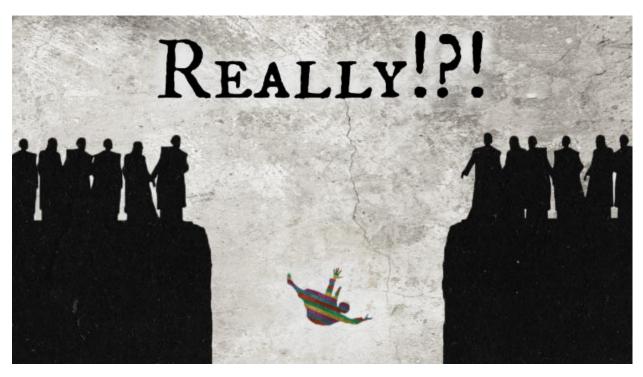


News from KCC

August 10, 2016



NEW Sunday Morning Sermon Series!

Thanks for going on the 3:30 journey with us over the last six weeks. Also, thank you to those who helped with our day of service two Sundays ago. We accomplished quite a few projects in and around the community.

This Sunday we embark on a new series entitled, "Really!?!" Many of us have dealt with challenging times during our life and many are in the middle of difficult times as I type this. Marriages are struggling, kids are running amuck, jobs are being lost, and many are struggling with the loss of loved ones. How do we bring sense to tragedy? Did God cause these things to happen? How do we respond to Him in these times? Walk with us through the life of Joseph and see what God's Word has to say about challenging times. See you Sunday! ~ Andy B.

Stay on the Journey

By Andy Bratton, Senior Minister

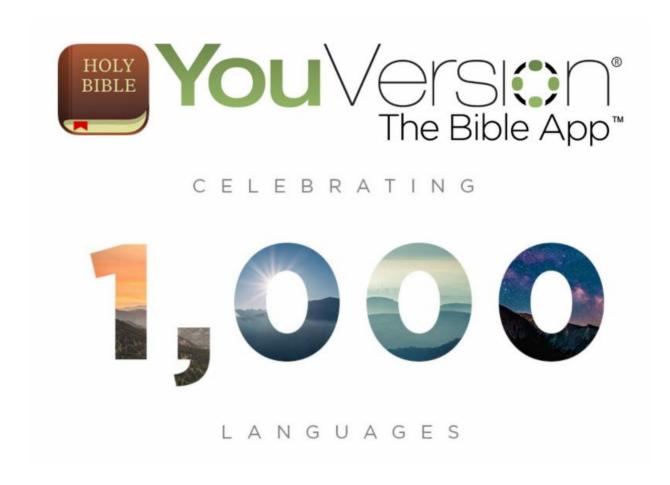
I hope you were challenged during our last series to join the 3:30 journey. I know when I entered this position a little over a year and a half ago that I told myself I needed to settle into a spiritual rhythm in which I would practice spiritual discipline to ready my heart and mind to be totally at God's disposal. I can't tell you I have succeeded. The busyness of life makes it easy to mess up our priorities and leave time with God out of the mix. My hope and prayer during the series is that you were able to discover some different spiritual disciplines that would peak your interest to the point that you would make them a part of your regular routine of life.



What if, for example, we scheduled life like this: Sunday I will pick a passage of Scripture to read every day of the week when I get up. Let's say for the upcoming week you decide Matthew 5 will be that passage. On Monday, first you read Matthew 5 when your feet hit the floor, but second you take a walk after work and simply praise God the whole time for His blessings. Tuesday, you read Matthew 5 first thing, and then during the day you serve someone in some way. Wednesday, you read Matthew 5 first thing, and then later in the day you take :15 to write down the thoughts God brings to mind about Matthew 5. Thursday (my favorite) you read Matthew 5 first thing, and then after work you proclaim a "no technology day" and simply spend time with your spouse and kids. Friday, Matthew 5 of course, and then take :30 during the day to pray whatever the Holy Spirit lays on your heart to pray. Pick a quiet place and if you don't feel anything to pray, sit in silence and "know that He is God." On Saturday, Matthew 5 first thing, and then later in the day listen to worship music, singing along if you like, but allowing the words to wash over you. Get a good night's rest on Saturday and come to church Sunday ready to worship. And one day during the week you also schedule an hour with another brother/sister in Christ to discuss Matthew 5 and to pray together. What I described probably only takes 6 hours out of the 168 we are given in a week. However, the transformation that will happen in our lives as we become more like Jesus, will be incredible.

