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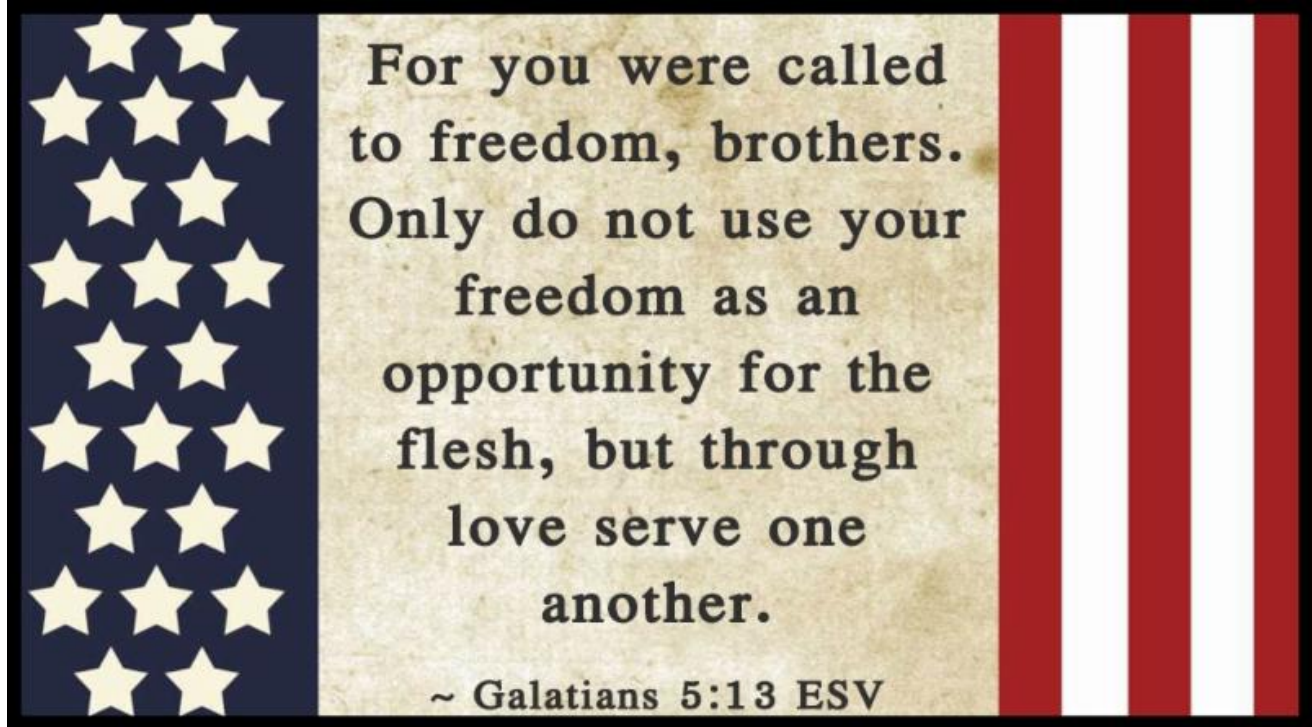
July 4, 2018



### Happy 4th of July!

Everyone at the Kalkaska Church of Christ wants to wish you a happy 4th of July! May you be safe as you celebrate this wonderful country we share.

This Sunday at KCC we will continue in our sermon series entitled "Milestones" as we examine the 7 C's of History with the third C, Catastrophe! We'll try to shed some light on the historical layers and layers of fossils found around the world. Bring your visiting family and friends with you this week at either 8:30 or 11:00 am!



## In My Weakness, I'll Be Thankful

*By David Acker, Youth Minister*

LeBron is on the Lakers. Germany lost in the World Cup. But the World Cup is on! (I have a point after this first paragraph, so hang with me if you are not a sports fan.) It's an exciting time for most of the world. However more Americans that are interested in sports will be following NBA free agency more then watching what is arguably the world's sport. I have an undying interest in following most sports, and I can talk about them to no end. I listen to lots of sports talk radio. Most of the time this talk is about what could happen, it's mainly speculation, and yet I eat it up. I try hard to predict what the next thing will be, or how certain moves will pan out. However many of the things covered in the sports world remain just a theory.



I am excited to watch the World Cup through the end. I'll tune in and be interested in what's going on in the sports world but at the end of the day those outcomes don't have a direct influence in my life. Sports like most things will end up leaving us wanting more. In our world today, we are led to always believe there is more. We are looking to the next thing because with our technology now, we know it is always around the corner. We expect instant results and entertainment almost exclusively. Did we really twiddle our thumbs before we used them to text, use Snapchat, and play games on our phones when we had a minute with nothing going on? Did sunsets still exist before it was so easy to capture them? How did we find self worth before our selfie could get 100 likes?

