

NCPC October 2025 Newsletter

October Events

Wednesday, October 1

6:00 pm, Deacons Meeting, Library

Saturday, October 4

Men's Outing to Salina—leave @ 10:30 am from NCPC

Sunday, October 5—World Communion Sunday

Food Bank Collection Sunday

11:45 am, Fellowship Potluck—"Around the World"

Tuesday, October 7

4:00 pm Worship Team Meeting, Library

Wednesday, October 8

6:00 pm, Missions Meeting, Library

Tuesday, October 14

1:30 pm, Lydia Circle, Library

Thursday, October 16

7:00 pm, Session Meeting, Library

Saturday, October 18

6:00 pm, Scripture Singles @ Beth Oliver's

Sunday, October 19

2:00 pm, NCPC On the Road, meet @ The Wesley

Tuesday, October 21

12:00 pm, Ladies Soup Luncheon, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 22

1:30 pm, Kneedles & Hooks, Promise Room

Tuesday, October 28

6:30 pm, Christian Movie Night, "The Forge"

Men's Outing Saturday, October 4 Leave @ 10:30 am

Men, we are headed for Salina, where we will have lunch at the Hickory Hut BBQ, then tour "The Garage," car museum. Museum cost is \$16/person.

We will meet at the church and leave at 10:30 am, and should be home by 5:00 pm.

Please take this opportunity to join us!





A Word from the Pastor

"The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church." (Quintus Septimius Tertullian)

As I write this, it is the day following the memorial service for Charlie Kirk, which took place this past Sunday in Phoenix Arizona. As I was watching the proceedings, I was reminded of a story that I had heard theologian R.C. Sproul share at various times. It was the story of two bishops from Oxford, England, Bishops Latimer and Ridley, who were burned at the stake in 1555, martyred for their Christian faith. And the story goes that as the fire raged around them, Bishop Latimer said to Bishop Ridley, "Play the man, Mr. Ridley, and by the grace of God, this flame will light a candle that will bring light to the whole of England that can never be extinguished." That phrase, "Play the man," was attributed to the early church father, Polycarp, as he was facing execution for his Christian faith by the emperor of Rome in 155 AD.

Why should these early Christian martyrs come to mind as I was watching this funeral service for Charlie Kirk? It was because, even though Charlie first became known for his involvement in politics, it was his Christian faith that was most important to him. And, he said that if he was to ever be remembered, it is also what he would want to be remembered for. As he shared once in an interview shortly before his assassination, Charlie said that what he would want to be remembered for was "the courage of his faith."

And that was what was most striking to me in watching this funeral. Attending his service and speaking about him from the podium were gathered the top of the top, the highest of the highest, of our political system. There speaking about Charlie Kirk was the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary of State, and other top members of the Cabinet. Gathered amongst the more than 100,000 people in attendance paying their respects were Senators and Representatives, the Speaker of the House and other political dignitaries. And the most amazing thing about all of this was that none of them were there to talk about Charlie and his politics.

Rather, every one of the speakers was talking about Charlie and his faith. Every one of these speakers during this over 5 hour service was talking about – Jesus Christ! What everyone listening to this service witnessed – whether there in the audience, or gathered in other stadiums around the globe broadcasting it, streaming it online (of which Charlie's organization Turning Point USA reported were over 100 million), or like myself, sitting in my own home watching on television was a continuous testimony to the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ and to the personal Christian convictions that Charlie Kirk held.

This is what Charlie talked about in his TPUSA events. As I shared with you a couple of weeks ago, right after his horrendous murder happened, he would talk about anything the audience wanted to talk about – politics, social issues, current events, international issues, gender issues. But with every response, Charlie would bring it back to the gospel, bring it back to Jesus Christ – to having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, to knowing your eternity is secure when you know Him as your Lord and Savior.

There were speeches on doctrine, on solid Reformed teaching, similar to what I share with you every week about the substitutionary atonement of Christ, the penal understanding of the cross, justice and mercy, and Christ's double imputation where Jesus takes on our sins and we take on His righteousness which makes our forgiveness possible. And speaking of forgiveness – something of which we are commanded to do – one of the most powerful moments was when Charlie's widow, Erika Kirk, shared the words of Jesus from the cross when our Savior spoke out, 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.' And she, then, proceeded to forgive the assassin.

