

# News from KCC

September 14, 2016



#### Sunday Morning Sermon Series!

This week at KCC we're going to be talking about the many parts Christians play in the Body of Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:12 says, "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ."

The 3rd week of Gearin' Up, September 25th, we'll encourage you to sign up to volunteer at KCC during out Service Fair. We'll showcase over 50 areas of service within the Church. Prayerfully consider where you might fit in the Body of Christ here in Kalkaska!

A Necessary Removal
By Tim Severance, Associate Minister



My wife bought a new Samsung smart phone recently. We set it up by transferring all her contacts and most of her apps from her old phone. However, when she started using it, we noticed that the volume didn't seem to work. I checked the volume in settings thinking maybe there was a limit set on it or something, but everything seemed fine there. We turned the volume all the way up and all the way down, but it made no difference. She could make a phone call and people could hear her talking, but she couldn't hear them although the call appeared to be connected.

We Googled volume issues with this phone and found other people had similar issues. The volume couldn't be turned up. We tried their solutions, but nothing solved our issue.

Finally, we decided to call Verizon and exchange this faulty phone for a replacement. The Verizon representative was very helpful and patient, as they always are. He allowed me to explain the problem, then tried calling the phone himself. The volume issue was still there. Then he asked a question I'm embarrassed to admit to you. "Is there a plastic sheet covering the front of the phone?"

"Of course not," I thought, as I closely looked at the screen. Sure enough, right there on the front face of the phone was a thin plastic sheet used for protecting the phone during shipping! I slowly peeled it off, thinking "there's no way this little sheet would affect the volume."



As soon as I peeled off the cover, the phone's volume came alive! We could hear apps, phone calls, ring tones, everything! Embarrassingly, I admitted to the representative that he had solved the problem and we didn't need to send the phone back.

The most amazing part of this story is how a small, thin, inexpensive piece of plastic could make such a huge impact on this sophisticated, expensive smart phone. Yet its presence basically rendered the product unusable.

This story reminds me of how we must treat sin. Sin disables us from functioning as follower's of Christ. Sin, thought sometimes small, can cause great pain and discomfort. It must be removed from our lives just as this piece of plastic needed to be removed from the phone.

Hebrews 12:1 says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles..."

Achan, from the tribe of Judah, stole some of the devoted things (Joshua 7-9) and brought God's judgement upon the entire nation of Israel. He thought it just a small deception, but in God's eyes it was huge.

Sin can be thought of as small, but it's consequences are massive! It may go unnoticed for some time. It may be ignored, but ultimately, it leads to pain, destruction, and death.

James 1:13-15 says, we're tempted by our own evil desires, "then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death."

Remove from your life any sinful behavior, no matter how small it may seem. Strive to live a life holy and pleasing to God (Romans 12:1).

And finally, make sure you take off that plastic cover that comes on your new smart phone!



Fall Life Groups meeting THIS WEEK!

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. IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN A LIFE GROUP! Sign up for a Life Group HERE!

### Haiti Mission Trip

We go to prepare a place for you and me!



Where: Haiti. N of Gonaives

When: Sept 28th (Pre work), October 11th - 21st (Main Team)

What: Build a 2nd story on an existing church building, concrete, build install roof trusses, metal roof, tile bathroom, septic tank. Training building, preacher retreat,

mission house

Cost: Plane ticket approx. \$700, \$15 per day food & travel and Passport

This trip is sponsored by Jesus Place Atlanta, GA/John Vernon. For more info, call Jeff Badgero at 231-709-7073.

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

In Genesis 41, we look at the next chapter of Joseph's life. Pharaoh had a dream that no one could interpret. The cupbearer finally remembered how Joseph interpreted his dream while they were in prison and recommended they get him to help. With God's help, Joseph interpreted the dreams and formulates a plan to help Egypt survive through the seven years of famine that God said was coming. Pharaoh ended up putting Joseph in charge of the entire project. Joseph could have been worried and decided that the task was too difficult, but instead he trusted God and God was faithful.

