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## Calling All Grandparents

No matter what they call you and no matter their age, next to their parents you are the most important person (people) in your grandchildren's lives! I hope you believe that, because it is true!

Towards the end of October, our church sponsored a two day gathering called "Legacy Summit" at which we were (or at least I was) strongly called to step up our investment as grandparents. Frankly, I sat under conviction that my role in the lives of our dozen "grands" is far more important than I had passively considered before. In fact, the word "intentional" rose as the top indicator of how I should be relating to the seven boys and five girls God has put into Charlotte's and my life.

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As Jim Burns, president of HomeWord ministries instilled in us, “A successful and well lived life is never accidental.” And yet, as grandparents, we need to remember that we are no longer in control. We must see ourselves as mentors and as coaches. I’m convinced of this; that while your adult children may not, your grandkid will listen to you. In fact, I believe when kindly spoken, they are ready to absorb your touch of love, tough or not.

If you didn’t get in on our Legacy Summit, let me encourage you to connect with someone who did. Ask them for a nugget or two from the dozen or so sessions. And if you did participate, why not lock in on a grand-parenting friend or two that didn’t make it to the Summit. Help them to feel your new passion for your and their role in making an eternal difference in the life of the children of the next generation.

And how about this: Whether or not you were at the Summit, if you haven’t done so already go to Grand Monday Nights - Weekly Webinar - Legacy Coalition and pick up on the multitude of ways we can improve as grandparents. The title of the most recent “GrandMonday Night” was: “They Cannot Believe What They Do Not Know – Sharing the Whole Message of the Bible with your Grandchildren.”

One more idea: Some of us have been grandparents for two decades or more. Let’s make it part of our mission to encourage those just entering this sector of life. Charlotte and I got started at grand-parenting from a distance when we were in our early 50’s. Some grandparents are at it in their 40’s, maybe younger! They could use our encouragement too.

If you’d like to talk more about being a grandparent, jot me a note at [joebubar47@gmail.com](mailto:joebubar47@gmail.com). Let’s get going!

All is well,  
Joe

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# Views from the Bridges...

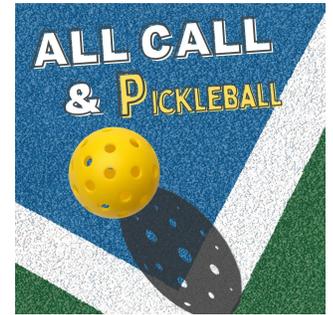
(Encore's ministry is broken into eight sections - or "bridges." Some updates are listed below)

## **ALL CALL BRIDGE:**

### **Encore All Call & Pickleball Event**

**November 9 | 10:00 until noon | Amped/Student Center**

Join us for our last Encore All Call in 2022. We will pray for the OCC shoeboxes as we send our crafts off to do their jobs. We'll have a short business meeting to discuss what we do next year. And we will have one last round of pickleball. Please attend if at all possible because we really want to hear from you regarding what we do next in Encore All Call. We'll start at 10:00 with the short business meeting, then pray, and then pickleball or early dismissal.



## **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**

It's time to fill lots of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, and you can start by using lots of the items Encore participants have made throughout the year. They are available at both shoebox stations in the Harrison Lane campus (one by the cafe and one in the children's wing). You can't miss them – literally, you may step in the bins if you aren't careful when you pick up your shoeboxes and/or labels. Please pack a box and join in one of the world's largest evangelistic outreach programs!



## **Coats & Christmas**

The Coats & Christmas toys campaign is underway!! We need to collect 50 coats and 350 Christmas toys for the Eaton Elementary Christmas Party. Please visit [helpeaton.com](http://helpeaton.com) to see the list of specific coats and toys needed, and/or to volunteer to help with the party. Dates and times for all volunteer activities are included on the web page. We can't do this without your help!



## **Love Gives**

The Love Gives campaign is underway, but only until November 20th! Give now if you can so we can send much needed help to Compass Church in Naples, Florida. They have been ministering to folks devastated by the recent hurricane and need help desperately to continue this humanitarian effort. Visit [2RC.tv/lovegives](http://2RC.tv/lovegives) to donate!





## Events Calendar

### **NOVEMBER**

9 - All Call Event (OCC & Pickleball) - **LAST ONE!**

For more details about Encore events, visit the church website at [2rc.tv/events](https://2rc.tv/events)

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**Encore Bridge Leaders are here to encourage others in the life and ministry to which they are called. We don't pretend to have the answers but would gladly talk and pray with you. Here's who we are and how you can get plugged in:**

## 8 Bridges of Encore

**PRAYER:** The prayer bridge is designed to provide prayer support for the Encore Community. This includes personal needs and concerns of individual participants and their families, as well as praying for God's direction for Encore Ministry as we move forward. Prayer requests will be posted as received on the Encore Realm Group (Prayer Bridge-6) making it personal to Encore.

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**CARE:** The goal of the Care Bridge is to provide a pathway to connect with and support individuals who find themselves in circumstances that make it difficult to attend church or otherwise benefit from 2RC support groups. This Bridge provides Encore members the opportunity to join the 2RC Care Visitation Team to make hospital visits and to visit those who cannot regularly attend church for services and functions (e.g., those who are in nursing homes or are otherwise unable to attend church). Additional Care opportunities will be identified as needs arise.



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**SOCIAL:** The Social Bridge is designed to help retired folks meet new friends and enjoy deeper community through large and small group activities. Entering retirement can be a big transition from regular engagement in a working community to forming new community through activities and volunteering. With more time comes greater opportunity to connect. Our team desires to create environments where friendships and community can develop.



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**SERVE:** We desire to help Encore participants engage alongside others from 2RC who are already on serving teams in ministries in the community (Meals on Wheels) or at 2RC (set design, building maintenance, etc.). We will maintain a list of specific opportunities and contacts to connect people who want to serve in whatever environment or setting they feel called or comfortable.

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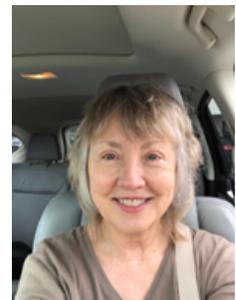
**ALL-CALL:** This Bridge is being designed to reach the largest section of our Encore members. The current vision for the All-Call Bridge is to engage participants in service projects that generally take place at Two Rivers Church's Harrison Lane Campus. These projects will typically take place around tables that allow you to simultaneously socialize and serve. We are working at becoming a significant player in the Operation Christmas Child efforts in Knoxville.

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**HOSPITALITY:** The Hospitality Bridge is designed to show Christ's love to people in the Encore group, church members and people outside our walls. We can achieve this by organizing meals for Encore gatherings, for Encore members who have been ill or are experiencing a death in their family and are not affiliated with a 2RC Group.

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**MENTORING:** The purpose of the Mentoring Bridge is to connect Encore participants with mentees who need a trusted and experienced person to counsel, train, equip, or advise them. Members of this Bridge-team become vetted to work with such ministries as our 2RC Family Ministries, our 2RC Harbor Ministries, Kids Hope USA, CASA, Bridge Refugee, Generous House, and others.



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**CONSULTING:** Our intention of the Consulting Bridge is to find those challenging places that sometimes slow people down as they enter and navigate through retirement. Challenges like: re-purposing and positioning, finances, gift-ministry alignment, time management, along with others yet to be discovered.

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## ENCORE MINISTRY

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Encore Ministry endeavors to cast a God-sized vision for helping retirees build a Kingdom-based legacy, launch relational environments to go shoulder to shoulder to make a gospel impact, and bond with a fun and supportive community.