

## FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

### Restrictions

Have you ever had cause to hide your identity?

When I went through short-term missions training, I was taught a little bit about how to not be noticed while traveling to and from mission destinations. In third world countries standing out can be dangerous. One of the reasons I was taught to not stand out is because if you appear to be a person of means, it may make you a target for thieves, so it's good to blend in.

We were taught very basic, common sense things, such as, to wear clothing that is neither new, nor flashy, to not wear any jewelry and, when paying for something, to only pull a very small amount of money out of our pocket and keep the rest of our money hidden somewhere not obvious.

Jesus didn't have any fear of thieves, or anyone else for that matter, but He did have good reason to blend in and hide His true identity. He was the richest, most blessed person of all time but He appeared to be among the poorest of people. He didn't carry around a change of clothing and He didn't carry any money on himself. He either slept under the stars or in someone else's home. His disguise was so good that His own followers often forgot who He was and doubted He was the Christ.

There were multiple times recorded in the Gospels that Jesus tells his disciples, "**tell no one**," and the restriction placed upon them to not say anything was always in regard to His true identity.

Jesus was working on a divine timetable and everything He did was orchestrated perfectly to suit God's pre-ordained schedule. The logistics of how everything worked together is unfathomable.

After His death, burial and resurrection, the restrictions were lifted and the time to proclaim Him to the world began. What began then is still going on today. We have no restrictions regarding the true identity of Jesus as Lord and Christ.

Where Jesus once told His disciples not to say anything, He now tells us to, **Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...**

And to, 1 Corinthians 9:14, ...**proclaim the gospel...**

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And to, 1 Corinthians 11:26, ...**proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

And, Ephesians 6:20, ...**in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.**

And, Colossians 1:28, **We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.**

And, 1 Peter 2:9, ...**you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;**

And 1 John 1:2 & 3 - ...**and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us—what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.**

The time of keeping the true identity of Jesus quiet has passed. We live in the time of proclamation! As the song says,

*Oh, will you not tell it today? Will you not tell it today? If the light of His presence has brightened your way, oh will you not tell it today?*

Much Love and thanks for the prayers on Kendall's behalf,

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### PEACE PRAYER

*Lord make me an instrument of your peace  
Where there is hatred let me sow love  
Where there is injury, pardon  
Where there is doubt, faith  
Where there is despair, hope  
Where there is darkness, light  
and where there is sadness, joy  
O divine master, grant that I may  
not so much seek to be consoled as to console  
to be understood as to understand  
to be loved as to love  
For it is giving that we receive  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
And it's in dying that we are born to eternal life  
Amen*

### PRAYER LIST

**Russell Day**—had open heart surgery on Monday. He is at the Kansas Heart Hospital. He will be there for another week or so and then will be transferred to Larksfield Rehab in Wichita. It would be nice if he could receive cards. His address is 620 N High Drive, Wellington, KS 67152

**Kendall LeFlore**—had gal bladder surgery on Wednesday and was home that evening.

**Shirley Stoner**—fell and fractured her left fibula. She is in a boot and will have more x-rays next week. She is doing okay so far. She would love to receive cards and phone calls. Her address is P.O. Box 307, Oxford, KS 67119

**Kendall Brundage**—continues to recover from a couple of falls. Keep him and Pat in your prayers.

**Hailee Moyer**—daughter of Maria Moyer and granddaughter of Marsha Dugan, was in a bad car accident and needs prayers for healing. She is waiting to get into a long term rehab facility. She still has a long recovery path and needs prayers. She would love Christmas cards and cards of encouragement. You can send them to Hailee Moyer, 412 S. F Street, Wellington, KS 67152

**Melinda Miller**—wife of Chris Miller, saw her doctor and was given the good news that she is cancer free! She has a few tests and some radiation ahead for her. Keep the prayers coming! Her address is Melinda Miller, 14 LaCrumbre Close, Tauranga 3110, New Zealand. Remember there is extra postage for cards sent out of the US.

### EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to Carol Norris on the loss of her son Kevin Hunt. Kevin passed away Wednesday in Wichita. Keep Carol and her family in your prayers.

