

The Messenger

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Worship Services

Sunday: 10:00 am

Wed. 4:00 pm: at Flowers Wed.

6:30 pm: at White Cliffs

Worship at White Cliffs every

Fourth Sunday: 1:30 pm

Communion

*1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays and
Wednesdays of each month.*

Bible Classes

Sunday: 9:00 am

Tuesday: 11:00 am & 1:30 pm

Wednesday: 1:30 pm

Thursday: 1:30 pm & 7:00 pm

Thursday 4:15 pm (Catechism)}

Men's Bible Class

Second Saturday: 9:30 am

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:00 am

~~ JUNE 2020 ~~

Message from the Pastor

Finding our Way Home

One of my pastor friends accepted a call to serve in Japan. His family adjusted well—except for his wife. On one of the few times she ventured out in Tokyo (by necessity), she got lost on the subway. She had no idea where she was; spoke and read no Japanese; and had no cell phone (not invented yet).

She finally found a pay phone and called her husband, but he couldn't figure out where she was either, increasing her panic to near hysteria. Her hubby told her to take our her passport, look at the gold eagle stamped there, and say (out-loud), 'This is who I am and this is only my temporary home.'

That was enough to calm her down while the pastor sent a member to find and get her. It was an experience she would never forget—or want to go through again. Needless to say, they moved back to the U.S. in a couple of months.

As we celebrate the 4th of July, we are again reminded of how blessed we are to live in such a great—though far from perfect—country. For believers, we are reminded of the hymn, 'I'm but a stranger here, Heaven is my Home'. Doesn't it feel sometimes like we're lost in this world. There is a lot of sin, distractions and confusion. Even in English. Yet we know that our Lord is always with us and will work all things out for our good. Jesus is our spiritual George Washington. He leads us—and makes no mistakes or errors or sins.

We have a nation where we are free from most fears and free to live as we choose. It wasn't always that way, was it? People motivated by love for God first, freedom second, and prosperity third, led them to establish 'this domestic union, conceived in liberty and justice'. Many of them even made the ultimate sacrifice in pursuit of this.

The patriots of the Revolutionary War and the missionary's wife all treasured the thought of freedom and home. These were so important that they made great sacrifices for the ultimate goal. We ought to appreciate the land of the free and the home of the brave. I hope even more that we are truly thankful for the freedom that Jesus gave us, no matter which country we call our earthly home. Neither our earthly freedom nor our eternal freedom were free. The USA cost the patriots time, pain, uncertainty and even death. Heaven cost Jesus his life as our substitute in the battle with Satan over the souls of the world. Jesus invites us to receive his gift of forgiveness and life.

The sad thing is when people get lost like the wife and don't realize it; won't admit it; or are happy in it. Like one of the three stooges said as he and the other two drove around aimlessly, 'I don't know where we're going, but we're making good time getting there'. Finding our way spiritually is a necessity if we are to have the peace, joy and security that God wants us to have. Jesus gave us the victory, he won the war, he paid the price for us. He wants each person to receive those blessings.

Earthly blessings are wonderful. Every time I see a fireworks display I remember that. Yet, as much as we are blessed here and now, there and later are thousands of times better. There can be no greater home than the one God provides for every single person who trusts in Jesus as his/her Savior. It cost him dearly, but His victory is now ours. St. describes it this way: ***This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.*** 1 John 5:4-5.

Unlike Hansel and Gretel, we don't need bread crumbs to lead us home. John Newton, ex-slave trader and moral vagabond, as a believer wrote words I'm sure you know what can help you find your way home. 'I once was lost, but now am found... God saved a wretch like me.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – will be held on Sunday, August 30. God has blessed us for 50 years as a church united in the Cross of Christ. A Special 4:00 Celebration service will be followed by a catered meal (brisket or chicken from Cracker Barrel). Pastor Dave Fleischman will be our guest preacher.



Pastor Mueller's sermons are still on our **website** (crossofchrist-kingman.com) and on our **YouTube channel** (**CrossofChrist Kingman**). We're glad to hear so many people are benefitting from them.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

We still plan on celebrating Easter week properly when we are allowed to gather as a group. Please be ready to join us when that occurs.

Something to Think About How to Stay Safe

We've been hearing a lot about being safe lately. So, I did some research. If you want to remain completely out of harm's way, experts say you should avoid the following:

- Cars. 20% of all fatalities happen in vehicles
- Travel by airplanes, trains, boats and sidewalks. A full 30% of accidents involve these forms of transportation and that location
- Especially Hospitals. 32% of all deaths occur in hospitals
- Your Home. For all the encouragement to 'stay home, stay safe', 21% of accidents occur in your home (and I won't even include domestic violence).

On the other hand, I am particularly pleased to report that only .001% of all deaths and .03% of accidents occur in church or at Bible Study! Logically, the safest place you can be at any given point is at church or in Bible Study. (That assumes you didn't get into an accident on the way there). For safety's sake, attend church and Bible Class frequently. It could save your life—and think about what it will do for your eternal security! Just saying.

BIBLE CLASSES the RESET – If things continue as they are, we want to restart the Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday morning Bible Classes, They usually have less than 10 people which leads to an intimate learning experience. One of the new topics will be 'God will get you through This' a video/discussion by Max Lucado. Another is 'The Crisis Psalms'. If you might be interested, talk to Pastor.

NEW BIBLE BASICS CLASS is being organized. This is the starter class and the most popular one we share. You will be glad you did. 89% of our members have already taken it (and several are going to re-take it). If you don't know the difference between redemption and recycling, this class is a must. Call Pastor at 757-3543.



