

Another Word June 29, 2026

To our family and friends of King Road Christian Church

I hope you are looking forward to the fireworks and Grand Birthday celebration this Saturday! 250 years of freedom!! The crowds begin arriving around 7:30 so bring your lawn chairs, mingle with the crowds, help pass out water and ice cream, and let's have a "Booming" good time!

When I asked for donations to help with the summer needs of Associated Charities, I expected a good solid, from the heart offering. However, you once again have shown your willingness to help others in need by going the extra mile! Together you graciously gave \$551, allowing Brad and myself to purchase not only peanut butter and crackers, but also other needed items such as mac and cheese cups, hot cereal packets, and canned tuna. Thank you for your outpouring of love!

Our scriptures for this Sunday will be Psalm 145:8-14, and Galatians 2:15-21. My message title is, "A Believer's Declaration of Independence."

Please remember and pray for Terri Thomas, Ada Sue Workman, Durita Kirby and all who need comfort, healing and peace through Christ.

Let us be in prayer. We are gathered together in faith O God, to pray for our nation and for Your Living Word to guide and direct her. Help us to remember that Your dwelling place is built upon love and peace, and that to bring about Your reign we must follow Your way of peace. We pray for our government and legislatures that they may be mindful of the rights of the people in order that we may live in peace and dignity.

May our laws be just and our justice be impartial yet true to Your Word. In the name of Jesus, Your gift of life to the world, do we lift this prayer, Amen.

It's going to be hot this week so I thought I would tell you a "cool" story!

In 1914, Ernest Shackleton, a famous English explorer led an expedition in an attempt to cross Antarctica. Sadly, the attempt was unsuccessful. His ship, The Endurance, became trapped in the ice and because of the terrific pressure, sank. He and his crew salvaged lifeboats and some supplies and began the long and arduous task to find land, while on a moving ice flow and in minus 20-degree temperatures. With no way to communicate with the outside world, it became a test of endurance to just stay alive. By a stroke of luck, the flow took them close to Elephant Island. Although uninhabited, it was at least land. While most of the crew stayed behind, Shackleton and 5 crewmen, after fitting one of the boats with a crude shelter and makeshift sail, set out into the raging ocean on an 800-mile two-week journey, hoping to reach South Georgia Island, the closest inhabited port in the South Atlantic.

This "failed" expedition became a victorious success when upon reaching South Georgia, they were able to commandeer a ship, return to Elephant Island and save every crewmember. All thanks to their courage and their endurance!

The apostle Paul also knew what it was to endure. On his way to Rome to face trial for his belief in Jesus, the ship he was on sailed into a violent storm and was about to sink. Paul encouraged the crew of the ship with the promise that God would see to it that all of them would

survive, despite the loss of the ship. (Acts 27: 23-24) And yes, like Shackleton's crew, they all survived.

When disaster strikes, we tend to want God to make it better, IMMEDIATELY! (can I get an Amen on that!) However, God gives us faith to "endure," to grow, and to trust. In Romans 5:3, Paul writes, "Suffering produces endurance." Knowing that, like the crew of Shackleton, and the crew on Paul's journey, we will also be able to endure our hard times in life by staying together, encouraging one another, and by placing all of our trust in God.

Holy God, guide us, keep us going with endurance, even when the going becomes difficult, and seemingly impossible, Amen

In His Peace,

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