

# Welcome All. Tell The Story. Grow As Disciples.

September 2022

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~From Pastor Dave



## “Grow as disciples”

That is the final part of our mission statement. Welcome all. Tell the story. Grow as disciples. In worship we have been looking at our mission statement. So, as we look at the final part of our mission statement we have to ask ourselves what does it mean to grow as disciples? Well I have two thoughts

1. **Grow as disciples means never doing it alone:** this, perhaps, comes as bad news for those of us that like to do it ourselves. The truth is, however, that no disciple is ever by themselves. We can’t do it alone. From the very beginning no disciple was alone. Jesus started with 12 and the community grew from there. This is why we come to worship and why we participate in this thing called church. We need each other.

But it’s not just that we need community, which we do. It’s that to grow we need others around us. If you think about it, someone taught you the faith and helped you grow in hope and love. Many of you have, in one way or another, helped others grow in the faith. So, growing in discipleship is not something we do on our own but something that happens because of our relationships. So, when thinking about growing as disciples you should be thinking about who taught you the faith and who you are passing the faith on to.

2. **Grow as disciples means suffering:** It sounds harsh, but we had to get this out of the way. To grow as a disciple means we have to suffer. Part of this is just being realistic about what it means to grow. After all “growing pains” are a real thing. But another part of this is being honest about what Jesus calls us to. Jesus calls us to take up the cross and follow him. Jesus tells us that to save our lives we must lose them. That is not a calling filled with ease and pleasantness.

Now, to be clear not all suffering is growth as a disciple. Sometimes we suffer just because the world is hard. We suffer because we get sick or we suffer because we make mistakes. This is not the kind of suffering that I mean when talking growing as a disciple. No, the suffering that leads to growth as a disciple is suffering for the love of our neighbor. So it’s not an easy question, but we should be asking ourselves how we are serving and suffering with our neighbors?

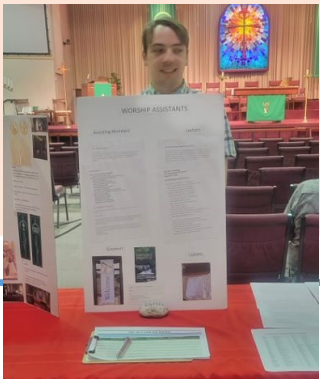
Those two things are not all that can be said about growing as disciples. Too often people in our world feel like we in this life alone, but all that leads to is more despair in loneliness. The gospel says we are, in fact, not in this by ourselves and called to be in community together. By suffering together, worshiping together, and working together we can grow as disciples.

~Pastor Dave



### September Worship Assistants

	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>2 Ushers</u>	<u>2 Greeters</u>
9/4	Candy Franz	????	????	????
9/11	Bishop Dillahunt	Renee Mushalko	????	????
9/18	Barb Emmets	Donna Suain	????	????
9/25	Tricia Ohler	Karen Harvey	????	????

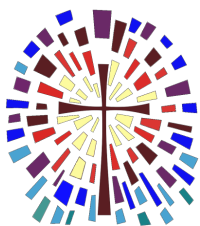


### Worship Assistants ARE REALLY REALLY NEEDED

#### **LECTORS, GREETERS, and USHERS**

**PLEASE** consider signing up for one or more of these positions. No previous experience needed!

**All ages welcome to sign-up!** If you need information on any of these duties, please see or email Kathy Rotolo ([kathy.rotolo@relc.org](mailto:kathy.rotolo@relc.org)). There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or you can email the church office ([office@relc.org](mailto:office@relc.org)).



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## Bible Study with Pastor Dave

Tuesday at 11 am at RELC & Thursday at 7 pm via ZOOM  
(Email [pastordave@relc.org](mailto:pastordave@relc.org) for the ZOOM link)  
All are invited—join when you can!



