

### It's October!

We have a lot of wonderful opportunities to be together this month. Here's what's coming up.

#### Prayer

All church fasting and prayer day is Wednesday, October 4. Also the Prayer Team invites you to join us Sunday, October 1, Sunday, October 15 and Sunday, October 29 from 9-9:45 am in the prayer room where we pray for any needs or special requests.

#### Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 7 at 7:30 am at the Golden Corral in Grand Chute. All men are welcome for this time of encouragement and fellowship.

#### Operation Christmas Child

This special chance to share with a child from the resources God has blessed us with begins this month. Details will be announced on Sunday, October 8 and boxes will be available at that time. If you have questions contact Nancy DeDecker at 920-428-2157.

### Ongoing Events

#### Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study Mondays at 6 pm and Tuesdays at 9 am. We are studying the Psalms. Join us!

Men's Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 6 am. There is coffee! All men are welcome.

#### Growth Groups

If you have not signed up yet for a group, it's not too late! Groups are just beginning to meet and would welcome you. Contact Tom Deason to find out where you can plug into one. His phone number is 920-257-6305.

#### AWANA

Wednesdays at 6-7:30. All children are welcome.

#### Youth Group

Join us every other Wednesday for fellowship, fun and growth in your faith.



**October 5 is bring your BIBLE to school day.**  
**Adults, why not bring your BIBLE to work.**

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### Save the Date

- Women's Make and Take- Saturday, November 11
- Thanksgiving Potluck- Sunday, November 19

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Missions and Outreach



Our Mission of the Month for October is Mothers & Unborn Baby Care. We are collecting diapers size 2-4 for this outreach. Please leave your donation in the box by the water fountain.

We are in the first stages of planning a trip to Texas. The dates will be February 24-March 4, 2018. An informational meeting will be held Sunday, October 15 right after church for those interested in going with us. If you want more information please contact Tim and Sue Diestler at 851-3104 or [diestlerts@aol.com](mailto:diestlerts@aol.com).

We meet the first Saturday of each month at the Grand Chute Golden Corral. The doors open at 7:30 and we are usually done by 9 am. The cost is \$8.49 plus tip. Hope to see you there soon! Please contact Marv Schauland for more information.



### Women's Bible Study

We are studying *30 Days In The Land of the Psalms* looking at selected psalms and the settings in which they were written. This study will stir your imagination and help you to experience your favorite psalms in a deeper, more powerful way.

We meet Mondays from 6-7 pm and Tuesdays from 9-10:00 am. Cost is \$15.00.

### Men's Bible Study

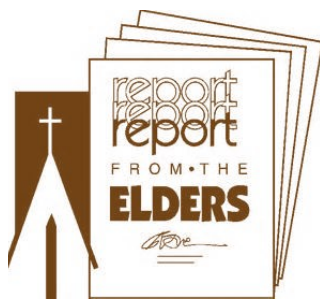
We meet every Wednesday morning at 6:00 am to study God's word and encourage one another.

Coffee and Donuts are provided!

### Sunday Morning Fellowship

Those of you who like to bake and are willing to share with the rest of us, are encouraged to sign up for one of the upcoming Sunday mornings. See the sign up sheet on the table near the doors. Thank you.

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1 Thessalonians 1:3*

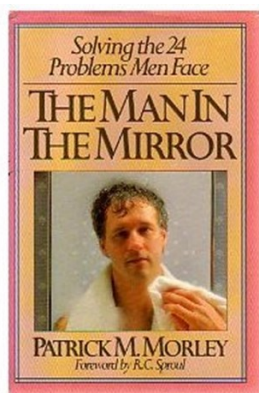
## Elder's Report

As Elders, we continue to read through Aubrey Malphurs "Leading Leaders" book to better prepare ourselves to serve Appleton Community. The theme of the book is "Empowering Church Boards For Ministry Excellence." Please be in prayer for us as we read, study, and put into practice what we are learning.

