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SEPTEMBER 2025

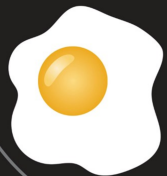
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COMING
SOON!

MEN'S

BREAKFAST

September 13
&
September 27



8:00 a.m.
FLC

CALENDAR FOR THIS MONTH

On-Going Calendar Events

M-W-F—3:00 PM-4:00 PM—Hundred Acre Woods Walkers

Every Monday—AA Meeting—7:00 PM

Every Tuesday—Classical Conversations group—8AM-1PM

Every Wednesday —LHS Cats For Christ—7:50 AM

Every Wednesday—Youth Group—6:00 PM-7:30 PM

Every Wednesday—1st Service Praise Team—7:00 PM

Every Thursday—AWANA—6:15 PM-7:50 PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1—LABOR DAY

Church Offices Closed

10:00 AM—FBC participates in Labor Day Parade

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:00 AM—LMA Pastors' Prayer

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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—Fall Festival Planning

4:00 PM—RISE Youth Conference—Olathe FBC

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

6:30 PM—Deacon Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:00 PM—Christian Ed & Trustee Meetings

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00 AM—Men's Breakfast—FLC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE—(see September 7)

6:00 PM—Backyard BBQ

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

12:00 PM-5:00 PM—Crafter's Corner—FLC

6:30 PM—American Heritage Girls (meets at Faith Chapel)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

11:30 AM—Koinonia Cluster Pastors' Prayer

12:00 PM—Women's Bookworm Café—Youth Room
(*The Letter Tree*—Fordham)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

6:15 PM—Finance Committee

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 & 20

PASTOR KAMI AT AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS FALL CAMPOUT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE—(see September 7)

2:00 PM—Fall Festival Planning

4:00 PM-6:00 PM—Youth Dinner Theater Drama auditions

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:30 PM—Building Committee

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:30 AM—Luther Rice ABW Board—Elm Grove

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:30 AM—SEE YOU AT THE POLE—LHS

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 & 27

PASTOR KAMI AT ABCCR ANNUAL GATHERING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:00 AM—Men's Breakfast—FLC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE (see September 7)

4:00 PM-5:00 PM—Dinner Theater Rehearsal

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

6:30 PM—AHG Tenderhearts 5th Monday at FBC



Time is running out.

75% over—only 25% left.

We are heading into the final quarter of the year, so the question is: *How's the scoreboard looking?*

Because there is only so much time left.

238 days are gone. Only 127 to go.

But, that's not quite right because of those 127 days you will:

- Sleep away roughly 42ish days (8 hrs/night)
- Work away another 30ish days (8 hrs/Wk day)

Leaving approximately 55 days to accomplish anything you had hoped to this year.

- Get in shape
- Start reading/praying daily
- Hopefully, lead a loved one to Christ
- ...or just get them to Church.

Time is short, but hope is not lost.

The good news is, if you start today, in 127 days when you look back you will be able to say this became the best year of my life and next year will be even better.

Imagine stepping into the new year healthier, stronger in faith, and closer to the people you love .

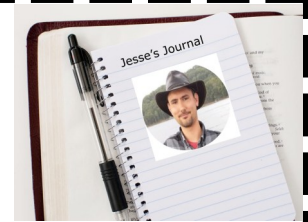
Not because you had more time, but because you used the time you had.

The last quarter is here. Make it count.

Psalms 90:12; So teach us to **number our days** that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Ephesians 5:15-16; ¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ **making the best use of the time**, because the days are evil.

Jesse



Welcome Fall! Such a delicious time of year! The harvest is upon us with a bounty of fresh fruits and vegetables to enjoy. I'm ready for savory soups, warm, comforting cobblers, and, of course, all things apple!



Living in Louisburg, home of the Louisburg Cider Mill, we know how tasty apples can be! This time of year draws crowds from miles around to taste and enjoy their sweet deliciousness. Word travels fast that this is something not to be missed!

So it comes as no surprise to us that God's word mentions apples as something to be desired and delighted in. Proverbs 25:11 creates a beautiful and appetizing picture of golden fruit in a silver setting.

