



January 2021

# Campus Sojourner



## Thank Offering Update

*Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and perform your vows to the Most High*

(Psalm 50:14, ESV)

We give thanks for the generosity of everyone who has blessed our congregation with *Thank Offering* gifts at the close of 2020. We have met our initial goal of \$9000, yet the response of our members to this special offering continues. Your giving provides essential support to our mission of "Living and sharing the transforming love of Christ," and will enable us to serve God, our neighbors and one another with excellence in 2021.



### UN-DECORATING PARTY

On **Sunday, January 3rd, at 11:00 PM**, we will gather to take down the Christmas

Tree and un-decorate the church. Please plan to join us.



### Celebrate Epiphany

**NOTE:** We will only have one service at **10:00 AM** on Sunday, **January 3rd**.

### Weekly Calendar

#### Sunday

8:30 am First Service  
9:45 am Education Hour  
11:00 am Second Service

#### Monday

#### Tuesday

8:30 am Staff Meeting

#### Wednesday

5:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

#### Thursday

Craig Busseau's Day Off  
7:00 am Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Thursdays (Zoom Meeting)  
10:00 am "Son"shine Ladies Bible Study (Zoom Meeting)

#### Friday

Pastor Kent's Day Off  
10:00 am American English for Internationals (Zoom Meeting)

### Baptized



Meridith & Jeremy Haley and family celebrate as Kyler Maddox Haley is Baptized into the family of Christ on Sunday, December 13th.



**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 25, 2020 – JANUARY 1, 2021.**

**WE WILL RE-OPEN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021**

*Living and Sharing the Transforming Love of Christ*



## ***Pastor's Corner***

*"When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains." Mark 13:7-8*

Our calendars tell us that 2020 is history! And, oh what a year it was!! Our world and our lives have been marked by the horrible experience of the Covid-19 pandemic. We've social distanced. We've cared for the sick. We've grieved. We've postponed. We've been inconvenienced. We've adapted. We've learned new technology. We've done things differently. We've called friends. We've connected in new ways. We've served. We've cared for one another. And it's likely that we will continue to do many of these same things even as we begin this new year.

God's Word reminds us that we live in a world that is quickly fading away. Jesus points us to the signs of its terminal condition. There will be wars and rumors of wars, earthquakes and famines. And our experience bears out the presence of these terrible events. But notice what Jesus says at the end of Mark 13:8, *"These are the beginning of birth pains."*

In other words, we're not headed toward gloom and doom. "Birth" signals something new. These agonizing realities of a fallen world are really the birth pains of something better. A new era is about to begin!

As we begin this New Year we look ahead with hope. Fear and anxiety are beaten back because we know that the love of Christ that has sustained us so far will continue to carry us forward into a new year of God's grace. We can look forward to 2021 with joyful anticipation because we go forward with God's grace and the peace of Christ.

Whatever the new year brings, we hold tightly to the words of Romans 8:38-39, *"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

God will be with us – no matter what. And our response will be to glorify Him with faithful, fruitful lives. Endings can be painful and tough. But Jesus didn't come to bring us endings. He came to give us new life. In Jesus we are new creations, complete with new hearts, new spirits, new strength, new vision and new opportunities. If we look carefully, we will discover that we are surrounded – both individually and as a church – by new openings for experiencing Jesus and sharing His Good News.

Jesus equips us for this Gospel mission by forgiving our sins and renewing us through worship, Holy Communion, fellowship with other believers, service in the name of Christ, Scripture reading, prayer, 1335 Groups... We are never far from His grace and we are never far from the new hope that Jesus gives!

With Jesus there is no dark end. So, *let us begin...* living the new life we have in Jesus Christ.

Serving Christ with you,

*Pastor Kent*



## Discipleship and Family Life Ministry

### Disciples: Fishers of People?

Back when I was the science and 4<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher at my school, I frequently received gifts that were living. Most of the time they came to school without notice. I presume that parents thought children were not taking proper care of their 'pets.' I can still hear them saying, "Maybe Mr. Busseau wants them." One year I was given six aquariums and their aquatic contents. Of course, I had a few of my own, too.

I found that the kids who may have not seemed to be good aquarium keepers at home loved to spend class time doing so. Putting up a 'duty roster' and giving a reasonable amount of animal-care time during the day worked well for me. The daily needs of 'my fish' were adequately satisfied. I would say that we were better-than-average aquarium keepers.

On Fridays, I was the last teacher to leave campus. We were required to stay 30 minutes past dismissal, and most of us were gone in 31. I usually spent at least 90 minutes cleaning up the tanks before leaving for the weekend. Most of the time the critters whom I left in good shape were there to greet me on Monday morning.

Radio personality Paul Harvey once said that as Christians, "We've drifted away from being fishers of men to being keepers of the aquarium". The Apostle Matthew records in chapter 4 some words of Jesus' about fishing:

<sup>18</sup> While walking by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men (and women)" <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup> And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

Was Paul Harvey correct? Have we become something besides what disciples are called to be? Frequently so.

