

Love God, Love Louisburg, Serve the World

OCTOBER 2025

FBC



No pets allowed



First Baptist Church of Louisburg

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 18, 2025

4 pm - 8 pm

Julie & Randy Bear

6205 E. Pony Creek Road

Cleveland, MO

Bring your guitars, harmonicas, instruments & voices for campfire jam session

# CALENDAR FOR THIS MONTH

## On-Going Calendar Events

Every Sunday—Children's Dinner Theater Rehearsal—3PM  
 M-W-F—3:00 PM-4:00 PM—Hundred Acre Woods Walkers  
 Every Monday (starting 10/13)—“LIFT” Women's Fellowship Group—1:00 PM (Meets at Senior Center)  
 Every Monday—AA Meeting—7:00 PM  
 Every Wednesday—LHS Cats For Christ—7:50 AM  
 Every Wednesday (except 10/8)—Youth Group—6:00 PM-7:30 PM  
 Every Wednesday—Holiday Choir—7:00 PM  
 Every Wednesday—1st Service Praise Team—7:30 PM  
 Every Thurs. (except 10/9)-AWANA-6:15 PM-7:50 PM  
 Every Friday—Women's United Intercessory Prayer—various locations—9:15 AM

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:00 AM—LMA Pastors' Prayer  
 6:00 PM—Jesse's small group  
 6:00 PM—Jordan's Women's Bible Study  
 7:00 PM—Holiday Choir begins rehearsals

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

### REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE—

8:15 AM—WORSHIP

9:45 AM—SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES  
 (KIDS' & ADULT ELECTIVES)

11:00 AM—WORSHIP & KIDS' KONNECTION

12:15 PM—Deaconess Meeting  
 2:00 PM-3:00 PM—Kansans For Life—Life Chain —Paola

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

12:00 PM-5:00 PM—Crafter's Corner—FLC  
 6:30 PM—American Heritage Girls (meets at Faith Chapel)

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Quarterly Reports Due in Office  
 NO SCHOOL (USD 416) - NO YOUTH GROUP  
 NO Women's Bible Study tonight (Jordan unavailable)

## Thursday, October 9

NO SCHOOL (USD 416) - NO AWANA

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00 AM—Men's Breakfast—FLC

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

### REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE—(see October 5)

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

1:00 PM—LIFT meets at FBC due to Scheduling Conflict  
 6:30 PM—Deacon Meeting

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:00 PM—Christian Ed & Trustee Meetings

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

NO Jesse's small group tonight (Jesse unavailable)  
 6:15 PM—Finance Committee

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

4:00-8:00 PM—Fall Festival at the Bear residence

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

### REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE—(see October 5)

OCC kickoff

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

5:30 PM—Women's Night Owl Café RSVP to Debbie Apple  
*(The Secrets She Kept—Gohlke)*  
 6:30 PM—American Heritage Girls (meets at Faith Chapel)

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

### DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

11:30 PM—Koinonia Cluster Pastors' Prayer  
 12:00 PM—Women's Bookworm Café—Youth Room  
*(The Secrets She Kept—Gohlke)*

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:00 AM—Men's Breakfast—FLC  
 4:00-6:00 PM—Pastor Kami at Halloween on Broadway

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

### 10:00 AM—ONE SERVICE ONLY

11:15 AM—Quarterly Business Meeting followed by  
 a meal (fundraiser)  
 Safety & Security Team following meal  
 3:00 PM—Koinonia Cluster Ice Cream Social & Concert at  
 City Park

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

6:30 PM—Building Committee

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:30 AM—Luther Rice ABW Fall Rally at LaCygne

The apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 8:

If someone knows God, then he is loved by God. So, eating meat that was offered to idols doesn't matter, because those idols aren't real gods.

But, on this issue some people have a weak conscience and others have a strong one.

The strong conscience says: "This isn't sinful. I don't believe in fake gods, so it's okay."

