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From our ministry partners at The Neighboring Movement, SoCe Life here is our Neighboring Tip of the Month

Slow down, and notice something new about your neighborhood each day this week.

When we drive through our neighborhoods, we tend to see people, houses, yards, and streets, but when we walk through our neighborhoods, we tend to see faces, homes, flowers, and trees.

For this reason, we propose this week's tip: Slow down, and notice something new about your neighborhood each day this week. This tip allows us to become better informed of what is happening in our neighborhoods, helps us to foster attitudes of thankfulness, and may even help us to discover the stories of our neighborhoods.

The tip is made up of two distinct parts that work together in order to accomplish the common goal:

1. Slow down - Before you can actually notice something new about your neighborhood each day, you have to create the space to do so. Obviously, this may look very different depending on the person. Maybe you set time aside each day to be mindful of your neighborhood while still in your home. Maybe you walk the next time you need to get somewhere in your neighborhood that you might normally drive, bike, or run in order to get to. This can be anything that both keeps you from feeling rushed and puts you in a position to notice your neighborhood. No matter how this looks, set time aside each day in order to do so.
2. Notice something new about your neighborhood each day this week - Now that you have already created the space to notice something new about your neighborhood each day this week, all that's left is the easy part: notice! Again, this may look very different depending on the person, but all you have to do is employ your various senses in order to observe the neighborhood around you. Have you ever been past something hundreds of times and never truly noticed it was there? It seems as if most everyone can recall a specific moment when they first noticed something they had been by countless times before. It's just so easy to do! As humans, it seems all too easy to become caught up in our everyday experiences, or what we perceive as being part of "our lives", instead of taking time to notice the life that surrounds us, the lives we impact, and the life we get to be a part of. By focusing on deadlines, destinations, and what is familiar to us, we end up missing out on what is happening all around us, what is new, what is beautiful. Happy neighboring!

T-shirt Drive

We will be celebrating the fifth grade classes at Anderson again this year with a tie dye party.

We are needing about 100 white t shirts in adult small and med sizes. Your donation of a package of t shirts will help us reach our goal.

We don't have the date set yet but it will be early May before the school field day. Also, if you would like to help at this event please let me know.

Thanks for your continued support.

Dulcie

April Events

Every Sunday

Sunday School - 9:30 AM

Morning Worship - 10:45 AM

Every Monday

All Scouts - 7 PM

Every Tuesday

Bible Study - 10 AM (on hold for now)

Every Wednesday

3D Dinner & Discipleship Class - 5:30 PM

Choir - 7 PM

Special Worship Services

April 1 - Easter Sunday

Other Events & Meetings

April 21 - Pancake Breakfast 8 - 10 AM

Neighboring Workshop

CELEBRATE
EASTER

Strengthening Families

In partnership with Anderson Elementary, a new program will be introduced for families with children in Grades 3, 4, and 5 called Strengthening Families. This ten-week program, led by trained family coaches, Amy Foster, Dulcie Guinty and Kendra Klaus will begin in March. Through this program parents will learn how to encourage good behavior, set rules and consequences, protect against substance abuse and help their children with peer pressure. Students will learn how to deal with stress, set goals, better follow rules, and how to handle conflict. The classes will be held on Monday evenings and will include a light dinner. Child care will also be provided. There is no cost to participate. For more information or to register to attend, please contact Kendra Klaus at Anderson Elementary, 316-973-1950.



Eagle Scout Project

Congratulations to Ethan Milligan on completing your Eagle Scouting Project. Dawson UMC thanks you for the time spent painting one of the classrooms in the Education Building.

Easter Breakfast



Will be served at 9 Am in the Fellowship Hall.



EASTER EGG Hunt

Easter Sunday

9:45 AM

Pancake Breakfast



Saturday April 21st 8-10 AM



The Change for Change collected in April will go to outreach projects for Anderson Elementary



"Faith In Action" is the course of study for the adult Sunday School Class. We meet in the conference room at 9:30 AM every Sunday. We have very in-depth, relevant and lively discussions of the weekly lessons.

You are welcome to join us anytime, grab a cup of coffee or juice and a donut in Fellowship Hall and come study with us.

Alleluia!

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:18-19

My neighbor and friend, Bev recently wrote the following devotional on her on-line blog;

“After months of winter banishment from the garden, the heart and the hands yearn to return. First order of business is cleaning up the flower beds. Last year’s garden was one of the best but you wouldn’t know that by looking at the garden now. Dried stalks with seed heads stand stiffly among golden grasses and heaps of crisp brown leaves weary and worn from winter’s assault. It is time. The dead stuff must go.

*Under the dry debris are glimpses of green peeking through the earth. **The garden to come must be freed from the garden that was.** That is why the dead stuff must go. This thought makes me pause and suddenly I know that this is a truth that encompasses far more than just my garden. The nudge in my soul tells me that it is not only my garden that needs to be relieved of remnants of what once was and is no more. And so a few afternoons are well spent with a little physical work and a little soul work. In the end, the dead stuff is mostly gone. In its place, there is hope.”*

Before a plant produces fruit, before flowers bloom into beautiful colors, before their roots grow deep, before it first breaks the surface, before the seed is even planted, that planter must soften the soil. So he digs through what’s there turning it over and breaking it apart, pulling out the stubborn rocks and life draining weeds until the soil is soft and ready.

There are good things that God will plant in each of our lives. We must continually be looking for ways that He is springing up in the world. We must continually be working the soil to tend to our hearts to make sure there is room for growth...room for new life. What parts of your life needs a little pruning? In what ways can you bloom to share God’s love and prescience in the world around you?

Keep on growing...keep on sowing...keep on knowing that seasons come and go, God’s love for us always remains the same. See you Sunday, Pastor Amy



The last week of March, Family Promise celebrated the graduation of another successful family into a home of their own. Your continued prayers for all of our families are appreciated. Thank you all for your gracious support of this vital ministry.



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WHY DO YOU SEEK
THE LIVING
AMONG THE DEAD?

Luke 24:5-6