Picture a man that went out to dinner with a very successful owner of a booming company. The owner asked the man what it is that he wanted most in life. The man would reply to the owner success, and so that day the owner of this company hands everything over to this man and wishes him the best of luck. The man then acquires wealth and with that wealth, he can now afford every luxury this life has to offer. Only to live for a while discovering that everything in this life that he wanted was meaningless. It sounds familiar to the story of Solomon right?

We see Jesus in Luke 17 interact with 10 lepers. Without stopping to get the lighting right and make an amazing video, Jesus just commands this crew of untouchables to "Go, show yourselves to the priest." They exit stage-left and their skin is restored.

But Jesus, you didn't really do a good job of getting the exposure to make a big commotion. In fact, the Bible never makes a big deal about this. What is actually unbelievable was the lack of thankfulness from the former lepers. Only one comes to say thank you for this complete life change.

Only one.

As the Bible records, *"When he saw he was healed, he came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him-and he was a Samaritan"* (v. 15-



16). Jesus was shocked and asked, *"Were not 10 cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"*

Crazy to think that a foreigner could be thankful. The awestruck statistic though is that 90% of the lepers missed it. THEY PLAIN MISSED IT. They wanted Jesus to heal them but all he did was make their skin well. But Jesus responds to the grateful Samaritan, the remaining one, *"Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."* Even more important than physical health, this person's spiritual life had been restored. We don't read why these other 9 lepers didn't come to thank Jesus. We don't read why only Peter got out of the boat. But you can see with how Jesus talks to this man that thankfulness was the response that we should have to this miracle.

A thankful heart, what does that look like? It looks like a refreshing cool drink of lemonade on a summer day in our world today friends. Being thankful helps us to live humbly. Living humbly helps us to live in view of God's grace. Everyday. As Psalm 100:4 commands us, *"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name."*

Being thankful would almost be the "gateway" spiritual discipline. Did you see what I did there? It's like a gateway drug but also using the word gate from the scripture before it, I'm just saying it was witty. Being thankful, having gratitude, doesn't just thank God for healing us but for just being there for us. In gratitude, we thank God not just for the stuff that fills our storage spaces, but for Him.

Being thankful lets us live humbly because it shows us our neediness for God. Humility is a heart condition that recognizes that all of our blessings have been received, not earned. It understands how utterly deprived we stand before a Holy God. We simply can't advance God's Kingdom, be saved, or even love God in return without His own love for us first. As James states that *"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble"* (4:6). Since God's grace is God's power, the more thankful and needy we are before the Lord, the more power we receive. It allows for God's grace to enter in and stick. Fixing our posture to being thankful, staying humble, and living in grace it allows us to experience a depth of God we could never know without making that a habit in our lives.

Of course being thankful is easy when life is going our way. We get that promotion we have been wanting, we finally meet the one, or the test results come back negative. But sometimes we feel like that isn't our life. You could never understand how hard my life has been is what we say. For sure, life isn't always like an episode of Ellen. Sometimes we get served a plate of lemons. But I would say don't say well "turn those lemons into lemonade." That cliché might be found in some cheesy self-help book but hopefully even our self-help books have come farther than that. Certainly, painful events can shape us and build our character, but that doesn't mean we have to simply smile through the pain and pretend everything's fine.

Living a life of being thankful that doesn't allow us to feel, doesn't allow for us to grieve and might be at best misguided, if not just downright gross. Can you imagine a passerby saying to Jesus on the cross *"turn that frown upside-down"? "Surely, you can pray about this and it will get better!"* Ingesting life's difficulties and tragic events can be overwhelming. Having a heart of thankfulness is not about looking at the bright side of things. And it's not even acknowledging that things could be worse. Our thankfulness is never to be based on a set of circumstances. It's based on something more, and like most of the lepers we tend to miss it, just plain miss it.

The answer to our pain and suffering isn't new circumstances but God Himself. Jesus

came, not only to suffer for us, but to suffer with us. Isaiah describes Christ as being: *"Despised and rejected-a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief"* (53:3). Jesus understands our pain and empathizes with us.

Practicing gratitude rests soundly in the assuredness that God will ultimately redeem every horrible situation in this life or the next. *"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away"* (Revelation 21:4).

This promise allows us to *"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

I have missed God's blessings when pain has overwhelmed me, and I'll miss it again. I've shaken my fists toward God when I've been in agony. Even so, God never took away his gifts. He has never let me down. If I were in Jesus' shoes, I would have wanted to replace the nine leper's healings with something worse than leprosy. Unheal them Jesus! That'll show them! But then all it would take is one look from my Lord and Savior to calm my heart and for me to remember the grace given me and immediately turn me to wanting to show grace to them as well.

