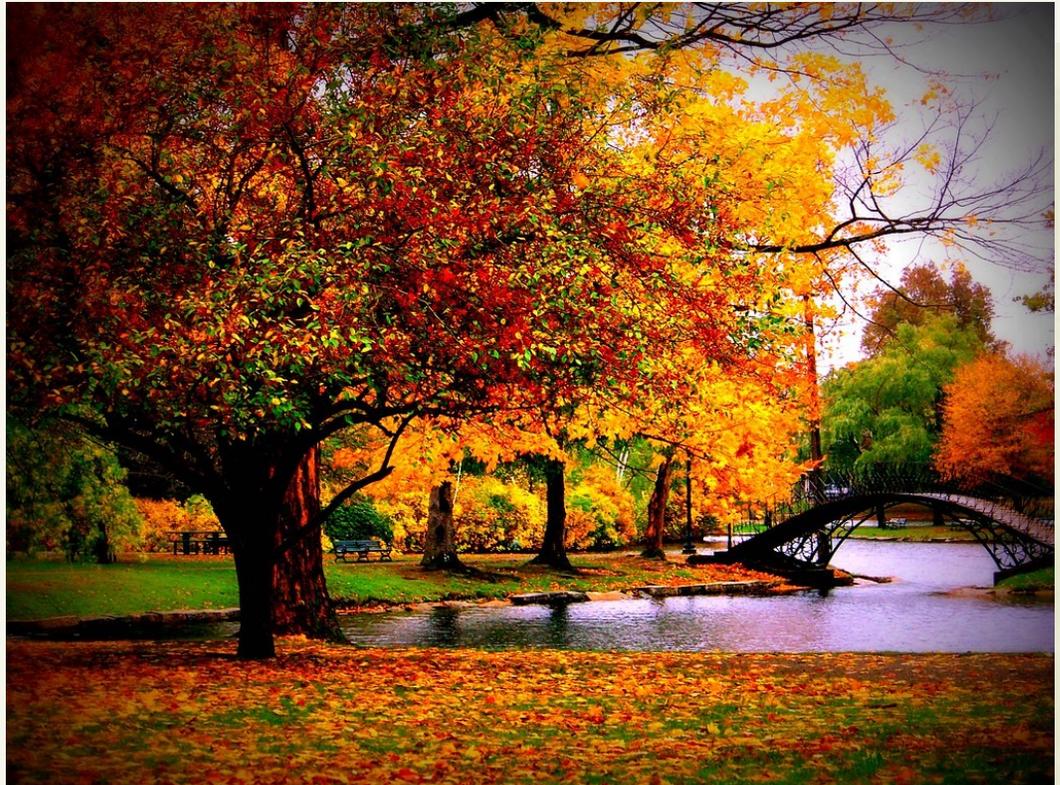


# The Encourager

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SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:

- Pictures from Treehouse, [www.uncommon.com](http://www.uncommon.com), October Calendar
- Birthdays and Anniversaries



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October

## WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

### Do you have a minute?

60 seconds? Many people can hold their breath for that long. It isn't long. It takes me about a minute to get off the couch, pour a can of pop over ice and go back to the couch. It's really not much time at all. I waste a lot of minutes. There are 1,440 minutes in each day. One minute is less than 1/10 of 1% of my day (a lot less).

Imagine what I could do if I redeemed just one of those minutes for a special purpose. What if I used that minute to pray for a lost person. Everyday. Once a day. Regularly.

What might happen?

First, I think we would become more aware of that person. It's hard to pray for someone and forget about them at the same time! Second, I think we would become more interested in them. We would want them to know Christ. We might even pray for God to open up opportunities for us to share His love with them.

And it can start with one minute. Would you pray for a lost person for 60 seconds a day?

What would I pray?

If you don't know where to begin, here's a suggestion:

Pray for God to put situations into their life so that they are receptive.

Pray that God would open doors for you to be an influence.

Pray that God would give you boldness.

Pray that God would open your eyes to new opportunities to build relationships.

