him in His work. This wrong thinking is reminiscent of the fable The Little Red Hen.



game. Twenty-two people on the field desperately in need of rest being watched by fifty thousand spectators desperately in need of exercise.

Become Engaged in Service

The truth is that we are all called to be engaged in service. In **1 Corinthians 12**, Paul reminds us that every believer is an important part of the body of Christ. While we may not all have the same function, *we all have an important role to play.*

If our physical bodies suddenly missed the function of a kidney, knee, or eye, we would feel the effect. In the same way, the health and impact of the church body is diminished when individuals remain on the sideline.

God CAN Work Without Us

Make no mistake, God can complete His work *without* us. As in the case of David, He can accomplish mighty things through His faithful followers.

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**Make no mistake, what we do in this life will echo into eternity. Earthly accolades and trophies will fade away, but the treasures which we store in Heaven will last forever.**

At the end of the tale, the hen, who has done all of the work, receives all of the reward while the others miss out on the blessing.

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In the book of **Nehemiah**, Nehemiah was used by God to rebuild the walls, dividing the city into sections. Chapter three highlights the contributions of the people who participated in this great project. Yet, in verse five, we see a notable comment: the nobles of Tekoa “... **would not put their shoulders to the work...** (**Nehemiah 3:5, NIV**).”

### Sad!

What a sad statement! In this immortalized list of people who participated in the work, the nobles of Tekoa are remembered only as those who refused to be of service.

### My Hope for Us

I hope we are the people who serve for our Savior’s purposes and pleasure, that we labor for a crown that will not fade—that we would be a part of the great and marvelous work that God is accomplishing. †

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**Too often, we think of our service as a chore or burden instead of a chance to honor our Savior and to join Him in His work.**



Ephesians 5-6 and 1 Peter 2-3 ...

# Observations

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By Greg Sykora

**A**s followers of Christ, we are commanded to live out our faith with ministry, service, and good works. We often elevate the work of ministry in the church and can forget about other things we have been commanded to do. It is clear in the Bible that God has given many of us some very important work in our own household with our spouses and children.



**How to Love and Serve the Lord** Ephesians 5-6 and 1 Peter 2-3 give us a tremendous amount of information about how to love and serve the LORD in regards to marriage and the family unit. **1 Peter 3** and **Ephesians 5**, popular sections of the Bible for married couples that describe how wives and husbands should act toward one another, have very specific preceding statements. The order of

information in these two chapters gives us a lot of Biblical context on the family unit.

1 Peter 2:21 tells us that Christ is our example and that we should follow in His steps. **Ephesians 5:1 (NKJV)** says to **"be imitators of God."** In both sections, before discussing the relationship between husband and wife, we are told to follow Christ. To me this highlights an essential point: *in order to be a godly spouse, one must first be a follower of Christ with a firm foundation of faith.*

We are first told in **Ephesians 5:1** to be imitators of Christ, and then we are told how to love and respect our spouse. Then, in **Ephesians 6** we are given directions on how parents and children are to interact with one another. The order of **Ephesians 5 and 6** is important. **First ...** we follow Christ, **then** we develop our relationship with our spouse, and **finally** comes the emphasis on parenting. *We will struggle to be a good spouse if we aren't imitating*



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*Christ. We will struggle to be a good parent if we aren't a good spouse.*

## Not the Solution...

Just about any marriage counselor will say that you *can't* solve relationship problems by having children. Before raising children, spouses should heed the urging of **1 Peter 3** and first, both be walking with the Lord, and second, have a solid relationship with each other. If a newlywed couple becomes pregnant on day one of their marriage, God still gives them nine months to work on their relationship before that baby is born. When people deviate from the order described in these two sections, *they have struggles.*

→ Please see "Observations" on page 5.



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## Preparedness Through Stewardship

# EBC Safety & Security Ministry Update

By Paul Lyman

The Safety & Security Team at EBC is committed to helping provide a safe and welcoming environment for everyone who enters our church facilities. While we pray that emergencies never occur, we believe wise preparation is an important part of caring for our church family and guests.

### Training Moments

Beginning in June, our congregation will notice brief emergency preparedness training moments during selected services. These presentations are designed to familiarize members with basic response procedures for several situations that could occur in any public gathering place, including facility evacuations, medical emergencies, and security-related incidents.