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A Word from the Pastor, Continued

So many of the speakers went on to speak of the nature of Charlie's effort as being one marked by a form of spiritual warfare. Some were saying such things as, "Charlie knew that we're in a spiritual war for the heart, soul, and future of America, and he was ultimately killed because of it." And, that Charlie was. Charlie Kirk was killed for his words. Because, whether it was his political words or others words, his words always came back to Jesus Christ. And, ultimately, Charlie was killed because he was bold in declaring his faith in Christ Jesus.

As one speaker shared, "I see now clearly that Charlie was a prophet. He confronted evil and proclaimed the truth and called us to repent and be saved. Amen." Just like Bishop Latimer and Bishop Ridley. Just like Polycarp. When it's all said and done, Charlie Kirk "Played the man."

Erika Kirk shared about what had come in the aftermath of her husband's assassination. She said, "This past week, we saw people open a Bible for the first time in a decade. We saw people pray for the first time since they were children. We saw people go to a church service for the first time in their entire lives." As it is written in Genesis 50:20, when Joseph was reunited with his brothers who had committed so many wrongs against him, even to the point of wanting to kill him, he said, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good, to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."

And so it continues now with the legacy of Charlie Kirk. Which brings to mind the words of, yet, one more early father of the church, the theologian Tertullian, who said, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church." And now, praise God, because of Charlie Kirk may we see that seed continue to grow and grow into abundance.

As always, beloved, see you in church!

Pastor Craig

FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to...

Don & Nancy Webster, on the arrival of their first great-grandchild—a baby girl, born on September 7, 2025.

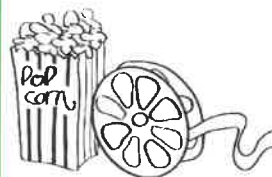
If you know of any information that should be included in the newsletter, please notify Julia in the church office.

Christian Movie Night

Tuesday, October 28 at 6:30 pm

Please join us as we watch "The Forge."

"After graduating from high school without any plans for the future, Isaiah receives a push to start making better life decisions."



We'll see you there!

Son-Rise Guys
Every Thursday morning
7:00-8:00 am
In the Church Library

"Son-Rise Guys" will be starting a new Bible Study during the month of October—please join us as we study the Word of God. We all start out simple, but mature to wisdom. A Band of Brothers studying God's Word together—it doesn't get much better than that!



Words of Worship

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:20, KJV

God is present even when we are few in number. Yet when we worship Him in a formal service, how many attend often affects how we share in essential tasks.

The Deacons have been greeters at the doors, and ushers have been offering receivers. I have proposed that we help the Deacons cover the responsibility of greeter by changing the role of usher to offering receiver ***and*** greeter. In this way, four people (two Deacons and two more) can continue to help while slightly adjusting their level of participation on Sunday morning.

This will mostly affect those who have done only one or the other in the past. I hope each of us sees this as an opportunity to expand our service to the Lord and to fellow believers gathered for worship, giving prayerful consideration to helping in this way when asked to do so. I am already so grateful for your patience, kindness, and willingness to serve.

Respectfully,

Cheryl Canfield, Worship Elder

Deacons Corner

Deacons—our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 1st, 2025, at 6:00 pm, in the Church Library.

Please take a moment to read Cheryl's article located above.

Greeters / Ushers for October

Annie Gajewski

Linda Gilliland

Two Additional Volunteers TBD

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

Psalms 100:2a



NEW COVENANT WOMEN'S NEWS

Lydia Circle

Tuesday, October 14

"The Stories of Women"

Lesson 2—Leah and Rachel

1:30 pm, @ Carol Stone's Home

Ladies, our study on "The Stories of Women," which takes a look at various women in Scripture, continues on Tuesday, October 14, at 1:30 pm. We will meet at Carol Stone's home, and Julie Waetke will be leading our study.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Ladies Soup Luncheon

Tuesday, October 21

12:00 noon

Ladies, it's time for our annual Soup Luncheon! We hope you will join us on Tuesday, October 21, at 12:00 noon, in the Fellowship Hall. We're looking forward to a time of good fellowship, and some tasty food too!

Kneedles & Hooks

Wednesday, October 22

At 1:30 pm

In the Promise Room



Do you like to knit or crochet? Well, we have LOTS of yarn to make warm scarves and hats for those in need. Please join us in making items to keep local schoolchildren warm.

Last year we were able to donate more than 120 hats and scarves. We're trying to surpass that number this year!

New Covenant On the Road

**Sunday, October 19, 2:00 pm
at The Wesley**

The Deacons will be going to The Wesley to visit with residents, sing, and provide snacks. Anyone who would like is welcome to join us. We will meet inside the main entrance (doors by the semi-circle) at 2:00 pm. If everyone attending could bring cookies to share, it would be much appreciated. See you there!

