

### 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 3. Also the Prayer Team invites you to join them Sunday, October 7, Sunday, and Sunday, October 21 from 9-9:45 am in the prayer room where they pray for our church needs.

#### Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 6 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 is an annual opportunity to provide children from around the world with a special Christmas time blessing. It begins this month and if you have any questions please 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 life of Jesus. 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.

#### The Nest

Join us on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. All women are invited to come for fellowship, encouragement and some crafting. The next Nest is October 9.

#### AWANA

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

#### Youth Group



**October 4 is bring your BIBLE to school day.**

**Adults, why not bring your BIBLE to work.**

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### Save the Date

- The Nest-Tuesday, October 9 at 7 pm.
- Bonfire & Sing-Friday, October 12 details soon
- Thanksgiving Potluck-Sunday, November 18.

## 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 meet the first Saturday of each month at the Grand Chute Golden Corral. The doors open at 7:30 am 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 With Jesus*. We meet Mondays from 6-7:00 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!



### The Nest

All women are invited to join us Tuesday October 9 at 7:00 pm for fellowship, inspiration and some crafting or just visiting. Whether your nest has eggs in it, little birds or is empty come join us for this special time.



Our September 23 Sunday Worship Service was devoted to our discipleship ministry here at ACEFC. You heard me speak of how discipleship is a part of all our caring for one another opportunities. An integral part of the ministry involves our Growth Groups. You also heard, last Sunday from two group members and two group leaders sharing their views on the value of being in a growth group. We believe being a member of a growth group leads to the maturity necessary to walk just as Christ walked.

If you are not a member of a current ACEFC Growth Group please prayerfully consider joining one of our groups. A complete listing will be in Sunday's bulletin. For more information on a specific group contact the group leader to answer any questions about the group. Now is a good time to join a group.

God bless-Tom Deason



Join us Friday,  
October 12 for an all  
church bonfire and  
sing. Details will be  
coming soon so mark  
your calendars.

## Opportunity & Thank You



November is Operation Christmas Child month but we have to get started packing our shoe boxes now!

OCC, as many of you know, is a ministry of Samaritans Purse. OCC has been collecting shoe boxes filled with gifts and distributing them to children in need around the world for 25 years. Each child receives a booklet about Jesus in their box and also has the opportunity to participate in a follow up discipleship program call "The Greatest Journey."

How to pack a shoe box:

1. Get a shoe box😊 You may use a standard size shoe box or there are new cardboard and plastic boxes available online. ([samaritianspurse.org/OCC](http://samaritianspurse.org/OCC))
2. Choose whether your box is for a boy or a girl and choose their age range.
3. Every box needs a WOW item; examples are a doll, stuffed animal or a soccer ball w/pump.
4. Add other gifts; toys, hygiene items, school supplies, etc.
5. Pray for the child you have chosen. Include a personal letter or a picture if you like.
6. Include a \$9.00 donation for shipping. If you make the donation online you may "Follow Your Box" and discover its destination.
7. Bring your box to church and place it under the OCC table in the foyer by November 11.
8. Please do not include: candy, toothpaste, gum, used items, war related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items, glass containers or aerosol cans.

Please have fun!!!

A BIG thank you to everyone who helped with the garage for our refugee friends. Please continue to pray for this family as a number of our congregation members continue to serve them and show the love of Christ.





## A Word From Lisa

Our Fall schedule is in full swing as Sunday School has started again. The Youth and AWANA are meeting Wednesday evenings.

Here's what's happening on Sundays:

\*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.

\*Sprouts will continue with the Bible Basics. This month we will focus on prayer.

\*Evergreens will continue 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!

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

Youth Group (YAMs) meets every Wednesday at 6:00 pm. They will start the evening with video and discussion using the Witness material from AWANA. The evening will end with fun, games, and snacks! Youth are encouraged to invite their friends.



Why is the infant room called Lil' Sprouts and NOT nursery? When I hear the word Nursery I think babysitting and we are doing so much more than babysitting in the Lil' Sprouts room. We are loving them, teaching them, and sharing God's creation with them. Children are never too young to learn.

