

Another Word Aug. 26, 2026

To our family and friends of King Road Christian Church

It's so hard to believe that next week is September! Schools are back in session, and cooler days are close behind. There are a number of activities coming up, so let's get started---

This Sunday, Aug. 30th, is our all-church picnic! If you forgot to sign up, no worries! Just bring a dish to share when you come to church. We are providing hamburgers and hot dogs. Oh, and bring a friend.

The Ashland Pregnancy Care Center will be having its grand opening and ribbon cutting Sept. 4th starting at 11:45

Tuesday September the 8th is our first jazz concert of the season. It will feature the AFM Local 15 Big Jazz Band. This band is made up of top players from around the state. Hope to see you at this free concert.

Our next Bible Study will begin, Sept. 9th. We will be diving into the book of Romans. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area. Books are on order. Times are Wednesdays at either 10:30 or 6pm. Large print booklets will be available.

We will again be hosting the middle school students for LifeWise classes on Tuesdays. Classes will begin the last week of September. We are in need of a few more volunteers and a teacher. If you feel the tug on your heart to help, please see Jan Robinson or me.

As we go to prayer, please hold up and remember Roger and Pat Long, Francis Rasmussen, Dale Campbell, Miriam Brady over the loss of her sister-in-law, and Sandy Hockenberry.

Oh, Gracious Lord. May all praise and glory be to You, and to You alone. We thank You for our precious gift of life. May we always be aware and follow Your guidance and teaching through Your Word. Even as the world seems to be spinning out of control we ask, "What can we do? Where can we help?" But then our hearts say, "I hear You, send me!" Show us how to strip away the layers of hate, greed, and deception so we can cover the world with Your love and grace. In Jesus' precious name, Amen

"Welcome to the homeowner's club!" These words were said to me just after we bought our first home in 1975. I was listing some minor repairs that needed done when a friend of mine uttered those infamous words. Since then, I have spent countless hours repairing, replacing, rebuilding, and repainting every inch of walls, ceilings, and floors. You would think that after 41 years in our current home, we would have tackled every room, and everything would be put in order. Yeah, right!

Not long ago, Donita said to me, "I think we need to strip the wallpaper in the entryway and paint." Years ago, we had repapered the entryway over the existing paper and all I could think about was rock hard 60- to 80-year-old paper and paste. Don said it would be her project and that she would steam the paper herself. Great!!

The first layer removed easily. But when she got to the "real old stuff," it became quite a labor-intensive job. It took her a couple of days, but she managed to remove all the old paper and paste. However, her efforts revealed that the walls needed extensive repairs. The old paper was used to cover up cracks and a bad roof leak that had severely damaged an archway in the ceiling. It took almost 2 weeks to remove and replace the old stained and ruined plaster, but the walls and arch are now in

much better shape. It was quite an effort for such a seemingly small project, but it now looks brand new.

We realized that the previous owners had used wallpaper to cover up damage, when their efforts should have been used to repair the damage. It's the same with our lives. The Bible tells us to, "Live free, but don't use your freedom as a cover-up for sin. (1Peter 2: 16) Peter is telling us that if something is wrong or broken in our lives, we need to act to make it right. If we ignore or try to cover up our imperfections and sins, they will eventually destroy us. Wise words!

Our lives are a lot like our little entryway project. We need to see that a change in our lives is needed. Next, we must strip off the layers of denial and then set out to repair the damage. Changing our ways is the first step. It is asking God for forgiveness. For without His forgiveness, we will never begin to repair the cracks and imperfections we will find.

Maybe you have just realized you have hurt someone, and the scars need to be mended. Peter gives us instructions on how to fix the damage. We are to reach out and "Love each other deeply. Because love covers over a multitude of sins." (1Peter 4:8) This doesn't mean we are to conceal sin. Peter is telling us that love will always, in a positive way, affect our relationships with each other and with our relationship with God. And that love is like the paint Donita and I put on the walls. A love that covered the scars and stains of life, and makes everything become brand new.

In His Peace,

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