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News

(Re-)Read the Scripture Lessons for the day from the bulletin.

Honestly, this week forced me to take inventory of all the happenings at *Tree*. So, I want to take this week's *Roots* to just give a blast of what is going on around here.

Today, after worship we are celebrating with Nathan and Desirèe at their wedding shower. I hope that you are planning on attending or have already done so. It is important that we surround them with love and encouragement at this stage of their relationship. As a wise man once told me regarding my own impending wedding. "You and Amber made the decision to get married. We're all here to give you a push." So let's give Nate and Des a push and help them start off right, before their wedding on October 3rd.

Beginning after worship on Sunday October 4th, "Pass the Plate with Pastor" begins. That week and for the five weeks following it there will be a lunch with me, the pastor, for the groves. Amber and I ask that each family in the grove bring a side or a dessert to share. We will bring brats or hamburgers or something like that for everyone. If you are on a specific diet or cannot eat certain things for any reason, please make sure to accommodate yourself. I hope if that is the case for any of you, that you will still join us for the fellowship. Walnut grove will be the first Grove to meet with me after worship on October 4th. So if your elder is Ken Warren or you know that you're in Walnut Grove, please plan on staying for a great time. There is a detailed schedule for the groves

Roots

printed in the announcements section of the bulletin today.

On October 21st, we will begin our new Adult Midweek class

based on the book *The Life You Crave: It's All About Grace* by Michael Newman. The book promises to draw you in with some of the universal questions of humanity, pull on your heartstrings and offer you relief through the powerful Word of God, Jesus Christ. Traditional, or worldly views, are challenged, and Newman reforms them with God's view for our lives. If you're interested in this study with us, please sign up on the sheet by the nursery.

The very next Sunday, October 25th, there will be a joint Reformation Service at *Our Savior* in Rockwall. Their *Holy Smokers* group will be providing some of their great smoked meats for the fellowship following the service. Also, in case you just can't miss your beloved Cowboys, they will be on the big screen for your enjoyment during the fellowship time. I will get more specifics to you as soon as I have them.

Finally, coming in early November we will begin a Sunday morning study in the Adult classroom on the book *Multiply: Disciples Making Disciples* by Francis Chan. In which, we will learn more about the topics of discipleship and outreach. Hopefully, we will learn to love those disciplines rather than the hushed fear that often accompanies them in so many American churches.

That's all for now. God's peace.

Pastor 

