



CrossRoads

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*"Come, take up your cross, and follow Me."
Mark 10:21*

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A Word from the Pastor Daniel Kitchel • Senior Pastor

Dear Friends –

I love music so much. It ministers to me as a person no matter the situation. Music doubles the joy of the great times and it can diminish the heartache of uncertain times. God created music and it is good.

There is a song out right now by Matt Redman. He is the same worship leader who wrote the song, "The Heart of Worship." One of his more recent songs is called, "You Never Let Go." Read through these lyrics below and see if they don't speak loudly to you.

You Never Let Go - Matt Redman

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life
I won't turn back
I know You are near*

*And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?*

*Oh no, You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me*

*And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth*

God's love is not like our love. It has been well said that we could more easily contain Niagara Falls in a teacup than trying to comprehend the wild, uncontainable love of God. He loves us so deeply. There are no words that can adequately describe His love for all of us.

As this song portrays, the root of God's love rests in the fact that no matter what happens in life God will never let go of us. Church, let that sink in.

God will never let go of you.

In the midst of our sin – He is there.
In the midst of death – He is there.
In the midst of strife – He is there.
In the midst of anything – He is there.

When we are unfaithful, He is faithful. When we turn our backs on Him, He never turns His back on us. Even when we are at our worst, God is still at His best. You would never turn away from one of your children, and God is not going to turn away from you.

Walk into the marvelous light of God's love today. Allow his loving light to shine in every corner of your existence. God knows everything about you and still loves you anyways. Hiding from Him is just plain silly. It is tiring, lonely and will take the breath right out of you.

You have nothing to fear. God is with you. His love for you is ridiculously crazy and will take care of any fear that you or I have in this life.

He will never let go of you – ever.

I love you church. Pray without ceasing.
Daniel

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God Bless You!

Kylie's Korner

University Family,

I hope your week is going well. This week I am happy to bring you the Woodruff family. I merely asked them a few questions that would help us get to know them better. Please read this interview, enjoy it and USE it!

Q: How long have you been married and how did you meet?

A: October tenth will be fourteen years for us. We attended a high school church camp together and met there. Later on, we met up again in college. Today they have three kids; Nathan (7), Ben (5), and Chloe (2).

Q: How much time a week do you spend preparing for Sunday's worship?

A: We spend between six to seven hours a week preparing for our worship.

Q: What is something about both of you that most people would not know?

A: As a young married couple, we played a young married couple in a community play entitled "Daddy, Dear Daddy."

Q: As a family, what is one way that God has blessed you?

A: My (Amy's) parents moved to town, which is a blessing. We are living with them until their new house is completely built. The fact that we are able to build a house the way we want to and have a place to live during the process is a blessing to our entire family. emember family, one of the greatest

Remember, one of the greatest joys in life is to be part of a family. The Woodruffs are one of our own and I hope you've enjoyed getting to know them better. Thank you for your encouragement.

Through His name,
kylie

I am sure you have all heard the saying, "It takes a whole village to raise a child." I've had this expression on my mind for several days now. I wasn't sure why, then I came to church on Sunday and it hit me....it takes a whole church to raise a child!

As I'm getting everything ready for the classes on Sunday I'm thinking about all the wonderful people who serve in children's ministry. From Sunday school teachers, to those who teach Wee Worship and Crosstraining, to those who coordinate the lessons, to all the FW Friends leaders...it takes all of you to raise our next generation of believers! I thank you, our church thanks you, and our children thank you (well, they may not realize it now...but they will)!

Did you know that we have over 40 different people who serve in some aspect of children's ministry? That is amazing! It just shows what an importance our church places on our children's ministries. I think it is important for us as a church to show those who dedicate their

time to serve God through children's ministry just how much we appreciate them. This week, I would like to thank those who serve by teaching Sunday morning Wee Worship and Crosstraining:



Paula Rennaker	David Fields
Jennifer Panter	Diane Fitzsimmons
Jamie Fields	Kristi Watson
Adam Panter	Dustin Kitchel
Audra Overstreet	Karen Winkler
Gayle Cameron	Charlotte Lemke
Jeanna Riley	Tracy Campbell
Kim McDaniel	Cheryl Amatuzzo
Chris Campbell	

Thank you for the incredible job you do in teaching our children Bible truths and about God & His love.