Open Door Health Services Fundraiser

**Fall Family Festival
Saturday, October 11
2:30—4:30 pm
315 W. 1st Ave**

*Fun for the entire family!
Games, Inflatables, Food, Drinks*

Scandinavian Almond Bars

~ from Jane Langvardt

Ingredients:

- 1 3/4 cup flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp almond extract
- Milk for brushing
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds

Icing:

- 1 cup confectioner's sugar
- 1/4 tsp almond extract
- 3-4 tsp milk

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 325 degrees
- Stir together flour, baking powder and salt - set aside
- In large bowl, beat butter until softened
- Add sugar and beat until fluffy
- Add egg and almond extract, and beat well
- Add flour mixture and beat until well mixed
- Divide dough into four parts, and form each section into a 12 inch roll
- Place 2 of the rolls 4-5" apart on an ungreased cookie sheet
- Flatten each roll until they are about 3 inches wide
- Repeat with the remaining rolls
- Brush each flattened roll with milk and sprinkle with about 2 Tbsp almonds
- Bake 12-14 minutes, or until lightly browned
- While still warm, cut bars crosswise on the diagonal into 1-inch strips
- Cool on wire rack
- Mix icing ingredients, and drizzle over cookies when they are completely cool





October 2025 Mission Prayer Notes



Murray & Kathy Trim— Japan—TEAM, (The Evangelical Alliance Mission). since 1988

Pray for wisdom and guidance for Murray and Kathy as they teach classes and spend time with people GOD brings into their lives - sharing the GOSPEL message with them and helping them to know JESUS better. **Pray for health, strength and safety** in their daily lives as they go about the work the LORD has called them to do. **Please continue to pray** for their elderly mothers, Murray's in Nebraska and Kathy's near us in Pretty Prairie, both are in their 90's. Please **PRAY** that we can get some more frequent updates from Murray and Kathy.

Shelly Zadina – Medical Ambassadors – Albania & the U.S.

Pray for Shelly as she has a busy work schedule for the month of October. September 24, she returned to Albania for the month of October for special activities. She plans to return to Kansas on October 19. During her time in Albania there are several special activities going on that she will be helping with – a Wholistic International Missions conference, which will have a big impact on the Balkans, Europe and beyond! **Pray for her parents** to do well while she is gone. Her dad (John) is still in a nursing home facility in Salina, continuing to recover from the stroke he had a couple of years ago, he is needing a NEW BATTERY for his wheel chair, it has to be ordered from Mexico and is on backorder. Shelly had hoped to get it before she left and get it installed. Her mom (Baubee) has her own physical needs and continual health concerns – she is having some flare-ups with her autoimmune problem and is struggling with severe fatigue. Her mom's brother-in-law lives next door to her mom and is a big help to them. **Pray for** the need for **more property** to become available for the mission work in Klose, Albania.

Fredy and Djana JAVIER – Modern Day Missions—Macedonia

Pray for the Javier's - We do not get updates on their work, but know they are working with a project they started there last year. **Business as Mission** is a plan that provides an opportunity of giving remote (call center) assistance to the freight sector (Like a Freight Broker Agent). They have a desire to share the Gospel message with those working with them, as they hire and give training to locals who are already very fluent in English and can do this job. Through this project they can provide jobs and have the opportunity to create a new work culture based on Biblical principles. **PRAY** for their children, **JAVI (Shavi) and SHARON**, for a good school year and the needs in **their lives**.

The New Jerusalem / Children of Hope—School in Haiti



I do not have current information, but presume the school year has started. **Pray for** the teachers and students - safety as they go back and forth to school each day and the ability to learn in spite of things going on around them. **Haiti** continues to be a VERY DANGEROUS place. **Pray for VOLVICK** (founder and principal of the school), as he continues to live and work in Port au Prince and maintain contact and guidance for both schools – elementary out in the country and secondary in Verrettes. Each school does have an onsite principal for the school. **Pray for VOLVICK'S** day to day safety in Port au Prince, everywhere there is **very dangerous**. Gangs are still very active and seem to be growing in size. **PRAY** for the safety of all of the people living in this country. I believe New Covenant is the only church helping to support the school, so **let's keep VOLVICK, the students and teachers in our prayers** during this very difficult and dangerous time.

LOCAL MINISTRIES

FOOD BANK – THANK YOU for your generous giving to the **FOOD BANK**. Your contributions continue to be substantial and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity as we use this opportunity to minister to those in need in our community. THANKS again to **Carl and Jean Sidebottom** and others for faithfully delivering items to the **FOOD BANK**.

