

The King's Courier

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PASTOR'S PAGE

How truly special you are! You are a child of *God*, and as such, you have been marvelously made in his image! There is no one who is just like you, and you are the gem of his creation.

What's that you say? You don't feel so special? You say you feel dirty because of the sins you commit especially when you try so very hard not to? You say you don't feel so special because things you've wanted to do haven't always worked out for the best? You say you don't feel so close to *God* all the time? Then hear these words:

It has nothing whatsoever to do with you and what you are (or are not) capable of doing. It's all about the sovereign power of *God*. The thing that makes all the difference is in whose hands you are found.

I recently read: A violin in my hands will get you some squeaky noise; but a violin in Itzhak Perlman's hands will get you the music of the masters. Marble in my hand is just a piece of ugly, dirt-covered stone; but marble in Michelangelo's hand will get you a magnificent David. A peanut in my hand is just a small snack; but a peanut in *George Washington Carver's* hand is peanut butter and shoe polish. A basketball in my hand is worth about

\$29.95; but a basketball in Shaquille O'Neal's hand is worth about \$30 million. A tennis racquet in my hand is a dangerous weapon; but a tennis racquet in the Williams sisters' hands is a tennis championship. A golf club in my hand means "look out, there's trouble coming"; but a golf club in Tiger Woods' hand wins the Masters. It all depends on whose hand it's in.

A rod in my hand may beat off the dogs; but a rod in Moses' hand will part the Red Sea. The jawbone of an ass in my hand is the remains of a dead donkey; but a jawbone in Samson's hand will destroy the Philistines. A slingshot in my hand is a kid's toy; but a slingshot in David's hand will drop the Goliaths in your life, because it all depends on whose hand it's in. Spit and clay in my hand will get you a little mud cake; but spit and clay in Jesus' hand will open blinded eyes. Two fish and five loaves of bread will get you a couple of fish sandwiches in my hand; but in Jesus' hand it will feed the five thousand. Nails in my hand might get you a little birdhouse; but nails in Jesus' hand hanging on a hill called Calvary is salvation for the world, because it all depends on whose hand it's in.

You ought to take those hand of yours and put them together and bless the Lord. Thank him that he's adopted you as his own and called you to be one of his chosen children. Thank him that he's given you life and a church family. Thank him for his unconditional love for you that forgives you for all the wrong that you have done. Thank him that you have been saved by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ his Son. Thank him that he's picked you up and turned you around. Thank him that he holds you in his hand. And thank him that his plan is to never let you go.

Congregational Life/Care

Pancake Breakfast

Join us for a pancake breakfast on Sunday, August 31 in the fellowship hall. We begin serving after the 8:00 a.m. service, and will continue to serve for those attending the 9:30 a.m. service. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Brunch Bunch

Brunch Bunch will meet at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, August 24 at Opie's Diner. Please sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex.

Church Night at Roger Dean Stadium

WAY-FM will be hosting another "Church Night" at Roger Dean Stadium on Saturday, August 16. If you are interested in getting a block of tickets with our church, please sign up in the narthex.

Progressive Dinner

We are planning a Progressive Dinner for Saturday, September 6, and we are in need of hosts for refreshments and appetizers, and hosts for dinners in your home. The idea is to come together at one home for refreshments and appetizers, and then split off to

individual homes for dinners. Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the Narthex if you are interested in participating, and if you are interested in being a host.

Want to join the CTK team for the annual "Light the Night" Walk for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society?

The event is scheduled for September 19 with registration and festivities beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Centennial Square in West Palm Beach. If you want to participate, or sponsor a team member, sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex.

*It's not how
we come to Faith . . .
it is the Faith itself that matters.*

Scrappin' & Crafting Saturday

Our next meeting will be Saturday, August 2 from 9:00 a.m.-noon in the fellowship hall. Bring in your favorite craft items. If you are interested, please call Michaela Washburn at 744-0942.