The weak conscience says: "This is sinful, because it's connected to pagan (false god) practices."

The strong are strong because they know the one true God and understand what is really sin. The weak are weak because they don't see that false-god practices have no real power over God's people (as long as nothing clearly sinful is involved).

Some people have asked me what I think about Halloween. Is it wrong for children to dress up and get candy, since Halloween has roots in pagan practices?

My answer is not my own, but what Paul teaches.

Those with a strong conscience know that kids dressing up, pretending, and getting candy are not sinful just because it happens on October 31. They know the one true God, and they understand these things are neutral—not good or bad by themselves.

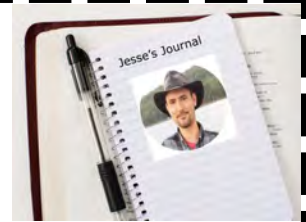
Those with a weak conscience, though, may feel it's sinful because they connect it to false gods and their practices.

And that's okay.

Paul says that whatever you choose, you should do it with a clear conscience.

If you think it's wrong, then you should avoid it—because doing something you believe is sinful will make it sin for you.

But if you know it's not sinful, then do it in a way that honors God and keeps peace with others in the church (see 1 Cor. 8).



What are you afraid of? That question becomes more relevant as we get closer to Halloween. This season is full of opportunities for those who enjoy being scared. Haunted houses, scary movies, terrifying costumes, and so much more await those who seek an adrenaline rush.



**But what are we as Jesus followers REALLY supposed to be afraid of?**

There are a host of things in today's world that can cause fear: we hear of burglaries, kidnappings, shootings, disease, economic collapse, and natural disasters happening every day. Not to mention the unwelcome news of wars, political unrest, and tragedies happening all over the globe.

**So, what if we are afraid because of all these things?**

As Jesus was sending out His disciples, He warned them it would be a difficult (scary) assignment. He sent them out as "sheep among wolves." They went without money, a change of clothes, or even a walking stick. But Jesus did not send them without hope.

***"Don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell. What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows. Matthew 10:28-29,31"***

Here Jesus is reminding them (and us) that God's perfect love NEVER leaves or forsakes us, even when something terrifying strikes. We can trust Him to be in control even when things seem at their most chaotic. Even if we can't see His hand in it, we can always trust His heart.

**So again, I ask you, what are you afraid of?**

Kami

2025—Our Bible Reading Plan will again be coming from *The One Year® Bible* published by Tyndale.

*The One Year® Bible* daily reading plan consists of passages from the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs. This arrangement of Scripture brings variety and a fresh approach to each day's 15-minute reading, while providing a clear understanding of the Bible's larger message. No other "through the bible" plan presents the entire bible in such a user-friendly format.

Purchase your own copy of *The One Year® Bible* or just follow along in your own Bible.

