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Persistent *P*assionately *P*ray

As guided by the Holy Spirit, together we will pray fervently and expectantly for God's will.

When God's People Pray

Discover the keys to powerful prayer by joining a small group that will study the DVD series *When God's People Pray* by Jim Cymbala, pastor and author of the book Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire. The series has six sessions, and the groups will begin the series after Labor Day. You can now sign-up in the foyer for a small group.

Prayer Cards in Pews

The green prayer cards in the pews are available for any prayer request. A group meets to pray each Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. You may place the card in the offering plate or leave it in the church office.

Praying Less in Order to Pray More

By Pastor Kurt Stout

A few weeks ago while I was preparing for a message on prayer, the Holy Spirit convicted me about my own prayer life. In my notes I wrote, "Perhaps someone who doesn't pray privately, shouldn't pray publically." In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus was not necessarily condemning public prayer, but He certainly was encouraging sincere praying. One's private or secret prayer life becomes the barometer of authenticity. And as I thought over my own private prayer life, I realized how weak this kind of praying has been. I thought more about taking this conviction seriously, but it seemed awkward for me to stop praying publically and it certainly would be uncomfortable to congregationally admit my failure in this area.

I had not planned on announcing this confession or course of praying silently rather than publically, but that's exactly what the Spirit led me to do mid Sunday morning. So for the past few weeks, I have been praying less publically as I learn to pray more privately. I am doing more listening and more reading. I have read *Fresh Wind Fresh Fire* by Jim Cymbala, and excerpts of Andrew Murray's *With Christ in the School of Prayer*. I am now working my way through the Psalms, praying the Psalms, letting the Word of God become the prayer of

God. The truth is, I am actually praying more, not less, for the congregation, my family, our community, and world. It is just people are not hearing the words.

Someone once said, "*In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.*" It is not that my previous public prayers were heartless and void of sincerity (*although I am sure there have been times when my prayers were just nice familiar words strung together*). Simply put, my private prayer life did not adequately energize, enrich, or reflect my public prayers. Without honesty and accountability, it is possible for public prayer to substitute private prayer, and public prayer to become routine and expected, rather than Spirit-led.

This journey of prayer is one I did not expect to take, but one in which I am glad to be on. I'm not proud of my neglect or disappoint, but as I honestly let God approach this topic in my life, I am sensing a refreshing of my spirit. I do not know what this path of prayer will look like or how long God will ask me to walk it. I do know, however, it is the right course for me to take and I ask for your prayers and grace as I take some time to learn more and practice more about prayer.

If you want to hear more about the lessons I am learning, listen to my prayer messages on-line at www.nmfbc.org (August 14 and 21). So

My private prayer life did not adequately energize, enrich, or reflect my public prayers.

I am convinced God is awakening a new passion of prayer in the hearts of His people here. The Holy Spirit is stirring.

what has God been teaching you about prayer? Is He prodding you to pray with your wife? Convicting you to also pray before your meals when you eat out? Waking you early so you can meet with Him? Compelling you to walk over to someone and ask "Can I pray for you NOW?" Nudging you to increase your public praying? Stirring you to sign up for the prayer DVD series and/or read *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire*? Settling you to be still? Allowing crisis so you fall on your knees? Surrounding you with

friends with whom you can be real and raw? Calling you to believe in the power and importance of prayer? Asking you to revive a prayer habit? Drawing you to simply admit, "I can't do this alone. Lord, help me!?"

For many reasons, I am convinced God is awakening a new passion of prayer in the hearts of His people here. The Holy Spirit is stirring. Respond to Him. The journey of authentic and courageous faith is worth every step. It leads to abundant life.

A Pair of HIGH Heels

The following is a journal entry from Katie Garner, serving as a missionary in Peru, SA. She is the granddaughter of Warren & Helen Garner, and daughter of District Pastor Tim Garner.