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Praise & Prayer Requests

Praise

- Praise--Dylan had a great week at school. --The Kitchels
- PRAISE--Norman High Varsity Cheer made it to state, the first time in four years and got second place in their division. --Lyrae Helmle
- Praise God for His mercy and grace and that He is the God of second chances. --The Rennakers
- Praise for the rain and praise for our church, Daniel and all the people here and that Rick is OK. --Carolyn Cameron
- Praise that Rick Bornoff wasn't hurt and for the rain. --The Stricklands
- Praise for new house. --Nathan Woodruff
- Praise God for our church and pastor and the Love of God. --Sue Elliott
- Praise God for the rain to refresh our land, as God refreshes our souls. --Melba Fisher
- Praise God for the wonderful rain. --Roberta Leeper
- Praise--my CT scans unchanged and I'm in remission! --Jamie Fields

Prayer

- Nick Cohlma
- Our brothers and sisters in turmoil and health issues
- Parents and children separated by heart or distance
- Paula Rennaker's brother, Keith--to wait patiently on God; hope for the future
- Paula's brother-in-law, Lee--continuing health problems
- Arron & Jason Muldrew--marriage
- Traci Murdock
- The Winkler's Family

- Families who lost relatives on 9/11
- Leadership of this church and our country
- Families that have let Satan come between them. God loves us all and life is short on this earth.
- Melissa Ogburn--travel and health
- Patrick Peck--multiple health problems
- Jason Jobe--kidney failure
- Dena Peck--medical on thumb will be resolved
- Shannon Brush--tonsillitis
- Stan Tatum--recovery from shoulder surgery
- Jenny Moolenaar--multiple health problems
- Janet (Frances Skidmore's sister)--would take care of her health
- Phil Hudgins--bodily healing from car accident and spiritual acceptance of God
- Samantha Hopkins--pulled muscles in her back, quick healing
- Winklers--job situation
- forgiveness for all
- David Emberson--upcoming interview
- Dennis Strickland--travel mercies
- Natalie Strickland--tests this week
- Nancy Strickland--good results from MRI
- Special person going through a difficult time
- Sue Elliott's daughter
- Wilda Summer's family
- David Cassey--hospitalized and very ill
- My faith, God will give me strength to do His will
- Brandie McKay
- Tommy Elliott
- UCC
- Daniel
- Marcus--2 yr. old, recovery from esophagus surgery



News, Announcements and Upcoming Events

Want to get in shape?

We will be doing Pilates on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the gym. Come check it out!

Work Day

Saturday, September 30 starting at 8:30 am.

Flu/Pneumonia Vaccine

There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer. The deadline to sign up is October 8. The vaccines will be given on October 15.

Budget Requests

2007 budget requests should be submitted to the finance committee no later than October 15, 2006. Contact persons are Dave Goldsmith or Rick Bornoff.



Youth Pastor Search

Our team is meeting weekly to find God's man to be our youth pastor. Please pray for the search team.

Worshipeen

Bring your candy! There will be a drop box in the foyer for candy donations.

Capital Improvement Campaign

The renovation of our west wing continues. We are anticipating completion in about 3 weeks. All offerings designated to the Capital Improvement Campaign will go directly to pay for these improvements. Please pray for our church as we take this big step together.

Cell Phone Fundraiser

The youth are still collecting cell phones as a fundraiser. We can now collect ink cartridges. We will be paid \$1 per cartridge.

This Week @ UCC

Wednesday

5:45 pm Dinner--Meatloaf
6:15 pm Cross Training
6:45 pm Bible Studies for all ages

Thursday

9:30 am Ladies Bible Study
12:00 pm Men's Lunch—Mr. Bill's
6:00 pm Aerobics

Sunday

8:30 am Elder's Prayer Time
9:00 am Reflections
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
5:00 pm Genesis
6:00 pm Youth Group

September 17, 2006

Weekly Needs	\$5,876.00
Sunday's Offering	\$3,937.20
Missions	\$25.00
Food Pantry	\$35.00
Have a Seat	\$100.00
Capital Improvement Campaign	\$4,880.00

Wednesday Night Meal	94
Sunday School	88
Morning Worship	160
Genesis	25

Called to Serve

September 24, 2006 • 10:30 AM

Wee Worship 2 & 3's	Kristy Watson Danielle Turner
PreK & K	Adam & Jennifer Panter
Cross Training	Tracy Campbell
Greeters	Lyrae & Samantha Helmle
Comm. Prep	Todd Peterman
Nursery 9:30	Charlotte Lemke Karen Winkler
Nursery 10:30	Teresa Winkler Taylor Steffensen



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