The purpose of these training moments is not to create concern or alarm, but rather to ensure that everyone knows what to do should an emergency arise. Just as families prepare for emergencies at home, churches benefit from having clear plans and informed members.



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### What to Expect

During these training moments, information slides may be displayed on sanctuary and foyer screens outlining simple instructions and points of contact. Members will also become familiar with the role of the Safety & Security Team and how emergency notifications may be communicated within the church.

### An Act of Stewardship!

Preparedness is an act of stewardship. By taking a few moments to learn and understand our procedures, we help create a safer environment for

children, families, visitors, and fellow worshippers.

### Together ...

We encourage everyone to participate attentively and support these efforts through prayer.

*Together we can help ensure that EBC remains a place where people can worship, learn, and fellowship with confidence and peace of mind.*

If you have questions or would like to learn more about the Safety & Security Ministry, please contact a member of the team.

### EBC Security Team Leads

The following are the current leaders of our EBC Security Team:

- ✠ Rod Dunham  
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- ✠ Paul Lyman  
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Great Opportunity for the Right Person

# Administrative Secretary Needed

By Jim and Vicky Walker

**E**BC is currently accepting applications for a full-time Administrative Secretary. We are seeking a warm, welcoming professional to join our team.

## Duties

Some of the responsibilities for this role include:

- 1) Administrative support for lead pastor, administrative pastor, and youth pastor.
- 2) Answer phones, greet visitors, respond to general church inquiries.
- 3) Prepare weekly and online bulletins.
- 4) Provide monthly budget reports for each Committee Chairperson.
- 5) Order and maintain resource room, office supplies, and equipment.
- 6) Process mail, email, and correspondence.
- 7) Prepare and record checks for paying expenses/reimbursements.

8) Manage and process facility use request forms and manage church calendar.

## Key Requirements

We are looking for someone who possesses:

- ✘ Strong organization skills
- ✘ Good command of proper grammar and businesslike written communications
- ✘ The ability to work well with a variety of people
- ✘ The ability to respond calmly under stress.

Additionally, the candidate needs experience working with:

- ✘ Microsoft Office®
- ✘ Microsoft Excel®
- ✘ Quickbooks®
- ✘ Either Apple® or Microsoft® PC computer systems.

Finally, having experience with business management software is a plus and some bookkeeping experience is preferable.

## Is This YOU?

If you have a heart for ministry and would like to be part of the team, please contact the church office and you will be sent an employment application, as well as a complete job description.

*An adherence to EBC's Statement of Faith carries with it the expectation that the person is a committed Christian.*

Please let your family, friends, and neighbors know of this great opportunity!

## Our Search Committee

The Search Committee members are:

- ✘ **Jim and Vicky Walker**
- ✘ **Donna Huber**
- ✘ **Galen Harms †**

## Observations

← (Continued from page 3.)

It's fairly simple to write a short article on imitating Christ and establishing a solid long-term relationship with your spouse and family.

### Easier Said Than Done!

The actual work in the relationships is easier said than done! *Imitating Christ is hard work.* Cultivating a healthy marriage and family is hard work. Yet, it is a sacred task from the Lord, one no less important than other forms of ministry, which also reap eternal rewards.

When we finally get to hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant," it will be after a lot of hard work on the home front. †



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*Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.*  
Acts 20:28 (NIV) †

# Elders' Epistle

By Nat Thomas

The last three months we dedicated to “getting to know” your elder team. If you missed those testimonies, they are available online in the archives. Please take a few minutes to review the lives of the men serving EBC as elders.

## Much Business!

This past winter and spring, the elder team has been meeting twice a month to keep up with the changes happening at EBC, including staff moving on to other positions, catching up with a backlog of needed projects and general maintenance. **THANK YOU**, team members, for stepping up to the plate and meeting more frequently!

## Lots of Searching

**Dave Whitbeck** has been on point as a project manager for two search teams. He and his team had been working to fill **Pastor Mike's** position as associate pastor, but when we found out that **Pastor Andrew** was moving down south to be closer to family, we decided the priority needed to switch to searching for a new youth pastor.

Dave volunteered to head up this new search and formed a new team with an emphasis on who is involved in youth work at EBC. Although both positions are important, we decided the youth search should be the priority with school starting in the fall.

