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The Return

By Pastor Troy Bassham

"Nevertheless, I will remember my covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you."
Ezekiel 16:60 (NASB)

In my article last month, I discussed the notable rise of antisemitism. I also posed the question, *"What does the Bible say about the Jews today?"*

A deep dive into this matter is beyond the space given for this article. For those interested in further study, I have listed additional resources at the conclusion of the article.

Back In The Day...

In 70 AD, the Roman general *(and future emperor)*, **Titus**, suppressed a Jewish revolt in which his forces conquered the city of Jerusalem and destroyed the Temple. Then, a little more than 60 years later, another conflict *(Bar Kochba revolt)* led to the expulsion of the majority of the Jews from their ancestral homeland. In the centuries since, the Jewish people were scattered, often persecuted, and without a national home.



Big Change

Of course, all of this changed in 1948. Following the horrors of the holocaust, worldwide feelings of guilt and sympathy opened the door for the Jewish people to return to the land of their forefathers and the modern state of Israel was born.*

This development has had a dramatic effect on regional and worldwide politics. It is amazing how a tiny nation the size of New Jersey elicits so much attention and emotion. It is

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a divisive subject matter and we need to make sure that we are not swept up in current opinions and rhetoric.

As Christians, we should look at this through a Biblical lens because it's clear that Scripture has a lot to say about the nation and people of Israel.

Confirmation

In the book of **Genesis**, God confirmed His covenant to Abraham. God promised Abraham land, descendants, and that His seed would be a blessing to the nations. Christians today are recipients of this final promise. ***We have been blessed by THE SEED, Jesus Christ, who has secured salvation for every tongue, tribe, and nation, for all who believe.***

In Christ there is neither Jew *nor* Gentile but all receive salvation through the finished work of Christ.

This has led some people to conclude that God's promises to the Jewish people have been completed or even passed on to the Church.



However, this is *not* what we see in Scripture. If we read God's promises to Abraham and the prophets, we see that there are continuing aspects of this everlasting covenant which are *still* in effect.

One of these promises is the giving of the land as a permanent possession to the Jews. Though it may have been long inhabited by other peoples and nations, the deed has never been transferred. **Deuteronomy 4:40 (NASB)** states that the land had been given ***"for all time."***

It is notable that, in **Deuteronomy**, God also tells the Israelites that there will be times that the Jewish people will be taken out of the land because of their disobedience, ***but, even so, He would bring them back.***



Where We Find Salvation

I want to restate; salvation is only found in Jesus Christ. The very Jewish disciples proclaimed Jesus to the leaders of their country stating, ***"there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among mankind by which we must be saved."*** **(Acts 4:12, NASB)**.

Sadly, most of the Jewish nation rejected Jesus. It is this rejection that led to God's judgment, the destruction of the nation, and the scattering of the people **(Luke 19:41–44)**. BUT...God's Word also promised an eventual return: first to the land and then to Christ. We see this prophesied in the book of **Ezekiel (chapter 37)**.

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A Sad Truth

Even today, most Jews are not followers of Christ. This is true around the world and in Israel. In fact, the nation of Israel is incredibly secular. Although it has a diverse citizenry including religious and orthodox Jews, ***most people are not very religious.*** Yet the day is coming, according to God's Word, when they will recognize their Messiah **(Zechariah 12:10; Romans 11:25–27)**.

Hope for the Future!

Because of this, we have a unique hope for the Jewish people's future. God desires all people to be saved, but has specifically promised that, *in the future*, Israel will return to God and find the Messiah. When Paul wrote to the church in Rome **(Romans 11, NASB)**, he acknowledged that many of his own country men were ***"enemies in regard to the gospel."*** But He also confirmed that a future revival was guaranteed because of God's faithfulness.

How Do WE View Things?

How then should we view the things that are happening in our days?

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Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

By Kay Whitney
EBC's OCC Coordinator

Join the ...

Shoebox Ministry of Samaritan's Purse!

Operation Christmas Child 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, mechanical 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 amount 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, toothpaste, and dangerous items.