Something More to Think About.....A Map of the World

A father was reading the newspaper but was constantly interrupted by his six-year old daughter. To distract her, he tore a sheet out of a magazine which had a picture of the world on it. He ripped it into small pieces and told her to put it back together like a puzzle, figuring it would give him at least 45 minutes of peace.

But she came back in less than 10 minutes. The map of the world was fitted correctly with scotch tape holding the pieces together. The Dad was amazed and proud. His daughter was a genius!

Dad asked her how she had assembled it together so quickly and correctly. "Oh, it was easy," she replied. "On the back side of the of paper was a picture of Jesus. When I got Jesus back where he belonged, the world came together." Maybe she was a genius. (Think about her last statement.)

HUMOR

Squirt Gun

Little Johnny got a squirt gun from his grandma for Christmas. When his Mom saw it, she said, "Mom, I'm surprised at you! Don't you remember what happened when you gave me a squirt gun at that age? I used to drive you crazy." "I certainly do!" said the grandma with a smile.

Secret Sin

Three pastors went to the pastor convention and were all sharing one room. The first pastor said, "Let's confess our secret sins one to another. I'll start - my secret sin is I just love to gamble. When I go out of town, it's cha-ching cha-ching, let the machines ring."

The second pastor said, "My secret sin is that I just hate working. I copy all my sermons from those given me by other pastors."

The third pastor said, "My secret sin is gossiping and, oh boy, I just can't wait to get back home!"

Making Faces

Finding one of her students making faces at others on the playground, Ms. Smith stopped to gently reprove the child.

Smiling sweetly, the Sunday School teacher said, "Bobby, when I was a child, I was told that if I made ugly faces, it would freeze and would stay like that".

Bobby looked up into her face and replied, "Well, Ms. Smith, you can't say you weren't warned".

RUMMAGE SALE



Will be held June 5-6th. Most of the items will be outside and those inside can be safely spaced apart.

If you have items that you wish to donate, we would appreciate that. We can pick your donations up if needed. Call church at 757-3543 for pick-up.

Contact Leena Meza (928-377-6244) with questions.



JUNE FELLOWSHIP MEALS SCHEDULE

NOTE: The FELLOWSHIP MEAL schedule may change. Check our website or call for updates.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

We are always in need of the following items for our Sunday morning meals:

- Lg. & small dinner plates (heavyweight paper)
- Dessert plates (heavyweight paper)
- Dessert/Soup bowls (heavyweight paper)
- Forks, knives & spoons (heavyweight/plastic)
- Coffee (regular & decaf)
- Powdered coffee creamer
- Rolls of paper towels

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Providing a dish to share at the Sunday meal or kitchen supplies & food items are greatly appreciated.



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Al Mounts
- 9<sup>th</sup> Bill Bigford
- 13<sup>th</sup> Megan Coffin
- 13<sup>th</sup> Mike Coffin
- 14<sup>th</sup> Brayden Militello
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Carol Lochner
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Jimmy Woods
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Kathy Reimers
- 28<sup>th</sup> Stanley Tomaszewski
- 29<sup>th</sup> Tamara Vincent



## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 6<sup>th</sup> John & Betty Henning
- 11<sup>th</sup> Joshua & Tamara Vincent
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mike & Melody Coffin
- 27<sup>th</sup> Richard & Sandra Blazer
- 28<sup>th</sup> Pastor Paul & Julie Mueller



- JUNE USHERS**
- Tim Mangelsdorf
  - Duley Nelson
  - Jesse Mangelsdorf
  - Don Nomann
  - Stanley Tomaszewski
  - Kenny Woods



# SCHEDULED EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE

June 2020

| Sunday                                                                                 | Monday                               | Tuesday                                                                               | Wednesday                         | Thursday                                                   | Friday                                                                                              | Saturday                                   |
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|                                                                                        | <b>1</b><br><br>6:00 pm Elders Mtg   | <b>2</b>                                                                              | <b>3</b>                          | <b>4</b>                                                   | <b>5</b><br><br> | <b>6</b><br><br><b>RUMMAGE SALE</b>        |
| <b>7</b><br><br>10:00 am COMMUNION Worship Service                                     | <b>8</b><br><br>6:00 pm Council Mtg. | <b>9</b><br>8:00 am Workday<br>11:00 am Bible Class                                   | <b>10</b><br><br>1:30 Bible Study | <b>11</b><br><br>1:30 Bible Study<br><br>4:15 pm Catechism | <b>12</b>                                                                                           | <b>13</b><br><br>9:30 am Men's Bible Study |
| <b>14</b><br>9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School<br>10:00 am Worship Service           | <b>15</b>                            | <b>16</b><br>8:00 am Workday<br>10:00 am Fellowship Comm. Mtg<br>11:00 am Bible Class | <b>17</b><br><br>1:30 Bible Study | <b>18</b><br><br>1:30 Bible Study<br><br>4:15 pm Catechism | <b>19</b>                                                                                           | <b>20</b>                                  |
| <b>21</b><br>9:00 an Bible Class & Sunday School<br>10:00 am COMMUNION Worship Service | <b>22</b>                            | <b>23</b><br>8:00 am Workday<br>11:00 am Bible Class                                  | <b>24</b><br><br>1:30 Bible Study | <b>25</b><br><br>1:30 Bible Study<br><br>4:15 pm Catechism | <b>26</b>                                                                                           | <b>27</b>                                  |
| <b>28</b><br>9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School<br>10:00 am Worship Service           | <b>29</b>                            | <b>30</b><br>8:00 am Workday<br>11:00 am Bible Class                                  |                                   |                                                            |                                                                                                     |                                            |