Annual Rummage Sale

The date for our annual Rummage Sale is Saturday, September 27. Please begin collecting your old treasures to donate to the sale. If you need help with any large items that you cannot store, please contact Jane Wille 746-2211.

Afghans for Shelters

Anyone who knits or crochets can participate in our ongoing ministry of making afghans for the children at Connor's Nursery and The Children's Place, and for the adults at the Alzheimer's Care Association. A good size for the afghans is 1 yd. X 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards. If you need yarn, or would like to learn how to knit or crochet so you can help with this ministry, contact Carol Culver at 747-3511.

Good Time Fridays

Come enjoy an evening of fun with friends for Good Time Fridays on August 22, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mike and Gail Ganzlin, 5680 Old Mystic Court, Jupiter, FL 33458 (748-5940). Bring your favorite beverage and munchies to share.

Worship, Music & Prayer

Committee Meeting

The committee will resume meeting on Tuesday, August 12, at 1:00 PM. We thank all who selected their favorite hymns for the summer 8:00 AM service. Please address your questions, suggestions, concerns, to any committee member: Joyce Mohlenhoff, Jennifer Bryan, Jane Wille, Ceil O'Neil, Jean Dempsey, Don Russell, Jerry Licklider, BJ Simon, or Pastor Saurman. We are open and look forward to new ideas.

Church Women United

Attention Men & Women:

What: Bible Study

When: Sat, August 16, 2003, 9:30 a.m.

Where: Trinity United Methodist Church
9625 N. Military Trail, PB Gardens

Theme: "Circles of Love"

If you wish to stay for fellowship following the study, bring your brown bag lunch. Beverages & sweets will be provided.

Questions? Contact Mickey White 744-5611.

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study

The Wednesday morning prayer and Bible study group meets every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room. All are welcome to join.

Outreach

Do you know of someone who is looking for a church home? Is there someone you know, who you believe would benefit from being a member of Christ the King Church, and who would be a blessing to all of us? If so - please speak to Pastor Saurman, Vicki Knauff, or any member of the Evangelism/Outreach committee. We are always adding to our list of prospective members and we'd love to add the names of people you know and care about to all those we are inviting to join us.

Al Anon & AA Meetings

Al Anon meetings are held in the fellowship hall Monday nights (Family Group) from 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday mornings (Freedom to Grow) from 10-Noon. AA meetings are Saturday nights at 8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Stewardship/Finance

Finance Committee

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be Tuesday, August 12 at 7:30 p.m.

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Tithing Goes to Sunday Dinner

A beautiful restaurant in the air-conditioned mall might be the last place you would expect to find evidence of tithing. But there it is, at one of the finest restaurants in Hayward, California.

Two brothers, the owners, and members of a local parish, are staunch believers in tithing. Besides their own tithe on personal income, they've gone a step further. Every Sunday they stand a little church next to the cash register. On the roof are these words: "We will tithe on your Sunday dinner. Write the name and address of the church of your choice on the back of your sales slip and we will donate 10% of the full amount to the church you designate."

A second location has been opened by the two brothers. The first is in Marin County, across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco. It was here that they started tithing on the Sunday receipts and the restaurant has flourished. As one of the brothers expressed it in a letter sent to local pastors, "It is our way to show our esteem and appreciation for the wonderful spirit created by the various churches in the Hayward area."

The success of the two brothers is still further proof that God will not be outdone in generosity. Remember, the decision to share with the Lord is not made with a pencil, but with the heart.

Asking For Money

Consider this paradox. Compared to the government and the bill collectors, the church almost NEVER asks for money. Yet, of all the things your money could be used for, very few are more important than what the church provides.

The church is here to share the love of Jesus Christ himself. Our money goes to serve him. The church continues to provide ministry in Jesus' name to everyone, regardless of what their contribution may be. Isn't that something you would like to be a part of?

When the farmer brings his corn to the market – the men there don't ask him by what road he traveled they simply ask how good is his corn.

