

Another Word September 8, 2025

To our family and friends of King Road Christian Church

Well, the “dog days” of summer are over and the cool days of fall have begun. Autumn doesn’t officially begin until the 22nd, but it is rather “cool” outside right now so I’m just going with it. We have been blessed with some fantastic weather recently after such a hot summer. I hope you all can get out there and enjoy these beautiful days.

Brian would like everyone to give him a list of some of your favorite hymns. I’m sure he is working on something special, so, get them to him soon.

LifeWise Middle School will start with us Sept. 16th. We have enough supplies to get us through September and into October but by then we will need extra funds for meals. If you would like to help, you may donate cash or check with a note for meals, LifeWise. Thank you.

The Fostering Families Banquet is fast approaching. It will be held Sept. 23rd at The Mount Vernon Estate. This is a fund raising event for them. The guest speaker is Austin Ludwig, an Artist, Pastor, and Foster Alum. If you are interested in attending please let me know by Sept. 15th.

For many years we have participated in the annual Crop Walk for hunger. Dick Reich has once again volunteered to head up this worthwhile project. He will be set up in the gathering area each Sunday this September to answer questions and take donations to help stop hunger worldwide. 25% of all monies collected remain in Ashland to also help those in need.

Our scriptures for the next few weeks are:

Sept 14- Psalm 14 and Luke 15: 1-10

Sept 21- Psalm 79: 1-9 and Luke 16: 1-13

Sept 28- Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16 and Luke 16: 19-31

As we go to the Lord in prayer, please remember Dale Campbell, Ruth Paulsen, Jan Robinson's brother, Wade Kimball's father, and the Briggs family who have taken on 4 foster children from one family.

May we pray. Most gracious and eternal God. We come to you this day filled with awe and wonder. You are strong and unchanging; bold and unyielding. Yet, our lives are so easily bent by the distractions and uncertainties of life. In the midst of all that confounds and confuses, may we always remember that You are there, guiding us by quiet whispers and through Your words of hope and truth. May we also remember that as You show us love, we must in turn, show love to our neighbor. Use us to advance your Kingdom here on earth as it is in Heaven. Guide our steps as we travel on our journey of life. In Jesus' Holy name, Amen

A number of years ago a friend and I went on a 3-day motorcycle trip into the mountains of Pennsylvania. It was great. We saw beautiful scenery, met nice people, and even stopped to see Frank Lloyd Wright's masterpiece, "Falling Waters." But it was now time to head home.

As we were traveling west bound on interstate 70, we entered the large bridge that crossed the Monongahela River. Up ahead of me, I saw something dark and about the size of a brick in the middle of my lane.

And, that's when it happened. I kept looking at the thing in the road, wanting to see what it was instead of looking ahead to where I was going. As I got close to it I saw it was a large piece of iron. I looked back up, but it was too late. My front tire grazed the piece of iron and it flew up hitting my right boot. The pain was immediate and intense.

I did what every rider knows not to do. If you look at a stationary object you will ride over it. Your eyes need to be looking further out to where you are going, then you will have time to avoid dangerous obstructions.

This reminds me of Jesus walking on the water and calling Peter to step out and join Him. Peter fixes his gaze on Jesus and steps out. He even takes a few steps. But what happens next? Peter sees the storm and the waves. He takes his eyes off of where he was going, looks down... and bloop! He sinks into the lake. Jesus has to grab him and help him back into the boat. Matt 14: 27-32.

This is the life lesson for us all. Jesus calls to us and says, "It is I. Come to Me." We must keep our gaze on Jesus, no matter what may stand in our way. Whether it is a storm, health issues, or even a piece of iron, we will always be able to navigate the highways of life with Jesus as our ultimate goal.

In His Peace,

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