Where to Put Them:

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

Shoeboxes are due Sunday, November 15. ✞

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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 Lord our God is at work at EBC as exemplified by the committee reports at the EBC business meeting Sunday afternoon November 1! Fourteen reports highlighting some of the Lord's work in 2026 through about 150 volunteers was inspiring. For those unable to attend, listed here are only some of what was communicated.

Kevin Shinn, for the Trustees:

- Numerous upgrades in the church have been made.
- The mission house electrical system was updated.
- Plans are underway for a new lift so that the basement and main floor would be accessible for those with mobility needs.

Ron Brooks, for missions:

- It has been a positive year of ministry, locally and internationally.
- The committee helped prepare the missions house for several visiting missionaries.
- A short–term mission team will go to Bolivia next spring.


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Derrill Robinson, for the CE committee:

- A short video clip of the Awana program was shown.
- Derrill described good things about our Sunday School, which averages about 160 people each week.
- Programs such as VBS, our library, and Christmas play continue to add value.



Randy Flaming for the Budget committee:

- He presented a graph displaying the budget team's analysis of the resources God has provided in 2026.
- There will not be a budget deficit this year.

Jackie Neufeld for the Mom to Mom program:

- She expressed appreciation for the volunteers.
- In addition to moms from EBC, moms from 10 other churches and some unchurched are among the 50 who attend.
- The twice–a–month program needs more help with child care.

Skyler Lovell for Worship:

- Skyler expressed appreciation for the music team, made up of about 23 people.
- New speakers were purchased and plans for other sound improvements are underway.
- The team needs more guitar players.

Paul Lyman for the safety team:

- Many volunteers are involved throughout the week.
- He described trainings they have provided to their team to work to address ways to keep EBC safe for all who attend our programs.

Alan Casey as the interim youth director:

- He is covering both the Junior and Senior High youth weekly programs and the programs are going well.
- He expressed appreciation to his team but could still use a few more volunteers.
- The senior high program starts with a meal and he expressed a need for people to volunteer to make a meal for those who attend.

Dave Wolfe for Men's Ministry:

- He listed many of the outreach programs held such as the men's breakfast, skeet shooting, and other events.
- He anticipates more programming next year and hopes to re-instate a men's retreat.

Erin Lovell for Women's Ministry:

- Various events with the theme of *"Joy"* in the journey were offered this past year.

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Some events included testimonies from women of our church which went very well.

The recent women's retreat this past month was well received, with the opportunity to stay all weekend or just for one day.

Dave Whitbeck for the Connect Groups:

He gave a good report of the growth of Connect Groups for a total of 14 with 160 folks participating.

Kristin Harris for the Kitchen Committee:

She gave a summary of the team's aspirations for 2027 since she recently started this position.

Plans were expressed to involve young people more by teaching them to make cookies for Sunday morning.

I, Nat Thomas, for the Elder team:

It has been a busy year, so we have been meeting twice a month. The administrative pastor position has not been filled, so we as elders have stepped in for some of the administration issues that come up.

We are thankful for **Mike Huber**, who has stepped in to assist in training the office staff and update systems.

The process of filling the youth pastor position continues with some possibilities currently being considered.

I described a leadership survey analysis provided by our central office at FEBC. The chairs of committees and elders participated by filling in a survey of ten topics important to church functioning.

The results came back with two obvious needs to address:

a) Create a clear way to remember mission statement.

b) Make discipleship training more available to the congregation.

Pastor Troy:

He provided a summary of our work as a church in these tumultuous times.

He expressed gratitude for all the time and resources the volunteers have given and continue to give. As Paul says so clearly in 1 Corinthians 12, we are the body of Christ working together for His glory!



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Final Thoughts

This meeting was a good report of how God works in His body here at EBC. Thank you one and all for all that you do for the glory of God. **Amen.** ✞

Check Out This Video!

An amazing video was presented to the EBC family at a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 1. It highlighted just some of the fun and educational activites of our very own Awana program. This video is definitely worth viewing!

The video was produced and edited by **Olivia Sykora** and introduced to the EBC family by Awana Commander, **Kristiina Broten**.