General News

Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline & Folding

The newsletter deadline for the September issue of *The King's Courier* is August 15. We will fold the newsletter on August 26.

WHAT'S YOUR I.Q.? Here's a test that measures not your Intelligence Quotient but your "*Invitation Quotient*." Take it, and see how you rate.

1. Have you spoken to anyone since church services this past Sunday to share with them what Christ and his church mean to you?
2. Do you often speak to someone who has been absent from services to express your concern for them?
3. Have you invited a newcomer in your community to come to your church anytime within the past four months? The past year?
4. Have you encouraged or invited anyone who doesn't attend any Sunday School or church to visit with you?
5. During the past month, have you introduced yourself before or after worship to anyone you didn't know and extended your personal word of greeting and welcome?
6. Last Sunday, did you take the time to greet the people who sat around you in worship?
7. Do you pray for the ability to use such opportunities as God presents them to you?
8. Do you pray that the Spirit will guide you in your outreach concerns?

If you can answer all eight with an honest "yes," your I.Q. is terrific. Five to seven "yes" answers is good, but there is room for improvement. Five or fewer "yes" answers could cause your church to acquire the reputation of being cold and inhospitable.

Thank you...

To the Ladies of Christ the King,
On behalf of our children, our staff, and
the Board of Directors, I thank you for
the afghans donated for our children.

Your concern and commitment for our
work provides The Children's Place at
Home Safe a very warm and encouraging
assurance that people care about the chil-
dren. As advocates for children continue
to support our efforts, we thank you for
your unique sensitivity.

Yours very truly,
Howard S. Olshansky
Chief Executive Officer

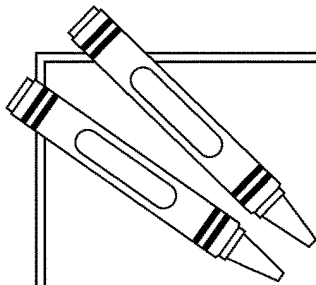
Thank you from the Kitchen Committee...

Thanks to all who have contributed to the
kitchen fund. We are almost there...you
will begin seeing the improvements soon!

TRENDS

Pastor and futurist Richard Kew pre-
dicts, as "Baby Boomers" near retire-
ment age and the numbers of elderly in-
crease, local churches will be faced with
these challenges:

- ◆ **Delayed retirement.** "Older people will work much longer. Now in my fifties, I do not expect to retire until at least 72 or 75. Older pastors will be necessary to work among seniors as they adjust."
- ◆ **Giving to their nest egg.** "I suspect we will see seniors, who have been the primary financial support for churches in the last 40 to 50 years, setting aside much more of their resources to support themselves. Ministry will have to look for other ways to fund itself."
- ◆ **Unpredictable volunteer force.** "Older folks have the energy and ability to make a significant difference for the kingdom." But, many of those may be working freelance after retirement. They "may be unavailable for volunteer work for several months, then later return." Kew advises developing short-term mission opportunities for older people.
—from Net Results (Sept. 2002)

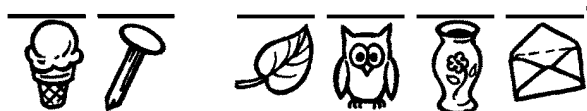
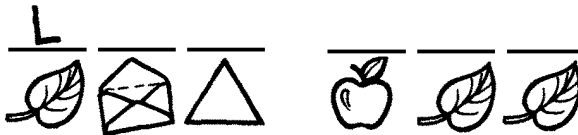
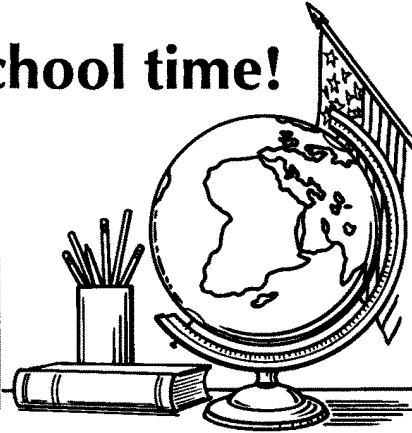


Just for **KIDS**

It's back to school time!

