

## **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\**

*4<sup>th</sup> Sun. 1:30 pm at White Cliffs\**

### **Communion**

*1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays*

### **Bible Classes**

*Sunday: 9:00 am*

*Tuesday: 11:00 am*

*Thursday: 1:30 pm*

### **Men's Bible Class**

*Second Saturday: 9:30 am*

### **Sunday School**

*Sunday: 9:00 am*

*\*Worship services at White  
Cliffs and Flowers are  
currently suspended due to  
COVID-19*

~~ JULY 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 out 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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. John 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 that 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](http://crossofchrist-kingman.com)) and on our **YouTube channel** (**CrossofChrist Kingman**). We're glad to hear so many people are benefitting from them.

## **Something to Think About ..... Who's in Control of this Thing?**

For twenty minutes, 149 passengers were absolutely out of control. A fan blade broke off, causing one of the engines of their plane to explode. For those twenty minutes, they didn't know whether they would live or die, and they couldn't do anything about it except sit and wait. They were absolutely helpless and couldn't do anything except pray.

We can relate when we hit that patch of black ice on the road in the middle of the winter. We can relate when the other driver rear-ends us or crosses the middle of the road into our lane. We can relate when sickness or cancer comes without any cause at all. We can relate when someone suddenly loses a job through no fault of their own.

We couldn't stop our tire from going flat or our car battery from dying overnight. We couldn't stop the other driver from falling asleep at the wheel or rear-ending us. There is so much in our lives over which we have no control at all. It's such a helpless feeling, because there is nothing we can do about it.

That's why these words from Paul are so important to remember, especially when life seems out of control. ***And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.*** *Ephesians 1:22-23*

Do you see what Paul says about Jesus? Do you see what God did? He put all things under the feet of Jesus. All things. Things like the exploding engine in that Southwest plane. He ruled over those moments when the engine exploded and the plane suddenly lurched toward the ground. He ruled over those moments when your car skidded out of control on black ice. He ruled over those moments when you or someone you love suddenly got sick or lost a job.

He is Lord and ruler over all things "for the church." That's Paul's way of saying that Jesus is Lord for the people who believe in him. He is Lord over all things for you, for your good, for your benefit. Things may be out of your control, but they are never outside of his control. He sits as King over all.

Pastor Kurt Ebert

**BIBLE CLASSES the RESET** – We resumed weekday Bible Classes last week. The



times will be the same as before; Tuesday at 11:00 and Thursday at 1:30. The first class has the title "God will get you through this." We have yet to determine other class times/days. If you want to be a part of one contact Pastor. Catechism class will begin in the beginning of August.

**4th of JULY CELEBRATION** – We'll gather to watch the fireworks in our parking lot



together. We still want to know if you want to have a meal together or not. Please email or call Pastor with your thought. Meal would be at 6:00 if desired; if not, we'd meet at 8:00.

# HUMOR

Q: At what time of day was Adam created?

A: A little before Eve.

Q: Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

A: Because Noah was standing on the deck

Q: Why didn't Noah go fishing?

A: He only had two worms.

Q: Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A: Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet

Q: What do they call pastors in Germany?

A: German Shepherds

Q: What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

A: Ruthless

Q: Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A: Samson, because he brought the house down

Q: Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

A: Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once

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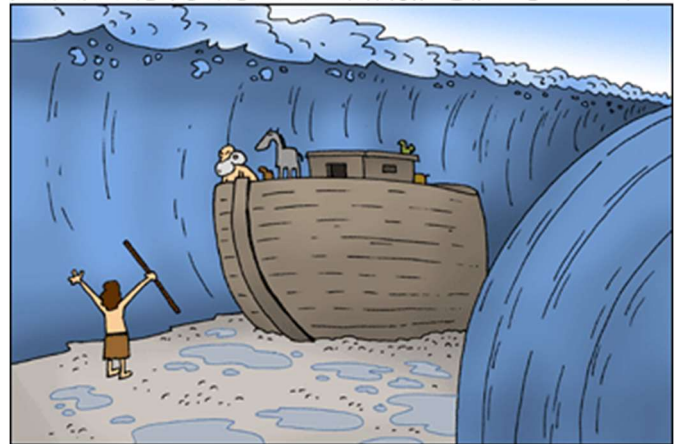


(See Acts 7:30-34)

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MOSES? DO I HAVE YOUR FULL ATTENTION?

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MOSES AND NOAH HAVING AN ARGUMENT

## NEW BIBLE BASICS CLASS

is being organized. It is looking like a Wednesday evening or a Tuesday afternoon class. 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.

HE IS  
RISEN

We will celebrate **EASTER** on **SEPT. 20<sup>TH</sup>** on Hualapai. That will be followed by lunch and games. There will also be an 8:00 a.m. 'Easter Sunrise' service in the Ramada. Both services will feature the favorite Easter hymns we all love.



# THE LADIES CIRCLE

## July News

The Executive Board has elected to postpone any further meetings and activities until September!!

The September Ladies Circle meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Call leaders will contact you prior to the 1st meeting in September.

Note: The September meeting is based on the current status of COVID 19, and approved by Church Council to resume our monthly meetings.

*We Look Forward to Meeting Again!!!*

**Stay healthy**

***God Be with Us All!***



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Irma Wilmer
5 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Taranec
8 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Mangelsdorf
9 <sup>th</sup>	Jeanne Neal
10 <sup>th</sup>	Oleta Dusek
13 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Ohlemann
15 <sup>th</sup>	Allen Carlson
19 <sup>th</sup>	John Gentz
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Don Nomann
24 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Meza
29 <sup>th</sup>	Tim Mangelsdorf
30 <sup>th</sup>	Jesse Mangelsdorf



## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

14 <sup>th</sup>	John & Ellen Gentz
20 <sup>th</sup>	Shawn & Shaunna Nelson



## JULY USHERS

**Mike Coffin  
Gene Bishop  
Leo Galvan  
Mark McCoy**

# July 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
				1:30 pm Bible Class	<b>Independence Day (observed)</b>	<b>Independence Day</b> 7:00 pm Dwayne Nessa & Stanley Tomaszewski Memorial Service 8:00 pm 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Celebration
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am Communion Worship Service	6:00 pm Elders Mtg	8:00 am Workday 11:00 am Bible Class		1:30 pm Bible Class		
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