

# Three Rivers Church Currents

*“For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us...so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” — Titus 3:3-7*

Many of us are concerned about our neighborhoods. When we see or hear about the drugs, the domestic disputes, the broken families, the destruction of property and the overall unkindness of the people we live by, our hearts ache.

But God’s children were never meant to simply talk with one another about how sad it is that our neighbors don’t have the “hope of eternal life”. We were meant to reveal the “goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior” so they, too, could have that same hope!

We can’t wait any longer for our neighbors to miraculously wander into our church. It is time to take the Gospel to the streets- our neighborhood streets!

## Operation Fire Pit

Picture a simple fire pit in front or in back of your house on a beautiful, Fall evening. Surrounding that fire pit are a friend or two from church and a few of your neighbors. This simple setting has enormous potential for developing deep relationships and opening doors for inviting others to church and even sharing the Gospel message.

Are you concerned enough about your neighbors to host a fire pit gathering in your neighborhood? Come to our “Pit Master” meeting on **Friday, August 25 at 1803 Chestnut Hill Road, Plainfield (Pastor Eric’s house at 7 PM)**. Here, we will be open about our fears, share some ideas, and pray that God’s Spirit would work in the hearts of those who visit our fire pits so that they, too, might have the hope of eternal life.

## The Great Pumpkin Giveaway

**Saturday, October 7**

This is one of our Church’s favorite events! But more than a fun day for our families, it is a unparalleled opportunity to creatively share the Gospel message with thousands in our community! We will give away as many pumpkins as possible along with a flyer explaining how

anyone can receive God's gift of forgiveness of sins and salvation of their souls by faith in Jesus Christ.

You can participate in this church-wide evangelistic event by

- helping at the event
- praying for God's provision and for the effectiveness of this event
- inviting your friends and neighbors to attend
- donating money to buy pumpkins

*Make checks payable to "Three Rivers Church" and write "Pumpkins" on the memo line.*

- exemplifying and sharing the love of Jesus with those who come to the event

Our prayer is that some visitors from the Great Pumpkin Giveaway might return to our church on **Sunday, October 8** for a **special Gospel presentation**. It will be the final week in a series on the Gospel and a wonderful opportunity for anyone to invite someone to church for the first time.

We are heirs of the hope of eternal life! Let's no longer keep this gift to ourselves! Let's take the Gospel to the streets!

## Pray

- Pray for the advancement of God's kingdom as we share Jesus at the Great Pumpkin Giveaway, fire pit gatherings and during our everyday lives!
- Pray that God would help us pay off the second mortgage by the end of the SOW campaign.
- Pray that the dirt pile would be removed soon without a major financial impact.
- Pray for strong general fund giving.