

"Thank You" to Today's Helping Hands

OFFERING COLLECTORS	Volunteers Needed
HOSPITALITY SERVICE TEAM (HoST)	Dorothy H., Dana K., Brent P.
9:30 AM INFANT NURSERY	*Pam A., Yvonne S., Ele M.
9:30 AM TODDLER NURSERY	*Terri W., Vickie B.
11:00 AM INFANT NURSERY	*Ashley M., Britney P.
SECURITY	Joray D.
FOOD DISTRIBUTION	Wednesday, Oct. 7th @ 8 pm Volunteer Help from 7 - 9 pm

Next Week's Helping Hands: Oct. 11

OFFERING COLLECTORS	Volunteers Needed
HOSPITALITY SERVICE TEAM (HoST)	Steve L., Carl B., Kathy B.
9:30 AM INFANT NURSERY	*Vickie B., Char E., Emily T.
9:30 AM TODDLER NURSERY	*Tim B., Cyndi B.
11:00 AM INFANT NURSERY	*Laura P., Sarah L.
SECURITY	Jason J.
FOOD DISTRIBUTION	Help Saturday, Oct. 17th from 1 - 2 pm

We Celebrate With You This Week!

(If this information is incorrect or we've missed your special day, please call the church office at 763-544-1141 or email office@oakgrovechurch.org)



BIRTHDAYS

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| 4 Esther Amundson | 6 Abe Voyen |
| 4 Dorothy Anderson | 7 Dana Klohs |
| 4 Mickie Powell | 10 Kaylynn Koski |
| 5 Grant Litynski | 10 Jean Peterson |

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Michael & Ele Migneault
10 Dale & Marlys Bates

GLOBAL PARTNERS

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As mentioned in a recent update, part of our focus is reaching the unreached. Denise and I have just returned from 14 days in West Africa. The second half of the trip was heading up country with the Chinns, WorldVenture's Africa Directors and seeing first hand one of the unreached people groups we are strategizing to reach.

The trip north was a 7 hour, bouncing ride to where the Chinns had lived. The next day, we drove up into the mountains for about an hour over a very rough dirt road, breaking the rear bumper in the process. When we got to the end of the road, it was a 45 minute hike up a trail to a remote village where we met with the village elders and saw the situation. This group has their own secret religious practices. The picture below is us at a stopping point about half way to the village.



This particular people group numbered about 15,000 people in over 9+ villages. There is one small church among all of them. After returning from the mountain, the pastor of that church asked if I would preach the next day, Sunday, at

the church. So on Sunday, after another hour long bumping ride on a dirt road, we arrived at the church. After I preached (the pastor translated), there came a time for the offering, announcements, and recognizing visitors. This is where it became interesting.

There were two visitors, one of whom wanted to accept Christ. So, in front of the congregation, the pastor talked to her, prayed for her, and then she prayed to accept Christ. As soon as the "Amen" was said, we opened our eyes, and the congregation started to point to where we were all sitting on the platform at the front and they started to clear out. Just above us, coming out of the rafters, was a large white snake. We immediately left the platform and watched as the men of the church started throwing sticks and rocks at what (we learned later) was a very dangerous snake. Eventually the snake was hit, fell to the floor, and was killed. Was the timing coincidence? Maybe, but more likely, given the spiritual nature of that area, I would say not.

Such is the nature of the work to reach the unreached. We continue to travel and so appreciate your support and prayers for us. Denise and I will be traveling again this month. Keep praying!

Marty & Denise Shaw [WorldVenture]

YOUTH GROUP [THE UNDERGROUND]

EXPERIENCING GOD—TODAY, from 6:30 - 8:00pm. Jr High meets at the Klohs Home (if you need a ride, meet at church: 6pm, returning: 8:30pm). Sr High meets @ OGC. Workbooks needed!

MEA WEEKEND PARENT PARTY—Saturday, Oct. 17th, 5 - 9pm.

EXPERIENCING GOD—Sunday, Oct. 18th, from 6:30-8:00pm at the Sheppards Home. Workbooks needed!

WE'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW . . .

4TH QUARTER SMALL GROUPS & ABFs— The 4th Quarter has started! Make sure to check out which small group and ABF you want to be a part of. Our 4th Quarter groups will run from October 1st, though December 31st.

BABY DEDICATIONS— Today, Sunday, October 4th, the following will be dedicating their children to the Lord: Jeremy & Heidi Sheppard will be dedicating their daughter, **Anneka Lochelle Sheppard [Sept. 15th, 2015]**, to the Lord. Michael & Ele Migneault will be dedicating their daughter, **Evangeline Joy Migneault [Sept. 28th, 2015]**, to the Lord.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES— For Grades 3, 4, & 5:

- 1] **Thursday, Oct. 15th**, bring a servant's heart to cook & serve food for TreeHouse Ministries, St. Louis Park. We will be meeting at the Church.
- 2] **Saturday, Oct. 24th**, we are going to MN Harvest Orchard & Worlds Largest Candy Store, in Jordan MN. Bring \$5 [covers admission, hay ride, apple sling shot, & apple cider] plus extra money for the candy store! Meet at OGC. Contact Kevin & Lois Sheppard with questions.

