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First Baptist Church O'Fallon, Missouri

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2018

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## SCHEDULE

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### SUNDAY

Life Groups  
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am  
Worship  
9:30 & 11:00 am  
Kids Worship  
11:00 am

### WEDNESDAY

Children's Music 5:50 pm  
Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:15 pm  
Kairos Student Worship 6:30 pm  
Awana (age 3 to 5th grade) 6:30 pm  
Orchestra Rehearsal 7:00 pm

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## From the Pastor

Recently, I was visiting with one of our students who was sharing a challenge she was facing. A friend who went to her school, who had experienced great hurt and disappointment in his life, had turned his back on the Lord. But he noticed something unique about this young lady. He knew she went to church and that the Lord was important in her life. He approached her one day and said, "I want to hear your faith story." This young lady was honored that Christ had shown through her to this degree, but she was fearful that when she shared with him, she might say something wrong. I am reminded of Paul's words to his young protégé, "God gave us a spirit, not of fear, but of power and love and self-control. Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord..." (2 Timothy 1:7-8).

I believe God has spoken. There are thousands of lost people in St. Charles County, people who are not in His family yet, who are facing an eternal separation from Christ, who must hear the good news of salvation. The starting gun has gone off, and our church is charging into a future that will be



marked with evangelistic intensity. A heart for the lost will be what fuels this church. I believe we are going to see the gospel of Christ take hold of this city one life at a time.

This fall there will be many events for you to invite friends and neighbors: Homecoming Week! We begin the week on Wednesday, October 31, hosting Trunk or Treat. There is a marriage enrichment conference November 1, a student lock-in November 2, a

concert with the Lesters and various Life Group fellowships November 3, and we cap the week off with a special

"Choose 2" Homecoming worship service on November 4th. Invite your friends; let's share our "faith stories".

*"... we are going to see the gospel of Christ take hold of this city ..."*



# HOMECOMING WEEK



## TRUNK OR TREAT

- ★ CHILDREN
- ★ WED, OCT 31
- ★ 6:00 - 8:00 PM



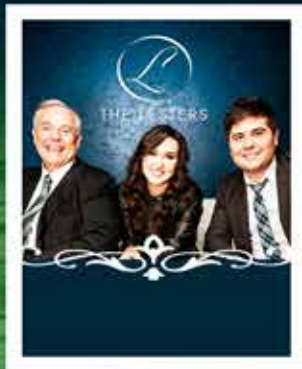
## FIGHT NIGHT

- ★ COUPLES
- ★ THURS, NOV 1
- ★ 6:30 - 9:00 PM



## ALL-NIGHTER

- ★ STUDENTS
- ★ NOV 2-3
- ★ REC-PLEX



## THE LESTERS

- ★ SENIORS
- ★ SAT, NOV 3
- ★ 11:00 AM



## WORSHIP

- ★ EVERYONE
- ★ SUN, NOV 4
- ★ 9:30 & 11 AM

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## Brandon Winkler, Minister to Students

Fall is my favorite season. I love the cooler weather, football, and bonfires! More than that, it's one of my favorite seasons of the year in ministry. As we move into fall, I am looking forward to the things we have planned. All of the student ministry's Midweek services and events are done with the intention of encouraging students to bring their lost friends. We have used the hashtag #dontcomealone this year. The goal for that is to see students take seriously the challenge to bring friends and introduce them to Jesus, maybe for the very first time. As a part of the church's Choose 2 strategy, students will



have a couple of events that will highlight this initiative for them specifically. I encourage you, church, not to come alone! Find two people and pray for them. Pray that God would open the door to gospel conversations

with them and that they would be receptive to the good news! Next, invite! Invite your 2 to join you for worship or one of our fall Choose 2 events. It's going to be a great season! #dontcomealone



### STUDENT MINISTRY

CHILI BOWL - OCT. 7

FALL RETREAT - DEC. 1-2

KSM CHRISTMAS PARTY - DEC. 19

CANVASSING W/KSM - OCT. 17

HOMELESS THANKSGIVING DINNER - NOV. 17

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - DEC. 7

### YOUNG ADULTS

A false notion exists in the life of many churches that those outside the church walls are not interested in what God is doing among believers. For a season, I also believed this premise. I felt as though it was not worth my time or attention to offer an invitation to my neighbors to church. However, I could not have been more wrong. Many people underestimate the power of a personal invitation.

