

Another Word November 10, 2025

To our family and friends of King Road Christian Church

Greetings from sunny, no rainy, I mean cloudy, um hot and humid, no, now it's cold and snowy Ashland. Ahh, Ohio! The one thing we can always count on is that we can never count on what the weather will be, one hour to the next!

There will be a leadership meeting this coming Monday, the 17th at 5pm. We will be setting the budget and slate of officers for 2026, as well as discussing needed changes to the church By Laws.

I want to thank everyone who participated in supplying food items so 15 families in the area can enjoy a Thanksgiving meal.

The foster children's wish lists for Christmas are here. Some have already been taken but there are seven left to buy for. The deadline is November 30th, with a drop off at Grace Church, 1144 West Main on Dec. 1. As a reminder, each present must be marked with the child's number on a removable sticker, and no present is to be wrapped.

Please join me in welcoming Pastor Brad Williams who will be joining our staff, December 1st. Brad and Lorrie are excited to become a part of our loving and caring congregation. With over 9 years as a pastor in The Missionary Alliance Denomination, Brad brings a deep love of the Lord and wisdom and knowledge of God's Word.

Advent begins 3 days after Thanksgiving on November 30th. If some of you are available, we need to begin to decorate the Sanctuary. I propose we meet on Sat. the 29th at 10 am to put up some of the

decorations. (The trees up front will have to wait until after the Jazz concert on Monday.) The rest can be done later that week.

The scriptures for Advent are as follows:

Nov. 30- Jeremiah 33:10-16. Mark 13:32-37, Luke 1:5-25.

Dec. 7- Micah 5:2-5a. Matthew 1:1-6, 16. Luke 1:26-38.

Dec. 14- Isaiah 40:1-5, Malachi 3:1-4. Luke 1:39-63.

Dec. 21- Isaiah 9:1-3a, 6-7. Luke 1:56-80, Matthew 1:18-25.

Dec.24th- Christmas Eve Service 7pm. Readings and Carols.

As we go to prayer, please remember Terry Irwin's family, Larry, Dale, Bev in rehab, and those who are home bound and in nursing facilities.

May we pray;

God of life, we stand in awe of Your greatness. We ask that You guide our every step and place Your peace in our hearts. We pray for Your comfort, strength, and healing for those, in the midst of the storms of life, who need physical and spiritual healing. Thank You for the many people who work tirelessly to keep us safe, for they are an extension of Your love. Thank You for Your gift of life through Jesus, the Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

Growing up in the late 50's I loved going to our grandparents in Greenwich. Grandpa worked for the railroad, and sometimes he would take us down by the tracks to watch trains go by. Don't tell the Government, but we also put pennies on the tracks so the trains could press them flat. However, the best part of our visits was just before we

went home. Grandma would go upstairs and bring down a couple of airplane model kits as gifts for my brother and me. Our sister was younger so she usually got socks or mittens; sorry Sandy!

When we got home, Tom and I couldn't wait to put together our models. We would look at the pictures on the box lids and start assembling. Pieces went everywhere. We knew where the wings went, the tail etc. We glued every piece in such a hurry that when we were done, we found we still had some parts left over. What's this piece? Oh well, who needs a pilot. Oops, we missed the landing gear. Ok, just make it look like it is always flying. And, then there were the decals. Are they peel and stick? Nope! Ruined the whole sheet. But then, we noticed, in the bottom of the boxes a white sheet of paper with drawings and numbers. Instructions! Step by step instructions on how to assemble the models. In our haste to get them put together, we realized we did pretty poor jobs. It appears that instructions are a rather important part of how we handle life and all its little projects.

I'm sure you know where I'm going with this. Yes, the Bible is the instruction manual for the Christian as well as others who are trying to piece together how to live and cope in life. In 2 Timothy 3, Paul instructs Timothy on the benefits of God's word and how they will help lead him (and us) to fruitful and productive lives. Verses 16-17 state, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction and righteousness, that the man [or woman] of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." Paul is telling Timothy, and us, that we need to read, understand, and put to use the instructions we have been given by God. Sometimes instructions can be a little confusing, so that is why we need to consult them every day.

Tom and I got much better at putting together the models. We began to take all the pieces apart first, dry fit each, and followed the instructions step by step. We both became pretty good at assembling our models so that they actually looked like the pictures.

It is the same with God's word. If we follow what He instructs, we will be equipped to live in this world, and to go and do the good works God has appointed for us.

In His Peace,

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