

2020

Annual Meeting Report

01.17.21



Kalkaska Church of Christ

2020 NUMBERS

20

• Baptisms

- 15 - Baptisms in 2019
- 27 - Baptisms in 2018
- 38 - Baptisms in 2017

8

• Memberships Transferred

- 1 in 2019
- 4 in 2018
- 3 in 2017

GIVING

\$571,724.11

• 2018
General
Fund Giving



\$602,494.64

• 2019
General
Fund Giving



\$604,250.81

• 2020
General
Fund Giving

Baptisms in 2020 at KCC

Edith England
Charlotte George
Zoe Hilmert
Luke Ponstein
Owen Shetler
Haylee Hanson
Kailey Groleau
Davin Little
Trenton Peacock
Shannon Bell

Caitylin Weir
Lillian Johnson
Mindy Hugaboom
Dan Doherty
Carole Doherty
Teyanna Moore
Amy Coy
Scott Coy
Tanya Luark
Rickey Spires

New Members via Transfer in 2020

Alice Kukulski
Val Thornburg
Dale Thornburg
Chuck Wilson
Kay Wilson
Mike Hugaboom
John McMichael
Marguerite Spires

KALKASKA CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S REPORT

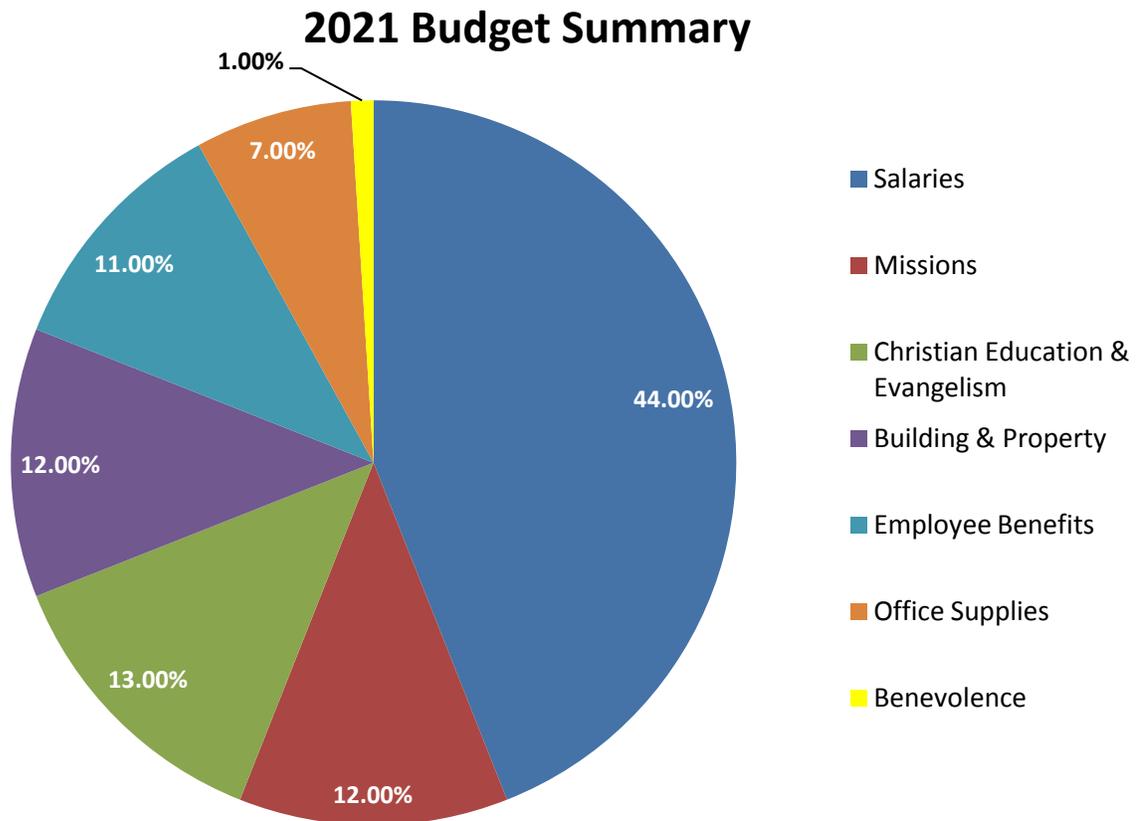
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Beginning Balance (cash & cash equivalents)		\$	228,860
Contributions			
General Fund Contributions	\$604,251		
Cornerstone Contributions	34,594		
Misc. Contributions	13,253		
Restricted Funds misc	28,865		
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Other Income			
Interest earned (CDF & Solomon)	\$ 2,276		
Credit Card Rewards	1,745		
Rebates	1,107		
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Liabilities			
PPP Loan		\$	41,098
(Will be forgiven)			
Total contributions/income/liabilities		\$	956,049
 Expenses			
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 447,030		
Cornerstone 2020	\$ 190,209		
Misc. directed giving	7,380		
Restricted Fund Expenditure	12,642		
Total Expenses	<hr/>		\$657,261
Ending Balance (cash & cash equivalents)			<hr/> <hr/> \$298,788

