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2nd Grade Logic

By Pastor Troy Bassham

*Now the Lord said to Abram,
"Go from your country,
And from your relatives
And from your father's house,
To the land which I will show
you;
And I will make you into a
great nation,
And I will bless you,
And make your name
great;
And you shall be a
blessing;
And I will bless those
who bless you,
And the one who curses
you I will curse.
And in you all the families of
the earth will be blessed."*

Genesis 12:1-3 (NASB)

Sitting down to write this month, I quickly realized that there would be no way to complete everything that I wanted to say in the allotted space. As such, these are just a few opening thoughts on this subject. There are many good resources for further study. I have included a few at the end of the article.



Lunch Box Comparisons

Way back in the second grade, I was interested in the difference of what was in my lunchbox and what a Jewish classmate had brought for his lunch, as his family was observing Passover.

The curious flattened bread did not look as good as my peanut butter

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Jesus

Jewish

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and jelly sandwich. Nevertheless, it reminded me of all the lessons from my Sunday School classes in a familiar and welcome way.

Jewish Role Models...

When I got home, I told my dad that I wished that I was Jewish. He raised an eyebrow and asked me why I wished such a thing. My family is a mostly German/English mash-up, this was not our ethnic heritage.

“Because Jesus is Jewish and all the important people in the Bible are Jewish,” I replied.

“That makes sense,” my dad answered, *“but historically, it has been pretty hard to be a Jew.”*

How True

In recent days, that memory and my dad’s words echo back to me. There has been a marked rise of antisemitism on the world stage. Some of this is fueled by global political views on the modern nation of Israel, but it goes beyond this. We have witnessed attacks on synagogues in Michigan and Canada and seen observant Jews harassed in Europe for the “crime” of wearing a kippah.



Not a New Thing

Of course, those who know their Bible, realize that a hatred for the Jews is **not** a new development. We see this from Pharaoh (**Exodus 1**) to Haman (**Esther 3:6**) into modern times (pogroms, Holocaust, October 7th, etc.).

As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable.

Romans 11:28–29 (NIV)

Key Questions

All of this should lead us to consider:

- ✠ *Why is this happening?*
- ✠ *What does the Bible have to say about the Jewish people?*
- ✠ *Do they still have relevance today?*

More to Come

As I am quickly running out of space, I plan to finish this subject in next month’s Sentinel.

However, I don’t want to leave you with an introduction and an unanswered question. So, if you’ve

made it this far, I encourage you to do some personal study.

I have included several resources below. But even more important are the words of God from Scripture.

Further Reading

I encourage you to read the following passages from the Bible:

- ✠ **Romans 11:28–29**
- ✠ **Zechariah 12:10**
- ✠ **Jeremiah 31:35–36**
- ✠ **Jeremiah 33:14–26**
- ✠ **Deuteronomy 4:31**

Additional Resources:

Is Israel Still God’s Chosen People at Gotquestions.org

The Israel Decree (book) by **Amir Tsarfati**

Has the Church Replaced Israel by **Michael J. Vlach**

YouTube®:

I will also include some links to a couple of videos on our church website ebcdallas.org

Go to the **News** tab and click on **“Announcements”** ✠



Operation Christmas Child

By Kay Whitney
EBC's OCC Coordinator

Thank you! †



Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child (OCC) will be available for pick up today and until mid-November in the foyer along with a list of items to fill the shoeboxes.

Most Requested

The most requested items to include in the boxes are:

- ✘ School supplies
- ✘ Stuffed animals
- ✘ Toys of all kinds

Please place filled shoeboxes under the coat rack in the foyer. You can also put items to fill the shoeboxes in the labeled box.

If you prefer to pay for shipping, the cost remains \$10 per shoebox. Please put cash or check made out to **Samaritan's Purse** in the church donation envelope with Samaritan's Purse as the designated recipient.



Coming Soon!

EBC Harvest Meal

By Linda Connolly

EBC's Harvest Meal is November 8! Sign-up sheets for attending, requesting take-home/delivery meals, and offering to bake a pie or sweet potatoes will be available in the foyer before each service and during coffee time on October 18 and 25, as well as November 1.

