



## News from KCC

November 2, 2016



### **New Sunday Morning Sermon Series!**

What a treat it was to have our youth "take over" the service on Sunday. It warms my heart to see so many young people participate in the service. Keep praying for these young people that God will call them to serve His bride in some way, shape, or form as they grow into adulthood.

This Sunday we are kicking off a new series entitled, "It does grow on trees." It will be my first sermon series since I have been here about money. The first Sunday I plan to prove to you that money truly DOES grow on trees. If you want to get a head start, read [Matthew 6:19-34](#). I thought it would be pretty exciting to average 400 people in attendance. And it has been, but I am kind of tired of 400. How about we all invite someone to church this Sunday and see if we can be at 500 this month? It's fun to see

this place filled up with people worshipping Jesus. And then afterward you can have the awkward conversation with your friends about how I don't ALWAYS preach about money.



See you Sunday. ~ Andy B.

## Ponderings of a Thankful Preacher

*By Andy Bratton, Senior Minister*

Since my next article won't come until after Thanksgiving, I thought I would share with you the things I am thankful for in this edition.

- A healthy family that loves Jesus.
- A wife that puts up with me.
- A loving church family that puts up with me.
- A church staff that wants to see God's Kingdom grow.
- Employers (the Elders) who love Jesus and care for His people and the staff of KCC.
- That Michigan beat MSU and that they may have a shot at OSU this year.
- The peanut butter snickers fun size that were half off the day after Halloween.
- November means I am only 24 days away from having my first Mt. Dew in what will be 12 weeks.
- Oh yeah, it also means I will be running my first ever 5K race.
- I am thankful that when I read about King David in the Bible I read about his sin as well as his victories. It gives me hope.
- I am thankful for the new and great friends I have made in Kalkaska.
- I am thankful for the old friends I was able to reconnect with in Kalkaska.
- I am thankful that Dick Ickes still laughs at my jokes.
- I am thankful for all of the 80+ year olds in our church. That gives me hope, too.
- I am thankful that Annie Ponstein dressed up like little orphan Annie and I sang to her that the sun would come out tomorrow, and it did.
- I am thankful that I saw Pete and Darcy Shetler running together on the cart trail yesterday.
- I am thankful that Pete and Darcy Shetler didn't see me puke as I crossed paths running on the cart trail yesterday.
- I am thankful for all of the new babies that will be born to our church family.
- I am thankful that babies count in our weekly attendance (just kidding).
- I am thankful John Lantzer was hired full time at the hospital.
- I am thankful that John Lantzer's new job doesn't allow us to meet at 6 am on Wednesdays (what can I say, I am more of a night person). For the record, we will meet at a different time.
- I am thankful so many of our youth are willing to participate in youth Sunday.
- I am thankful I didn't push Matthew off the stage when he called me a "jerk" first service.



- I am not so sure I was thankful when Jeff Badgero laughed when he called me a "jerk" first service.
- I am thankful my neighbor has a contraption that picks up leaves and that he volunteered to pick up the leaves off my yard last year.
- I am thankful that I have hope he will offer again this year.
- I am thankful it is early November and there isn't snow on the ground.
- I am thankful the Lions have enough talent to win every game. That's all I have to say about the Lions.
- I am thankful that Chris Zolen hasn't broken any of my ribs when he "Zolenates" me.
- I am thankful 975 kids showed up for Trunk or Treat.
- I am thankful the weather allowed us to have it outside so that the cleanup could be done quickly.
- I am thankful for God's provision.
- I am thankful for God's Word.
- In this election year, I am especially thankful that God still sits on His throne.





# Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas



Saturday, December 3rd 9:00am - 2:00pm

KCC will begin accepting donations this Sunday, Nov. 6th. Please bring donations of "like new" items with all parts included that are working & clean to the lower level storage room next to the kitchen.

"Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" provides a one day FREE CHRISTMAS STORE for anyone in the Kalkaska community & surrounding area who finds themselves struggling this time of year to make ends meet. This is a store for parents/guardians who are working hard to provide for their children and need help. Our goal is to alleviate the stress of not knowing how to get your little ones anything for Christmas by allowing you to pick out a few special things for your children.

This "store" is for children only (0-18 yrs. old) not for adults, and is only for parents/guardians to shop for children that live in their home. Last year we served almost 300 families with a total of 765 children!

We do not believe that Christmas is about getting presents. We believe that it is about God giving us the best gift we could ever ask for, His son Jesus. So by His example of His love for us, we want to show Christ's love to our community. We freely give to those who need it, because God freely gave us His son, and Jesus paid entirely for our salvation! It is our sincere hope that families who "need" this will be blessed this Christmas, experience God's love and come shop for FREE on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00am - 2:00pm at the Kalkaska Church of Christ in the Lower Level. If you would like more information or to volunteer, please call Hollie Bittenbender at 231-384-1255.

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

Honor is a response to the character of God. Chances are if you have kids in sports or competitions of any kind, you have a growing collection of ribbons and medals, sashes and badges, certificates, trophies, or plaques. Some might hang on your walls or sit propped up on shelves somewhere. But if we're honest, others get stuffed into a drawer and eventually thrown out. These were so important when they first came into our homes, but at some point they just lost their value. All those awards and medals can only mean so much, because honor has a deeper meaning.



People should not just be honored because of what they do; they should primarily be honored because of who they are. Stuff will lose value over time, but not people. At its core, honor is seeing people the way God sees people. We're naturally wired to put ourselves first, but honor is the opposite of self-centeredness. It is something that flows from your relationship with God. In a sense, one of the best ways we can HONOR God, is by honoring those who reflect the image of God.

Throughout Scripture we see how much God loves us:

He created us in His image.

He knows the number of hairs on our heads.

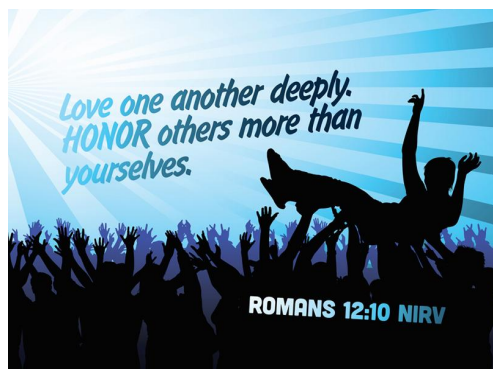
We are fearfully and wonderfully made.

He pursued a relationship with us even when we wanted nothing to do with Him.

He sent His only Son to pay for our sins to make an eternal relationship with Him possible.

And He did all of this for us without us even asking.

Jesus was the ultimate example of someone who showed others their value. When Jesus came here, He showed us how to love and show honor to those around us. He taught us to love our enemies, care for the "least of these," and become the servants of all who puts others' needs before our own. That's why it's important for us to help our kids and families discover more about honor-letting someone know you see how valuable they really are.



Our Memory Verse for November comes from Romans 12. Throughout the chapter, Paul casts a vision for the church and how they can live as people transformed by God's Holy Spirit.

In Romans 12:10, we read, "*Love one another deeply. Honor others more than yourselves.*" (NIRV) As kids memorize this verse, we hope they understand that honor includes seeing others how

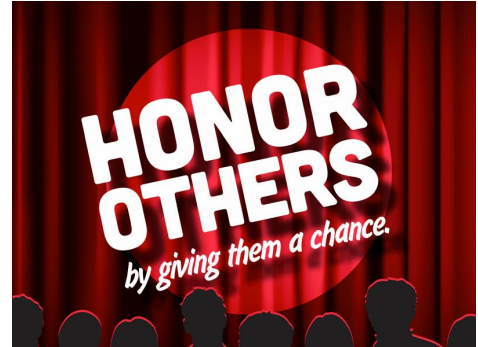
God sees them. When kids start doing that, they will be more willing to show God's love to others and put their needs ahead of their own.