(We have \$105,200 in checkbook, \$13,648 with CDF & \$179,940 with Solomon Fund.)

See Mike Babcock or Dick Ickes if you have questions.

2020-2021 Budget Summaries				
	2020 Budget	2020 YTD Actual	2021 Amount	2021 % of Budget
Salaries	\$211,918	\$212,285	\$250,485	44%
Employee Benefits	54,893	40,671	63,997	11%
Office Supplies Expense	38,557	34,599	40,296	7%
Building & Property Expense	81,250	243,640	70,000	12%
Christian Education & Evangelism Expense	71,095	40,531	72,400	13%
Benevolence Expense	3,000	2,775	3,000	1%
Missions Expense	63,364	62,738	65,648	12%
TOTALS	\$524,077	\$637,239	\$565,826	100.0%





2020 Year in Review

Andy Bratton - Senior Minister

I don't know what more anyone can say about 2020. It disrupted all of our lives and that includes the church. As I mentioned in a sermon not too long ago, we were pumping on all cylinders as far as discipleship goes. Titus 2, Basecamp, and Life Groups were all rolling along and giving us all great excitement about the growth people were experiencing.

But, that's life. Things seem great and then boom, you have to rebuild. And that is where we are as a church. The theme for things around here in 2021 will be "Reset." When your internet goes down you reset the router. When the computer is acting funny, or your phone, you power down and reset. As a vaccine is more readily available and schools get back to meeting in person and citizens start feeling more comfortable being in public, we will need to reset KCC.

Our in-person attendance has been low since we re-opened. At first, I thought people were going to come back as soon as we re-opened. However, once we did reopen it exposed people's emotions about the pandemic. And those emotions have kept people away. Regardless of what people's emotions are, our numbers in-person are low and our online viewership is not very strong either. And so, we will need to reset.

And that's exactly what we will do. However, our mission has not changed. We still are on mission to "help people journey with Jesus." And we are going to do that by encouraging people to Seek Scripture, Sharpen and be Sharpened, Show Compassion, and Serve Sacrificially. As I write this, forty people have shared that they read the Bible all the way through in 2020. During the pandemic we put two roofs on people's homes, built five wheelchair ramps, and are in the process of collecting items for the Baby Pantry to help their ministry. We have a couple of volunteers that are helping out at KAIR. I have heard stories of our church family helping widows in our church. When we initially opened up we had people helping us clean between services that volunteered right away. Over the past twelve months we have baptized twenty people. Including those who were baptized, we had just short of thirty new members over the past twelve months.

Even during a pandemic discipleship, compassion, service, and Bible reading continues on. What is there to reset? I want to start with resetting who Jesus is from John chapter one. From there, we will talk about resetting marriages, resetting home life with kids, resetting our prayer life, and resetting what it means to be and speak truth to our community. I can't wait to see what God has in store for 2021. Let's all get ready to reset our lives, putting first things first on our journey with Jesus.

Love you guys,

Andy



Annual Report 2020 to the Congregation

Tim Severance- Associate Minister

The year 2020 is history. What a history it was! I'm sure you have your own stories from 2020. What did we do as a church in 2020? Here's a recap from my perspective.

The leadership made the call to "close" the Kalkaska Church of Christ on Sunday, March 29th. In essence, asking KCC members and attendees to "shelter-in-place" as the world faced the deadliest pandemic since the 1918 Spanish Flu.