It was love, not intimidation that drew one Samaritan to be able to taste the sweet medicine of spiritual healing. Saying "thank you" will always reveal unseen blessings. We can't control the God, but we can always expect one gift: the power to hope. Then, we'll receive other common events like watching sunsets, eating dinner with a friend or sleeping in a comfortable bed as undeserved blessings. I know that everyday I wake up and get to get my son ready for the day and share life with my encouraging wife are amazing gifts from Jesus that he didn't have to vie me because he did enough on the cross. In practicing gratitude, every day is a treasure hunt. Life doesn't get boring. And whether Brazil wins the World Cup, or LeBron wins another championship we will see much more in this world. I know I'll continue to strive for this. I want to live grateful, thankful, and lost in the grace of God. Not living just lost and not satisfied. I find it interesting that it was the 10 percent that came back to Jesus. Let me remind you that it is easy to follow Jesus with 90% of your heart. But that last 10% we hold back. Is being grateful in that last 10% that you don't want to give up? Allow for your faith to more than a theory or talking of something that might not ever happen.

**Calling all kids Kindergarten - 5th grade!**

**Join us THIS SUNDAY at 11:00am in the Lower Level for  
KCC's children's program - Kidmo's "Johnny Rogers"!**

**Here's what we'll learn this week in Kidmo!**



**THEME:** Dig into the truth.

## LEARN IT

When you dig into the truth, you'll find that Jesus is the only answer. Paul and Silas helped the jailer dig into the truth about Jesus even though they were prisoners; and he and his whole family were saved.

## LOOK IT UP

[Acts 16:25-34](#)

## LINK IT

Do you know what is true and what isn't? Sometimes it is hard to tell right away, but the more you dig into Jesus, the more you find out He really is true. In fact, Jesus even told us that He is the Truth.

## COMPASS POINT

"Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, these are the facts I focus on!"

## LIVE IT OUT

Jesus wants to have a relationship with each one of us. If you haven't accepted the gift of salvation, today is the day.

If you have already accepted but want to live for Jesus even more; make Jesus the Lord of your life each day. Make sure you tell someone about what you did.

## MEMORY MAX

For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. -Romans 10:9

Join KCC for  
a bus trip  
this summer!

**ARK**  
**ENCOUNTER®**  
LARGER THAN LIFE  
**CREATION**  
**MUSEUM®**  
Prepare to believe.

### Ark Encounter & Creation Museum Trip

#### ONE TRIP: TWO EPIC STOPS

Join us this summer for a 3-day trip down to Kentucky in the KCC bus to visit the Creation Museum and the newly opened Ark Encounter!

#### ARK ENCOUNTER

Ark Encounter features a full-size Noah's Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. Spanning 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high, this modern engineering marvel amazes visitors young and old. Ark Encounter is situated in beautiful Grant County in Williamstown, Kentucky, halfway between Cincinnati and Lexington and right off I-75.

#### CREATION MUSEUM

The state-of-the-art Creation Museum allows you to venture through biblical history, stunning exhibits, botanical gardens, planetarium, zoo, zip line adventure course, and much more. This 75,000-square-foot facility has welcomed millions of guests since opening in Petersburg, Kentucky.

Ticket prices include the Ark Encounter AND the Creation Museum. Tickets must be paid at time of registration. Ticket prices are as follows....

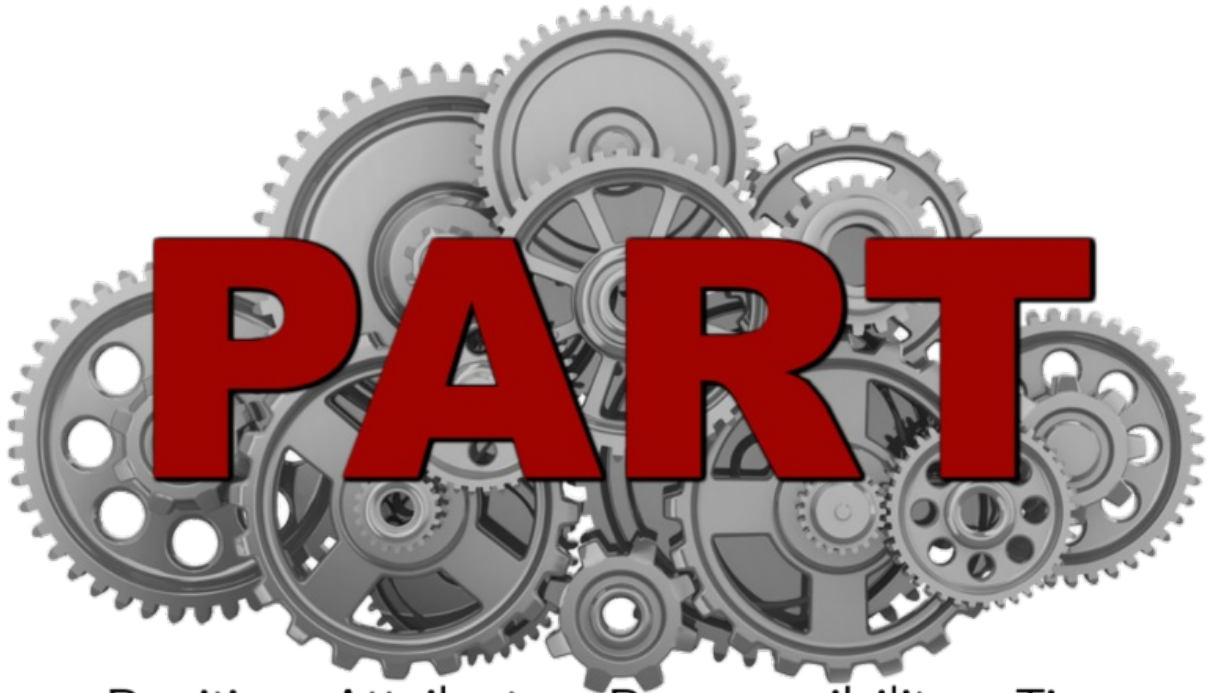
- Adults (18-59) - \$70 each
- Seniors (60+) - \$60 each
- Youth (13-17) - \$40 each
- Children (5-12) - \$25 each
- Toddlers (4 & under) - FREE



