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## S.E.R.V.E.

This past summer, as we focused our Sunday morning studies on spreading the gospel, the idea of a S.E.R.V.E. group came to mind.

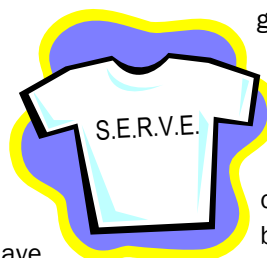
Standing for Savoring Every Rightful Volunteer Experience, the group has been organized by Benjamin Oard. The idea was to form a team of willing individuals of all ages from Crestview who would, on occasion, be willing to give of some time to help serve in our community. Approximately 20 individuals have joined the team and are ready and willing as needs arise.

Benjamin has been seeking

opportunities for members of the team to be of service in any way that we can.

"It's not about saying who we are and where we come from," Benjamin said. "It's about getting out into our community, building relationships and, in turn, a door might open and an opportunity to share the gospel may arise."

So far members of the team have done some landscaping "clean-up" for the Reno County Museum and have



finished some "fix-it projects" for the Open Door Pregnancy Care Center. At the end of this month our volunteers will be assisting with the Reno County Museum's Annual Auction, serving breakfast and other duties at the 5K Trail and Treat Run in Carey Park as well as assisting with set-up for a health assessment at Inman Elementary School.

If you have any ideas of good ways our group can serve our community or want to be added to the list of volunteers please don't hesitate to contact Benjamin Oard at board@ncra.coop.

## International Student Dinner Oct. 18

The Missions Committee has planned a potluck dinner at Crestview on Sunday, October 18 at 6 PM for International Students that are currently studying at Hutchinson Community College.

The idea, which came to life in a Women's Ministry meeting, is just one of many ways

we can reach out to our community, build relationships and spread the gospel.

HCC currently has 19 international students studying on its campus. Please plan to attend and welcome them to Crestview.

The Missions Committee

asks that you bring a main dish and a side or dessert. In addition, please label what your dish is and the main ingredients so the students have a better idea of what exactly it is they are eating!



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## Seasons Of Change



Pastor Phil Auxier

**“All over the world  
this gospel is  
bearing fruit and  
growing, just as it  
has been doing  
among you since  
the day you heard  
it and understood  
God’s grace in all  
its truth”**

**Colossians 1:6**



I was thinking this month about the changing seasons. We’ve had unseasonably gorgeous weather this past month. The fall was, well, fall. It was pleasant. In Ecclesiastes 3, the writer tells us that there is a time for everything under heaven. Seasons are part of what God has put into place. One of my favorite blogs, *Miscellanies*, is written by Tony Reinke. On September 29, 2009, he wrote something that related to what I was thinking for this article. He said: “As the air transitions from heavy and humid summer air to the dry and cold air of winter, I am reminded of God’s faithfulness. Seasonal change should remind us of our heavenly Father. The seasonal shifts point us to the steady hand of God.

“In Genesis, after the catastrophic flood destroyed the world, God made a covenant promise to Noah promising him never again to destroy the earth with a flood. Moreover, God chose to display his covenant faithfulness (in part) through the repetition of sea-

sonal change. God promised Noah: ‘While the earth remains, seed-time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease’ (Gen 8:22). This promise of seasonal transition was—for agrarian ears—good news! The changing seasons would make possible an annual harvest.

“So there are many reasons why I love the changing seasons and why I love experiencing the cool air of October. But one reason why I love to experience the change in seasons is this—it reminds us that seasonal shifts occur by the steady faithfulness of our covenant-keeping God. His goodness and generosity is as tangible as cool air of fall and the coming harvest.” (<http://spurgeon.wordpress.com/2009/09/29/update-6/> accessed 2:25PM on 9/29/09)

What is exciting to think about is where God may have us as a corporate body. Seasons change. We have faced seasons of various kinds. We have faced lean years. We have known what it is to be a blessed people. Regardless of where we currently are,

though, we are to look to God. Our church’s purpose statement is intentionally chosen because no matter what season we are in, God should be our aim and pursuit.

This time of year is exciting as we are pondering the 2010 Budget, making plans for ministries in the upcoming year, thinking through where God is taking us and has taken us over the past few days. God has allowed us to have seasonal shifts under His faithful hand in our lives. He has done all this in our lives, not so that we can never move or progress in godliness, but so that the Gospel would be bearing fruit and growing (Colossians 1:6) in us. We must be a changing people, consistently conforming ourselves more and more to Jesus Christ, to be a people that glorify and enjoy Him, forever. May God continue the good work that He’s begun.

For His Glory and Renown,

# Bookstore Review

If you haven't had time to look through the Crestview Bookstore, we hope you'll visit soon! Here is an overview of one of the many titles that are available.

**Feminine Appeal** by Carolyn Mahaney (\$10)

Carolyn brings women face to face with God's intended design for them from Titus 2 in this helpful book for women of all ages. In the coming days, our women's ministry will be starting a woman to woman mentoring ministry and this book is based on the text from

which this model of going about ministry is taken from. It would be well worth your time to work through if you haven't.

It is written by Carolyn Mahaney, who is the wife of C.J., a pastor in the Washington, D.C. area. They have 3 married daughters and a son. Carolyn also blogs at [www.girltalkhome.com](http://www.girltalkhome.com).

If you'd like to make a purchase, you'll find an envelope in the front cover of each book



with the price. Simply place cash or a check made out to Crestview in the envelope and place in the collection box in the Bookstore.

