

October 2026
family update



EMU International, Director



Clear Direction for a Busy Season of Ministry

Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,

October has arrived, even if the temperature still feels like midsummer. Cooler weather must be somewhere around the corner. Fall always brings its own familiar activities: MLB playoffs marching toward the World Series, football in full swing, pumpkin spice everywhere, and in some neighborhoods like ours, crazy Halloween decorations that seem to explode overnight. October also brings **Columbus Day**, an opportunity for our nation to pause and remember the explorer whose voyage changed world history.

An article I read this week reminded me that, although Columbus was courageous and determined, his navigation was not always accurate. He misjudged distances, mistook the Caribbean islands for Asia, and never reached the destination he believed he had found. In time, other Europeans recognized that his voyage had brought them into contact with a continent they had not previously understood—one that would eventually bear the name America.

Columbus may have been bold, but he was often off course. What a contrast to the God we serve. The Lord has not left us to wander with uncertain maps or mistaken coordinates. He has given us clear direction, and He Himself goes with us as we follow His leading.

When Jesus said, *"You will be witnesses... to the ends of the earth,"* He was not speaking only to missionaries or pastors. He was speaking to every believer. The Great Commission is not an elective. It is not optional. It is the calling for all of God's people, and He promises to be with us as we go.



EMU Display 2026

As I mentioned in this month's newsletter, **September** and **October** are full months of ministry. I begin October preaching at **The Wilds Christian Camp** for their **Father-Son Campout**. From there, I will be in Spartanburg, SC, followed by **Missions Emphasis Sundays** in **Alexandria, Virginia**, and **Rockville, Maryland**. Between those weekends, I will be at **Faith Baptist Bible College** and **Appalachian Bible College**, sharing the burden of world missions with students seeking God's direction for their lives.

Would you pray with us that God's Word will go forth in power throughout these ministry opportunities? Please pray that hearts will be stirred, that believers will surrender to full-time missionary service, and that churches will be strengthened in their dedication to the Great Commission.

Thank you—sincerely—for the part you play through your prayers and financial gifts. Your partnership makes this ministry possible, helping us encourage missionaries, challenge churches, and call the next generation to take the gospel to the ends of the earth.

With loving appreciation,

Jeff & Joanna Davis

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President / Director

P.S. I still have a few openings in my 2026 schedule. I would love to visit your church for a Missions Emphasis Sunday, share an update about our missionaries, and celebrate God's work among the nations with your congregation. To view available dates, visit <https://pastorjeffdavis.com/schedule> or email jeff@emuinternational.org.

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| 2-3 | Father-Son Campout, The Wilds, NC |
| 4 | Westgate Baptist, Spartanburg |
| 5-7 | Preachers' Conference, Greenville, SC |
| 11 | Fellowship Baptist, Anderson, SC |
| 12-14 | Preachers' Conference, Cary, NC |
| 18 | Engleside Baptist, Alexandria, VA |
| 19-23 | Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, IA |
| 25 | Central Baptist, Rockville, MD |
| 26-28 | Appalachian Bible College, Mt. Hope, WV |