

Kirkland

Family News & Notes

March 29, 2020

Stepping up to things spiritual, stepping into things relationally, and stepping out to others evangelistically!

TODAY'S LESSONS

Sunday 10:30 AM: "Who is this Man?"
Buck Barrett Kent, WA (via livestream)

Sunday 5:00 PM: - Cancelled

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

1 & 2 Peter Jesse (via livestream)

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS

Book of Luke: "A Human Side of a Heavenly Savior" (via livestream)

UPCOMING LESSONS

Apr. 5 - 10:30 AM: The Big Picture -
(Part 3) Brent Hunter

Apr. 5 - 5:00 PM: Cancelled

Looking Ahead:

Mar. 31: Women Devoted to Prayer
10:30 AM* (via Zoom)

Apr. 26: VBS Meeting 4:00 PM

Member News and Prayer Requests

Our prayer for our congregation during this health crisis: "Behold I pray that in all things you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers" (III Jn 2). *Please remember to pray for our country and our leaders that wise decisions will be made during these difficult times. We are to pray for "kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" (I Tim. 2:1-2)*

Special Sunday morning sermon:

Brent was planning to be away in a gospel meeting this week and a guest speaker was scheduled, however, due to the Corona virus Brent's meeting was cancelled. He is still in town but we've decided to continue with our guest speaker. We are privileged to have **Buck Barrett, the co-evangelist at the Kent congregation, speak for us today** through livestream. Check out the link sent out by the elders through email and Realm.

Some thoughts about churches cancelling services because of the Corona virus:

- 1) This is not a **Hebrews 10:25 matter**. This passage speaks of not forsaking the assembly, but the word for "forsake" is exactly that-- a leaving behind or walking away from. It means to abandon. That is not the case here. If someone is sick, we do not say they have "forsaken the assembly." I fear we have taken a rather two-dimensional approach to this command.
- 2) This is not an issue of **government oppression**. Our governor has asked churches to forgo assembling for now during this health crisis. Some Christians seemed to suggest this was some form of persecution. This is not parallel to the persecutions the early Christian's endured. Our federal, state, and local governments have an obligation to protect the well-being of its citizens. As Christians, we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves. Many people are dying from this virus every day. This isn't government oppression. It is the government trying to protect its citizens. They are asking us to help.

3) This is not a matter of **people living in fear or not trusting in the Lord**. I've seen those statements, and they sound good until one spends a minute or two thinking about them. Are you afraid or untrusting if you take blood pressure meds? Insulin? Cholesterol meds? Go to the doctor? Have a life-saving surgery?

If not, then why are Christians who choose to avoid crowds because the medical profession has urged us to do so (in order to contain this virus) living in fear or failing to trust? If you started to leave your house on Sunday morning to go to church and saw a tornado outside in the direction of the building, would you still get in your car and drive toward the tornado, or run to safety? Now, if you would not do these things (take medicine, go to the doctor, run to safety, etc.), then you have every right to judge others. But I suspect most would not think twice about any of these things. So, let's not be so quick to judge others by standards that really fall apart when we think about them just a little.

I hope these thoughts are helpful to anyone who may be struggling with this. May God bless us during these difficult and challenging times! Your preacher, **Brent**

Thursday Night Fellowship/Devotionals 7:00-7:30 PM: This is a time to meet online to catch up, pray, and discuss a brief portion of God's word on Thursday evenings while we are restricted from getting out. A link will be sent out for anyone interested in joining us through Zoom.

"The Miracles of Jesus" is our VBS theme for 2020! VBS will run July 20-23 from 9:30 AM – 12:00 noon and planning is under way. Those who would like to help or have questions are invited to a meeting on Sunday, April 26 at 4:00 PM in the overflow room. If you have additional questions, please contact Crystal or Jen.

New Sunday Bible classes will begin on April 5th and the Wednesday adult class on the Life of Christ will continue next quarter on April 8th.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Michelle has passed her due date. She is feeling well but anxious for their little girl to arrive. The Newtons requests prayers for a safe delivery and healthy baby.

Melissa asks for prayers for her grandmother, **Lucy**, who is sick in the hospital, and also for her beloved husband of over sixty years who is unable to visit her due to the restrictions.

Those in our congregation who have been laid off and/or impacted by the health mandates. There are many who have been affected by layoffs and have a variety of challenges during this time. Pray for a quick resolution to the pandemic and that Satan will not be able to use this health crisis to divide or weaken our church family.