**Self-Study:** Each week there is a worksheet with a Bible reading available with questions to explore more of the story. Please grab one from the table Sunday mornings, the binders in the narthex, read it online {[RELc.org](https://relc.org) under the Grow tab} or reach out to the office at [office@relc.org](mailto:office@relc.org)



The prophet Ezekiel witnessed an alien spacecraft in Babylon. Or he was a hallucinating madman. It depends on which cohort is riffing on **Church in Space**, RELC's innovative podcast exploring the fertile ground between science fiction and religion. No matter how spaced-out Drew Nelsen and Dan Mushalko get, Pastor Dave Kamphuis sees the seeds of a Bible lesson. Sometimes Dave delivers hard-hitting theology; other times, it's an excuse to share a Martin Luther quote about beer. Then the three are off again to the final frontier! Find out why **Church in Space** has a growing worldwide audience -- tune in on your favorite podcast platform, on Podbean at <https://bit.ly/ChurchInSpace>, or on the RELC website at [www.relc.org/podcast-2/](http://www.relc.org/podcast-2/). (New Podcasts are usually uploaded weekly.)



## Is evil real? Or Jesus? Why is it impossible to take the Bible literally?

If you've ever had questions about your faith, or questioned if you should even *have* faith, join us for **The Pastor and the Recovering Heretic** every Sunday after service. It's an open discussion about anything you've ever wondered about religion. As a recovering heretic, Dan Mushalko takes no Church teaching at face value...while Pastor Dave Kamphuis taps his vast knowledge of Church history and theology to fill in the gaps of our doubt. Most importantly, they take *your* questions, too. Ask about Lutheran practices, the day's readings, how the Bible fits with science, even whether Lazarus was the first zombie (yes, that was an actual topic from a listener question)! Join us around 11:15am live in the Worship & Life Center, or on our live YouTube stream at <https://bit.ly/RELc-QA>.

Q & A with  
The Pastor  
and the  
Recovering  
Heretic

## The Ins and Outs of Ministry

It was a true delight to see so many RELC ministries represented at the Ministry Fair on Rally Sunday, Aug 21st and to see and hear the energy in the room as the details of those ministries were shared with attendees.

Sometimes ministries are obvious, with a physical expression of the work, as in the boxes for OCC, the prayer shawls and patches, and the beautiful Giving Garden. Some parts of ministry can be seen by some and not by others, such as those online during worship who interact with our Back Row Ministry media team. Others still are off-site altogether, such as Theology on Tap. The Ministry Fair was an opportunity to internally shine a light on our ministry work.

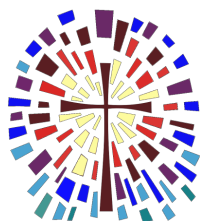
Our next showcase of Ministry and the works of RELC will be through our Annual Report. Yes, this is a "report" of what we have done over the course of the year, but it does not have to be dry or drudgery.

For Ministry Coordinators, bring the enthusiasm to your annual report that you have for your ministry and suggest pictures or quotes you think tell the story of your ministry. For everyone, share what you have seen in our journey this year that you think tells our story more robustly. Email your suggestions to [renee.mushalko@relc.org](mailto:renee.mushalko@relc.org) or [office@relc.org](mailto:office@relc.org) by September 20th to help us give depth and interest to our annual report to give a full taste of our life for Jesus (forms will also be available after worship for a few Sundays). Thank you for your input. Artwork welcome, especially from our young people, too.

~Renee Mushalko, Council President

\*Look for Ministry Fair pictures in this newsletter and on Facebook.





