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September 2024

Around September, it starts to feel like the year is passing very quickly. We are reminding ourselves to stop long enough to ponder how to end the year well. Between our workshop offerings and developments with Mosaic Network, we have much to look forward to! But first, some summer highlights.

## July 2024

- Cindy and Josiah attended a high school youth conference in San Diego, where she assisted with a refugee simulation. They were “forced” to have two additional vacation days thanks to the global cyber outage.
- David facilitated two retreats, one outside of Houston and one in Florida.
- Cindy served as a division leader at Midsouth Covenant Camp.

## August 2024

- Mosaic Formation onboarded more Mosaic Network members.
- Our staff finalized our offerings and events for the year.
- We celebrated our 25th anniversary with a trip to Mexico!

## God Moves in a Mysterious Way

*God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea  
and rides upon the storm.*

So begins the famous hymn by William Cowper. Lately I (Cindy) have been contemplating the human body. As I age, I’m keenly aware of all the things that could break down, and well as how much balance is required for the system to run at all.

*Deep in unfathomable mines  
of never-failing skill;  
He treasures up His bright designs,  
and works His sov'reign will*

I have also been contemplating our ministry, Mosaic Formation, and how it is that David and I find ourselves running a non-profit. And how blessed we feel by how much it has bloomed in just three years.

*Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;  
the clouds ye so much dread  
are big with mercy and shall break  
in blessings on your head.*

The world traffics in fear and anxiety, and I confess I am prone to little faith. Recently Chrissy, David & I lost a dear friend to a swift battle with cancer. At the same time, my father and father-in-law were in the hospital with infections. It felt like a wave of dread. These are the moments my faith allows me to release the need to know. May we all trust our heavenly Father with the futures of everything we hold dear.

*Blind unbelief is sure to err,  
and scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter,  
and He will make it plain.*

# Mosaic Network members update

We are thrilled to announce the addition of TWO new members to Mosaic Network! Join us in welcoming **Joel To of SoulRoots** and **Joy Beless of B-Still Ministries**! Our current seven network members represent a diversity of ethnic backgrounds, geographic locations, and languages. Over the next few weeks, we will be introducing them over social media so please follow us on Facebook! Learn more about Mosaic Network on our website:  
<https://www.mosaicformation.org/mosaic-network/>.

**In-person event in Houston!**



Join us in-person for a fun evening of refreshments and fellowship as Mosaic Formation celebrates the launch of the Mosaic Network, tell testimonies of God's faithfulness to and through the Network, and present a vision of things to come. You'll also hear from one of our ministry partners this year, The Diaspora Network, about partnerships between diaspora-led churches and North American churches, as well as our opportunity to support NextGen leaders through spiritual direction.

**Saturday, November 16, 2024**

**2:00-3:30 pm**

**Ecclesia Houston - West Campus**

RSVP for the Mosaic Network Launch Party (and the rest of our 2024 offerings!) on our website!  
<https://www.mosaicformation.org/events/>