

Creekside News

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FROM
THE
PASTOR



Ron Johnson was a 32-year inmate being released after serving ten years in prison for armed robbery. Growing

up with a difficult childhood, he entered a friendship with a gang of thieves.

One day, he found himself as the lookout while his friend robbed a convenience store. When the robbery took longer than he thought, Ron went inside to see what was happening. Upon entry, his friend handed him a money bag as he held his gun at the cashier. Ron's clear picture was recorded on the video camera from the store, and both were caught within hours.

Ten years later, on the day of his release, after having served his time, his father confronted him with a single question, "Are you still a criminal?"

Each of us struggles with the questions of who we indeed are. It is a question of our being, our existence, and perhaps even our identity. The

father's question was painful but honest. Who was Ron Johnson? Was he a former criminal, or was he still a criminal?

Over the years, I have heard many people say something like, "*People never change*" or "*once a (fill in the blank), then always a (fill in the blank).*"

As Christians, our faith is based upon the presupposition that change is possible. "*With God, all things are possible.*" Our past does not have to dictate our future. Our Christian vocabulary is filled with words promising transformation: *redemption, forgiveness, restoration, renewal, reconciliation, grace, and rebirth.* God's love and the grace found in Jesus Christ's sacrifice make these many words possible.

Faith in God reveals a way out of the cycle of past choices and its associated guilt and shame. Our path to a different future may be different for each person, but it is made possible only by the grace of God. No matter how uniquely and irreversibly

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Remember Through Prayer

Martha Kolkmeier— had shoulder surgery August 30

Vicki (recovering from 2 surgeries) & **Kevin Pitts**

Steve Settles-Eye cancer (nephew of Bonnie Denny)

Mike Driver (friend of Kirk Parramore)serious heart attack

Ron Zeigler—(Liver cancer) in hospice care at his son's home

Andy Andrews-Michelle Richardson's friend, Injured in motorcycle accident, 8/29 had fluid build up on brain, had surgery and is on a vent

Don Crosby-Had outpatient surgery left ankle 8/21

Sara & Allen Leap-are doing better, will be a long recovery for Alan

Evan Krebs-Testing continuing

Kim Haggard (Allison's Mom)-Stage 4 Stomach Cancer

Crystal Whited (per Michelle Richardson) heart transplant surgery

Dana Walz (Tracy Griffith's cousin, Sandy McClure's niece) surgery postponed

Nigel Schonfeld (broken ankle) in a boot for a few more weeks

Barbara Reddick—doing well after outpatient surgery

Linda Bowers (friend of Tracy Griffith) Breast cancer

Gary Zeigler—health concerns, Max & Jan Courtney's brother-in-law

Annie Jones (Kay Jackman's neighbor) had bone marrow transplant

Mike Elliott-Health Concern

Isak Frazee (age 10)-Health Concerns

Tom Jerkins Cancer & **Jan Jerkins** Alzheimer's (Friends of Evan Krebs)

Nancy Walz-(Sandy McClure's sister) Breast Cancer

Donna Smith (Friend of the Griffith's)-Brain Cancer

Rudy Klare (Friend of Evans Krebs)-Heart problems

Ashley Phillips (Friend of the Griffith's)-Brain Shunt

Robin Phelps-(Friend of Traci Griffith)-Health Concerns

Greg Michaels (Max & Jan Courtney's friend)-Battling cancer

SHUT-IN'S, RETIREMENT, NURSING HOMES PRAYERS

Ashford Place in the Villas

2200 Ashford Place,

Shelbyville,46176

Jack Miller-Rehab

Judith Seright

Judy Douglas

Wanda Newton

Shirley Kuntz—has been moved to another facility Use email: shirleykuntz@att.net

Timber Creek Assisted Living

990 Progress Parkway,

Shelbyville,46176

Barbara Tucker 317-825-0910

Aperion Waldron Health & Rehab

505 N Main, Waldron,46182

Ruth Huntsman 317-642-6579

At Their Home

Shelbyville, IN 46176

Jay Hilderbrand—3565 S 250 E

Martha Burns—1043 Lorraine Ct

Steve Richardson--2128 Poncianni Ave

Waldron, IN 46182

Pat Montgomery—3994 E 700 S

REMEMBER THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

Andrew Newkirk & family

David Gardner & family

Joel Bass & family

Our Military and Civilian personnel

Indiana Air National Guard 122nd

Security Forces Squadron

World Mission offering

WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1814, International Ministries (IM) has been sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ holistically with both words and actions in cross-cultural Christian mission that addresses the needs and inequities present in the communities we serve. Also known as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, we are the oldest international Baptist mission agency in North America. Our multicultural leadership team and **120+ global servants** are led by the wisdom of our **250+ international partners**. Together we respond to the call of Jesus Christ, serving incarnationally and with humility in **70 countries**. Our home office is located in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

MISSION STATEMENT

International Ministries, also known as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, works crossculturally to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to proclaim, through both word and deed, God's reign of justice, peace and abundant life for all creation.

OUR THIRTEEN MINISTRY PRIORITY AREAS:

Evangelism

Discipleship

Theological Education

Immigrants and Refugees

Peace and Justice

Abolishing Trafficking in Persons and Global Slavery

Education

Economic and Community Development

Health and Wellness

Promotion of Mission from Everywhere to Everyone

Short-Term Mission Engagement

Youth and Young Adults

Training and Capacity Building

LEADERSHIP

Rev. Sharon Koh has been our executive director/CEO since September 2016. A Los Angeles native, Rev. Koh graduated from Fuller Seminary with a Master of Divinity and Master of Theology and served as an American Baptist Church mission pastor for over a decade.