## Please Pray

Please pray for the Lord to bring the correct young man to minister to our youth! Many small Bible

schools that we relied on in the past for applications, such as Grace University in Nebraska, have closed in recent years.

In my opinion the other factor is the worldwide culture of “self” brought on in the last ten years by social media platforms that promote “do what is right in your own eyes.” This culture is not unlike the “field of poppies” in the book The Pilgrim's Progress where the traveler is distracted and loses sight of the journey.

Please join us in prayer for the Lord to inspire and bring the people He has chosen to fill these positions.

## Thank You, Alison!

We want to extend our thanks for **Alison Johnson's** faithful work over the many years she served as church secretary. Her cheerfulness and willingness to help others is appreciated. She has accepted a new position working for the state and we hope that she enjoys these new challenges.

**Jim Walker** heads up the search team looking for a replacement for Alison in the office with team members having over 60 years of experience between them.

We are grateful for the work that **Kari Sampont** continues to do as assistant secretary. Thanks are due to the many volunteers who are answering phones and peoples' questions at the church office during the time when Kari, who works

part time, is not there. *Thank you, Kari, for hanging in there!* As a church family, let's all remember to extend grace to our office workers during this time of searching for an Administrative Secretary.

## Coffee at DRV

The elder team had a coffee hour in May with EBC members who reside at DRV. It is always a nice time together with sharing and even a Bible trivia quiz sponsored by **Galen Harms**. **Pastor Troy** had a devotional message and I shared a testimony of God's goodness. *And ... the cookies and coffee were delicious.*

There will be an additional feature at our church service the first week of the month in which one elder, on a rotating basis, will give a prayer of thanksgiving in the service. Then at the end of the service that elder will be available to meet with people to pray with them and/or answer questions.

## One Fest Coming Soon

Please plan on attending and/or volunteering at the **ONE FEST** community event in which the gospel will be shared through music, speaking and carnival activities for kids. This event is on June 28 beginning at 2:30 in the afternoon. It will be at the Roger Jordan Community Park. EBC is helping sponsor this event and the elders want to encourage people to volunteer to help out as needed.

## Busy Times ... Busy Place

EBC is a busy place. This is the body of Christ working together as Paul describes in **1 Corinthians 12** to further the kingdom of God!

*Thank you to each and every one who takes the time, the energy, the resources to minister to others!* ✚



# The Empty Box

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By Sylvia Thomas

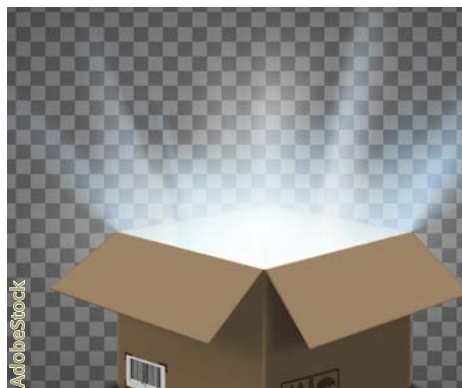
Sometimes I look over at my husband when he sits on the patio or living room, nothing in his lap, no other sounds in the room, no “screens” in front of him.

I’ll ask him what he is doing, and get the reply, “I’m just sitting in my empty box.” As a woman with countless things going on in my brain of projects to accomplish, it has perplexed me to understand what an “empty box” feels like. It sounds peaceful, but unnatural for me.

## Been a Long Time!

When I was a child, I might have come close to that feeling, except mine was in a literal box, an empty cardboard box left behind after some purchase. It was quiet. I felt hidden from the world and could just think. It was quite nice; peaceful even.

One time I remodeled two large boxes to be long enough to lie down in. It was complete with a lid that hinged open and closed. It was so peaceful being there that I fell asleep. (My father was upset at finding me there with my eyes closed—he said that it looked like a coffin!)



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## Bring Them Forward

Empty box places in our lives should not be left behind in childhood. They are important to integrate into our lives as Christians.

☒ *Do we allow moments in our day for quiet reflection about our relationship with Christ?*

☒ *Do we live a life that reflects our values? (And ... what do we value anyway?)*

☒ *What would our children or grandchildren or friends say that we value or make a priority?*

☒ *Do we let busy schedules keep us inoculated from experiencing the abundant life of faith that Christ has given us?*

☒ *Do we sacrifice the important for the urgent?*

## Quiet Reflection

On this side of being “over-the-hill” (several years ago), I wish that I had spent more time sitting quietly in empty box time. I see the fruit of this practice when I listen to the thoughtful insights my husband has after a time of just being still.

