

# KIDS KARNIVAL

**Wednesday • October 25 • 6:30 - 8 PM**

## WHAT IS IT?

Kids Karnival is Balboa's annual fall outreach to the community. It is meant to be a fun and safe alternative to Halloween.

Here are some of the exciting things that are a part of Kids Karnival:

- Fun carnival-style games to play
- Pockets the Clown who does face painting
- Amazing balloon creations
- Free food for all
- Lots and lots of candy for the kids

Because it is an "OUTREACH," that means that everyone does their part by inviting people from our community to enjoy the event. People will be able to meet Christians and hear the gospel in a non-threatening and enjoyable environment. If they do not have a church home, they will certainly be invited to worship with us.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED



### Candy

We need lots and lots of candy to give to the kids. Please donate bags of candy by dropping them off at the church office or on Sundays at the Welcome Center no later than Tuesday, October 25. Also, be careful to select candy that does not emphasize witches, goblins, and other scary things.

### Booths

There will be a lot of booths that will need someone to man them during the Kids Karnival. It will only require one evening of your time, no skill is necessary, and you will have an absolute blast. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

### Food

Another way you can help is by providing snack food for the evening. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

### Invite, Invite, Invite

This is the most important thing you can do. Without your friends and people you invite, there would be no Kids Karnival. Please take some invitations and get busy inviting everyone you know. Thanks for partnering with us!

**Begin praying now for the Kids Karnival outreach!**

Introducing...

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### September 2017

#### Fresh Eyes

Moving to a new city for our new assignment has given us the opportunity to look at our situation with new eyes, both physically and spiritually. We lived in Zenica (Central Bosnia) from 1999-2002. In the fifteen years we've been away the city has changed, and so have we. Businesses that were devastated by the civil war have been replaced by new ventures - some successful, some not. A whole generation of youth is preparing for life elsewhere in the world by learning English, German, Turkish and/or Arabic. Several local believers who were a part of Mark's basic discipleship class are now mature leaders in the Bosnian church.

Some of these changes are encouraging and some are not. On the one hand, there is a new spirit of cooperation between the churches in our city and an intentional effort to have regular joint services and outreach events. Mature believers sense that God is at work doing something new. There is a renewed interest in church planting and prayer walking in unreached cities.

At the same time, we are personally becoming more aware of the scope of thick spiritual darkness in this place. Having a better grasp of the language helps. Being friends with someone for years also helps them to open up about the dark reality of life. Just in the past week we've heard accounts of sorcery/curses/charms, widespread infidelity and deep-rooted superstition.

We also heard the story of one man's escape from a prison camp years ago. "Abe" made a run for it while the guards were off terrorizing women in another part of the building. He carried his father on his back because he was beaten so badly he could not walk. As Abe made his way through a dense forest at night a blinking light appeared, suspended in air. It led him safely through to the other side and then disappeared. He came to the river Drina which was filled with dead bodies. As he made his way across, he turned over each body that might have been his wife or one of his young children. He had no way of knowing that they had already reached safety.

We are profoundly aware that we need not only your financial support to stay here, but your faithful prayer support as well. Thank you for your partnership!

#### Prayer & Praise

Please pray for "Abe" mentioned above. He experienced such horror at the hands of people who called themselves Christians that there are incredible barriers to him receiving Jesus' gift of eternal life. HOWEVER, we are seeing progress. Ask the Lord for a breakthrough and deep healing for this man who is still tormented in his heart. Pray for his wife, who has become a Christian and serves in the local church.

We praise God for a good transition to our new home and assignment. We are thankful for a wonderful apartment in a good location.

#### SEE WHAT THE ALLIANCE IS DOING AROUND THE WORLD

[www.cmalliance.org/region](http://www.cmalliance.org/region)

- Click on a region to learn more about that field
- Click on a missionary to read their latest ministry update

#### INTERNATIONAL WORKERS

[www.cmalliance.org/worker](http://www.cmalliance.org/worker)

- Read the latest missionary updates
- Discover praises and prayer requests

# Ministry Opportunities

at Balboa

## Communion Service • Oct. 1

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper on Sunday, Oct. 1. Take time to prepare your hearts for this meaningful act of worship as we remember what Christ did for us on the cross.

