Let each of you look not only to his own interest, but to the interests of others.



To EQUIP the church to GO and serve locally, nationally, and internationally.

# Cottonwood is:

- A lifestyle, not an event.
- Serving in one of our many ministries at church or even going on a mission trip to Kenya.
- Caring for your neighbor around the corner but also caring for the children living in poverty in a third world country.
- Being an AMBASSADOR for Christ in how you live, love, and care for people.

This newsletter is designed to provide you ways in which you can be OnMission with Cottonwood!

## **MAY Mission of the Month - VBS**

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! This is one of the biggest events during the year for reaching children and their families with the Gospel, VBS at Cottonwood is completely free for everyone in the community and it is open to all children 4 years old to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Have a child that age? SIGN THEM UP! They won't want to miss out on this incredible opportunity. The Cottonwood Family is preparing for over 1,000 kids for this year's VBS! With that being said, we need **YOU** to help make VBS a reality this year. We are in need of over 500 volunteers and a lot of supplies or monetary donations to make it a success. In addition to VBS at Cottonwood we will also be taking it around the nations with us on our mission trips to Kenya, Baltimore, and Rio Grande! Join us in praying that the Lord would move in mighty ways through VBS this year!

Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms...



For more information go to: Cottonwoodcreek.org/vbs



Last month was ENGAGE Month! Each of our Life Groups were assigned one of our missionaries/church planters that we support. We heard back from many of our Engage partners and they are so appreciative of all of the support, prayers, and encouragement they received. Our hope is that this continues on throughout the year and we continue to love and care for our Missionaries and Church Planters!

### **How is OnMission responding to our purpose statement?**



### LOCAL HIGHLIGHT:

#### VEGA ELEMENTARY

Cottonwood Creek has adopted VEGA as our Title 1 School for the next year. We want to share the love of Christ and serve these families the best that we can! We have a few opportunities for you to get involved!

**FIELD DAY- MAY 25**<sup>TH</sup> – We need volunteers to help them explain games and help the kids with each activity!

**WISH LIST CRATES/ ADOPT A CLASSROOM** – We still have 9 Wish List Crates to fill with school supplies. By adopting this classroom you can also help with class parites, running copies or helping with lunch duty!

If you are interested in serving and getting involved please contact Angela Jensen at <a href="mailto:arsiensen@gmail.com">arsiensen@gmail.com</a>



### **NATIONAL HIGHLIGHT:**

### BALTIMORE, MARYLAND MISSION TRIP

Cottonwood Creek has adopted the City of Baltimore, Maryland as a SEND City through the North American Mission Board (NAMB). Baltimore has been labeled one of the most difficult cities to reach for the Gospel of Jesus, so Cottonwood Creek chose to be heavily invested with many church plants to reach this community with the love of Jesus. While in Baltimore, we will serve church planters by providing support through canvassing, Sports Camps, VBS, and block parties.



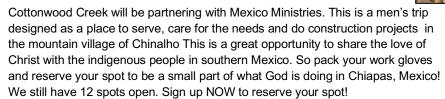
We still have some spots open for our trip this summer! Interested in signing up? Go to the following link: <a href="https://cottonwood.tpsdb.com/OnlineReg/2763">https://cottonwood.tpsdb.com/OnlineReg/2763</a>

SIGN UP QUICKY BECAUSE REGISTRATIN CLOSES MAY 15TH



### INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHT:

CHIAPAS, MEXICO MISSION TRIP - \*MEN ONLY\*





→ <a href="https://cottonwood.tpsdb.com/OnlineReg/2803">https://cottonwood.tpsdb.com/OnlineReg/2803</a>

Still need more convincing? Check out this highlight video from last years trip!! → https://vimeo.com/233736907

### **DON'T MISS OUT:**

### **Missions Trips:**

- Rio Grande Valley: June 23-June 29
- Baltimore: July 21-July 29Registration closes May 15!
- Naomi's Village:
   June 21-July 2
   Registration closes May 6!
- Dominican Republic: July 7-July 13
- Chiapas, Mexico:
   October 2-October 7

### **REACH:**

EVANGELISM AND
DISCIPLESHIP-Learn how to
share your faith

### Pattern of Discipleship

Time: Every-Sunday: 8:15a - 9:30a Tuesday- 6.15a Wednesday-6:30p

### **Great Commission Training**

May 5- Time: First Saturday of the

month: 9:00a - 4:30p

### **Harvest**

Time: Every -

Sunday: 4:00p - 5:00p Tuesday: 6:00p-7:00p

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