**Psalm 46:10 (NIV) “Be still and know that I am God...”**

*Hmm...just might need to think about that some more. †*



## ONE Fest 2026

June 28, 2026 @ 2:30 PM

Roger Jordan Park

Hosted by the Dallas Ministerial Association

Join us for a special day as churches across our community come together for a family-friendly event filled with music, encouragement, and fellowship.

Throughout the day we plan to feature:

- ☒ Live music
- ☒ Guest speaker: **Reid Saunders**
- ☒ Family-friendly activities

*We can’t wait to celebrate with you at One Fest 2026!*

## Great Times, Good News! †



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# News from FEBC!

By Kevin Stone  
President, FEBC



June 1, 2026

**T**his week I received an email from one of our pastors. Slightly paraphrased, he said *“Kevin, I heard one of our sister churches is going through a difficult time. Is there anything we can do as a church or as a Fellowship to help?”* I have received similar questions many times over the years, and in my opinion, this heart to serve our fellow churches defines our ministry.

The FEBC mission is **“Joining our hands to strengthen His church.”** We are about strengthening one another. But this organization has many similarities to a local church ministry. Just like a local church, we have made our organization more effective and efficient by hiring men to lead our ministry. Just like a local church, it is tempting for the members to become less engaged once said men are in place. And just like the local church, this disengagement is not healthy.

When joining the FEBC, our member churches agreed to provide mutual support and encouragement to one another. This support and encouragement can certainly be provided by those of us who were hired to serve the Fellowship, but we cannot lose track of the fact that it is ultimately the responsibility (and privilege) of the member churches to provide that care.

I am so grateful for every moment that someone says: *“Hey, how can we help?”* I am so grateful for those of you who faithfully support our ministry through your giving, your concern, your prayers, and your encouragement. God has blessed our Fellowship in many ways, and he continues to provide well beyond what we could have imagined even a couple of years ago.

Along with prayer, encouragement, giving, and keeping an eye out for needs that may need to be met, engagement includes a few things that may seem less spiritual. Be sure your church sends delegates to Connect (register here: [www.fellowshipforward.org](http://www.fellowshipforward.org)). This is one of the main ways we stay connected and encourage one another. Be sure to consider whether someone in your church would do well in FEBC leadership and nominate them accordingly.

Above all, pray earnestly for our ministry. The power of prayer cannot be overstated. We see it clearly in so many answered prayers over the past few years. God is amazing!



***“...The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”***  
**(James 5:16, ESV)**

Thank you,

**Kevin Stone – President** †

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# Office News

By Kari Sampont

By the grace of God and through the prayers and understanding of our EBC church family, I have thus far managed to keep my head above the proverbial water as I adjust to being the only person manning the EBC church office.

As you know, **Alison Johnson** recently left her job as office manager, which she did extremely well for the past seven and a half years. She is greatly missed and her absence now shows just how involved she and her role was in the smooth running of EBC. As with many jobs, there is more to it than one might initially think!

## Thank You, Mike!

I am grateful to elder **Mike Huber**, who has been available to me via phone, text/email, and in person. He has been a tremendous help as I learn new computer skills and deal with a great many day-to-day questions/stresses that have arisen.

Among the many things Mike has assisted with is spending time with me so I can become more proficient – *and efficient* – with Quickbooks®. This powerful software, in case you didn't know, is the backbone of our financial management system. Right

now it's slow (*but improving!*) for me to get from point A to B. But ... it is, after all, called "Quickbooks®" and so I'm claiming that promise of speed and efficiency!

By the way, Quickbooks® is what we use to pay our church bills, create checks to our supported missionaries, do payroll, and update weekly tithes and offerings. Quickbooks® is also helpful in answering some of the budgetary questions by church members involved in our many committees and ministries. In other words, Quickbooks® is a big deal and a key component to our record keeping. Sooooo, once again, **THANK YOU, MIKE**, for helping with that!