A fifth thing you can do is find a Christian friend who will also join you in praying for the lost. Here is how Paul talked about praying for the lost. Colossians 4:2-6 <sup>2</sup> *Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.* <sup>3</sup> *And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.* <sup>4</sup> *Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.* <sup>5</sup> *Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.* <sup>6</sup> *Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.*

Verse 2 –*pray, be watchful and thankful*- As we pray, we watch for opportunities and give God thanks. Give God thanks for what?

Verse 3 –*open doors, proclaim*- We are to pray for open doors. When God opens those doors we are thankful that He has provided us an opportunity to share the gospel. But what if I am concerned about what to say or how the message comes across?

Verses 4-6 –*clearly, wisdom, making the most, grace based*- Paul lists four ways we can be pray for each other. First, that we be clear in our presentation. Second, that we would be excellent role models for Christ. Third, that we wouldn't waste opportunities. Fourth, that we preach grace not law. By doing these things, we will be equipped to answer the lost person's questions.

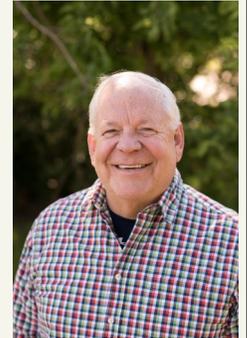
I bet we could pray this prayer for each other in one minute and then watch what God does with our other 1439!

Pastor Brian



## WORDS FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

A few days ago, while looking around in our worship time, I noticed a young lady sitting by herself. I was getting ready to go introduce myself and offer to sit with her so she wouldn't sit alone but I got caught over a matter happening elsewhere in the building and was unable to go sit with her.



We've talked quite a bit about this subject but every time it happens it makes me re-live some times when I visited and was not made to feel included.

First, let me say I don't want to make anyone feel guilty, because life happens. You've got your own things to tend to, but what IF you were in a strange place; among people you did not know; wondering if people were sitting there starring at you; or even worse just had something bad happen in your life and needed someone to just reach out for a touch and say "hi."

Whatever the case might be that's okay. I love each and every one of you just the way you are, BUT I love you too much to allow you to stay right where you are. We ALL must help make all our guest feel welcome. We want them to come again to be with us – don't we?

We won't always have a second chance to make a first impression. Right? You know I'm right! What can we do about it? What about **LINEUP**?

**Look for someone you don't know**

**Introduce yourself**

**Never sit alone or allow them to sit alone**

**Engage guests with others**

**Understand where they are in their journey**

**Pray for them, either internally or externally, as appropriate**

Please...please...please help each other as we work in getting better at applying the LINEUP acronym. Don't feel guilty because we missed this one but vow to yourself that you will join the team in making EVERYONE feel welcome and seen in the future.

So, what's the word? That's right – LINEUP!

Pastor Tony  
Care and Connect Pastor

## A WORD FROM OUR YOUTH PASTOR



Last month at our Parent Meeting, I passed out a fascinating article about what it looks like to have a spiritually vibrant house. Thought it would be a good idea to share here. Enjoy!

### Becoming Spiritually Vibrant Households

There are some factors in the development of our faith that are beyond our control. Namely, as chapter two covered, families of origin and personal heritage have a significant degree of influence on how a Christian is introduced to, grows in and expresses faith throughout their life. To some extent, one's location, education, resources, housemates and even community are also fixed. This report has looked at some of these established characteristics that shape the spiritual dimensions of our lives and how they affect Christian households today—but the data frequently point to other aspects that are the product of choice.

Ultimately, rituals and relationships have a meaningful impact on faith formation and can be replicated regardless of a household's category or context. Namely, how much a household talks about faith, commits to shared spiritual disciplines or opens both heart and home to others is up to its members and leaders. The households that do all of the above have a certain vitality about them. In fact, the respondents that occupy households where these rituals are prioritized—which we'll examine in more detail below—are prone to call their home atmosphere "loving" (70%), "joyful" (60%), "playful" (50%) and "nurturing" (41%).

