

The Pathfinder



September Means School Is Back In Session!

You're All Invited...

Mission Moments with RMI

On Sunday, September 2nd Benjamin Alterma (Director of Field Operations for RMI) will be speaking at the Walloon campus, while President of RMI, Dan Shoemaker, and Perguins (a member of the Haitian Staff) will be speaking at the East Jordan campus. They will share how they are serving Jesus for His glory.

In Concert!

Enjoy listening to YoungMin and Chantelle You as they share their talents during a free concert at the Walloon campus on September 2nd at 7pm.

Labor Day Observed

Church Office will be closed on September 3rd in honor of Labor Day.

Men's Ministry Fall Kick-off - Guest Speaker Jimmy Gretzinger

EJ/WL Men's Ministry starts with a big breakfast on Saturday September 8th at 8am. Come and hear special guest speaker Jimmy Gretzinger from Michigan Out Of Doors. The event will take place at The Depot in East Jordan. Tickets are \$5 and on sale at both locations on Sunday.

Ladies: Sign Up For These Studies Coming in September!

On Tuesday mornings we will be studying "Life Principles from the Old Testament Prophets". This workbook format looks at the way God spoke truth to his people through men like Samuel, Elijah, Hosea, Haggai, and others, and how we can apply those truths. Should be a great study! Meeting times are Tuesdays, 9:15-11:30am in Room A-2 at the Discipleship House. The first meeting is Sept 11th. Sign up sheet in foyer or contact **Susan Miller** (231) 881-4049 or **Nancy Sando** (231) 838-0903.

Come to the FAIR!

Sunday, September 9th is our annual Ministry Fair. Please note there will be no enrichment classes or small groups for this day. Instead you can take this opportunity to find out all the areas you and your family can connect with other believers. The Ministry Fair will be available 10:15am until 12:15pm.

Youth Groups!

Get ready for **Rock The Block 4** on Sunday, September 9th. For more information log onto walloonym.com

Community Small Group Kick Off

Get connected to one of the many CSGs, or start one of your own! For more info about Walloon's groups contact Cal Prins at (231) 535-2288, or for more information about the EJ CSGs please speak with Pastor Jason.

New to WLCC?

If you are new to WLCC and have never attended one of our New Comer's Luncheons the church staff would love to meet you. Please join them for lunch on Sunday, September 23rd at 12:15pm to learn more about the church and hear what we are passionate about. Please sign up in the foyer. For more info contact the church office (231) 535-2288.



- *Joy with Jesus Widows will meet Monday, September 10th, at 10am at Nancy Sando's home*
- *September 12th Wednesday evening programming begins: AWANA, Middle School Youth Group and Adult Enrichment classes*
- *Cozy Quilters Thursday, September 13th at 9am at WLCC*
- *Prayer Shawl Ministry will not meet in September.*
- *Prime Time Fellowship Monday, September 17th at 6pm. All 50+ welcome to join us for potluck, hymn sing. We meet at WLCC in Room 101*
- *WLCC Community Needs Program will meet Tuesday, September 18th at 6:30pm*
- *EJCC Community Needs Program will meet Thursday, September 20th at 6:30pm*
- *Newsletter Deadline September 19th. Submit your stories and/or announcements to Nancy Sando (231) 838-0903*



Every 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday starting on September 12th at 6:15pm with a lite meal OR **every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday** starting September 16th at 10:30am with a lite brunch. During this study we will learn how to grow from control girls to Jesus girls. Join us as we learn how to trade in our stresses for calm and contentment, and how to worry about nothing. All gals 18 years and up are welcome to join us. If interested in this study, please sign up in the foyer. For questions contact **Denise Ellis** (231) 675-4483. Space is limited so sign up today!

Youth Group News

• Brant Cole, Youth Pastor

If you care about the students at our church...and those yet unreached by Jesus, then this is for you (*code name: super heroes of planet earth*),

It's almost that time! It's almost to time to kick off another Fall semester of youth ministry in style. We can't wait! Summer has treated us well, but this year will be unlike any year before it. With your help, it will be the greatest year ever!