If you weren't able to attend the meeting—*or just want to watch it again!*—please text or phone **Kristiina** at **503.910.3166**. She will gladly send you the invite/link. This way you can, in Kristiina's words, *"check out the fun times we are having in Awana with our Bible character night and our first Assembly time together with the entire club!"* ✞

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News from FEBC!

By Kevin Stone
President, FEBC

November 2, 2026

Paul closed the letter we call **1 Thessalonians** with several exhortations or admonishments. He says this in **verses 16–18** of the last chapter: ***"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*** **(1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 ESV)**

This is a difficult challenge. It is not human nature to rejoice always, pray without ceasing, or give thanks in all circumstances. Some of our circumstances can be quite dire, and it is not natural to give thanks for the worst things in life. It's hard for me, and I would imagine it is for many of you.

But as I reflect on my years of supporting FEBC churches, I think, collectively at least, we are doing pretty well. I have walked through some very difficult situations with church leaders. Situations that came out of nowhere and threatened the very existence of the church. I have witnessed financial challenges, spiritual challenges, personality conflicts, and many other serious concerns. In a secular setting, many of these challenges would undoubtedly cause the organization to come apart at the seams. But that is not the typical outcome I see among our churches.

Within our churches and within our Fellowship, I see a pattern of leaders who are rejoicing always, even when things aren't turning out how they hoped. I see a pattern of people who pray without ceasing — understanding that God holds the keys to their future. I see strong conviction that we are to give thanks in all circumstances, even the ones we wished we would never have to endure.

This is the will of God in Christ Jesus for us. It is also the key to lasting, faithful ministry. As we view the problems we face in a God-honoring way, we are enabled to keep going despite the challenges. Adversity strengthens our faith, our dependence on God, and our connections with our brothers and sisters who share ministry with us. Shared adversity is part of the glue that binds us.

Whether you are in Canada and recently celebrated Thanksgiving, or in the US and are still looking forward to it, take a moment to size up your circumstances—and give thanks. Perhaps you will realize that you are experiencing incredible blessing, and you can give thanks for that. Or you may find that God is using incredibly difficult circumstances to shape you. It may not be easy but give thanks for that too—right in the middle of it, not just someday when the trouble has passed.



We at the FEBC are incredibly grateful to God for his continued blessing. He is our great Provider. And as we depend on him, we will be grateful no matter what happens next. Happy Thanksgiving!

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Delayed Gratification for Parents

By Greg Sykora

"If I've told you once, I've told you a thousand times!"

How many of us have heard this from our parents or said this phrase to our kids? Probably just about all of us, although maybe not word for word. It takes a long time and a lot of discipline to teach kids appropriate behaviors. There are some things we may have to actually say 1,000 times!



Proverbs 29:17 gives some insight into what to expect while training our children. First, let me share the verse with you.

"Correct your son, and he will give you rest:
Yes, he will give delight to your soul."
Proverbs 29:17 (NKJV)

Looking Closer

Here's what I noticed: the verb *"correct"* is present tense, and then everything else is in the future tense. So right now, I am supposed to be correcting my children. And since my kids are four and six years old, there seems to be no end to what they need correction for. In the future, I will have that rest and delight. Correct behavior doesn't happen immediately. Training kids takes years, *not days.* In the present moments, I get to correct *and* try not to pull out too much of my hair.

Boy, do I wish I could have that rest right now! Alas, that part of the verse is future tense, meaning that my rest as a parent will be coming later. My kids, just like other kids, will still be arguing with their siblings tomorrow, even after today's correction. From what I hear, it can take a very long time for sibling rivalry to settle down, measured in years, *not* months or days.

Additional Resources

There are more verses, relating to children, with the same concept of training today for rewards we will see in the future. Proverbs 22:6, another popular verse, follows the same pattern.

"Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart from it."
Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)



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It takes a long time to teach children. If you find yourself saying, *"If I've told you once, I've told you a thousand times,"* then you're probably on the right track!

Delayed Reward

The training happens now, and the main reward happens when the child is old. Both of these verses describe positive outcomes in the future when children are trained and corrected in the present. Of course, there are many short term gains and rewards for correction and training of kids.

The big, main picture rewards are what will happen in the future. As the popular saying goes, we must ***"keep on keeping on."***

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Mom to Mom is having ...