While we could no longer meet in-person, the faithful were no less committed to living as the church in the community, communicating with one another via phone, text, and social media channels. It became clearly evident that the people would have to serve as "God's building" (1 Corinthians 3:9) with God's Spirit living inside of them (1 Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 2:21,22) as they began serving, praying, encouraging, exhorting, comforting, speaking, and loving one another.



KCC members cared for one another by cooking and delivering meals to those at high-risk to catching Covid. They drove to the grocery store to pick up provisions. Prescriptions were ordered and delivered. Phone calls were made checking on each other. People put Christ's words into practice when they carried out the message to "love one another."

Sunday morning worship continued uninterrupted thanks to technology and the Internet. KCC had the year prior began to live-stream Sunday morning messages on Facebook and YouTube.

The central hub to broadcast Sunday's services was moved to my basement. With the help of my family, we assembled the pieces to create an online experience which people could watch from the safety of their own homes. Andy Bratton, our Senior Minister, could join in live from his home on a laptop and speak weekly. Worship with Darrell Boger was pre-recorded as well as the communion meditation. God had prepared his church to continue meeting even if it was virtually.

The building was opened back up on Sunday, June 14th. We saw only about 25%-30% of our members returning for in-person Sunday worship. Several attempts were made to resume some weekly programming, but with another surge of Covid, KCC chose to close down on Sunday, November 22nd for 3 weeks. The building reopened again on Sunday, December 13th.

I believe the worst is behind us as several vaccinations are rolling out to the public at the beginning of 2021. God remains in control and I have faith that He will use events both good and bad for His glory.



2020 Children's Ministry Year in Review

Sara Blasko - Children's Ministry Director

What a year! I think all of us can say it was nothing we could have ever imagined. All of the plans that I had went straight out the window. And that's ok. It was a year of disappointments and a year of growth. It was a year of truly leaning on the Lord, and trusting in his timing.

The very first thing that it affected was our Octane group. Our 4th and 5th graders were eagerly anticipating our annual CIY SuperStart trip to Chicago. The Wed night before we were to leave on Friday morning I received an email that it was cancelled. And then the whole world shut down for a bit.

At the beginning of the shutdown I called each and every kid in our ministries...kids from Sundays, kids from WASP and Octane and even kids from VBS. I talked with them about the things that they were worried about and we prayed together over the phone.

I also posted video lessons and activities for the kids to engage with. When participation waned, I prayed for parents. A big part of my ministry this year, shifted to being a listening ear and a prayer warrior for our parents.

At the beginning of the shut down, we implemented the KCC Kidz Corner. I would have a brief object lesson or lesson for the kids during our virtual services. This was great for connecting with the kids and giving parents something to dig deeper with their kids.

VBS this year was virtual. It was definitely a different approach, but it was so fun! We had over 100 kids participate and we learned about the 10 plagues. We had songs, snacks that were themed with each plague, crafts and games. It was so fun getting pictures from the kids that participated and the great thing was that they could do it at their own pace and didn't even need to be local to do it! We had participants from not only Kalkaska, but Detroit, Lansing, and Frankfort area joining us!



Sometimes blessings are hidden in painful times, and I will say that all of the time that we didn't have in person church we were able to finish the construction and decorating of the lower level. We are geared up and ready to welcome kids back to KCC! I was blessed to have the last 2 Sundays of December back with kids at church and it reminded me about why I love

my job so much. Working with children can be challenging and humbling but their hope and joy and excitement for life and learning and their pure love for God is unmatched by adults! I am eagerly awaiting a better 2021!



2020 Youth Ministry Year in Review

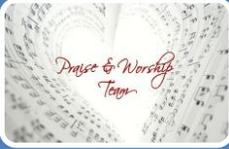
2020 has brought us many challenges and obstacles to overcome, but we are excited to report that through it all we have been able to maintain our numbers and even see new faces from time to time. The Jr. High numbers are around 20 each Sunday and the high school numbers have been steady at about 15. We are fully staffed by volunteers and are so thankful for the following leaders: Mike and Jill Ponstein, Pete and Darcy Shetler, Matt and Karmen Olds, Davin and Katie Little, Kim Stephens and Darin and Lisa Cummings.