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



### AWANA Schedule

Oct 3- Sports Night-  
wear clothes /colors of  
your favorite team &  
Operation Christmas  
Child Purple Tree

Oct 10-Regular Club

Oct 17-All God's  
Creatures Night-dress  
up as one of God's  
creations (no scary, evil  
or masks allowed)

Oct-24-Regular Club

Oct 31-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 have 78 clubbers. this year! We are looking for host families to provide snacks/treats for the clubbers. Our hosts also greet our families, serve the snacks, clean up, and help where is needed. This is a great opportunity to meet some of our Awana families! Please consider signing up for a week or two.

We can always use some extra hands in the classrooms too. If you would like to volunteer as a host family or to help in the classroom please contact Pam MacDonald at [appletonawana@gmail.com](mailto:appletonawana@gmail.com) or 920-460-9571

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!





### The Energizing Effect of Encouragement: It's Something We All Need to Receive ... & Give

If a survey could accurately identify the most significant needs that most everyone has, it shouldn't be a surprise to find that **encouragement** would be close to the top of the list. It's common for many of us to hear how “everyone can use a good dose of encouragement!” Pointing out a couple thoughts to help introduce the rest of this article: it would be nice if encouragement was contagious—that it would simply spread from one person to another, but that doesn't seem to be how it works. Sadly, it's usually discouragement that becomes contagious—it often spreads like wildfire! How can we change this trend?

Consider this relevant story provided in a newspaper column several years ago about a retired schoolteacher. One day she had her students take out two sheets of paper and list the names of the other students in the room. Then she told them to think of the nicest thing they could say about each of their classmates and write it down by their names. She took the papers home that weekend and compiled a list for each student of what the others had said about him or her. On Monday she gave each student his or her list. Before long, everyone was smiling. “Really?” one whispered. “I never knew that meant anything to anyone.” “I didn't know anyone liked me that much!”

Years later, the teacher went to the funeral of one of her former students, who had been killed in Vietnam. Many who had been in that class years before were there. After the service, the young man's parents approached the teacher and said, “We want to show you something. Mark was carrying this when he was killed.” The father pulled out of a wallet the list of all the good things Mark's classmates had said about him. “Thank you so much for doing that,” Mark's mother said. “As you can see, Mark treasured it.”

A group of Mark's classmates overheard the exchange. One smiled sheepishly and said, “I still have my list. It's in my top desk drawer at home.” Another said, “I have mine, too. It's in my diary.” “I put mine in our wedding album,” said a third. “I bet we all saved them,” said a fourth. “I carry mine with me at all times.” At that point, the teacher sat down and cried. And, she used that assignment in every class for the rest of her teaching career.

Isn't it amazing how much this story reveals the importance of encouragement? Initially, (like often happens) I began writing about something else in this article. However, as I prayerfully finished what I wrote first, even though it addressed something relevant and valuable, I wasn't “encouraged” by what it said. In my preparations to focus attention on our need for encouragement, I found several clever sayings that could be included. But, once again, there was something hollow and not quite right. I paused for a bit to pray and almost immediately I remembered reading the story above—it says so much because it provides a real life example of how expressing appreciation for others is uplifting and in some special way, is life—changing. Please notice what Romans 15:1—6 says about encouragement and hope.

What should we take from this? Very simply stated: **There is an energizing effect that can come from a simple word of appreciation! And it can become contagious when we recognize that **encouragement** is not merely something that from time—to—time we'd each like to receive. It's also something we should enjoy giving to others ... and then it just might become something that spreads.**

#### —from Romans 15:1—6

Now we who are strong have an obligation to help bear the weaknesses of those who are without strength, and not simply live to take care of ourselves. Let each of us please our neighbor for the sake of building him/her up. For even Christ didn't please Himself, but as it is written, “The insults of those who insult You have fallen on Me.” For whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that through endurance and also through encouragement from the Scriptures, we might find hope. Now may the God of endurance and encouragement give you harmony with one another from (being in) Christ Jesus so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As always, with praise for His grace and prayer for His glory, Pastor Greg

## Elder Report-How and When Should I Worship?

Jesus told the woman at the well that a time was coming when true worshippers would worship the Father in spirit and in truth. Genuine worship involves both fact and faith. That fact is there is one true God revealed in the Bible, through Jesus. It's more than just outward motions. It's an inner submission of yourself to God.

In Matthew, Jesus warned us about worshipping the Father in vain. Sometimes I let false gods get in the way of my true worship. Business, material things, the use of my time, my thoughts, my job, even my family and so many other things get in the way of my true worship. Sometimes I get caught up in human rules and rituals of worship that can also get in the way of true worship. During Sunday mornings I can find myself not fully praising the God of the universe because I may be preoccupied by worldly things.

