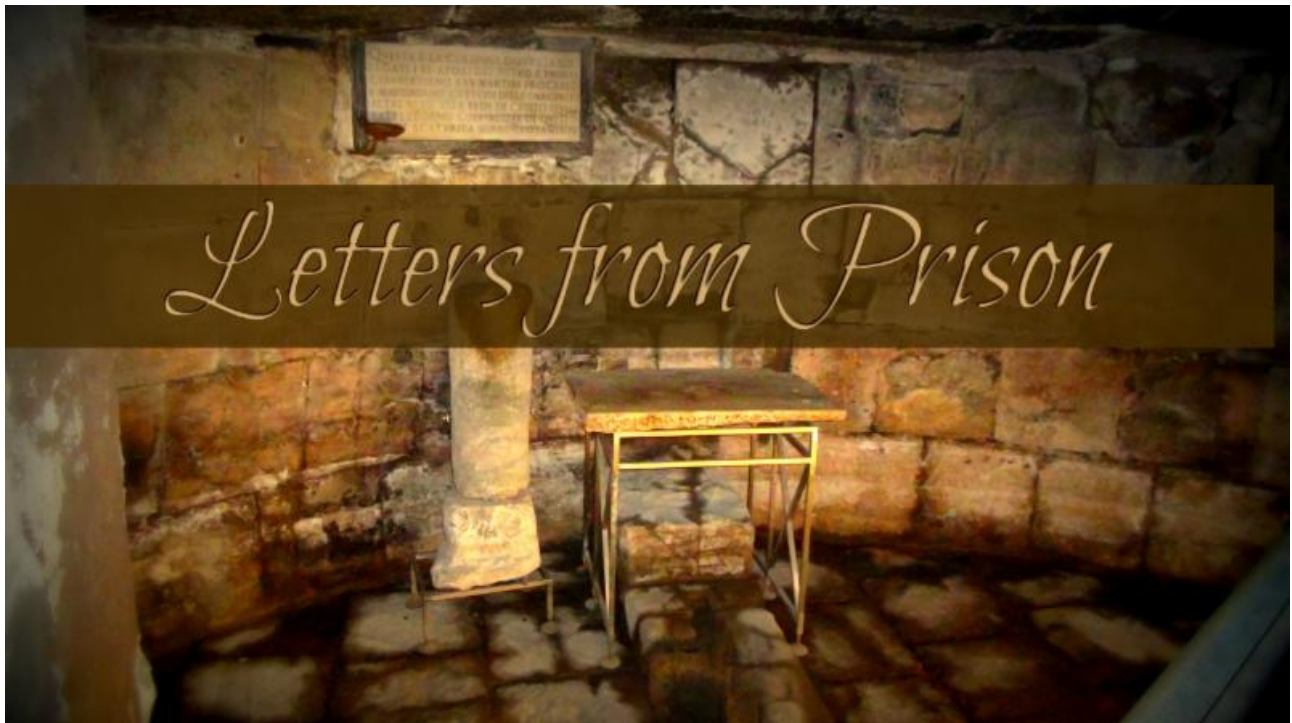




News from KCC

May 3, 2017



This Sunday at KCC!

Sunday we talked about seeking the things that are above. Take a minute and [read Luke 15:1-10](#). I shared this with my Life Group last night and meant to share it at the end of the message on Sunday. When you read that passage you will read about how diligently God sought you and what He was willing to sacrifice in order to find you. We ought to seek the things that are above with the same love and passion that Jesus sought and bought us with. Bring a friend and come here my friend Tom Harrigan preach. You will be glad you did! ~ Andy B.

Living with Open Hands



The Middle School Youth Group just had the privilege of going to the Christ In Youth Believe tour in Holland, Michigan. The message of the conference was "Living with open hands". So many times we don't open our eyes to see the needs that surround us every day. We just think about what we need to get done without ever thinking about the needs of others.