Both youth groups are meeting on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm. We are blessed with having the new High School youth room to be able to separate out to do our lesson time and discussion with each age group. We have also incorporated Worship into our meeting time as well. Darrell Boger, Abram Lantzer, and Curtis Reinhold have been leading this for us each week and the kids seem to be getting into it as they rock out worship songs that appeal to their age level.

We do have hopes of taking a group of high schoolers to CIY Move this coming July. CIY was cancelled in 2020 but Andy Bratton and crew were able to pull off Sr. High camp out at Wilderness Christian Assembly with a higher turn-out than anticipated. At Christmas we took our bus and multiple cars with 46 kids and chaperones to New Hope's "Journey" presentation that highlights the Journey of Jesus from birth to the cross.

We continue to try to iron out details and make plans around all of the shut-downs and closures but our prayer is that 2021 brings growth of head knowledge and heart knowledge of our Lord and Savior along with bonding amongst their peers that will give them strength and support through their school years and beyond.





Worship at KCC

Darrell Boger - Worship Leader

Happy New Year, Church Family!

The last 12 months have been challenging for worship, but we are proud to have provided some form of music ministry each week - "If our God is for us, what can stand against?" Our world has changed drastically and the ways in which we worship have pivoted, but the love and grace of our God have remained constant.

The worship team has been implementing tools and strategies for improvement over the course of 2020 to improve the livestream feeds and our cohesiveness as a group. As we march into 2021, we strive to refine our talents and incorporate technology to bring our absolute best before Him. We welcomed new members and saw much personal development in existing members.

We look forward to watching God move mountains again this year and maintain our humble gratitude to be called to serve His Kingdom.

In Christ,

Darrell Boger
Worship Leader





Preschool Report

Kina Moore

Hello Church Family,

As you all may know 2020 really put a damper on our children's programs and the Pre-school was no exception. Good news is the contractors were able to finish the Lower Level remodel. With the removal of the stage (which was sad for many to see go) this allowed for the Pre-school room to be moved to a much larger area, and we even got our own bathroom (this was a huge thing).

The Pre-school room was given money to purchase all new material for our new space. With the help of our Secretary, Emily Paulus, we got lots of cool new stuff. We still continue to do the Lil K Bible program with our own blanket fort over the T.V. center. We have new décor, a play kitchen with food, a tool bench with tools, new books, bible related toys, and new tables & chairs. The BIG surprise for the children is a Tree fort with two slides. A big thanks to Ashley Oliver for the great paint job she did on the walls.

This would not have been possible without the generosity of the congregation. Without your giving, our church would not be able to do the things we do for the children. So bring your children, grandchildren, or relative's children ages 3 to 5 to meet Lil K, Ms. Kina Moore, & Ms. Sonya Reimer to learn about JESUS. We also look forward to welcoming back Mr. Dick & Ms. Nancy Ickes when Faith Training returns. If you like children, come join us to help teach the children every Sunday at 10:30 am.

For the year 2021, we would like to see all of our children return and lots of new children join us. Teaching the children about Jesus early in life is important to us. Can't wait to see what 2021 brings us. Hope to see everyone back soon. God Bless.





Tiny Tots Report

Katie Little

2020 started out strong with some Sundays bringing as many as 12 or more tiny tots into our nursery area. We sometimes needed 3 volunteers per service just to handle the load of sweet angel babies!

We listened to nursery school songs, ate lots of goldfish and animal crackers, and worked on our artistic skills through the use of crayola crayons! We learned that Jesus loves us and veggie tales are super funny!

We only had a few months of our ministry before COVID entered the scene. Unfortunately, and as with so many things, nursery was and has been on hold for many months so there's not much more to report.

As we roll into 2021 however, we have opened our doors back up and we're so grateful to be serving again! I have hope that 2021 will bring a new sense of what it means to serve one another! One of the goals we have is to introduce a simple curriculum that allows for our tiniest of tots to experience the love and lessons of Jesus through our nursery volunteers!

TINY *tots*!





Benevolence Report

Steve Mathis

Whew!! 2020 was a challenging year to say the least. With Covid, unemployment, underemployment and politics, we are fortunate to have our church to share our needs and, for some, our excess.