Hot breakfast buffet is provided at the hotel. All other meals are on your own. KCC has a block of rooms reserved at the Comfort Suites in Hebron, KY. You must call the hotel at 859-980-0555 to pay for your room. A king room or a 2 Queen room are available for \$106.74/night. We are staying 2 nights (Aug. 1st & 2nd) for a total hotel cost of \$213.48.

*There are just 5 spots left on the bus for this trip!* [CLICK HERE](#) to register today! All gas & parking fees are covered by KCC. If you have questions, please call the church office at 258-9441.

*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\* A 2ND trip is being planned for September 26th - 28th this year!*



Position. Attributes. Responsibilities. Time.

## Open PART List!

1. **Video Operator** (run video camera for worship / other events)
2. **Event Host/Hostess** (adults needed to review checklists before AND after an event at KCC with people that use the building.)
3. **Tiny Tots Helpers** (adults needed in the Toddler/Infant Room)
4. **Life Group Leader / Host** (Lead or host a Life Group weekly in your home)
5. **Coffee Bar Attendants** (Clean & maintain coffee area)
6. **Adult & Children's Library** (Library help on Wednesdays)
7. **Kitchen** (Cleaners)

[Click Here](#) to volunteer or visit the PART Department on Sunday Morning!

# Upcoming Events



# Wilderness Christian Assembly

Intermediate Camp for all kids who have finished 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades starts **THIS Sunday, July 8th** at Wilderness Christian Assembly! Registration is from 3:00 - 5:00pm. Scholarships are available to those who attend KCC. To register, [click here](#)! Check out their website at [wildernesschristianassembly.org](http://wildernesschristianassembly.org) for more info or call 258-0080.



## You're Invited!

Join us **Saturday, July 14th from 2:00-4:00pm** here at KCC as we celebrate Adam & Rebecca's upcoming nuptials with a wedding shower. Stay for dessert and meet the sweet gal we will get to call our "Daughter-in-Love"! For gift ideas, they are registered at [myregistry.com](http://myregistry.com).





Join KCC & other Kalkaska Churches for a Community Picnic! **Sunday, July 15th** following 2nd service at the Civic Center by the Kaliseum. Please bring a dish to pass & a lawn chair!



The 2018 Global Leadership Summit will be hosted right here at the Kalkaska Church of Christ on August 9th & 10th! 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 \$119!

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



# **KCC STUDENTS SUMMER**

## **JUNE**

10th- HS & MS Start of Summer Bonfire @ KCC

13th - MS Night @ Log Lake

17th-21st CIY MOVE < Cedarville, OH

24th - HS Beach Night (meet at KCC)

27th- MS Bonfire @ Location TBA

25th-28th VBS - Shipwrecked

## **JULY**

8th- HS & MS Water Wars and Game Day

11th- MS Bonfire @ Ackers

15th-20th High School Camp @ Wilderness Christian Assembly

25th- MS Event TBA

28th- Michigan's Adventure Trip

## **AUGUST**

David will be on vacation for the first two weeks of August.  
Then we will be gearing up for the school year, fall sports, and 5th  
Quarter Parties.

David's cell number is 517.614.6627

Please contact him if you have any questions.

Also look for updates or spontaneous events on the Remind app!  
Not connected on the Remind app? Talk to David to get connected!



## Sunday - July 8, 2018

- **8:30 AM** - Worship
- **10:00 AM** - Faith Training classes for kids through adults
- **11:00 AM** - Worship
- **11:00 AM** - KidMo! in the Lower Level for kids  
Kindergarten - 5th grade



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



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