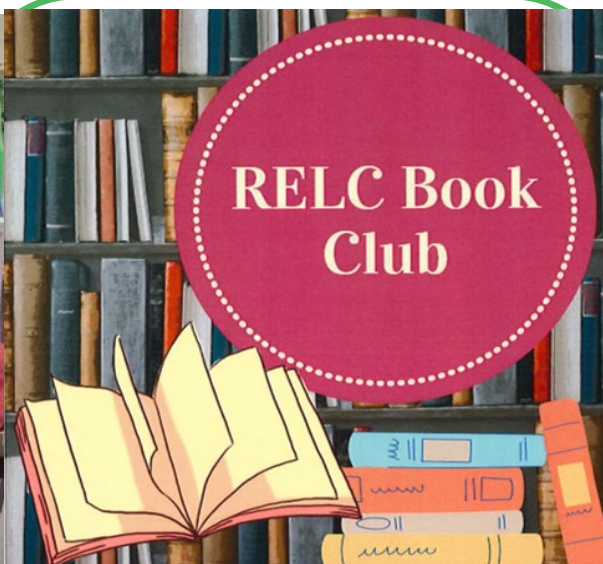
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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send any requests to  
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or contact the office at 614-876-7926,

or by email  
[office@relc.org](mailto:office@relc.org)



## REL C book club will meet

Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 pm

The September book is *The Last Runaway*

by Tracy Chevalier

- Oct. 18th *The Favorite Daughter* by Patti Callahan Henry
- Nov. 15th *Seven Perfect Things* by Catherine Ryan Hyde
- Jan. 17th *The Book Club* by Mary Alice Monroe
- Feb. 21st *The Goodbye Quilt* by Susan Wiggs



## Theology on Tap

September 27 2022, 7pm

@ Crooked Can Brewing Co., Center Street Market

**Theology on Tap** meets once a month usually on the 4th Tuesday of the month for fellowship and discussion on how faith influences what we think about current events and the world around us.



## Men's Fella-ship Breakfast

Saturday, September

10th @ 8:30am

All Men, all ages  
are welcome!



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



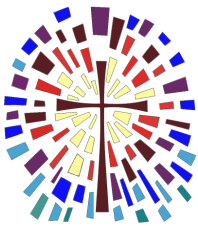
The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to work on shawls and patches at home. We are in need of 450 patches, to put in the shoeboxes for OCC. If you knit or crochet and are willing to make some patches, we would really appreciate that. Yarn is available in the cabinets in the sacristy. Any questions call Barb Emmets.



**REL C Lunch Ladies had a delicious lunch at Ten Pin Alley August 20th!**

Look at all those lovely ladies. Stay tuned for the next lunch probably in October.





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## MINISTRY FAIR

After church on August 21, the Worship and Life Center became a buzz of activity as ministries were showcased that morning. There were giveaways, opportunities to vote on paint colors, much discussion and laughter, and a great way to see what the RELC church body is doing to serve Jesus. Here is a sampling of what went on that day, in case you missed it.



Thank you!

...to our Ministry Coordinators for your hard work preparing displays for the Ministry Fair and for being shining lights for God's work.

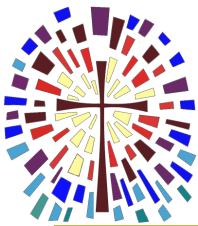
Charlie Anderson  
Angela Bontz  
Connie Boring  
Michael Boring  
Todd Daniels  
Pam Davis

Barb Emmets  
Kara Long  
Tom Ohler  
Bob Owen  
Jill Rill  
Susan Rill

Kathy Rotolo  
Dan Suain  
Donna Suain  
Ryleigh Tumeo  
Carol Williams

And special thanks to Kathy Rotolo, Katherine Hunt, and Pastor Dave for all of the behind the scenes planning, ordering, and enthusiasm!!!





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**1st English Meals Ministry** – For September, we will be preparing and serving TWO meals in the same week. On Sunday, September 11 we will serve breakfast and on Thursday, September 15 we will serve dinner. (The dinner date is changed from our usual 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday.)

The numbers we serve have steadily increased over the last months – we now prepare 120-150 servings for each of these meals. If you would like to join the team – to help with the preparation in the RELC kitchen, or to go to 1<sup>st</sup> English to help serve (or both!) for either meal, please contact Kathy Rotolo (email [Kathy.Rotolo@relc.org](mailto:Kathy.Rotolo@relc.org), , phone 380-212-7052, or in person on Sunday morning).

