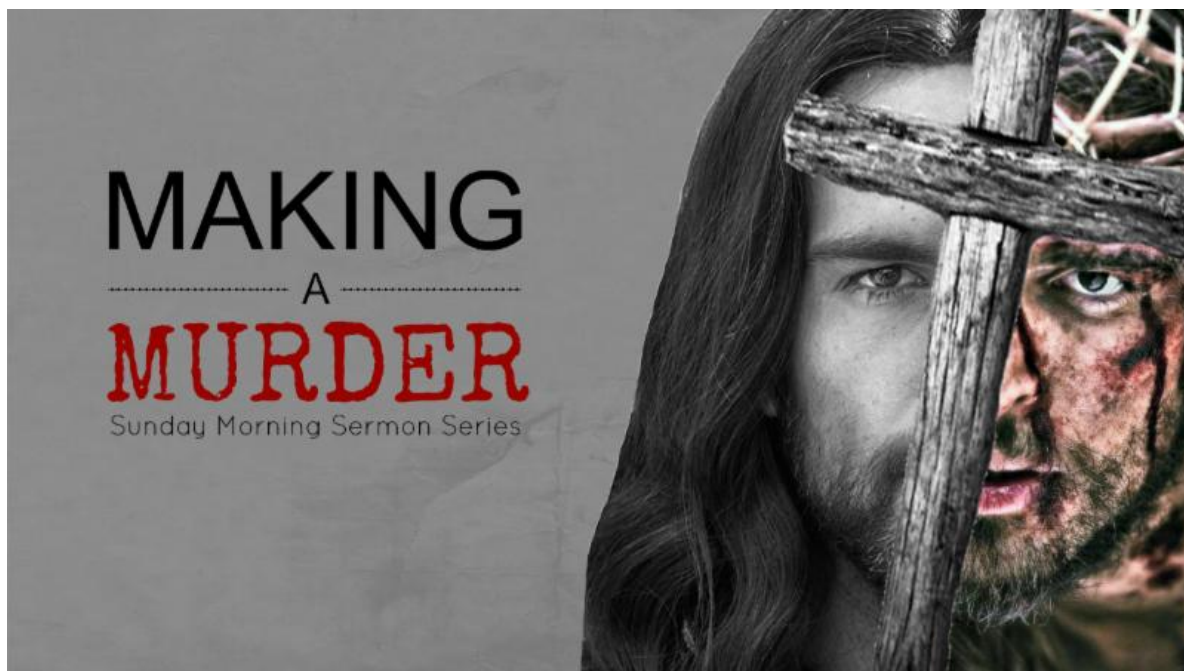


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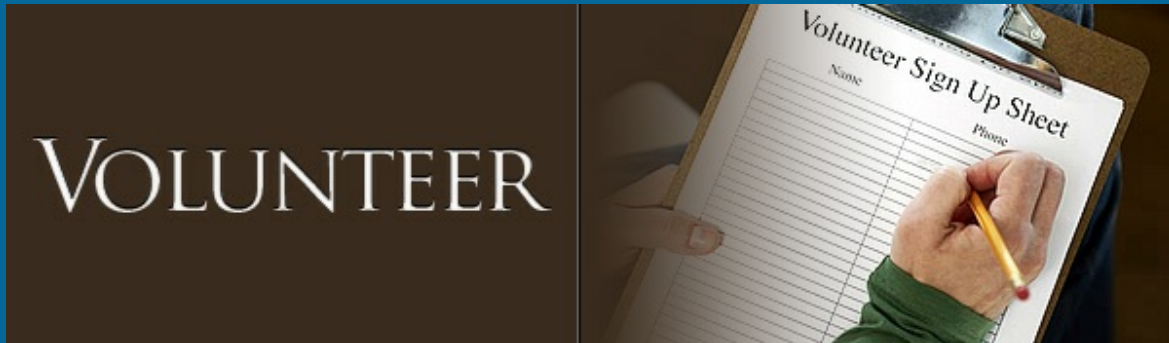
News from KCC

March 2, 2016



We kicked off our new series on Sunday called, "Making a Murder." The first week we looked at the motive behind the killing of Jesus. We considered the three suspects, their heart, and their motive. However, when we consider Scripture and the sin in our life we realize that we killed Jesus. The good news is that the result of his death is that we are set free from sin. Praise God for that!

This week we dive into the plot that unfolded to murder our Savior. I promise no orange this week (although several people told me it was my color - not sure what they meant). Bring a friend and we will see you Sunday. ~ Andy B.