This weekend we were challenged to consciously make a point of noticing the needs around us, and what breaks our heart, or makes us angry about the world around us. Once we see the problem, we have to open our hearts and have compassion on the people who are suffering and wronged because we won't be moved to action without seeing the need and feeling the need to help make a difference. We were all challenged to live with open eyes, open hearts, and open hands so that we can be the generous people that God made us to be.

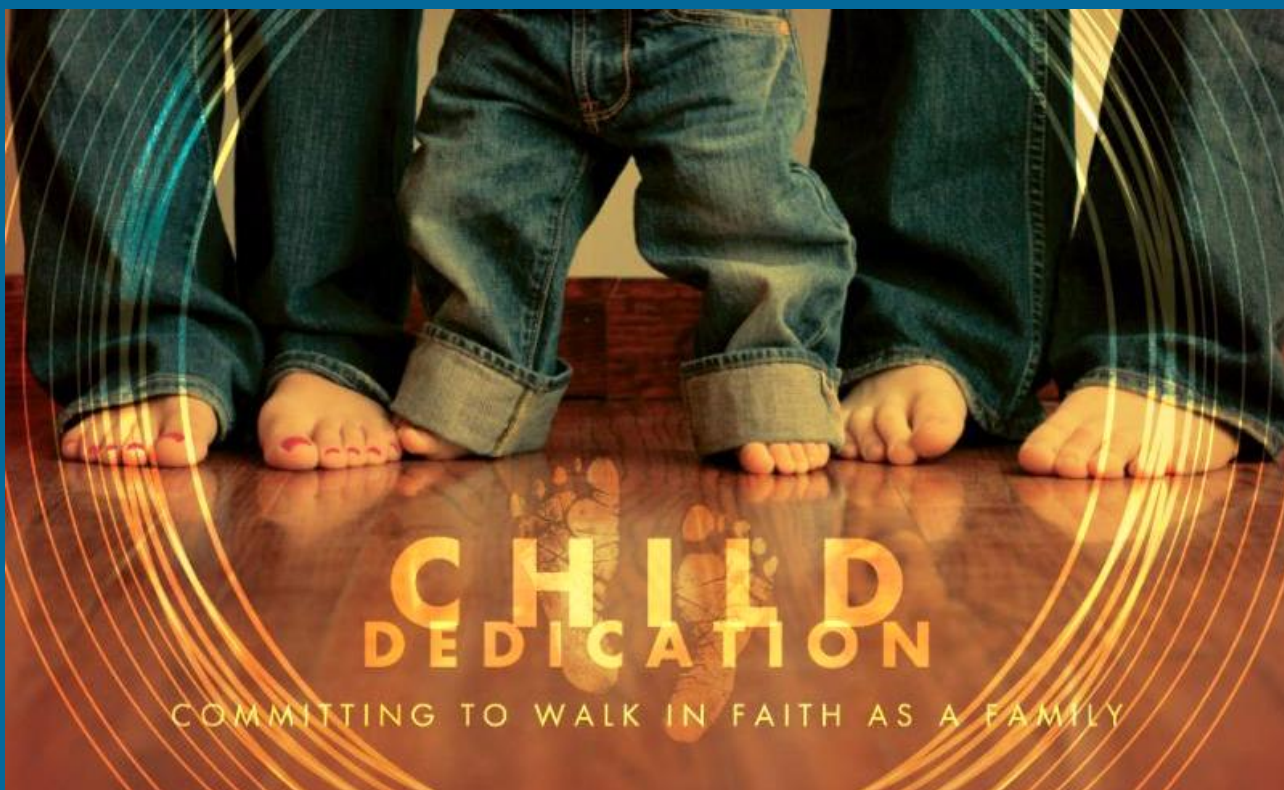
This kind of intentional life wages war on the selfish, entitled lives that we naturally fall into and changes the world around us for the better. We must use all of our resources generously including our time, money, gifts, abilities, and the hope that we have in Christ, to be agents of change in this dark world.