The Barna Group set about grouping the households in this sample to better understand practicing Christians who are most engaged both with their faith and with others, and who seem to enjoy a warm, interactive household environment in the process. The goal was to focus on factors that are not exclusive to a particular age or stage and indicate a commitment "to teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42, NIV). In addition, Barna wanted to understand the groups that are participating in these rituals and relationships with the most frequency. After all, in a shifting religious climate, plenty of Christians have relegated spiritual expression to their private sphere, and even the majority of nominal Christians (93%) discusses faith with housemates on at least a monthly basis. So what about the households that do so most consistently, alongside others within and beyond their home? As stated, this study alone can't really reveal the depth of a household's spiritual interactions—but it can speak to a household's diligence in this area. So Barna created a variable that sorts respondents by frequent engagement in three markers of an actively nurtured faith:

- Spiritual practices**—defined here as praying every day or two and reading the Bible weekly all together
- Spiritual conversations**—defined here as talking about God and faith at least weekly all together
- Hospitality**—defined here as welcoming non-family guests regularly, or at least several times a month

There is much more to this article, but I didn't want to overwhelm any of you by overtaking the Encourager! :)

If you are interested in reading more, let me know and I can e-mail you a full copy of it.

Pastor Dave



## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR CARRIE SCHMIDT

PAC Kids is rolling full steam ahead this fall and we have shared so much fun, energy, and excitement with one another this past month! I'm so excited to take on October together. For our Sunday mornings, October is all about COURAGE! We are defining courage as "being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you're afraid." This month we are going to see that throughout our lives, God may ask us to take risks or do something we may not feel prepared to do. But God will also give us the courage we need to face that challenge. We see this as Jesus faced death on the cross. He had courage and followed through on God's plan.



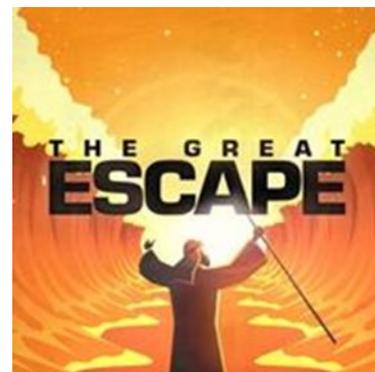
We'll be exploring courage with the story of Moses this month. We begin with Moses being born and then move on to the burning bush and ten plagues. Next, we'll see Moses' courage as he leads Israel through the Red Sea and finally we'll round out the month with Caleb and Joshua checking out the land of Canaan.



This month also brings a new memory verse challenge! Let me tell you that our PAC kids are doing so awesome hiding God's Word in their hearts! I am so proud of them! Our verse for October comes from Joshua 1:9b, "Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go." (NIRV)

I look forward to exploring courage with your children as we study and apply God's Word to our lives! I encourage you to keep the discussion of each Sunday's story going throughout your week by using the God Time and Parent Cue resources as well as "liking" our PAC Kids Facebook page for fun images, activities, and videos!

Sundays aren't the only fun days! Our Wednesday night Treehouse and Bridge programs are off to a phenomenal start! Our numbers have been in the mid to high 90s every week and we have had a blast together! Our nights are so full of fun, energy (maybe a little bit of crazy!) and we hear some great Bible stories and learn verses! You should come and see the joy and busyness that takes place at Pine Acres on a Wednesday! It's truly amazing to see! We have so much to be thankful to God for! For the next four weeks, we are pretending we are in an escape room with our new series "The Great Escape." Just like our Sundays, we'll be exploring Moses and the Exodus. Our small groups will be solving puzzles and clues every week to reveal what the Big Idea is and then we will dive into the stories of Moses. We'll see that God can send people to help you (Baby Moses in a basket), God can help you do great things, (Moses and the burning bush), God can do anything (The plagues and the Passover), and that God is with us (Parting of the Red Sea). We'll hear about God's faithfulness to the Israelites and helping them escape and reminding us that He is always so faithful to us too!



Finally, October brings us spotlighting our Early Childhood and Elementary Ministries. You'll be catching some glimpses of what is happening in our kid's wing and some big needs Liz and I have. Each Sunday a short video will be shown during the service. PAC Family, we have been blessed with an incredible group of kids. We want these children to learn the foundational truths of the God who made them, loves them more than anything, and desires a relationship with them. Our hope is that our kids begin and grow in a relationship with their Savior and that this would do nothing but bloom into their very own faith as they later enter student ministry and adulthood. It takes a village to teach, love, and spend time with these precious little people that God has entrusted us with and we ask that you would please consider joining our children's ministry team! Liz and I both need lead teachers and classroom assistants that provide those needed extra hands. Contact us today for more information! I guarantee you will be a blessing to our kids and you will be blessed in return!