To provide focused time of prayer, listening, encouragement and visioning, the Elders will hold a retreat on October 6 and 7. Please be in prayer for us during this special time.

Are you in a small group? As Elders we desire everyone at Appleton Community to participate in a small group as we believe it is one of the best places for you to get connected to others in the church family. If you are not a member of a group, would you prayerful consider joining one? If you are interested in joining a group, please contact Tom Deason.

Jim Ziehr



## Men's Sunday School

Begins Sunday, October 8 at 9:00 am

We will meet in the room off the Fellowship Area.

All men are invited. Contact Marv Schauland for details. Signup is in the lobby.

# KICK OFF

Pre-season is over and the fall season of the small group ministries has begun. Last Sunday was our kickoff giving you a taste of what's on the roster. It includes one-on-one mentoring, discipleship groups, and growth groups (new name for small groups). If you are not already a part of any group, now is the time to get into the game. Please consider one or more from the roster and sign up. The ball is in your hands. For more info and to sign up please call the church office, 735-9971.

## A Word From Lisa

The K-5 Kids enjoyed their celebration for filling up the container. They filled up the container by bringing their Bible to class. They decorated book bags, to use on Sundays and/or Wednesdays, and ate A LOT of pancakes! We ended the morning talking about why they believe in Jesus. It was a GREAT morning! It's a privilege serving and getting to know your children. ☺



\*Lil' Sprouts, 6 weeks- 18 mo.: Each month the Lil' Sprouts will explore one of God's wonderful creations with hands on learning using the items in the Surprise Bag. October, God Made the Stars. Items in the bag will be star shaped toys, Bibles, and pictures of stars.

\*Toddler/Pre S room will continue with the Bible Basics. Teaching the children in two groups has been a very positive experience for the children and volunteers.

\*K-5 will continue in the New Testament using The Gospel Project. Don't forget to download The Gospel Project For Kids Family App or The Gospel Project Family App. Have your kiddos bring their Bibles!

\*\*Youth will continue to use The Gospel Project on Sundays, 9am.

**Youth Group will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 6:00-7:45.** They will start the evening with video and discussion using Alpha for Youth series. The evening will end with fun, games, and snacks! Youth are encouraged to invite their friends.

\*Mark your calendars, DISTRICTS FOR YOUTH the REAL JESUS Conference will be January 5-7! More information coming.

### Need ideas for Room Names...K-5 Room and Youth.

Our new Tag Line...

**READY** (clear your mind of destructions) Romans 12:2

**SET** (set your eyes on Him) Proverbs 4:25

**GROW** (grow in your relationship) Joshua 1:8 and 2 Peter 3:18

**IF WE DON'T TEACH OUR CHILDREN ABOUT TO FOLLOW CHRIST, THE WORLD WILL TEACH THEM NOT TO.**

### Sunday School

**Sunday School** for Toddler/Pre S and K-5 Kids starts October 1, 9 am. They will learn about the Fruit of the Spirit.

**PLEASE NOTE K-5 SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS WILL BE DISMISSED AT 9:45!**



### AWANA Schedule

Oct 4- Regular Club

Oct 11 -Sports Night-  
wear clothes /colors of  
your favorite team

Oct 18 -Regular Club &  
Operation Christmas  
Child

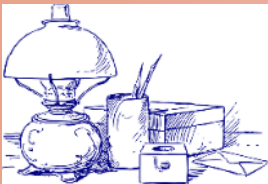
Oct 25- Regular Club

Our Awana club has officially kicked off! This year we welcome many new families and children to our program! The first nights are filled with lots of excitement for our leaders and our clubbers. We look forward to getting to know all of our clubbers this year. Please continue to pray for our Awana club and our leaders, that our leaders might be encouraged and rooted in the Word in order to disciple our children.