Another Great Start!

By Jackie Neufeld



Mom to Mom is off to a great start. Our first meeting included several new registrations and seven completely full tables. There are a lot of familiar faces, as well as many new ones.

Meeting Highlights

Rod Dunham joined us to go over some security information. We want moms to know our procedures for peace of mind.



Sophia Mines shared a thoughtful devotion that really set the stage for wonderful conversations and helped new connections to be built.



New Activity

Our second meeting of the year included a new event. The Mom Swap in the spring was huge and well loved. It was suggested that we try a smaller fall event.

We decided on a clothing swap. I believe it was a successful event. Ladies brought everything from infant to adult clothes and shoes that they needed to clean out. We filled many tables. After breakfast everyone went to look through the selection and take what they needed. All leftover clothes will be donated.

Serving Many

We currently have 55 moms registered. They come from EBC and ten other local churches. We have some that do not attend church. Our prayer is always to show the love of Christ to all and do our best to lead people closer to Him.

How YOU Can Help!

We are always in need of additional childcare. We specifically need help with the 2/3 year old class. Childcare is very important to this ministry. Giving moms a couple of hours to eat uninterrupted, hear a speaker, and participate in conversations is a very big deal.

We have only ten meetings remaining this year. *Can you help with even part of those?* If so, please contact one of the following:

- **Jackie Neufeld**
- **Colleen Shinn** ✝



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Diligent Faith



By Gwen Griffiths

Toward the end of each year, I begin seeing social media posts where people choose a word to focus on and grow in for the coming year. They might choose *"faith"* or *"hope"* or *"joy"*. Late in 2025, God brought a concept to my attention: ***diligent faith***.

As I have researched and studied, my understanding of the Christian walk has deepened, and I thought it was worth sharing with you.

What Does It Mean?

First, I investigated *"diligence"*. The Merriam–Webster dictionary defines diligence as ***"steady, earnest, and energetic effort; persistent and careful hard work."*** Related concepts include:

- Determination
- Tenacity and endurance
- Care and conscientiousness
- Focus
- Intentionality, commitment and consistency

That's quite the list—*and how do we apply it to faith? And, what is faith, anyway?* For the purpose of this article, I'm defining faith as *complete confidence in God, the foundation of our salvation, and the basis for everything we do.* Faith fuels our joy, motivates our actions toward others, directs our attitudes; it permeates all of life. Faith creates a life anchored in Christ rather than recognition or reward.

What Faith Isn't...

Faith cannot be passive. When we place our confidence in God, that confidence should influence how we live. When we put earnest, consistent effort into carefully living out the faith we profess, we exemplify diligent faith.

So what does diligent faith look like? It looks like an intentional, committed pursuit of righteousness. It looks like a single–minded focus on Christ, like growing maturity that watches carefully to ensure that we are not deceived **(Ephesians 4:14)**.

So how do we pursue diligent faith?

1 Abiding in Christ. When we recognize Him as the source of everything in our life and actively pursue relationship with Him, we practice diligent faith.

"Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth."
Ephesians 4:14 (NLT)

2 Practicing spiritual disciplines. We must understand that these practices are the means, not the desired result. We read the Bible and pray diligently to better know the heart of God, not so that we can check something off our list or look good to those around us. We fast or practice solitude so that we might examine our heart. Each spiritual discipline is a tool that hones our faith.

3 Getting involved in accountability and mentorship. The Christian faith is both individual and

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corporate, and should be pursued individually and corporately. We need other believers to encourage and challenge us—and we carry a responsibility to do the same for other Christians. This requires intentionality—these types of relationships don't happen accidentally. When we seek accountability, we find support in becoming more diligent. When we act as mentors, we serve as examples to others, and when we seek mentorship ourselves, we receive the gift of someone building into our faith.

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There are many Scriptures we can look at when pursuing diligent faith, and I won't list them all here. The books of **1 and 2 Timothy**, along with **Titus**, have many applicable verses and there are more throughout the Bible. Words that begin to stand out as you track the concept across Scripture include: *alert, earnest, pursue,* and *committed.* The ideas of *purposefulness* and *intentionality* surface as well. God's Word calls us to an active, intentional faith, *not a passive one.*

I'd like to close with a passage that I've found especially encouraging in my endeavors to grow in diligent faith. In these verses, we see God's provision for everything we need in our faith, practical ways to diligently grow our faith, and the reward promised.