Like apples of gold in settings of silver is a ruling rightly given.
Proverbs 25:11

This is probably referring to a carving of sparkling silver and gold, appealing to the senses as well as the appetite. A thing of great value and beauty.

But we are to look at much more than the opulent beauty of the artwork. There is wisdom being given here. What is meant by a ruling rightly given?

Like the lavish carving, a good word, spoken at the right time, is equally appealing and also of great value and beauty.

What does this mean for us?

While only some can offer gifts made of gold and silver like the one mentioned above, we can all offer a fitting word of encouragement, sage advice from the Word of Truth, or a sympathetic ear to those in need.

And those blessed enough to receive it will find it a gift just as valuable as "apples of gold in setting of silver."

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.

SEPTEMBER

	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms	Proverbs
□ 01	Job 40:1-42:17	2 Corinthians 5:11-21	Psalms 45:1-17	Proverbs 22:14
□ 02	Ecclesiastes 1:1-3:22	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Psalms 46:1-11	Proverbs 22:15
□ 03	Ecclesiastes 4:1-6:12	2 Corinthians 6:14-7:7	Psalms 47:1-9	Proverbs 22:16
□ 04	Ecclesiastes 7:1-9:18	2 Corinthians 7:8-16	Psalms 48:1-14	Proverbs 22:17-19
□ 05	Ecclesiastes 10:1-12:14	2 Corinthians 8:1-15	Psalms 49:1-20	Proverbs 22:20-21
□ 06	Song of Songs 1:1-4:16	2 Corinthians 8:16-24	Psalms 50:1-23	Proverbs 22:22-23
□ 07	Song of Songs 5:1-8:14	2 Corinthians 9:1-15	Psalms 51:1-19	Proverbs 22:24-25
□ 08	Isaiah 1:1-2:22	2 Corinthians 10:1-18	Psalms 52:1-9	Proverbs 22:26-27
□ 09	Isaiah 3:1-5:30	2 Corinthians 11:1-15	Psalms 53:1-6	Proverbs 22:28-29
□ 10	Isaiah 6:1-7:25	2 Corinthians 11:16-33	Psalms 54:1-7	Proverbs 23:1-3
□ 11	Isaiah 8:1-9:21	2 Corinthians 12:1-10	Psalms 55:1-23	Proverbs 23:4-5
□ 12	Isaiah 10:1-11:16	2 Corinthians 12:11-21	Psalms 56:1-13	Proverbs 23:6-8
□ 13	Isaiah 12:1-14:32	2 Corinthians 13:1-14	Psalms 57:1-11	Proverbs 23:9-11
□ 14	Isaiah 15:1-18:7	Galatians 1:1-24	Psalms 58:1-11	Proverbs 23:12
□ 15	Isaiah 19:1-21:17	Galatians 2:1-16	Psalms 59:1-17	Proverbs 23:13-14
□ 16	Isaiah 22:1-24:23	Galatians 2:17-3:9	Psalms 60:1-12	Proverbs 23:15-16
□ 17	Isaiah 25:1-28:13	Galatians 3:10-22	Psalms 61:1-8	Proverbs 23:17-18
□ 18	Isaiah 28:14-30:11	Galatians 3:23-4:31	Psalms 62:1-12	Proverbs 23:19-21
□ 19	Isaiah 30:12-33:9	Galatians 5:1-12	Psalms 63:1-11	Proverbs 23:22
□ 20	Isaiah 33:10-36:22	Galatians 5:13-26	Psalms 64:1-10	Proverbs 23:23
□ 21	Isaiah 37:1-38:22	Galatians 6:1-18	Psalms 65:1-13	Proverbs 23:24
□ 22	Isaiah 39:1-41:16	Ephesians 1:1-23	Psalms 66:1-20	Proverbs 23:25-28
□ 23	Isaiah 41:17-43:13	Ephesians 2:1-22	Psalms 67:1-7	Proverbs 23:29-35
□ 24	Isaiah 43:14-45:10	Ephesians 3:1-21	Psalms 68:1-18	Proverbs 24:1-2
□ 25	Isaiah 45:11-48:11	Ephesians 4:1-16	Psalms 68:19-35	Proverbs 24:3-4
□ 26	Isaiah 48:12-50:11	Ephesians 4:17-32	Psalms 69:1-18	Proverbs 24:5-6
□ 27	Isaiah 51:1-53:12	Ephesians 5:1-33	Psalms 69:19-36	Proverbs 24:7
□ 28	Isaiah 54:1-57:14	Ephesians 6:1-24	Psalms 70:1-5	Proverbs 24:8
□ 29	Isaiah 57:15-59:21	Philippians 1:1-26	Psalms 71:1-24	Proverbs 24:9-10
□ 30	Isaiah 60:1-62:5	Philippians 1:27-2:18	Psalms 72:1-20	Proverbs 24:11-12