We could use your help! We are looking for some people to HoST a night of Awana. We reduced our club dues this year and to offset some of our costs, we are looking for families to provide snacks/treats (for 60 clubbers!). Our HoSTs also greet our families, serve snacks, clean up, and help where is needed. To sign-up, use the link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a45aba828a5ff2-host> OR contact Pam MacDonald at [appletonawana@gmail.com](mailto:appletonawana@gmail.com) or 920-460-9571 to get on the Awana calendar. This is a great opportunity to meet some of our Awana families! Please consider signing up for a week or two.

Want to know what we are doing each week at Awana? Check out the church website Awana page for more details and follow our Awana club on Facebook!





### Being Gospel—Centered Isn't An Alternative ... It's An Absolute!

Throughout every month, my mind is filled with various ideas that could amount to an article for our newsletter—but very few of them actually make it into “the next edition.” This month is no exception, but there is something that strikes me about the thoughts and circumstances that led to this one. So many different topics, truths, and themes enter my mind that I don’t usually remember exactly what I wrote last month. When I opened last month’s article from the computer files, I realized how closely connected this one is to what I previously wrote. (Some people might question whether I have a “one-track mind,” but I’d rather suggest that this emphasis is a staple for us to consistently consider. Let me begin with some brief illustrations ...

When I was in college (*a long time ago, when the world was still green*), for a time I attended a church where the Gospel message was always the center of attention—so much attention was given to it that it seemed as if every sermon would close with the same specific conclusion and every service would end with an altar call providing people the opportunity to come forward to receive Christ as Lord and Savior. After several months, I felt as if I knew the Gospel message both forwards and backwards, but it didn’t seem as if I was growing in a deeper relationship with the Lord.

Fast forward to our years in seminary—we first attended a church where there was a

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wonderful balance between Bible—teaching and emphasis on the Gospel. Then a few months later, a church that wasn’t as balanced (or as Bible—centered) offered me a role as an Associate Pastor. We jumped at the opportunity with the firm belief that God was opening a door for ministry for both Donna and me. But, God was opening more than a door—He was opening our eyes to needs that were beyond anything we had ever experienced. Most people in this congregation weren’t very well versed in the Bible and the Gospel message was rarely the center of attention. Both were needed in many ways!

Fast forward again to our culture today. Technology has changed life and more ways than we can list. Information comes at every one of us faster than ever and we often feel as if it’s like drinking a sip of water from a fire hose. Each day I receive messages from “church—related” ministries and what I am frequently disheartened and disappointed to read how so much of what is reported and requested revolves

around topics, themes, and troubling events that tend to distract us from our calling as faithful followers of Christ. They claim to “speak for Christ,” but in the way I understand Scripture, too often they are putting words in the Lord’s mouth that He never said. The agenda revolves around what’s politically correct and socially acceptable, but falls short of what biblically true and glorifying to God.

In drawing a conclusion to this, please allow me to use God’s Word and not my ideas to establish a foundation for how we respond to these distractions from our culture.

Psalm 25:1—5 (to go the extra mile, try reading the entire psalm!)

1 To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, in You I trust, Do not let me be ashamed; Do not let my enemies exult over me.

3 Indeed, none of those who wait for You will be ashamed;

Those who deal treacherously without cause will be ashamed.

4 Make me know Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths.

5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation;

For You I wait all the day.

Proverbs 3:5—12

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him. And He will make your paths straight.

## A Word From Pastor Greg-continued

Proverbs 3:5—12

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.  
6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.  
7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and turn away from evil.  
8 It will be healing to your body And refreshment to your bones.  
9 Honor the Lord from your wealth And from the first of all your produce;  
10 So your barns will be filled with plenty And your vats will overflow with new wine.  
11 My son, do not reject the discipline of the Lord Or loathe His reproof,  
12 For whom the Lord loves He reproves, Even as a father *corrects* the son in whom he delights.