Here is the schedule for prep and serving:

- \*Breakfast prep: Saturday, September 10, 9:30am-11:30am in the RELC kitchen
- \*Breakfast service: Sunday, September 11, 7:45am-9:30am at 1<sup>st</sup> English (Coincidentally this is “God’s Work our Hands” Sunday)
- \*Dinner prep: Thursday, September 15, 1:30pm-4:00pm in the RELC kitchen
- \*Dinner service: Thursday, September 15, 4:30pm-6:30pm at 1<sup>st</sup> English

The other way you can help is to provide desserts (cookies, brownies, etc.) for the dinner. Bring your donations to the office or kitchen by noon on September 14.

Thanks to all who serve this ministry.

To those who have not been to 1<sup>st</sup> English, why not “Come and See” what it’s all about.



## SOME ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES

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| * SHOE BOXES –<br>(No Boot Boxes Please) | * GLUE STICKS  |
| * CUPS                                   | * COLORED PENCILS  |
| * SOCKS                                  | * PENS   |
| * STUFFED ANIMALS                        | * SHARPENERS   |
| * SMALL TOYS                             | * CHILDREN’S SCISSORS                                      |
|  | * NOTEBOOKS<br>(Spiral & Composition, large & medium size) |



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are now 2 months and 2 weeks from the packing party for OCC. Supplies are coming in and many thanks to everyone who is contributing to this ministry. We are still in need of notebooks, glue sticks, colored pencils, pens, rulers, cups, socks, markers, stuffed animals and small toys. Items can be put in the tubs (or next to the shelves) at the Donation Station in the narthex. Monetary donations are always welcome - you can give to Barb Emmets or Katherine in the office. Look for an OCC display in the narthex next month for suggestions to fill the boxes - especially if you are doing some boxes at home as a family. As always - keep those prayers coming for this ministry. Any questions - see Barb Emmets or Pam Davis



Health Team  
Table at the  
Ministry Fair



**Red Cross Blood Drive @ RELC 11-5pm**  
**September, Tuesday the 27th**

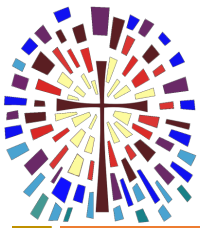
To schedule an appointment visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org)  
or call 1-800-RED CROSS or scan the QR code above to make an appointment. (Come to give during Sept. and receive a free haircut coupon by email from Sports Clips Haircuts.



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## A BackRow Lesson in Stewardship

There have been quite a few changes to the equipment used in our Sunday morning services over the last few years. Those who worship remotely see and appreciate the differences each week, but for those in the Worship and Life Center, the changes aren't as obvious.

Computers have been replaced with more powerful, more reliable units. Older projectors were replaced with new units that are capable of much higher resolution. You have probably noticed the end results of these upgrades over the last month, but did you know...we replaced the computers and projectors last year?

There's an old adage about a chain only being as strong as its weakest link. Our weak link was not the computers or the projectors...but the screen. The Worship and Life Center was designed to use rear projection on a screen that is framed into the façade of the worship space. That was great when it was designed 20 years ago... but modern technology has evolved and that "old tech" was holding us back.

The BackRow Media goal for 2022 was to take advantage of higher resolution and wide-screen formatting, but we were limited by a 6' x 8' hole in the wall. Once we did, the projected image is nearly 80% larger than before. The difference is huge...pun intended.

We mailed quarterly Giving Statements earlier this week. I would ask you to review that statement and your stewardship goals for this year. If you are where you feel called to be...that's great. If you're not quite there, you're not alone. Many of us would like to be more generous, we just don't feel able. My question...and the lesson from BackRow is...what's holding you back? What would it take to work around that obstacle to reach your goal?

