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## Guest Speakers in October *by Pastor Richard Breusch*

Our congregation is in for a real treat this month as we have the opportunity to hear from two very special guest speakers on two Sunday mornings. On Sunday, October 9, we welcome Rich Mendola from International Friendships, Inc. based right here in Columbus. On Sunday, October 16, we look forward to hearing from Dr. Jerry Cain, President of Judson College in Elgin, Illinois. Judson College is one of our American Baptist affiliated educational institutions. You should know that both of these ministries are supported by our church's mission budget. Here is more about each of our guest speakers.

### Sunday, October 9

**Richard J. Mendola** is the Executive Director of International Friendships, Inc. in Columbus, Ohio. He has been working with international students for 32 years. Rich graduated from Colgate University and did graduate studies in Counseling at Colgate. He is the author of "I Am" and "God's Plan for the Nations" Bible studies series. He has trained many students, some of who have returned home to plant churches, pastor churches, and advance the kingdom of God in places long resistant to the gospel. He has been involved in planting two churches - one a multi-cultural Vineyard church - All Nations Christian Fellowship - where he still serves on the pastoral team. He served as the past chairperson of the board of the Association of Christians Ministering to Internationals. He is a frequent speaker on missions. He is married to Janet and they have six children: Grace, Danielle, Hope, Philip, Melody, and Paul.

Since 1979 International Friendships (IFI) has been serving internationals with the love of Jesus in partnership with local churches such as Karl Road Baptist church. IFI serves the practical needs of students who arrive in Columbus from around the world and gives them an opportunity to know Jesus. Most of these students come from countries where Christians are a small minority and where Christian activities are limited or even forbidden. Students who return to their home countries knowing Jesus return as self-supporting, language proficient, culturally adapted, relationally connected workers who are highly effective. These students are now impacting many nations in leadership positions in business, education, government, and church.

### Sunday, October 16

Born in California as part of the post-war baby boom (11/8/45), **Jerry Berlyn Cain** spent part of his early years in Texas before moving with his parents and two brothers to New Mexico, where he did most of his growing up. In 1964, he graduated from Lovington (NM) High School, where he was active in student government and athletics.

In 1968, he graduated from the honors program of Eastern New Mexico University with a Bachelor of Science degree in religion and psychology. Three years later, he received the Master of Arts degree from Baylor University's department of religion where his focus was historical ethics. Additional graduate education included studies at Midwestern Seminary, St. Paul's School of Theology in Kansas City, and Regent's Park College, Oxford, England. He has received honorary degrees from William Jewell College, Liberty, MO (Doctor of Sacred Theology), Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, KS (Doctor of Divinity), and Nigeria Bible College and Seminary, Lagos, Nigeria (Doctor of Humanities).

After a four-year inner-city and youth ministry in Albuquerque, NM, Dr. Cain began a career in higher education, serving at Wayland Baptist University; New Mexico Highlands University; and William Jewell College, before becoming president of Judson College in 1998. He has served in capacities including admissions, alumni, campus ministry, classroom teaching and vice president.

Active in the community, Dr. Cain is a member of the First Baptist Church, the Noon Rotary Club of Elgin, Ill, and also serves on the board of the Elgin Symphony Orchestra. He is married to Linda Powell Cain, has two children Michael and Jeffrey, and two grandchildren.

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# Harvest Party

*by Beth Ash*



It's that time again! The annual KRBC Harvest Party will be held on Sunday, October 2 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Picture a time for families and friends to enjoy the lovely autumn weather while roasting hot dogs and marshmallows, taking a hayride around the church field, winning a kid friendly prize in the game area, making a fall craft, being face painted or tasting all of the chili contest entries! The activities of the day are unique to this time of year and bring back fond memories for most of us. Be sure to bring your family and invite friends and neighbors to come and enjoy the afternoon at KRBC. You will meet our neighbors and make new friends. You will probably recall the afternoon, perhaps wistfully, when the winter snows keep you locked up inside during January!



Of course, there is another side of the picture. Imagine an army of servant volunteers. They are setting up tables, serving food, making a bonfire, driving a hay wagon, preparing crafts with children and adults, painting children's faces, and judging many delicious chili entries. All of this is part of serving the Lord by welcoming our church family, friends and neighbors to enjoy the day together. YOUR help will be valuable in "painting" the picture of a loving, welcoming church family in the minds and hearts of those who attend. If you are willing and able, please e-mail Beth Ash at [bash@karlroadbaptist.org](mailto:bash@karlroadbaptist.org) anytime day or night. We would welcome you to be part of the special gift from our church to neighbors and friends.

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## A Mom in Touch

by Katie Riedinger

My husband, Steve, our three daughters and I began attending Karl Road Baptist over the summer. Steve and I were firmly planted and serving the Lord at our former church. Then, we heard the Lord calling us to join Him in the work that Karl Road Baptist is doing in the Northland community. Steve and I were happy to accept His invitation.

Our oldest daughter, Faith, just started Kindergarten at a Northland area school, Avalon Elementary. I feel very strongly that the Lord has led me to begin a Moms In Touch prayer group. Moms In Touch International exists to impact children and schools for Christ by gathering mothers to pray. Mothers meet on a weekly basis to pray for teachers, administrative staff and students.

Church-based Moms In Touch groups, such as the one I am leading, can cover more than one school in prayer. Currently, we are praying for these Northland area schools: Northland High School, Alpine, Devonshire, Forest Park, Valley Forge, Parkmoor, and Avalon Elementary schools. We can also pray for other schools that are not in the Northland area.