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	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms	Proverbs
□ 01	Isaiah 62:6-65:25	Philippians 2:19-3:3	Psalms 73:1-28	Proverbs 24:13-14
□ 02	Isaiah 66:1-24	Philippians 3:4-21	Psalms 74:1-23	Proverbs 24:15-16
□ 03	Jeremiah 1:1-2:30	Philippians 4:1-23	Psalms 75:1-10	Proverbs 24:17-20
□ 04	Jeremiah 2:31-4:18	Colossians 1:1-17	Psalms 76:1-12	Proverbs 24:21-22
□ 05	Jeremiah 4:19-6:15	Colossians 1:18-2:7	Psalms 77:1-20	Proverbs 24:23-25
□ 06	Jeremiah 6:16-8:7	Colossians 2:8-23	Psalms 78:1-31	Proverbs 24:26
□ 07	Jeremiah 8:8-9:26	Colossians 3:1-17	Psalms 78:32-55	Proverbs 24:27
□ 08	Jeremiah 10:1-11:23	Colossians 3:18-4:18	Psalms 78:56-72	Proverbs 24:28-29
□ 09	Jeremiah 12:1-14:10	1 Thessalonians 1:1-2:8	Psalms 79:1-13	Proverbs 24:30-34
□ 10	Jeremiah 14:11-16:15	1 Thessalonians 2:9-3:13	Psalms 80:1-19	Proverbs 25:1-5
□ 11	Jeremiah 16:16-18:23	1 Thessalonians 4:1-5:3	Psalms 81:1-16	Proverbs 25:6-8
□ 12	Jeremiah 19:1-21:14	1 Thessalonians 5:4-28	Psalms 82:1-8	Proverbs 25:9-10
□ 13	Jeremiah 22:1-23:20	2 Thessalonians 1:1-12	Psalms 83:1-18	Proverbs 25:11-14
□ 14	Jeremiah 23:21-25:38	2 Thessalonians 2:1-17	Psalms 84:1-12	Proverbs 25:15
□ 15	Jeremiah 26:1-27	2 Thessalonians 3:1-18	Psalms 85:1-13	Proverbs 25:16
□ 16	Jeremiah 28:1-29:32	1 Timothy 1:1-20	Psalms 86:1-17	Proverbs 25:17
□ 17	Jeremiah 30:1-31:26	1 Timothy 2:1-15	Psalms 87:1-7	Proverbs 25:18-19
□ 18	Jeremiah 31:27-32:44	1 Timothy 3:1-16	Psalms 88:1-18	Proverbs 25:20-22
□ 19	Jeremiah 33:1-34:22	1 Timothy 4:1-16	Psalms 89:1-13	Proverbs 25:23-24
□ 20	Jeremiah 35:1-36:32	1 Timothy 5:1-25	Psalms 89:14-37	Proverbs 25:25-27
□ 21	Jeremiah 37:1-38:28	1 Timothy 6:1-21	Psalms 89:38-52	Proverbs 25:28
□ 22	Jeremiah 39:1-41:18	2 Timothy 1:1-18	Psalms 90:1-91:16	Proverbs 26:1-2
□ 23	Jeremiah 42:1-44:23	2 Timothy 2:1-21	Psalms 92:1-93	Proverbs 26:3-5
□ 24	Jeremiah 44:24-47:7	2 Timothy 2:22-3:17	Psalms 94:1-23	Proverbs 26:6-8
□ 25	Jeremiah 48:1-49:22	2 Timothy 4:1-22	Psalms 95:1-96:13	Proverbs 26:9-12
□ 26	Jeremiah 49:23-50:46	Titus 1:1-16	Psalms 97:1-98:9	Proverbs 26:13-16
□ 27	Jeremiah 51:1-53	Titus 2:1-15	Psalms 99:1-9	Proverbs 26:17
□ 28	Jeremiah 51:54-52:34	Titus 3:1-15	Psalms 100:1-5	Proverbs 26:18-19
□ 29	Lamentations 1:1-2:22	Philemon 1:1-25	Psalms 101:1-8	Proverbs 26:20
□ 30	Lamentations 3:1-66	Hebrews 1:1-14	Psalms 102:1-28	Proverbs 26:21-22
□ 31	Lamentations 4:1-5:22	Hebrews 2:1-18	Psalms 103:1-22	Proverbs 26:23



## NEW OPPORTUNITIES:



Starting **October 1st**, Pastor Jesse will be leading a **brand-NEW 6-week study** that will completely reshape the way you think about faith conversations.  
6:00 PM-7:00 PM



Also starting **October 1st**, 6:00 PM-7:00 PM, Jesse's wife, Jordan Smith, will begin a short-term **Women's Bible Study**. This 6-week study will be based on "**Now That Faith Has Come: A Study of Galatians**" by Beth Moore and Melissa Moore. Together, we will dive into Paul's letter to the Galatians and discover the powerful message of freedom, grace, and life in Christ. Over the six weeks, you will:

- \* Explore the rich truths of Galatians in a practical way
- \* Strengthen your walk with Christ
- \* Build meaningful connections with other women of faith



During the month of October, a Holiday choir will be rehearsing on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-7:30PM. The choir will be preparing a Thanksgiving anthem to share with the congregation on Sunday morning, November 9. All voices welcome. Rehearsals begin on October 1.