Miss Carrie

## EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTOR LIZ LINDAMOOD

It has always fascinated me how our sin nature rears its ugly head so early in our lives. We don't need to be taught how to sin, it just happens. While there are many goals on my parenting to-do list, one of the biggest roles we have as parents is helping teach our children how to make the right choices – how to make wise, God-honoring choices. Equipping, yet NOT making their choices for them. This is so hard!

As an adult, I continue to make bonehead choices regularly. How on earth do I prepare my children for wise living if I continue to fail? These moments of fear and uncertainty again reveal the grace and sustaining power of Christ in us. We have been blessed with God's living word and the Holy Spirit to equip us as both believers and as parents.

In Psalm 101:3, David writes, "I will set no worthless thing before my eyes." David knew that one measure of a righteous life was what one chose to set before the eyes. If I have learned anything as a parent, it is that little eyes are always watching. We can begin to teach our children what it means to set God-honoring things before our eyes. We can model making intentional choices that are in line with living a righteous life.



Often the choices that derail us aren't the colossal "bad" choices, but rather a series of smaller less-good choices. So frequently I worry more about making the "wrong" choice than making the best choice. In Deuteronomy 6 the people of Israel are commanded, "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up..." When we know God's word and commands we are better able to make the best choices. To patiently wait for God's best. We are better able to teach the same to our children.

Just as it says in Deuteronomy, we can impart wisdom and knowledge in our children by learning to talk to our kids about God and spiritual matters in our day-to-day settings, not just formal or serious conversations. The more they see how God is integral to every part of their life, the more we are equipping them to know what brings glory to God. They are learning to choose what God has for them. We are teaching our kids wisdom in choosing God's best.

See you Sunday!

### Current Immediate Early Childhood Needs:

Blue Room (12-24 month olds) – serves once a month

9am Green Room (2 year olds) – serves every other month

11am Red Room (4 year olds/Pre-K) – serves every other month

+ Various helpers to generally assist the lead teachers

## HERITAGE NOTES

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

October 1969

- Building must have been too hectic. No bulletins were saved until January 1971

### FORTY YEARS AGO

October 1979

- All ladies were invited to a luncheon at church and asked to bring a cheese dish
- Adriel ladies sponsored a German Supper as a fundraiser.
- Average Attendance—117

### THIRTY YEARS AGO

October 1989

- The musical “Heaven Help the Home” a joint production with the Corn church was presented

- AWANA held Hobo Stew Night
- Average Attendance—122

### TWENTY YEARS AGO

October 1999

- A new sound booth was built in the back of the sanctuary
- Had a kitchen shower to buy new things for the Hearthside Room
- Chef Dave Harms stirred up a great Hobo stew for the AWANA Clubs.
- Held a chair drive to buy new padded folding chairs for the new wing.
- Average Attendance—230

### TEN YEARS AGO

October 2009

- Began collecting money for Advent Conspiracy—a mission project to do in place of some of our Christmas presents.
- Congratulations went to Matt and Anji Jett when Ellie Rebekah was born on the 28th.
- Ave. Att.—269

### ONE YEAR AGO—October 2018

Average attendance—236

### CHURCH STATISTICS 2019

August Ave. Attendance:

Sunday School—193

Morning Worship—255

September Ave. Attendance:

Sunday School—189

Morning Worship—245

Wednesday—186

## OCTOBER WORSHIP

- 6—(AM) — Connect-Grow-Serve-GO  
(PM) — Mission Training / Praise Team
- 13—(AM) — Connect-Grow-Serve-GO  
(PM) — Mission Training/ Praise Team
- 20—(AM) — Connect-Grow-Serve-GO  
(PM) — 8-Track Shrimp Boil / Praise Team



- 27—(AM) — Connect-Grow-Serve-GO  
(PM) — Neighborhood Block Party / Praise Team