I was super happy with the message that CIY put forth this year and enjoyed spending the weekend with some great young people from KCC. I would like to thank Matt Olds and Zach Markcum for giving their weekend to hang out with the youth.



The Story of Jack by Tommy Oaks

In case you missed it.....Tommy Oaks at KCC!



Parent-Child Dedication Sunday

On Mother's Day each year we give parents an opportunity to dedicate their children, usually newborn children, to Jesus. This is NOT a salvation ceremony, but simply a ceremony in which parents can declare their intent to raise their child to know and love Jesus and the church can declare its intent to hold the parents accountable and to provide the environments that will help the parents be successful on their journey.

The Parent-Child Dedication includes not just children that have been born since last Mother's Day, but to include those parents with young children who may have never had the opportunity to dedicate their children to Jesus. It may be a family new to faith or new to church in general. We are also changing the name to "Parent Child Dedication," as opposed to "Baby Dedication." This is as much a ceremony for the parents as it is for the children.

If you would like to participate in this ceremony on **Sunday, May 14th**, please [register online](#). We will need the names of the parents dedicating the child/children, name & picture of the child, & their birth date. We plan to do this both services to accommodate people who attend both services.

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



Determination is a response of the character of God. Throughout Scripture, we can discover that God has been faithful to His people. He rescued them from slavery in Egypt. He sent Jesus to rescue us from our sin. He remained faithful to the early church as they spread the message of Jesus throughout the world. When we see how God gave His people what they needed to continue following Him, we can respond with determination believing that God will give us what we need to finish what we start.

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us have determination.

When Jesus gave His disciples the incredible mission of spreading the message of the Gospel throughout the world, He didn't make them do it alone. Instead, He sent the Holy Spirit to empower them to show faith and determination in the face of whatever might happen along the way. When we put our faith in Jesus, the Holy Spirit empowers us to finish what we start. We think it's important for us to help our kids and families discover more about determination-deciding it's worth it to finish what you started.

Our Memory Verse for May comes from Galatians 6:9 "Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up" (NIRV). When Paul wrote this verse to the church at Galatia, he encouraged the followers of Jesus to show determination and keep doing good. We may not see results right away, but in time, God will help us see that finishing what we started was worth all of the effort. Let's see how determination shows up in the early church and the first followers of Jesus as they worked to



accomplish the mission He had for them.

We start our discussion about determination in Acts 3 and 4. Peter and John are arrested for healing a man and teaching about Jesus. They are brought before the Sanhedrin where they tell them to stop talking about Jesus or face severe consequences. Peter and John show determination as they proclaim that nothing can keep them from talking about Jesus.



Bottom Line: **Keep going even when it gets hard.** Life will be difficult. As much as we might try, we can't escape hardships. But in those times, we can trust God to give us what we need to show determination and keep going.



We have many areas where you can join the KCC team.

1. Tiny Tots - Preschool, toddlers, and infants
2. Technical Team - Children's check-in
3. First Impressions - Greeters, Information Station

[Click Here](#) to volunteer or mark your Connection Card in the Bulletin on Sunday!

GRADUATION SUNDAY AT KCC!

Are you or your child graduating High School or College this spring? We'd like to

recognize our graduates on **Sunday, May 21st**. [Please register online](#) to let us know the details and we'll be sure to include them in the morning worship service!



Upcoming Events



You're invited to join us for the National Day of Prayer Breakfast **Thursday, May 4th from 6:30-8:00am** in the Lower Level here at KCC.



"HIM"terest for Ladies Only!

Tuesday, May 9th, 2017 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the Lower Level at KCC

We will be learning from each other new skills or hobbies and fellowship.

This session: Gardening with Janette Brouwer, Meal Planning in Action, Sewing with Connie Farrier, and Bible Journaling with Barb Woodhams.

