

LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, SERVE THE WORLD
IN WAYNE & BEYOND
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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

We are enjoying a fruitful summer at Church of the Saviour! We've had a lot of great energy around the campus, thanks to our kids camps and summer interns, and we've heard many stories of fresh encounters with Jesus! We are also learning a lot about the heart of God and how to trust Him more deeply through our sermon series in the book of Joshua. Thank you for being so welcoming to Pastor Fred Harvey, from Spirit and Truth Fellowship, when he preached last month. He wrote to tell me how much he enjoyed both preaching at COS and having great conversations with many of you. We will continue learning from the ups and downs of the nation of Israel as our series progresses through mid-October.

As we prepare for the fall, I wanted to recap something that Kevin spoke about at Vision Day. He preached on the parable of the lost sheep from the gospel of Luke chapter 15. As you recall, the shepherd in the story leaves the flock of ninety-nine to find the one sheep that was lost. Of course, this great story is a metaphor for Jesus going after the lost sinner.

"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?" ~Luke 15:4

Kevin pointed out that God does not wait passively for lost sinners to come to him, but He actively seeks them out. The Good Shepherd is intentional about finding the lost sheep, and the Father responds with joy when Jesus carries a repentant sinner home!

As a church, our desire is to align all that we do with the heart of God. The theme that Pastor Kevin shared on Vision Day was "For the One." In his sermon, he emphasized that "we are evaluating all that we do [as a church] with the one lost person in mind rather than the ninety-nine. We are going to strive to become a Luke 15 church."

Engaging in the mission of God is one of our highest callings and greatest privileges. It is where the action and the satisfaction dwell. As Jose reinforced last week, God made us the ambassadors for His plan of redemption in our world. We were the lost sheep that Jesus rescued, and we want to be used by God to call other lost souls to Him.

As we look forward to September, all of us have a unique part to play in God's mission. We all have a place where we can contribute our time, immense talents, and abundant treasure – "For the One."

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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE

Alpha

- Intro class - *Sundays in August at 9:00 am*
 - The Alpha course is a tool that can help you reach your family, friends, and neighbors - the "ones" God has put in your life - with the truth of the Gospel. If you are not sure what Alpha is or are struggling to reach out to the people in your life, we will have special class every Sunday in August to help you learn more about Alpha, discuss common barriers to outreach, and name and pray for people that you can commit to invite to an Alpha class this fall.
- Fall course - *Tuesday nights starting on September 20*
 - We are looking for additional table leaders. Contact alpha@coswayne.org if you're interested.

Global Outreach

- Global Focus Muslim Experience - *Friday, August 5*
 - Join us for a missions experience with a specific focus on the diaspora who live in our area. The day will include visiting a place of worship, prayer walks, and eating at a local ethnic restaurant. To register, go to coswayne.org/go. Contact debrag@coswayne.org or deneenm@coswayne.org to learn more.
- ReachInternational Yard Sale - *Saturday, September 3*
 - There are more details on how you can help on the next page!
- Conversational English Adult Classes - *Saturday mornings starting on September 17*
 - We are looking for more volunteers. Contact debrag@coswayne.org if you're interested.

Discover COS - *Sundays in August after both the 9:00 am and 10:30 am services*

- If you are new or have recently met someone who is new to COS, invite them to join us to learn more about our church. For more information, contact iamnew@coswayne.org.

Community Groups - *Starting the week of September 18*

- Register to join a group by stopping by our table near the Welcome Center on Sundays from August 28 through September 11!
- We are looking for more Community Group leaders. If you're interested, you can apply at coswayne.org/newleaders.

Volunteer Fair - *Sunday, August 21*

- Join us after the 9:00 am and 10:30 am services to learn more about our ministries and sign-up to participate. More details are coming soon! Visit coswayne.org/fair to learn more.

We look forward to sharing more details about the ministries kicking off this fall in the September Newsletter! What an amazing opportunity we have to join God's mission - "For the One."



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GLOBAL OUTREACH UPDATES

REACHINTERNATIONAL YARD SALE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

How can you help make international students feel more at home while they study in the United States? Thomas Jacob shared his experience when he was an international student in 2017.