## Thanks for Thinking of Me!

I also want to thank **Cassie Kroeker** and **Kim Disher** for bringing me flowers. Your thoughtfulness in those beautiful reminders of God's creation, is greatly appreciated. Also, **Sylvia Thomas** for gifting me a Starbucks® coupon and to **Kim and Bob** for taking me to lunch and for providing me with calm words of encouragement while I navigate this stressful job transition in my life. And, **THANK YOU**, to our church family for your understanding and for your many kind and encouraging words.

## I CAN Do This!

I want to do well in this job and through God's continued guidance and the patience and understanding of our EBC family, I will. At this writing, I now have one end-of-



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month set of entries/reports/tasks completed. Yeah! It WILL get easier/quicker!

My primary goal is to manage the day-to-day tasks while, as time permits, learning tasks to enable me to better fulfill my new responsibilities. I am hopeful that things will get easier from here.

In closing, I don't want to sound "doom and gloom." **It's not.** But, as most (*all?*) of you have experienced, it's a big change to go from what was previously comfortable and familiar to something that is neither. However, together we will get through this. **After all, it is just a transition!**

## Prayers, Please

☒ First and foremost, please continue to pray that my transition into this enhanced role goes smoothly.

☒ Pray, also, that the search for a new Administrative Secretary provides someone who can compliment my skills and be a pleasure with whom to work.

☒ Pray that I am able to give ALL the anxieties and uncertainties of my job to God—and *that I get back to sleeping well each night!* †



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## Mom to Mom End of Year Gathering



By Gwen Griffiths

**M**om to Mom wrapped up an amazing year of fellowship and growing closer to other moms and to Christ.

### Looking Ahead

Mom to Mom closed out the year by looking to the future.



On May 12, **Gwen Griffiths** spoke about helping our children move to the next stage. She encouraged moms to intentionally build a foundation of faith in their

children and then encourage them to move towards independence.



During the discussion time, the moms considered how their own feelings about their children growing older can influence whether those children

move towards adulthood eagerly or reluctantly.

Another part of the May 12 meeting featured the ladies being given an opportunity to make small flower arrangements to take home or share.

### Final Meeting of School Year

The last meeting of the year was a play day in the gym. Kids could have fun in a bounce house, have their

faces painted, and play freely with their friends.

### Next Year

We will begin the new Mom to Mom year with a **registration day at Dallas City Park on Tuesday, August 25.**

### Spread the Word!

**If you know a young mom, would you tell them about this ministry that can support and encourage them? †**



Photos submitted by Gwen Griffiths.





## Spring 2026 Children's Classes

9:00 Service

Nursery: Birth - 3 Years Rooms 61 & 59  
Children's Church: 3 Years - Kinder. Room 52  
Children's Church: 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades Room 71

10:30 Service

Nursery: Birth - 3 Years Room 59  
3 Years - Kindergarten Room 183  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Room 283  
3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Grades Room 277  
Middle School & High School Room 135

## Spring 2026 Adult Sunday School Classes

10:30 Service

Bible in Life Room 121  
Book of Genesis Room 122  
1 Peter Room 131  
Lasting Impact Room 226  
Sermon Recap Room 224  
Young Marrieds, Love Languages Room 228  
Young Adults Room 222

THANK YOU, Alison Johnson, for providing the Sunday School graphics.



# Upcoming Classes & Activities

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## June

June 2, 9:00 AM

- ☒ Ladies Missionary Fellowship

Tuesdays, weekly at 6:30 PM:

- ☒ Forged high school youth group

Wednesday, weekly at 6:30 PM

- ☒ Prayer group

Thursdays, weekly at 6:30 PM

- ☒ Compass middle school youth group

Sundays, 10:30 AM

- ☒ Young adults group

Sundays, 10:30 AM

- ☒ Young marrieds class

June 10, 6:00 PM

- ☒ Membership class:

June 19, 6:30 PM

- ☒ Ladies Summer Social

Sunday, June 28

- ☒ One Fest @ Roger Jordan Park (2:30 PM)

## July

July 7, 9:00 AM

- ☒ Ladies Missionary Fellowship

Tuesdays, weekly at 6:30 PM

- ☒ Forged high school youth group:

Wednesday, weekly at 6:30 PM

- ☒ Prayer group

Thursdays, weekly at 6:30 PM

- ☒ Compass middle school youth group

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# Josue and Diana Bulande Greetings From Mozambique!