For the past couple of weeks, I have been reaching out to several young adults in the area and connecting with them over coffee or a meal. Many of these young people have now re-en-

gaged with FBCO because of a simple invitation. I believe there are a lot of people in our lives who simply want to know someone cares enough to engage in conversation with them. They want to know the church is



serious when we say "God loves you and so do we." It is time for the church to step up and begin engaging the people around us, because God loves each of them and so should we.

Who can you engage this week, this month, or this quarter? What event will you invite them to, for the purpose of connecting them to Christ and his church? I pray that FBCO will continue to grow in her efforts to be an inviting and welcoming church family. Will you join me as I join Christ in seeking and saving those who are lost (Luke 19:10)?

*Dr. Brandon Kiesling, Associate Pastor of Young Adults*

*Alan Fath, Associate Pastor of Worship*

A few weeks ago I had the opportunity to hear from several people in the congregation, ranging from students to senior adults. It has been refreshing to see and hear what God is doing in the lives of people through the songs we sing in worship. One gentleman who sits toward the back talked specifically about how he was sensing God's presence through the message of song and how it was helping to prepare his heart to receive the word of God.

Another woman came up to me after I had introduced a new song to the congregation one Sunday and confessed how God had used those specific words to minister to her and challenge her heart. This type of feedback is such a blessing to me personally, as my goal is never to

entertain. If all I'm doing is trying to impress people or engineer some type of response, then I have already missed the goal.

I tell the choir and orchestra this often, but only the Holy Spirit can change a heart and affect the atmosphere in the room. What we as worshippers need is to be keenly aware of how we enter a time of worship. Do we enter uninterested and out of obligation, or do we enter with humility and reverence, expecting God to do great things? I've held to the notion that you always get exactly what you expect. If you expect nothing out of worship, by and large you receive nothing. If you expect great things from God, I believe He will blow the doors off of your expectations.



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**CHRISTMAS  
EVE**

Services at 4:00 & 6:00 pm

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One of the ways First O'Fallon involves children in worship is through children's choirs. On Sunday, October 14, the Music Makers will open worship, and Sunday, November 11 will feature the Lord's Lambs.

A special part of the upcoming Christmas season is the joy of watching children enjoy the holiday. Music is a central part of our Christmas traditions, and we love to include children in our celebrations. Children's choirs and students from our Kairos student ministry will participate with the adult choir and orchestra in the Christmas concert "Let us Adore" on Sunday, December 16 at 6 pm.

First Baptist Christian Academy offers two opportunities to celebrate Christmas. The Early Childhood Christmas program is on Tuesday, December 4 at 7 pm. Elementary children in K-2 will present the musical "Star Search" on Thursday, Decem-

ber 6 at 7 pm, with performances from the FBCA band and 5th & 6th grade handbell choir.

Don't miss celebrating the 2018 Christmas season with our children this year!



*Children's Choirs and FBCA Music*

### Did You Realize?

A recent George Barna Study confirmed the findings of the last 20 years of studies as it relates to children and youth coming to Christ. Nearly half (43%) of people who make a profession of faith do so before they reach age 13. More than that, 2 of every 3 (64%) of all believers make a profession of faith by age 18. We must stay vigilant in sharing Jesus with our children and youth.

Our children's ministry has a variety of ways to share Jesus with the children of our area.

You can visit the children's website at [firstofallonkids.com](http://firstofallonkids.com) to learn more about ministry opportunities. Like our Facebook page at KidsLifeFirstOfallon or follow us on Instagram @fbco\_mokids.



**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**  
**CHILDREN'S CHOIRS: 5:50 PM**  
**AWANA: 6:30 - 8:00 PM**

**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
**OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**  
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**CHRISTMAS PARTIES**  
**DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6:30 - 8:00 PM**

Fall is such a wonderful time of year in the life of our school ministry, and I am thankful God's kingdom is being advanced through our efforts.