Romans 8:28—39

28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. 29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? 33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; 34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 Just as it is written, "For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 12:1—2

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

With prayer for God's glory and praise for His grace,  
Pastor Greg

## Missionary of the Month-The Krause Family



The Krause family work with ReachGlobal in the Asia Division.  
From Andy Krause:

The past few months have been challenging with health issues for our entire family. Getting rid of the Lyme's infection, other secondary infections, and the toxins they have left in our bodies is proving to be difficult. The detoxification process was going way too fast for Barb, Leah and Joanna causing dehydration and extreme fatigue. My doctors have been concerned about elevated enzyme levels in my liver, which are usually caused by Lyme's disease, but have resulted in more tests. So needless to say, we are a feeling very stretched. We continue try to rest in God in this journey.

### Prayer Points

- God to heal us from the Lyme's and all secondary infections. Pray He will heal and protect our livers, and He will successfully enable our bodies to get rid of the toxins that have built up in our bodies at the right rate of speed.
- Our daughter Sarah and her fiancé Mike's wedding to be held on October 1. We are full of anticipation and thanksgiving for this special day that is soon upon us! Pray we all will be feeling strong enough to be at the wedding, and to enjoy this wonderful celebration! Pray that their marriage that will honor Christ!
- Wisdom and guidance as I and Carl, another ReachGlobal Asia leader, seek to walk alongside a number of our Indian ministry partners. We want to help them with more effective organizational structures and systems. We also want to help them move toward greater financial sustainability and effectiveness in multiplying transformational churches.
- The team I lead in East Asia. Pray for wisdom and insights for me on how to lead this team well. Ask God to protect us from Satan's attacks. Pray for our team as we partner with the national church in the areas of theological education, outreach, discipleship, and church planting. Ask God to raise up a short-term Apex team next summer. <https://www.apexmissions.org/opportunities/74>
- More sponsors to sponsor children in the Philippines. This is new GlobalFingerprints site is being facilitated by the Filipino partners and ReachGlobal team I work closely with. As you pray for this request, go to this link and learn how you could sponsor a child. [https://www.globalfingerprints.org/sponsorship/?utm\\_source=EFCA.org&utm\\_medium=important%20link&utm\\_campaign=sponsorship](https://www.globalfingerprints.org/sponsorship/?utm_source=EFCA.org&utm_medium=important%20link&utm_campaign=sponsorship)
- Important Asia Division Leadership Team and ReachGlobal Leadership team meetings I will be participating with October 19-27 in Minneapolis. Pray for God's Spirit to lead us.
- The family of one of our key partners in SE Asia, Raymond Koh, who was abducted on February 13. There has been no word of Raymond's whereabouts. Is he alive or dead? Pray for his safe return and for the family. I and other ReachGlobal leaders are doing what we can to walk with Raymond's wife, Susanna and their 3 adult children. Pray for wisdom for us as we seek to care for this dear family.

### Praise Points

Praise God for:

- Successful eye surgery for me!
- The valuable vision trip for Spring Lake Church leaders that I arranged to India and the Philippines.
- His presence with us as we go through these challenging health issues in our family.

Thanks!

**Andy Krause**



Our Mission here at Appleton Community EFC is to lead all people in a growing relationship with Christ.

Growing together in Christ we value:

#### Biblical Truth

We depend on the Bible as our source of authority in what we believe, what we teach, and how we live. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

#### Worship

We believe that we are created by God to worship Him. Therefore, we live in worshipful response to God's character and activity. (Psalm 86:11)

#### Prayer

We believe that daily prayer is essential in the life of a believer and as such we pray with expectancy knowing that God is actively involved in our world. (Colossians 4:2)

#### Evangelism

We believe in sharing the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ with honesty and humility. (Matthew 28:19-20)

#### Fellowship

We believe that accountability, caring and a sense of belonging are essential for each believer to grow in their relationship with Christ. (Philippians 2:1-4)

#### Encouragement

We believe we are responsible for caring for and encouraging one another. (1 Thessalonians 5:11)



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