The **NEW SCHOOL YEAR** is off and running! Pastor Kami is, once again this year, one of the sponsors of Cats for Christ which meets every Wednesday morning at the high school. Youth group has continued their regular schedule of weekly meetings on Wednesday evenings.

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**AWANA** is taking center stage at FBC.

On August 12, a crew was at Broadmoor Elementary's Back to School night promoting AWANA. Their display included samples of books, vests, T-shirts and puppets that will be used during the AWANA program. Lots of kids and families stopped by to check out the booth.

Kami hosted a training event on August 17, for our local club staff, and four people attended an AWANA conference in Kansas City on August 23.

The First AWANA Club meeting blasted off on August 21, with almost 44 children and around 15 staff, but everyone is needed to make the program thrive. Join us in bringing AWANA to life through your presence and prayers on Thursday nights. (just show up on any Thursday evening and we'll put you to work). Your involvement matters more than you think!

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CELEBRATIONS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY—

Reagan Faith Johnson was born at 9:24am on July 10, 2025. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long. She is welcomed by big sister Rosalind, big brother Rhys and parents Jana & Garrett Johnson as well as doting grandparents Jean & John Gough.

Elizabeth Marie Neal was born on Sunday, August 10 at 12:29 am; She weighed 9 pounds, 2.4 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Elizabeth is welcomed by parents Brance & Taylor Neal and big brother Brennen.

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Church life also includes being family during the **TOUGH TIMES**. "Grief is perhaps the most difficult of human emotions to face, though it has the potential for being the most therapeutic, as well ... grief is not a bad thing—for grief is the cost of having loved. If we had not cared, we would not grieve." We would like to extend sympathies and prayers to:

### **The Family of Michael Arthur Bergman**

Michael Arthur Bergman was born on August 29, 1961. He and Laura Morgan were united in marriage on May 31, 1986. Their marriage was blessed with three beautiful daughters, Jessica, Emily & Abigail. Mike joined our church by transfer of letter in 1994, and served on many church boards and committees. Mike passed in to the arms of Jesus on August 7, 2025. He was 63 years old.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
FBC PARTICIPATES IN
LABOR DAY PARADE



SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14
6:00 PM
BACKYARD BBQ

Deacons will provide the grills, drinks, paper plates and utensils. You need to bring 1) meat for your family, 2) a side dish or dessert to share.



MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 15
12:00 -5:00 PM
CRAFTER'S CORNER
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
12:00 PM
WOMEN'S BOOKWORM
CAFÉ

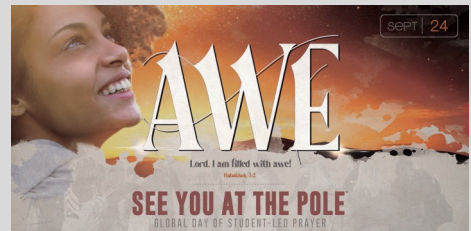
YOUTH ROOM

Book to be reviewed:
The Letter Tree
by Rachel Fordham



KIDS' DINNER
THEATER

Production will begin with auditions on Sunday, September 21. Rehearsals will mostly be on Sunday afternoons and performance will be on Friday, February 13. See Pastor Kami for more details.



