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In a small community nestled in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains, God has placed a burden on

the hearts of Carter and Kristen Pearce to plant a Bible-believing, gospelpreaching church. God has provided them with partners in the ministry—

Bart and Andrea Phelps—and a place to call home—the old "Country Rooster" building on the square in downtown Green Forest, Arkansas.

When Carter first shared his vision for church planting with us, he expressed his desire to reach both the Anglo and Hispanic populations in Green Forest with a multi-ethnic and multi-lingual congregation. Carter is bi-lingual, speaking English and Spanish and has a true passion for reaching people with the gospel of Jesus Christ, but he realized his limitations in bringing the proper cultural setting to the church plant. He needed someone to partner with him to be a catalyst for this ministry.

Several weeks ago, a few of our own church members went to Green Forest one Saturday to canvas the community and share the gospel with all those who would listen. One of those who went that day was Alberto Herrera. After spending the day witnessing all over Green Forest, Carter began discussing with Alberto the possibility of him helping launch this Spanish ministry.

When I became aware of this goal and desire, I approached the BMA of the Ozarks churches with

the opportunity to partner

together with Grace for this endeavor. The churches at the association voted unanimously to partner with Grace

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Baptist Mission for the next 12 months in order to establish this new ministry.

Please pray for this new church planting partnership and for all the ethnicities of Green Forest to be reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ!

On October 7th, we will have the opportunity to get to know another missionary family whose hearts God has burdened with the desire to be church planters. Stephen and Candice Schroeder will be sharing their vision for reaching the unreached people groups of Papua New Guinea during our morning services. The Schroeder family is partnering together with the BMA of America Department of Missions and Ethnos 360. They will also have the opportunity to be at the BMA of the Ozarks Mission Rally on October 8th at Round Mountain in Fayetteville. Please pray for this family as they prepare to go on mission!



School is in full swing, Friday nights are filled with High School football games and halftime shows, the Arkansas Razorbacks are losing games in traditional fashion, and Tom Brady had a 3 touchdown game. Good to see all is back to normal. Hope all of you are doing well, Laura and I are praying for all of our students and you parents. Especially for you parents with Seniors...

Welcome to Spencer, Michelle, and Derrick! They have joined the Youth Ministry Team. We are all really excited about their future and serving with them. Carly has been doing a great job showing them the ropes. As we seek to improve and move closer to where God wants us.



Don't Forget that **Wednesday**, **September 26**th is See You At the Pole. If nothing is organized in your school, then gather your friends and organize it. An evangelist once said "Go home, lock yourself in your room. Kneel down in the middle of the floor, and with a piece of chalk, draw a circle around yourself. There on your knees, pray fervently and brokenly that God would Start a revival within that chalk circle." If you want to change your school, it has to start with you.

Sunday the 23rd starts the Global Week of prayer for Students. This year, I will be challenging our students to pray each day for their Friends, Family, and School. Let's make a difference this year!

And as always, for those involved in activities, please invite Laura and I, and others on the ministry team. We want to come out and support you!



Ron Fields, Pastor of Senior Adults and Care Ministries

Over the years family and church were my primary focus. There were many interests and softball surfaced. Then about the time I stepped aside as pastor a couple of men invited me to go fishing.

I learned some basics. I can now tell the difference between a blue gill and a catfish! Friends have invited me to go and are very patient as I have been learning how to clean the catch, preparing them for freezer and cooking.

It's a far cry from the day a retired pastor picked me up and took me fishing with him back in the late 70's. Then he caught several and at the end of day dropped me off at home with a huge container of fish and told me they were mine!

What does a non-fisherman do with a large catch? I took a butcher knife from the kitchen and began. After countless unsuccessful tries to get a little bit of meat, I finally took all I had to my garden and used them as fertilizer!

That ended my fishing until El and Steve took me out, let me watch how they did it, and patiently showed me how to clean a fish.

By the way, did I tell you about the one that got away? Sitting in the boat, two lines in the water, one in hand and one lying at my feet, a whopper took the bait! My reaction time was so slow that I only watched as the entire hook, line, rod, and reel slid out of the boat and into the lake! I know that was the biggest fish in the lake!

Jesus chose twelve to become fishers of men. He spent time with them, teaching, demonstrating, mentoring. The result was that after His ascension into heaven, these followers turned Jerusalem upside down for God! Thousands became believers.

Who knows but that the person you pour your life into will become the catalyst of redemption and renewal for this needy world.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES REQUESTED FOR DONATION:

- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Composition Notebooks
- Wide-ruled loose leaf notebook paper
- #2 Pencils
- Dry-erase Markers
- Kleenex
- Germ X

All donated items may be left on the lower shelves of the Welcome Center or in the bins in the Gathering Room!



Opportunities for Worship & Service

SUNDAY

SONDAI	
Sunday School 9:45 AM	
Worship Service 10:45 AM	
Children's Church 10:45 AM	
Financial Peace University 5:00PM	
Student Life Groups 6:00 PM	
Evening Worship Service 6:00 PM	
Monday	
Ladies Bible Study (9/24 10/8,22) 6:30 PM	
WEDNESDAY	
Awana 6:00 PM	
TSM (Temple Student Ministry) 6:00PM	
Bible Study (Adults) 6:30PM	
Alpha Bible Study 8:30 PM	
Thursday	
Ladies Bible Study (9/20 10/4,18) 6:30pm	

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Christian Seniors Noon (First Thursday of each month)

September 30	5th Sunday Fellowship Evening Service Dismissed
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October 4	Christian Seniors - NOON
October 7	Guest Missionaries—Schroeder
	Family—Papua New Guinea
October 8	Mission Rally - Round Mountain
October 21	Observance of the Lord's Supper
October 28	Community Bible Walk
October 31	Awana & TSM Dismissed



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