

# THE HAPPENING

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I have been working on cultivating an attitude of gratitude in life. Less grumbling and complaining and more praising the Lord for His goodness, grace, love, patience and kindness. I reiterate that I am learning...LOL! I have started filling out a journal, produced by Pretty Simple Books, that reminds me every day to record the blessings in life. (Some of you are singing, Count your Blessings, name them one by one, aren't you?) It is labeled, Good Days Start with Gratitude Journal. Check it out on Amazon if you would like to utilize such a tool.

This morning, my entry starts with

*Gratitude is the best Attitude*

thankfulness for Wednesday night Bible Study and Frances Chan. He challenges us to understand the concept of sacred. Within chapter 2 of his book, Letters to the Church, he expounds upon the following Scripture passage: "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy and you are the temple." 1 Corinthians 3:16-17. He points out that in the Greek, You is Plural and Temple is singular. Do you know what that means? We, together, make up the temple of God. Faith and the Christian walk are not only personal, but communal. We are each a stone of the temple, in which Jesus is the Cor-

## Nicole's Notes

nerstone, and the Spirit indwells. He also goes on to speak about the power of our words and actions. Gossip, ridicule, and unnecessary critique act as a sledgehammer causing division amongst the Temple. Lord, have mercy. May our words be uplifting and build one another up; not bring destruction and tear down!

In light of this difficult rebuke, I praise the Lord for His ability to transform us and give us words filled with goodness, grace, love, patience and kindness. Words that reflect His character! Be encouraged this day that God will not call us to something that He does not enable us to do! He is faithful! He is moving! He is working through you and me!

*Pastor Nicole*

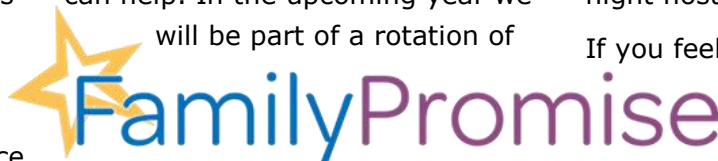
## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT - FAMILY PROMISE



**Amy Dermen**  
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Family Promise is an organization that helps families who currently find themselves without a place to call home. If you would like

to volunteer with Redeemer's Family Promise mission, this how you can help. In the upcoming year we will be part of a rotation of



churches that will provide overnight lodging, food, and general hospital-

ity for one week at a time. Needs will be meal/evening hosts, overnight hosts, setup/tear down help.

If you feel called to assist in this mission in any way, please attend the training: Thursday, October 24 from 6:30 to 8:00pm at Redeemer Church.

# Happenings...

## Happening in October

**October 6** - Communion Sunday

**October 13** - Annual Congregational Meeting, Service at 10:30 am

- Soup, Salad, Dessert Lunch with sign-up sheet

**October 26** - 40th Annual Harvest Happening

- Traditional Turkey Dinner 4-6 pm
- Bake Sale - sign-up sheet
- Tickets - Adult - \$10; Kids - \$5 (children 10 and under)



- Terrance Zellars Jr..... October 3
- Holden Byers ..... October 7
- Gary Shuppert ..... October 9
- Nathan Khulenberg ..... October 10
- Bill Stiehl..... October 11
- Butch Dawson ..... October 15
- Hayley Otto ..... October 22
- Joey Wolpert..... October 23
- Mary Oakley ..... October 24
- Jamie Clemmons ..... October 26
- Duane Cantell ..... October 29



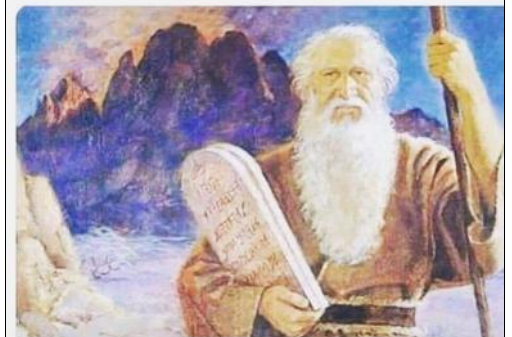
Redeemer Church has been approved as a Nonprofit Organization in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Please visit [www.kroger.com/topic/community-rewards-9](http://www.kroger.com/topic/community-rewards-9) to register your Kroger Plus card. Redeemer's NPO # is 80053.



DeWayne & Sharon Grammel  
October 6

### FROM A MEMBER...

So technically Moses is the first man to download files from the cloud using a tablet.



COMBINED  
**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
October 13 at 10:30 am



"For those of you who doze through today's sermon, you can find it on our Web site."

The **HILLBILLY**

**10 COMMANDMENTS**

1. Ain't but One God.
2. Honor yer Ma and Pa.
3. No tellin' tales or gossipin'
4. Git yer hide ta Sunday meetin'.
5. Ain't notin' come before the Lord.
6. No foolin' with another fellers gal.
7. No killin', sept fer critters.
8. Quit yer foul mouthin'.
9. No swipin' yer kin folks stuff.
10. Don't be hankerin' fer it niether.

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