

Newsletter

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From Bobbie's Desk...

Bloom Where I Am Planted

When I first started these newsletters I remember writing about how God had changed my life. How He took me from a horrible abusive situation from a previous church, to what I thought was my dream job, to working here at Kirkville First Assembly, etc. I felt there must be something more. I wasn't content.

It had nothing to do with being a church secretary/bookkeeper. That used to be my dream job 20 years ago. But, after working in a church and under an abusive pastor, I swore I'd never work in a church again. Boy, did God have other plans.

I kept month after month striving to do my best while hoping and praying for God to open the door to something like I had before working with women of domestic and sexual violence. Was I really putting my all into it? I don't really know. I do know I wasn't content. I wasn't happy. I honestly felt like I should be doing something different.

This September will be two years of working in this position. This last year I took the role of the missions/outreach coordinator. Since that time, that missions/outreach ministry has grown. We do a weekly Bible study showing us how to retrain ourselves on how to be effective local missionaries in the community we are in. Currently, we are actively involved in three agencies in the Kirkville/Adair County area. Why is that important? Because I'm doing my ultimate calling. I get to go out into the community and serve - and I get to do it through my church. I don't have to do it alone. I have a team to go with me and we work together to be the light of Jesus in our community.

Recently, I was asked to join KLI (Kirkville Leadership Institute). The only way to join this is to be recommended by someone saying you are a leader for the Kirkville area. What an honor! The church sponsored my way

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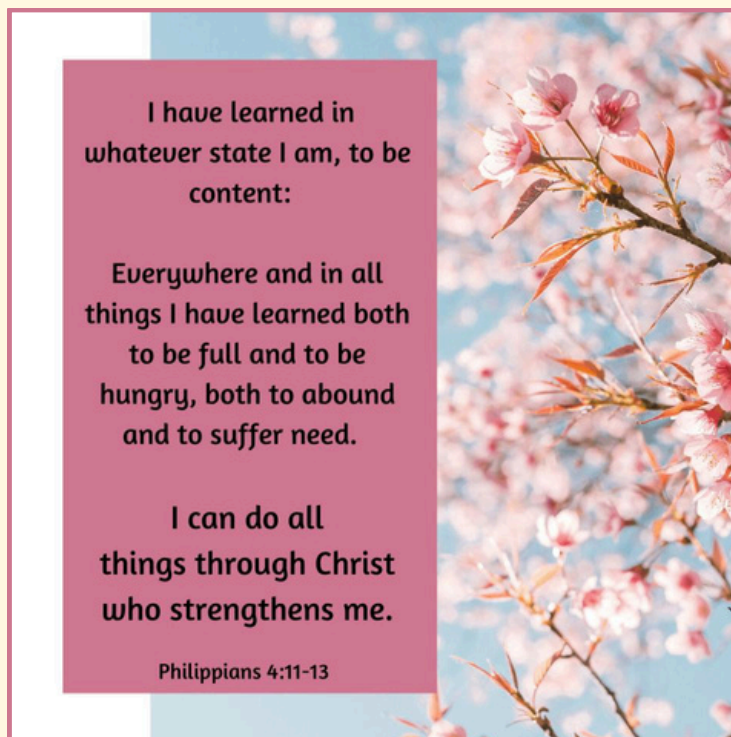
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into KLI. What does KLI do? Once a month I join others who were also selected to go and learn about economics/business, agriculture, tourism, state government, and more. KLI helps those who were selected to become better leaders for the Kirksville community. This is opening doors for our church and the other businesses/agencies to connect and work together. The best part? I get to be a light for Jesus! God is already opening doors for me to be that light. God is so good!

This whole time I was waiting for God to open doors to some amazing job to work with others, and GOD HAD ALREADY DONE THAT! I'm doing that now. It may not just be with victims of domestic and sexual violence, but with all people who need Jesus - whether it's to have their lives changed and encouraged, or to meet their Savior for the first time.

Not everyone can say they work in an environment or for a company that not only shares your beliefs and values, but also encourages and supports you working and serving in the community. WHAT A BLESSING! I don't know what the future holds, but I do know for right now I'm in the right place at the right time. I'm where God has me for His purpose. I honestly couldn't ask for more. I am blooming where He has planted me.

Bloom
where you are planted



Ministry Updates

Kid's Ministry

Kid's Camp is coming! Mark your calendars for **July 8-12**.

Sadly, Tiffany Ellis had to step down from the Stars class. Bobbie Robie has stepped up. Big shoes to fill, for sure.

But, if you have any daughters/granddaughters in 3-5 grade, invite them to join us Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Youth Ministry

Youth Camp is coming! Mark your calendars for **June 24-28**.

Family Meal Ministry

The Fellowship Hall is still under renovation. We'll keep everyone updated for May's Family Meal.

Beyond Borders Ministry

Your missions/outreach team is active! We've partnered with LifeLine Pregnancy for their Ryan Stevenson concert. That concert is this Thursday, May 2!



We've also partnered with the U.S. Navy. The U.S. Navy is the liaison for the Kirksville area Foster Families. Wes Mantlo with the U.S. Navy reached out to see if they could use the Fellowship Hall for a meeting for the families. Beyond Borders excitedly partnered with them and is going to help at this meeting. The Beyond Borders team will be serving refreshments and whatever else is needed. We'll be at the Fellowship Hall at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 4 if anyone would like to come and volunteer with us.

The Beyond Borders team has also been doing a Bible study on Thursday nights at 5:30 p.m. The team is going through the book, "Missional Reset," by Desmond Barrett and Charlotte P. Holter. *Missional Reset* has changed the lives of the Beyond Borders team members. Lois Helton, Meta Robie, Kelli Nigh, and Bobbie Robie meet each week to discuss the chapters and are overwhelmed by the joy and excitement they feel discussing what they could do in the Kirksville community and make our global missions even better. The book gives practical insight on ways to be effective local missionaries - right in our own community. The partnerships with LifeLine and the U.S. Navy are results of going through the study so far.

