



October 4, 2026 Denominational News

ReFrame Ministries

Groundwork: Finding Meaning In Life And The Passing Of Time - In Ecclesiastes 3, the Teacher advises, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." He later calls time a burden, but also says God has "set eternity in the human heart." Join Groundwork as we study Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, 12:1-14 to glean wisdom from the Teacher for how to find meaning in life through our time. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Kids Corner Devotions: A Pilgrim's Path: Walking with Jesus - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "A Pilgrim's Path: Walking with Jesus" at www.kidscorner.net. Are you ready to go on your adventure with Jesus and discover more of his love all around you? As we explore God's kingdom in our homes, our neighborhoods, and everywhere we go, let's ask God to help us notice him more in our everyday lives. The early Christians even called following Jesus "The Way" because it's like walking along a path that leads us closer to God. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at <https://kidscorner.net/app>

Thrive

Lifelong Discipleship: A Conversation with Author Cameron Shaffer - Join Thrive faith formation consultant Rick Zomer for a webinar featuring Cameron Shaffer, author of *Keeping Kids Christian*. As a parent and pastor, Shaffer focuses on intergenerational, lifelong discipleship strategies that foster deep connections to the local church, helping young people stay involved well beyond their youth group years. The webinar will take place on Tuesday, October 13, at 4:00 PM EDT. Register by October 9 at tinyurl.com/ye2ju9xy or email thrive@crcna.org for more information.

All Nations Heritage Sunday - Today we celebrate the diverse and multicultural church of Christ. Thrive is dedicated to bringing more diversity into the future leadership of the denomination through the L.E.A.D. (Leadership Equipping: Advocating Diversity) scholarship fund. Recipients of this scholarship are students from various ethnic minorities and members of CRCNA congregations who plan to, or who are currently pursuing, their educational goals at higher learning institutions affiliated with the CRCNA. Individual donations and church gifts are the only means to grow this fund and to keep this scholarship available. Please give today and help Thrive grow diverse leadership within the CRC.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - God's big family is made up of people from every country on earth! Print off a world map and put it on your refrigerator or kitchen table. Each day, or once a week, choose a country (or if there are kids in your household, take turns choosing). Learn about that country and pray for the needs of its people. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Children's Ministry Roundtable: Advent - October 15 at 1pm ET - This virtual "show-and-tell" style gathering will feature Thrive staff as well as members of Thrive's Children's Ministry Leader Network. They will share Advent resources and ideas that have worked well in their ministry contexts while also inviting all participants to share their favorite Advent activities. Whether you have great ideas to share or are looking for inspiration to shape your seasonal plans, this event is for you! Register here tinyurl.com/p8c4wjmk or email thrive@crcna.org for more information.

Calvin Theological Seminary

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 2 - 12, 2027) - Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu

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Project Antioch Prayer Gathering - The name Project Antioch comes from Acts 13:1-3 where out of a time of prayer, worship, and fasting, Barnabas and Saul were set apart for the work to which the Spirit called them. Prayer and fasting play an essential role in the life and mission of the church. Join the Project Antioch Prayer Gathering (Mon Nov 2, 6pm - Wed, Nov 4, 12pm) at Carismah Church in Katy, Texas. This is a multi-ethnic prayer gathering to pray for the church planting and renewal initiatives in the CRC. The focus of this gathering is to worship and praise our great God, submitting and surrendering to the Spirit's leading for the church, to intercede for the CRC ministries, congregations, and mission, and to pray that we would be sent out boldly in the power of the Spirit (Acts 13:1-3). Register soon; space is limited to 150. Learn more and register at network.crcna.org/topic/spiritual-formation/prayer/project-antioch-prayer-gathering-nov-2-4-2026