## OCTOBER NURSERY WORKERS

- Pink Room**—1st Sunday—Stephanie Harris, Cortney Bell, Alicia Henson  
2nd Sunday—April Javorsky, LaNae Meacham, Raquela Jones  
3rd Sunday—Reggie Cannon, Nicole Akin, Kathy Harms  
4th Sunday—Jamie Collins, Keely Anderson, Kirby Hood



- Blue Room**—1st Sunday—Emily Knop, Tonya Adams  
2nd Sunday—Jamie Collins, Kara Wall  
3rd Sunday—Ashly Province, Jordan Blatnick  
4th Sunday—Denise Pearcy, Lanita Nikkel
- Green Room**—Braylie Schmidt, Presley Fast, Amy Burd, Madi Meacham

**Orange Room** – Rebecca Miller, Neelie Lindamood, Lorelai Bull

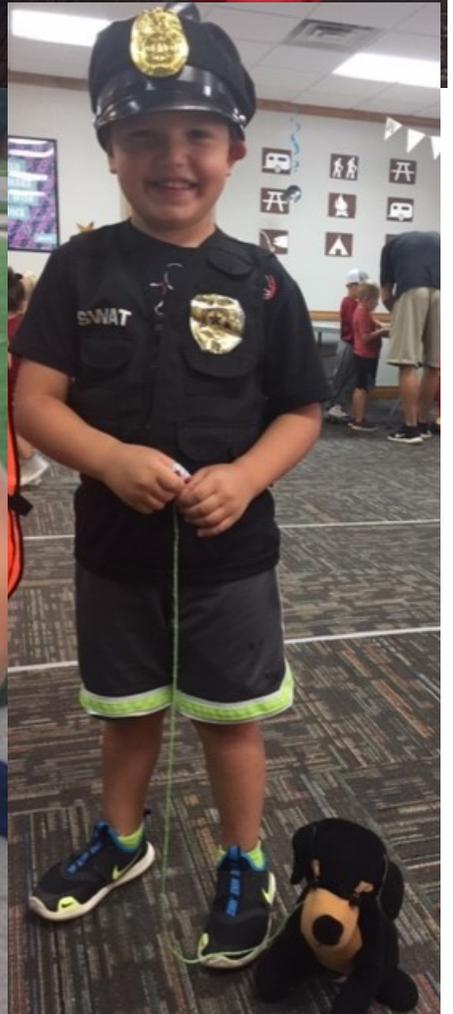
**Red Room**—June Parker, Holly Funk, Rebecca Geiger

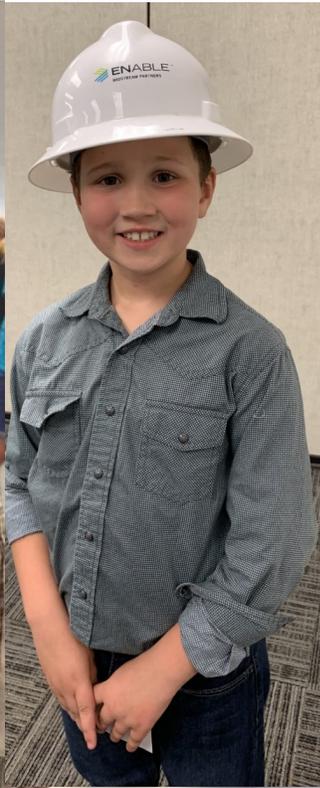
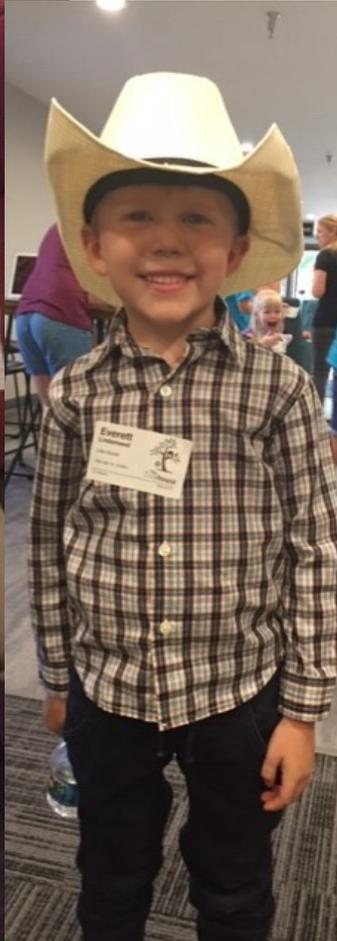
# TREEHOUSE



We are off to such a wonderful start in Treehouse this year. The kids are excited and having a great time! If you would like to do something fun and rewarding on Wednesday nights, please see Miss Carrie and she will find a way for you to do just that! We have openings in all age groups! Or maybe you would just like to put your name in as a sub, we'd love to have you do that too! Be watching for more pictures each month of the fun we are having!







