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A NOTE FROM PASTOR JASON Catalyst 2021-2022: Renew



Raise your hand if you've had to cancel some plans this year.
Yes ... yes ... yes ... yes over there in the back I see that hand.

Most of us (all of us?) have had to cancel plans this year. Family plans, work plans, school plans, and ministry plans have been canceled, adjusted, or postponed again and again and again. Many organizations over the past several years capitalized on this year's coming by naming their dreaming and planning efforts "Vision 2020," which is ironic because I daresay no one's vision of 2020 was quite clear.

However, I have found some of our ministry planning ended up being more relevant than I'd imagined in advance. For instance, in the Spring of 2019, we planned a Lenten series entitled "Dissident Discipleship," rooted in Jesus' command to love our neighbors as ourselves as a way of loving God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. The Greatest Commandment is always relevant, of course, but when I shaped that series in March of 2019, I had no idea how extra-relevant it would be throughout this strange season that was kicked off in March of 2020. God needed us (needs us) to renew our commitment to loving our neighbor well. We need God to renew our souls for this (loving) work still.

Which brings me to another bit of advance 2020 planning that has ripened with age. Months ago, as our Pastoral Staff was dreaming together about future ministry, we engaged in a series of energizing conversations about our church and our world. We talked about needs: the stress, strain, struggle, and strife we see in and between so many. People are weary. We talked about the unique things we love about our church and the unique ways we believed it could impact individuals and our world. We talked about issues of justice and ways we could continue partnering with God to combat injustice. We dreamed together about many things, with a common thread emerging throughout: Renew!

People are weary and longing for renewal. Could we be a congregation of renewal? Many people would love to belong to a faith community that holds space for their faith questions. Our church holds just this kind of space for nuance and doubt as we nurture faith together. Might we renew our witness in a way that will help those who are looking for us, find us? We are increasingly aware of our need to work against inequity and all kinds of injustice. Let's renew and deepen our commitment of being a community for justice. It's been a decade since our church participated in a focused discernment process together. When we did, we sensed it would help shape our next ten years. It's time to renew our vision.

Throughout the pandemic, these needs have become more pressing. People need renewal now more than ever. The need for agility and creativity in our gospel witness has never been more

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acute. The world hasn't just changed. It's changing. Now is the time to clarify our identity and renew our vision.

This renewal won't happen in a month, but in a month, we hope we'll all renew our commitment to making it and so much more happen in and through the life of our church. This is your first invitation to participate in that. Please be present for worship on October 11, 18, and 25 as we reflect on what it might mean for us to renew our vision, community, witness, faith, and mission in the coming years. Please read the Catalyst information we'll send out by mail, email, and social media. Please consider the financial commitment God is calling you to make to mission and ministry in and through Second Baptist Church over the next two years and become prepared to send your commitment card to Second Baptist by the end of October.

We are planning to participate in God's renewal. Will you join us?

I see that hand!

JASON EDWARDS,
SENIOR PASTOR



Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will. Romans 12:2 NIVUK

What is the Catalyst Ministry Plan

At Second Baptist, we don't strictly present a line-item budget. Every two years, we put together a Ministry Plan called Catalyst. Catalyst is a strategic map that helps us serve as an impetus for God's dreams to come true in our church throughout the KC metro region, and around the world. You are a catalyst for helping make God's dreams for us become a reality.

We have a deep passion to **RENEW OUR VISION, our mission, our values, our commitments, to our relationship to Christ, and for ourselves to be renewed.** We ask ourselves, what does it mean to raise up renewed people who are sources of renewal for the world? We fully believe that we can be this only because we know the source of renewal. How could our church, our community, and our world be transformed because we are a place of renewal? We want to be a community of renewal that fosters renewal in people who are sent out to be sources of renewal in our world. How might discipleship, care, worship, music, missions, hospitality, generosity, etc. prompt different forms of renewal?

We have developed **FOUR OBJECTIVES** to guide our Catalyst Ministry Plan goals and actions development.