Plan to Attend and Invite a Friend!

Just be sure to sign up no later than November 1. At that point the kitchen coordinators, committee leaders, and volunteers will be working together to plan, shop for, and prepare a wonderful meal for our church

family and guests. It will be the perfect opportunity to enjoy fellowship and give thanks for our many blessings.

Seating for All

Serving will begin at 4:00 PM. If you are unable or find it difficult to navigate the stairs, you and your family and guests can enter through the breezeway. All others

Sign Up By: 11/1/26

Bring: Family, Friends, Neighbors!

are requested to go to the sanctuary where they will be directed to sit in order as they arrive. Families will be

released to the activity center when the serving line can accommodate them. †



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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 official start of the Autumn season also marks the new season in church ministries.

Awana

The Awana program is off to a great start with good enrollments and many positive comments coming in. There are new volunteer staff members stepping in to help with Cubbies, Sparks, and T&T levels, and games. The new director this year is **Kristiina Broten** who has some new ideas and is enthusiastic about the months to come. Many **THANKS** to the security team who play an important role to keep things running smoothly.

Money Matters

The Finance Committee started the season minus two members, **Craig McCoullough** and **Bruce McGillvrey**. They moved out of the area to be closer to their families, but will be missed at EBC.

The elder team appointed **Lionel Schmidt** and **Peter Harris** as their replacements for the rest of this term. In January, the elders will add another member to the team

to provide a more stable base when unexpected changes occur.

Looking Forward!

Thoughts and plans for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are underway. The kitchen team is gearing up for the EBC Harvest meal on November 8.

This is a time of outreach and celebration of God's blessings which has been an EBC tradition for many years. **THANK YOU**, in advance, to the Kitchen Committee, headed up by **Kristen Harris** and **Linda Connolly**, for the time that they will be spending organizing this meal.



Prayers Needed NOW!

We are asking for the congregation to spend time in prayer for the right people to fill the positions of **Youth Director** and **Associate Pastor**.

For those who have not heard, the candidate we interviewed for Youth Director felt led to accept a position at another church in a small community. **Dave Whitbeck** and his team have spent many hours posting the positions, reviewing applications and talking to potential candidates.

The problem emerging has been an apparent season of drought in people going into the ministry. Several conservative Bible schools have closed as the culture of "ministry to self" instead of "ministry to others" has been growing. Christian universities

are steering away from solid biblical teaching, resulting in a shrinking pool of potential candidates who value full-time ministry.

We are confident that God will provide exactly what we need. Our part is to pray, to have discernment, and to wait. In the meantime, we are grateful to **Alan Casey** and his team for filling the youth leadership role until someone is hired.

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The church body operates well when people are committed to the Lord and are willing to use their gifts to serve in needed roles.

Paul tells us to work together for the glory of God. EBC could not meet the standards Paul writes about in 1 Corinthians if we did not have the committees and teams in place who work together in unity. When we show respect for one another, encourage one another, and help where we can, the work of the church can function harmoniously.

Let all things be done decently and in order. (1 Corinthians 14:40 NKJV). †



Mom to Mom

Back in Business

By Jackie Neufeld, Mom to Mom Coordinator



If you want this ministry to continue God, you will need to show us how it can! That has been my prayer over the summer. I prayed for a clear answer that was evident to all. I am a firm believer that just because we have “always” done something, in no way means that we must continue forever. It must be God’s will, *not ours*.

We were not even close to having enough volunteers. Add to that, a few of our dedicated childcare workers had life circumstances change or just needed a well-deserved break.

Many Challenges

Then there was the challenge of having enough moms with the time and energy to be part of our steering team. Mom to Mom is led by a team of participating moms, a representative **Titus 2 Mom** (aka mentor mom) and a coordinator, which currently is me.

The moms on the team help to ensure that we keep a clear focus on the needs of young moms now.

They also help to facilitate meetings, publicity, and several other roles.

We had a meeting in late July. The summer was speeding closer to the preplanned registration in August *and it was not looking good*. With more prayer and the decision to move registration to September 22, with an October start to allow us more time to fill the needed roles or make the decision for the ministry to pause or radically change, the team was sad, **but determined**. No one on the team really wanted either of those options.

