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Last month we had a response to our website that expressed a sincere hope that we would not rot in hell. What prompted that hateful and condemnatory comment was that we support Kent Paris and his Nehemiah Ministries.

As you no doubt know, Kent is a former homosexual who repented of his sinful behavior when He accepted Christ as Lord of his life. He then dedicated himself to helping others with similar struggles find victory over enslavement to sin.

His desire to effectively minister to those with gender confusion issues led him to pursue the education needed to do so, and He eventually received a MA in Christian Counseling Ministry from LCU, and established Nehemiah Ministries. He chose not to become licensed with the state of Illinois because he foresaw possible government interference in what a biblically based Christian counselor would be allowed to say.

When I informed Kent of the note we had received, I told him that in light of the number of states that have banned conversion or reparative therapy, and the charge that it often leads to suicide because it promises change that it cannot deliver, it might be helpful for him to share a statement on how his counseling differs from the goals and techniques used in such therapy.

We corresponded at length on the matter, and, in response to our request, the latest issue of his newsletter featured an article entitled "Clarification on Reparative Therapy in Relation to our Mission." In the article he very clearly states, "I was never trained in 'Reparative Therapy', have never practiced it, nor held myself out to be a 'Reparative Therapist'." He further notes, "The ultimate goal is NOT 'heterosexuality' but repentance from any sin, surrender out of love for Jesus, yielding wholly to Him to follow Him as a disciple."

His article not only addresses the current controversy over gender related counseling, it also offers insight into the causes of such confusion. I have copies available for those who might desire one.

God Bless, Rick



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Dear Friends and Supporters,

We have some important health news to share with you. The past 2 months have been a blur of activity as Jesse began experiencing some significant decline in his energy and appetite as well as pain in his left hip area. This was also preceded by some unexplained weight loss in late November/December. After many tests along with a biopsy to his left hip, his doctors diagnosed him with cholangiocarcinoma in late January. It is a rare and aggressive bile duct cancer which has metastasized to his liver and left hip. We have been reeling from this diagnosis while Jesse has been in and out of the hospital for tests and medical treatment as his overall health continued to decline.

After many weeks of testing, consults and prayer, we (Jesse and Ati) have decided not to pursue any type of treatment for the cancer itself. The aggressive nature of his cancer coupled with his already weakened condition presented a very poor prognosis for any kind of cancer therapy. Jesse is expected to be discharged today (Feb 16). He will continue to be treated with his routine medications while Ati cares for him at home. We have not ruled out additional treatment for secondary complications should they arise.

We had planned to retire at the end of this year, so our ministry commitments remain through December 2020. Ati has been an integral partner in ministry since we married in 2016, and she is fully capable of overseeing ACM on the field. She has worked closely with the Jerwang ministry in the primitive border areas of China, Tibet and Burma and has even learned to speak Jerwang in the brief years we have been married. She has also planned, organized and carried out several relief projects with IDES in areas devastated by flood and famine. We will work with the ACM board and our forwarding agent to make transition decisions in the months to come.

Thank you in advance for allowing us some time to adjust to our new normal. Our days and nights have been long and exhausting. We will keep you posted as we have additional news to share.

In His Love and Care,

Jesse and Ati

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Sunday Worship Service 9:15 AM
Bible School 10:45 AM

STATISTICS

Worship 104
Offering \$12,226.61

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-3/1/20

Greeters Beryl & Jamella Reese
Visitors' Stand..... Chuck & Jan McLaughlin
Communion Meditation Otto Huber
Casey Blakley
Ushers.....Chuck McLaughlin
Rich Mann
Brad Stirmell
Kirk Polley
Scott Bales
Mike Donaldson
WORSHIP NURSERY
Toddlers.....Rhonda Luzio
Madison Bales
Infants.....Janet Polley
Elizabeth Wright
Abbie Divjak
Sunday School
Toddlers.....Julie Divjak
Infants.....Jonathan Sperry
Kileen Huber

The Hidden Word

HEBREWS 4:16

"Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace in time of need."