1. **Renewing Community:** we are a renewing community as we both renew our commitment to be a Christ-centered community and to be a renewing community for those who participate with us.
2. **Renewing Faith:** we are renewing our faith in Christ as Savior, our God as a loving creator, and the Holy Spirit as our comforter and guide whether we begin as children or adults who are longing for a renewed faith.
3. **Renewing Witness:** we are renewing our witness as we are transformed by Christ to bear witness of the Gospel in deed and word.
4. **Renewing Story:** we are renewing our branding and marketing of Second Baptist Church as we enlarge our geography of local witness and messaging.

Would you prayerfully consider ...?

As we move into the final stretch of 2020, we hope you'll remain committed to helping our church finish this year well by faithfully fulfilling your financial commitments to our 2019-2020 Catalyst Ministry Plan.

We also hope you will take some time this month to prayerfully consider how you will generously support the ministry and mission of our church in 2021 and 2022. At Second Baptist Church, one of the things we ask of our members is that we would all give in proportion to our income, with the goal being a tithe. The Old Testament instructs God's people to give ten percent of their wealth (tithe) unto God. The New Testament affirms this teaching but then goes beyond it, asking God's people to give as much as they possibly can, generously. With this in mind, we know the "goal" of a tithe is less than the biblical benchmark, but we also acknowledge that we are all in different financial places and we should all "give what we have decided in (our own) heart" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

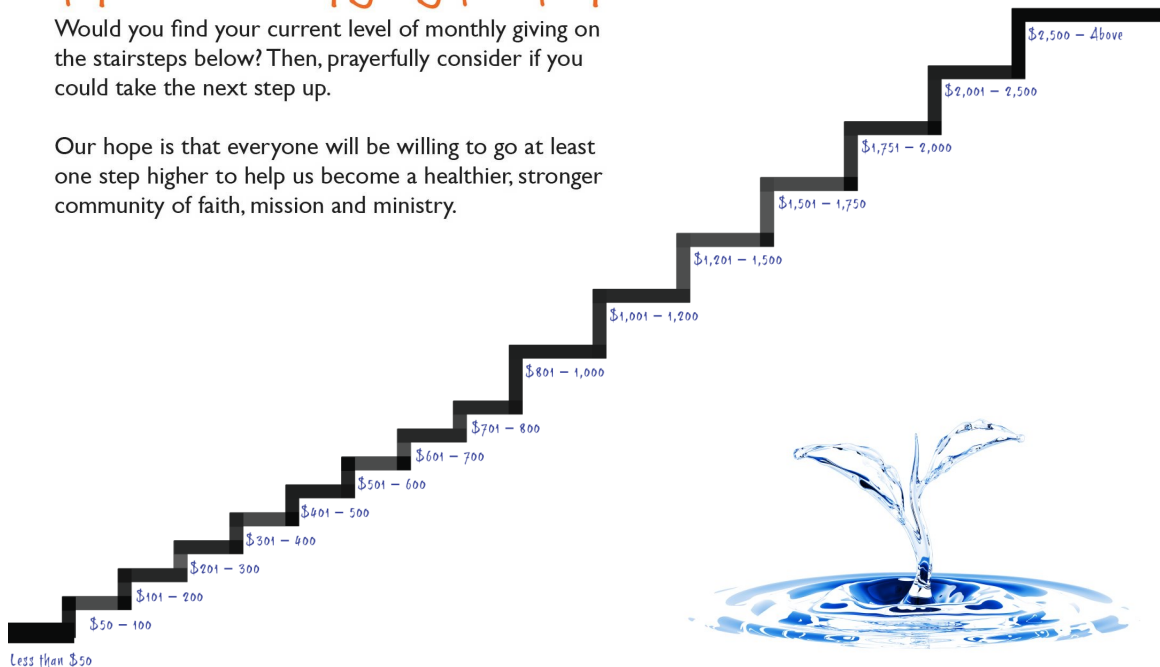
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1. Give something: If you've never made a commitment to give unto God regularly through the mission and ministry of the church, we hope you'll consider committing giving to a specific, planned amount regularly throughout 2021 and 2022.
2. Take a step: You'll notice we've included a giving stairway below. If you are already giving regularly to the church, you should be able to find a step that represents the amount you are currently giving each month to the mission and ministry of the church. Would you prayerfully consider stepping up to the next monthly giving level in 2021-2022?