Wanted: Veterans' Info

The Deacons will be creating a slide show for Veteran's Day. They would like to have photos, names, branch of service and relation to you. It would be neat if we can have a in uniform photo and a current snapshot of each veteran. This can be emailed to the church office or given to Mary Lou or Michelle.



October 27 is the deadline to submit these items.

Thank You

222 cards were collected for Operation Gratitude. Michelle will continue accepting cards till the end of September. Then she will be mailing a box out.

Save the Date 9. 12.24

Clarity Annual Impact Gathering

7—8 pm - Thursday, September 12

Refreshments served 6 :30 - 7

Westside Community Church

124 Tipton Lakes Blvd.

Columbus, IN 47201

RSVP

**Let us know you're attending by emailing
claritycares.org/impact-2024**

Or calling

812-378-4114

crippling that person's shame might feel, the path to experience true freedom is through Christ.

One of Jesus' disciples, Peter, broke out of his prison of shame, although the struggle was intense and personal. Jesus had predicted this fisherman-turned-denier. Peter's failure was ironic, coming immediately and passionately profession that he would never turn on Jesus. "I'll stand faithfully by you until the end," he insisted.

Unfortunately, real-life events soon proved Peter wrong. A rooster's crow reminded Peter of his denial, forcing him to face his crushing triple failure. Yet Peter refused to believe the lie that his betrayal now branded him a traitor. Broken and repentant, Peter cried out to God for forgiveness. After His resurrection, Jesus honored Peter's desperate plea. Jesus' forgiveness and restoration gave Peter a renewed passion and the courage to preach a daring message at Pentecost.

Through the power of Jesus' atonement, his failure was transformed from a tragedy into a triumph.

Peter's repentance and God's forgiveness became a character-building lesson that demonstrates the way to victory. We can become His children. He can forgive us. We can experience transformation bound by God's limitless love.

Psalm 51 records the beautiful repentance of a fallen king, David.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion, blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin... Create in me a pure heart, O God,.. —
Psalm 51:1-2.

Once we accept our unchangeable past, we can embrace God's grace, which can change our future. While we may never forget what happened, we are no longer required to be defined by it. We can become a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). God is constantly working to bring about good in our lives (to those called to his purposes, Romans 8:28). This requires us to trust God and walk the new path God prepares for us. In this, "the just shall live by faith."

Pastor Kregg

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10
www.papercraftmemories.com

Upcoming Meetings

MONDAY, SEPT 2

6:30 PM Trustees
7:00 PM Church Board Mtg

MONDAY, SEPT 9

7:00 PM Board of Christian Education

SATURDAY, SEPT 14

Shelby County Barn Tour

Lewis Creek Baptist Church is the starting point!

10 AM - 4 PM

MONDAY, SEPT 17

7:00 PM Deacons Mtg

SUNDAY, SEPT 29

2:00 PM Flat Rock Assn. ABWomen's Mtg.



- 4 Susie Gardner
- 4 Tracy Griffith
- 4 Kirk Parramore
- 5 Brian Verseman
- 6 Roger & Carrie Johnson
- 7 Kurt & Kylie Jones
- 10 Travis & Rachael Ackley
- 11 Susie Libert
- 12 Logan & Beth Shuppert
- 13 Bradley Hilderbrand
- 14 Karen Marshall
- 14 Diane Yeend
- 19 Andy & Kathy Cord
- 25 Craig Reed
- 26 Jimmie & Kristin Dellinger
- 28 Jay & Mary Lou Hilderbrand
- 30 Don Crosby

2024	Deacons
Chairperson	Mary Hilderbrand
Co-Chair	Jan Courtney
Secretary	Michelle Richardson
Home Mission	Mary Hilderbrand
	Bill Verseman
	Bonnie Denny
	Evan Krebs
	Ray Griffith
	Tracy Griffith

Mark your calendars for the 2024 barn tour!

This year it will be held in Shelby County on Saturday, September 14th. The self-guided driving tour will feature the Rudicel-Montgomery Polygonal Barn, the site of this year's Learning Lab. Attendees will be able to learn the results of the recently completed assessment and laser scanning by Trillum Dell/Firmitas and better understand what it will take to save this community landmark. The Meltzer Farm will include their English barn, sawmill barn, log buildings, 1875 brick schoolhouse, and additional historic farm buildings. Six additional privately-owned barns will include a flower farm, a cattle farm, and two former dairy farms.

Food trucks will dot the route and tour goers will find additional fun things to see and do including shopping for barn quilts and barn calendar postcards, a U-Pick pumpkin patch at Meltzer Farm and an invitation to stop by Harker Orchard for cider and other goodies.

Advance tickets are \$15 for IBF members or \$20 for non-members. Children 16 and under are



free. Tickets may be purchased online until 5 p.m. on September 13th at the member/non-member price. Tickets the day of the tour will be \$20 for all and available in-person at Lewis Creek Baptist Church, 1400 E 600 S, Waldron, IN, which will serve as the day-of tour headquarters. **Those who pre-register should stop by the church on the day of the event to pick up a tour map and receive their wrist bands.**

Thank you to Shelby County Tourism and Visitors Bureau for sponsoring this year's barn tour and for assisting with planning and promotion.

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