

## Another Word August 19,2025

To our family and friends of King Road Christian Church

Our picnic on the 10<sup>th</sup> was well attended, and all the side dishes were incredible! I still feel a little stuffed with all the good eats and treats.

It's so hard to believe that we are over half-way through August, school has started, and fall is just around the corner. I can almost hear those Christmas Bells ringing.....

This Sunday will be a special day in the life of Christ's Church. I will be officially appointed as your Pastor during an Ordination Service led by Dr. Rick Grace of The Disciple Heritage Fellowship. Since we became an independent church last November, my commissioning to the church has no longer been in effect. This Service, conducted by Dr. Grace and our Elders, will allow me to publicly re-affirm my commitment to God, and my commitment to you, the Body of Christ. I hope you can be present, not only as a witness, but to also re-commit each of us to God, through Jesus. See you this Sunday.

Scriptures for the next few weeks:

Aug. 31- Psalm 46 and Acts 28: 17-31

Sept. 7- Psalm 86: 1-12 and Luke 11: 1-4

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

As we go to prayer, please remember: Jan Herrmann, Brenda Dull, Dale Campbell, Linda Honniffer, Bev Zimmerman, Terry Irwin, and Ruth Paulsen.

Dear loving Father. We give You thanks each day for Your gifts of merciful kindness and faithfulness. May we never become so obsessed with our lives that we lose sight of Your presence, Your guidance, and Your love. May we find new ways to share Your promise of faith, grace, and love as we hold up to You those in need of Your calming and peaceful touch. May they feel Your presence and find comfort in Your arms. Help each of us stay connected to You, and bloom in ways that help others grow in Your love. In Jesus' most Holy name we pray, Amen.

There is a knock at the door. You look out the window and you don't recognize who is standing there. You open the door... it's a salesman, wanting you to buy something. You may talk a little. But you either buy or say no and then they leave. You never invited them in the house. Another knock, you look out and it's the neighbor's teenager, raising money for the band. What do you do? You open the door and invite them in. They stay just inside the door while you get money to donate. Then, there is another knock at the door. Who is it? Oh, a good friend. He comes in, sits down in the living room, puts his feet up and stays a while. Another knock at the door. (Starting to feel like Grand Central Station.) Oh, it's your brother. He comes in and goes straight to the fridge for a snack, heads to the family room, turns on the TV, and settles in to watch the big game. Hey bro, help yourself and make yourself at home.

So, what do we learn from this? We can tell who we know and trust by how far we allow a person into our house. That actually makes sense doesn't it. So, what would you do if Jesus came knocking?

Our stained-glass window in the front of our sanctuary, shows Jesus knocking at the door. Remember, He can't enter because there is no door knob on His side. It is up to us to open the door and invite Him in.

Paul, in Colossians 2, verse 6 says, "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord..." (Well first, I hope you have answered the door and invited Him in.) Now, the rest of the verse reads, "...continue to live in Him." What that means is, after you have invited Him in, do you leave Him just inside the door, or do you invite Him deeper inside your house; Into more and more rooms.

I think some of us may leave Him just inside the door. Let's face it, most of us have, shall we say, messy rooms in our lives. Maybe you are afraid to let Him see that you still feel lonely or depressed. Or maybe you have some old problem that you have been hiding and are still dealing with. The point of this verse? Once you have invited Him in, don't leave Him standing alone. Offer Him your whole life, messes and all. Remember, we are children of God, and Jesus is family. By trusting and taking Jesus deeper into our lives, we will become closer to Him. And the closer we become, the greater joy, love, and peace we will have.

So, watch out for door to door salesmen, but be sure to welcome Jesus deep into your heart and home.

In His Peace,

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