As the school year has started, He is accomplishing great things as we work. The Lord has blessed our teachers and staff at FBCO and FBCA with unity and ministry purpose through the FBCO leadership summit. In our first chapel, we issued 3rd-6th grade students new student Bibles. I cannot explain the joy of seeing students read them later that day. Recently, His gospel has been proclaimed in the lives of our students through the FBCA 5th & 6th grade camp. We are looking forward to more activi-

ties this semester, including our Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas chapel services, as well as our preschool and elementary Christmas programs in early December. We are also



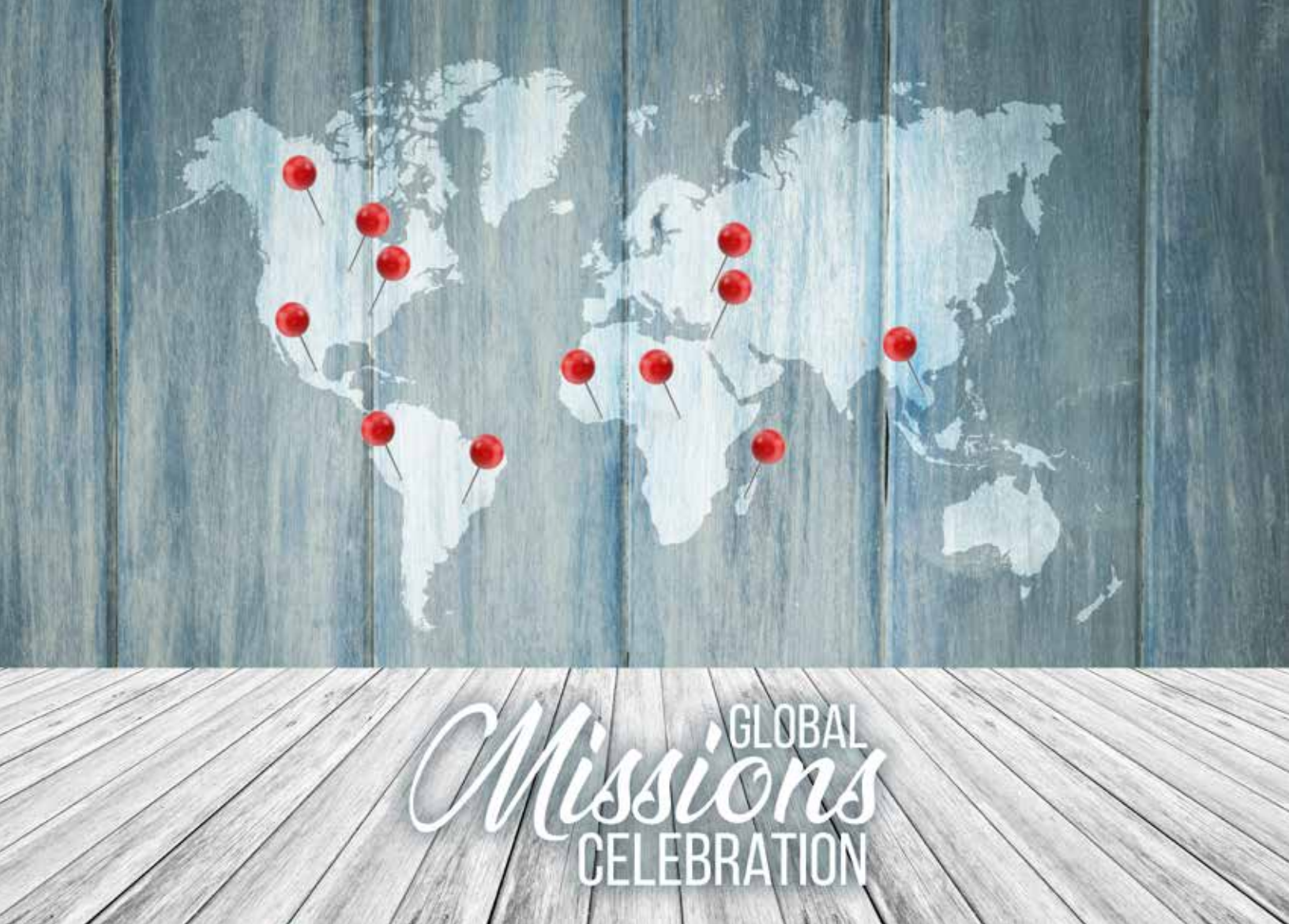
excited about the FBCO Global Missions Celebration. Missionaries from around the world will share about their ministries with our boys and girls in their classrooms. On October 22, FBCA will host a mobile creation museum as we celebrate Jesus as the Creator.

Through all these events, FBCA leaders, faculty, and staff are consistently advancing the good news of Christ in all we do, learning the truth of His Word in all that we study.



