



Fall Festival Volunteer Info Packet

Interested in decorating a trunk, welcoming families, serving snacks, manning an inflatable, or doing a trunk or booth with your Grace Group at our Fall Festival?

This packet will tell you what you need to know.

Fall Festival 2026

Dear Church,

Thank you in advance for serving at this year's Fall Festival. I am excited to see how the Lord will use the fun, His people, and His Word to impact the lives of children and families in our community for the sake of Christ. This year's **Fall Festival is Sunday, October 25th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.**

For families with children:

As we focus on reaching out with the gospel of Christ and lead our children in doing so as well, I'd encourage parents to consider ways they can involve their children.

- You can involve your children in choosing a theme and decorating your vehicle.
- You can ask your children to help you come up with a game or activity to offer at your trunk.
- Rather than having your children merely *get* candy, you can encourage your children to *serve & give* candy at a trunk.
- You can volunteer with your children to serve food, welcome families, man inflatables, and/or cleaning up.

On the next page you will find the three basic steps for serving at the Fall Festival. The rest of this packet will provide some other more information that I trust will be helpful for those decorating a trunk. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Alicia or Liz.

Thank you again for committing to serve!

Blessings,
Jacob Kern

Step 1: Sign Up to Serve

You can serve in one of the following ways:

- Deck out your trunk and pass out candy at your decorated vehicle OR have a booth & activity at it. (CANDY WILL BE PROVIDED FOR YOU) [4:15-6:30pm]
- Set up [After church-3:30]
- Welcome families [3 shifts: 4:15-5:00, 5:00-5:45, 5:45-6:30]
- Food prep [3:00-4:30]
- Serve food [3 shifts: 4:15-5:00, 5:00-5:45, 5:45-6:30]
- Share the gospel (Details to be provided to those who sign up)
- Supervise an inflatable [3 shifts: 4:15-5:00, 5:00-5:45, 5:45-6:30]
- Teardown [6:30-7:30]

Step 2: Prepare

- **Pray!** Pray that the Lord would minister to the families who attend and also direct us in our ministry to them.
- ***If you're doing a TRUNK, deck it out with fun décor. If doing a BOOTH, have a lot of fun planning the activity that you're creating for the kids and then enjoy engaging them with it. Please keep the following things in mind as you prepare:***
 - Especially if you're doing a trunk, take a look at some of the theme ideas in this packet or you may want to come up with one on your own. Pick a theme that interests you. For the best experience, dress up to match your trunk (even if it's just with a hat or face make-up). PLEASE, no ghoulish or questionable decorations! If you are unsure about an item, please don't use it.
 - We are asking that trunks or booths not only have a fun theme or activity but that you also make an intentional, clear connection to a biblical truth, a Bible verse, or the gospel with your trunk & theme OR your booth & activity. Trunks will be a primary way that God's Word and His good news will be communicated to families at our Fall Festival!
 - Please let us know in by October 18th what biblical/gospel connection your trunk or booth will have and in what way that connection will be communicated with others (e.g., a sign with a verse on it, a gospel tract handed out, a brief statement shared with kids when they get their candy, etc...).
 - CANDY WILL BE PROVIDED TRUNKS AND BOOTHS. You do not need to provide your own candy. Please pass out only one fun-size piece of candy per child or 2 smaller pieces of candy per child.
 - Gather all the things you'll need from around the house. You can also visit Party Galaxy, The Dollar Tree, and websites like amazon.com or orientaltrading.com to get more ideas, purchase some supplies, or find all-in-one trunk decoration kits.
 - There is very limited power available. Please let us know if you need power so we can plan accordingly. Please bring an extension cord.
- ***If you are welcoming families, serving food, or supervising inflatables, you will receive further instruction upon arriving.***

Step 3: Serve

- **Have a blast** interacting with families, sharing God's love and truth with them, and seeing all of the cool costumes.
- ***Please arrive at your designated time:***
 - Trunks: park in the north church parking lot and/or grass area by 4:15 on Sunday, October 25th. Spots to park in will be marked.
 - Sharing the Gospel: meet at the church office at 4:00 for prayer & final instructions.
 - Welcoming families: arrive at the church office by 4:15 for final instructions.
 - Serving food: arrive at food table under the pavilion when your shift begins.