This is a time to make new friends and do new things!
Below is a special Bible verse to help you every day!

To find this helpful verse, write the letter that begins the word for each picture on the line above it.



1 Corinthians 16:14



Preschool News

Summer Camp is over and it was a successful 6 weeks of happy faces. Our regular school year begins August 14 and 15 with Orientation for the parents and children. Letters were sent out to all enrolled for Fall indicating their day of orientation, etc. If you did not receive one and would like to be a part of our school, please call me at 746-7095. We look forward to another exciting school year here at CTK. Our staff is in place and at this writing, are interviewing for a 2 ½ year old class teacher.

Openings are still available in all classes at present. Please stop in or call for information.

The Preschool Advisory Committee will meet this month on Tuesday, August 19, at 9:30 AM. Please note that the meeting is postponed one week.

—B.J. Simon

August Birthdays:

August 2	Sandy Curtis Nicole Miller
August 6	Nancy Peroni
August 8	Elizabeth Hall
August 11	Pastor Saurman
August 13	John Lee
August 14	Steve Clark
August 15	Bill Webb Patrick Wille
August 16	Jennifer Bryan
August 17	Diane Salina
August 18	Brad Pelton
August 19	Melissa Freling Vic Young
August 20	Dixie Lee McGaffick
August 21	Paul Culver Elsie Madsen
August 22	Yvonne Reiner Adam Ricker Andrew Washburn
August 23	Cindy Hack Emily Saurman
August 27	Rev. Tom Sinn
August 28	Emily Grant Elizabeth Keyes
August 29	Margo Webb
August 30	Diane Lynch Cheryl Milejczak
August 31	Christopher Pelton David Rhodes

August Anniversaries

August 7	Perry & Tina Grant
August 15	Alan & Linda Fiester
August 18	Bill & Jean Selfridge
August 27	John & Dorothy Lee
August 30	Jim & Leigh Clark

Worship Assistant Schedule for August

August 3 Comm.	8:00	9:30
Asst. Min.	Ben Mohlenhoff	Doris Weresczak
Comm. Asst.		Debi Miller
Ushers	Wayne Wille	Ben & Barbara Meyburg
Teller	—	Ceil O'Neil
Greeter	Carol Schneider	Mary Morrow

August 10 Comm.	8:00	9:30
Asst. Min.	Cynthia Cooper	Scott Swigart
Comm. Asst.		Cindy Swigart
Ushers	Ben Mohlenhoff	Jim Simon & Don Russell
Teller	—	Sandy Curtis
Greeter	Don & Arlene Davis	Phyllis Stafford

August 17 Comm.	8:00	9:30
Asst. Min.	Joyce DeFrancesco	Mickey White
Comm. Asst.		Debi Miller
Ushers	Rich DeFrancesco	John Bryan
Teller	—	Gertrude Licklider
Greeter	Mary Jane Custer	

August 24 Comm.	8:00	9:30
Asst. Min.	Ben Mohlenhoff	Paul Culler
Comm. Asst.		Marlene Culler
Ushers	John Lee	Doris Weresczak & Ceil O'Neil
Teller	—	Genevieve Johnson
Greeter	Paul & Carol Culver	Mickey White

August 31 Comm.	8:00	9:30
Asst. Min.	Vicki Knauff	Darren Shull
Comm. Asst.		Doris Weresczak
Ushers	Janet Krabec	Troy & Kim Priesmeyer
Teller	—	Ceil O'Neil
Greeter	Shirley Rowland	Nancy Graham

Thank you for volunteering to serve as worship assistants. In the event you cannot serve on the date or dates assigned, please arrange for a substitute and notify the church office. If you would like to volunteer to serve as Assisting Ministers, Ushers, Greeters, Teller and Communion Assistants, contact Cecilia O'Neil at 546-7123.