Bottom Line: When the pressure is on, you can trust God is with you. Kids will face moments when they're called to do something that might seem crazy to us-maybe something as simple as getting up in front of the class and giving a speech-but we can trust God to give us the strength and courage to face whatever comes our way.



#### MISSIONS UPDATE

Dear family & friends,

This is my last Sunday in Haiti for awhile, my last Sunday night fellowship. I am sad. I have enjoyed being here more than I can say, I am home. Nuff said! My heart hurts at leaving something I have loved doing for the past thirty some years; especially when I realize from now on, I will only be visiting. And I do realize I have been so blessed. I have been prayed for, prayed over, hugged & kissed and have enjoyed the fellowship again more than I can say!

We fly out tomorrow morning with the Russell guys who have been working on air conditioners this past week. I got to see school start, enjoy devotion time with teachers and assistants and enjoy the fellowship with Sonlight believers each Sunday. Yes, I am blessed.



Norma Alexander at Sonlight Academy

My heart hurts, but my spirit soars; ALL the friendships over the years are so precious. We do hope to return again in the winter months and enjoy the "Haiti weather".

I miss friends and family, whichever way I might be traveling. Won't heaven be wonderful? No heartaches, no goodbyes. I am so looking forward to that time.

May God bless you and your day as he has me & mine! ~ Norma Alexander, Missionary

### New Faith Training Classes!

The following Faith Training Classes are available this Sunday at 10:00am for adults....



**Bible 411** - Have you ever wondered how to get more out of your Bible? Does the Bible seem intimidating to you? Where do you even start? How do you understand what you read?

Join us in **Bible 411** as we unravel these and many other questions about God's letter to us, the Bible. Led by Tim & Anita Severance in the newly remodeled

Faith Cafe'.

<u>So The World May Know</u> - Experience the Bible in historical context. This class is led by Steve Labbate & Dan Johnson and meets in the Worship Center.

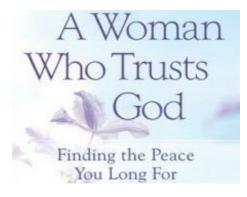




<u>Safe House</u> - Parenting Class. Learn how emotional safety is the key to raising kids who live, love & lead well. This class is led by Andy & Lisa Bratton & meets in the Green Room.

<u>Leap of Faith</u> - This class is for young adults out of High School ages 18 - 30 years old. Leap of Faith is led by Tony & Kellie Makinson and meets in the Classroom #4 next to the elevator.





A Woman Who Trusts God - Through the book of Philippians, you'll learn to lean on God, to live one day at a time, to rejoice and not to worry, and to give thanks to God in all circumstances of life. The confidence and peace readers will gain from the perspective presented in this loving book will help them live fully in the moment, in every season of life.

# **Upcoming Events**



Run for God - The 5k challenge is both a Bible study and a training plan. This 12 week program will teach individuals how to spread the gospel of Jesus while illustrating the parallels between an endurance sport and and the endurance faith requires. This study is for everyone! In fact, it is designed for those who have never run. Working together, (accountability) participants are not only prepared for a race at the end but for a closer relationship with Jesus who wants us to run for Him! And for beginning runners, the encouragement received is certain to improve your race performance.

The 12 week program will finish us the week before thanksgiving. Just in time to dig into a great dinner. We, as the church, will participate in a real 5k race at the end of the program. Perhaps, the turkey trot 5k in downtown TC.

Bring your Bible, running shoes, water bottle and a stop watch. We will meet in the Green Room for a Bible study, prayer and then off to the kart trail to start building physical endurance Wednesdays at 6:00pm.



We are going to be buzzing with fun at KCC on Wednesdays!

WASP - KCC's Wednesday After School Program for all kids Kindergarten through 5th grade will meet right after school until 5:00pm. There will be snacks, games, homework help, Bible lessons & Life Apps! WASP <u>starts NEXT Wednesday</u>, <u>September 21st</u>. <u>Please click here to register your child today!</u>



- 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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