I would like to extend the same invitation to you that I received from the Lord to come join the work He is doing. As Aimee Worley said recently, it is so clear that God is doing a major work in the Northland area. James 5:16 says that the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. I am excited to see God's promises fulfilled in this area.

Please join me on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. in room 306 to cover our children and their schools, wherever they may be, with prayer. You can contact me with questions at 614-899-6071 or [katie.riedinger@yahoo.com](mailto:katie.riedinger@yahoo.com). For more information about Moms In Touch International, you can check out their website, [www.momsintouch.org](http://www.momsintouch.org). Blessings to you!



Making ends meet is a daily struggle for mothers like Gorma living in poverty in the state of Nagaland in North East India. In this dusty place, women sell their bodies to buy rice for the day or to pay tuition for a week. Often prostitution is forced on them by their husbands to feed their drug or alcohol addiction. Gorma learned of God's love at the Miqlat Center-an important ministry of the Nagaland Baptist Church Council which is supported by the mission offering.

## On a Journey

by Aimee Worley

We were created for relationship. *The LORD who created you says: "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. (Isaiah 43:1)* My passion is for people to know God and have a thriving relationship with him through faith in Jesus.

This is the calling and the heart behind our investment in youth ministry (any ministry). He also called us *to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:12-13)* So, we know our direction and the goal is clear – to see young people know Jesus, become like him, and help build the church.

The reality is we are all on a journey, some on a path moving towards God and others away from him. The other reality is that God is the one who saves. Jesus himself said *no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me. (John 6:44)* We don't know who he is drawing. We just know he loves young people and so do we.

The funnel pictured represents the journey. We long to see young people journey down the funnel towards maturity. We cannot make them know Jesus, but we can lovingly tell them about him. We cannot force them to take initiative in their spiritual growth, but we can provide opportunities for growth and urge them to take initiative. We will be intentional to do what we can. We will honor youth where they are on their journey and be faithful to do what God has called us to.

Here are the opportunities. The 3rd Friday of each month we'll gather youth for fun, food, and friends and be intentional about inviting all youth especially those from our pool of humanity. On Wednesday nights, youth gather with adult leaders in a setting that cultivates relationships and is an opportunity to tell about Jesus—it is **comer** and **grower** friendly. On Sunday mornings we open the Bible together where **disciples** and **developers** can become more like Christ through study and worship with the church. This fall we will launch a small group (or two) for disciples to meet on their own with

older disciples to share in the journey towards maturity by studying the word, praying, and serving together.

Will you be intentional about praying for us? If you are a parent or grandparent of a 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grader, will you talk to your young person about where they are on the funnel? Will you share where you are on the funnel with your young person? If you don't have a young person in your life, will you find one of ours to "adopt"? **We need your help in the work of sharing what Jesus has done.**



## Operation World View

by Lisa Stroth

As a church, our mission statement reads: "We seek to glorify God by building a family of believers passionate about Him, where people are loved the way they are, urged to become more like Christ, and equipped to share Christ in word and deed." How are we living this out in our daily lives? Are we passionate about Christ? Do we really know our Lord intimately enough to be passionate about Him? And if we don't, are we willing to do something about it so that we are inspired to glorify Him in all that we do and to share His love with the world?

Maybe you are passionate about Christ, but you have the sense that something is missing in your life and relationship with

Him, and you aren't certain what that "something" is. Maybe you aren't really looking for something MORE, but instead the Holy Spirit is urging you to be part of something GREATER! Operation Worldview could be the place where you discover that something greater for the first time, or are renewed and inspired by it again.

We live in and are influenced daily by a culture with a worldview vastly different from God's worldview. As a result, sometimes we need a reminder of what the Biblical worldview really is. Join us for Operation Worldview, where we will learn more about the Biblical worldview by learning about who God is - about His story and our destiny in it. As we learn,

we'll fall more in love with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we'll become more like Him as a body of believers, and we will become better equipped to share about who He is with the world around us.

Come and learn how to live in the world and be part of God's story as we meet for Operation Worldview during the Sunday School hour beginning 10/16/11 and continuing thru 12/11/11. We will not meet on the Sunday following Thanksgiving (11/27/11). All are not only welcomed, but are also urged to attend! **If you plan to go on a KRBC mission trip in the future, please note that this course is a new prerequisite for all mission trip participants.**

## Samaritan's Purse

Operation Christmas Child demonstrates God's love to hurting children in a tangible way by partnering with churches worldwide to deliver gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of Jesus Christ. Just stop by the Operation Shoe Box table in the church lobby and pick up a brochure with information on what to pack, a label for the child you want to receive your gifts, and an envelope for your donation of \$7 to help with shipping. Wrap a shoebox with Christmas paper (lid separately), fill it with goodies and put a rubber band around it. If you are not good at wrapping shoeboxes, we will even provide a box for your use.



Pack one or more shoeboxes with **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** - pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books. **TOYS** - small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch-A-Sketch, Slinky, toys that light up or make noise (include extra batteries). **HYGIENE** - toothbrush & paste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth. **OTHER** - T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries). **DO NOT INCLUDE** - Used or damaged items; war related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers, aerosol cans. Samaritan's Purse will pack a booklet that tells the story of Jesus birth, death on the cross for our sins, and His resurrection proving He is God. As we join with thousands of Christians across America and in many other countries, through our gifts and the story of salvation, this can be the best Christmas in the lives of children around the world.

Bring the filled boxes back to church by Sunday, November 13. We will dedicate all of the boxes that Sunday before sending them on their way to the children. Last year Karl Road Baptist provided 200 boxes to Samaritan's Purse.

