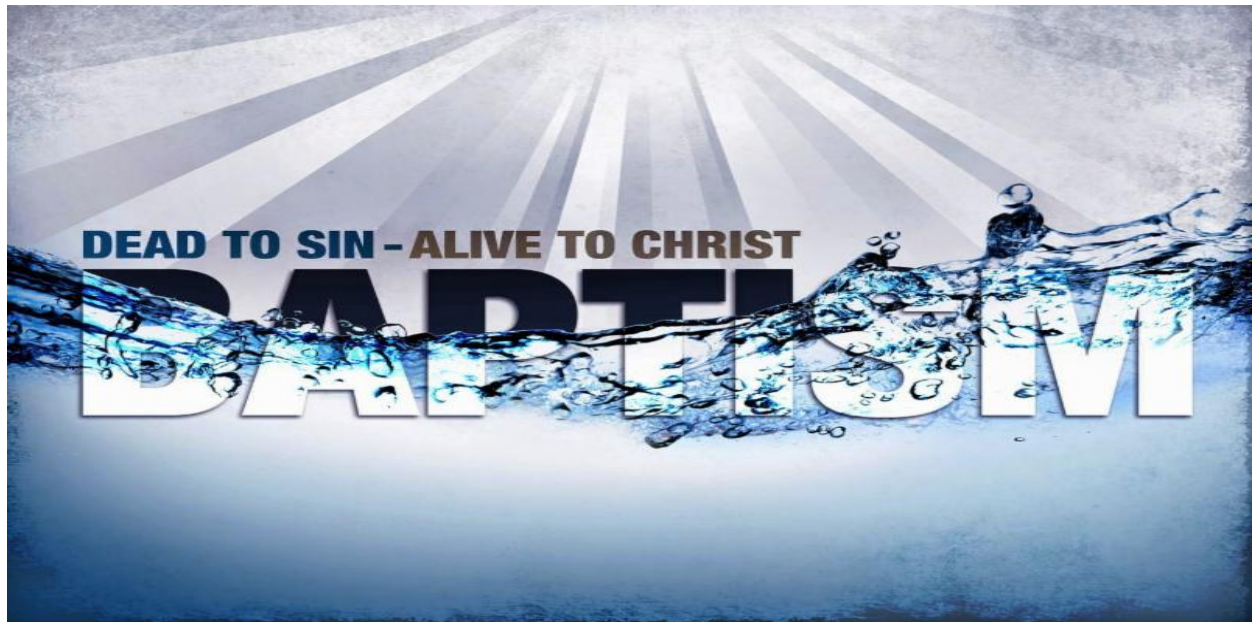




News from KCC

August 3, 2016



Congratulations to Sophie Lantzer, Chad Hickman, Brittany Tracey & Percy Barnes who were recently baptized into Christ. Please welcome them to the KCC family! Pray Sophie, Chad, Brittany & Percy as they strive to walk closer with Jesus Christ, their Lord & Savior.

If you've been considering this step of salvation, contact the [church office](#) to talk with one of the ministers or Elders about it.



Percy Barnes



Chad Hickman & Brittany Tracey



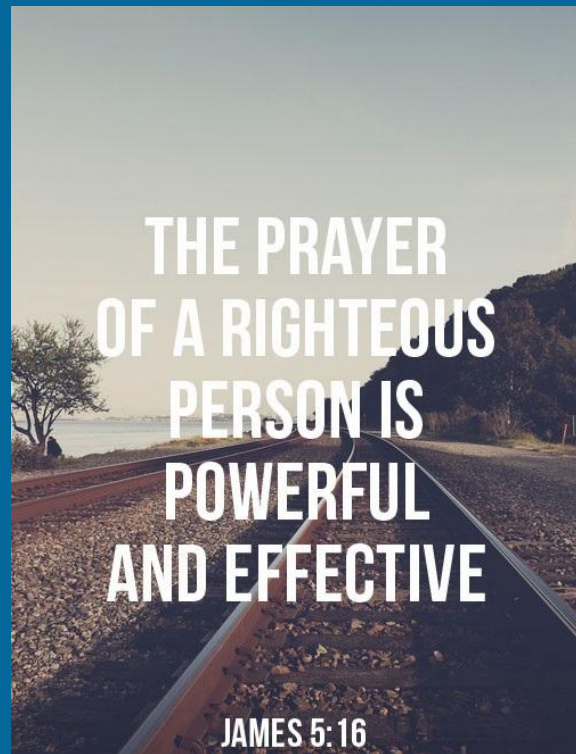
Sophie Lantzer

Power of Prayer

By Sara Blasko, Children's Ministry Director

I posted about this on Facebook a couple of weeks ago, but it stood out so profoundly to me that I wanted to share it again.