Then on August 17, most of the childcare was set and by September 1, ladies started offering to fill the steering team slots.

We had our registration on September 22. It was smaller than previous years, but several people had registered online because they couldn’t attend.

First Meeting of the Year

Our first meeting will be on October 13. There is still a lot of planning to do and we could still use a few more childcare substitutes, specifically for 2 years old and older.

Please contact **Colleen Shinn** or **Jackie Neufeld** if you can assist us.



Thank you to all who have prayed and continue to pray for this ministry! ✝

Ready to Shop?

By Kim Disher
Awana Shopkeeper

The first Awana store night of the school year will be on **October 14 for Sparks (K–2 graders)** and **October 21 for T & T (3–5 graders) and Trek (middle schoolers)**.

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 outgrown 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, plastic animals, knick-knacks, crosses, arts and craft items (*markers, paints, coloring books, pompoms...*), jewelry, flashlights, headlamps, speakers, tools (*tape measures, 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. ✝

***We ask that donated items be in good condition.**

Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches

News from FEBC!

By Kevin Stone
President, FEBC



October 1, 2026

I feel like it has been a while since I used this letter to talk about our Vision Statement, and we should always be mindful of our shared vision.

Our Vision is **“Strengthening our churches with timely resources that strengthen their leaders.”** This vision is rooted in the premise of the Mission Statement we have held for many years: **“Joining our hands to strengthen His church.”** In other words, we believe this Fellowship exists to strengthen the church, and the most effective way we can do that is to strengthen church leaders.

If you look at the FEBC Articles of Faith, the statement on “Ecclesiology – The Church” ends with this: “Church leaders (**1 Timothy 3; Titus 1**) shepherd the church (**Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-4**), equipping believers to serve (**Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:11-16**) in order to move the whole body toward maturity and unity. Believers gather to worship God together, to disciple one another, and to fellowship; they disperse to care for the needs of the body and to bear witness of Jesus Christ to the world (**Acts 2:42-47**).”

So, church leaders equip believers to serve, and those believers ultimately bear witness of Jesus Christ to the world. Our goal is to equip those church leaders to do a better job of equipping believers. This happens in many ways, but here are a few highlights of how our Vision is going:

✠ As we implemented this Vision Statement, we hired Rev. Gary Krehbiel to be our Ministries Coordinator. His role is to support, assist, and encourage churches and their leaders. While we are still significantly short of full support for the MC position, God provided above and beyond our needs last year, and we give Him all the glory. He is faithful.

✠ Each year we provide engagement and encouragement for church leaders through Connect, Pastors and Wives Retreats, extension gatherings, and more.

✠ Last year, Gary and I provided onsite support such as a Worship Workshop, Working Genius or Fusion 14 times. We also walked with a few churches through crisis situations, as well as providing our church leaders with formal advice, resources, or solutions for over 70 issues.



✠ We had countless informal interactions involving advice, encouragement, and prayer.

✠ Most importantly, we see increased engagement among our member churches. Our Fellowship is truly joining our hands in amazing ways.

We pray that the result will be church members who **“bear witness of Jesus Christ to the world.”** Your ongoing prayers and support make all this possible. Thank you so much.

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Awana Update

Supersonic Start!

By Kristiina Broten Awana Commander

Awana is off to a great start!! We have 133 clubbers registered and the first few weeks have gone very smoothly. This exciting work would not have been possible without God's work in bringing close to 50 volunteers to help in all the various parts of this children's ministry!! We have a fabulous group of folks helping as leaders, helpers, safety team, verse listeners, game leaders, and the list goes on. They all have brought such a positive energy and the joy of Jesus



to the work. It's wonderful to see their excitement in helping the kids to learn more about Jesus and grow a love for God's Word.

Grateful ... Thankful ...

I am so very grateful for our incredible Admin team that helps take care of all the necessary behind the scenes work.