"On my way to the airport for probably the 30th time this year to pick up another group of North Americans, staring out the window I watched the normal hustle and bustle of Lima traffic and people passing by. Familiar with the big city life, few things still surprise me or catch me off guard. However, this time as I stared out the window someone caught my eye. I observed as an elderly woman with her matted and tangled hair, her skin darkened by the pollution of the streets and raggedy tattered clothes, crossed the street. Slung over her shoulder was a potato sack full of different plastic products that she was collecting for money. A sparkle caught my eye as she continued walking across the street; a new shiny pair of silver high heels. My curiosity was triggered at such a sight; what's the story behind her high heels? Did she find them and they are the only shoes she had to wear? Did she come from an elite family and somehow ended up on the street and that was all that remained of her previous luxurious lifestyle? Or was it the sheer fact that she found something beautiful amongst all the ugly and cruelty of living on the streets and put on the high heels because she wanted to feel beautiful? Tears came to my eyes as I realized that we all just want to feel beautiful. Problems in this world can be overwhelming, some that break us down; however God chooses to embrace the broken and find beauty in that brokenness. "The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed." So as I looked upon this woman broken by the circumstances of this life; I saw hope in the sparkle of her silver high heels. As she walked proudly in her heels, hope was restored to what seemed like a hopeless situation. God always sees the beauty in his children and among the hurts and pains of this world I trust our Father that no matter how broken or hopeless we may become, he can always create beauty out of brokenness. Piece by piece he resembles the masterpiece; in the potter's hands we are beautiful."

Ushers In September



8:00 a.m.
Carl Petrie**
Steve White
Scott Stan
Leonard Pyle
Recruit

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| 9:15 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. |
| Cary Walters** | Nate Dockter** |
| Randy Moore | Max Ihnen |
| Matt Smith | Bill Wade |
| Matt Kendall | Alan Lauer |
| Recruit | Andy Cook |

** Denotes head usher for that service

Any questions, please call
Carl Petrie 260-417-2246.



Library Lines

Soul Surfer is the story of 13 year-old Bethany Hamilton who, in 2003, was on her way to becoming a professional surfer in Hawaii when she was bitten by a shark and lost her left arm. Her story is one of a growing and strong faith as she trusts God and gets back on her board and today has realized her dream of being a professional surfer. Written in her own words, this is an amazing and inspiring story, and would be great for adult reading as well as tweens-read it together as a family! Then watch the movie- we have recently added both in the church library!



BLOOD PRESSURE

SCREENINGS will be on
the third Sunday this month

(Sept. 18th) in Pastor Ron's office. They will be held after first and second services. Blood pressure cuffs are available for loan/check-out in the church office.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

*Dear Church Family,
We would like to thank everyone for your prayers, calls, cards and visits during our time of loss. We would also like to thank Ron Burns for speaking at the memorial service and the women of the church for providing food afterwards.*

God bless you all,

The Mike Walters Family

*Thank you so much for giving me a bible.
It is very much appreciated!*

*Thanks again!
Shea Rager*

WMS

Tuesday, September 6th

(Note Change of Day)

3:30 p.m.

At Timbercrest

Leader: Dolly Zerbe

Committee: Sandy Burch

Lesson: Meeting God on the

Mountain

By Amanda Dowdy

All Women Are Invited

"Come see what we're all about!"

Brethren Missions

Missiochurch

Missiochurch firmly believes that prayer is the means God uses to do His work in us and in the world. We do not just want to accomplish things we can do under our own power. We want to see impact that can only be explained by God being in the midst of the effort. That will only happen through prayer.

Our vision is to contribute to a national church planting movement with regional focus. The team is made up of planters and pastors from around the U.S. who have a passion for seeing God's kingdom come through the multiplication of new faith communities. Would you join us in *Praying* for our current church planters? Jeremy & April McClung at Muskoka Community Church, Larry & Cindy Hanson at CrossBars Ministry and Viseth & Socheata Hou at God's Purpose Church.

September Compassion Corner

On December 26th, a small group of women from our church will be going to Puerto Maldonado, Peru to organize a sewing co-op for some single women in the area who are vulnerable to being trafficked or tricked into the sex trade. Items that are being sold this month in Compassion Corner will go to help buy sewing machines for this ministry. There will be an opportunity to purchase "Hope Bracelets" (\$5) as well as the Micah 6:8 t-shirts (\$10) previously made available. You can also stock up on fair trade coffee and chocolate items.



Chile

Carlos Quiroga
Estacion Valdivia
Villa Ferroviaria
Puente Alto, Chile

carlosbet_el@hotmail.com

A result of the spiritual connection with the Brethren ministries of Argentina, the Quiroga family oversees this church that would not accept the word "defeat". With God moving His Brethren Church in Chile, a people of persistence, love, and God's power built this church.