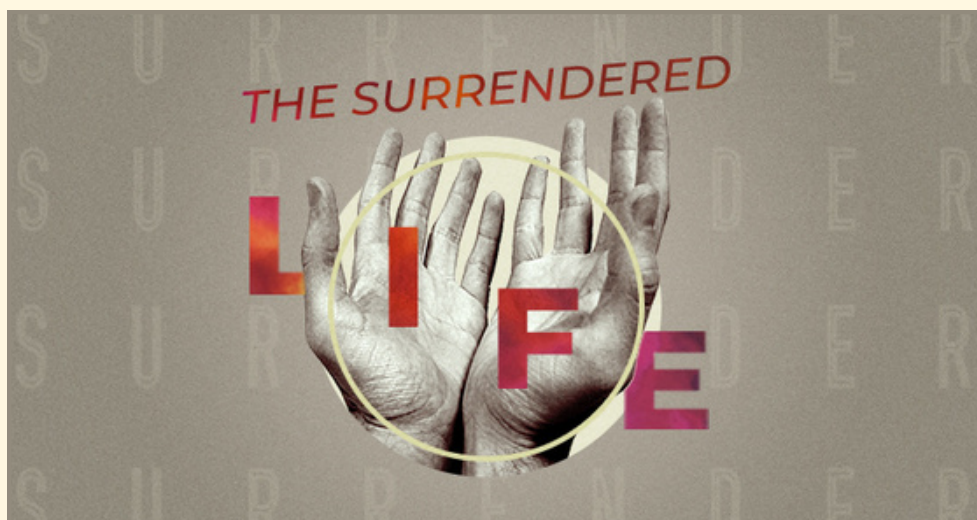
If you'd be interested in joining the Beyond Borders team, let one of the team members, the office, or Pastor Shawn know. They have a monthly meeting the first Monday of each month.

Pastor's Thoughts

God wants to establish your faith. In Judges 6 we find Gideon alone in the bottom of a winepress attempting to thresh wheat - a job that requires wind... but there's no wind at the bottom of a wine press. Their nation was defeated by a foreign army and they were abandoned. Gideon asks "Sir, if YHWH is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'YHWH brought us up out of Egypt'? But now YHWH has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites."

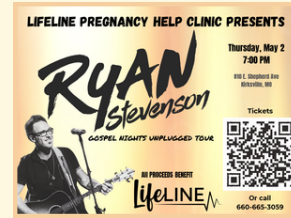
Gideon may not have realized who he was talking to because he was asking the angel of YHWH why YHWH had abandoned them, which He hadn't, because the angel was there. But so it goes when our faith is weak. We only see the circumstances around us and we miss God's presence even when he sends messengers or is standing right in front of us. We have to pursue God's view of our circumstances. There are so many other voices screaming to be heard around us. The voice of society and culture and the hurtful words we hear around us must all be rejected as we listen for God's voice. It is the voice saying "I will be with you." (:16)

-Pastor Shawn



Dates to Remember

Thursday, May 2, 2024: LifeLine presents in concert:
Ryan Stevenson



Sunday, May 12, 2024: Mother's Day



Wednesday, May 22: Office Closed



Monday, May 27, 2024: Memorial Day/Office Closed

Birthdays

- Jackson Meintz 5/2
- Roberta Ragland 5/10
- Sharon Ruble 5/21
- Annalysse Ellis 5/30
- Brennan Robbins 5/9
- Meta Robie 5/19
- Meagan Stewart 5/23
- Robert Ruble 5/30

Anniversaries

- Brennan & Jenifer Robbins 5/2
- Shawn & Angela Meintz 5/22
- Eldon & Twyla Tracy 5/24

Missionary Birthdays

- Noemi Szabo 5/6
- Santiago Guerrero 5/18
- Giovanni Panzetta 5/27
- Jeremy Osborne 5/16
- Emma Miller 5/18
- Tobin Osborne 5/30

Missionary Anniversaries

- Bruce & Lisa Ridpath 5/26
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2024 May

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Family Night 6:30 p.m.	2 Jackson Meintz Brennan Jenifer Robbins	3	4 Foster Families Mtg. 1:30 p.m.
	5 <u>Groups</u> 9:30 a.m. <u>Worship</u> 10:40 a.m. <u>Groups</u> 6:00 p.m.	6 Noemi Szabo	7	8 Family Night 6:30 p.m.	9 Brennan Robbins Beyond Borders 5:30 p.m.	10 Roberta Ragland	11
Mother's Day	12 <u>Groups</u> 9:30 a.m. <u>Worship</u> 10:40 a.m. No Prayer Mtg.	13	14	15 Family Night 6:30 p.m.	16 Jeremy Osborne Beyond Borders 5:30 p.m.	17	18 Santiago Guerrero Emma Miller
Meta Robie	19 <u>Groups</u> 9:30 a.m. <u>Worship</u> 10:40 a.m. <u>Groups</u> 6:00 p.m.	20	21 Sharon Ruble	22 Office Closed Family Night 6:30 p.m. Shawn Angela Meintz	23 Meagan Stewart Beyond Borders 5:30 p.m.	24 Eldon and Twyla Tracy	25
Bruce and Lisa Ridpath	26 <u>Groups</u> 9:30 a.m. <u>Worship</u> 10:40 a.m. ???	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28	29 Family Night 6:30 p.m.	30 Annalysse Ellis Tobin Osborne Robert Ruble	31	

**Giovanni
Panzetta**

**Beyond
Borders**