- Supervising inflatables: those serving during the 4:15-5:00 time slot will want to meet at the church office at 4:15 for final instructions; those serving at other shifts will want to arrive at their designated inflatable when their shift begins to receive instructions from the volunteer who is finishing his/her shift.

Questions? Contact Jacob or Alicia

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Trunk Ideas

Fun Fact: Orientaltrading.com and Amazon have ready-made kits available in a variety of themes.

Bible Themes	
Noah's Ark	Cardboard ark, rainbow, stuffed animals in pairs, blue fabric Animal Match: Kids match pairs of animal cards
Daniel & the Lions' Den	Stuffed lions, cave backdrop, rocks, vines Feed the Lion: Toss beanbags through a lion's mouth
Jonah & the Big Fish	Giant cardboard whale around the trunk, blue streamers, fish Into the Whale: Toss balls or beanbags into the whale's mouth
The Lost Sheep	Cotton-ball sheep, grass, shepherd's staff, fence Find the Sheep: Hide mini sheep around the display
Armor of God	Ephesians 6:11 — <i>"Put on the full armor of God..."</i> Cardboard armor, shields, helmets, castle backdrop Shield Toss: Toss rings onto cardboard swords/shields
Let Your Light Shine	Matthew 5:16 — <i>"Let your light shine before others..."</i> String lights, lanterns, stars, glow sticks Glow Ring Toss: Toss glow bracelets onto illuminated bottles
Fruit of the Spirit	Giant colorful fruit, baskets, greenery, verse signs Fruit Toss: Toss artificial fruit into matching baskets
Fishers of Men	Fishing nets, blue fabric, fish, tackle boxes Go Fishing: Magnetic fishing poles and numbered fish for prizes
Queen Esther	Purple and gold fabric, crowns, palace backdrop, jewels Royal Ring Toss: Toss rings onto crowns
David & Goliath	Giant cardboard Goliath, hills, sheep, stones Knock Down Goliath: Throw soft balls at stacked cups or a Goliath target
God's Amazing Creation	Sun, moon, stars, plants, animals, clouds Creation Hunt: Find items representing the days of Creation
Jesus Calms the Storm	Cardboard boat, waves, clouds, blue streamers Calm the Storm: Toss beanbags at storm-cloud targets
Follow the Star	Large illuminated star, night sky, Bethlehem silhouette Star Toss: Toss glowing stars into baskets
Joshua & Jericho	Cardboard castle walls, trumpets, stone-pattern paper Tumble the Wall: Knock down a wall of decorated boxes
Faith Can Move Mountains	Cardboard mountains, trees, hiking/camping gear Move the Mountain: Knock over mountain-shaped cups with beanbags
Pumpkin Prayer / Pumpkin Patch	Psalms 139:14 — <i>"I am fearfully and wonderfully made."</i> Pumpkins, hay bales, leaves, plaid fabric, scarecrow Pumpkin Ring Toss: Toss rings around pumpkin stems