And I am *incredibly thankful* for each of the directors of the different parts of the Awana program:

✠ **Julie West**—*Director of Cubbies*

✠ **Zach Hlavinka**—*Director of Sparks*

✠ **David Rand**—*Director of T&T Boys*

✠ **Monica Robertson & Jayne Domes**—*Directors of Trek*

And I am grateful for all of you in our EBC church family, for not only all your prayers (*and please keep those coming!*) but for your generous Awana store donations and financial gifts.

We were able to provide a variety of scholarships to several families who needed help covering the cost of the book or vests. We could not do our work without you all being a part of our team as well!

Prayer Needs:

✠ Wisdom for the teachers as they prepare lessons

✠ Wisdom for leaders and helpers as they explain the Bible verses to the kids

✠ Good health for everyone

✠ Safety for the program

Blessings,

Kristiina Broten

EBC Awana Commander ✠



We have a fabulous group of folks helping as leaders, helpers, safety team, verse listeners, game leader and the list goes on.



Spreading the Gospel!

Children's Bible Camp

By Julia Balcom

How beautiful it is to see the body of Christ working together to spread the Gospel!



Amazing Workers

This August there were 70 volunteers who came together to put on a three day children's Bible program here at EBC.



Child Evangelism Fellowship

came and led Bible stories, taught memory verses and brought music for the program. A local church lent amazing decorations for it. Our congregation jumped in and filled needed roles to make the program possible.



There were an average of 100 children that attended each of the three days. Each child was touched by the Gospel and was given an age appropriate Gospel storybook,

Scripture bracelet, and invitation to our Awana program.

Positive Feedback!

We heard overwhelming feedback on how much kids, parents, and congregation members appreciated the program. There was lots of fun, laughter, and important lessons imparted over the three days. It would not have been possible without the body of Christ coming together to serve as we have been called to. A huge thank you to all who participated in this amazing outreach!

1 Peter 4:10

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. ✝

Photos By Julia Balcom



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WEEKDAY BIBLE

Teaching Jesus • the Way, Truth & Life

By Rand Dow
Weekday School of the Bible Vice President

LaCreole Chapel !

Exciting news this month is that Weekday Bible is now the owner of the LaCreole Chapel property. After 1¼ years of praying, planning, negotiating, and fundraising, the signing took place on September 14.

The part that demonstrates God's blessing most obviously is that we were able to raise about \$120,000 for the purchase and future street improvements in about three to four months starting last November. Shown in the photo below (*from left to right*) are **Kami** from First American Title and our Administrator **Brandy Tharpe** and President **Jeff Anderson**.



We were supported by Dallas churches, the community, and the city. A big **THANK YOU** to all who helped, prayed, and participated in the various activities involved, and especially to the United Methodist Church, which cooperated every step of the way and let us negotiate a very reasonable price for that property.



Weekday School of the Bible now itself owns four of the five chapels. These are the Hub at

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Weekday

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Dallas High School, the LaCreole Middle School chapel, the Oakdale Elementary School chapel and the Lyle Elementary School Chapel. The Whitworth Elementary School chapel is on a leased lot. The current lease extends to 2030, and the owner is planning to extend it when the time comes to do so.

Fund Raising Attention

Our fundraising attention has now turned to maintenance needs, which are many! We are also trying to enhance the after-school program that Weekday offers at the Hub.

Other exciting news is that we are now in the new school year. The elementary enrollment is 208 students, with registrations continuing to come in. The middle and high school registrations are 144 students. We have about 30 high schoolers interested in the new lunch program. **Alicia Bodenhammer** is currently looking for volunteers who can help prepare and/or serve meals.

The elementary program will continue to be using the Discovery Bible Study and the middle and high school students will be studying the book of Acts.



The after school Drop-In program at the Hub continued over the summer and had a total of 33 different students attending, with an average of 10 per session on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Upcoming Events

Weekday Bible will hold a **dessert fundraiser at EBC on October 24, at 6:00 PM.**

There will also be a **Christmas Bazaar** held at the Hub, the chapel at the High School, on **November 21.**

Please plan to come to both of these events and bring a friend *or friends!*

Prayers, Please!