**"This book is about the transforming effect of the gospel—because that is what Titus 2 is all about."**

**(Carolyn Mahaney on p.28)**

## Membership

Welcome to Crestview's newest members, Cameron and Elizabeth Wood. The Wood's have two children, Andie, 2, and Mason, 4 months. If you're interested in becoming a member of the church contact Pastor Phil.

# Notes of Gratitude

Dear Crestview Family,

We can't begin to thank you for all you have done for us over the past few weeks of Mason's life. The meals have been so wonderful and very much appreciated as well as all the prayers and visits! We feel so at home at Crestview, everyone pulled us in and treated us as family from the beginning. We are truly blessed by you all.

Thank you,  
Cameron,  
Elizabeth  
Andie and  
Mason Wood



Dear Crestview Family,

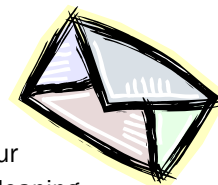
We are so blessed by all of you! Words can't express our gratitude for the love, prayers, and support you gave our family during and after Natalie's arrival. We thank you for the abundance of food, diapers, and words of encouragement. We LOVE our church family!

Benjamin, Jandee, Gracie & Natalie Oard

Dear Crestview,

We were once again overwhelmed by the hearts of your young people and leaders. They are the picture of

"cheerful givers"! Several staff commented that they wish that every adult were so professional, willing, and hard-working as your youth. They are examples of Christ's love. We are so happy with our shelter! The painting, cleaning and power-washing gave us a much-needed boost. The moving was also a great help because we really don't have anyone capable of doing that. Lastly, thank you for showing love to our clients through the picnic. We are so blessed by your continued partnership.



Many thanks, Heather Ariyeh & Project Safe Staff

# October/November 2009

## Birthdays

### October

- 16 Gracie Oard
- 17 Phil Auxier
- 17 Courtney Gaeddert
- 18 JoEtta Ediger
- 18 Joyce Jackson
- 29 Mike Sullivan
- 31 Joann May

### November

- 4 Art Sundquist
- 9 Chuck Warren
- 11 Abigail Jackson
- 12 Emma Delaney
- 23 Carol Neufeld
- 27 Hannah Jackson
- 30 Bob Guthrie
- 30 Erin Newberry

#### SUNDAY SERVICES

- Sunday School—  
9 AM
- Worship Service—  
10:15 AM.
- Evening Worship  
Service—6 PM  
(First, Third & Fifth  
Weeks)
- Small Groups—6 PM  
(Second & Fourth  
Weeks)

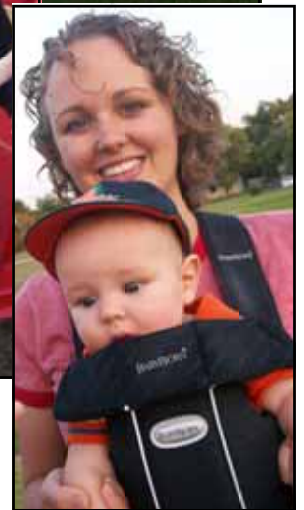
#### WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

- AWANA — 7 PM  
(Ages 3-High School)
- Adult Prayer Time  
(with Pastor Phil) —  
7 PM

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
18 Intern'tl Student Dinner 6 PM 	19	20	21 Attendance Awards 	22	23	24
25	26	27 F.A.T. 6:30 PM	28 Soup-er Night	29	30 	31 Ladies Prayer Retreat 10AM-2PM
1	2	3	4 Double Share Night 	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Balloon Pop 	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Sports Night 	19	20	21
22 Thanks- giving Dinner 6 PM	23 	24 	25 NO AWANA'S	26 Happy Thanks- giving!	27	28
29 Hanging of the Greens 6 PM						



2009  
Church Picnic  
at Rice Park



## I Am Thankful For...

**"From them will come songs of thanksgiving and the sound of rejoicing."**

**Jeremiah 30:19**

As we prepare for the Thanksgiving season we asked some of our youth and children what they were thankful for. Let us all remember that hearts full of gratitude are part of what it means to live as humble people before the Lord.

"...our church and the chance to get to know people every week."

—Caleb

"...my bedroom."

—Gracie

"...Jesus."

—Anduin

"...parents who are willing to help me with any questions I have about the Gospel."

—Chandler

"...mom and dad."

—Andrew

"...God."

—Candice

"...Bible Study." (we're pretty sure that's what she said!)

—Andie

"...a church that has opportunities for us to serve in ways that we are able."

—Catherine

# Women's Fellowship

The Women's Leadership Team would like you to know about the following events. All women are invited and we encourage you to



bring a guest. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend for a time of fun, food and fellowship.

**October 27-6:30 PM  
Fun At Toni's**—Tonight's theme is "Hint's From Heloise". F.A.T. takes place at Toni Root's house. This will be the last F.A.T. gathering for this season.

**October 31-10 AM-2 PM  
Ladies Prayer Retreat**—This event will take place at Deb Trotman's

house. Please sign up at the Information Desk at the church if you will be attending and if you would like to bring something for the soups and sides lunch.

**December 3-PM Ladies Christmas Event**—An annual tradition for the women of the church. We encourage you to think about a family member or friend that you can invite. This is an excellent opportunity to bring someone who doesn't know Christ to

church to allow them the opportunity to hear the Christmas and Gospel messages.

If you have questions, need directions, or want to know more about any of these events please don't hesitate to contact Toni Root at [aunttoni@hotmail.com](mailto:aunttoni@hotmail.com).

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