Thank you...

Thank you so much for the flowers and all of your prayers. Thank you to the ladies who took the time to cook and serve the food. It was great. Your thoughtfulness meant so much.
Nora Brooks

The Food Pantry wishes to thank everyone who contributed produce from their gardens this summer to the Pantry. Our daycare gardeners were also a great help at their give-away. The clients were so appreciative.
Sharon Jackson, Food Pantry Coordinator

We met a lot of awesome people in Muncie and I know God gave them to us for a season. Our church in Selma was by far, like an oasis for us. We all will truly miss SUMC. Thank you all so much for your prayers and encouragement, you have been a blessing to us. Our new address is 7424 Wythe Dr., Noblesville, IN 46062.
The Balderas Family

Thanks to my church family for all you have done for me. God has worked many miracles for me through all of you. May "God be with all of you." In Jesus name, Amen. Love you all.
Debbie Goggans

Thank you for your prayers and all the food that came to us during my illness. WOW! What a church and Life Group! Love and thanks to you all.
Barb Coon and Dick, too

A special "thank you" to **Nancy Shreve**. Words cannot express our gratitude for your years of service at Little Learners. You have touched so many lives (of all ages) and will be missed. As you begin this new chapter in your life, our prayer is that God will use you and tremendously bless you and your family. We love and appreciate you!
SUMC

September Calendar

1 Food Pantry (9:30-11a)
Exercise Class (6:30-7:30p)*NOTE NEW NIGHT!
2 Youth Human Video Practice (5:30-6:30p)
Worship Team (6:30-8p)
3 Shots for Tots (9:30-11:30a & 1-3:30p)
AA Meeting (8p)
4 Dining Divas/Chick Flicks/Cuisine Queens (5:30p)
6 No Youth Group
7 Labor Day
8 Exercise Class (6:30-7:30p)
9 Worship Team (6:30-8p)
10 AA Meeting (8p)
11 Gamin' Gals (6-9p)
12 Secret Sisters @ Vanilla Greens (11a)
13 The Compass Church Preview Service @ Northside M.S.(10:45a)
C.L.A.S.S. (10:45a)
JAM 2B (5:45p)
Youth Group (6:30-8p)
15 Food Pantry (5:30-7p)
Exercise Class (6:30-7:30p)
Cuisine Queens (6:30-8p)
16 Superbook KIDS (6:30-7:30p)
Worship Team (6:30-8p)
17 AA Meeting (8p)
19 Extreme Team Canoeing & Lunch (10a)
20 The Compass Church Preview Service @ Northside M.S.(10:45a)
C.L.A.S.S. (10:45a)
Confirmation (5-6p)
JAM 1B (6-6:30p)
Youth Group (6:30-8:00p)
22 Lit 'n' Lattes @ Panera (10a)
Exercise Class (6:30-7:30p)
23 Youth S.Y.A.T.P.@ each school (7:15a)
Superbook KIDS (6:30-7:30p)
Worship Team (6:30-8p)
24 AA Meeting (8p)
25-26 Girlsfriends Getaway-Overnight in Indy
27 The Compass Church Send Off @ SUMC
Confirmation (5-6p)
JAM 2A (6-6:30p)
Youth Group (6:30-8:00p)
29 Exercise Class (6:30-7:30p)
30 Superbook KIDS (6:30-7:30p)
Worship Team (6:30-8p)

Sunday Morning Worship:
9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

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Our primary ministry focus will be on youth and children, and serving our community and world in Christ's behalf.

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Countdown to Launch!

As we near the launch of The Compass Church, I recalled a song from long ago. I thought it kind of appropriate for what we are doing. The song was first sung by David Bowie back in 1969. Well, here's our version of the countdown:

Ground control to Major Tom (ten, nine, eight, seven six)

10. Receiving the Vision (Pastor Mark)
9. Sharing of the Vision with the congregation
8. Saying yes to the Vision
7. Receiving a grant from the UMC Conference
6. Naming Campus Pastor and creating the Launch Team