### CARD OF THANKS

To Our Church Family, a heartfelt thank-you for your kind expression of sympathy. Especially the prayers, cards and words of encouragement in our walk thru life that took us through some valley's in 2020. May God Bless and continue to be Our Guide, Love Leroy & Judy Lewis.

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jordyn Clark—15th Parker Dodds—17th Patsy Pierce—17th  
Ada & Eloise Francisco—26th Martha Howell—27th  
Lonnie Bennett—29th Crystal Shields—30th Merle Willey—30th

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

#### January

Jan 10 Lynette Turney  
Jan 24 Kaylee Jenkins

Jan 17 Linda Wartick  
Jan 31 Darlene Cooney



**Royal Revelations Part VIII: Jesus Reveals**

**What's Under the Mask**

Matthew 17:1-13

Three Key Witnesses:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

A Mask \_\_\_\_\_

A Meaningful \_\_\_\_\_

Moses & Elijah - The \_\_\_\_\_ & The \_\_\_\_\_

Moses & Elijah - One \_\_\_\_\_ & One was \_\_\_\_\_

A Foot - Shaped \_\_\_\_\_

A \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Interruption

A Terrified \_\_\_\_\_

Show's \_\_\_\_\_

A Heartbreaking \_\_\_\_\_

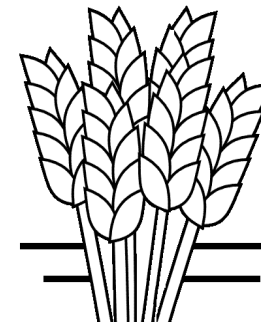
Filling in the Knowledge \_\_\_\_\_

**THOSE WHO SERVE**

SUNDAY A.M.	10-Jan 2021	17-Jan 2021	25-Jan 2021
<b>Elder in Charge</b>	R. Harris	R. Harris	R. Harris
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	A. Shields	B. Turney	L. Lewis
<b>Song Leader</b>	K. Dodds	K. Dodds	K. Dodds
<b>Communion Prayer</b>	E. Newberry	T. Norris	R. Harris
<b>Contribution Prayer &amp; Collection</b>	N. Bradbury P. Dodds	N. Bradbury P. Dodds	N. Bradbury P. Dodds
<b>Ushers</b>	J. Rayl J. Church	J. Rayl J. Church	J. Rayl J. Church
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	R. Harris	R. Harris	R. Harris
<b>Deacon in Charge</b>	K. Dodds	K. Dodds	K. Dodds
SUNDAY A.M.	31-Jan 2021	07-Feb 2021	14-Feb 2021
<b>Elder in Charge</b>	R. Harris	M. Kline	M. Kline
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	J. DeJarnett	L. Turney	K. Dodds
<b>Song Leader</b>	K. Dodds	R. Harris	R. Harris
<b>Communion Prayer</b>	M. Kline	E. Newberry	E. Newberry
<b>Contribution Prayer &amp; Collection</b>	N. Bradbury P. Dodds	A. Shields J. Willson	A. Shields J. Willson
<b>Ushers</b>	J. Rayl J. Church	D. Carroll L. Helton	D. Carroll L. Helton
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	R. Harris	M. Kline	M. Kline
<b>Deacon in Charge</b>	K. Dodds	A. Hines	A. Hines

**Note concerning COVID-19:** During this month we are asking all public non-speaking participants to wear a face covering while performing their duties. This applies to ushers and to the men collecting our contribution. If you are unable to fulfill your assignment for any reason, please call the Deacon in Charge.

<b>ELDERS</b>	<b>DEACONS</b>
Rex Harris	Kevin Dodds
Ed Newberry	Aaron Hines
Marvin Kline	Mike Neal
Tom Norris	Alan Shields
Leroy Lewis	
David Pierce	
<b>MINISTER</b>	
Wes LeFlore	



*"Reaching Inward, Outward  
Upward, Downward"*

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

January 10, 2021

Call to Worship

Prayer

Song #594 "Live for Jesus"

Song #674 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Song #366 "By Christ Redeemed"

Communion Prayers

Contribution Prayer

Contribution Collection

Lesson

Song #930 "Jesus, the Loving Shepherd"

Closing Prayer

*Every Sunday during the sermon we offer Children's Church to boys and girls ages 3 years through 2nd grade. They will meet in the study for stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.*