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LOCAL MINISTRIES (continued)

SOUP KITCHEN & CIRCLES OF HOPE We are not been serving meals for these organizations, and it has been decided that it is more practical for New Covenant to continue to give financially to both organizations and NOT try to prepare and serve meals for them. We can continue to **pray** for those who work with these organizations and the work they do. (Many others in the community are helping with the preparation, serving and delivery of the meals.)

YOUNG LIFE – has activities and is involved with young people during the school year and has special activities for them in the summer. Last Summer there were 14 Jr High, 15 senior High and 9 adult leaders involved in the summer camping program. **PRAY** for more adults to be involved with the students and their activities. **PRAY** for **Grant Luttrell**, the local **YOUNG LIFE** leader and the **other adults** in the area who work with the young people, provide activities and build relationships and share the Gospel message with them. We look forward to having **GRANT** visit New Covenant in the near future and share more about the they are doing with young people in the areas.

STERLING COLLEGE – PRAISE GOD for the GOOD MISSION trips that are being planned for **STERLING COLLEGE** students in this school year. We look forward to hearing the plans for this year. We hope to have some reports from those going on Mission Trips last school year and last summer. We have heard from one lady as to how the trip changed her life for the better. As we were involved in an activity on **August 17** on the **campus at Sterling**, we had the privilege to visit with students and let them know about our church. We are a distance from Sterling, so let's **PRAY** and ask GOD to lead some of them, faculty and/or students to come and share in our ministry here. **PRAY** for the faculty, other staff and the students as they have begun a new school year. **PRAY** for **JOSE CARILLO**, he is the campus pastor for Sterling College, and is in charge of the mission teams and planning for them. He has a family here in Hutchinson and is also doing a pulpit supply on Sundays in Wichita.

THANK YOU EVERYONE who shares your **generous contributions** to all the organizations we help support. Let's continue to pray for those that we support financially. You can see all of these on the Mission Bulletin Board in the hallway going to the Fellowship Hall.

OTHER MISSION INTERESTS & CONCERNS

Zach and Ellie Robson – **PRAY** for Zach and Ellie as they go about the ministry where GOD has led them to work. **PRAY** for the contacts and relationships that GOD puts into their lives. **PRAY** that people will hear and respond to the message they are sharing. **PRAY** for their boys Roman, and River to be an asset to their parent's ministry, as they attract people, babies and young children have a way of doing that. **PRAY** for them to be healthy and grow strong, both physically and spiritually.

Family of Interest– Please continue to **PRAY** for their families who are still in their home country, as they are in **very dangerous** situations. **PRAISE GOD** for the little one who is growing and getting cuter each and every day, and is a healthy sweet baby. **PRAY** for the older child who has successfully started another school year. **PRAY** for strength, wisdom, PEACE OF MIND and GOD'S GUIDANCE and PROTECTION for this family. As we come to fall – we think of leaf raking, then comes Christmas and putting up decorations, then SNOW and scooping!! If you would like any help with these tasks, please contact Pastor Craig.

THANK YOU for all of your prayers for all of the missionaries we support.

UPCOMING DATES FOR FALL

Saturday, October 11, will be a special activity for the Open Door Health Crisis Center. They will be having a **FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL** from 2:30—4:30 pm, Fun and Food for the entire family! This will take the place of the fundraiser they have had in previous years—an auction and dinner.

October 16-18 – Sterling Homecoming – Special Note – Lesa Brown will be directing the Homecoming play this year – more information will be forthcoming.

November 9 – we will have a Missions Fair during the Sunday School hour. We hope to have representatives from many of the organizations that we support here with us that day.



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Fellowship Footnotes

October Potluck

Sunday, October 5, is World Communion Sunday, and the Morning Service and Bible Study will be followed by our International Potluck. Does it get any better than that? Choose a country from your heritage, or some place you've traveled, or even some place you'd like to travel. Or maybe there is an international food that interests you. Surprise us with your cultural delicacies! In the past, this has been a very eclectic combination of foods, creating interesting conversations. Please join us. We'd love to have you. Sunday, October 5, 11:45 am, in the Fellowship Hall.



Warm Up in November

Our November potluck theme will be
"Warm up with a Casserole."
Do you have a favorite that you'd like to
share with us? We're looking forward to
sampling some delicious dishes!

Finals Snacks in December

Believe it or not, HCC Finals Week will
be upon us before you know it!
More information on this fun outreach
will be available in November.