- [Tiny Tots Volunteer](#) - Serve on the 1st Sunday of each month in the Toddler room at 11:00 am.
- [Computer Check-In](#) - Volunteers needed to check children in on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Minimal computer skills required. Training provided.
- [Video Camera Operator](#) - The church is in the process of purchasing a video package to allow us to capture Sunday morning worship and special events on video. We're looking for people interested in joining this exciting, new ministry of video production. Training will be provided.

*If you are interest in volunteering in any of these areas, you can [volunteer online](#), **contact the church office** or mark your Connection Card on Sunday.*

Family Stuff is [THIS SUNDAY at 11:00am](#) in the Lower Level for all kids Kindergarten through 5th Grade & their parents!

March Editor's Notes

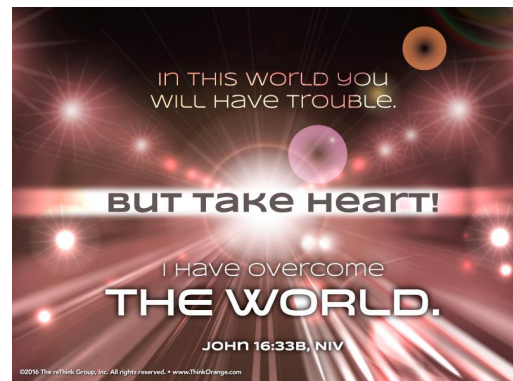
By: Dan Scott, 252 Basics

Recently, we moved into a new house. We love it, but a new place means a new floor plan, unfamiliar noises, and really just unfamiliar everything. One night after we'd just moved in, the girls were upstairs in their rooms, the boys were in the

basement, and my wife and I were in the living room. Outside there was quite a storm brewing. And suddenly the sky lit up followed by loud booming thunder. And that's when the lights went out.

We heard squeals and screams coming from all over the house. I scrambled through boxes and drawers to find a flashlight, a candle, anything that could help us find each other in this new unfamiliar space we found ourselves. Finally, I found my phone and turned on that tiny LED flashlight on the back. And in a moment, everything was okay. Sure, we still were without power. We still didn't quite know where everything was. But we had light. And everything seems better when you have a little light.

The kids just needed to know we were still there. That we'd be able to find them. They'd be able to get to us. That small light gave them hope that everything would be okay. That's hope. The belief that although it was dark and difficult to see, everything is going to be okay. All it took was a small light that pierced through the darkness of that night.



Our life is going to feel like that sometimes, like our life just doesn't make sense. Our world will be dark and confusing and down right scary. For our kids, this might be difficult to understand. But here's thing, just like that light pierced through the darkness of my home, we get to speak into the hearts of these kids and remind them that even in the dark, God is still in control. God still loves them. And God will faithfully carry them through the darkness into His marvelous light.

Unfortunately, even for our kids, this happens more than we'd like. Maybe someone we care about dies. Or they get bad news from a doctor. A parent loses a job. One of our children gets bullied at school. Someone gets divorced. Kids find themselves trying to make their way through the dark, when all they might need is a little light. That's why we're taking the whole month to talk about hope.

Hope is believing that something good can come out of something bad. It's important to help kids know what to do when life throws them a curveball-when their picture doesn't pan out the way they think it will-to let them know that life will get messy at some point. But no matter how confusing, God still has a plan. He is powerful enough to make something good come out of something bad.

That's why a great verse to get your kids to memorize is John 16:33b: "*In this world*



you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world," (NlrV)

Those are actually the words of Jesus. And if you want a demonstration of how God can use pain and suffering and do something powerful, just think about Jesus. More specifically, think about the message of the Gospel. The life, death, burial and

resurrection of Jesus is enough to give us all the hope we will ever need, which becomes especially important this month as we get to celebrate and discovery more about Easter.

We start our month on hope in [John 11](#). Here we discover a moment when Jesus brought hope to two sisters who thought all hope was lost. When Lazarus died, his sisters were devastated. But Jesus used the opportunity to point people to God. Jesus was stronger than even death itself and raised Lazarus back to life four days after he was dead. Through



this story, we want kids to remember that **whatever happens, remember that how powerful God is.**

Volunteer of the Week

DAVE ISRAEL!

Dave Israel, loving father of three grown children and dedicated husband, is retired from serving as Kalkaska County Sheriff. He is an active Elder of the church while also serving on the cleaning team each week. He's behind many church-wide events involved with decorating, set-up, tear-down, and clean up. Thanks Dave for serving Jesus Christ here at KCC!





Vacation Bible School at KCC

June 27th - July 1st

from 9:00am - 12:00pm

for all kids Preschool through 5th grade!

Margin

By Tim Severance, Associate Minister

A book has margins. The margins are found at the top, bottom, and on both sides. And they contain - NOTHING. They are intentionally left blank. Why?