Over the next several weeks, you will see and hear more about our Stewardship goals for 2023. Please think and pray about how you might be able to grow in faith and generosity through giving. If you would like suggestions or information about electronic giving, budgeting, Qualified Charitable Distributions, or Financial Stewardship at RELC, please do not hesitate to contact Charlie Anderson at (614) 599-4362 or by emailing [charlie@relc.org](mailto:charlie@relc.org). ~Charlie Anderson

Media Table

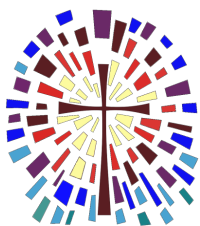


Communication Table



We have had a compost set-up out back for a while now and were in need of a new soil bin. Once the compost process is complete, we needed a new bin to store all soil ready to be used in the Giving Garden or elsewhere around the church grounds. Thanks to those members who came out and constructed our new soil bin.





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## Giving Garden Update September 2022

Raise your hand if you are tired of watering flowers and gardens of all types. Me too (hand up)! Raise your hand if you are tired of battling weeds and insects and critters eating your tomatoes. Me too (second hand up)! OK then with hands raised, look up and thank God for a wonderful bounty of flowers and vegetables and the GG ministry. Let us never be too tired or frustrated to give thanks. You all know me, I am that “Thank You Jesus” person.



So August was a super busy month for the GG. We started out the month expanding our garden space with the building and blessing of the Darlene Beck Memorial Pollinator Garden. It is truly a beautiful and restful addition to the GG.

Getting ready for the Ministry Fair also kept the GG crew busy. Thanks to my helpers (Jill Rill and Tricia Ohler) we made garden cards as our “giveaway”. I tapped into those teacher skills and Connie Boring and I spent a few hours making our tri-poster display. Thanks to all who came by and checked out our display.

We continue to harvest the GG twice a week mostly for cucumbers and tomatoes. Our main harvest is typically on Sunday. This month’s harvest was 245#. Not quite what we did this time last year but the tomatoes have struggled to produce. This is common for tomato gardeners this year. Early hot temperatures are to blame as this resulted in blossom drop. Without a blossom to get pollinated there will be no fruit (tomato).

Going into September we will be busy still with harvesting, weighing and delivering produce to BOLD. There will be some garden tear down and soil prep work for next year. Hopefully, we can keep a couple raised beds planted with fall crops but remember....hands up, we give thanks to God for providing us with this beautiful space we call the Giving Garden.

Have a wonderful start to Fall.

~Carol Williams

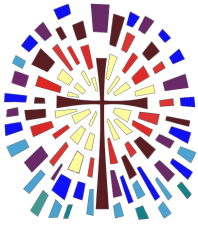


Thank You, LORD!



The Darlene Beck Memorial Pollinator Garden has been created and blessed! Please sit down and enjoy this peaceful place.





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## Do you know.....



This month we get to know the Kountz family, Jeremy and Mollie, and their sons Pierce and Ewan.

They came to RELC almost two years ago, they had been looking for a church with families that their kids could connect with. When asked what they love most about RELC the answer was “the people are welcoming and positive”. Ewan recently celebrated his 1st Communion and Pierce, who is active with the Youth Group, will be Confirmed in October.

Recently Mollie and Pierce helped with the prep work for the breakfast we provide at First English – help that was much appreciated! And it’s been noted that they are very good at packing Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

Mollie is a middle school science teacher at Jackson Middle School in Grove City. Jeremy works in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) at a company that focuses on 911 mapping. As far as school is concerned, Pierce’s favorite subject is science because he gets to do fun activities. Ewan’s favorite subject is art because it gives him the opportunity to be creative.

Outside of work, school and church Jeremy and Pierce enjoy soccer; Mollie likes to bake, read, and work in the garden; Ewan is into video games and Legos. So, be sure to say hello and introduce yourself on Sunday morning.