Camp Out With Jesus	Psalm 119:105 — <i>“Your word is a lamp for my feet...”</i> Tent, lanterns, fake campfire, trees, sleeping bags Campfire Toss: Toss “marshmallow” beanbags into the campfire
Build Your Life on the Rock	Toy construction equipment, hard hats, cardboard bricks, caution signs Build It: Kids race to stack large cardboard blocks
Nehemiah Rebuilds the Wall	Brick-pattern boxes, construction tools, Jerusalem backdrop Build the Wall: Stack boxes before the timer runs out
Zacchaeus — Come Down!	Large cardboard tree, leaves, Zacchaeus figure Tree Toss: Toss beanbags through holes among the branches
Jesus Feeds the 5,000	Baskets, cardboard bread and fish, picnic blankets Loaves & Fishes: Toss fish and bread beanbags into baskets
The Good Samaritan	Luke 10:27 — <i>“Love your neighbor as yourself.”</i> Road backdrop, donkey, first-aid props, hearts Helping Hands: Kids choose a card with a simple act of kindness to complete
God Takes Care of Us	Matthew 6:26 — <i>“Look at the birds of the air...”</i> Birds, flowers, clouds, greenery and a garden scene Feed the Birds: Toss “seed” beanbags into birdhouse openings
Bee Kind	Ephesians 4:32 — <i>“Be kind and compassionate to one another...”</i> Bees, honeycombs, yellow flowers, beehive Bee Toss: Toss little bees onto honeycomb targets
Sweet on Jesus / Candy Land	Psalm 34:8 — <i>“Taste and see that the LORD is good...”</i> Giant lollipops, wrapped-candy props, balloons, colorful pathway Candy Walk: Kids follow the colorful path and complete a simple challenge to reach the candy treasure

Sports Themes

Football – Team Jesus	Philippians 4:13; Goalposts, footballs, turf, jerseys Throw a football through a target
Basketball – Aim High	Colossians 3:2; Hoop, basketballs, scoreboard Mini free-throw challenge
Baseball – Step Up to the Plate	Joshua 1:9 ;Bases, bats, gloves, scoreboard Toss balls at strike-zone targets
Soccer – Follow the Goal	Philippians 3:14; Goal, soccer balls, cones Kick into a mini goal
Racing – Finish the Race	2 Timothy 4:7; Checkered flags, cones, race numbers Mini car race down a ramp
Track – Run With Endurance	Hebrews 12:1; Finish line, medals, running shoes Short obstacle course
Olympics – Go for the Gold	1 Corinthians 9:24; Olympic-style rings, podium, medals Three mini athletic challenges
Volleyball – Serve Others	Galatians 5:13; Net,volleyballs, beach theme,Serve a ball over a mini net
Tennis – Serve With Love	1 Peter 4:10; Racquets, tennis balls, court lines

	Hit a ball toward a target
Golf – Stay on Course	Proverbs 3:5–6; Putting green, flags, golf clubs Mini putting challenge
Hockey – Stick With Jesus	John 15:4; Goal, sticks, rink backdrop Shoot a puck into the goal
Boxing – Fight the Good Fight	1 Timothy 6:12; Boxing gloves, ring ropes, championship belt Punch soft hanging targets
Archery – Hit the Mark	Philippians 3:14; Targets, safe foam arrows, bullseyes Velcro/foam archery target
Bowling – Knock Down Your Worries	1 Peter 5:7; Pins, bowling balls, lane Mini bowling
Disc Golf – Stay on Target	Proverbs 4:25; Baskets, discs, trees Toss a flying disc into a basket
Swimming – Dive Into God’s Word	Psalms 119:105; Blue streamers, goggles, pool floats Toss rings onto pool noodles
Surfing – Ride the Waves With Jesus	Isaiah 43:2; Surfboard, waves, beach balls Beach-ball target toss
Weightlifting – Strong in the Lord	Ephesians 6:10; Fake weights, gym signs, trophy Lift lightweight foam “barbells”
Gymnastics – Stand Firm	1 Corinthians 16:13; Stars, ribbons, mats, medals Walk a taped balance line
Martial Arts – Self-Control	Galatians 5:22–23; Belts, mats, targets Break through paper “walls”
Table Tennis – Keep Your Eye on the Ball	Hebrews 12:2; Paddles, balls, mini table Bounce a ball into cups
Badminton – Lift Each Other Up	1 Thessalonians 5:11; Racquets, shuttlecocks, net Hit a shuttlecock into a target
Skateboarding – Walk His Way	Proverbs 3:6; Skateboards, ramps, street signs Roll a toy skateboard toward targets
Cheer – Cheer One Another On	Hebrews 10:24; Pom-poms, megaphones, banners Learn a quick “Go! Fight! Faith!” cheer
Championship – Victory in Jesus	1 Corinthians 15:57; Trophy, championship banner, medals, confetti Spin a prize wheel

