



Here we are again waking up to a new morning ready to embrace Gods promise of a new day only to hear the grave news of yet another senseless tragedy, this time in Las Vegas.

As I felt a lump in my throat, a knot in my stomach and tears in my eyes I reached for the remote to turn it off...enough is enough...I want it to all just go away. Then a sense of guilt seeps in and I think how can I go about my day while there is so much hurt, so much darkness, so much heartbreak. How can we help? How can there be healing? How can there be hope?

In times when there are so many questions and we are sometimes at a loss for words we must let love speak. We must let love speak through our actions. We must let love speak through our everyday encounters with both familiar faces and strangers, offering what we can so that people will know that goodness and hope are still exist. Our hands, hearts and voices can heal when they are lifted in prayer and move through acts of generous hospitality and service towards one another.

Throughout this month we have many opportunities to come together with our neighbors and our community through various events such as our rummage sale, work day at Anderson Elementary, Block Party and Trunk or Treat.

May these gatherings be a time where hope comes alive and people know and experience that love can heal.

Together we can make a difference.
Together we can make a better way.
Together we can let love speak loudly.

Forever in His Grip,
Pastor Amy

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 P S A L M 23 : 4



Come One, Come All
Let's Celebrate Fall!

Mark your calendars now for our Neighborhood Fall Festival and Block Party on October 21 from 3 -5 P.M. Plans are being made for this great family friendly event that include fun, food, fellowship and a spaghetti dinner. The spaghetti dinner is from 4-6 P.M., proceeds from the dinner will be used to support athletes at the National Special Olympics in Seattle. See Jan Hunt or Steve Walters for tickets to the dinner (\$5.00). To find out how you can help with the block party, please see Pastor Amy, Carissa Guinty or Sheryl Kaufman.



BLESSING BOXES

Being aware that we live in a very diverse neighborhood with families and people in all ages and stages of life, here is a list of suggestions for food items to place in our Blessing Box .. it's ok to be creative! If you like it as a snack or a meal, chances are that someone else will too! Also, please remember that at any time, items may be placed directly in the Blessing Box located on the south east corner of our church property. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Box Dinners/Kits (Mac & Cheese, Hamburger Helper, Pasta, etc)	
Canned meats (chicken, tuna, salmon, etc)	
Canned Soup	Cereal (Oatmeal, Small Boxes, etc)
Pancake Mixes	Juice/Drink Boxes
Pancake Syrup	Jelly/Jam
Mixes for Baked Goods	Peanut Butter
Canned Fruit	Granola Bars
Crackers	Bar of Soap
Tooth Brush & Tooth Paste	Single Rolls Toilet Paper

Love ONE Another



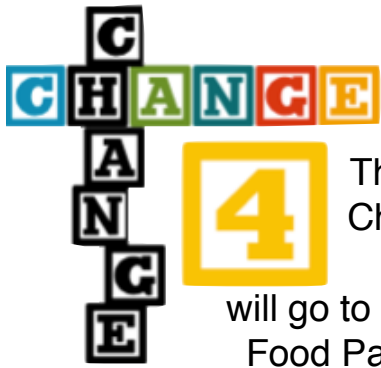
Tuesday Morning Bible Study
This group meets every Tuesday at 10 A.M. Everyone is welcome to join us Tuesday mornings.
Come study with us!

Volunteer Opportunity **Laundry4Learning**

Teachers around the country estimate that nearly one in five students struggle with access to clean clothes. This seemingly small barrier can leave a significant impact on a student's academic experience. It is also believed that these students are more likely to struggle with absenteeism, a critical issue impacting an estimated five to ten million students each year.

The Laundry4Learning program was established by the Mending Place, a local church in our neighborhood to assist the students and families at Anderson Elementary to help improve attendance rates through the simple act of laundry. We have been invited to share in this outreach ministry by volunteering as laundry assistants to wash, dry, fold or perhaps even mend clothing each Monday thru Thursday at Anderson Elementary. If you are interested in serving in this manner, please contact Pastor Amy.