What can I do to try and not fall into the traps that may cause my worship to be in vain?

One thing that I have been working on for years is to realize that everything I have is only because of God. My house, my cars, my job and all my stuff all belongs to Him. If something gets broken, lost, taken away or someone needs to use something it's all His. In the view of eternity none of that stuff matters. That helps me not idolize junk and be thankful to the One who makes everything possible.

Another thing is to try to be in constant communication with God. When I wake up I thank Him for hot running water, indoor plumbing, my old Chevy truck to get me to work. You get the idea, just think about all the ways you are blessed every day. If I can remember to do that as much as I can throughout the day it is much easier to stay in worship mode.

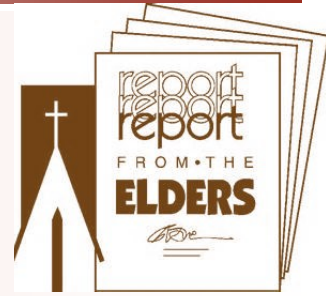
Sometimes I think of one of my favorite praise songs or hymns and think about the words. Sometimes the deep theological meaning of the lyrics are so good that I cannot help but praise the God I love.

Then, just serving where you feel lead can be a great way to worship the Father. When I am serving others I believe it honors God. There is no better way to show your love for Him than to share the gospel with someone. Tell them about what God did in sending His Son and what Jesus did for you and how it will change their life forever.

If you are looking for ways to worship in spirit and in truth try some of these. If you have ways you worship Him please let me know so we can all worship the Creator and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ better.

In Christ,

Tim



***As we pray to our  
God and Father  
about you, we  
think of your  
faithful work,  
your loving deeds,  
and the enduring  
hope you have  
because of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.  
1 Thessalonians  
1:3***



## Missionary of the Month-The Krause Family



The Krause family work with ReachGlobal in the Asia Division.

From Andy Krause:

We are seeking to glorify God by multiplying transformational churches number of places across Asia. Here are some praises and praises and points for each place and for our family.

### East Asia

- Praise God for the Pathway Bible Training and the Church Planting Forum that we hosted in East Asia last month. Both events went very well equipping leaders from multiple church networks. These leaders are eager to learn and apply what they have learned.

- Pray for effective ongoing follow-up by our team and local partners.
- Pray also for wisdom as we and our East Asian partners encounter government restrictions. Pray against a spirit of fear and that we would be wise in what we engage in.

### The Philippines

- Praise God for effective church planting going on in the central islands. We have been walking alongside these church planters since a typhoon went through 4-5 years ago. We have seen over 20 churches planted.
- Pray for more people to come to faith in Jesus and more churches to be planted.
- Pray for a Discovery Bible Study our Manila team is starting in our focus neighborhood. We are inviting key leaders of the Catholic Church, two evangelical churches and the local government to be a part of this “pilot” home Bible study to set up a simple model for introducing Jesus to people in the neighborhood.
- Pray for a local sponsorship effort we have going on in a slum area of Manila. Ask God to supply 60 more sponsors so we can reach 200 kids in the program.

### SE Asia & India

- Pray for the regional team that I help lead and coach that is focused on ministry among the M people of SE Asia.
- Pray for the many church planters that we are coming alongside.
- In October some from our team are hosting a retreat for church planters in SE Asia. Pray that God will use this retreat to bring rest and a renewed vision to church planters and their families.
- Ask God for guidance as we assist church planting efforts in India.
- Pray for wisdom and direction as I coach leaders on an Indian led church planting organization in the area of organizational leadership and financial sustainability.
- Each month I and a few other colleagues have been meeting with Indian leaders who were part of a Church Planting Catalyst training held in June. Through these coaching times we are seeking to help these leaders apply what they have learned and to grow in catalyzing church planting.

### Our Family

- Continue to pray regularly for our health...ask God to heal us! Barb, Leah and Joanna’s health continue to be very challenging and still not much progress from the effects of Lyme related infections and the toxin they have left in their bodies. My liver enzymes are still elevated. I am trying to schedule a liver biopsy to see if there is something else going on.
- Pray for perseverance and that our eyes would remain on Jesus.

Thanks for your prayers! Andy

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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