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 1 Peter 1:3 (NKJV)*



Lichinga, Mozambique  
May, 2026

Too much time has passed from our last newsletter. It has been a busy, demanding and deeply meaningful time. We have felt your prayers and support in every step. We are grateful for your patience, prayers, encouragement and continued support.

It brings us joy to connect with you in order to share some of the ways that God has worked here in Lichinga in recent months. Thank you for your friendship which makes a lasting difference. Together with the brothers from the church, Josue is very involved in the work with



youth ministry. The church formed a soccer team with some of the youth from the church. They play with teams from other areas in our town and outside of town and we use this opportunity to evangelize and disciple other young people. Along with soccer, they meet every Saturday after lunch to fellowship and to study the Bible.

## Working With Local Women

I have written before about the work with the women. We gather every Saturday for fellowship and to study the Bible together. Each week we organize visits to the hospital and home visits.

On April 7, we celebrated **Women's Day** all over Mozambique. We enjoyed a beautiful time of fellowship, prayer, and the Word. Every Sunday

→ Please see "Mozambique" on page 15.



# Mozambique

← (Continued from page 14.)

morning, we have Bible school for the children in the church courtyard.

In addition to the Bible lesson, we also play games and sing. The youngest children really enjoy coloring.

The men from the church also have their own Bible study group and fellowship group. They regularly meet at the church or in one of their homes.

**With gratitude and appreciation,**

*Josue and Diana Bulande*



## How to Help

Please continue to pray for Josue and Diana as they work to serve the people of Mozambique. As you are able, please consider sending them a **tax deductible donation** to the following:

[www.simusa.org](http://www.simusa.org)

**Josue and Diana Bulande**

Support account #015334 †

## Weekday School's High School Center

# The HUB Highlights

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I'm **Andrew**, holding the position of After-School Program Director in the Executive Team of Weekday Bible.

By **Andrew Bullock**  
After-School Program Director



## The Hub

Weekday Bible owns the large white building across from Dallas High School. This is our high school chapel and we call it "The HUB".

We host YoungLife and WyldLife, teach high school Weekday School of the Bible classes and are now in the second year of our After-School Program. The After-School Program is an outreach to 7th through 12th grade students with recreation time, classes, meals, and cooking classes.

It is an opportunity for the students to "hang out" with Dallas youth pastors and other trained leaders.

## Inquisitive Students!

Here are some recent comments from the kids:

✠ "Andrew, will you pray for my game tomorrow?" said one student as they were leaving The HUB after attending Young Life.

This person does not come from a home with a Christian background, but by coming to Drop-In and

staying for Young Life and Community Youth Group, they have seen and are open to the positive influence of Jesus in their life.

✠ "There is no way my parents would ever let me go to church," said a student one year ago hanging out with us through ministry at The HUB.

Due to relationship and trust building over the past year, **guess where they were on Sunday morning?**

✠ "What does it mean to get baptized?"

✠ "Why did Jesus create me with my disability? Does he love me? If so, why would he do that?"

✠ "I started a Bible study with my friends, but I'd really like for

→ Please see "The HUB" on page 16.

.....  
***It is an opportunity for the students to "hang out" with Dallas youth pastors and other trained leaders.***



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*THEM to start Bible studies with their friends too.”*

### Many Opportunities!

These are just a few of the opportunities we've had for spiritual conversations through our ministry at The HUB in the past few weeks. This is the fruit that comes from hosting a safe and welcoming place for students.

**THANK YOU** Weekday and others for the support that makes this ministry possible.

### Open Hours

The HUB is open for 7th through 12th graders every **Monday and Wednesday 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM**. We plan to keep the same hours during the summer for drop-ins and Bible study.

We serve dinner to the students who come to Drop-In at The HUB. It should be pointed out that many of these youth stay for Young Life and youth groups in the evenings. Some of these meals are frozen casseroles made and donated by volunteers.

### Can YOU Help Out?

Contact us if you or your church or group might be interested in providing meals for The HUB or check out The HUB website and the *Get Involved* option to volunteer or sign up to bring a meal ([dallasyouthcenter.com/get-involved](http://dallasyouthcenter.com/get-involved)). †



Operation Christmas Child

## Monthly Donations

By Kay Whitney

**W**e will continue our goal of an on-going collection of items for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Those things to focus on this month are:

- ✦ **Dolls (girls)**
- ✦ **Cars and trucks (boys)**

*Please place donated items in the designated box in the foyer. †*



# Looking Ahead ...

## Women's Ministry Summer Social

Friday, June 19 at 6:30 PM

Fun and relaxing evening to welcome in the beginning of summer.