Brandon Tucker, FBC Academy Principal





Our annual Global Missions Celebration (GMC) is a cherished week in the life of FBC O'Fallon. Missionaries from our country and around the world converge for a time of missions education and fellowship. This year our visiting missionaries have served in diverse locations, representing four continents! Will you commit to praying for these missionaries as they work daily to spread the gospel to all people groups? Consider how God may use you to work alongside our missions partners in person through one of our short term mission trips in 2019. GMC takes place this year on October 14-21. Additional details are available at [firstofallon.com/gmc](http://firstofallon.com/gmc).

### 2018 GMC Missionary Speakers:

- Nathan & Cassie Satchwill - Minnesota
- Martin & Julia Pinkston - Israel
- Clay - Americas
- Dan - Middle East
- Chris Flora - Canada
- Trevor & Kimberly Yoakum - Togo
- Rick & Jill Thompson - Brazil
- Rochelle - Africa
- David Washer - Madagascar
- Brett & Nicole Bredbenner - Peru
- Bob Caldwell - Missouri
- Kevin & Lauren - Southeast Asia



*Lee Sanders, Associate Pastor of Education*



**W**hat could God do with a passionate people? That's potential.

Recent population data indicates there are nearly 87,000 people living in the City of O'Fallon. Yet, on any given week-

end, most of these people never attend a worship service of any kind. At the same time, God has placed First Baptist Church of O'Fallon amid thousands of lost people living all around us. They change our oil. They take our money at the drive-up window. They help us find something at the hardware store. They work in the office next to us. They teach our children. They live in the house across the street. They are broken, hurting, empty, spiritually blind, lost people

living without hope. There are boys and girls, moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas living without Jesus.

What could God do with a congregation of people who love their unbelieving neighbors enough to choose to pray for them? What could God do with hundreds of school children and students praying for their classmates and teachers? What could God do with a church in the heart of O'Fallon with a heart for the lost souls of O'Fallon? That's potential.

This is the heart of Choose 2. It's every member of our church choosing to pray by name for two lost friends, neighbors, or co-workers twice every day and seeking to build a relationship with them for the sake of the gospel.

What could God do through your Life Group? Your family? You? That's potential.

James 4:2 says "you have not, because you ask not." Let's ask and watch what God can do. Will you join me? Will you Choose 2?