As I wrote above, my students and I were better-than-average aquarium keepers. The fish were taken care of, but they were still fish in glass boxes waiting for food to be provided from a shaker-can. They had no ability to positively affect their surroundings.

In the Scripture lesson above, Jesus begins to teach His disciples about patience, opportunity, and the wisdom of becoming 'fishers of people.' That I have taught this Bible lesson forty times is a very conservative estimate. The point I always tried to get across was that normally the fate for the 'catch' is to become someone's lunch unless the fish gets tossed back in the lake. Whereas the result for men and women caught during one of Jesus' fishing expeditions is eternal life and being called to fish for others, so they in turn may fish for others.

As we enter a new year, one with COVID still lurking, we have the opportunity to positively affect our surroundings. Our recent sermon-series has provided a roadmap to joining Jesus on His mission; being called to be disciples who are sent out to make more disciples. It's not rocket science. It's about caring for others. Yes, we can fish for people. And they will be better off for it!

*Craig Busseau*

# Student Ministry



By Carolyn Faber

## Friendsgiving 2020

In a normal year a buffet line would be spilling over with food, voices and laughter of students would echo off the walls as they waited in line. Seats would be filled with bodies as we reflect on the blessings that God has put in our lives. That's what a normal Friendsgiving for the Gathering would look like.

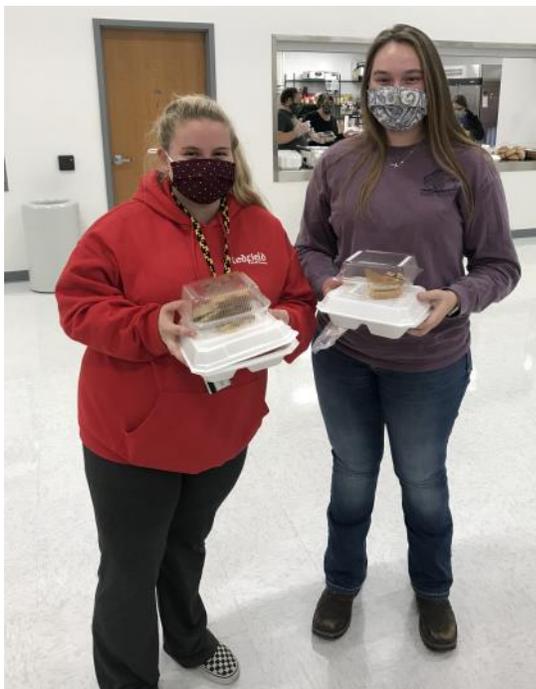
However, it wasn't a normal year. Keeping students safe and healthy is a priority and that called into question how safely we could all sit around and eat together as a group. When nearly half of the students were out one week for quarantine, it seemed like holding Friendsgiving would be a risky decision.

Cancelling it altogether didn't seem like a good option either. For new students they would be missing out on one of student's favorite events through the year, and for every student they would lose the fellowship aspect of sharing a meal with the people they had been worshipping with all semester.

The decision was made to pivot to a grab and go format. Meals were prepared and packaged by caring members of the congregation. Students could then come and grab a box of hot food and join on a video conference for the Gathering later in the evening. For students that were sick or in quarantine, they could sign up to have a meal delivered to their doorstep. It wasn't a normal year, and it wasn't a normal Friendsgiving.

However, we have never before been able to connect with students during Friendsgiving who were not in Columbia. This gave the opportunity for students who had already went home for break to still be a part of the Gathering. We have never before been able to share Friendsgiving with the sick who are not able to physically come. But we did this year.

As 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, "give thanks in all circumstances." Even in a COVID world where in person gatherings have to be reconsidered, I am thankful for the technology that allows us to still share God's word, and the hands of volunteers that were still happy to prepare food for students, for students who volunteered to drive and deliver meals and for the opportunity to hold a Friendsgiving, even if it didn't look as it has in the past.



# DORCAS GUILD

## Christmas Stockings



# Church Decorating





## Church Decorating Continued





### 2020-2021 LSF Officers

President:	<b>Carolyn Faber</b>
Vice President:	<b>Caroline Kelly</b>
Treasurer:	<b>Joshua McDowell</b>
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### THE GATHERING

#### The Gathering

The Gathering is a weekly Bible study for college aged students which focuses on equipping students with biblical truths, and providing an environment for authentic Christian relationships with peers.

