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A PLACE TO BELIEVE
BELONG, AND BECOME

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Ten Years of Harvest Festivities

This October 31st marks the **tenth anniversary** of our community outreach event called *Harvest Festival*. While we had a few similar festivals prior to that time, ten years ago we moved the festival to the front parking lot of our church campus and invited our community to an evening of free, safe fun for children and their families. Since that time, the festival has grown every year. The 2010 Festival was the largest yet with hundreds of families coming to enjoy the game booths, bounce houses, food, and fellowship.

Some of the families that today call CCC their home church report that their first experience with us was on an October 31st evening at the festival. Our Harvest Festival not only has been a vehicle to bring families into the CCC fellowship, but has also created a bounty of goodwill with our neighborhood. We have the reputation of being a true "community church" which serves the community where our campus sits.

The Harvest Festival is not just an enjoyable Halloween alternative, but is, at a basic level, an illustration of the gospel of God in Jesus Christ. Just as the festival is free to all who attend – so God's offer of salvation is free. Just as the festival costs CCC money, effort, and time to put on – so the gospel tells us of God's immeasurable cost to reconcile us to Himself. And just as the festival invites any and all to attend but compels no one – so the gospel calls people to receive God's gift and give their life to Christ, yet no one is coerced into God's Kingdom.

This message of salvation is not just illustrated by our Harvest Festival, but it is also spelled out clearly. Each participant who comes receives with their candy bag a clear presentation of the gospel. Although it is impossible for us to know how God has used our festival to bring people into a relationship with Himself over the last decade, this we can be sure of: God's word is effective and powerful and some of the seeds sown will find "good soil" and grow.

So, this month as you begin to hear more and more about the Harvest Festival, I hope you will consider being a part of this wonderful event and outreach. Dozens of volunteers are needed to make the event happen. Purposeful planning, bags and bags of candy, and hundreds of dollars make it successful. As you have so faithfully done in years past, please continue to be generous with your time, your energy, and your money in support of our Tenth CCC Harvest Festival! Together we can bring Christ to our community.

Pastor Doug Scholten



As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:10-11



HIGH SCHOOL

Kevin Woolums

BIG Day of Serving -
When: Saturday, October 15
Time:
For: 6th - 12th grade.
Cost: \$40.00
Due: now! (to Kevin)

We'll be heading down to San Diego to serve with other youth groups from all over the area. Service jobs will include clean-up, landscaping, and trash & graffiti removal. Yet there will still be time for devotions and a Block Party at the end.

See Kevin to sign-up or if you have any questions.

Hey, invite your friends too!

Every Tuesday night!
Don't forget to come out on Tuesday nights for HM. Grow in you relationship with God and others. Great time!
6:00 pm Orange door

2nd and 4th Sundays!
"Connect"
And that's what we do. A small group experience just for high schoolers.
10:15 Meet in West Garden room in the Sanctuary. We'll head to the high school room after worship.

Kevin Woolums
High School Pastor
kevin@cccbp.org

Men's Ministry

"Stronger Together"

Community Men's Small Groups
Sunday 9:00 am, room A3,
Being God's Man... By Pursuing Friendships

New!
Thursday 7:00 pm, room A1, Being God's Man...By Understanding A woman's Heart.

Men's studies are open to every man over the age of 17. Each session is a different topic so you can jump in at any time.

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Women's Ministry



This month's study in the book of 1 Kings reminds us of how vast God's love is: merciful, loving, kind, faithful, true, long suffering, and many other attributes that reveal God's character. The closer we get to Him and better know His character and heart for us, the easier to trust and obey Him. The only way to do this is to take time to be in His presence.....Take Time To Be Holy! Regular circle meetings

start this month. If you are not in a circle and would like to participate in this year's study, "Walking Faithfully With God", you are always invited to attend the monthly leaders meeting in the home of Jackie Koob. This month's meeting is on Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00PM. The Women's Board is working on some great functions and service projects for this year.....so stay tuned!

Cindy Taunton

October Circle Meetings

Church Meetings (Room A-1)

Oct 6 - *Charity* 7:00 pm
Oct 18 - *New Life* 7:00 pm

Home Meetings

Oct 6 - *Faith* 10:00 am
Oct 6 - *Petra* 7:00 pm
Oct 6 - *Hope* 7:00 pm
Oct 10 - *Serenity* 7:00 pm
Oct 10 - *Light* 7:00 pm

Mommy & Me

Oct 10 @ 10:30am "B" Bldg.
Purple door

Leaders Meeting

October 4th & November 1st
7:00 pm @ Jackie Koob's home

Executive Board Meeting

Oct 27@ 7:30 pm

Club B.A.S.I.C. & A.L.I.E.N. Forces

WHAT'S UP:

Wide Awake Kick-off - Sunday, October 9, at 10:15 for all Junior Highers in The Barracks. We will begin in the Worship Center & will be dismissed after Praise Time and Kid's Talk. This new Sunday program called 'Wide Awake' is just for Junior Highers and will happen on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. Join us in The Barracks for some breakfast & small group discussion. CHECK IT OUT!!!!

