

Erin's Purpose

October Newsletter

'Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.' Proverbs 19:21

So we got a new puppy. Another Goldendoodle. If you would have told me 3 years ago that I would fall in love with these little fur balls, I wouldn't believe it. Our oldest Doodle's name is Murphy and he is 2 ½ years old. Our newest Doodle, Maggie, is 11 weeks old. And boy is she ALL puppy! This week, I purchased them bones. And not just any bones; top of the line, meat covered bones that should make any Doodle drool. As Murphy and Maggie awaited anxiously for their treat, I opened the package. I told them to sit, and they both listened. I gave Murphy his treat and he excitedly accepted it as he turned around and headed toward the living room, tail wagging. Maggie on the other hand, as I am giving Murphy his treat, her eyes gazed upon an empty paper towel roll on the floor. And in her puppyhood, she took off like a bullet and scooped up that paper towel roll in her mouth as if she had just earned the best treat known to doodles. I stood there and watched her as she took off running, trying to hide her prize from anyone that she thought would take it because she knew she shouldn't be chewing on the paper towel roll. I went after her, showing her the bone that I got her, trying to show her that what I had was most definitely better than what she was hiding and holding onto. After a good while, I finally convinced her that what I had for her was way better and when she realized how much better the bone was than that paper towel roll, she curled up on the floor and thoroughly enjoyed it. And then it came to me. How often do we hold onto something, while God is trying to show us that He has something better for us? But, like Maggie, sometimes we hold onto what is not good for us, hiding it so nobody finds out. If I have learned anything in life it is that God's plan and what He has for us is way better than what we plan for ourselves. If we keep holding onto the things that aren't good for us and we don't open our eyes and our hearts to what God has for us, we miss out on an opportunity for something great. Philippians 3:13-14 (NLT) says "...but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us." It's scary to let go of what we have held onto for so long, not knowing what could happen when we let go, but it should also be scary knowing that we could miss out on God's blessings because we choose to hold onto the thing that we know isn't good for us. What are you holding onto?

If you would like prayer over what you're holding onto, please reach out to us today.

Love, Terri



Thank You!

Ways to donate:

Mail: Checks to Erin's Purpose, PO
Box 555, Bloomfield, In 47424

Cashapp: Using the Cashtag
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Paypal: Send your payment to Cris
Floyd at cahfloyd@hotmail.com

Thank you for all of the donations made to Erin's Purpose. Your contributions will never go unnoticed, we are so grateful for the opportunities we have been given to make impacts within our community and beyond. Even the smallest donations fill our hearts with so much joy.

We have so many wonderful things happening within the walls of our house on Spring Street in Bloomfield, as well as within our community and surrounding communities. We couldn't do what we do without your support. Thank you!

Please check out the Smokin' & Jokin' Facebook Page:
<https://m.facebook.com/Smokin-Jokin-373458809819656/> to find out about the amazing work they do, we are certainly thankful for their fundraising efforts!

With that being said, we would like to give a huge shout of thanks to the good people of Smokin' & Jokin' who put on an excellent fundraiser and had us as their primary recipient. 200 people, over 30 sponsors, more than a dozen volunteers, 2 awesome comedians and some really good food, all came together to support Erin's Purpose. It was such a fun night. Terri spoke, people laughed, cried, fellowshipped together and enjoyed a night we are so grateful to have been a part of. Blessed might just be an understatement!



September was National Suicide Awareness Month. For the month of September, we were able to go to area schools, speak and have an Awareness Walk. We were at Bloomfield School District and Linton Stockton Schools September 8th and 9th. Those were great days and we were able to reach hundreds of students and staff in those two days alone. After speaking at Bloomfield, the students and staff took a walk to boost morale and spread some joy in the areas around their school.



Also as part of Suicide Prevention/Awareness Month; Erin's Purpose, Greene County Veteran Affairs, and the Greene County Emergency Management Agency presented to the Greene County Commissioner's on Tuesday, September 6th to declare September as Suicide Prevention Month. This was a success and now September will officially be Suicide Prevention Month in Greene County. Included is the following publication to be shared within Greene County with resources, signs, and ways to get help.

What to do if you see these signs:

If you think someone is at immediate risk of self-harm or hurting another person:

1. Call 911 or your local emergency number,
2. Stay with the person until help arrives,
3. Remove any guns, knives, medications, or other things that may cause harm,
4. Listen, but don't judge, argue, threaten, or yell,

HELPFUL WEBSITES

Erins Purpose:

<https://www.facebook.com/Erins-Purpose-222297771968285/>

Romans Warrior Foundation:

<https://www.romanswarriorfoundation.org/>

<https://www.suicideispreventable.org/>

If you are thinking of taking your life or you know somebody that is, seek Mental Health immediately.

