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PROVIDING SPACE...

The beginning of July saw the launch of our weekly tots group. The group began out of the desire to provide a free and safe space for toddlers and their guardians. Marie Walker, one of our young adults with a young child of her own, initiated the conversation about starting the group, and with the guidance of Audrey they plan the program. She told us that it is difficult to find inexpensive options for your children. Each week, from 10 a.m. to noon, the children will be able to participate in a song and dance time and sensory activities.



During the preparation process for the launch, we were approached by a family of Marie's that was also quite eager to support the group. Chantelle recently finished secondary school (age 11-16) and was looking for an opportunity to volunteer in the week. She has already organized an upcoming craft day and will continue to help with setup and tear down each week. Chantelle was a part of our youth group for a time yet was never committed to weekly participation. This has given us and the church a chance to reconnect with her and her family.

In the first meeting, we had four children present, which was a huge success in our eyes. Through social media, word of mouth, and meeting our neighbors, we have had several other parents show interest and excitement about a safe place for their children to go. Please pray with us as this gathering continues to take shape and as the word gets out. This is a monumental step for Birkenhead Church of God as it begins to reconnect with its neighbors.



UK Convention...

In May, the Church of God in the UK gathered for their annual convention in North Hampton, an hour outside of London. The group was blessed by speaker Ken Oldham, Global Strategy pastor to the Middle East, as he shared his desire to see renewal and revival within the church as well as in each Christian's life. In addition to nightly preaching from Ken, there were three workshops provided that were aimed at practical application in three areas of ministry: reviving the soul, reviving the church, and renewal and revival within the church.

During convention the National Church recognized the years of service of Pastor John and Linda Pemberton. The celebration included cake, a commemorative plaque, and many sharing their love of the Pemberton's. The impact of their ministry will continue to be felt for years to come. The gathering was also blessed by the participation of Ben Shular, chief international officer of Church of God Ministries and director of Global Strategy, and his wife Kelli. Ben introduced the Global Strategy team and gave a presentation on the Global Strategy efforts around the world. Every year the convention is an encouraging time for the churches. Please continue to pray for the UK and its believers as they continue to be unified and seek God's direction.



Church of God UK ministers, as well as Ben & Kelli Shular and Ken Oldham.



Youth lead worship team comprising young people from Community Church of God, London.

Rejoices and Prayer Requests:

- Pray for Birkenhead Church of God, England, as they continue to take steps to reach their community.
- We are proud of our regional team as they host various teams from the US. Pray for increasing partnership throughout the region.
- Pray for the health of Bob Rainford, longtime youth worker at Birkenhead Church of God.

10 months..

Lola Mae's social personality is coming out more vividly by the day. Her favorite things at the moment are to point and wave at everyone. Strangers on public transit all over have had their day brightened by her sweet gestures. She "talks" a lot, starting to babble with her tongue this month. Lola can pull herself up and stand while holding hands or onto furniture. Her fearless bravery had resulted in forehead and knee bruises.