I was driving my son to his tutoring session in rapid city a few weeks ago. His sessions are an hour long, so I usually go to a park and either read, catch up on phone calls, go for a walk, or get some work done. On this particular day I really felt like going for a walk. I prepared that morning, by wearing comfortable clothes, and my tennis shoes. I usually spend the drive over chatting with my son but I was very distracted this day. The sky was getting very dark and I realized, for the first time all day, that there was a storm brewing. Not one raindrop fell but the sky was a very somber color of gray and something felt off. It made me take notice and pay attention. I started thinking about my walking plans, and realized that those plans were off. I had daydreamed about this walk. I was planning a good talk with God. I love to pray while walking or running by myself because it is good alone time. Even though I am alone, I inevitably get distracted by things as I'm walking and while I have good intentions I usually go from praying to looking around and wondering about something and before you know it I am mentally planning what to make for dinner. In that moment, on that gloomy day, driving to rapid city, I felt Gods presence very strongly. I knew that I need to spend the hour in prayer. WOW GOD! I CAN FEEL YOUR PRESENCE.



I thought to myself, If I'm going to spend an entire hour, I should see if anyone has any prayer requests. So after my son got out of the car, I parked and got on facebook to post and see if anyone needed prayers for anything. The very first thing that popped

up was my sisters feed asking for people to pray for a little boy that had cancer. They weren't just asking for prayer. They were asking for people to sign up for an hour....WOW GOD! I SEE YOU! That hour was open so I signed up for it and saw this post from my sister. Here are 10 guidelines to praying for an hour because it can seem daunting before you dig in!

Lisa Seeley - July 21st at 8:53am - It just dawned on me that I KNOW most of you are praying, but praying for an hour might feel like someone's asking you to run a marathon and you've barely mastered a mile. If praying for a whole hour feels like a daunting task, here are some tips that have helped me:

- 1. Find a place free of distractions! This may be hard for those of you with children, but then maybe the time of day will determine whether you can find a quiet place.*
- 2. Speaking of time of day- if you aren't a morning person, don't try to do it in the morning! Pick a time when you have available brain cells.*
- 3. Back to the distraction thing- either don't have your phone with you, or have it on silent and only on hand if you're needing to look up a verse or something as part of your prayer time.*
- 4. Set a timer- not to make it a ritualistic check off the box activity, but the purpose would be so you aren't constantly checking the time. If you have a timer set you can just chill.*
- 5. Have your Bible handy. Prayer is a 2 way conversation between you and God. He might put something in your heart you feel prompted to look up.*
- 6. Have a notebook and pen handy. When God does put something on your heart, write it down. Or you can also write down what you wanted to pray for in the first place. For example, yesterday during my time I wrote down John's name with some specifics, Ashley's name, Josh's name, and Bens name- each with specific prayers- so that if I got lost or couldn't think, I could stay focused and remember what I was praying for!*
- 7. Treat it like an appointment that you aren't gonna ditch. If you had a meeting with your boss scheduled, you wouldn't skip it, show up late, or leave early.*
- 8. If God is putting something in your heart to pray about or think about other than John, it's okay- go with it. If you've been reading Ashley's posts you will be assured she is as much if not more concerned about your relationship with God as she is about Johns cancer. (Which is inspiring btw).*
- 9. Relax- God is not evaluating you or judging you, nor is anyone else. If you try to do this and can only make it for 5 minutes....it's okay! God is after your heart, He is not keeping a time sheet (even though I used the boss analogy before....he's a forgiving boss!) So, no pressure and be patient. Think about the couch to 5K program- it takes a while to build stamina and endurance in your prayer life too, but just like with running, it helps to practice!*
- 10. Every list has to have 10 things, so....yeah- here is 10.*

I Love how God uses other people in our lives to speak to us! I began to pray and during that prayer, one of the most spectacular storms raged around me. I am normally terrified of storms. During that hour of prayer I felt nothing but Gods glory and power around me. When the hour was up, and my timer went off the storm

subsided. I got out of the car to get my son and never had a raindrop touch me. The storm was over. WOW GOD! YOU ARE RIGHT HERE WITH ME!!!!

God is always right here with us! We just need to take the time to get closer to him. Trust me, you will know he is there! I urge you to take some time for him. Real, intentional, reserved, and special time for him.



Sunday Morning Sermon Series!