There have been 6 wheelchair ramps built this past year, as well as 2 roofs replaced. All were for people who are not members or attendees of our congregation. There were a lot of volunteers for those projects, all going to show God's love through his people.

We also supplied monetary support for people who had struggles with costs of food, medicine, gasoline, and vehicle repairs. There are also others who went out regularly to share and help others by using their time and energy to get things done.

Patti and I have been on the receiving end of this in trying to get our new home completed. There have been many people who have come to help with jobs as we needed more hands or expertise than I have.

By the same token, we have done the same. As simple as spending time taking care of someone while their spouse goes on errands, or has some "recharge" or rest time, we serve our brothers and sisters.

Hopefully with 2020 in the rear view, we can focus on new challenges, and make 2021 a banner year, despite what satan can put in our path. I am happy to be able to serve our risen Savior and look forward to doing my best in the time he allows me to do so. Thank you.

In Service to our LORD,
Steve Mathis





Library Report

Geri Sue Gallagher

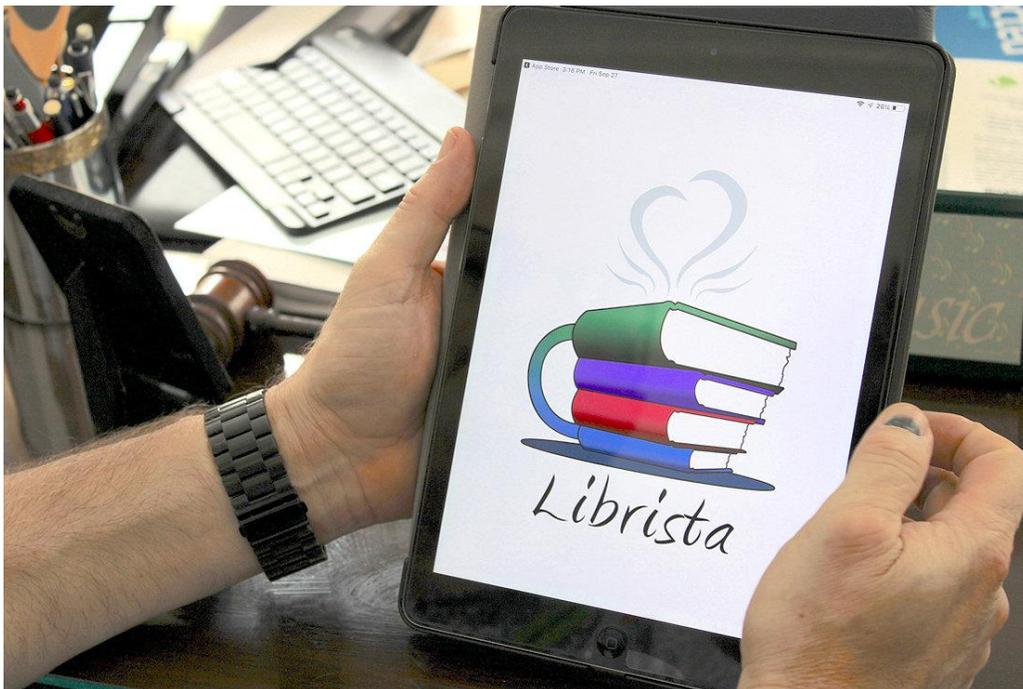
I wish 2020 was a Nightmare fiction book that we could delete, however, we all have experienced it's reality. The library was not used, due to the covid 19 restrictions, nearly as much as normal. We continue to honor requests for material.

Please download Librista to your smart phone, so you can see what is available in the KCC Library. If you are having trouble with the download or would like something, please call me at 231-649-3004. Children fiction books have been added to the adult library and can be checked out there. Non-fiction children's (Bibles, real stories etc.) are in the classrooms.

Getting the congregation familiar with the new library program is our goal for 2021.

"We read to know that we are not alone" C.S. Lewis

Librarian Geri Sue Gallagher & Crew



Download Librista on supported Apple® and Android™ devices to effortlessly connect to the library & search for items.



Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry started out in 2020 with high hopes of finishing the first year of Basecamp strong and preparing for part two in the fall. However, due to COVID-19, like everything else, plans were halted abruptly.