Women **Living In Faith Together**—Most of us yearn for friends and mentors to walk with us through life's joys and sorrows. Under the leadership of Hope Anderson, a new ladies fellowship group, open to the community, will begin on October 13, (not an official Bible study, but a time to gather for worship, prayer and a devotional). The group will meet at the Senior Center on Monday afternoons at 1:00 PM for an hour to an hour and a half .

ALL LADIES INVITED!! -

Women's Book Clubs are entering a new season and would like to invite all ladies who enjoy a good Christian Fiction book to join them—Groups typically meet approximately every 6 weeks. Read the book. Join the Discussion.

Book for October will be — "Secrets She Kept" by Cathy Gohlke.



Daytime Group—"Women's Bookworm Café" (Joann Hook, contact person) meets for lunch at the church. Next meeting on Tuesday, October 21, at 12:00pm—Youth Room



Evening Group—"Women's Night Owls Café" (Debbie Apple, contact person) usually meets for a meal somewhere in town. Exact dates and times are chosen by the group. (October gathering will be on October 21, at 5:30 PM—RSVP to Debbie for exact details.)



**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6  
12:00 -5:00 PM  
CRAFTER'S CORNER  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

Scrapbooking and all other crafting welcome (or just come and chat). Contact Debbie Randolph for more details.



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**MEN'S BREAKFAST  
EVERY OTHER  
SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 11 & 25  
8:00 AM—  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER**



**SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 18  
4:00 —8:00 PM  
FALL FESTIVAL &  
PIE CONTEST AT  
THE BEAR  
RESIDENCE**



Lawn games, hayrides, BBQ, Pie contest and much, much more!

Detailed flyer and driving directions available on front table at church



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**OPERATION  
CHRISTMAS CHILD  
KICKOFF IS  
OCTOBER 19**  
How many boxes  
can we do?

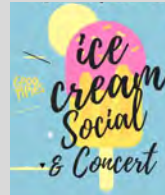


**Welcome  
Autumn**

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**SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 26  
ONE SERVICE ONLY  
10:00 AM**

**FOLLOWED BY QUARTERLY  
BUSINESS MEETING AND  
MEAL—(fundraiser)  
SAFETY & SECURITY FOLLOWS MEAL**



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26  
3:00 PM  
KOINONIA CLUSTER  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL &  
HEARTLAND REVIVAL  
CONCERT  
CITY PARK**



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28  
9:30 AM—  
LUTHER RICE ABW  
FALL RALLY AT  
CALVARY BAPTIST,  
LACYGNE**



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2  
2:00 PM**

**BABY SHOWER**

All women of the church are invited to a baby shower for Emma & Jordan

Smith and their coming baby girl.

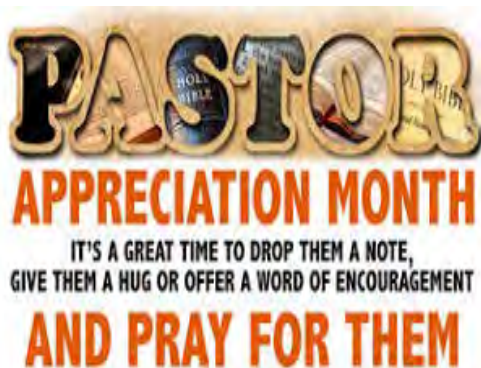
Amazon baby registry under:

(Emma Smith & Jordan Smith;

Paola, KS; arrival December 2025—  
[www.amazon.com/baby-reg/emma-smith-december-2025-paola/1PQ8PDT5FEBQS](http://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/emma-smith-december-2025-paola/1PQ8PDT5FEBQS) )

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Clergy Appreciation Month is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by these special people.