And the first thing we have planned for this year is **Rock The Block**, our Fall kick off event. Simply put, RTB is **the greatest party in the history of youth ministry!** But we will need your help. There are a lot of things that will need to be done before, during, and after the event for it to be considered a success. So, I am going to spell out what is planned for RTB '18 and what is required to pull it off. But first, I want to share with you the vision we have for what God could do with this event.

VISION:

We are praying that 200+ students show up, thus increasing the momentum of our youth ministry, growing every one of our programs, and most importantly, drawing more students closer to Jesus!

Comparison: In the first year of RTB, we hosted about 180 students. Two years ago, we hosted about 130. Last year, we had 195 students. So to reach 200+ will be a record for us.

So how will we reach this?

Pray a ton! There is no more powerful method available to us than to lay hold of the store houses of heavenly grace!

Mobilize your the kids within your influence. You each have at least a couple (some have even more) students that you influence on a personal and frequent basis. Each one of them has at least 400 other students in their networks. Encourage them to pre-register for RTB and to bring their friends with them! There are sweet perks available to them if they **pre-register online**, and if they bring 5+ friends. Each person who brings 5+ guests with them enters to win cool prizes. So does each person who pre-registers enters to win cool prizes, not to mention skipping the long registration lines.

Personally invite. You also have connections with teenagers in your world. Invite them too! Here is a list of **all the students connections we currently have**. This is a great place to start. As we get closer, and as online registrations start coming in, we will be sending you updates about how many students have registered. Please use this as an encouragement to keep inviting!



Utilize your social medias. We have already started launching a social media campaign for an entire 5 weeks leading up to RTB. It would be so amazing if you would like, tag people, comment, and share stuff that we post about Rock The Block. This will get the message out too

Pray some more. Never stop praying that God would draw students to our church and use us in powerful ways in their lives. Also, be praying that God uses the gospel message in powerful ways. Pray that he saves loads of students on September 9th!

PRE-MEETING:

If you want to help us out at RTB '18, the day before, on Sept. 8th, we will be meeting in the lobby of WLCC to go over the plan and expectations for the evening of the 9th. It will start at 9:00 am and shouldn't last more than an hour.

PLAN:

We have many things planned and here's the sort of help we need on September 9th:

- Serve food
- Man registration table
- Provide green room food for band
- Crowd control/direction giving
- Supervise pre-service games
- Set up and supervise bonfire
- Security
- Prayer during gospel message
- Gospel invitation follow up
- Team leaders for big group game
- Event clean up!

FOLLOW UP:

Following up with students who are new.

Following up this event with programming that students will want to come back to here at WLCC.

Children's Ministry: Looking Ahead

Dorothy Prins, WLCC Children's Ministry Director

AWANA

September 12th will kick off our AWANA program at the Walloon campus and registration has begun, you can register in the Foyer on Sundays or download a registration form at walloonchurch.com.

- Puggles: Open to volunteer's children not old enough for Cubbies
- Cubbies*, preschool: (2 years prior to k-garten)
- Sparks: Kindergarten, First and Second Graders
- T&T: Third, Fourth and Fifth Graders

* Cubbies (Preschooler) Guidelines: A preschooler must be at least three years old by Sept 1 and potty trained.

AWANA Text Alerts

You can sign up to get text alerts regarding Walloon's AWANA program

If you'd like to receive text alerts regarding special night info or snow cancelations, please: Text the message **@wlccawana** to the number **81010**.

Important Children's Ministry Dates

September 2nd: AWANA Registration taking place

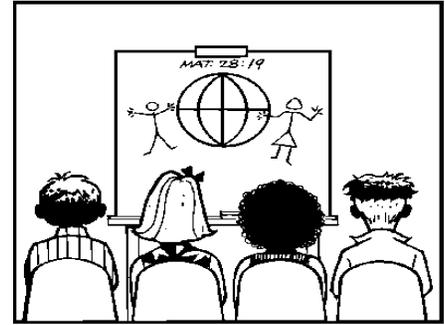
September 9th: Ministry Fair: K-4 grades will meet in room 105 during second service.

September 12th: First Night of AWANA

AWANA Theme Nights

September 19th - Colors Night: Clubbers wear their club colors (sparks/red & T&T/green)

September 26th - Super Hero Night: Come dressed as your favorite super hero.



Back to School Prayers

As our children head back to school here are a few ways to take them to the Lord in prayer.