Well, for one thing it makes the text on the page much easier to read. The margins allow our eyes to focus on what we want to read - the actual text.

Margin built into our lives allows us to prepare and evaluate what we do, say, and chose. It allows us to **focus on those parts of our lives that are most important**. Margins are the extra time we give ourselves before we head off to work, school, or an



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Another reason for the margins in a book is to allow notes to be written there. As you read, thoughts pop into your own head. The margins give you a place to write your own ideas down.

When I was in High School, a Bible came out that had huge margins. I remember being part of a Bible study where the teacher encouraged us to jot down our thoughts in those expansive margins.

Margins in our lives give us time to think. They are **the parenthetical places we can interject our own thoughts, opinions, and feelings into our lives**. An airplane on autopilot will eventually run out of gas. At some point the pilot must take manual control and adjust the plane's course. Margins allow us to plot the overall course for our lives, making changes as needed, and assuring we are headed where we need to go.



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Finally, margins delineate. They delineate the text from the edge of the book. Maybe a better illustration of delineation is the rumble strips along-side the highway. They delineate a fast moving car from the dangers of the edge of the road. Without those rumble strips, an inattentive driver could drift over to the shoulder and cause an accident.

Living without margin may be exhilarating and fun for a time, but eventually we end up over the edge and in a damaged position. A medical emergency. A financial crisis. Loss of employment. Any of these unexpected events can hit us without warning. If we live our lives ignoring the margin, we risk the possibility of crashing hard when we no longer need more margin, but a whole new beginning.

The Bible extols us to have margin in our lives. Check out these verses:

- *God rested after He created the world. (Genesis Genesis 2:2,3)*
- *The Israelites were commanded to take one day off from working every seven days. (Exodus 20:9,10)*
- *The fields of the Israelites were required to rest every seventh year. (Leviticus 25:3,4)*

Jesus took time away from the crowds on a regular basis to rest and spend time in prayer with His father. (Luke 4:42; 5:16;)

Margin in our lives today may come in the form of a quiet time in the morning with coffee. It may come in the evening prior to bedtime after the children are in bed. It may involve separation from our cell phone - taking a break from text messages, phone calls, and social media.



Make a "Stop-Do" list & eliminate the unnecessary tasks.

Margin can be found on the weekend, a vacation, or a free evening.

Margin may involve saying "No" to filling up your daily routine. Margin may involve penning a "Stop-Do List" and eliminate unnecessary tasks from your life. Whatever it looks like for you, **margin is the precious breathing room we need around our activities.** The room to stop, step back, and see the Big Picture of what we do.

One final note. Margin will NOT be given to you. You have to take it. You have to intentionally choose to have margin in your life. Margin doesn't just happen. Not today. Not in America. Satan would love nothing more than to keep you so busy that you don't have time to prioritize your time, evaluate your life, and plan for the future.

Make time for margin.

Upcoming Events



CIY Believe for all 6th through 8th Grade students is **April 22nd-23rd!** CIY Believe takes place at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. This is always a fantastic event and this year the speaker is Kurt Johnston, pastor of students & Saddleback Church in California & the worship band is the Bryce Osbourne Band. The registration fee of \$55 is **due by Sunday, March 20th.**



Stations of the Cross will be Good **Friday, March 25th from 6:00 - 8:00pm** here at KCC.

Easter **Sunday, March 27th**, we will have **3 worship services** at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am. There will not be Faith Training classes on Easter Sunday.



Hearts at Home Conference for all ladies April 22nd-24th!

If you are thinking of attending or have already signed up, there is an informational meeting **THIS Sunday, March 6th** in Classroom #4 by the elevator after 2nd service. [Click here](#) for more info. See Emily Paulus with questions.



"A Higher Call" Men's Conference Saturday, March 19th at the Gaylord E-Free Church.

This year's speakers are pastor Scott Distler, Steve Chapman, Tracy Breen & Tim Miller. The Men's Conference is for all men ages 12 & up. [Click here](#) for more info or see Dean Farrier. Sign up at the Welcome Center in the Lobby.

Tonight, March 2, 2016

- **3:00 - 4:30 PM** - Octane - 4th & 5th Grade Youth Group
- **6:30 PM** - JAM - for all kids Kindergarten through 3rd Grade
- **6:30 PM** - FUEL - Middle School Youth Group

This Sunday - March 6, 2016

- **8:30 AM** - Worship
- **10:00 AM** - Faith Training for Preschool through Adults
- **11:00 AM** - Worship
- **12:15 PM - Hearts at Home Meeting. Classroom #4**
- **2:00 PM - Girls Quilting Club**
- **6:30 PM** - FUEL - High School Youth Group



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

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