--Rhonda Luzio's uncle recovering from intensive stomach surgery.
--Chris Luzio's mom with fractured shoulder and awaiting shoulder replacement.
--Alex Fahnders facing health and spiritual struggles.
--A friend of Rick's at the passing of his mother.



MARCH SERVERS

3/8: Otto Huber, Casey Blakley
3/15 & 3/22: Jack Stucki, Casey Blakley
3/29: Chris Luzio, Casey Blakley

MARCH PROJECTIONIST

Erica Blakley

MARCH GREETERS

3/15 Will & Sara Bartels
3/22 Duane Carrell
3/29 Rhonda Luzio

MARCH VISITORS' STAND

3/8 Gary & Lori Gredzieleski
3/15 Chris & Rhonda Luzio
3/22 Rick & Janet Polley
3/29 Bob & Dixie Williamson

MARCH NURSERY

Worship - 3/8

Toddlers: Erica Blakley
Jake Divjak
Infants: Jeni Sperry
Marilyn Wenneborg
Emma Warwick
Sunday School
Infants: Vicki Small
Rebecca Smith

Worship - 3/15

Toddlers: Nikki & Carter Hunley
Infants: Dixie Williamson
Stacey Cantrell
Sunday School
Infants: Kelly Donaldson
Dixie Williamson

Worship - 3/22

Toddlers: Kristin Polley
Anna Hunley
Infants: Karen & Kaelyn Mann
Kileen Huber
Sunday School
Infants: Rhonda Luzio
Elizabeth Wright

Worship - 3/29

Toddlers: Shannon Higgins
Cooper Formea
Infants: Janice McLaughlin
Nicole Moore
Kate Sperry
Sunday School
Infants: Karen Mann
Kristin Polley

pantry Project

THANK YOU!



PLEASE DONATE
Rice Krispies, 30 Boxes
Thank You!

Our assignment this year for the Pantry Project at LSCA is to collect Rice Krispies for the campers to enjoy all season long. Thank you in advance for all who will pick up an extra box while shopping. There is a tub in the hallway to collect the boxes once you bring them to church. Also, we have been asked to provide some kitchen help on June 28th. Please let me know if you can assist the camp on that date.



Grace, representing the Auburn High School Student Council, is collecting shoes to raise awareness for mental health challenges many in our society deal with on a daily basis. Anxiety, depression, and even bi-polar disorders seem to be on the rise in our schools across the country.

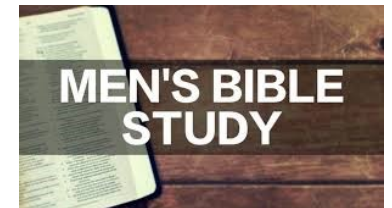
To promote awareness of such conditions, the student council members at Auburn are building a display made out of shoes and then are donating them to a local charity. If you have an extra pair just laying around in your closet, bring them in on Sunday! With proper awareness, we all pray assistance can be offered to anyone going through such challenges before bodily harm is done.



4th & 5th Grade Students

For those going to SuperStart this Friday, please be here to the church no later than 4:30pm. We will be eating on the road before pulling into the conference for the 7:00pm start time. Then, let the praise, worship and learning begin!

You will need to have some extra money with you for the trip. Over the weekend, we will be eating two meals out at fast food restaurants during our travels. Also, there will be a merchandise table at the conference for anyone wanting to buy a t-shirt or music from the worship band. Finally, during our free time on Saturday, I have reserved some slots for our group at SkyZone. The cost for admission there is \$18.00. Besides all that, you'll just need a sleeping bag, pillow and overnight essentials for the trip!



BE RICH!!!! That is the title of the Warren Wiersbe book on Ephesians we will be studying this Spring at Men's Bible Study. Come on out this Thursday at 7pm to join our first meeting as we begin to unpack this book. What an appropriate title for a commentary on Ephesians as Paul opens this awesome letter with "Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ." Thanks to Christ, we are rich indeed! See you on Thursday!