Other Brilliant Ideas

Arctic	Use a white sheet to cover the inside of your trunk. Add arctic animals. Consider adding wind sounds.
BBQ	Bring your grill, grilling utensils, and a couple platters. Wear an apron and serve the candy to the children with your spatula.
Birthday Party	Decorate your trunk mostly with balloons and streamers. Finish decorating with a fake cake made out of cardboard and some party favors. When the children come up, blow the horn and say, “Happy Birthday.”
Camping	Set up a tent and some chairs. Place camping supplies in your trunk.
Candy Scramble	Fill the back of your truck bed with hay. Decorate with other farm items. Have the children get in the bed and look for candy.
Candy Land	Use the colors and characters of this game to create a fun candy-themed trunk.

Carnival	Play carnival music, have paper cut-outs of clowns, and blow up some balloons.
Christmas	Deck the trunk with Christmas décor.
Desert	Make some cacti and place a sandy-colored sheet or a baby pool with sand in the back. Add rocks, snakes (fake, of course :), or other desert animals. Consider including a sun.
Disco	Put up a disco ball with some fun music. Add lots of smiley faces and flowers.
Disney	Choose a Disney theme.
Farm	Use hay bales, stuffed animals, and green butcher paper to make a farm. Place some vegetables (real or fake) in a barrel. Cut out a barn and dress in overalls and a hat.
Fast Food Chain	Gather materials from a fast food chain. Dress as Wendy, Ronald McDonald, etc...
Fiesta	Gather fake fruit and wear a sombrero. See if you can find maracas.
Fishing	Collect fishing poles, nets, and fish (pictures of them or stuffed versions, not the smelly version, please). You could use clothes pins to place candy on the fishing line and have the kids use the fishing poles to get their candy.
Garden	Turn your trunk into a garden bed with plants and hide candy in the garden/plants for the kids to look for.
Harvest	Gather pumpkins, corn cobs, corn stalks, and other fall decorations.
Hollywood/Movie	Place a TV in your trunk and play a family-friendly film. Or you may choose to decorate your trunk with a theme from a favorite movie instead.
Indiana Jones	Decorate with jungle items and add items that are in the movies. Dress like Indiana Jones.
Jungle	Decorate with leaves, vines, and jungle animals. Maybe have some jungle sounds as well.
Military	Place camouflage and netting in your trunk.
Music	Place music notes, inflatable instruments, music sheets, etc... in your trunk
Nautical	Use things from the beach or the ocean. Maybe add a sandbox to your trunk. Dress up as a captain.
Pirate	Grab a bird, eye patch, and a treasure chest and other pirate-themed decorations.
Princess	Use a pink, castle, or princess backdrop and decorate the trunk with jewels, tiaras, and other princess supplies. Dress up as a princess.
Pumpkin Patch	Fill your trunk with pumpkins and vines and place candy in the pumpkins.
Race Track	Construct a race track in your trunk. Use checkered flags, Hot Wheel cars, and other race items.
Rock Star	Place a Karaoke machine your trunk. Use lights to decorate.
Safari	Lots of stuffed animals! Place paper vines in the trunk as well. Wear a safari hat.
Science	Use beakers with dry ice and fill jars with gumballs and other colorful items. Wear a mad scientist wig as well as a lab coat and goggles.
Sports	Place sport equipment in your trunk. Or decorate your vehicle with gear from your favorite sports team.
Train	Wear conductor overalls and place a train track in your trunk. Don't forget a whistle.
Tropical	Use palm trees, coconuts, leis, tropical hats, and fake fruit.
Underwater	Cover your trunk with blue sheets. Use toy or stuffed sea creatures and make seaweed out of paper. Maybe use blue cellophane on your windows and place a bubble machine in your trunk
Western	Decorate your trunk with hay bales, cowboy hats, boots, etc...
Treasure Chest	Turn your trunk into a treasure chest with wood-grain corrugated paper. Fill your trunk with fake jewels and shiny paper.