SEE YOU AT THE POLE-
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24
7:30 AM—LHS & LMS



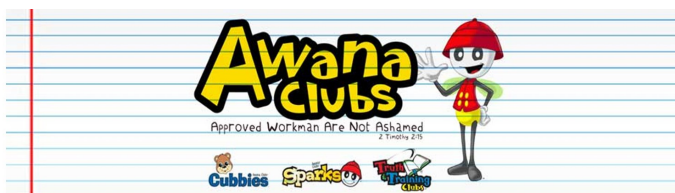
SAVE THE DATE:
FALL FESTIVAL
COMING SOON!

Fall fun is around the corner! Mark your calendars now for October 18—our annual Fall Festival will be back and better than ever. Fun for all ages!

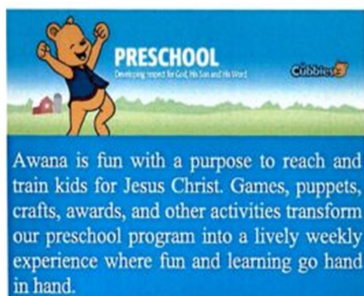
Think of it as weekly VBS! Ages 3-5th grade

The community of Louisburg and surrounding area are invited to participate in AWANA—an exciting time of fun with a purpose.

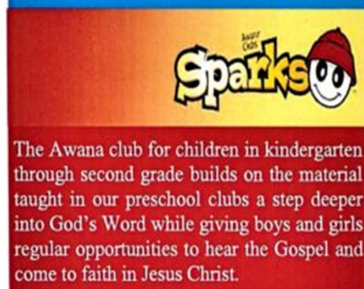
Thursdays—6:15pm-7:50pm



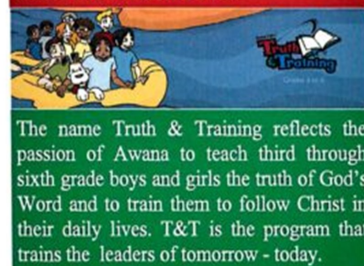
WHAT IS AWANA?



Awana is fun with a purpose to reach and train kids for Jesus Christ. Games, puppets, crafts, awards, and other activities transform our preschool program into a lively weekly experience where fun and learning go hand in hand.



The Awana club for children in kindergarten through second grade builds on the material taught in our preschool clubs a step deeper into God's Word while giving boys and girls regular opportunities to hear the Gospel and come to faith in Jesus Christ.



The name Truth & Training reflects the passion of Awana to teach third through sixth grade boys and girls the truth of God's Word and to train them to follow Christ in their daily lives. T&T is the program that trains the leaders of tomorrow - today.

EACH CLUB MEETING PROVIDES THREE COMPONENTS:



1. Game Time: Team competitions take place in our unique game circle, providing maximum opportunity for children to get involved no matter their athletic ability.



2. Book Time: Kids work one on one with a trained leader to finish assignments in their curriculum materials. Awana emphasizes memorizing and understanding key Bible verses that teach children how to know and follow God. A series of awards reward their achievements at every level.



3. Council Time: Kids and leaders gather together for singing and practical Bible messages.



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.

Digging into the archives again...

How about this recipe from the July 2003 newsletter—

With extra tomatoes, you might want to consider canning—

TACO SAUCE

From the kitchen of LaLayne Harwood

12-15 cups tomatoes (scalded and peeled)

3 cloves garlic

½ cup white sugar

1 cup chopped onion

2 cups brown sugar

2 green peppers, chopped

4 tablespoons salt

½ teaspoon cumin

½ cup vinegar

1 tablespoon chili powder

8-10 jalapeno peppers

2 tablespoons oregano

Combine all ingredients in blender or food chopper until desired consistency.

Put in kettle and cook down (30-45 minutes) to thicken.

Put in jars and seal. Process 15 minutes. (makes seven or eight pints of sauce).

ABW Bible Book(s) of the Month 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus

1 TIMOTHY, 2 TIMOTHY, and TITUS are often called the *Pastoral Epistles*.

1 TIMOTHY

Paul writes to his young co-worker Timothy, who is leading the church in Ephesus. The letter gives instructions on how to organize and lead the church. Paul warns against false teachers, emphasizes prayer, and outlines qualifications for elders and deacons. He also gives guidance on caring for widows, handling wealth, and living a godly life. The theme is sound doctrine and orderly church leadership.