"It was the summer before my first trip out of the country of my birth. I had put in my resignation at work and was grooming other team members to continue the work I had begun. I had decided to take Villanova University's offer of admission into its graduate engineering program. I was going to be an international student! Soon, I was juggling my free time between saying goodbye to close friends, spending time with family, and shopping for things that I would need to begin life in a strange new land. I cherished the moments that I spent with my parents for I knew that they would be the ones I'd miss the most. I certainly wasn't wrong about that.

But in a world of change, Jesus was the constant and the comfort. The church was a familiar place. The same Spirit that dwelt in my Christian brothers and sisters in Hyderabad dwells within my church family in Wayne. I am an international, but I am not a foreigner at Church of the Saviour. I am part of the family. It is my prayer that other international students would share my experience as they experience what it's like to be loved by God through the love of His family at COS."

Thomas asked a couple of his international student friends what they missed most about their home country. They said:

"I miss my family and friends. There were so many memories we shared. I miss waking up to the smell of my mother's cooking and the sound of the famous Lebanese singer Fairouz. There are many things that I miss about my hometown but thankfully I was able to find a little place I can call home here and a group of amazing friends that are family."

~ Majd Subih, an international student at Villanova University from Amman, Jordan

"I miss Chinese food for sure! I miss the extremely convenient and cheap means of public transportation in Shanghai. I especially miss using my native language to freely and effortlessly express myself. Whereas I struggle to do the same with English and it sometimes stresses me out. I feel like everything is under control in Shanghai – I can handle anything, I can go anywhere and do what I want."

~ Yinan Zhou, an international student at Temple University from Shanghai, China

So how can you help make an international student feel more at home in the United States? One way is to be a part of the yard sale for international students by donating items, volunteering for the sale, helping deliver furniture, and building friendships during the event.

Join us on **Saturday, September 3, from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.**

Sign-up to volunteer the week before or during the event [here!](#)

To learn more about what items can be donated and donation drop-off details, check out coswayne.org/go-international.

For additional questions, please contact reachinternational@coswayne.org

MINISTRY UPDATES

HERITAGE SCHOOL

Heritage School is a preschool and kindergarten ministry of Church of the Saviour, serving 128 families in our church and community. We are currently enrolling students ages 2 - Kindergarten, and we're looking for lead teachers for several classes.

Hear what our parents are saying:

"Heritage School has been such a blessing to our family. When our family relocated to this area, we knew we wanted our children to be in a preschool that would nurture them and inspire a love of learning. We found that year after year at Heritage, our children's love for others, understanding of God's profound love for them, and desire to learn about the world around them grew. We now have our youngest attending as well. When we told our older children she was going to Heritage, they were SO excited that she would have the same love and care they did. While her experience, as a child with Down Syndrome, is not identical to theirs, one thing has remained constant. She is nurtured, taught, and shown in immeasurable ways that she is a beloved image bearer. Her many therapists comment to me about what an amazing school she attends, and that something is different at Heritage. What a gift this school is for our family, and all the lives that interact with its community."

~ Jaime Thurber

"We're so thankful for the teachers and staff at Heritage School! Each of our sons received personalized, caring attention from their teachers, and we appreciated the small class sizes. We were always impressed with all the creative, high-quality activities that inspired our sons' curiosity and prepared them academically for elementary school. They loved being outside, and the Discovery Garden and nature lessons were some of their favorite activities at Heritage."

~ Katrina Arnold

If you're interested in learning more, visit heritagekids.org contact lorrainel@heritagekids.org!

KIDS CAMPS

We are praising God for wonderful Baby Bear, Little Bear, and C-Camps this summer. Many children were able to see and hear about God's love for them. We are so thankful for the faithful and generous support of our many volunteers who helped make camp an amazing experience!



GIVING UPDATE

FISCAL YTD FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>Ministry/Operations</u>	<u>Missions</u>
GIVING TO DATE	\$126,276	\$24,239
BUDGET	\$153,252	\$36,256
OVER/(UNDER)	\$26,976	\$12,017



Text Messaging

Text **"JOIN COS"** to **833-744-9334** to receive alerts or important messages from COS.

Questions & Feedback

We welcome and encourage all inquiries: info@coswayne.org

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