One place you can go as a leader or parent to help kids understand the concept of honor

is the life of David. There are some powerful lessons about honor that show up all throughout David's story. Here is a quick overview of what we'll be covering throughout November.

In [1 Samuel 16:1-13](#), God was ready for a new king and sent the prophet Samuel to Jesse's house to anoint one of his sons as the next king of Israel. Samuel was surprised when God didn't choose the oldest and strongest of Jesse's sons. Instead, God had something different in mind. He wanted a king who was a man after His own heart. God chose David, the youngest of Jesse's sons, to lead his people.

Bottom Line: **Honor others by giving them a chance.** Often we have people in our lives that we tend to overlook. This story reminds us that God has a different way for us to look at the people around us. We can give people a chance because that's what God does for us.



*Paul Karges passed into the arms of Jesus on Saturday, October 29th. Visitation is Friday, November 4th from 7:00 - 9:00pm at the Kalkaska Funeral Home. A celebration of his life is Saturday, November 5th at 11:00am also at Kalkaska Funeral Home with visitation at 10:00am. There will be a luncheon in the Lower Level following the Service. Please keep the family in your prayers.*

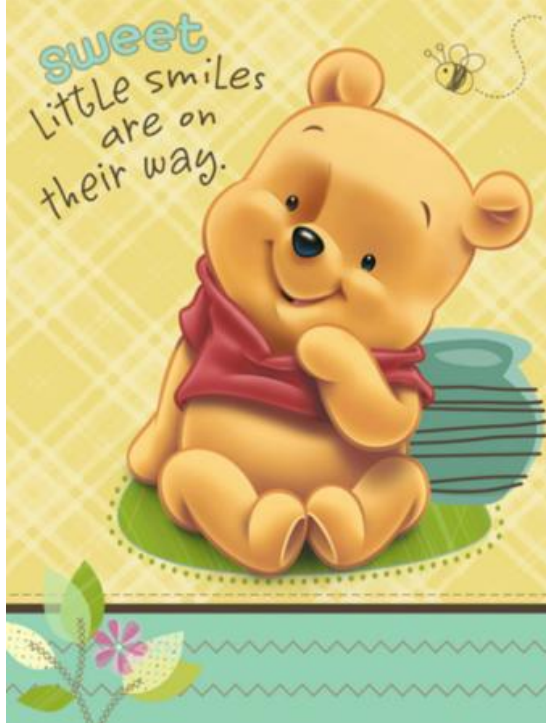
## Upcoming Events





Calling all singers! KCC is putting together a choir! We will be leading for the first time on Christmas Day. The first meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 3rd at 7:30pm in the Worship Center. Rehearsal schedules will be given out at the first meeting, and we will continue meeting as a group bi-weekly following Christmas as we will be leading Worship 4-6 times throughout the year. We will also be caroling this Christmas season. Dates/times for that will be announced shortly. Contact Darrell Boger at 231-886-8898.





You're Invited  
to a Baby Shower for

*Jessica Reinhold*

Sunday, Nov. 6th at 2:00pm  
in the Lower Level.

Bring a book to grow Kairi Lynn's  
Library! Jessica + Curtis are  
registered at Walart + Babies 'R Us.

## KCC PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP



The next KCC Photography Group meeting is Saturday, November 12th at 9:30am  
in the Green Room here at KCC.





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, November 13th from 5-8pm.** We will provide dinner & all the needed materials. [Register here.](#)



The Community Thanksgiving Service is **Sunday, November 20th at 6:00pm** at Coldsprings Christian Fellowship Church.



The Ladies Christmas Tea is Sunday, December 4th at 3:00pm at KCC. There is a signup sheet at the Welcome Center in the Lobby if you would like to attend the tea or if you would like to host a table. For more information, call Jill Ponstein at 231-392-3909.

### **This Sunday - November 6, 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!**
- **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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