THERE IS NO SHAME IN ASKING FOR HELP DON'T GO THIS ALONE

Call The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

800 273-8255



YOU CAN GET THROUGH THIS.

For more information and printable copies of this publication go to: <http://gcema.ddns.net/>

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Overflow

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens..”

For October Overflow, we will be talking about “seasons” and the changing of time.

October 3rd we will kick off the month with a fall party; weenie roast, painting pumpkins and music!

October 10th Guest Speaker will be Amanda Thompson!

October 17th Guest Speaker will be Trent Lehman!

October 24th Guest Speaker will be Cris Floyd!

October 31st we will end the month with a costume party and pass out candy to trick-or-treaters!

ALSO! Saturday, October 22nd will be horseback riding, weenie roast and hayride with Better Reigns at Raper Farms here in Bloomfield, IN out in the Park Community area!

THANK YOU
SO MUCH

THE MEALS YOU PROVIDED FOR OVERFLOW ARE
MUCH APPRECIATED!

Gigi Dunigan
Preston's Small Group
Jessica Lindsey
Pam Barnhill
Kathy Holtsclaw

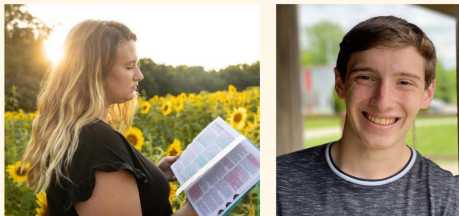
We are very appreciative of those who have volunteered to provide the meals for our Overflow meetings! Here is a list of the awesome people to thank for feeding us during the month of September.

THANK YOU ALL!

Bible Study With Emily and Caleb

6th Grade-College
Every other Wednesday Morning @ 7:00 am
Starting Sept 7th

@ Erin's Purpose
550 West Spring St, Bloomfield



Breakfast Included!



Wednesday morning Bible Study with Emily and Caleb is in full swing and going so well! We've had several young people come together every other Wednesday morning to fellowship together and study the good word. Anyone 6th grade through college age is welcome and encouraged to join!

Upcoming Auction!

Erin's Purpose is having its third annual online auction fundraiser to help raise funds for our ongoing activities, outreach, maintenance and repairs needed at the Erin's Purpose House located directly across from the entrance of Bloomfield High School! We are accepting donations for the auction. We accept new or gently used items/estate items and clothing as long as it is brand new with tags. Please let us know if you would be willing to make a donation. Donations are due by 11/19/2022. Open House for the auction will be during Bloomfield's Hometown Christmas on December 4th from 1pm to 4pm. Thank you for your support!

Tiny House with a Big Purpose, Update!

By the end of August the Tiny House was in place. A cute front porch, beautiful tan siding, white trim and a bright red roof make the Tiny House a perfect match to our big Erin's Purpose house. In the month of September the walls have gone up inside the Tiny House, the drywall has been hung, the cabinets and tub/shower all set in place. There has been someone there working almost every weekday. The flooring has been laid and the lights installed. Paint and countertops have been picked out and we cannot wait to see the finished product! Thank you to everyone who has made this Tiny House with a Big Purpose a possibility.



Member Spotlight!

Each month I would like to include a little “member spotlight” that way everyone can get to know more about the people who make Erin’s Purpose what it is. I hope you’ll all take the time to get to know these people and if you see them at any of our events, stop and say “hey!”

Terri Neighbors!

Terri is our Founder and President here at Erin’s Purpose. She lives in Bloomfield with her husband Josh, daughter Emily, and their two goldendoodles, Murphy and Maggie. Terri is Erin’s mom as well! Terri has a big heart and is always willing to lend a hand to someone in need, even if she doesn’t know them. Terri loves to read, camp, and spend time with her family and friends. She is very involved and if she isn’t working at her full-time job, you can probably find her at Erin’s Purpose, volunteering locally, or even just enjoying fellowship at the coffee shop. Terri hardly meets a stranger! She attends Odon Christian Church in Odon, Indiana with her family. There are several reasons we love Terri. She is determined, faithful, positive, and a light and joy to be around, but one of the biggest reasons we love her is because she has Crazy Faith. This organization wouldn’t be what it is if not for some Crazy Faith.