Pastors and their families live under incredible pressures. Their lives are played out in a fishbowl, with the entire congregation and community watching their every move. They are expected to have ideal families, to be perfect people, to always be available, to never be down and to have all the answers we need to keep our own lives stable and moving forward. Those are unrealistic expectations to place on anyone, yet most of us are disappointed when a pastor becomes overwhelmed, seems depressed, lets us down or completely burns out.

That's why God has instructed us to recognize His servants. Clergy Appreciation Month is one way we can let our pastors know they are appreciated!



**SUNDAYS**  
(SECOND SERVICE ONLY)  
**KIDS' KONNECTION**  
**KIDS K THRU 5TH GRADE**



**YOUTH GROUP**  
(GRADES 6-12)  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
**6:00 PM-7:30 PM**

Don't miss food, friends and fun as we explore what the Bible has to say to us today.



**AWANA**  
**THURSDAYS**  
**6:15 PM-7:50 PM**  
**KIDS AGE 3 THRU 5TH GRADE**  
A VBS like experience every

Thursday evening  
Fun, Bible Lessons,  
Bible Memorization

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!!**

Check with Pastor Kami to see where you can help 816-916-KAMI (5264).



## FIRST BAPTIST BAKERY & BUFFET

Have you found a new recipe you would like to share, or even a tried and true one?

Please turn it in to the church office. Thanks.

### APPLE CRISP

from the kitchen of Marsha Phillips

**8 cups sliced apples**

**1 cup sugar**

Mix together, put in a 9x13 pan.

Topping:

**1 cup flour**

**1½ cups brown sugar**

**3 teaspoons cinnamon**

**1 teaspoon salt**

**3 cups quick oats**

Mix well in bowl.

Add to the topping ingredients:

**1 cup melted butter** (note: I add melted butter slowly to get the consistency I want.)

Bake at 375 degrees for 30-40 minutes.



## ABW Bible Book of the Month

### Leviticus

The book of **Leviticus**, the third book of the Bible, serves as a guide for Israel to live in covenant relationship with a holy God. It continues the story after Exodus, where God's presence filled the tabernacle, and explains how His people can draw near to Him while remaining holy.

Leviticus begins with instructions for various sacrifices (burnt, grain, fellowship, sin, and guilt offerings), showing how atonement and thanksgiving are expressed (chapters 1-7).

It then describes the consecration of Aaron and his sons as priests (8-10), highlighting the seriousness of approaching God in the proper way.

Laws of ritual purity (11-15) distinguish between clean and unclean foods, conditions, and practices, marking Israel as set apart.

At the center of the book stands the **Day of Atonement** (chapter 16), a yearly ceremony in which the high priest enters the Holy of Holies to atone for the sins of the whole nation.

The second half, often called the **Holiness Code** (chapters 17-26), provides moral, social, and religious laws that cover worship, justice, sexuality, festivals, and care for the poor.

The final chapter (27) outlines vows and dedications to the Lord.

The central theme is God's holiness: because God is holy, His people must also live holy lives in every aspect of worship and conduct. Leviticus emphasizes atonement through sacrifice, obedience to God's commands, and the call to be distinct from the surrounding nations.





Kihomi Ngwemi & Nzunga Mabudiga  
ABC global servants  
Dominican Republic

Kihomi Ngwemi & Nzunga Mabudiga  
Dominican Republic  
September 2025

Greetings! Many of you have been wondering about the whereabouts of Nzunga and Kihomi. Thank you for your concern, prayers and support. We do not take your love for us and our ministries for granted. We have always appreciated every gesture you pause for us.