Continuing Prayer Needs:

Naab Family – continuing to quarantine due to Brooke's heart transplant.

Jackeline – her spiritual journey and her search for purpose.

Denise – prayers for her employment.

Kim & Rob – their move to Atlanta. We bid them God-speed.

Jason & Jayme, JJ, Aiden, and Korbin - impending move.

Diane – chemotherapy finished. She will have a third C-scan May 1st.

Deanna - persistent virus keeping her homebound.

JoAnn - confined to her home. Searching for new living accommodations.

Donna – continuing health struggles and the loss of her beloved husband, Rick.

Jennifer– spinal surgery Apr. 27. Prayers for pain relief and a clear path for treatment.

Gary – prostate cancer treatment.

Judy – wound therapy on her foot & isolation. Appreciates calls and notes of encouragement.

Darla – contact Dee to help coordinate visits.

Please pray that God will send us **seekers of truth** whom we can love, serve, and teach in 2020 and beyond!

Joe Hart is a new Christian and would appreciate encouragement and contact with us.

Pray for our family members who are serving our country in the armed services. Reuben is in the Navy, deployed to Japan. **Jake** is serving the Navy locally and worships with us.

Birthdays:

Moureen – Mar. 31

Brenna – Mar. 31

Haley – Apr. 2

Heidi – Apr. 2

Kim – Apr. 3

Andrea – Apr. 4

Upcoming Sunday Lessons

April 12th “It’s Friday but Sunday is Coming!” - Brent Hunter

Sunday Morning Adult Class

- Overflow room: **1 and 2 Peter** – Jesse (Recordings of this class are available on our website and YouTube.) Join us via livestream.

Spring Quarter Sunday Morning Classes beginning April 5th

- **“The Church We Love”** The Book of Acts Part 1 – Brent (available via livestream)
- **“How to Study the Bible”** Seth – Side Classroom

Wednesday Adult Class Jan. 6 – July 1.

- **Getting to Know Jesus** through the Book of Luke: A Human Side of a Heavenly Savior (Winter and Spring quarters – Jan 6th through July 1st).

This class on the Life of Christ is available via livestream with the ability to answer questions from our audience in real-time. Adults are welcome to attend in person or watch online at home.

Upcoming Events

The **weekly lady’s prayer meeting** will meet virtually through the Zoom application until further notice. Pat will send out a link to all the ladies of the congregation through Realm on Monday. You can log in on **Tuesday mornings from 10:30 am to 11:30 a.m.** Please contact Pat or Marianna if you have any questions. If you cannot attend, or have a prayer request other than what is in the weekly Kirkland Family News, please email either Pat or Marianna.

*Men’s Devotionals - Saturdays at 9:00 AM

- May 16 – Host: Dan
- July 11 – Host: Brett
- Sept. 12 – Host: Chad

Friday Night Care Group Dates:

- May 1st
- June 5th

Attendance

Acts 9:31 “Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened and encouraged by the Holy Spirit; it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.”

3/01	Sunday AM	198	Sunday PM	131	Visitor Flow	46
3/08	Sunday AM	138	Sunday PM	N/A	Visitor Flow	19
3/15	Sunday AM	117	Sunday PM	N/A	Visitor Flow	8
3/22	Sunday AM	N/A	Sunday PM	N/A	Visitor Flow	N/A

Pray for Our Local Evangelistic Efforts

Meetups are canceled until restrictions are lifted.

Seeker Podcast is an outreach podcast put together by **Jesse, Daniel, and Julian**. The 25-30-minute messages are available 24/7 via podcast. The live broadcast can be viewed on Monday nights at 8:30pm on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/SeekerPodcast/>).

Our radio program “**Walking in the Light**” airs every Sunday from 11:15 AM till noon on KCIS 630 AM. We also post the radio recordings on our website, just scroll down and click on the Radio image.

Online Lessons & Videos

We now have recordings of our lessons on both **Facebook and YouTube**. Go to either application and enter Kirkland church of Christ in the search bar and you will be able to find and view the lessons.

2020 Kirkland Progress Report as of 3/22/2020

Total new members (and children) year to date: 1

Members: Todd

Baptisms: 1 – Lori

Total Visitors Year-to-Date: 375 Note: This is not a list of distinct visitors, but a combined total for Sunday morning & night worship. If a visitor attends both services, they may be counted twice

Unique Visitors Year-to-Date: Community - 18 Church members - 20