## Chili Cook-Off • Oct. 15

It's time for our traditional Chili Cook-Off. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you are bringing your famous chili. The entire church will feast on chili following the morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall. There will be fun for the entire family. Contact Mary Baumer for further details.

## Awana • Wednesdays

Awana is for children preschool through 6th grade. There is a great need for adult volunteers. There are opportunities to listen to children recite Scripture, as well as helping kids throughout the evening. Contact the Awana Commander, Jo-Ellen Archer if you are available for this ministry.

### October Schedule for Sparks & T&T:

- 10/4 Regular Night - wear your uniform
- 10/11 Good Samaritan Night - come bandaged
- 10/18 Regular Night - wear your uniform
- 10/25 Kids Carnival

## Seniors Lunch • Oct. 17

This month the seniors will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 1:00 pm. Contact Mary Campbell for the restaurant location. Be sure to bring cards for those with October birthdays or anniversaries.

## LIFE Groups • Weekly

LIFE Groups meet at church or in homes to study God's Word. We currently have groups meeting Sunday afternoon, and Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings. We are currently studying "The End of Me." Sign up at the Welcome Center. It is never too late to join.

## Kids Carnival • Oct. 25

Our fall ministry will be on Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The church puts on a Carnival for the neighborhood children. We need your help in order to do this endeavor. We need volunteers to man the game booths,

serve in the kitchen, bring lots and lots of candy, bring food, help decorate and pray. Sign ups will be next Sunday at the Welcome Center.

## Operation Christmas Child

Our church will participate in this outreach ministry that begins on Oct. 8. Stop by the Welcome Center to pick up shoe boxes to pack with items a child in a third world country will delight in.

## Prayer and Share • Thursdays

Each Thursday evening at 6:30 pm, there is a session of prayer led by Elder Sam Campbell in the church office. You are always welcome to come whenever you can.

## Sunday School • 9:00 am

Sunday school for adults is in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School for children and youth meets in the far room at the top of the stairs. There is always room for you.

## Family Welcome Center

The Family Welcome Center is reaching refugees in El Cajon. You can sign up to participate in a dessert fundraiser at Journey Community Church in La Mesa. It will be held on Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00 pm. To register, go to [www.eventbrite.com/e/dessert-fundraiser-tickets-37928540285](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/dessert-fundraiser-tickets-37928540285).

## Church Office Information Needed

Whenever your address or phone number changes, please mark this information on the Connect Card which is always found in the back of the pew. You may also call or email the church office.

If you or a family member are in the hospital or will be going to the hospital, please contact the church office and keep us informed.

## Balboa's Website

Check Balboa's website regularly for current events, sermons, Bible reading plans, bulletin, Prayer Guide, and the monthly newsletter. Also, it would be wonderful if you would invite people to church and refer them to our website for more information. [www.balboacc.org](http://www.balboacc.org)





# October 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 a Sunday School 10:30 a Worship Service 1:30 p LIFE - Edwards	2	3 6:30 p LIFE - Racela	4 6:30 p Awana 6:30 p LIFE - Bloom	5 6:30 p Share & Prayer	6	7 5:00 p LIFE - Refuge
8 <b>OCC Begins</b> 9:00 a Sunday School 10:30 a Worship Service 1:30 p LIFE - Edwards	9 6:30 p Board	10 6:30 p LIFE - Racela	11 6:30 p Awana 6:30 p LIFE - Bloom	12 6:30 p Share & Prayer	13	14 <b>Awana Conference</b> 9:00 a Trustees 5:00 p LIFE - Refuge
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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Chris Beckstrom
- 9 Angie Schulze
- 12 Danielle Dail-Orcutt
- 16 Sammy Desalegne
- 22 Robert Wheeler