We are still in mission serving Almighty God in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Beside spending time in different doctor's offices, Kihomi went to the Democratic Republic of Congo to visit her aged mother who had a stroke that has left her completely paralyzed on the left side. The day Kihomi arrived to greet the mother, it was the day she was going to exit this world. Thanks to Kihomi's quick thinking and action, the mother is still alive and doing relatively well for her situation and age. What was going to kill my mother-in-law? Malaria and dehydration. Kihomi's visit to the Congo was like a visiting nurse. She spent time visiting and praying for the sick and shut in.

While Kihomi was in Congo, I went to Haiti and spent almost three weeks working at the eye clinic. I was impressed by how the staff carry themselves at work. It seems that everybody has mastered the lesson learned from watching THE ANTS in Proverbs 6:6. No need to tell them what to do. At 6:00 a.m. people were lining up at the door to wait for when doors officially opened. The building is run down and there is no way to use it for medical purposes. It is built two feet from the ocean bay, salty air hit it hard. The roofs need to be replaced. It is the only eye clinic that doesn't turn anyone away. Due to poor health care and unrelenting sun, children get cataracts at an early age. Please pray that we can find a way to restore the building.





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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 2 Rachel Beaver

October 5 Janet York

October 6 Vasyl Kasich

October 8 Nicole Kasych

October 13 Kristin Masten

October 15 Barbara Smith

October 21 Diane Smith

October 25 Brian Mack  
Robin Reich

October 26 Brennen Neal

October 30 Mary Herrstrom

October 31 Kami Minor

*Janet & Jack York - October 1*

*Judy & Fletch Kelly - October 2*

*Larysa & Vasyl Kasich - October 5*

*Natalia & Ivan Valihun - October 6*

*Emma & Jordan Smith - October 12*

*Melissa & Larry Vest - October 17*

*Kami & Jay Minor - October 23*

*Pam & Mike Waite - October 25*

*Lidiia & Igor Kasych - October 26*

*Margaret & Del Keeling - October 28*

*Hope & Tommy Anderson - October 30*

We try to include those who are actively attending our church; please let us know if we have missed your special day.

### **The Best Gift for Your Pastor**

October is Pastor Appreciation Month—a time to recognize and encourage those who faithfully shepherd our churches. But if you've ever asked a pastor how to show your gratitude, the answer probably isn't a plaque or applause. More often than not, it's simple: "Pray for me."

Even the Apostle Paul didn't ask for much personally, except for the prayers of fellow believers. In his letter to the Romans, he wrote: "Now I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me..." (Romans 15:30).

This October—and every month—encourage your pastor by offering your prayers, support, and kind words. Ministry can be demanding, but knowing the church is lifting them up makes all the difference.

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**8:15 AM & 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**9:45 AM BIBLE CLASSES**

Oct. 21—Deadline for Nov. Newsletter

in person  
**ATTENDANCE**

	<u>8:15</u>	<u>11:00</u>
Sept. 7	52	71
Sept. 14	59	56
Sept. 21	65	90
Sept. 28	58	67



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5**  
12:15 PM—Deaconesses

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 13**  
6:30 PM - Deacons

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14**  
7:00 PM - Christian Education &  
Trustee Boards

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15**  
6:15 PM - Finance Committee

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 27**  
6:30 PM—Building Committee

**WILL YOU ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE?**

Wouldn't it be great to keep the Operation Christmas Child spirit going all year long? We can! It's simple. It's convenient, and it's relatively painless! All you do is set your mind up to build online boxes each month all year long! They only cost \$30 (the price of one meal out or a few treats at the movie) and you don't even have to shop or pack the box!

Think about it. Would you truly miss \$30 each month? I know I spend that much on silly things, things that don't last, all the time. The impact of these boxes is eternal.

So, I challenge you to join me this year in sending at least one box each month. Use this QR code or the link on the church website to get started. ~KAMI  
(As of 9/23, as a church we have done 43 boxes towards the 2025 goal of 100 boxes; can we do even more?)



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