CHURCH BUDGET MEETING— 11:00am, Sunday, November 22nd The Elders desire to inform you that, as a Body, we will have a Budget Meeting starting immediately at the conclusion of our morning worship service.

ABF LEADERS— Sunday, November 22nd There will be no ABFs. We want everyone who can, to attend the Church Budget Meeting directly after the morning service that day. Thank you.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD— Starts Today! Awana kids will be packing boxes on Wednesday, Nov. 11th [check the bulletin board for items we need donated!]. You can also pack a box on your own. ***All boxes need to be here by Sunday, Nov. 8th!**



EXPERIENCE [WEDNESDAY NIGHTS]

EXPERIENCE DINNER FUND— Those who come at 5:30 pm on Wednesday evenings will enjoy professionally catered meals served by Oak Grove Church members. Free-will offerings will not cover the cost of this ministry. Your generous support is needed to help us raise \$15,000 to cover the cost of these dinners for one year. At what level can you support Experience Dinners? Sponsor \$500; Season Pass \$150; Family Meals for a Month \$60; Single Meals for a Month \$20. Thank you for your generosity!

COMMUNITY MEAL— 5:30 - 6:15pm Fuel for yourself and your family before the evening begins.

AWANA— 6:30 - 8:00pm Wednesdays @ Oak Grove Church. Fun filled and engaging! Kids grades Pre K-5 learn about respect, wisdom, and grace.

LIFE GROUPS— 6:30 - 8:00pm Topic based studies designed to teach and equip you for living a more satisfying life through Christ and community. The groups available are: Authentic Manhood [for men]; Stitched Together in Love [for women]; Family Life [for parents]; and Financial Peace.

CHILDCARE— 6:30 - 8:00pm Available for children ages 3 and under.

COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION— 8:00pm This Wednesday, October 7th, in the Church Foyer. Volunteer help needed from 7 - 9pm. Questions? Contact Vic or Dorothy Harvath

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIPS [SECOND HOUR] 11AM - NOON

YOUTH— *"Reckless Abandon"* by JD Greer, the Underground, Led by Grant & Jill Willet

COLLEGE & CAREER— *"Real People"* by Les & Leslie Parrot, Room 101, Led by Shelly Kregness

FOUNDATIONS— *Biblical Ethics: Christ & Culture*, Room 102, Led by Ron Powell

PATHFINDERS— *God's Decree: What was God thinking?* Room 104, Led by Brad Little

CROSSROADS— *Hiding from Love*, Room 105, Led by Todd Johnson

CLASSICS— *OGC: ACTing Up!* Room 103, Led by John Allen

SUNDAY SCHOOL [FOR CHILDREN]

BEGINNER'S CHURCH— During Worship
Ages 4-5 Room L12

TODDLERS— During Worship
Ages 2-3 Room L10



KIDS' CROSS TRAINING— 10:45am (on the lower level)
Ages 2-3 Room L15 Barb Little

Ages 4-5 Room L12 Jennifer Bennett

Grades 1-2 Room L19 Terri Woelfle

Grades 3-5 Room L18 Kevin Sheppard

*NURSERY IS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 2 IN ROOM 106. A HoST can help you find the room.

[WEEKLY] SMALL GROUPS

12 Step Christianity—Sundays, 7:45 - 8:45 am, Einstein Bagels in Golden Valley, led by Don Weld [OPEN] for Men

Experiencing God—Every other Sunday, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, OGC & Other Locations, led by Grant Willett [OPEN] for the Youth

The Upper Class: Seniors Bible Study—Tuesdays, 10:30 am, OGC Room 104, led by Marty Gorse [OPEN] for Classics

"The Inheritance" by Beth Moore—Tuesdays, 1:30 - 3:15 pm, OGC Room 104, led by Dorothy Harvath [OPEN] for Women

"Multiply" by Francis Chan—Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, The McGuire Home, led by Josh & Ashley McGuire [OPEN] for all

RET: Core Disciple-Making Training—Thursdays 7:00 am, OGC Conference room, led by Pastor Brad Little [FULL] for Men

1 Corinthians: Christ Followers & The Church—Fridays, 6:00 am, Einstein Bagels in Golden Valley, led by John Anderson [OPEN] for Men

Exploring Missional Community—Every other Friday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, The Littles' Home, led by Brad & Barb Little [OPEN]