Anniversary: Carlos/Zulema-Sep. 14

Birthdays: Miguel-Mar. 19
Maria Jesus-May 10
Zulema-Jun. 15
Carla-Jul. 9
Carlos-Jul. 19
Esteban-Jul. 18

Cambodian Church Plant

Viseth & Socheate Hou
Carson Oaks Community Church
6509 N. Alturas
Stockton, CA 95207

Reaching Out Through Reading

Were you read to as a child? Do you know how much this helped you succeed in school? The Hispanic parents in our community don't read English. Some of the children are struggling with school work. A group has started on Mondays and Fridays, from 4:00-5:00 p.m., but they are in need of at least 3-4 more to help each week. If you can help reach out in relationship with these students and families, contact the office.

FIRE

As a boy, one of my chores was to burn the trash in a barrel in our yard. One day during a dry summer a field next to our house caught fire from our burning trash. I tried to put the fire out with a broom, but the fire quickly spread beyond what I could handle. My mother called the local fire department, which came and was able to extinguish the fire with no real damage being done. That episode illustrates that once a fire is started, it can be very difficult to control and can act in unexpected ways.

As pointed out in a recent Voice of the Martyrs newsletter, God is frequently represented in the Bible by fire. In Exodus God speaks to Moses out of a burning bush, and when the Israelites were traveling in the desert later in the book, God went before them in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. In Acts 2 on the day of Pentecost, when the Christians were together in one place in Jerusalem, “divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them,” and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. And then in the book of Acts we see the believers, like Christian arsonists, spreading the flame of the gospel throughout the Roman empire.

This sounds too obvious to even say it, but before a fire can spread there has to be a fire. A question we can ask ourselves is, “Am I on fire for the Lord?” Are people in “danger” of catching fire from us, as people were from the Christians in Acts? Are we “Christian arsonists,” setting fires in our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools,

restaurants, wherever we are? If we feel that our spiritual fire is burning a little low (which it can for all of us), one of the ways that we can help to stoke it is to join a small group that is going to study the six-session DVD *When God’s People Pray* by Jim Cymbala, author of Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire; sign-up sheets are in the church foyer. In the book of Acts we see that prayer is central to the life and ministry of the church. The author of Acts, Luke, makes clear that a key way that the disciples prepared for the coming of the Spirit was through prayer (1:13-14). Fourteen of the first fifteen chapters of Acts and many of the later chapters mention prayer. A revival historian has said, “No great spiritual awakening has begun anywhere in the world apart from united prayer—Christians persistently praying for revival.”

In the *When God’s People Pray* study, there will be opportunity for group prayer, although no one will be asked to pray aloud. I believe that the study will help increase the motivation and desire to pray, which is always a need for me. May God be pleased to use us in His way to help spread the fire of the gospel.

Ron Burns
Discipleship Coordinator



Young @ Heart

For those age 50+, the Young @ Heart Retreat will be held September 12-15 at the Brethren Retreat Center.

It will include activities such as: a theatre show at the Blue Gate Theatre, "The Confession" (optional activity Monday night); a fishing contest; campfire and smores; homemade ice cream; craft item auction; and a talent show.

If arriving Sunday night, the Brethren Retreat will offer an extra night of lodging and a simple continental breakfast for only \$25.00/guest extra! An add-on program for Sunday evening will be Menno-Hof's 3rd Annual "SINGSPERATION" at 5:00 p.m. with various hymns in English and German. The event will be followed by an ice cream social, pretzels, and exhibits. The Menno-Hof Museum will be open that evening as well. Last year this event drew 500 guests. Bring your lawn chair or blanket to sit on the front lawn.

No cost for this event. Click on the link below for more info:
www.mennohof.org

Retreat fees based on lodging per person is: single - \$99, double - \$92, triple - \$80. Brochures are available at www.brethrenretreat.org or in the church office.



A River Baptism was held Sunday, August 21st.

Three young ladies were baptized at that time: Hannah Ayres, Karissa Cook, and Beletu Stout.

First Brethren Church Learn From Me ... Matt. 11:29 Reading Plan Bookmark 2011

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A Call to Prayer and Fasting: Leadership Selection

On September 25 and October 2 the congregation (attending believers) is invited to suggest names for two Diaconate Leadership Council (DLC) positions, as well as one or two individuals to serve on each of the Ministries. Take some time to fast and prayerfully consider who you feel may best serve in these leadership positions. Perhaps you feel led to serve.

Confirmation of DLC members will take place on Sunday October 23rd, while the Ministry positions will be selected at the annual congregational meeting Tuesday October 25th. No nominations will be taken from the floor during the business meeting.

The basis by which you should nominate someone is on their integrity, spiritual maturity, giftedness, and commitment. Church membership is required to serve on the DLC, but not to serve on a Ministry team. Below is a brief description of the Diaconate Leadership Council and Ministries.