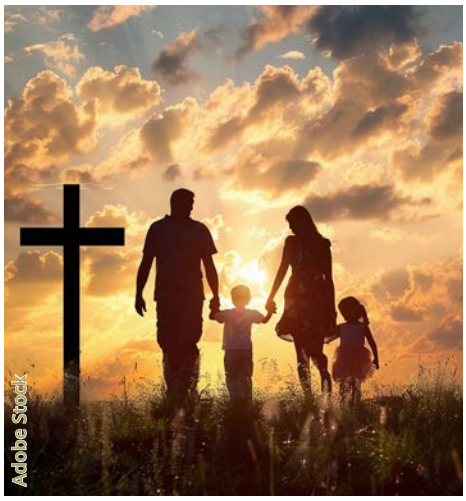
3 By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. 4 And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

5 In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.

8 The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins.

10 So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away. 11 Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:3–11 (NLT) ✞



Baking With Friends



By Gwen Griffiths

What's better than baking Christmas cookies? Baking Christmas cookies with friends! Join us on **Saturday, December 12, from 10:00 AM to around 3:00 PM** in the EBC kitchen for a day of baking, creating, laughing, and enjoying time together. Everyone is welcome, so feel free to invite a friend, even if they don't attend EBC!

We Got You Covered

We've taken care of the shopping and preparation, ***so all you have to do is show up and have fun!*** All ingredients and supplies will be provided, so there's no need to bring aprons *(unless you want to bring your favorite)*, cookie cutters, or containers. We'll work together to make a variety of Christmas cookies and holiday treats, sharing recipes, skills, and plenty of conversation along the way. *And the best part?* Everyone will go home with their own tray of delicious holiday goodies!



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This event is about more than cookies. It's an opportunity to connect with others, build friendships, and enjoy the kind of community that makes the Christmas season special. As you take your treats home, consider sharing some with a neighbor, encouraging someone who may be struggling this holiday season, or blessing someone who hasn't yet experienced the love of Christ.

A Note About Allergies:

Peanut butter will be used during the event, so this activity is not suitable for anyone with a peanut or tree nut allergy. We will be making a variety of treats, ***but we cannot guarantee that the recipes or baking environment will be free of allergens.***

Please Sign Up!

Children ages 12 and under must register and attend with an adult. Space is limited to 20 participants, so be sure to reserve your spot! To register, contact **Gwen Griffiths**. ✞

We look forward to spending a sweet day together!

Awana Store News



By Kim Disher
Awana Store Clerk

The fall Awana store was a great success. **THANK YOU** to everyone who brought items for the store.

Coming Again SOON!

The Christmas Awana store is just around the corner. Many of the children spend money buying gifts for their families. With that in mind, we need some items for men and women: flashlights, tools *(tape measures, screwdrivers….)*, lotions, soaps, kitchen items, hair items *(brushes, scrunchies, barrettes…)*.

Also popular items are nativity sets, Christmas decor, and Christmas jewelry.

As always, **THANK YOU** for all you do to continue supporting our Awana program at EBC! ✞

Weekday School Update!

By Rand Dow
Weekday School of the Bible Vice President

Maintenance and Budget Needs

Hello, November!

We are coming into the holiday season. We just enjoyed our second annual Dessert Fundraiser on October 24. It was an enjoyable time, with more than 50 attendees from our church, other churches, and the Dallas community.

We were able to raise more than $20,000! Our concentration on spending above the regular program expenses is currently on maintenance projects with the biggest needs at the Whitworth Chapel. These donations are helpful and very important to Weekday Bible continuing to be able to teach our students.

Many Thanks

We want to thank EBC and all of those who helped with a great event. We thank the EBC kitchen team, as well as many helpers from EBC, Bridgeport Community Chapel, Valley Life Church—as well as at least three other churches in Dallas, who provided helpers and the desserts.