2 TIMOTHY

This is Paul's final letter, written from prison shortly before his death. It is deeply personal and encouraging. Paul urges Timothy to remain faithful, endure suffering, guard the truth of the gospel, and continue preaching. He uses his own life as an example of perseverance and hope. The theme is faithfulness to the gospel in the face of hardship.

TITUS

Paul writes to Titus, who is ministering on the island of Crete. The letter focuses on establishing solid church leadership by appointing qualified elders, teaching sound doctrine, and encouraging good works. Paul stresses that salvation comes by God's grace, which motivates believers to live godly lives. The theme is godly living flowing from God's grace.

Together, these three letters highlight the importance of **sound teaching, strong leadership, perseverance, and living out the gospel**.



MISSIONS CORNER

Lee Ann & Gordon Hwang -
ABC Global Servants in Japan

Gordon & Lee Ann Hwang
Rifu, Japan
August 2025

God is good all the time! All the time, God is GOOD! We finished our home assignment for this year. Meeting people is always a highlight for Lee Ann, the extrovert. Gordon is energized when he's alone. God granted us enough down time between appointments that Gordon didn't get sick when we got back to Japan! We're planning our next home assignment in January and February 2026. We're gaining experience doing the visits which makes it easier. However, the annual visits seem to be coming around much quicker, like birthdays! Thank you for your prayers.

The Biennial in Omaha was encouraging. We spent much of our time by our display board interacting with people about missions and ministry in Japan. The messages we heard were about the centrality of Jesus, the Living Water! It was very encouraging to hear this message from 2 of the main speakers.

The volunteer team from California arrived safely to help with the English camp. The church has been given opportunity to partner with the city to do a two-day English Day Camp for elementary school students. Please pray for the prep still needing to happen. God has provided an increase in number of students participating and the number of volunteers!

Since we returned to Japan, we spent over a week weeding and harvesting about 2 hours a day. God provided rain and Gordon set up 2 of our rain barrels just in time. Please pray for Gordon. He did something causing neck and shoulder pain radiating into his arm. We praise God that his low heart rate didn't require additional medical care. Thank you for your financial support. We are currently at 75% of our support goal.



SEPTEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sept. 4 Pam Waite
 Sept. 5 Larry Nelson
 Sept. 6 Elyse Bovaird
 Sept. 7 Rhys Johnson
 Collins Cole
 Sept. 12 Diane Ferguson
 Sept. 14 Natalia Valihun
 Marla Atkinson
 Sept. 16 Kiff Sarver
 Sept. 18 Jan Vohs
 Sept. 24 Margaret Keeling
 Sept. 25 Zoe Cutshaw
 Sept. 26 Carol Hale
 Melba Owings
 Sept. 27 Jo Roush
 Sept. 28 John Kasych
 Sept. 29 Carmel Smith
 Jay Minor

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



Julia & Mike Stegeman - September 1
Tami & Larry Hacker - September 9
Rachel & Aaron Beaver - September 15
Jana & Garrett Johnson - September 23
Kathy & Rick Elliott - September 28
Elaine & Jeff Smith - September 29
Emily & Luke Gerard - September 30



Vera & Rex McCormick
were married on September 5, 1954.
Vera passed on December 10, 2024.
They shared over 70 years together.

Barbara & Bob Roberts
were married on September 27, 1955.
Bob passed on July 27, 2013.
They shared almost 58 years together.

Diane & Steve Smith
were married on September 30, 1993.
Steve passed on September 10, 2022.
They shared nearly 29 years together.



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

Sept. 18—Deadline for October Newsletter

in person
ATTENDANCE

	<u>8:15</u>	<u>11:00</u>
Aug. 3	55	57
Aug. 10	65	51
Aug. 17	56	71
Aug. 24	59	77



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
12:15 PM—Deaconesses

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
6:30 PM - Deacons

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
7:00 PM - Christian Education &
Trustee Boards

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
6:15 PM - Finance Committee

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
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 8/27, as a church we have done 37 boxes towards the 2025 goal of 100 boxes; can we do even more?)



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