

**October**  
Oct 22 All Church Fellowship & BBQ Contest

**CHURCH FELLOWSHIP & BBQ CONTEST**  
Don’t forget about the All-Church Fellowship & BBQ Con-  
test tonight at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. We need compet-  
itors! It’s still not to late to sign up to compete! Please see Wes!

**SECRET SISTERS**  
Ladies, don’t forget to give your paper to Jill or Jami today!  
If anyone didn't get a paper to fill out or have questions, please see  
Jill DeJarnett or Jami Dodds.

**BLESSING BOX MINISTRY**  
Thank you for your continued support of the Blessing Box!  
This project has become quite an outreach in our community. The pan-  
try items are often taken within minutes of the box being filled, and we  
have neighbors who have been joining in our efforts and filling the box  
for others. We praise God that these “neighbors in need” are turning to  
the church for help in their hard times. We ask God to continue to sus-  
tain our program as we seek to honor Him and bless others!  
As we move into the fall season, we are eager to add canned  
goods into our donation rotation. Donation boxes are located in the  
west hallway and foyer for your convenience. You may also donate  
money and we will be glad to shop for you! See Kendall or Jennifer  
with questions.

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE**  
**October**  
Oct 22—Audra Hudspeth                      Oct 29—**Need Volunteer!**  
**November**  
Nov 05—Starla Turner                      Nov 12—Linda Wartick  
Nov 19—Audra Hudspeth                      Nov 26—**Need Volunteer!**

**CHILDREN’S CORNER**  
Our Theme for Children’s & Teens Bible Classes is “The  
Arrest of Jesus.” Here is a peek at this month’s lessons, the Big Pic-  
ture Question and the Bible verse to practice.  
October 22—Jesus Was Arrested (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22)  
October 29—(BIG TRUTH SESSION) Jesus Is Our Perfect Priest  
(Hebrews 7)  
Big Picture Question:  
Q: How is Jesus the perfect Priest?  
A: Jesus was the perfect sacrifice for sin, and He speaks to God  
the Father for us today.  
This Month’s Bible Verse:  
“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our  
weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as  
we are—yet he did not sin.) Hebrews 4:15 NIV

**FROM THE PREACHERS DESK**  
Created for Fellowship  
  
Years ago, I used to meet a group of guys at six every Saturday  
morning to play golf. I didn’t have any children in those days. I can  
barely remember life before children...  
  
Anyway, there was one guy that played in our group that was a far  
worse golfer than anyone else. Nobody cared, except him.  
  
As we played, he would grow more and more frustrated, not so  
much by his lack of ability, but because he felt somehow like he was  
a hindrance to the rest of us.  
  
Try as we might, we could not convince him that we didn’t care  
about his golf game. We repeatedly told him that we just wanted  
him to be out there with us because when he wasn’t fretting over the  
game, he was true joy to be around.  
  
Eventually, he stopped playing and robbed us of what we wanted  
most: fellowship.  
  
This isn’t a unique story. I’ve heard many variations of it over the  
years. Just replace golf with another activity of some kind and you  
have a very common story.  
  
It’s just a variation of the sad story of pride. It’s the sinful attitude  
that creeps in and creates self-pity within a person’s heart and mind.  
  
How can I identify and avoid this way of thinking? It’s easy to see  
if you know what to look for. Here’s the circumstances:  
  

1) An opportunity is presented

2) You reject the opportunity

  
It’s easy enough to identify the circumstances, but most important is  
the WHY behind the rejection. Here is the heart of the matter. If  
you find yourself saying, I can’t do that because:  
  

I’m too old / I’m too young

I’m not good at that / not experienced

I don’t know enough

I’d just be in the way

Other people are better than me at that

I might embarrass myself

  
At the core of these excuses lies the sin of pride. Someone might  

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**FAMILY NEWS**  
**Pat Brundage**—she is under the weather and would enjoy cards of  
encouragement. Her address is 1372 W. 20th Ave. N., Argonia, KS  
67004  
  
**Prayer List:** Rita Carroll, Marvin Kline, Bob & Beth Brownlee,  
Richard Wartick, Eliza Conwell, Darlene Larson, Brian May, Larry  
Helton, Pat Brundage, Julie DeSoignie, Kylie Lock

**CARD OF THANKS**  
To our Church Family, thank you so much for the prayers,  
visits, and food. We were blessed by your expression of love dur-  
ing this difficult time. The family of Helen Norris

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
Congratulations to Parker & Americus Dodds on the birth  
of their little girl, Novalee Marie Dodds. Novalee was born Octo-  
ber 18. She weighed 7 pounds and was 20 inches long. Proud  
grandparents are Kevin & Jami Dodds. Proud great-grandparents  
are Jill DeJarnett and Jim & Loretta DeJarnett.

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say, those could be legitimate excuses. I would argue, not for a fol-  
lower of Jesus they’re not. Ephesians 2:10 states that we are,  
  
*...created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared be-  
forehand so that we would walk in them.*  
  
The scripture leaves no room for excuse making on our part. And  
to the ones thinking they have nothing to offer, they forget the thing  
that I have found most people value above all else: fellowship.  
  
What does it take to contribute fellowship? The only requirement is  
showing up! And this is also commanded. 1 Thessalonians 5:11  
says,  
  
*...encourage one another and build up one another, just as you  
also are doing.*  
  
You can’t encourage or build people up when you are not present.  
  
It’s true, your days of doing the heavy lifting may be over, but after  
the heavy lifting days comes the even greater responsibility of cre-  
ating disciples.  
  
Be encouraged church and understand that we are better together!  
We have been created for community. We are the body of Christ.  
  
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*Every Sunday during the sermon we offer Children's Church to boys and girls ages 3 years through 2nd grade. They will meet in the study for stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.*