Still Have Needs

Weekday Bible still has catchup maintenance needs and we are still upside down in monthly support versus our monthly costs. Donations seem to be catching up, but we still had more expenses than donations for the month of October, without counting the Fundraiser.

We have a deep appreciation for all who are regularly donating and we trust that God will continue to guide the programs and giving to reach the children of Dallas.

Fall Classes

Our fall classes are well underway now, teaching Bible basics for elementary and this year teaching through the book of Acts for the middle and high schools. I have personally had the opportunity to substitute in both elementary and middle school this year, and see that the lessons are reaching the students well at appropriate levels.

We have installed a donated vending machine for snacks at the Hub, the High School Chapel. This allows the older kids to purchase additional snacks if they desire.

We have more than 350 students enrolled for Weekday Bible classes at all levels and over 30 registered for the after-school program.

Fall Holiday Market

We will host a Weekday Bible Fall Holiday Market on Saturday,

➔ **Please see *"Weekday Bible"* on page 16.**













Firstly, the Jewish people are back in the land that God promised them. It seems that the promises of the prophets are beginning to unfold as the Jews return to their God–given homeland.

While the masses have not yet returned to a relationship with God, we can pray that individuals would.**

Secondly, we can seek to be a blessing to the descendants of Abraham, whenever it is possible. ***This does not mean we blindly approve of everything that the nation does.*** **However**, if God seems to be fulfilling His promises for the people and the nations, ***we do not want to oppose His work.*** We should pray for wisdom as well as blessing and peace for those that live in the land. **(Psalm 122:6)**

Concluding Thoughts

In conclusion, there are many Christians who do not agree with my assessment of the situation. I don't want you to blindly accept my position. As such, I want to recommend the following resources, listed below, for further study. Maranatha!

Resources:

- Is Israel Still God's Chosen People? at **Gotquestions.org**
- The Israel Decree *(book)* by **Amir Tsarfati**
- Has the Church Replaced Israel *(book)* by **Michael J. Vlach**
- Additional links to resources can be found online:

  https://ebcdallas.org/news/sentinel-study-resources

NOTES:

* The reestablishment of the Jewish people to the land is actually a much longer sequence of events that predates World War 2.

** It is a great praise that there are presently more Jewish Christians in the land of Israel than at any time since the 1st century. ✞



Get a head start on your Christmas shopping and join us for the annual **EBC Christmas Boutique and Cookies by the Pound!**

Special Boutique Preview Opening

On **Friday, December 4**, there will be a private shopping event for those attending the Women's Ministry Christmas Dessert:

- 5:00–6:00 PM
- ***AND*** after the dessert until 10 PM

Open to the Public

The Boutique will be open to the public on:

- Saturday, December 5
- 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Special Raffle!

Enter for a chance to win a gorgeous, handknitted afghan lovingly made by our own **Connie Able**!

Raffle tickets are just $3 each, and you may purchase as many as you like! ***Tickets will be on sale during the Boutique.***

The Drawing!

The drawing will take place **Saturday, December 5, at 3:00 PM** at the Ministry Center. *You do not need to be present to win!*

Shop, enjoy some delicious homemade Christmas cookies, *and* support a wonderful cause! This is a great way to support our local crafts people as well.

How YOU Can Help

Cookies By the Pound needs EBC folks to donate homemade Christmas cookies to sell. If you can participate in this ministry, please contact **Jayne Domes** at **503.910.1120** or **Sylvia Thomas** at **503.931.4565**.

A Worthy Cause!

Proceeds from the boutique and cookie sales will go toward providing summer camp scholarships for our children and youth.



We hope to see you there! ✞

Holiday Happenings!





Office Update

Please note that the Church Office will be **closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving.**

Enjoy YOUR family time!

Mission Committee News

By Linda McFarland

Here in the USA, in the autumn of the year, we celebrate various things, not the least of which is Thanksgiving. Our praise and gratitude as followers of Christ is mostly focused on the God who gives us so many blessings.

As a Missions Committee, we decided this month to send along to you a recent letter of heartfelt thanksgiving from a missionary family whom you faithfully support each month. **Diana Bulande** addresses the letter to **Ron Brooks**, Chairman of the Missions Committee.

