

# LIVING GOSPEL CHURCH NEWS

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## *Now is the Time for Courageous Faith*

**1 Corinthians 16: 13-14 NIV** <sup>13</sup> **Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.** <sup>14</sup> **Do everything in love.**

Message after message that rang true at the IMA national conference was a reminder and call for us *to rise up in courage in this time.*

There are so many variables causing great unrest in our nation and even across our world: social unrest, racial divide, political tension and fear and let us not forget a worldwide pandemic bringing about a whole slew of issues that spin off because of it. Darkness is on the rise and settling in over our nation no doubt.

But let us remember who we are and from what position we enter every battle! **We are children of the Most High God** and we are victorious in every battle in Christ Jesus! We have Heaven's armies fighting for us! We are chosen and we have a calling on our lives that remains the same in every season. **We are called to shine the light of the Gospel!**

This is a hard and troubling season in many ways, we can all agree on that. We are all affected in different ways. Yet it is not the time to shrink back in our faith or to stop being of service to God and His people. **Now is the time to shine the light of Christ all around us ever brighter, for the darkness cannot withstand the light!** Let us trust in the promises of God. Let us walk by faith and what we know to be true even when what we see might seem hopeless or discouraging. Let us persevere in these times and be strong. Christians have always been tested and pressed, and called to persevere. This is what shapes and deepens our faith-*in seasons just like this.* We have work to do right now to the glory of God and for the advancement of His Kingdom.

2 Timothy 4:5 NLT gives us this charge: <sup>5</sup> *But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.* Let us finish our race and keep pressing on.



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### Living Gospel Church Love!

**Love God. Love People. Love by Serving. *Live the Gospel.***

We are excited to offer new apparel that shares our mission, our call as Christians to follow in all seasons, and especially in this season.

**We feel this is a great way to help us all feel connected as the body and as a church family when we can't all be together right now.**

This new design was created by Jon Landsverk and we thank him for this fresh new look! The graphic includes the letter L G C overlaying each other.

There are several options including sweatshirts, long sleeve t's, youth shirts and many colors in each. Simply order online through October 20th. This is not a fundraiser, just a way for us to show our love for our church and share a positive message in these days.

Go to <https://www.bonfire.com/living-gospel-church-rio-wi/> and check out all the designs. The link is on our Facebook page.

We can't wait to see everyone wearing their new gear!

Let's show the love for Living Gospel Church and remind our world of our call to love one another.

### Celebrating– October Birthdays

Dakota Sugden	October 1
Jon Landsverk	October 5
John Moll	October 8
Charlie Biddle	October 25
Sue Moreth Wilson	October 28
Karen Breneman	October 29
Al Sugden	October 30

### Wedding Anniversaries

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



## ***Let Us Consider Jesus First, and Always***

Every seemingly impossible situation we read about in the New Testament, is overcome when the people stopped considering what they could not fix or provide for, and they started considering Jesus.

The disciples asked a profound question of Jesus, "Who in the world can be saved?" Jesus replied with spiritual truth we must remember when we need saving of all kinds: *Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*  
*Matthew 19:26*

You and I will not fix all that is broken in our world on our own. We don't have the wisdom, knowledge, resources or grace to mend all the broken pieces.

You and I cannot fix all that is broken in our lives, our families, or our communities.

*But praise be to God, Jesus can do what we cannot! He can do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine!*

In these days rather than exhausting ourselves in worry, fear and striving in our own power, let us make a habit of considering Jesus first. Let us come to Him with expectant prayer knowing He can and will do the miraculous! He will heal, mend and make new! *Let us consider Jesus-Our Savior.*



## ***Vessels of Mercy Ministries***

### ***Bringing God's Mercy to the Nations***

Bob and Darlene McCoy have visited our church a couple times now and we have been partnering with their ministry for the last four years. They are a second generation missionary family-with this ministry beginning with Bob's parents. **They will be visiting us Sunday, October 11th** to share what God has been doing through this ministry. They serve in the Philippines, Bangladesh and Vietnam. **They will be our October mission focus.** Let us pray and give generously as the Spirit leads us to their great work in this time of pandemic.

Bob and Darlene share, **The name "Vessels of Mercy" really means a lot to us.**

One definition of a vessel is: **"A large ship that goes back and forth bringing supplies from one place to another."** We see ourselves as being vessels that go back and forth from America to other nations of the earth bringing the desperately needed supplies and relief to everyone, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Another definition is: **"A hollow container, especially one used to carry something."** We see ourselves as containers that carry mercy, comfort, peace, and all the fruits of the Spirit that accompany the presence of Jesus. Our prayer is that God will continue to increase our capacity to minister to others.

A third definition is: **"A blood vessel that connects different parts of the body and carries life."** The worldwide church is described in 1 Corinthians 12 as the body of Christ. We are all different members and have different functions. We see ourselves as being connectors that bring life and strength from other members.

Ephesians 4: 12-13 <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

## Coming Events

Sunday October 11th– Missionaries Bob and Darlene McCoy with Vessels of Mercy will be joining us for worship and to share updates with their ministry efforts. Please join us or be sure to tune in!

Monday October 19th– Ladies Prayer Group 9 am at church or via Google Hangouts.

## Freedom in the Spirit– Deepening Your Faith Through Small Groups.

**Mondays: Men’s Bible Study 6:00 pm at church or on Zoom.** Contact Pat Graham for more information.

**Wednesdays: Going deeper into Sunday messages. 7:00 pm** Google Hangouts. Contact Pastor Karrie to join. **Youth Group started again– 6:15 pm at church**

**Real Moms. Real Jesus.** Still meeting monthly online. Talk with Britt Sugden for dates and location.

**John 8:36 (NLT) <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.**

*Let us gather and encourage one another to live free in Christ!*

## Connecting With Pastor Karrie

*Let’s gather safely and encourage each other. It is good for our soul to gather. We can do so safely and pray with one another.*

Please know I am always here to pray with you and lift you up.

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**May God Bless You.**

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