

YOUTH RE+MIND

Upcoming Events for the Youth Ministry:

Wednesday, October 25th – Costume Night, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Sunday, October 29th – Youth Masquerade Mystery Dinner, 4:45-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 31st – Trunk-or-Treat , 6:00-7:30 p.m.



**OUR OCTOBER EMPHASIS FOR
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
IS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS...**

Stuffed animals, marbles, balls, soccer ball & pump, slinky, toy trucks & cars, play dough, foam balls, tennis balls, musical instruments, toys...

Bring your donated items to the church and place them in the box in the foyer marked for OCC.



~Thank you

OCTOBER EVENTS

- October 3 Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM
October 4 Mid-week Activities: 6:00—7:30 PM
AWANA (BARF/Pajama Night),
Choir Practice, 7:30 PM
- October 5 Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM
WMU, 10:00 AM
- October 7 Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:00 AM
October 8 Building & Grounds Committee, 12N
October 9 Budget & Finance Committee, 4:00 PM
Deacons Meeting, 5:00 PM
- October 10 Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM
October 11 Mid-week Activities: 6:00—7:30 PM
AWANA (Crazy Hair Night)
Choir Practice, 7:30 PM
- October 12 Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM
October 18 Mid-week Activities: 6:00—7:30 PM
AWANA (Goldfish Night)
Choir Practice, 7:30 PM
- October 19 Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM
October 25 Mid-week Activities: 6:00—7:30 PM
AWANA (Pumpkin Night/Wear Costumes)
Adult Bible Study, 6:30 PM
Choir Practice, 7:30 PM
- October 26 Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM
October 27 OCC work day, 10:30 AM
October 29 Quarterly Church Business Meeting, 12N
Youth Masquerade Mystery Dinner, 4:45-8:00 PM
- October 31 Fall Trunk or Treat, 6:00—7:30 PM

WMU

Operation Christmas Child is in full swing. We have all the boxes we need, and WMU will help pay for the shipping of the shoe boxes. For October we are collecting stuffed animals, soccer balls & pumps, toy trucks & cars, musical instruments, marbles, Play Doh, Slinkys, foam balls & tennis balls. We have a work day scheduled for Friday, October 27th @ 10:30 a.m. We will begin setting up for the OCC shoebox packing party on Friday, November 10th @ 10:30 a.m. and our OCC shoebox packing party is scheduled for Saturday, November 11th @ 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come and help and enjoy a time of fellowship as we prepare & bless these boxes to travel to people around the world. The Reach Texas Missions Week of Prayer was September 10-16. We accepted donations throughout the month of September. Our goal this year was \$3,500 and to date we have received \$4,195. **Thank you for your continued support of our WMU.**

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MISSION STATEMENT:
**WE DESIRE TO HONOR GOD BY
LEADING PEOPLE TO
BECOMING FULLY DEVOTED
FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST.**



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Oscar Wilde, famous Irish Poet and Playwright, said “And all at once, summer collapses into fall.” To that I say, “Of course it does, because in Texas our ridiculous Summer heat causes everything to collapse and fall like a burning building!” But it really does seem to happen that way, doesn’t it? One day we’re drenched in sweat and sunshine, and the next... it’s different. There’s a chill in the air, the leaves have changed, perhaps we detect a hint of fireplace in the air... at least hopefully! Sometimes we are still wearing shorts and t-shirts at Christmas, but if it goes as it should it will get cooler and the heat will be over (for a while anyway). When “summer collapses into fall,” it makes me giddy to think about how glorious this event is every year. Especially this year. Especially after days and months of triple digits. Especially after the kind of dizzying heat we have experienced for the past “too-many” dog days of summer. Suddenly a welcoming season change comes, times of refreshing, and a cool break from exhausting heat. Can you tell I’m ready for some good “Fall” weather?

You know, life is like that. Isn’t it? The wise writer of Ecclesiastes said it in Ecclesiastes 3:1, “*To everything there is a season...*” That means “This too shall pass.” It really is just a “season.” And some seasons can bring unexpected and unpleasant “heat” on our lives. But God is always... always faithful to bring relief... in time. You’ve probably heard the saying, “If you don’t like the weather in Texas, just wait a while! It will change!” Just when you start to wonder about that, surely there does come a change. It will change. It will get better. This season will pass, and cooler, better days will come. You may wonder, “What are you talking about?” It’s all very much like a parable of life if you think about it. Let me tell you what I mean. We go through a rough time, sickness and health problems, loss of a loved one, family issues, work issues, and it can feel like it just drones on and on. We find ourselves saying, “God where are you in all of this?” “Have you forgotten about us?” And it can feel like we will never climb out of the pit we are in, the grief we are experiencing, the pain and trauma we are going through. But all at once, the heat of the unbearable and exhausting summer situation we are going through collapse in the cooling and refreshing, healing winds of fall. God is good that way! He surely brings us through the seasons of life... the grueling seasons into the healing and more restful seasons. Years ago Bill and Gloria Gaither wrote these words and I find the re-

minder so healing myself like the yearning for Fall. They wrote, “If you’ve knelt beside the rubble of an aching broken heart when the things you gave your life to fell apart. You’re not the first to be acquainted with sorrow, grief or pain, but the Master promised sunshine after rain. Hold on my child joy comes in the morning. Weeping only last for the night. Hold on my child joy comes in the morning. The darkest hour means dawn is just in sight.” I might say it, “The Master promised Fall after Summer,” but you get the sentiment. God is good to bring seasons of refreshing, and healing, and comfort, and peace! He is! And He will do the same for you. It’s based on the Promise of Psalm 30:5, “*Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.*”

I love Psalm 40:1-3, “*1 I waited patiently for the LORD; He turned to me and heard my cry. 2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.*” What ever you are going through, look to the God of the times and seasons. He will see you through and bring you to a glorious, bright, cooling, season of Fall! And how welcome it will be! **Fall Blessings, Bro. Buddy**

CHILDREN’S CORNER

With summer coming to a close, despite what the temperatures would indicate, AWANAs is back in full swing. Thank you to our 6th and 7th grade youth students, Charlie Walker and Lilyann Signorino, who co-taught the summer kids' club series on the life of Jesus through the Gospels! For AWANAs, we are averaging 30 kids per week and our teaching team welcomed Katie McClendon as a TNT co-teacher and Shirley Zirkle as a Cubbies co-teacher. Children's Church is going well and the attendance has increased to an average of 8 children. The new volunteer system has been implemented to support our nursery workers so that they are able to attend church services with their family. Debbie and April are valuable members of our church family who give a lot of themselves to our little ones, so we would be very grateful if you would write your name down on the calendars posted in the children's hallway once a quarter. We are grateful for all your support and look forward to the continued enrichment of our children! **The Children's Ministry Team**

MUSIC NOTES

Hey Everyone! It’s finally Fall. Which means sweaters, pumpkins, and of course Christmas music. You’re not too late to join the choir and be a part of our Christmas presentation “Glorious Impossible”. We meet on Wednesday nights right after Bible Study. There’s a place for you. Come join us. **In His Name, Nancy**

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