If you are already giving faithfully...

Would you find your current level of monthly giving on the stairsteps below? Then, prayerfully consider if you could take the next step up.

Our hope is that everyone will be willing to go at least one step higher to help us become a healthier, stronger community of faith, mission and ministry.



We are living in the midst of an unprecedented season right now, and we know that is affecting all of us in a variety of ways, including financial. As our Church Treasurer, Angie McElhaney acknowledged in a letter she sent earlier this year, some of us have been impacted in ways that will make it difficult to stretch any more financially. Others of us have the ability to carry more of the load by being extra generous in the years ahead. As we each pray about how to give, may God help us have a sense of purpose and peace about how we need to contribute to God's work now and in the years ahead.

SERMON SERIES

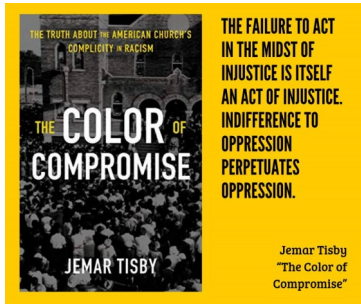
October 11
Renewing Vision

October 18
Renewing Community, Faith,
and Mission

October 25
Renewing Commitment

COMING UP AT 2BC...

CHURCHWIDE



THE COLOR OF COMPROMISE BOOK STUDY GROUP

Joint Zoom Study
Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church and
Second Baptist Church

Co-led by Jason Edwards, Senior Pastor of Second Baptist; and Wallace Hartsfield II, Senior Pastor of Metropolitan MBC

Thursdays from Noon – 1:15 p.m. for six weeks, beginning October 1 through November 5. Zoom information will be provided to registered participants.

"The Color of Compromise is both enlightening and compelling, telling history we either ignore or just don't know. Equal parts painful and inspirational, it details how the American church has helped create and maintain racist ideas and practices. You will be guided in thinking through concrete solutions for improved race relations and a racially inclusive church." *Amazon.com description*

FALL COMMUNITY GROUPS

We were created for community, even in the midst of a pandemic! Although we're living apart, our community groups still provide opportunities for growing together. Through community groups, we have an intentional way to nurture our relationship with God and grow in relationship with one another while finding ways to impact the world together in Jesus' name. There are plenty of groups that meet year-round, and new this year are monthly pop-up groups on special topics. For the time being, our community and Bible study groups are meeting via Zoom.

Check out these upcoming opportunities in October.



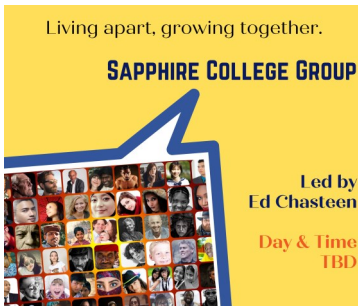
Life Events Planning Group

The Financial Stewardship Committee is hosting the final two pop-up sessions of its life events planning series. This group, continued from spring, will wrap-up with its last two sessions about medical directives on Sunday, October 11, and legacy giving on Sunday, October 18. Both sessions begin at 8:45 a.m. These virtual sessions are open to anyone (even if you didn't participate in the spring). Make sure to register so we can send you the Zoom link.



REFIT Pop-up Group

This new virtual pop-up group will get you on the move! REFIT is a fitness experience for every body. All ages, sizes, and shapes are welcome to experience the joy of moving our bodies by pairing fun, powerful moves with lively and inspirational music. Whether you are a seasoned fitness fan or it's been a while since you've really moved your body, you belong here. Join us! (Want a preview? Search REFITREV on YouTube!) This virtual group, led by Kristen Drumgoole, will meet weekly in October at a time to be determined by the group members.



Sapphire College Group

We are calling all world-class people! Join our Ed Chasteen for a new community group experience. Each of us is more than our color, our culture, our creed, our age, our gender. Each of us is at our core, a World Class Person, able to go anywhere at any time and talk to anyone about anything and feel safe. Group members will be asked to be paired with a person of another faith and/or race to learn about others through a series of online conversations.