Big Day of Serving - Saturday, October 15, for 6th through 12th grade. We will be heading down to San Diego for a Big Day of Serving and fellowship with other youth groups from all over the area. We will be doing clean-up, landscaping, and trash & graffiti removal - along with a time of devotions - and a Block Party at the end. The cost is \$40.00 and needs to be turned in ASAP. We will be driving down so if there are any adults who are interested in joining us, you are more than welcome. See Sue French to sign-up or if you have any questions. DON'T MISS THIS & INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!!!!



WHAT'S NEXT:

Soul'd Out Friday Night - Friday, November 4, from 5:30 - 9pm for 5th through 8th grade in The Barracks. "Thank God It's Friday"... we will start the evening with dinner in the Fellowship Center & then we will head out to The Barracks where we will play some fun games, do some outreach projects, have some snacks, and talk about what we are thankful for. MAKE SURE YOU INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!!!!

A.L.I.E.N. Forces & Club B.A.S.I.C. Laser Tag Night - Join us on Tuesday, November 22 at Laser Quest in Fullerton. Watch for more details coming soon!!!

Sue French

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Colossians 4:5-7

Children's Ministry

"All I Want for Christmas"

Program practice is on Wednesdays from 5:45 to 6:30 PM (before Kidz Klub) and on Sundays from 9 to 10 AM (before Sunday Worship) in the Navy Room. Kids (preschool and above) are all welcome! The Christmas Program is on Sunday, December 18 at 6 PM.

Attention all Parents!!!

October 7 was our first **Parents Night Out**. If you missed it, no worries. Parent's Night

Out is the 1st Friday of each month (same time as Soul'd Out). Drop your kids off in the Navy Room to enjoy games, crafts, and other fun activities while you enjoy a night out. The cost is only \$5 per kid (dinner included). **Please RSVP to Miss Cindy** (to ensure adequate teen help). Yes, staying home may be easier, but time away refreshes. Take advantage of this opportunity...you'll be happy for doing so.



Care Team Ministry

The Care Team meets on the first Tuesday evening of each month in Room A1 at 7 PM. If you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry, please contact Audrene Schmidt. If you have a heart for people, this is the ministry for you. We pray, visit, and contact by phone or cards those who are going through a hard time, illness, or hospitalization. Together, we are learning ways where we can be more caring towards those who need our love and our concern.

Also, remember that there are people on the Care Ministry Team who are available to provide you with a ride to a doctor's appointment, if needed. They are also willing to sit with you when you cannot be left alone for a short period of time. Call the church office if we can be of help to you or call CCC's Care Ministry Coordinator, Audrene Schmidt at 714-526-7505.

Afghan Ministry Group

This knitting and crochet group meets the second Saturday morning of the month at 10 AM in the Fellowship Center. If you enjoy this kind of crafting or have always wanted to learn to crochet or knit, but were afraid to learn or did not take the opportunity to learn, this is the group for you. There are women there who would be most willing to help you. Just bring your own crochet hook or knitting needles. The yarn is pro-



vided. You would be most welcome to join us over a cup of coffee and goodies as we enjoy fellowship together while we click away with our needles. A baby afghan crocheted by one of the women in this group was recently given to the family of Jason and Susie Medeiros and their little girl, Jasmine, in the birth of Luke, a new baby boy who they welcomed into their family in August.

Harvest Festival News

- Harvest is on Monday, October 31 from 5 to 8 PM.
- **Volunteer Sign-ups will be on Sunday, October 9 and 16.** This event takes many volunteers. There are 22 booths in the Game, Craft, and Preschool Zones. Plus, help is needed in food service, registration and other areas in our Support Zone. Consider adopting a booth with your family or friends.
- **Harvest Needs:** Candy (lots of it), bottled water, and door prizes (for all ages) are still needed. Door prizes can include toys or games for kids and gift cards or small items (\$5 or less) for adults.
- **Bakers:** We need cupcakes, sugar cookies, and rice crispy treats or brownies this year. Sign-up to bake on the 9th or 16th.
- **Set Up and Tear Down crew:** We will set up on Monday, Oct 31, at 3 PM and tear down at 8:30. Many hands make light work.

HOMEBOUND PERSON FOR OCTOBER:

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Socialable Seniors

This fellowship group will enjoy "A Little Bit of Italy" during the month of October. A short travelogue on the beautiful area of Tuscany will be shown. PLUS an Italian meal of Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Italian Bread is on the menu. Spumoni Ice Cream and Biscotti will be served as the desert. Coffee and Cappuccino will be provided. PLUS Italian trivia and games will be a part of our time together. If your last name begins with M - Z, please bring a tossed salad to share. **WHEN:** Thursday, October 19 **WHERE:** the Church Fellowship Center **TIME:** 12 noon (please note the time.) **Invite a friend. They are most welcome.**
Audrene Schmidt