## SERVING

We are having a **BLOCK PARTY** to say Thank You to our neighbors for all the times we've parked in front of their homes, our trash has blown in their yards, etc. Please join us in the parking lot Sunday, October 27th at 5:30pm. The Deacons will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs and providing chips and drinks. They are asking the rest of us to provide finger food desserts (cookies, brownies, caramel corn, etc.). Please sign up at the Information Booth and let us know that you can help!



# PUSH

Philippians 3:14

Lindamood (580-819-2703).

  
PUSH is off to a great start! There is a good group of ladies and kids who meet at Sand Plum Trail Wednesday mornings at 9:30. They walk a mile or two and visit, share and help each other cope with the joys and chaos of motherhood while enjoying being out in God's creation. And the kids love it! For more info, contact Liz





## Vision for Mission

I recently participated in a gathering of 40 Congolese leaders from across the United States hosted by the Central District Conference of MB churches in Cincinnati. I was joined from the Multiply team by Nzuzi Mukawa, our sub Saharan church planting leader from Congo, and Garry Prieb, our Africa church liaison, and himself an MK from Congo. Almost all the diasporic participants came to America as refugees over the past 15 years, and many had roots in the Congolese MB conference. Our work in Congo began one hundred years ago through the ministry of Aaron and Ernestina Janzen from Mountain Lake, MN. Aaron's first wife died and was buried in Congo, as were many other pioneer missionaries of that era. Many Congolese presenters shared stories of their grandparents receiving the gospel and discipleship from that first generation of mission workers.

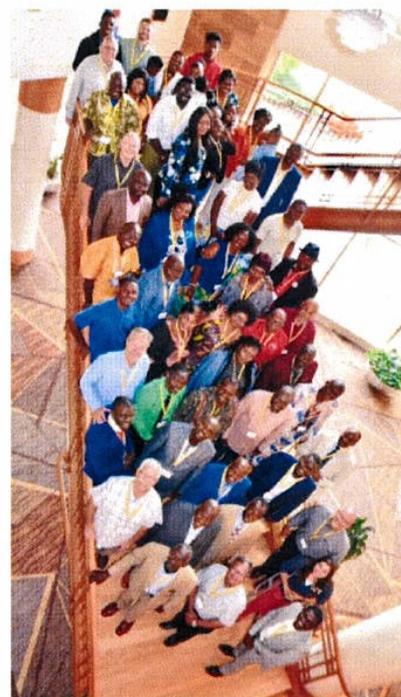
The current generation of Congolese diaspora have endured significant political, economic and social suffering. The recent Great African war of the past 20 years has cost more lives than that of any other war since WW II. As we reflected together on what the Congolese Church was bringing to the West, faith in the midst of suffering was a common theme. However, these leaders self identified as ambassadors of Christ, missionaries to the West, rather than refugees. Their spiritual boldness and faith in the gospel to transform lives are also gifts they are bringing with them to the established western Church.

Pastor Dan Strutz, from Mountain Lake, MN attended the gathering. When I introduced him as the pastor of the church that had sent the Janzens a century ago, the Congolese cheered. We collectively acknowledged that mission has now come full circle. Those that once sent missionaries are now receiving missionaries. The Congolese leaders gathered around Dan and his wife Susanna and blessed them, praying for God to renew the fire of renewal and mission in the MB church.

The movement of diasporic (immigrant) church planting in the West is growing faster than any other demographic, and is a natural connection between Multiply's global work and our work in North America. As we have often stated, we need our recent immigrant churches more than they need us, and they have told us they need us a lot! "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!' On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor." (1 Cor 12:21-23)



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## Prayer Requests

- Please pray for the 9 long term mission apprentices who are coming to Abbotsford for three months of training this fall. Pray that God would equip and encourage them on this journey of mission!