The kids are back in school which means Youth Groups and Sunday Schools are starting back up this month. **Sunday Schools Sundays at 9am** (check bulletins for actual dates and cancelations)  
~Godly Play (preschool –3rd grade) ~Youth Sunday School w/ PD (grades 4-7)  
~High School Group (grades 8-12) usually meets a few times a month

Godly Play  
Sunday Dates!  
9/11 and 9/18



Youth Group Dates 9/11 and 9/25

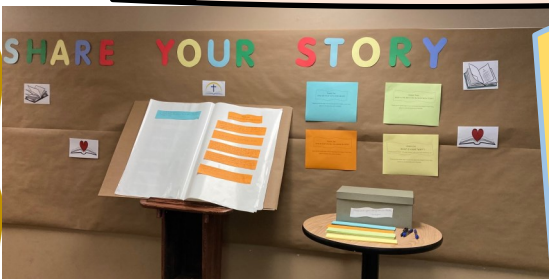


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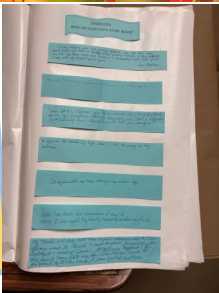


When will the choir preform their kazoo piece?

**Heads up Fall Festival will be here before you know it! If your team would like to donate a basket, now is the time to start thinking about it!! Baskets will be due October 15th. Please see Alli or Susan if you have questions.**



Please continue to Share Your Story on the board in the narthex by answering the questions on the corresponding colored strips of paper and place in the box. We would love everyone to share a part of their faith story throughout September.

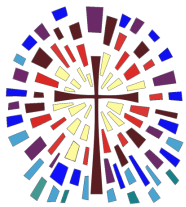


## September Birthdays



9/5 John Berger	9/14 Steve Rogers	9/24 Brenda Young
9/7 Amanda Baker	9/14 Callahan Rogers	9/29 Vickie Dengg
9/10 Roger Reynolds	9/19 Donna Coblentz	9/30 Lorna Biggert
9/12 Michael Boring	9/24 Paul Donley	9/30 Richard Lattro





# September Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1) 7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom) 7:00pm Boy Scout Leader Meeting	2)	3) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7) 
4) 9:00am Sunday School (Adult and Youth) 10:00am Worship (WLC) 11:10am Q&A (WLC) 2:00pm Boy Scout Troop 672 Court of Eagle ( WLC)	5) Labor Day  <b>Office Closed</b> 4:30pm BOLD (Parking Lot) 7:00pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting (narthex)	6) 11:00am Bible Study (narthex) 7:00pm Financial Stewardship Meeting (office) 	7) 7:00pm Boy Scouts 672 Meeting 	8) 7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom) 	9)  	10)  8:30am Men's Fellowship (kitchen/narthex) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7) 9:30am FELC Breakfast Prep (kitchen) 9:30am Creative Planning Session (office) <b>BREAKFAST</b>
11) Bishops Visit 8:00am Breakfast FELC (First English Columbus, OH) 9:00am Sunday School (Adult , Godly Play and Youth) 10:00am Worship w/ Bishop (WLC) 11:10am Q&A (WLC) 5:00pm Youth Group 	12) 4:30pm BOLD (Parking Lot) 	13) 11:00am Bible Study (office) 7:00pm Cub Scout 672 Pack Meeting (WLC) 7:00pm Council-Meeting (office) 	14) 7:00pm Boy Scouts 672 Meeting 	15) 1:30pm FELC Dinner Prep (kitchen) 5:30pm FELC Dinner (FELC) 7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom) 	16)	17) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7) 10:00am Scarecrow Spooktacular Meeting 
18) 9:00am Sunday School (Adult , Godly Play and Youth) 10:00am Worship w/ Badenhop new member/ baptism (WLC) 11:15am Q&A (WLC) 	19) 4:30pm BOLD (Parking Lot) 7:00pm Communication Meeting (office) 	20) 11:00am Bible Study (office) 7:00pm Book Club (Room 7C) 7:00pm Cub Scout 672 Pack Meeting (WLC)	21) 7:00pm Boy Scouts 672 Meeting 	22) Start of Fall 7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom) 	23) 	24) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7)
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