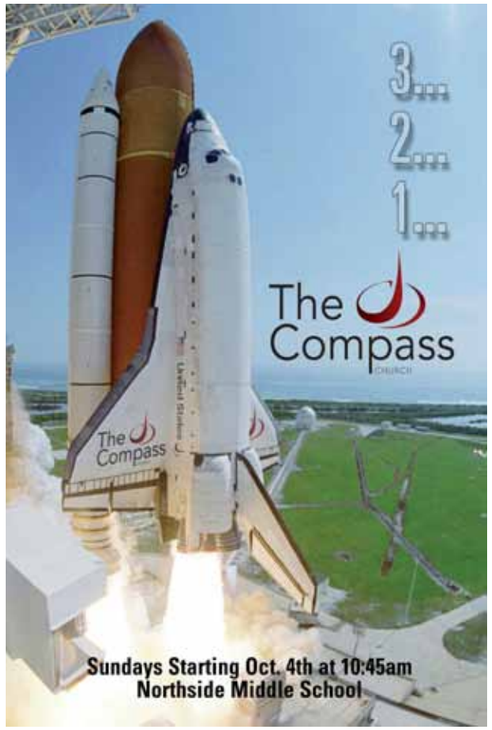
Commencing countdown, engines on (five, four, three, two)

5. Establishing and growing Life Groups
4. Hiring of The Compass Church Staff
3. Worship Team Trials (at Northside Middle School)
2. Preview Services **(at Northside MS – Sept. 13th & 20th)**

Check ignition and may God's love be with you (one, liftoff)

1. Send Off **(at SUMC – Sept. 27th)**

LIFTOFF – Launch Sunday (at Northside MS - Oct. 4th)



As we near the launch of The Compass Church, I want to encourage you to constantly be aware of those folks around you. Reach out to them. Show them some love. Invite them to your Life Group. Invite them to come with you to church. What do you have to lose? What do they have to gain?

Just to let you know we are at # 3 on the countdown to launch. I've not watched any shuttle launches lately but that is usually where the engines are firing up. Once you've got hundreds of tons of rocket fuel igniting there's not much that's going to stop that ship from launching.

May God's love be with us!

Jeff Ellis

Campus Pastor

The Compass CHURCH

This fall the youth will be studying
Biblical Numbers and ***Examples in the Bible of How God Counts***

Aug 30	The number 7 "Perfect & Complete"
Sept 13	The number 10 "Law & Order"
Sept 20	The number 3 "Unity & Fellowship"
Sept 27	The number 12 "Family & Leadership"
Oct 11	The number 6 "Incomplete & Weak"
Oct 18	The number 40 "Testing & Permanent Change"
Oct 25	The number 13 "Rebellion & Dark Evil"
Nov 8	The number 8 "New Birth, New Beginnings"
Nov. 22	The number 2 "Witnessing"

Coming in ... 2010

Generation ¢hange-A study for teens on what God says about money, by Dave Ramsey.
The Naked Truth-Blush free lessons to help kids live pure in a gone-wild culture.

Sunday, October 4
Tickets $20
go on sale September 13th at youth group

Wednesday
September 23 2009
@ 7:15 am at your high school

COMFIRMATION CALL OUT

20 Youth Have Already Signed Up!!!

This is an awesome adventure in faith-growing for youth in 6-12th grade. It is intense, but fun. Our hope upon completion is that you will understand the Bible, know what Christians believe, and accept Christ as your Lord. Contact Lisa Ellcessor for more info.

Beginning on Wednesday, September 16

Super Book K.I.D.S.

Join the Fun!

September 16 - October 21
Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
for kids in grades K-5

Bring Friends!

Broom Races	**Ping Pong Balls**
Fun Coaches	**Wacky References**
Gold Medals	**Points**
Bible Fun	**Active Games**
Balloons	**Friendships**
Win Prizes!	**Bring Your Bible!**

The "SuperBook," of course, is the Bible, and each week activities will include a combination of Bible knowledge competition, active games, and points awarded for being present, bringing a friend, bringing Bibles, and completing a "take-home" worksheet.

We want parents to assist children with this take-home worksheet. Remember the purpose is to encourage children to learn to look up information in their Bibles...so don't just tell them the answers, help them look it up and understand the question and the answer. You can also help by "drilling" your child on the answers and by making sure the worksheet is brought back to church the following week.