Register online at www.2bcliberty.org/community-groups

MIDWEEK PAUSE

Our Pastoral Staff members are sharing a three or four minute video where you can draw a deep breath and reflect on God at work in your life. You'll find them at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays on Facebook and YouTube. Here's the upcoming schedule:

- Oct 7 – Jason
- Oct 14- Connie
- Oct 21- Chip
- Oct 28- Angie

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

FROM CHIP HANDRICH WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

It was such a joy to see many of you at our outdoor worship service on September 20. For those who could not be there in person, I hope you were able to join us on Facebook. About six weeks ago, when we began to discuss such a service, we had to be sure that we could stream an accurate representation of that service for those who could not attend. The challenge was the lack of an internet connection. Craig Dempsey, Ron Whited, Ryan

Calder, James Calder, Jack Kankiewicz, and I spent several hours gathering all the necessary sound and video equipment, and testing it to ensure all was in working order. Ryan also did a test stream using the data signal from his cell phone carrier.

The result was a worship service on Facebook live that was much like we experience each week. There were limitations, such as a two-camera limit and the lack of a separate sound-mixing capability for streaming (which we have when we are in the Sanctuary). But I was incredibly pleased with the quality we were able to present, thanks to our highly capable volunteers.

For those of you who could attend, we owe thanks to the owner of Belvoir Winery, Jesse Leimkuehler. If you rode the golf cart from the parking lot, Jesse was the driver. If you can, please send him a thank-you note or email (contact information below). His contribution to the day helped make a more pleasant experience for all who attended.

Jesse Leimkuehler
Belvoir Winery
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info@belvoirwinery.com

THE NEXT OUTDOOR, IN-PERSON WORSHIP IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 11 AT BELVOIR WINERY.



If we cannot meet outdoors because of the weather, worship will be online, only at 11:00, on Facebook, and not in person. There will not be an 8:30 worship service on YouTube, but the service will be posted to YouTube shortly after the live-stream ends. Outdoor worship cancellations due to weather will be communicated by the

email address associated with your registration. Attendance at these services is limited for safety concerns. Please reserve your place on The Hub.

We are also planning for outdoor in-person worship on October 25 at Belvoir Winery if weather permits. Hub reservations will open for this service when the October 11 service reservation period closes.

CHILDREN

NEW LOCATION FOR OUTDOOR BIBLE STUDY

OUTDOOR BIBLE STUDY

9:30–10:15 a.m. on Sundays
OCTOBER LOCATION: Lillian Schumacher Elementary
425 Claywoods Parkway in Liberty
Weather cancellation announced on 2BC Facebook Parent Page
Elementary Children
Bible Stories and Activities
details at 2BCLiberty.org/events



Throughout October, the outdoor children's Bible study (weather permitting) will be on the playground behind Lillian Schumacher Elementary at 425 Claywoods Parkway in Liberty. These sessions are on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 for K-5 children (and PreK if parents feel their child is ready). Children are asked to wear masks and bring a chair or towel for seating. Virtual resources continue to be updated weekly in the parent newsletter to supplement the lessons and for those unable to participate outdoors.

FYI – PARENT FACEBOOK GROUP

Our private Facebook group ("A Soft Place to Land") will get a facelift on September 30. Its name will become "2BC Children's Ministry Parent Community," and the cover photo and icon will change. Members should get an automatic notification. Any 2BC parents or guardians with children birth through fifth grade, or interested grandparents, or volunteers, who are not members of this Facebook group are encouraged to join to access children's ministry information and resources.



TRUNK OR TREAT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 5–7 p.m. IN THE 2BC PARKING LOT

Ways to help:

- Donate prepackaged, NUT FREE candy (drop off in the Welcome Center at church).
- Bring your decorated vehicle! Wear a mask, bring a chair for yourself, and provide a small table (e.g., card table) to set 6 ft. from your vehicle where candy can be spaced out for children to take.*
- Serve as a host during the event to sanitize tables, set out candy for children, help guests feel welcome, and monitor social distancing.*

Note:

- All volunteers and guests will wear masks and sanitize their hands.
- Vehicles will be spaced farther apart than usual.
- Only designated hosts and children will touch the candy during the event.
- The event is subject to change according to current health guidelines.