This week we wrap up our Christ Inspired sermon series on Spiritual Disciplines. We'll be looking at Bible Study & Meditation this Sunday. Now, don't let the topic scare you off! Some of you might say right away, "The Bible? Oh, that's too complicated or too outdated for me." We're going to look at exactly those issues Sunday morning! Please join us at KCC this Sunday to learn how exciting and relevant the Bible really is!

Volunteer of the Week

CHAD WALLACE!

Chad Wallace is our volunteer of the week! Chad does an amazing job once a month, as an actor in Family Stuff, our monthly live drama for kids downstairs.

Chad was also a main character in Nick and Daves excellent bible adventures. Chad most recently took a week of vacation time from work to be an actor on stage at Vacation Bible School.

Thank you Chad for always being willing to use your gifts to serve the Lord!



FAMILY STUFF is **THIS SUNDAY at 11:00am** in the Lower Level for all kids Kindergarten through 5th Grade & their parents!



When you hear the word, obedience, what comes to mind? Perhaps the last time you got a speeding ticket. Or what you wish your kids would learn. Maybe you think about that old hymn many of us sang growing up in church.

"Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey."

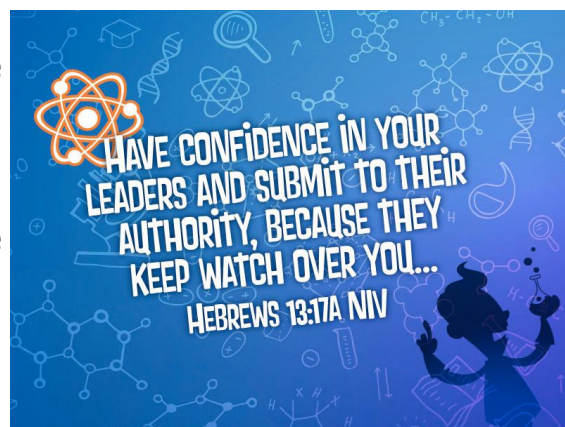
(And for those of you now singing that song for the rest of the day, sorry about that.)

The phrase "Trust and Obey" may come off trite and cliché, but the point of the phrase is nonetheless true. Trust and obedience go together. That's why we define obedience like this: **Obedience is trusting those who lead you by doing what you're asked to do.**

Our obedience demonstrates that we trust people who are in charge, as well as, shows God we trust His plan for our lives. But we don't always get it right, do we? And our disobedience breaks our relationship with God.

All throughout Scripture, we see how God responds to that disobedience. While there were consequences, God continued to love the world and made a way to restore our broken relationship. With that in mind, this school year, we'll walk kids through God's One Big Story of God's plan to rescue us by sending Jesus, His only Son, to make it possible for us to have a relationship with God again.

Obedience, we can't get around it. Obedience is something everyone has to work on whether we're 9, thirty-nine, or seventy-nine. We can't wait to see what God will do in each of our lives as we discover more about what the Bible says about following and obeying God and those He's put in authority over us.



We kick off the month at the beginning of the Bible with Adam and Eve in the Magnificent Paradise God created for them to enjoy. Yet, as we discover in [Genesis 3:1-24](#), Adam and Eve decided that they would rather make up their own rules than follow the ones God made for them. Rather than trusting God's plan, they trusted their own. The consequences they faced changed history.



Bottom Line: I should trust and obey even when I think my way is better. Whether we're a child or an adult, we will face times when we think our way is better than the one set out for us. We want everyone to learn that when we trust and obey, the consequence can have lasting impact beyond ourselves.

Upcoming Events



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 **Sunday, August 14th from 5:00 - 8:00pm.** We will provide dinner & all the needed materials. You can sign up [online](#) or at the Welcome Center in the Lobby.



Community Work Day!

THANK YOU to the many people that helped to make the Community Work Day a huge success! We raked yards, mowed grass, cleaned flower beds, & helped with home projects. Here is just one expression of gratitude

"I would like to express my most sincere thanks to the Farrier's - Dale, Lisa & Dean - for the beautiful work & care they did on my lawn. So very much appreciated! - Helen Huston"

***NOTE: more information coming soon on ways we can serve our community in the month of August!**

This Sunday - August 7, 2016

- 8:30 AM- Worship
- 10:00 AM - Faith Training for Preschool through Adults
- 11:00 AM - Worship

- **11:00 AM - FAMILY STUFF** in the Lower Level for kids Kindergarten - 5th grade & their parents!

[Check out kccwired.com](http://kccwired.com) for a full list of upcoming events!



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