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September 2026 Newsletter

People Are Not Projects

September brings us back into rhythm.

School has started. Calendars are filling. Church ministries are beginning again. Rooms are being prepared, lessons are being planned, volunteers are stepping into place, and another season of ministry is in front of us. I am grateful for all of it.

But as we begin, I have been thinking about something I never want us to forget:

People are not projects. They are souls.

Ministry can become very organized. We create programs, prepare lessons, schedule meetings, and measure participation. Those things can help us serve people well, but none of them are the same thing as knowing someone.

Jesus did not merely gather crowds and deliver information. He sat at tables. He walked dusty roads. He asked questions. He noticed the person everyone else overlooked. He stayed with people long enough to hear what was underneath their words.

That kind of ministry is difficult to place on a calendar.

Sometimes discipleship happens during a Bible study. Sometimes it happens in a car ride after the Bible study. Sometimes it happens over coffee, beside a hospital bed, around a kitchen table, or in a conversation that begins with someone finally admitting, "I'm not doing very well."

It happens when we stop trying to fix someone long enough to hear them. It happens when a child asks a spiritual question at an inconvenient time and a parent decides that the dishes can wait.

It happens when someone fails and discovers that grace does not pretend the failure was harmless, but neither does it define them by their worst moment.

It happens when we sit with someone in the ashes without rushing to explain why the fire happened.

That is the kind of church I want us to be.

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A church where truth is spoken clearly, but never coldly. A church where wounded people are not treated like interruptions. A church where children are welcomed, families are strengthened, burdens are shared, and people who have stumbled are helped back to their feet.

A church where someone can be honest about grief, depression, addiction, doubt, family strain, or personal failure and discover that the response of God's people is not, "Clean yourself up and come back later."

The response is, "Let us walk with you toward Jesus."

That kind of ministry costs something. It requires time, patience, meals, phone calls, prayers, forgiveness, and sometimes tears. Relationships are rarely as tidy as programs. But the Gospel itself is deeply relational.

When Adam and Eve hid in shame, God came looking for them.

When the world was lost in sin, Jesus came to dwell among us.

When we could not make our way to Him, mercy moved toward us.

As we begin another season of ministry, may we remember that our goal is not simply to fill rooms or complete lessons. It is to love God and love the people He places in front of us.

So look around this month.

There may be someone near you who does not need to be managed, corrected, or impressed. They may simply need to be noticed. They may need someone willing to listen, pray, and stay.

Because people are not projects.

They are souls.

And every soul matters to Jesus.

Pastor Josh



Welcome Back Harvest Kids!

Sundays
Starting September 20th
4-6 p.m.



WE ARE EXCITED TO
WELCOME OUR HARVEST
CHURCH KIDS BACK FOR
WEEKLY FUN! ALL
PRE-K TO 5TH GRADE
KIDS ARE INVITED!

LIFE GROUPS

Our Life Group curriculum is from the "Secret Church" Bible study on Elijah by David Platt's ministry - Radical. This is a 5 week, guided video study and will last 1-2 hours. Books are provided!

STUDY GUIDE EXAMPLES

ELIJAH | SESSION 02

Hosea 6:3

³ Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;
his going out is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth."

1 Kings 18:45b-46

And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel. ⁴⁶ And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah, and he gathered up his garment and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

Takeaways

1. Prayer itself is _____, but people who truly commune with God are _____.

2. Religious activity devoid of personal _____ with the one true God is dangerous and deadly.

ELIJAH | SESSION 03

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

Matthew 6:9

Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

3. At every moment, realize that God involves you in his mission not because he needs you, but because he _____ you.

"Almighty God, just because he is almighty, needs no support. The picture of a nervous, ingratiating God fawning over men to win their favor is not a pleasant one; yet if we look at the popular conception of God that is precisely what we see. Twentieth-century Christianity has put God on charity. So lofty is our opinion of ourselves that we find it quite easy, not to say enjoyable, to believe that we are necessary to God. ... Probably the hardest thought of all for

SECRET CHURCH

SEE THE NEXT PAGE TO PICK A GROUP!