- Pray for Protection: "Protect our children from the deception of the evil one. Teach them the power they possess in the name of Jesus. Keep their eyes and ears from wickedness. Strengthen their spirits to resist the devil, so that he will flee from them."
- Pray for Maturity: "Grow our children into men and women who love and serve You. Help our children learn to lean into You, and to take heart, knowing that You have overcome the world. Help them to daily grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Hide Your Word in their hearts, that they might not sin against You."
- Pray for Boldness: "Give our children feet that are firmly planted in Your truth. Grant them a passion to defend Your name and Your Word."
- Pray for Dependency: "Help our kids realize that every breath that passes through their lips is a gift from You."
- Pray for Compassion: "Make our children willing and eager to serve. Cause them to seek out the lonely child on the playground, the hurting and wandering soul. You are the Father of compassion, the God of all comfort – help our children to emulate Your character in all that they say and do."

Praises!

These folks were baptized!

Brooke Cummings

Keisha Fettig

Lacy Hallman

John Knott

Maggie Peterson

Madison Rosenow

Abigail Stephenson

Isabelle Stephenson

Teaching Joyful Hospitality

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:8-10

Teaching our children hospitality is something that just doesn't come natural. We have to make an effort! Hospitality traditionally refers to opening one's home and its comforts to others. But I believe showing hospitality really is very simple – it's showing love. It's allowing the Holy Spirit to flow through all that you do. It's show grace because we've been show grace. That's it! We think of the word 'Love' as a feeling or emotion, but it is an action word.

Let our children see us loving others. As parents, let's give our children a challenge to put their love into action. While the world says, "Watch out. They want your shirt. Hold tight to what you have." God would call us to give the world our jacket too. Matthew writes, we are called to serve people in need thereby serving Jesus (25:34-40).

Too often we hold tightly to our possessions, our agendas, our image, even as God asks us to do otherwise. Everything we own comes from God (James 1:17). He asks us to be generous with what we have received and to be hospitable. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give (Matthew 10:8).

God knows how readily we place our security in our possessions. Still, He gives His grace to help us relax our grip and share our lives and things with others. Openness and vulnerability are the foundations of godly hospitality.

Today, I would like to share a few practical ideas I've found on how we can involve our children in the joyful art of hospitality.

Show joyfulness. Children are very perceptive and can easily see if our hearts are engaged in what we are doing or not. Use hospitality *without grudging* is the command we are given. Let the little ones see our cheerfulness as we expectantly prepare. We don't want to send the wrong message by being stressed or harried in our preparations. Remember, hospitality is a blessing rather than a burden. As the hands and feet of Christ it is a privilege to minister and serve those around us.

Keep it simple. How many of us think our homes need to be perfect and our meals a four course spread out of the latest popular cookbook. When you live a full and busy life, this is just not practical. Are there friends, neighbors, family members you could invite in for a meal? Or

maybe just afternoon milk and cookies? Is there a member in your church family who could benefit from having a meal brought to them? Remember, the fellowship and Christian encouragement is what matters, not the expensive china or perfect model home. So grab the paper plates and open your front doors.

Teach your children to look for unexpected ways to add an extra little touch. It might be a slice of lemon to their water, or a sprig of mint on their plate. If you are having overnight guests have your children make them little welcome cards to place in their room with a piece of chocolate next to it.

11 Tips on Teaching Children Hospitality

1. Always offer to take coats/and belongings
2. Always offer guest a drink or snack
3. Always let guest go first
4. Always direct guest to the seating or play area
5. Always let the guest choose the activities
6. Always be attentive to guest needs
7. Always share, share, and share more
8. Always clear table for guests after a meal
9. Always assist guest with gathering their belongings when it's departure time
10. Always thank the guest for coming and ask them to come again
11. Always walk guest to the door when leaving

Promotion Sunday

Promotion Sunday will take place on the Sunday, August 26th. On this Sunday, your child may move up to one of the next classes below.

3&4 Year olds Room 108

Kindergarten Room 105: Teacher **Kim Matz**

1/2 Grades Room 107: Teacher **Julie Spencer**

3/4 Grade Boys Room 104: Teachers **Scott and April Caverly**

3/4 Grade Girls Room 102: Teacher **Charlotte Battjes**

5th graders will begin meeting in the new youth center



Oh Happy Days Ahead!

