

Another Word June 9, 2026

To our family and friends of King Road Christian Church

It was a wonderful day last Sunday as we recognized our graduates, Brendan Henderson and Emma Gearhart. Brendan will be heading to OSU to study statistics and Emma will be continuing on to Cleveland State Law School. Please wish them well and pray for their continued success in the academic world. Well done to each of you!

Looking at the weather, as of now it is supposed to be a clear day this Saturday, so we should be able to pull some weeds, trim some bushes, and clean the windows. We will meet at 10 am and hope to be finished by noon. See you this Saturday, the 13th.

Because of the many days of rain in April and May, the roof replacement has been postponed. If all goes well, I look forward to it being completed sometime in July. Instead of a fund-raising campaign, we are asking you to pray that all goes well, and if you feel convicted to contribute to the fund, just mark your offering check with "Roof Fund". Thank you for prayerfully considering helping in this much needed improvement.

The Fourth of July is fast approaching! We again will host a fireworks party that evening and expect quite a crowd! Water has already been provided. And a number of you have already given cash for ice cream bars and popsicles. What we need are a few coolers and a few of you to greet, pass out the treats, and just mingle with the crowds. It's a great time so wear something Red, White, and Blue, and help celebrate the birth of our nation!

As we go to prayer, please pray for Terri Thomas and Ada Sue Workman as they prepare for surgeries. For Durita and the family of John Kirby who passed away late this morning. Let us pray.

O Holy and gracious God, You are a constant source of peace and joy to us. We thank You for Your gift of grace and mercy. May Your loving spirit watch over us and may we be moved to reach out and love and comfort others. Please give peace, courage, and hope to our loved ones who are facing surgeries, healings, personal loss, and emotional trials. Continue to bless our Nation as we prepare to celebrate its birth. We offer this prayer in Jesus' blessed name, Amen.

Donita loves to do puzzles. In the winter months, the card table almost becomes a permanent fixture in our living room. Personally, I'm not too excited when another pile of pieces is poured out on the table. However, I am just ornery enough to pick up a piece or two and hide them so I can be the one to finish the picture.

Now don't boo me too much. Recently, I have been getting more and more interested in putting them together. In fact, I really got involved in the last one we did and almost took over the table. Even though we worked on it every day, there were times when hardly a piece was put in place. But we kept at it until finally we could celebrate that it was complete. (Donita placed the last piece.) See, I can be a nice guy.

The puzzles got me thinking. Sometimes, life can be just like a jigsaw puzzle. Some pieces may be in place, but there are many more that need sorted out and placed properly. (And no, you can't cut some of them to fit.) Like the puzzle, God is the one working on us to transform

us from a life of jumbled pieces to a work of art. It just happens that at times it can be hard for us to see much progress.

When this happens, we need to remember Paul's words to the church in Philippi. He said that he "prayed with joy because of the good works that they were doing." (Phil 1: 3-4.) But he went on to say that it was not because of their abilities, but because of their partnership in the good news, (the Gospel) that God, "who began a good work in (them) would continue it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Phil 1: 6.) Notice the word "completion."

God has started His work in us, and He has promised to complete that work. Just like the puzzle, there may be different areas in our lives that still need piecing together. And then other times we may not feel or see that we are making any progress. Yet, we need to always have confidence that our Loving God has all the pieces and is continually working on us so that we may become the masterpiece He has called us to be.

In His Peace,

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