Sign up is encouraged, but not necessary! Any questions ask Jill Ponstein call or text (231) 392-3909

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25



You are all invited to help celebrate the 65th wedding anniversary of

Maurice and Carol Guy

Saturday, May 13th, 2017 from 2-5 pm
at the Little Red Schoolhouse in Rapid City

**This is a SURPRISE, so please
don't say anything to them!**

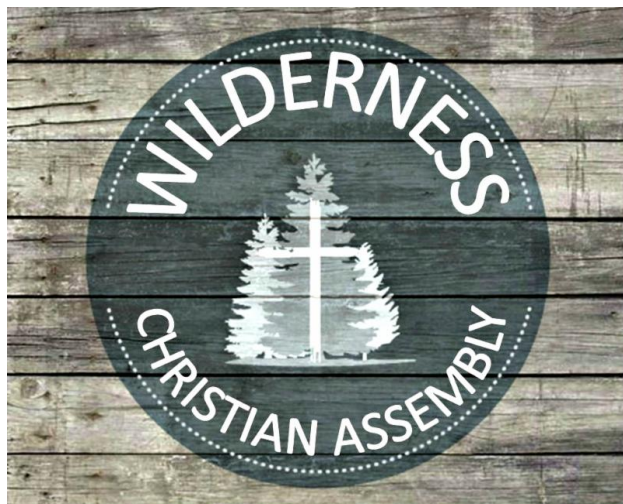
Hosted by their family. Questions? Call Susan at
231.384.0822

A graphic for a baptism class. It features a blue background with wavy lines representing water. In the top left, there is a yellow starburst containing the text "TAKING THE PLUNGE!" in a stylized font. To the right, the text "Baptism Class for kids 3rd Grade & up!" is written in a large, red, serif font with a white outline. At the bottom, the text "Wednesday May 17th & 24th from 3:15-5:00pm" is written in a yellow, bold font, and "Register online at kccwired.com" is written in a blue, bold font.

Baptism Class
for kids 3rd
Grade & up!

Wednesday May 17th & 24th from 3:15-5:00pm
Register online at kccwired.com

"Taking the Plunge" Baptism Class meets Wednesday, May 17th & 24th after school until 5:00pm for all kids 3rd grade & up. Parents are welcome to attend with their child. Your child must commit to both sessions. [Click here](#) to register online. Please contact Sara Blasko with questions.



Camp Work Day & Pie Auction!

The Wilderness Christian Assembly Camp work day and pie auction is **Saturday, May 20th** starting at 9:00am! We have lots of buildings and grounds to clean up & small repair projects. Let's get the camp ready to begin the summer of reaching kids for God!

The Pie Auction offsets the cost of food for the whole camp year. If you would like to donate a pie, other dessert, or donate money towards the food program, please call Heidi Peasley at 258-0080, 231-384-7553 or heidijeanpeasley@yahoo.com.

Vacation Bible School at KCC!

Monday - Thursday, June 26th - 29th
from 9:00am - 12:00pm
for all kids ages 4yrs. old - 5th Grade!

Pre-register your child online at
kccwired.com !



Register for the [Global Leadership Summit](#) that will be hosted right here at the Kalkaska Church of Christ on August 10th & 11th! The regular cost of attending the Summit is \$209, but since KCC is a host site, **Members and those who regularly attend KCC** will receive a discount that drops the cost to only \$89!

[Click to register online to attend!](#) Be sure to use the host site priority code **PHS17TEAM**.

Register on or before Tuesday, Jul 11, 2017 with priority code: \$89

Register after Tuesday, Jul 11, 2017 with priority code: \$119

TODAY - Wednesday, May 3, 2017

- **6:00 PM** - FUEL - Middle School Youth Group

This Sunday - May 7, 2017

- **8:30 AM** - Worship
- **10:00 AM** - Faith Training classes for all ages
- **11:00 AM** - Worship
- **11:00 AM** - Family Stuff in the Lower Level for kids Kindergarten - 5th grade & their parents
- **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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