

Another Word May 20, 2026

To our family and friends of King Road Christian Church

Hello, on a rainy Wednesday afternoon in Ashland. We just finished our first session in the Book of 1Peter; what a great conversation and study we had. There is still time to join us either at 10:30 or 6pm on May 27th and books are still available.

We want to extend a big thank you to all who supported the Angelman's and Fostering Families fundraisers over the past 2 Saturdays. And a big thanks for "Team KRC" for representing us at the Fostering Families walk and run. Well done!

We have a clean-up day scheduled for this Saturday at 10 am. However, it looks like it may be raining all day. If it is, please stay home and we will schedule it for another time.

This Sunday is not only Pentecost, but also Memorial Day weekend. Brad will be bringing the message, "Why did some give all?", based on John 15:12-15. I look forward to hearing this moving message honoring those who gave all for our freedoms.

We are all invited to Brendan Henderson's graduation party at our pavilion Saturday, May 30th from 1 to 4pm. Come out to congratulate him on this milestone event and wish him well as he prepares for college this fall. Well done, Brendan!

And speaking of graduates, Emma Gearhart is graduating from college this week. We will be honoring Emma and Brendan on June 7th during our service.

May 31 is also a very special day... it's the 5th Sunday which means, its potluck time! We will be having a baked potato bar with all the trimmings. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area for sides,

deserts, and beverages. See Jan with questions. I can almost taste them now!!

I am happy to announce that Natalie Brown and Anthony Burton will be joined in marriage, June 20th. I have been given the honor of officiating their service. Wish them well as they begin this wonderful gift, ordained by God.

As we go to prayer, please pray for good results with the pre-surgery tests being taken by Ada Sue Workman.

O Holy and God, we give thanks to you for your love, compassion, and forgiveness. Your unerring word guides us each day as we are confronted with the challenges of life. We ask for Your healing and comfort to cover those suffering from physical and emotional pain. Please guide our world and national leaders that they may hear and heed Your voice. Please protect those who daily stand in harm's way, preserving our peace and safety. Guide our steps and may our path and direction always remain clear and straight as we boldly reach out to others, offering them Your pure and perfect love. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Back in the mid 70's, I was working in a furniture store in Lancaster, Ohio. The owner of the store opened a clock gallery of fine mantle, wall, and grandfather clocks. They were beautiful time pieces, items that could last decades if not centuries. There was a problem though. Oh, we could sell them. But who would deliver them, set them up, and service them?

Enter an elderly clock-smith by the name of Hans. Hans was employed for a while to set up the clocks in the store as well as in the homes. Whenever he came to the store, I made sure I was around to watch what he did, to ask questions, and to understand the workings of the clocks so I would be more confident in selling them.

One of the neat things he pointed out to me is something called a “witness mark.” Clocks of this nature don’t come with an instruction manual. There is not a list of parts or a “how to assemble” drawings, like you get with a piece of furniture in a box. The different types of works (the gears, weights, and pendulum) are made to fit a specific wood case and bonnet. Each unit is then aligned and balanced with the case and bonnet so that they work flawlessly together. And once they work, a small scratch or mark is placed at critical spots, so that if someone is servicing the clock years later, the small marks will help them reset the clock’s mechanism.

If you think about it, God wants us to leave our “witness marks” as we serve others in our broken world. Paul writes to the Romans and to us, saying, “Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, and to build them up.” (Romans 15: 5.) We are to be an example of our God, who loves and encourages others by loving our neighbor.

Reaching out to others in kindness may seem like a small thing, but your “witness mark” can make a lasting difference in someone’s life. A smile, an uplifting word, or even just giving a listening ear; these are all kindnesses that can leave a lasting mark and bring someone back in balance with God. So, don’t be afraid to make a mark for Him in someone’s life today!

In His Peace,

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