**CHOOSE 2**  
COMMIT TO PRAY TWICE A DAY



## OCTOBER - DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

### October

**6**  
**Senior Adult Luncheon**  
 Monthly first Saturday meal  
 and fellowship

**7**  
**Chili Bowl**  
 Student Ministry chili lunch  
 and flag football game

**14 - 21**  
**Global Missions  
 Celebration**  
 Mission celebration week  
 featuring guest missionaries



**19**  
**GMC Taste & See**  
 Sampling world cuisine  
 prepared by missionaries

**28**  
**Family Conference**  
 Quarterly meeting to review  
 church business

**31**  
**Trunk or Treat**  
 Night of fall family fun including  
 food & games

### November

**1**  
**Fight Night**  
 Drs. Les & Leslie Parrott  
 relationship simulcast

**2**  
**Youth All-Nighter**  
 Overnight recreation and  
 fellowship at the Rec-Plex

**3**  
**Senior Adult Luncheon**  
 Monthly first Saturday meal  
 and fellowship

**3**  
**Concert: The Lesters**  
 St. Louis Southern Gospel  
 legends in concert

**4**  
**Homecoming Sunday**  
 Invite your friends

**10**  
**Men's Breakfast**  
 Breakfast and fellowship

**10**  
**Women's Holiday  
 Luncheon**  
 "Be the Gift" Speaker: Lindsey  
 Woods, Music: Janet Broom

**16**  
**Academy Trivia Night**  
 Team trivia competition  
 supporting FBCA

**17**  
**Awana Grand Prix**  
 Awana pinewood derby-  
 style car races



### December

**1**  
**Student Fall Retreat**  
 6-12 grade students at Camp  
 Mihaska

**2**  
**Children's Caroling**  
 Community outreach

**4**  
**Academy Early Childhood  
 Christmas Program**  
 Worship Center, 7 pm

**6**  
**Academy Elementary  
 Christmas Program**  
 Worship Center, 7 pm

**10-11**  
**Walk Through the Park**  
 Volunteers needed for parking  
 lot and serving hot cocoa

**16**  
**Let Us Adore Concert**  
 A multi-generational evening of  
 Christmas worship

**19**  
**Children's Ministry  
 Christmas Parties**  
 Happy Birthday Jesus!

**19**  
**Student Ministry  
 Christmas Party**  
 Food, fun, & ugly Christmas  
 sweaters

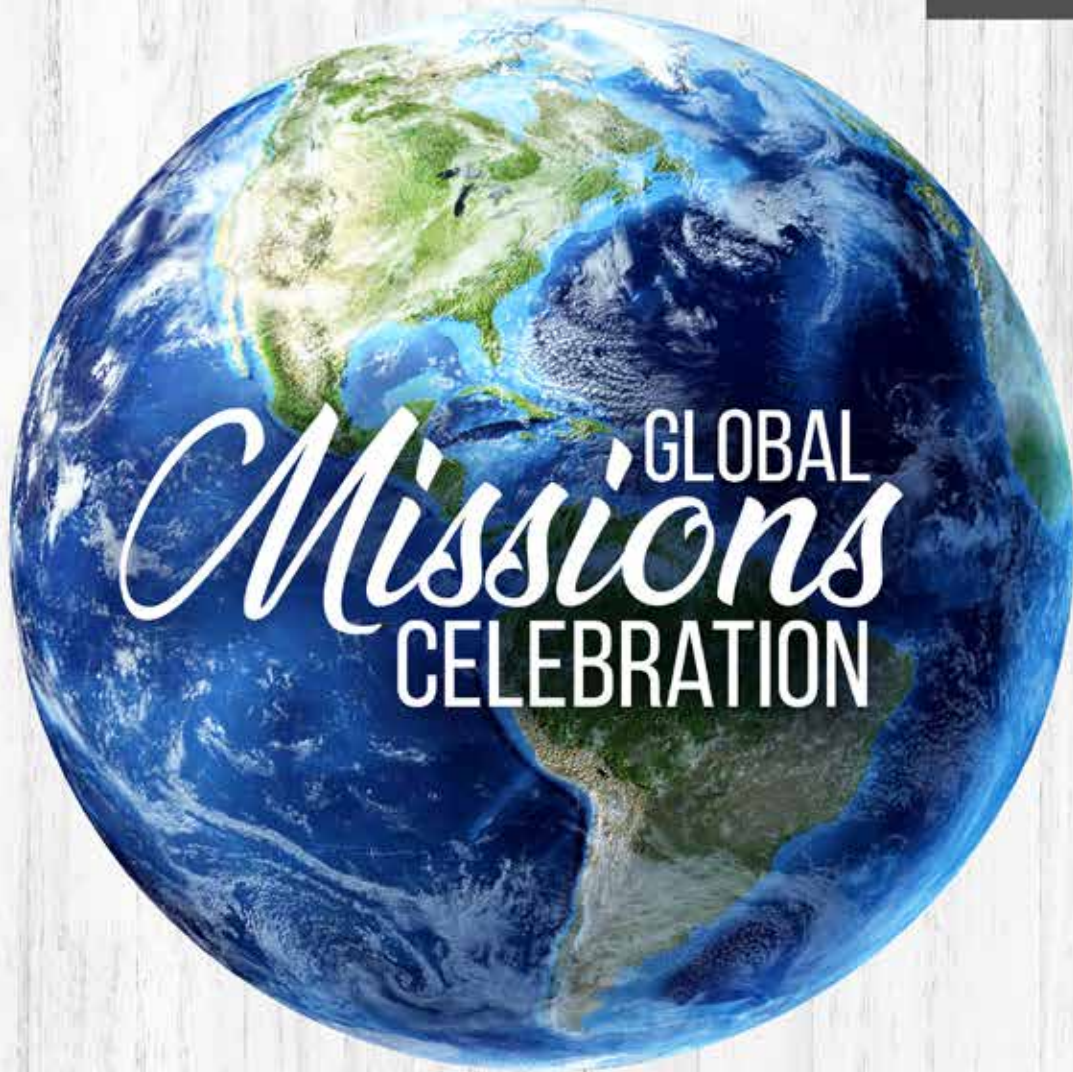
**24**  
**Christmas Eve Services**  
 Services at 4:00 & 6:00 pm

**25**  
**Merry Christmas!**  
 "For unto you is born this day in  
 the city of David a Savior, which  
 is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11



For a full list of events and details visit:  
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OCTOBER 14-21



**BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS...  
WE WILL PRAY, GIVE, AND GO!**

**GREAT COMMISSION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 14**

**TASTE & SEE EVENT - OCTOBER 19**

**LIFE GROUP FELLOWSHIPS - OCTOBER 20**

**GREAT COMMITMENT SUNDAY - OCTOBER 21**

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