PURPOSE OF THE DIACONATE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

According to the Constitution, the DLC shall: 1) seek God's will for the vision and direction of The Church; 2) demonstrate servant leadership as modeled in the life of Jesus; 3) make major policy decisions; 4) oversee the Ministries; and 5) provide prayer support and accountability for the Senior Pastor as well as the staff and Ministries of The Church. These leaders typically meet bi-monthly.

PURPOSE OF THE MINISTRIES

(Adult Discipleship, Youth Discipleship, Children's Discipleship, Nurture, Worship, Outreach, Stewardship, Property)

As indicated by their specific titles, these ministries oversee the various programs related to their area of ministry. The aim of these ministries is not to do all the serving, but to encourage and empower others to serve along them in ministry. These ministry leaders meet monthly.

For more detailed information about the role and responsibilities of the DLC and Ministries, stop by the office and pick up a copy of the church constitution.

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

- 1 – Garen Bushong
Max Ihnen
Steve Bucher
Megan Sites
- 5 – Barb Hill
- 7 – Michael Johnson
Michelle Johnson
Earl Montel
- 8 – Matthew Carver
Kaleigh Patrick
Preston Duffy
- 10 – Marty Stacy
Alexander Sparks
- 12 – Rena Vawter
Cheri Langston
- 13 – Delton Moore
Heath Miller
Kim Pratt
- 14 – Amy Baker
Raimi Vawter
- 15 – Sammie Lambert
Kasie Eberly
- 17 – Dennis Dolby
- 18 – Amy Ihnen
- 20 – Martha Music
Jenny Hill
- 21 – Renae Blocher
- 22 – Sarah Beaver
Dorene Fratus
David Longanecker
Jessilyn McKee
- 24 – Cindy Pyle
Michael Clifton
Amy Collett
Corbin Rager
- 25 – Loren Blocher
Brenda Blocher
- 27 – Helen Garner
Savannah Purdy

- 28 – Adrienne Ogden
Joanna Smith
Gavin Harting

Anniversaries

- 2 – Michael & DeAnne Clifton '89
Matthew & Teresa Mize '94
- 7 – Steve & Vicky White '74
- 10 – Ryan & Sarah Anguilm '94
David & Gerri Longanecker '66
- 16 – Mike & Lucy McKinley '89
- 19 – Heath & Jennifer Miller '98
Mark & Kelly Louvier '86
- 20 – Ted & Jackie Ihnen '53
- 21 – Dennis & Jeanne Dolby '68
Loren & Brenda Blocher '85
- 26 – Phil & Debbie Zile '69
- 28 – Bill & Donna Medley '85

LOOKING AHEAD OCTOBER

Communion

Sunday, October 2
6:30 p.m.

Club RIOT

Wednesdays
6:30-7:45 p.m.

Pictorial Directory

October 14, 15, 16
Get Prepared to *SMILE!*

Brethren Way of Christ (BWOC)

Men's - October 20-23
Women's - October 27-30

*Orange Core Value #4: **GENEROSITY***

Generosity can be expressed in our prayers when we pray for God's blessings in the lives of others.

Teaching our kids to pray for the needs of others, focuses attention off self and onto others. It may then lead to kids or families seeking ways to be generous with the person or people we're praying for.

Pray often leads to action, because God has chosen to use His church to pour out His generous love, kindness, provision, and joy.

The question is: Who are you praying for and is there a way the Spirit is prompting you to generously respond?



We are just a little less than a week away from the start of our 2011-2012 MOPS year, beginning September 6th. The steering team has been hard at work over the summer planning our year and praying for opportunities to build relationships within our group as well as outside of our group.

Our vision statement for this year follows in the footsteps of the MOPS International mission statement and is *“Manchester MOPS strives to encourage, equip and develop every mother of preschoolers to realize her potential as a woman, mother and leader in the name of Jesus Christ.”*

We would ask for your continued *Prayers* and support of this ministry in several different areas.

- **Childcare:** We are always in need of men or women willing to give two hours of their time on **any 1st or 3rd Tuesday of the month from 9-11 a.m.**
- **Mentors:** We are desperately in need of Christian women who have passed through the preschool phase and are willing to disciple mothers of preschoolers.
- **Financial Support:** Our goal as a steering team is to keep the cost of MOPS as low as possible so that all mothers of preschoolers can benefit. \$50 provides a one-year scholarship for one mom and her children.