In Our Prayers:

Our Church Family: Ellen Allen, Carole Freeburn, Mabel Hecker, Art Lahr, Milton Lutz, Gayle & Ken Retkowski.

Homebound or in Assisted Living: Katherine Briggs, Gussie Connelly, Marie Krull, Lilyanne McCarthy, Peg Seitter, Dorothy Sinicrope.

Our Friends and Family:

Julia Baker (Mary Jane Custer's friend)
Jill Barrett (Phyllis Stafford's daughter)
Nancy & Ivan Bowser (Mickey White's friends)
Beatrice Brown (friend of Cooper family)
Arthur Burg (Shirley Anthoney's brother)
Michael Crocker (Mickey White's nephew-in-law)
Robin Culler (Paul & Marlene's son)
Jack DeHaven (Jennifer Bryan's brother)
Patricia DeHaven (Jennifer Bryan's mother)
Martha Everman (Gertrude Licklider's sister)
Kathleen Fahey (Joyce Mohlenhoff's cousin)
Andrew Fleischmann (Mickey White's brother-in-law)
Ronald Fleishchmann, Jr. & his parents (Mickey White's great nephew)
Dorothy Giller (Jean Dempsey's cousin)
Alice Howells (friend of Tom & Nancy Richards)
Allen Jensen (Russell Dempsey's cousin)
Eleanora Kennedy (Michael Kennedy's mother)
Eric Larson (friend of Marjorie Lohman)
Scott Lohman (Marjorie Lohman's grandson)

Jeanette McCready (sister-in-law of Paul & Marlene Culler)
Marilyn Parker (Marjorie Lohman's sister)
Glen Prielip (friend of Paul & Marlene Culler)
Jeff Rathgeb (friend of Kim Mohlenhoff)
Kathleen Son (Barbra Kennedy's sister)
David & Beth Stewart (friends of Vicki & Jeff Knauff)
Joyce Strickland (friend of Sandy Curtis)
Henry Sundell (Carole Vorpagel's father)
Tommy Thomas (Linda Wille's brother-in-law)
Christopher Upchurch & his parents (Mickey White's great nephew)
Kay Worth (friend of Russell & Jean Dempsey)

(At the beginning of each month, we will begin a new Prayer List. Please use a yellow message board card from the pew rack to add to or delete a name from the prayer list. Just fill out the card and place it in the offering plate.)

CTK Family Serving Our Country in the Military at Home & Abroad

Michael Culler—Air Force

Daniel Miller—Army

J.D. Upchurch—Air Force

Paul Culler's Nephew

Debi Miller's Son

Mickey White's Great Nephew

Brian Gibson—Navy

James Saurman—Marines

Joyce & Rich DeFrancesco's Nephew

Pastor & Darlene Saurman's Son

Michael Hill—Army

Jason Shindoll—Army

Linda Hill's son

Wayne Shindoll's son

Christopher Kosiorek—Army

Eric Sinks—Navy

Pastor Sinn's nephew

Joyce & Rich DeFrancesco's Nephew

Howard Link, Jr.—Navy

Christopher Speicher—Navy

Eleanor Link's Son

Shirley Cardella's Grandson



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**Sunday Social Hour
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Please sign-up to host a
Sunday Social Hour**

August 3
August 10
August 17
August 24 Brunch Bunch
August 31 Pancake Breakfast

**2003 Congregation Council
Officers and Members**

David Rhodes, President
Scott Swigart, V.P. (Education/Youth)
Tom Patri, Treasurer (Finance/Stewardship)
Vicki Knauff, Secretary (Outreach)
John Bryan
Ray Kaldor (Mission Endowment)
Ben Meyburg (Property)
Ilse Miller (Congregational Life)
Cybele Seeds (Worship & Music)

Summer Worship Schedule:

8:00 Traditional Service

9:30 Praise & Celebration Service