Back to THE MEANING OF Christmas BasH

Saturday, December 5, 2009

As a follow-up to the Back To School Bash we will be hosting a Christmas party for local kids (our own kids are invited too) where they will do lots of fun activities and learn the real Christmas Story. Each family will leave with a meaningful gift. Help us out by being on the planning committee for this potentially life-changing event. Contact Staci Buck at 741-0114.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Since 1993, more than 61 million shoe boxes have been packed, shipped, and delivered across the globe. People of all ages can be involved in this simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas - Jesus Christ.

Look for the information coming in your bulletin about how to get involved and fill a shoe box for a child in need this year.

Mark your calendars now!
Shoe Box Dedication
Sunday, November 15.

Operation Christmas Child
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Friday & Saturday Sept. 25th & 26th

It's time to put down the heavy burdens of everyday life and pick up lightness and laughter on a Girlfriends getaway!

Who: All women over 18 yrs
What: Fun and laughter with friends
Tailgate Party
Staying at Embassy Suites
Going to ComedySportz Club
Pajama Party
Devotions
Your pick of Circle Centre, The Canal, IN State Museum/IMAX, Indy Zoo, or Other
Spaghetti Factory
When: Friday & Saturday, September 25 & 26
Where: Indianapolis
Cost: $100

Space is limited. Call Gail Yates (282-1648) to reserve your spot ASAP.

girlfriends unlimited

Girlfriends is a dynamic group of women united in purpose, in friendship, in encouragement, and in fun, too! The following is a list of upcoming meetings, activites, and events. Call Gail Yates at 282-1648 for more information or to sign up for a group or activity.

Friday, September 4
Dining Divas, Chick Flicks, Cuisine Queens
@ Amazing Joes, 5:30pm
followed by the movie, Julie & Julia
and dessert

Friday, September 11
Gamin' Gals @ the church, 6-9pm

Saturday, September 12
Secret Sisters @ Vanilla Greens, 11am

Tuesday, September 15
Cuisine Queens @ the church, 6:30-8pm
How to make pumpkin stew

Saturday, September 19
Extreme Team @ Byrds Smokehouse BBQ in Daleville, 10am
Canoeing & lunch

Tuesday, September 22
Lit 'n'Lattes @ Panera, 10am

Friday & Saturday, September 25 & 26
Girlfriends Getaway - Overnight in Indy

Friday, October 9
Gamin' Gals @ the church, 6-9pm

live like you were dying

Coming Soon...

LIVE LIKE YOU WERE DYING™ is a 30-day group study inspired by the Grammy® award-winning song recorded by Tim McGraw that has touched millions with its evocative imagery. This group study is unique because it creates turning-point moments by causing thoughtful reflection on what really matters. It combines an award-winning song that touches our deepest longing for meaning with the timeless truths of God's Word in a learning experience for the whole church.

This 30-day emphasis involves everyone in your group, builds momentum through multiple reinforcements and includes daily readings to challenge your group members each day of the week. By concentrating on the themes of Loving Deeper, Speaking Sweeter, Giving Forgiveness and Embracing Eternity, your group will build a stronger sense of community and experience spiritual transformation.

C.L.A.S.S. Beginning September 13!
(Christian Learning And Service Seminars)

CLASS is right around the corner! If you are interested in going deeper and growing with God, becoming a member of Selma United Methodist, or connecting with new people, then this is just for you. The dates are **September 13th through November 15th, during second service (10:45 a.m.-noon)**, and child care is available in the nursery. The cost is $10. Hope to see you there!

The following is a little "pre-season" advice from dear old mom...

Dear Child,

I've been hearing a lot in the news about the swine flu and with flu season right around the corner I'm worried about you.

You sounded a little hoarse the last time we talked. Are you getting enough sleep? Are you eating well? Are you covering your mouth when you cough? Don't forget to sneeze into your sleeve. And for heaven sakes, Stay home if you are sick. Other people DO NOT want your bug and you definitly need the rest. For that matter, Stay away from sick people. Try to avoid shaking hands and make sure you wash, wash, wash your hands. This flu thing is scary! I don't want you to get sick.

I love and miss you. It would be so nice to hear from you. But, if you call from work, make sure you wipe the receiver with an antibacterial wipe. You just never know who has used that thing.

XOXO
MoM

Flu prevention suggestions shared with us by our friends at the Delaware County Health Department.