Oops!

*My BIG apology in not listing on August 31st it was **Lori Wathen's** birthday! Happy*

belated birthday Lori!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| 09/02 | Keith Gerstenberger | 09/08 | Chris Hogard | 09/20 | Ashley McGeorge |
| 09/02 | Janice Greenwald | 09/08 | Eli Schmidt | 09/20 | Lauren Dawley |
| 09/02 | Juliet Weinberg | 09/08 | Carter Colston | 09/20 | Warren Nadeau |
| 09/03 | Tim Ward | 09/08 | Chloe Coveyou | 09/20 | Josiah Schlickau |
| 09/03 | Ashlee Kelts | 09/09 | Aaron Richards | 09/20 | Adeline Masonheimer |
| 09/04 | Rick Clarson | 09/10 | Marty Clark | 09/21 | Matthew Matelski |
| 09/04 | Irene Groat | 09/10 | David Siegrist | 09/21 | Ryan Giem |
| 09/04 | Becky Pettenger | 09/11 | Russ Baugh | 09/22 | Matthew Harju |
| 09/04 | Joshua Foster | 09/11 | Chad Loe | 09/22 | Daniel Fagundo |
| 09/05 | Ginny Billings | 09/12 | Ashton Hershey | 09/22 | Alexis Beardsley |
| 09/05 | Peter Vellenga | 09/12 | Micah Gibbert | 09/24 | Pam Ulvund |
| 09/05 | Barb Case | 09/13 | Ruby Pettenger | 09/25 | Norman Snyder |
| 09/05 | Clint Stahl | 09/13 | Lynn Groff | 09/25 | Phil Kallio |
| 09/05 | Nathan Minnaar | 09/13 | Treva Hershey | 09/25 | Leann Butler |
| 09/06 | Keith Greenwald | 09/14 | Adam Matelski | 09/26J | John Hunt |
| 09/06 | Kevin Bonnet | 09/15 | Sally May | 09/26 | Martha Jepsen |
| 09/06 | Stan Olsen | 09/16 | Sarah Clark | 09/26 | James O'Brien |
| 09/06 | Janet Riker | 09/16 | Nicholas Rhudy | 09/26 | Kaitlyn Hershey |
| 09/06 | Josh Walker | 09/17 | Virginia Cooper | 09/27 | Keisha Fettig |
| 09/06 | Emerson Dawley | 09/17 | Karen McCary | 09/28 | O.J. Adkins |
| 09/07 | Robin Goldsmith | 09/17 | Chris Cipriani | 09/28 | Michael DeWitt |
| 09/07 | John Peters | 09/18 | Ginger Fennell | 09/28 | Carl Cotanche |
| | | 09/19 | Ann Duran | 09/28 | Vanessa Matelski |
| | | 09/19 | Saylor Caverly | 09/28 | Kayla Stout |
| | | 09/19 | Audrey Synder | 09/29 | Jeff Ellis |
| | | 09/20 | Greta Zumbaugh | 09/29 | Jordan Rhea |
| | | | | 09/30 | Katelyn Hempstead |

Wedding Anniversaries to Celebrate!

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| 9/1 | James & Jessica Dawley | 9/15 | Jared & Melissa Urman |
| 9/5 | Robert & Diane Drost | 9/16 | George & Shelly Horniman |
| 9/6 | Frank & Janet Leist | 9/17 | David & JoDee Hissong |
| | Edwin & Sheri Bradley | | John & Judy Hunt |
| | Bob & Mari Ostrander | 9/21 | Steve & Robin Laskowski |
| 9/8 | Larry & Cathy Jones | 9/24 | Jeremy & Amanda Loper |
| | Craig & Lucinda Whitley | 9/25 | Rick & Cheryl Robrahn |
| 9/11 | Bill & Joy Murray | 9/27 | Chad & Ashleigh Bradley |
| 9/14 | Randy & Karen Kruzel | 9/30 | Daniel Gardner Jr. & Pam Gardner |
| | Scott & April Caverly | | Jamie & Jenny Maher |
| | Matthew & Tammy Wyman | | |
| | Kevin Bonnet & Barb Baldus | | |