Weekday Bible continues to operate chapels next to Oakdale, Lyle, and Whitworth elementary schools, LaCreole Middle School, and Dallas High School, and would appreciate your prayerful support of their ministry. To give financially, please visit <https://www.weekdaybible.com/donate-now>. †

Christmas
DESSERT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
AT 6:30

Hosted by Women's Ministry Team

EBC ACTIVITY CENTER

TICKETS ON SALE IN NOVEMBER

Sharing a Meal

Communion!

By Gwen Griffiths

One of my favorite things to do is to share a meal with friends. There's a special kind of connection that occurs as people sit down and enjoy food together—whether fancy or simple, whether it celebrates a special occasion or ends an ordinary day. Often we begin a meal by thanking God for His provision—an intentional reminder of His daily care for us.

The church shares such a meal when it observes communion. Together, we remember the gospel story and its ramifications, and we hold each other accountable to live that story out. We remember God's provision as we partake together.

Two basic elements of meals from Jesus's time make up our communion observance:

✠ The bread, *symbolizing the body of Jesus*, reminds us of His humanity. It tells of His choice to set aside the rights of deity and live within finite limitations. His earthly body suffered indignity and pain, all for our benefit.

✠ The wine symbolizes Jesus's life—a sinless life. After centuries of

animal sacrifices, one Man's blood paid the debt for sin once and for all.

So, in communion we remember the juxtaposition of Jesus's humanity and holiness, brought together to save us. He was the bridge between a sinful people and a righteous Judge. And if His death were the end of the story, our communion observance would be just a solemn remembrance. *But that isn't the end of the story, is it?*

A Reminder

Communion reminds us that the God who provides our daily bread also provided a rescue for sin and death.

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

—Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

In any other situation, the death of Christ would have meant defeat. A man who talked boldly, changed a lot of minds...and then died for his cause. We must be careful not to



partake in communion as if the story ended there—sober, solemn, almost mourning.

If we do that, we might find ourselves in the position of **Susan** and **Lucy** near the end of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. After **Aslan** was bound and killed by the **White Witch**, the girls believed that all was over. They didn't yet understand that the White Witch's victory was temporary. It was only after Aslan came back to life and explained the "deeper magic" that the White Witch hadn't known that the girls understood that he had won.

C.S. Lewis used allegorical imagery

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Communion

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to help us understand a deep truth about the gospel story, and we can keep that imagery close as we consider communion. Satan thought he had triumphed over Jesus's effort, only to discover that a "deeper magic" was at play.

The Real Meaning

So, when we gather for communion, we aren't remembering a fallen hero; rather, we are celebrating the ultimate victory—one that no one (*except the One who planned it*) saw coming. The broken body and shed blood would be a loss in any other scenario. But in the case of Christ, they became the path to victory.

You see, the observance of communion relates Christ's victory over sin in general—and over our own personal sin. When we eat the bread and drink the cup, we remind ourselves of His work of salvation and His continued work in each day of our lives. This practice shores up our confidence in His victory in and through us.

It can be easy to take communion and think of it as if it commemorates something that happened once, long ago. ***But in truth, Christ's victory impacts each moment of each day.***

So, *the next time the communion plates show up at the front of the sanctuary*, let's take a moment to consider more than the solemn reflection on Christ's sacrifice. Let's remember that what Satan thought was victory was Christ's triumph. Let's share this meal and remember a risen Savior who continues His work in us each day. ✝

EBC Christmas Boutique

By Sylvia Thomas

The dates for the annual **Christmas Boutique will be December 4 and 5.** The Christmas Boutique has been an EBC tradition where our members and others can be vendors and sell their handcrafted items, Christmas wreaths, and homemade food items.

Starts With Dessert!

It begins for attendees of the Women's Ministry Christmas Dessert on Friday night, then opens on Saturday for anyone in the community to come purchase items for gifts or for themselves.

This year, 15% of the sales will be for scholarships to Christian youth camps.

This year, 15% of the sales will be for scholarships to Christian youth camps. It will be administered by the CE committee. These scholarships will be available for youth in the Awana program and other kids who are a part of EBC *but not a part of Awana.*

In addition to the sales at the Boutique, we are bringing back **"Cookies-by-the-Pound."**

Attention Cookie Bakers

We are asking that people volunteer to bake and donate cookies to then be sold. People coming to the Women's Ministry Christmas program can come, select various cookies they want to purchase by weight. It will be open at the same time as the Boutique on Friday night and all sales will also go towards camp scholarships.



