

Another Word February 10, 2026

To our family and friends of King Road Christian Church

Brad and I hope you have a deeper meaning for who we are and what we believe during our recent series based on our congregation's By Laws and beliefs. This Sunday our message will explore the purpose of the Church. Devan Lefever of Fostering Families will also be a guest speaker.

Please mark your calendars to attend our Ash Wednesday Service, February 18th at 7pm. This is a beautiful yet solemn service that sets the stage for the season of Lent. Please invite a friend, and if you need a ride, please let us know.

Starting this Sunday, you may pick up one of our Lenten devotional books at the back of the sanctuary. We purchased extras so if you know someone who enjoys reading daily devotions, please take an extra copy.

During Lent, we will again be supporting the Ashland Pregnancy Care Center's Baby Bottle Campaign. Bottles will be available February 22nd. Thank you for your willingness to give aid and support to this wonderful organization.

The theme of our Lenten services this year is, "Jesus' last week in Jerusalem," as recorded in chapters 14 and 15 in the book of Mark.

As we go to prayer, please remember Sandi Carpenter who had emergency surgery yesterday, and be reminded that we have witnessed miracles to at least 3 of our members...yes, prayers are answered!

May we pray. Almighty God, You dwell in majesty and in mystery. Through the Holy Spirit You guide, renew, and sustain us. And through Jesus, You reveal Your love to us. Through our faith, we seek Your presence and ask that You come to us in our weakness that we will be transformed by Your strength. And through Your Spirit, may we love You as well as our neighbor, with all our hearts, soul, mind and strength. In Jesus' perfect name, Amen

We all like to receive gifts. Christmas and birthdays, among other special days, come to mind. However, the best gift is the one we receive for no reason; one just given out of love. We, at first, will be surprised. But then we will begin to feel confused and undeserving. But when explained as to why it is given, we will graciously accept it with a grateful heart.

So, what happens if we don't know what the gift is for, or how it's to be used? Most likely it will be placed on a shelf and forgotten. The following story proves my point.

In the mid to late 1800's, the east side of London was an area of abject poverty. A well-known writer, trying to raise public awareness of the horrid conditions, went to interview an elderly woman in her late 80's, who was living in total squalor. As he listened to her story, it was revealed that she had worked most of her life as a maid for a wealthy couple. The couple eventually died. There were no relatives to pass on the estate, so she became unemployed. Her meager savings soon ran out, and she was forced to live hopelessly ever since.

As the writer was preparing to leave, she pulled down from a shelf a beautiful paper with fancy writing that was given to her after the death of her employers. With tears in her eyes, she said it was the only

possession she had to remind her of the couple whom she served so faithfully for so many years. Upon inspecting the paper, the writer discovered that it was the last will and testament of the couple, leaving the complete estate to their beloved maid. However, because she could neither read nor write, she never knew what she had.

I think it's kinda obvious where this is going.

The last will and testament of God is available to everyone. It reads in part; "For God so loved the world (you can add your name here) that He gave His son,... so if you believe, you will have eternal life." John 3:16. It goes on to read, "God shows His love for us, for while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8. And then in Titus 2:11 it reads, "The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all people." These words make perfect sense to us. Why? Because someone took the time to explain them to us. And because of that, we are heirs to "The Estate." And we know that God's grace is the greatest gift ever given; given solely out of love.

As Christians, our job is to see that no one goes through life like the poor elderly lady who was in possession of an unexplained gift from God. For when this gift is explained to others with our love, it can be taken off the shelf, read, understood, and accepted by others, with a grateful and loving heart.

In His Peace,

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