If you feel you could help out in any of these areas or have any questions regarding MOPS, please feel free to contact Kelly Bordeaux (982-4632) or Nicole McKee (578-3749).

Thank you again for your support!
Kelly Bordeaux

“Feed My Sheep”

(John 21:17)

Our Ministry of Outreach is partnering with the North Manchester United Methodist Church Missions Committee to collect used Bibles to distribute to people and places in the U.S. and abroad where Bibles are not available. During the month of September you can drop off any used Bible into the collection boxes located in the Gathering Area.

Generosity

“He who gives when he is asked has waited too long.” I don’t know who wrote this phrase but after reading it 4-5 times, I thought it was worth sharing. What would it take for me to give before being asked? It might be an interesting experiment. I suppose I would need to be more intentional about considering what others lack. I guess I would have to think of others higher than myself. I might have to become more aware of the sufferings of other people. That sounds like self-sacrifice – storing up treasures in Heaven – sanctification. My experiences with God have taught me that when he asks us to do something that is counter to our nature as humans, it results in a wonderful change in who we are. We begin to look more like our Father. And that sounds just like what the Father would do – “magically” change our hearts as we compassionately give to others.

Suzanna Hicks

Addressing the Needs of Veterans & Their Families

Did you know that Indiana has 5,900 veterans and that many of them have gone to war 2-5 times? That Indiana has 3,500 military children? That veterans have a higher percentage of unemployment than the national average? Last month the Director of Counseling and Care, Suzanna Hicks, completed the first of three trainings addressing the needs of veterans and their families. This is a pilot program to “address the need for qualified, civilian behavioral health providers who understand military issues.” Once trained, Suzanna’s name will be placed on a registry that can be accessed by families in need. She is excited about being available to assist this population.

Special Movie Showing of “Courageous”

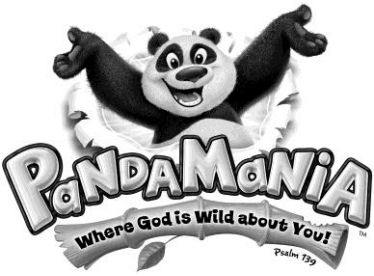
The Ministry of Outreach and the Band of Brothers will be co-sponsoring an exciting outreach opportunity. We have purchased 300 tickets to a special showing of the movie COURAGEOUS. This is a new movie focusing on the lives of 5 men in a struggle to be the men God has called them to be. It has a powerful message of hope and redemption. We will be offering tickets on a buy 2 get 2 free basis. Tickets are \$5.00 each. This is meant to be an opportunity to reach out to friends and neighbors in a fun way. The showing will be October 8th at the Eagles Theater in Wabash at 7:00PM. Please pray about who God is calling you to invite.

This movie is suitable for younger viewers. However we want to focus on Men of all ages. For this reason we will be providing child care at the church for anyone that might need it. Take this opportunity for a date night with your spouse. The wives will enjoy this movie as well. We will show a preview of the film at all 3 services so you can get a feel for the content and message.

We will also be planning some follow up events in order to explore the message the movie presents, as well as helping men grow in these areas. Such events may include Bible Studies and/or small group discussion material.

Tickets will go on sale September 18th. Look for us in the lobby and fellowship hall. If you have any questions contact Steve Searles or any of the Band of Brothers team. Please let us know if you need childcare so we can make arrangements.

Children's Ministry



Last month we celebrate Vacation Bible School with learning that God is Wild About Us, based on Psalm 139.

We had over 174 different kids attend with an average attendance of 146. (Tuesday was our highest with 155.) We had over 180 parents, grandparents, and kids come on out Friday for our Family Night. It took over 50 helpers each night to make this successful. We had a blast! From games, crafts, snacks, awesome stories, the adventures of Chadder chipmunk, to worshipping through songs - we learned that God is wild about us. One might think that we are all sighing a big sigh of relief that VBS was a success, really fun, but over - but the truth is afterwards is when we will be able to tell if VBS was a success - if our visitors bring their kids back, if families get out their "eye openers", read, and discuss them with their children; and if our kids take what they learned and apply it to the things in their lives. So thanks sooooo much for what everyone did this week - but please continue to pray for our families as they apply and let the fact that *God is Wild about them* sink into their lives. Teresa Mize, Children's Ministry Coordinator

K.F.C. - 5th & 6th Grade Kids for Christ Bike Hike! Watch for Details

Club de Niño's (Kids Club) meets Wednesday night during the Hispanic Service as their Sunday School and as an activity night on Mondays while their parents are in class. We will be working on the real meaning of Easter and then on the Early Church.