## Bunco Night

Friday, September 11 at 6:30 PM

## Women's Retreat

Friday to Sunday, October 2-4

Location: Fern Hill Lodge, Monmouth

## Christmas Dessert

Friday, December 4 at 6:30 PM

Start the Christmas season sharing an evening together.

## Men's Ministry

### Men's Breakfast

Saturday, August 8

### Annual Trap Shoot

September (Date TBD)

### Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 14 †

know. grow. go.



## 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).

## Growing Participation

We did our first Easter egg hunt in Buskirk four years ago. It was small—our family and two other families who were not yet part of the church. Over the next two years, several families joined us. But this year, over 60 people came, and 34 kids hunted eggs! We praise God that 14 visitors came to our Easter service. Their presence made this year's Easter celebration extra-special!

**JD & Katie Milton**  
Buskirk, NY †

## Community Connections

Our church restarted an annual sportsmen's breakfast. The speaker wove the gospel into his message. Participants brought their hunting trophies to display. People came from several area churches, but a significant number of the guests aren't churchgoers. This was a great opportunity for me to meet more people from the wider community and for them to connect with people who follow Christ.

**Robert & Emily Hill**  
Blodgett, OR †

## Reaching Women

Our church has several women who are relative newcomers, so Rachel decided to organize a women's retreat. She asked three women at different life stages to speak. They each shared their testimony and an aspect of God's character they have experienced. District Representative Erika Wilson followed each one with a related Bible lesson. The three sessions were: God is my provider, God is my sustainer, and God is my redeemer. The two-day retreat included a plated dinner, worship in music, games, and an opportunity to create a gift bag for a friend. The retreat drew the women closer together, and many participants said it was very impactful.

**Sam & Rachel Whittaker**  
Mohawk, OR †

# 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.



**Tim and Mallory Brooks**  
 Missionary Aviation Fellowship  
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- ✘ Serving in Winema, Indonesia
- ✘ Tim is a mechanic for MAF planes on the base
- ✘ Both Tim and Mallory are studying to gain proficiency in the language
- ✘ Support for team members on the MAF base



**Joshue and Diana Bulande**  
 SIM  
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- ✘ Serving in Lichinga, Mozambique
- ✘ Church planting, discipleship training
- ✘ Women's Bible training
- ✘ Children's ministry and tutoring



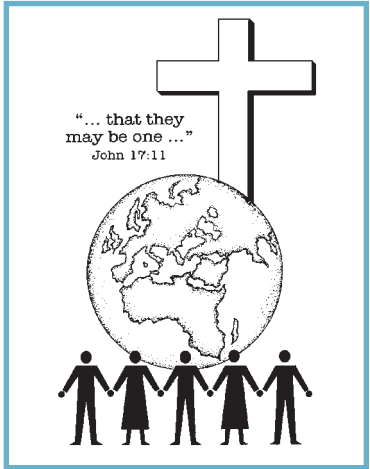
**Dan and Judy Burke**  
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- ✘ Serve in Bolivia in Cochabamba and San Borja
- ✘ Development of a discipleship center in northwestern Bolivia
- ✘ Work with the Chimane people group
- ✘ Write and produce books and commentaries in Chimane for the tribal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



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



➔ Please see "EBC Supports" on page 19.

# EBC Supports

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



**Eric and Judith Hedeem**  
Ethnos 360  
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- ✘ Serve in Papua, New Guinea
- ✘ Mentoring new missionaries to the field
- ✘ Translation work
- ✘ Judith works in the medical clinic and member care
- ✘ Leadership development among the indigenous people



**Paul and Leslie Lanquist**  
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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



**Jake and Moriah Michalovich**  
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- ✘ Jake is the Area Director for Young Life in Polk County.
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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
- ✘ Supervises country directors in 11 countries
- ✘ Both Steve and Mikki work in SIM's Global Leader Development Program
- ✘ Mikki does educational consulting work, and also works in the Paths to School Improvement program which trains Christian school leaders throughout Africa.



## Other Outreach Ministries We Support:

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

**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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you!** ✝

Unsplash



***Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.***

**James 1:12-15 (NIV)**