**Date:** Every Wednesday

**Time:** 8:30-10:00pm

**Audience:** College Student Ministry

**Location:** Community Life Center

## Congratulations to our December Graduate, Jake Vaughn



#### How To Connect

OrgSync - <https://orgsync.com/47114/chapter>



LSF Mizzou



gathering.como



# † Elders' Prayers:

**DECEMBER 19** - Jacob **VAUGHN**; Matthew **VAUGHN**; Rob, Chris, Kaleb & Levi **VAUGHN**; Tiffany, Katelynn & Michael **VEACH**; Riley **VOGLER**; Kimmie **WALKER**; Scott & Laurie **WALLACE**; Rose **WARD**; Yvonne **WARNER**; Gary **WARNER**; Lynn **WHEELER**; Steve & Gail **WHITE**; Gretchen **WILLIAMS**; Bill & Geri **WILSON**; Mary Anne **WOLFMEYER**; Tina & Gerry **WORLEY**; Andrew **YANZ**; Morgan **YANZ**; Prescott & Robin **YANZ**; Paul & Peggy **YOUNG**; Chris **ZACHARY**; Iris & Abraham **ZACHARY**; Amy **ZIMMERSCHIED**; John, Julie

& Emily **ZIMMERSCHIED**

**JANUARY 16** - Ev & Joy **ADAM**; Alice **AHLERSMEYER**; Bethany **AHLERSMEYER**; Mike & Judy **ALEXANDER**; Tara, Brock, Logan & Reagan **ARNETT**; Pat **ATWELL**; Bob & Darlene **BACHMANN**; Geneva **BACON**; Ray **BACON**; Becki **BAIRD**; Janice **BAIRD**; Jessica **BAIRD**; Adam **BARCHET**; Carl & Cindy **BARCHET**; Erin **BARCHET**; Rollie & Tina **BARTELS**; Maxwell, Addison & Ryann **BARTELS**; Danielle & Phil **BECK**; Marilyn **BEISSENHERZ**; Amanda, Matt & Leila **BELL**; Dave & Emmy **BERG**

## Happy Birthday!

### December:

- 1 - Dennis Reith, Iris Zachary
- 5 - Chris Zachary, Ken Greimann
- 6 - Benjamin Dupre
- 8 - Reagan Arnett
- 9 - Jessica Baird, Kelsey Morgret
- 10 - Emily Zimmerschied, Erin Barchet
- 13 - Angela Hubert, Ann Hughes
- 15 - Caleb Brown
- 16 - Brian Marcum, Dana Hibbard
- 17 - Bennie Ruth Gilbert
- 20 - Dan Schoenherr, Zach Group, Ron Hein

- 22 - Kathy Musbach
- 23 - Jackie Garvey, Robert Lee
- 24 - Mark Garvey, Rachel Skrabal
- 28 - Kaleb Vaughn
- 29 - Betty Stuenkel
- 31 - Isaac Zachary

### January:

- 1 - Chloe Patterson, Benjamin Duque
- 2 - John Klocke
- 4 - Vicki Smith, Caitlyn Huggins
- 5 - Carol Nacarato, Eva Moentmann
- 6 - Lynn Wheeler, Becki Baird
- 7 - April McAdams, Howard Dierking, Steve Brown
- 8 - Troy McAdams
- 11 - Bev Mathews

- 18 - Anne Dart
- 22 - Donna Bogle
- 24 - Hannah Nacarato
- 25 - Emmy Berg
- 26 - Paul Bruner
- 27 - Beth Greimann
- 29 - Addison Bartels, Richard Ingmire, Judy Alexander
- 31 - Corinthia Davison



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, calls, cards and donations during my time of Covid and the loss of Don. God has sent me many friends since I have become a part of this church. I love you all dearly. You will never know the blessing you have been to me and my family. Again, thank you so much.

*Vicki Smith and Family*



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**December:**

Dave Berg, Janice Baird,  
Yvonne Warner, Sharon Peirce,  
Marilyn Beissenherz, Wanda Horn,  
Joy Lilienkamp, LaDonna Telle,  
Jenny Coon, Mary Anne Wolfmeyer,  
Lindy Holley, Tracy Sill,  
Angela Hubert, Chris Lohmann,  
Luke Lilienkamp, Clara Telle,  
Robert Lee, Paul Forney, Jr.

Rose Ward, Rachel Skrabal,  
Linda Hoffman, PJ DiBiasi,  
Joy Adam, Lynn Wheeler,  
Ken Greimann, Ron Hein,  
Gerald Littell, Dennis Bogle,  
Bob Herting, Ann Hughes,  
Becki Baird, Brian Marcum,  
Barron Roth, Jessica Baird,  
Stephen Dupre, Benjamin Dupre,  
Kersten Brown, Erin Barchet,  
Tyler Brown, Kaleb Vaughn,  
Miles Forney, Annaleigh Lohmann

**January:**

Ilze Straumanis, Betty Stuenkel,  
Bev Mathews, Dan Schoenherr,  
Tom Moe, Howard Dierking,

**Wedding Anniversaries**



**December:**

Alan & LaDonna Telle celebrate 24 years on December 21  
Ken & Beth Greimann celebrate 39 years on December 19  
Ken & Linda Brokamp celebrate 54 years on December 3

**January:**

Cindy & Duane Craig celebrate 13 years on January 20  
Gerry & Kristin Duque celebrate 25 years on January 1

**Wishing You a Joyous Christmas  
and a Blessed New Year Ahead!**

*Pastor Kent Pierce  
Carolyn Faber*

*Pastor Art Simmons  
Gretchen Williams*

*Craig Busseau  
Vicki Smith*



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