Stuff to Sell?

If you would like to be a **vendor** at the Boutique, please contact **Sylvia Thomas**. Please keep in mind that we are asking for quality handmade items that others would want to purchase.

For the **cookie project**, please contact **Jayne Domes**.

Let's work together to raise funds at these events to help more families be able to send their kids to Christian camps that meet the criteria EBC has established. ✝

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Go Boldly.

News from Ivan and Mary Goossen serving in BRAZIL

These prayer letter updates are never easy to write. The question is “How do you put several months of you life on a couple of pages. Pictures always help. So here are a few to show highlights.



We have had some very important visitors in the first several months of this year. **In February, we, as a field, received three couples from Avant Ministries headquarters:** Phil and Laurie O'Day, Curt and Karen Cole, and Bob and Janice Stuck. We did a lot of traveling with them in a week's time so they could see as much of Avant's work as possible. In the above left photo, a few of them are seen enjoying a stop at the coffee shop, Café e Graça. On the above right, Ivan demonstrates how he fix-tunes radios to Harvest Radio.

And we received a very special visit from Mary's home church in Buffalo Prairie, IL. Brian and Karen Mills are “old” friends, and it was very fun to show them what they have heard about, read about and prayed about for many years. They and Buffalo Prairie Community Church have accompanied us in the ministry in Brazil from day one. We are very thankful for them, as well as others in their family and in the church who have been supportive all these years.



Also, we had a special virtual visit from retired missionary, Elinor Young. She worked many years in Papua, Indonesia. Mary met her and spent several weeks with her during a college internship in 1983. She is a key reason why the people in the area where she worked have the New Testament in their language. She wrote the autobiography, Running on Broken Legs. In Bible Club, we taught the Bible Visuals Intl. version called Beautiful Feet Upon the Mountains. Once we finished, the kids were thrilled to ask her questions about her life. Look this book up! You will be challenged by it!



In March, we held a **2nd Purity Retreat** (left) where we invite preteen and teen girls from various churches for a day and a half to challenge them about maintaining their purity in all areas of life. The first retreat a couple years ago was done only by missionaries. But this time, we were happy to have help from several Brazilian Christian women.

For Mother's Day, we held a special event in front of the Café e Graça coffee shop (below left). Our special guest speaker did a great job of sharing the Gospel of Christ with more than 80 ladies. Also, more than 20 businesses in the community contributed items or coupons to a drawing that was done throughout the evening. (Thanks to Joshua and Camila's hard work contacting these businesses.)

It is gratifying that we now have several ladies and sometimes visitors attending a **biweekly women's bible study** (below). May the Lord continue to bless these times of fellowship. **BREAKING NEWS:** Just this week one of these ladies and her husband accepted Christ!!!!



On May 1, we participated in another prayer retreat that was different than others. It was one day of prayer and also walking the streets of Ipueiras with pamphlets talking about Harvest Radio and an invitation to do a Bible study. The church of Nova Russas (where the first Harvest Radio is) and one of Avant's missionary couples, Todd and Julie Hendry, are working on outreach and church planting in this town.



On April 5, we celebrated 40 years of marriage! We are thankful to God for His faithfulness!

Avant Care Deeply.
Go Boldly.

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

Or send a check (earmarked Ivan Goossen) to
Avant Ministries
10000 N Oak Trafficway
Kansas City, MO 64155

Busy Times in the EBC Office!

By EBC Office Staff

The office has been very busy and is now in the fall season where all the church ministries have started back up after summer break.



By now a lot of our church family have had an opportunity to meet **Shelly Bristow**. She started working in July to fill the need left by the departure of **Alison Johnson**.

In her new role, Shelly has enjoyed working with **Kari Sampont** in the office. They both have had a lot to learn, getting used to new procedures and job duties.

Thanks Again!