ELIJAH SECRET CHURCH

WOMEN'S LIFE GROUP

7:00 P.M.
@ THE HARVEST
YOUTH ROOM

TUESDAYS
SEPTEMBER 15
TO OCTOBER 13



SECRET CHURCH



ELIJAH

Life Group

Wednesdays
September 16th
to October 14th
6:00 p.m.
Koster Home



September Greeter Team

September 6th - Chuck & Jane

September 13th - Shirlee & Bonnie

September 20th - Dorothy & Ashely

September 27th - Dean & Judy

If you are unable to greet, please find someone else to
take your place, talk to Christine Knoll

Remember: if you're in Sunday School to leave
10 minutes early to be at the entry on time.

Happy Birthday!

Rod Reicks - September 1st

Gabriel Dunlap - September 4th

Tom Sauser - September 8th

Dale Tiemessen - September 8th

Emily Duckett - September 9th

Happy Anniversary!

Pastor Josh and Teresa - September 7th



KID'S MINISTRY

NURSERY

SEPTEMBER 6 - CHRISTINE

SEPTEMBER 13 - LEANNA

SEPTEMBER 20 - KAI DANCE

SEPTEMBER 27 - JENNIFER

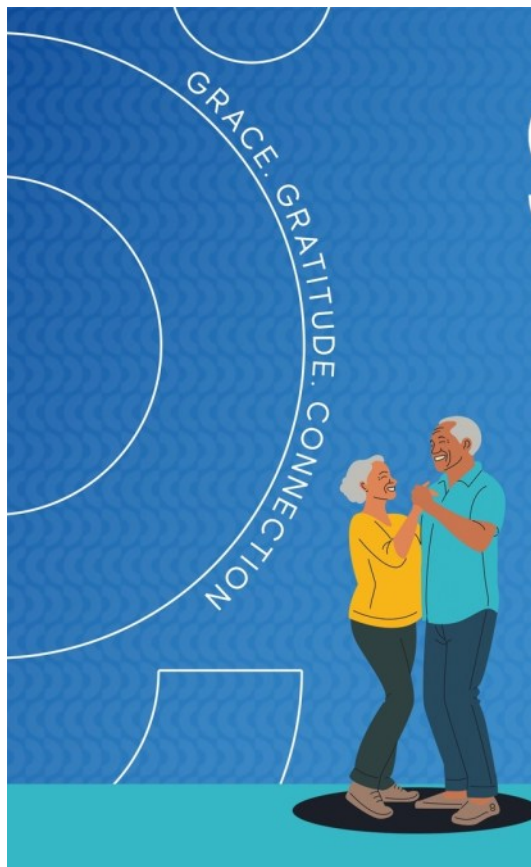
KID'S CHURCH

SEPT. 6TH - TERESA (LEADER), SHIRLEE (HELPER)

SEPT. 13TH - ASHELY (LEADER), BARB (HELPER)

SEPT. 20TH - RACHEL (LEADER), SCOTT (HELPER)

SEPT. 27TH - JUDY (LEADER), DEAN (HELPER)



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September 9th
6:00 p.m.



SEPTEMBER 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group (@ Harvest) 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Poor Richard's 5:30 p.m. C.E. Meeting	2	3	4	5 10:00 a.m. Harvest Cares Meeting
6 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	7	8 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group (@ Harvest) 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Poor Richard's	9 6:00 p.m. <i>grace</i> <i>marriage</i>	10 5:30 p.m. Coordinating Council Meeting	11	12
13 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	14	15 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group (@ Harvest) 7:00 p.m. Women's <i>Life Group</i> @ The Harvest Church Youth Room	16 6:00 p.m. <i>LIFE GROUP</i> @ The Koster's	17	18	19
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