There are many community, physical, social, emotional, and spiritual benefits in regards to actively participating in the "art of neighboring".

The staff of The Neighboring Movement by SoCe Life provide us with a great tip to encourage us as we move beyond the porch:

Read a book in your front yard. Or if you see a neighbor working on a project outside, go and visit with them and offer to help.

This "neighboring experiment" is adjustable for both introverts and extroverts.

For the introverts – read a book in your front yard. Allow yourself to be present to your neighbors by sitting on your front porch. Take in the beauty you see in your neighborhood. Give a smile, a wave, or even a good morning/evening to any neighbors passing by.

Remember – reading your book is simply the pretense that gives you the chance to neighbor. If your experiment goes well, you might not even make it through a chapter.

For the extroverts – go help a neighbor with a project. Drive or walk around your neighborhood and keep an eye out for a neighbor who might be working on a project. If you see someone, stop to visit and ask if they would like some help. Be prepared for them to say no, but don't let the fear of rejection stop you from asking.

To learn more about a life of neighboring and our community partner, SoCe Life, or to sign up for weekly tips go to <http://www.socelife.org/52-weeks-of-neighboring/>

Happy neighboring!



OCTOBER 5TH - 7TH

WE NEED HELP SETTING UP FOR THE SALE AND ALSO HELP THE DAYS OF THE SALE. WE WILL ALSO HAVE A BAKE SALE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SALE (CANDIES, COOKIES & QUICK BREADS SELL WELL). IF YOU CAN HELP OR BRING ITEMS FOR THE SALE/BAKE SALE, PLEASE CONTACT SHERYL KAUFMAN OR THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION. THE HOURS OF THE SALE WILL BE 8 - 5 ON THURSDAY & FRIDAY OCTOBER 5TH & 6TH AND 8 - 2 ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 7TH.

Growing Together – Day of Service

On Sunday, October 8, we will be taking it outside! It is going to be a great morning as we will worship through service. The morning will begin at 9:00am in Findley Hall with a light breakfast, followed by a short time of praise and worship. We will then depart from our church and travel over to Anderson Elementary School, 2945 S Victoria, to show God's love as we "dig in" and spruce up their courtyard area. A light lunch will also be provided. This is a church-wide, intergenerational day of service, no matter your age or abilities, there will be something for you to do, even if its providing prayer and encouragement from the sidelines.

Besides working outdoors, there will be inside jobs available in the church kitchen to assist with preparing lunch and clean-up. As we draw closer to the day of service, more specific information will be made available. Come and grow together with us!



Come join the adult Sunday School class as we begin a new study. We meet in the conference room at 9:30 AM every Sunday. We have very in-depth, relevant and lively discussions of the weekly lessons.

You are welcome to join us anytime, grab a cup of coffee or juice and a donut in Fellowship Hall and come study with us.

3D DINNERS AND DISCIPLESHP CLASSES

for persons of all ages will resume on Wednesday, September 7. Dinner will be served at 5:30 with intergenerational activities to follow.

The evenings activities will conclude at 7:00pm.

There are hints of fall in the air, with that comes the sure knowledge that charge conference is right around the corner. Which means that our thoughts should be turning to the life of our church. Perhaps how we as individuals can best serve to help Dawson be the church of life we are called to be. We each have gifts to share. Please give prayerful consideration to how God may be calling you to share your gifts. It takes all of us working together in one accord to really reflect the "life" of the church. Lets all shine the light of "Life".

Together in His service, Dulcie Guinty
Lay Leader - Nominations Committee



JOIN IN THE FUN AT DAWSON'S TRUNK OR TREAT

IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT ON OCTOBER 31ST 5:30 ~ 7:00 PM.

PUT ON YOUR FAVORITE COSTUME. DECORATE YOUR TRUNK. BRING SOME YUMMY CANDY OR OTHER TREATS TO HAND OUT TO THE KIDS THAT VISIT.

YOU CAN DONATE CANDY IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS
FUN EVENING IN THE COMMUNITY



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when i
am afraid,
i will trust
in you.

Psalm 56:3