*Contact Angie Fuller (afuller@2bcliberty.org) if you can provide a decorated vehicle OR if you are willing to serve as a host.



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STUDENTS

THE BONFIRE IS BACK!



October 3 | 6:00-10:00 p.m.
Bring a chair & Wear a mask

On Saturday, October 3, we will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. and drive out to land owned by Paul Twenter and Tom Lankford for a bonfire. We'll have a great time around the fire, singing songs, playing games, eating barbecue, and going on a hayride!

Please bring a chair and wear a mask. We will be emphasizing safety and will socially distance throughout the evening. We'll return to 2BC by 10:00 p.m.

Registration Required. Sign up on The Hub.



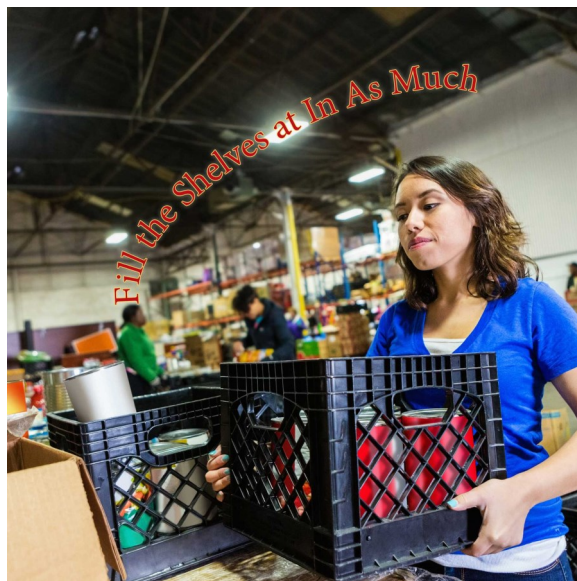
NEW INNERMISSION SCHEDULE

Beginning This Sunday

MS: Sundays from 4-6 p.m. | HS: Sundays from 6-8 p.m.

Both meet in the 2BC parking lot

MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY



FOOD SHARE WEDNESDAY NO COLLECTION WAGONS AT CHURCH

The first week of every month is when we support the Link Food Pantry of In As Much Ministry by donating items to stock their shelves. The need is especially high in the current situation. Please take your donations directly to In As Much at 2050 Plumbers Way, #190, Liberty, MO 64068 on Wednesdays mornings. Or, send an online order directly to In As Much at the above address.

Canned Sloppy Joes

Canned Asparagus

Coffee Creamer

Sugar

Rice Sides

Deodorant

Maxi Pads

Paper Towels

Canned Sweet Potatoes

Juice

Brownie Mix

Pasta Sides

Snack Crackers

Body Wash

Kleenex

Toothpaste

UPLAND UPDATE



IT'S NUMBER CRUNCHING TIME AT UHDP

It's technical work – with a big payoff.

The UHDP staff in Thailand has been hard at work, collecting and analyzing data from 680 surveys of water basins in 40 different communities. They are evaluating the impact of 4 new watersheds and comparing the results in different locations. This careful, systematic analysis helps them make decisions for current and future work. Your contributions to Second's Catalyst Ministry Plan supports this kind of work in Christ's name.



SCHOOL CONNECTIONS SHARK ALERT

Volunteers on the School Connection Team have assembled 65 bags of assorted goodies and personal notes for the Lillian Schumacher staff. Those bags were delivered to the school as an expression of support and encouragement from Second Baptist Church.

They also delivered over 500

handmade masks to Lillian Schumacher Elementary students and 65 for faculty and staff. Way to go, team! If you're interested in the School Connections team, call us at 816-781-2824, and we will put you in touch with team leader Debbie Lane.

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PART-TIME JOB OPENING AT MILLER MANAGEMENT

We are growing!

Despite the trials we've all been facing in 2020, Miller Management has continued to serve more churches and non-profits than ever before. Due to this growth, we are seeking an additional Administrative Professional to work on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays each week.