Both Shelly and Kari now have an even greater appreciation for all the work done by Alison Johnson during her nearly 10 years in the office. **THANK YOU**, Alison, *again* for all of your hard work and dedication to providing a good foundation from which we can build.

Many Moving Parts

There are a lot of moving parts to keep things moving smoothly and to provide all the reports and information needed by the various committees and teams of EBC. In their roles, Shelly and Kari have benefited from the assistance of **Mike Huber**, elder, who has spent a great deal of time assisting with training and new procedures.

Becoming An Efficient Team!

The office staff is currently working on implementing a new file system that will allow both of them to access the same files from their respective computers. This will not only create an efficient workflow, but will prevent needless redundancy.

As you can imagine, there are a lot of new tasks and procedures to learn in a job like this. Fortunately, we both enjoy the challenge of learning new things and we especially enjoy working together in that endeavor. We feel that we complement each other and that makes going to work a pleasure each day.

Don't Be A Stranger!

As you are at EBC, we look forward to having people stop in and say *hi*—or at least wave as you go by to your meetings. And, it should go without saying, that we greatly appreciate any grace you can give us as we are both learning the job and how to better serve the members of the EBC community.

Special Thanks!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our church family in this way.



Please Note:

If you need to contact the church office outside of regular office hours, please leave a voice message or email.

If you have an emergency or need to contact someone immediately, please call the pastoral staff, church elders, or appropriate ministry leader.

Thank you!



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.

Engaging Youth

This fall I began offering Religious Instruction to students in grades 9–12 at the local school. The principal has been very supportive. I am thankful for the opportunity to teach these students and to engage them with questions of ethics, morality, and ultimately the truth of God's Word.

Brenden & Helena Peters
Boyle, AB ✝

Excited to Hear God's Word

We used the Answers in Genesis VBS material provided by Reach 19. Every lesson was gospel-focused and pointed to Christ. This year we were blessed to have 30 children. It was wonderful to have so many excited children in God's house hearing the gospel!

Rob & Pam Yerks
Watersmeet, MI ✝

Community Invitations

Our church held a 3-day tent revival at a town park. Church members personally invited many people in our community, and we were very happy with how many came! In addition to a guest evangelist, the event included live Southern Gospel songs and old hymns. It was very lively! As a result, four people were baptized a couple of weeks later.

Mark & Mary Finnila
Wrenshall, MN ✝

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

Ethnos 360 (formerly New Tribes Missions)

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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

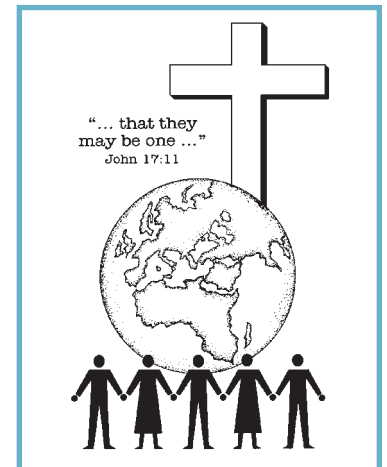


Kevin and Jennifer Domes

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



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

→ 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 Hedeon

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



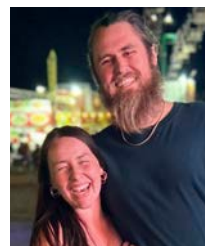
Paul and Leslie Lanquist

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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.
- ✠ Moriah serves as a Young Life leader.
- ✠ Sharing the Word of God and discipling youth.



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- ✠ Steve is the SIM regional Director for West Africa
- ✠ Supervises country directors in 11 countries
- ✠ Both Steve and Mikki work in SIM's Global Leader Development Program
- ✠ Mikki does educational consulting work, and also works in the Paths to School Improvement program which trains Christian school leaders throughout Africa.



Other Outreach Ministries We Support:

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| ◆ 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

**Please check the Sunday Bulletin and
the EBC website for updated calendar
items as they are announced.**

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**Thank
you!** ✝



***For the LORD your God is a merciful God; he will not abandon or destroy you or forget the
covenant with your ancestors, which he confirmed to them by oath.***

Deuteronomy 4:31 (NIV)