

Another Word October 1, 2025

To our family and friends of King Road Christian Church

Hello everyone. Welcome to October; the days of beautiful bright blue skies, leaves that are turning lush colors, crisp and cool temperatures, and of course the inevitable pumpkin spice flavored everything! I hope you will join me in thanking our most Holy God for the season changes that show us a glimpse of His great and wonderful creation.

This month's concert will feature the Dixie Land band "Redemption". The concert, that is free to all, will begin at 7pm on Monday, October 6th. Hope to see you there.

And if that's not enough music, Brian will be bringing the Shelby High School choir to sing during our October 12th service. What a wonderful time to invite friends and family to come and praise and worship our God with these beautiful singers.

Many have expressed their preferences to attend a Bible study on Wednesdays. Starting Oct. 15th at either 10:30 or 6pm, we will begin a study on the book of Daniel; how to live spiritually in a secular world. A sign up sheet will be posted in the gathering area and a study guide will be available. If you require a large print copy please note this next to your name.

Scriptures for the next few weeks are:

Oct 5- Psalm 37:1-9 and Luke 17:5-10

Oct 12- Psalm 66:1-12 and Luke 17: 11-19 plus Shelby Choir

Oct 19- Psalm 119:97-104 and Luke 18:1-8

As we go to prayer, please keep in your prayers, Terry Irwin at Ohio Health in Mansfield, and Dale Campbell as he prepares for surgery Oct. 6th, in Cleveland, as well as those on our recent prayer list.

May we pray; O God of life, we come to you with praise on our lips, and thanks in our hearts. You are the great provider, and know our needs. When life seems to press in on us, you are always there, watching, guiding, and lovingly showing us a more perfect way. May we always follow you, to live for you, and help others see your love and greatness as we do. We are truly grateful for your gift of salvation, bought through the sacrifice of Jesus, in whose perfect name we pray, Amen

One day in January 1988, I was calling on a number of customers north of Dayton. Not wanting to spend another night out on the road, I decided to head for home. I stopped in Lima for a quick supper (coffee and a donut) and headed east on old Route 30, a lonely 2-lane stretch of road that back then went through mainly flat farm land, and very little else. About 10:30 pm, as I was approaching Upper Sandusky, a loud clanging noise erupted from under the hood, and the car began to slow. The transmission had gone out. As I crossed some railroad tracks, just to the left was a little “mom and pop” diner/ truck stop. I coasted into their lot and turned off the engine. I realized I was at the end of my trip, yet was still 50 miles from home, and no cell phone. (they were just being invented)

I groaned. Just what I need, another expensive repair. I had already blown two different radiator hoses, replaced a heater core, and had a head gasket replaced just the month before!! Augghhh...what next?!?

Can you relate? Seems that when you get through one crisis, another one is waiting in the wings, ready to pounce. I think we can all relate. Besides car troubles, we all go through other troubles; an unexpected diagnosis, a sudden death of a family member or friend, or some other loss.

At these moments, we all wish and hope for things to get better, to be less broken, for our world to be less full of troubles.

There is a wonderful promise Jesus made to his disciples (and to us) in the book of John. You see, His earthly ministry was coming to the end, and he laid out what was going to happen; they will be scattered, they will be hunted, they will be persecuted, they will weep and mourn. But then he said, “..your grief will turn to joy!” (John 16:20) Turn to joy? How? Look at all of the unexpected problems Jesus said they would face. (look at the problems we also face) Where is the joy?

A few verses later, Jesus gave them a promise; a promise we all should carry in their hearts, “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

What a great promise! He knows we have problems. But with Jesus in our hearts, we can face our problems and still have peace and joy. And in the end, we will be brought home, safe and sound.

Oh, the end of my story? I walked into the diner to use their phone. Inside, there were only two people, and both were just leaving. One of the men heard me say I had car problems and asked if he could help. He happened to own a small car repair shop and salvage yard. The next day he towed my car, replaced the transmission with one he had on his lot, and had me back on the road in two days.

Trust me when I say, God is always with you. So, “take heart”, and be...

In His Peace,

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