Do you know of someone looking for a meaningful part-time position?



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Part-Time Administrative Professional

Miller Management is hiring a part-time Administrative Professional to service our ever-growing non-profit client base. The ideal candidate will be an energetic, flexible, and adaptable person with a heart for serving others. Our singular mission is to serve churches and nonprofit organizations with value added accounting & administrative products and services to assist those organizations in furthering their mission.

Primary Job Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Open and close the office each day
- Answer telephone in a professional, courteous, and helpful manner
- Champion first impressions and customer service
- Greet and manage incoming visitors
- Manage conference room schedules and set up
- Assist with hospitality, internal events, and catering
- Provide administrative support to the Senior Leadership and Manager teams
- Print forms and documents; Copying, binding, and assisting other staff
- Monitor office inventory and replenish as needed
- Be the point person for third party vendors
- Participate in coordination of year-end logistics
- Assist with new hires by coordinating supplies, equipment, and desk space
- Perform basic help desk duties for computer programs (e.g. password resets)
- Other duties as assigned

Required Qualifications:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Great people skills
- Flexible and adaptable
- Organized
- Tech savvy
- Detail oriented

Preferred Qualifications:

- College degree preferred
- Experience with churches and/or nonprofits is a plus

This is a non-exempt position with a schedule of 24 hours per week. This person will work 8:30am-5:00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday each week.

Compensation is based on education and experience. In addition to excellent work-life balance and a family-like culture, our benefit offerings for part-time staff include voluntary dental, vision, life insurance, retirement matching, and paid time off.

To apply, please visit <http://goodfaithaccounting.com/careers/>.

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October Birthdays 2020

Begnaud	Mike	Oct 1	DeSalvo	Caitlin	Oct 24
Gilliland	Mary	Oct 2	Barr	Angela	Oct 26
Goertz	Jeff	Oct 2	Simpson	Shae	Oct 26
Goodpasture	Jude	Oct 2	Guinn	Miriam	Oct 27
Anderson	Matt	Oct 3	Hill	Jerry	Oct 28
Barr	Taylor	Oct 3	Halsey	Amy	Oct 29
Huffman	Caroline	Oct 3	McElhaney	Tim	Oct 29
Imm	Kaylee	Oct 3	Rodgers	Wilma	Oct 29
Simpson	Jadyn	Oct 3	Francis	Rachel	Oct 30
Richard	Katey	Oct 4	Marcantonio	Alouisa	Oct 30
Dickson	Ryan	Oct 5	Rogers	Karen	Oct 30
Dusin	Bob	Oct 5	Driskill	Roger	Oct 31
Mees	Greg	Oct 5	Goodpasture	Theodore	Oct 31
Buck	Baylee	Oct 6	Bush	Steve	Oct 31
Calder	Allison	Oct 6			
Davis	Emma	Oct 6			
Tilley	Aimee	Oct 6			
Lazenby	Jacob	Oct 7			
Rhod	Jennifer	Oct 8			
Rodgers	Laura	Oct 8			
Ritter	Tammy	Oct 9			
Kankiewicz	Kim	Oct 10			
McCorey	Morgan	Oct 10			
Otte	Samantha	Oct 11			
Jeffries	Randy	Oct 12			
Cates	Chandler	Oct 13			
Ferguson	Travis	Oct 13			
Smelosky	Alek	Oct 13			
McCorey	Colbie	Oct 14			
Robinson	Vanessa	Oct 14			
Dolton	Jon	Oct 15			
Van Slyke	Pauline	Oct 15			
Greason	Greg	Oct 16			
Mantia	Dean	Oct 16			
Greason	Linda	Oct 18			
McCoy	Josh	Oct 18			
Personett	Viki	Oct 18			
Pitman	Richard	Oct 18			
Webster	Brian J.	Oct 18			
Craft	Betty	Oct 19			
George	Amelia	Oct 19			
Lazenby	Brenda	Oct 20			
Robinson	Emma	Oct 20			
Hasty	Sue Ann	Oct 21			
Makemson	Carroll	Oct 21			


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