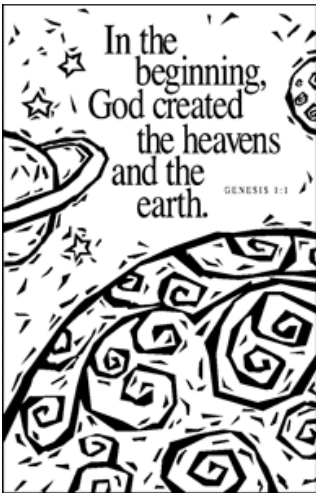
Club RIOT - Come for a Really, Incredible, Outstanding Time! and K.F.C. will meet on Wednesdays in October from 6:30-7:45.

Eye Openers: Each family received a package of eye openers at the VBS Family Night. This is a tool for having spiritual conversations as a family while you go about your day - maybe as you are eating or have someone ask a question while you are driving.

Garden 0-1 We are continuing to work on Noah's Ark this month as our story we learn through songs. We are learning that God watches over us just like He watched over Noah and the Animals.

Garden 2's This month our theme God Loves Me - from the Story of Hannah prays for a baby from Samuel 1:15-20 . Parents, you can reinforce what we learn by reminding your toddler that God Loves her/him throughout the week.

Garden 3-Kindergarteners In September, we will be creating with our Artrageous Art Theme with the stories of Creation, Disobeying, Isaac and Jacob & Esau. Our theme verse for this month is Genesis 1:1.



LOFT- Where our 1-6th graders are learning to Love, Obey, Follow God, and Trust His Ways "In the Beginning" is our new fall theme as we travel back in time and experience the book of Genesis! We will learn about creation, Adam and Eve and the first sin, and Cain and Abel. Through these stories, we will focus on how God's creation is awesome, we are God's handiwork, God is holy, and that God deserves our best. Our new memory verse for the quarter is Genesis 1:1- In the beginning, God created the heavens

and the earth," and our challenge is memorizing the books of the Old Testament. Don't miss a week as we hear about God's story from the very start and you talk together at home about how awesome God is!

FB C YOUTH MINISTRY

FALL SCHEDULE

CHAOS (7th-8th Grades) meets on Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:45pm at *La Casa*.

Ekklesia (9th-12th Grades) meets on Sunday nights from 6 to 8pm.

****Starting October 9, Ekklesia will be meeting at the Town Life Center!***

Orange Parents (Parents of Teens) meets on Sunday mornings at 10:30 east end of the Fellowship Hall.

Introducing Dessert Club

High School Students are invited to the home of Ruth and Andy Ayres one night a week (typically Wed or Thurs) for Dessert and Conversation.

Check Facebook or give Ruth your cell phone number if you want to know when these are.

and Dessert Club JV

Once a month on a Friday night, Junior High Students are invited to Bill and Carol Collett's for Dessert, Games, and Bonfire.

This month it will be on September 30 from 7:30-10:30pm.

New Series for Orange Parents

Parenting a New Generation

This DVD-based series by Chap Clark and our friends at Orange covers all the bases on parenting teenagers.

This 13-week class will be co-taught by Gary and Rosie Purdy and Pastor Tim, and starts Sunday, September 18.

If you haven't joined the class yet, now is a great time to start!

Finger Rocket Party – JH Kickoff

Wednesday, September 7

Finger Rocket Competitions and Games, Prizes, and Food!
Invite your friends... 6:15 to 7:45pm @ the Town Life Center.

Game Night – Ekklesia

If you're around town Labor Day Weekend, come to La Casa from 6 to 8pm on Sunday night. We'll be playing games, snacking, enjoying your long weekend, and playing more games.

Party @ Ayres' – Ekklesia

6 to 8pm, Sunday, September 11

Come ready to play some outdoor games and have fun.
And, yes, there will be food.

Bacon Party – Ekklesia

Sunday, September 18

Food, Fun, Games, Win-a-Bacon-T-shirt, and help us
consume 40 lbs. of BACON! 6 to 8pm @ La Casa.

Secret Service Night – Ekklesia

We can't tell you anything about this night, except that it's Sunday, September 25 from 6 to 8pm @ La Casa. Come and find out what this has to do with the Secret Service.

Looking Ahead:

Great Pumpkin Chase – Saturday, October 29 (HS only)

Turkey Bowl – Sunday, November 20

This is a flag-football tourney. We can have up to two teams, with 5 to 8 people per team. If interested, let Tim know.

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