In fact, I am going to once again "triple dog dare you" to try that schedule for a month and see what God does in your life. I will guarantee a change of perspective that will make mole hills out of mountains, blessings out of perceived curses, and sunshine out of rain. Not because there won't be mountains, perceived curses, and rain, but because we will be living our lives in accordance to God's will. James 4:8 says, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." When we practice these disciplines, we will better hear God and understand His will for us. Ephesians 2:10 says, "We are God's workmanship, prepared in Christ Jesus to do God's work, which God prepared in advance for us to do." It is one thing to hear God say, "Love your neighbor." It is another to hear Him say, "That one right there. He needs me and you will be my vessel to let Him know."

You are a great church! I love you and look forward everyday to the next step in the journey toward becoming like Jesus.



The <u>Bible App</u> is the first app in history to feature text content in 1,000 languages.

Let that sink in for a moment. It means that now, no matter where they are in the world, people can connect with any of over 1,300 Bibles, in any of 1,000 different languages. When all of those people get to experience it in their own language:

What will God's Word say to them?

It's the generosity of our Bible partners that makes it possible. In the last three months alone, they introduced 81 new languages and 83 new Bible versions to the Bible App. (The full list is below.) While we hope that you enjoy the freedom of experiencing God's Word in your favorite language, it's important that you remember:

More than a billion people still don't have a Bible in their language.

The good news is that it's within our reach to see the Bible translated into every language... within this generation. Even if you don't know how to translate, there are many ways you can join in what God is doing in the world.

Every week you can use the Events feature in the <u>Bible app</u> to follow along with the message on Sunday morning at KCC. Just open your Bible app, click on More, then click on Events. Search for "Kalkaska" and the notes will pop right up. Click "Save" to keep a copy of the notes on your phone or tablet.

Volunteer of the Week

KARMIN OLDS!

Karmin and her daughter Kara covered the nursery on a recent Sunday, then committed to being on the Tiny Tots sub-list. Karmin also did the yeoman's work of driving some of the middle schoolers to the Sand Dunes for their youth group outing last week. Over the summer Karmin served during Vacation Bible School as well. We enjoy having the Olds family as part of our church family and appreciate their servant hearts as they not only serve here at the church,



but they also serve our community with their work at the high school. Thanks Karmin!

KidStuf is <u>THIS SUNDAY at 11:00am</u> in the Lower Level for all kids Kindergarten through 5th Grade!

After Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, the world was broken. This broken world continued to spiral until God had enough. In Genesis 6-8, we read the account of Noah and how he trusted and obeyed God while the rest of the world opposed God. We'll discover how God used Noah and his family to start over.

Bottom Line: I should trust and obey even when others

don't. This simple bottom line is difficult to put into practice. God calls us to be different from the world. We will stand out to our leaders when we trust and obey when others aren't. We might never know how God will use our obedience to point others towards Him.



Upcoming Events



Fall Life Group sign up begins Sunday, August 21st

New to KCC or not sure what a Life Group is? Life Groups are small group Bible studies meeting in people's homes centered around Sunday Sermons from KCC. Taking a cue from Acts 2:42-47, Life Groups enjoy a meal together, fellowship, study, & prayer. Fall Life Groups sign up begins Sunday, August 21st. Life Groups begin meeting the week of Sept. 11th.



Discover KCC is for those wanting to know more about what we believe as a church & for those who want to find out what it means to become a member of KCC. The next "Discover KCC" class is <u>Saturday</u>, <u>August 27th from 5:00 - 8:00pm</u>. We will provide dinner & all the needed materials. You can sign up <u>online</u> or at the Welcome Center in the Lobby.



Community Work Day!

KCC is starting a new Community Outreach Program called 2:14 based on the scripture in James. On the 4th Sunday of each month, we will meet at KCC at 2:14pm to go into the community to work on various service projects. Watch for more info on the next service day Sunday, August

This Sunday - August 14, 2016

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 10:00 AM Faith Training for Preschool through Adults
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 11:00 AM KidStuf in the Lower Level for kids Kindergarten 5th grade



Check out kccwired.com for a full list of upcoming events!



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