Below is the letter from the Bulandes in Mozambique!

Dear Ron,

I hope this message finds you well.

We are doing well. We have just returned from a trip to South Africa, where we renewed our children's Romanian passports at the Romanian Embassy in Pretoria. It was a long journey by car, around 4,000 km round trip. In a couple of places, our car broke down quite badly, but we are very grateful that Josue, my husband, is a good mechanic. He was able to identify the problems, find the necessary spare parts, and repair the car.

We are also very grateful that we were able to obtain new travel documents for the children, as well as Romanian citizenship for our youngest, Emma, who will soon be 7 years old.

Before we traveled, we received a couple of cellphones that we had asked Sylvia Thomas about, sent through a short-term team from Michigan that was here in Mozambique. Sylvia told us that the Mission Committee from EBC paid for the phones, and we would like to say a very big thank you for this generous help.

We also want to express how grateful we are for the monthly support we receive from EBC. It is a significant part of our overall financial support and makes a real difference in enabling us to continue serving here in Mozambique. We are truly thankful for the faithfulness and generosity of the church in standing with us month after month.

Thank you again for being part of what God is doing here. May God richly bless you and the whole church.

Diana and Josue Bulande ✞

Weekday Bible

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November 21, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Hub, the High School Chapel. Come have fun shopping for holiday gifts, treats, & decorations made by local Artisans at our Indoor Market. Plus, there will be a fun raffle with ticket sales to raise funds for Dallas's Weekday Bible School Programs. Contact **Katie Harustak** at **971.707.0210**, for more information.

How YOU Can Help

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.

Should you feel led to give financially, please visit: **weekdaybible.com/donate-now**. ✞



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.

Encouraging Another Church

We visited a sister church in Puebla, Mexico, led by a young man who was discipled in our church's youth group. The Puebla church organized events where we shared the gospel, encouraged Christians in the faith, and urged families to follow God. It was a beautiful time of ministry, prayer, and fellowship!

Raul & Teresa Corona
Avenal, CA ✞

Eager to Know Truth

As youth ministries resumed this fall, we were excited to see many familiar faces and a few new ones. The Kids Bible Club has 20 students, and the youth group has about 10. In addition, three high school boys are studying the Bible with me. They are all eager to learn God's Word and know the truth.

Kevin & Darleen Weston
Munden, KS ✞

Testimonies of Grace

During our church's annual picnic, we baptized two children and two adults. The two adults' testimonies highlighted God's grace. One has attended church only occasionally over the years, but recent experiences motivated him to trust in Jesus. The other described how God used her friends to point her to Christ.

Mark & Deborah Lugg
Bowman, CA ✞

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.



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

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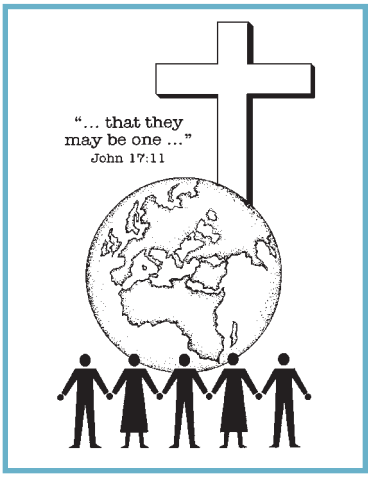
- Work at Bethel Bible Camp in Wellfleet, Nebraska
- Involved in youth ministry, maintaining the camp facility
- Teach in the Awana program, lead a high school youth ministry
- Administrative retreats
- Jennifer also works in food preparation for the summer camps



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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 Hedeen

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

Village Missions at Tanwax Country Chapel, Washington

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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

Living in Dallas and serving Polk County, Oregon

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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.



Steve and Mikki Schmidt

SIM Missionaries

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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.

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Other Outreach Ministries We Support:

- Awana
- CEF
- Crisis Pregnancy
- Mission Connexion
- Prison Ministry
- River of Life
- Romania Outreach Ministries
- SAT–7 (Dennis & Cindy Wiens)
- The Gate
- Village Missions
- 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!



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know. grow. go.

Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:6–10 (NIV)