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The Spirit Searches for Ways to Praise God

Psalm 16: 5-11 NIV shows us King David finding a multitude of reasons to praise God and give Him glory, simply for who He is. King David had many reasons to grumble, complain and live in fear or anger. He was literally being hunted down and having to hide out in caves from the attacks of King Saul and his men. All the while God was protecting him from his enemies while also shaping him, preparing him to lead his kingdom, and teaching him to fully depend on and trust in God. Look at how he chooses to see and speak over his situation:

⁵ LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. ⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. ⁷ I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. ⁸ I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, ¹⁰ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. ¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Speaker, Author and Pastor Joyce Meyer stated, “the flesh looks for things to complain about, but the Spirit searches for reasons to give God glory.”

Are you being led by your flesh or by His life-giving Spirit? We get to choose who we yield to each day; let us choose wisely. Let us praise God in the Spirit and trust He is able and willing to guide us safely through every trial and desert season we face in this life. Let us keep our eyes on Jesus always and believe with Him at our right hand, we will never be shaken. *Praise God we serve a living God whose plans will always prevail!*



Psalm 16: 7-8

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IMA National Conference 2019

1 Chronicles 12:32 From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders of the tribe with their relatives. All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take.

Pastor Karrie and Dawn Keepes were able to attend this year's IMA national conference in Burnsville, MN. It was an incredible three days with powerful men and women of God from all over the world, gathered together in one place to lift up praises to our One True King!

This year's theme focused on **Understanding the Times**. The speakers referenced the Scripture regarding the men of Isaachar who had a special gift and desire to understand the ways of God. They knew they were not smart enough in their own reasoning and needed to seek the mind of God to know the best course for Israel to take. Their heart was focused on knowing God deeply and listening for His will and direction.

This message of understanding the times still applies to us today.

We too both individually and collectively as the Church, are to seek God with all our hearts, soul, strength and mind so that we may know the best course God is calling us to take. God will always give understanding to those who seek Him and wisdom to those who ask. He will always light the path for those who follow Him.

Let us be like the people of Isachaar who have understanding of what God is asking of us in this generation to be His light, love and hope to a hurting people around us.

Next year's national conference will be in Bellevue, IL. It is something to experience for sure! Consider experiencing an IMA event.

Dawn shared, *"The first night there was a spark that was set ablaze inside those who were there and that spark burned into a roaring flame by Wednesday evening."*

Celebrating-

October Birthdays

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| Jon Landsverk | October 5 |
| John Moll | October 8 |
| Sidney Thurber | October 18 |
| Charlie Biddle | October 25 |
| Hanna Decot | October 27 |
| Karen Breneman | October 29 |
| Al Sugden | October 30 |

Wedding Anniversaries

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| Jane and Charlie Biddle | October 3 |
| Karrie and Jon Landsverk | October 13 |
| Kaitlyn and Dan Batz | October 13 |
| Joan and John Theel | October 21 |

Please let Pastor Karrie know if we missed your special days so we can add it to our database. Thank you!



Expanding Our Reach

As most of you have seen, we have been posting promotional videos to share the focus for upcoming messages, and we have been recording our sermons using Facebook live. *This is all a work in progress.*

These were Jon Landsverk's ideas to help get the word out there about who we are, what our church is like and encourage people to come visit us. *Thank you Jon!*

Since we have started this we have reached hundreds of people each week. This past week over 890 people saw our posts and over 470 people watched our videos.

Another fun aspect was noticing our app now has over 600 downloads as well!

God is on the move to make our church known and more so, *to make Him known!*

Here is where we can use your help: invite your connections to **"Like"** our Facebook page, **Living Gospel Church**, and to **download our app** in your playstore, **Living Gospel Church**. Please also share our app with others who might want encouragement. It's a quick, easy way to access all the great resources we house on Facebook and our website!

Love watching God move!



Updates from Vessels of Mercy Ministry

1 Corinthians 15:57 *But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Thank you all so much for prayers over Bob McCoy as he recovers from Dengue Fever. There was an epidemic spreading in Dhaka at that time taking many lives. Bob is very aware of the prayers over him and extremely grateful. While Bob is still not 100%, he recovered well enough to make it home from Bangladesh to be at his son's wedding in Minnesota, September 21st. Praise God for His favor!

God has been very faithful to this couple and the ministry they are carrying forth in Vietnam, Bangladesh, and the Philippines. During Bob's illness, God provided workers to finish the projects and seminars they had planned to carry out.

If you recall, both of the McCoy's children were born deaf and they wondered at times how everything would work out for their children. Their daughter is finishing college and their son has been called to be a church planter for deaf pastors in the mission field. Their son's new bride, also has a passion for the deaf and was already involved in deaf ministry when the two met.

Bob shared, *"It should be no surprise that God goes before us and prepares people and events to intersect with our lives so we can all fulfill our destiny."*

God is ever faithful as we place our hope and trust in Him, for every need, big and small. God will light our path and show us what we are to do to be His light in the darkness and hope to the hopeless. God will abundantly bless our faithfulness.

Let us continue to lift up this family and this ministry in prayer for God to protect and expand the impact they have in the areas they are called to serve!

Coming Events

Saturday, Oct 12th– City on a Hill Ministry day in Milwaukee. Living Gospel Church is taking a group of 15 to serve those in need.

Sunday, Oct 13th– special guest speakers-Julie and Mark Morse will be joining us from Go To Nations. It's going to be a great worship service! Please join us!

Monday Oct 21st- Ladies prayer group. 9 am at church

Saturday Oct 26th– Holiday Craft Market and Rio Food Pantry Fundraiser, Rio High School 9 am –3 pm. For every non-perishable food item brought in you receive 1 ticket towards raffle prizes.

Monday, October 28th– Neighborhood Table Meal. 5:30-7 pm at Rio Elementary School this month. Please gather as community and enjoy a free meal and great conversation.

Learning to Walk with Jesus– Connecting and Growing in Faith Together Through Small Groups.

Real Moms. Real Jesus. Once per month Thur or Fri. Talk with Britt Sugden for dates and location. Join in any time! *You are welcome and so are your children!*

Wednesdays: Youth Group 6:00 pm, Adult small group and fellowship 7 pm – Studying the Traits of Jesus.

Visit With Pastor Karrie

*Life is so busy and yet connecting with each of you is critical to the health of our church. I would love to catch up over some warm apple cider and listen to what is on your heart. **Let us be in the habit of meeting together. I am not too busy to talk with you.***

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