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to work in this immigrant church planting movement, and that God's Kingdom would be multiplied as a result.

# WWW.UNCOMMON

by Sharon Blagg

www.uncommon had a great time when we met in the Youth Room for pizza and games. Glenna Johns was one of our hostesses and she had a fun game with prizes. Everyone wanted the latte hand towel and there was a good-natured hilarious fight for it. Ladies, who finally won? See info about next months meeting on page 14.



## 8-TRACKS



8-Tracks enjoyed taking a guided tour of the Stafford Air and Space Museum. The guide was very knowledgeable and we learned a lot. Weatherford is very fortunate to have such a fine museum in our city. Following the tour, we all went out to eat together. We were having so much fun, we totally forgot to take pictures.

Our next outing will be our Annual Shrimp Boil at Dave and Judi Harms'. They always do such a fantastic job of hosting us for a fun evening! We will do this Sunday, October 20th at 5:00 pm. Cost is \$7 a person. Please sign up at the Information Booth so we know how much food to buy.

## SUPPER SIX

# Supper Six

Want a little more fellowship? Want to get to know people better? Maybe make a new friend? We've got just the thing for you!!!! Join us for SUPPER SIX! Supper six is a group of three couples or six people who agree to meet together in one of their homes once a month for three months with the idea of inviting another couple to join them. The fourth couple can be someone outside our church who you would like to see come to the Lord or who needs some fellowship. Meetings will begin in October but sign-up begins now. Sign-up at the Information Booth and watch for more info.

## Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is a ministry in which our church helps, along with other churches in Weatherford. They ask each church in town to provide something each month for the pantry. During the month of **OCTOBER** our church is asked to provide beans—dried, canned, baked, refried, etc. These donations can be left on the North counter in the kitchen and they will be delivered to the pantry. The Food Pantry provides a valuable service to people who are really in need in our community. Please Give!



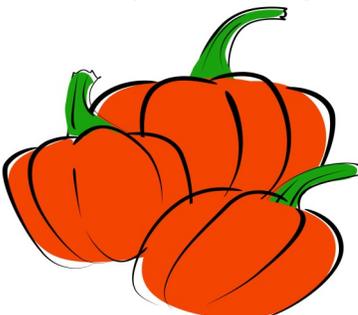
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Www.uncommon will meet Thursday, October 17th for a Pumpkin Party. We will travel to The Kennedy's Party Barn to decorate pumpkins at 6:00 pm. If you would like to car pool, meet in the Pine Acres Church parking lot at 5:45 pm. Bring a pumpkin to decorate. Your hostesses will be serving sandwiches but you don't have to bring anything for the meal! Come and celebrate Fall with us! RSVP to Sharon Blagg at 580-302-3260 or Gaylene Perry at 580-819-1252. Here are a few more pics from our last meeting.





# October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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**Office Manager: Nancy Fast**



### BIRTHDAYS

- 2—Kyle Basinger
- 3—Ron Koehn
- 4—Reid Adams
- 6—Rosa Slagell
- 7—Reed Chase
- 8—Corey Harms
- 9—Pat Swanson
- 12—Presley Fast
- 15—Erin Basinger
- 15—Maris Meacham
- 16—Tracy Fite
- 16—Robyn Randol

- 18—Griffin Dyck
- 18—Dale Slagell
- 19—Robert Barnes
- 19—Sheldon Miller
- 20—Audrey Slagell
- 25—Tim Franz
- 26—Dakota Schrock
- 27—Marcela Miller
- 28—Dave Harms
- 28—Ellie Jett
- 29—Colin Lindamood
- 20—Brittany Williams
- 31—Lindsey Fast
- 31—Emmett Williams



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 1—Clint and Ashly Province
- 1—Spencer and Brittany Williams
- 1—Scott and Tracy Fite
- 2—Tyler and Alicia Henson
- 2—Larry and Cara Williams
- 7—Wayne and Joan Schrock
- 19—Gary and Gayle Henderson