In 2021, the Men's Ministry plans to launch Basecamp 2.0 in the fall. Basecamp was a discipleship program for men. We met on the fourth Tuesday of every month over a nine-month period. We started each evening with dinner prepared by a team of guys. After supper, we had a large group teaching time studying the life of King David. We then moved to an activity time led by Mike Ponstein and Pete Shetler. Activity time was highlighted by the blowing up of a snowman. After the activity, we broke up into smaller groups for discipleship. Troy Moore and Jason Tracy led the Basecamp ministry while Brett Gallagher handled the organization of the kitchen and making dinner. One month we gave Brett a vacation and Dan and Cameron Doherty fried up some fish for us. We definitely ate very well at Basecamp.

Due to the virus, our normal springtime clay pigeon shoot and fall float down the Manistee were both canceled. However, we look forward to more group activities in 2021. Another large group activity that was canceled was the Higher Call men's event in Gaylord. As we get more information on that event for 2021 we will let the church know. And, perhaps, the activity we missed the most in 2020 was our fifth Sunday Men's Prayer Breakfast in the lower level. Monthly we would have 30-40 men show up at 7:15 for breakfast, a devotion, and prayer. The men's breakfast started in 1998 and 2020 was the first year we missed a single one!

The one area we hope and pray men were challenged during the 2020 year was discipling their families at home. We heard some great stories of how men are doing this and want that to continue.

Like everybody else and like every other ministry, we look forward to being able to meet in person for our events and discipleship once again. Until that time we keep praying for a revival among men to lead their homes well and be the men of God He has called us to be.



Women's Ministry

Jill Ponstein

Women's ministry headed into 2020 with lots of high hopes of many gatherings. We were going strong with Titus 2, and many groups were able to finish up via Zoom for the last meetings. We hosted IF: gathering where we had 80 women signed up from all area churches. Many Titus 2 groups came and sat at tables together while fellowshiping, worshipping, and learning.

Karen Hodgman brought her entire group to IF. Their table was full of life and excitement. That would have been the last event at church that Karen attended. Her legacy in our church is woven deep in our roots. She always had a big vision for our church and women's ministry. She started the Ladies Christmas Tea! She and her influence will be greatly missed.

Looking into 2021.... the gathering of women is greatly missed. Look for things to happen. We are determined to come out of the pandemic brighter and stronger in Christ than we were before.





Kalkaska Baby Pantry

The year 2020... The year that we will all never forget. This year challenged all of us in different ways, but through it all the Kalkaska Baby Pantry was still able to bless many, and we were blessed by our community members with many donations and financial support.

The Pantry was open to serve families throughout the year, but this year we had to be a little more creative. During the months of April through August we supported our families by providing a drive thru diaper and supply pick-up. During this time, we also provided several cases of diapers and wipes to the Health Department and KAIR for families in need. The first and fourth quarters of the year we were able to serve our families with in-person services.

2020 Year End Numbers:

- ❖ Diapers & Pull Up's – 11,248
- ❖ Wipes – 210 Packages
- ❖ Baby Wash & Lotion – 88 Bottles
- ❖ And many outfits, pj's, blankets, socks, bibs, outerwear, books, and more...

In September we moved into our new location in the lower level of Church. This doubled our space!! What an amazing blessing! We celebrated with our families – even 9 & 10 News came to highlight this event. All of this would not have been possible without our Church Leadership. While the Pantry is a separate entity, we are never treated that way. The leadership continues to think of the Pantry as a part of the Church body and a community outreach resource. Thank you!

Our volunteers are the core of what makes our Pantry so special. They spend countless hours shopping, washing, sorting, organizing, building shelves, cleaning, packaging diapers, helping families, fundraising, and so much more. Bless each one of you!

To the Kalkaska Church of Christ Family – Thank you for continuing to be our rock! Your donations, financial gifts, and support are a true blessing!

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these". Matthew 19:14

We look forward to serving our community in 2021!

Kalkaska Baby Pantry Board
Kim Stephens – President
Mickie Castle - Vice President
Katie Little – Treasurer
Linda Crawford – Secretary



Missions Annual Report

Tim Severance

The KCC missions committee was able to continue meeting this year via Zoom, however, plans to visit our missionaries have been postponed due to the COVID-19 world-wide pandemic. Here are some updates to the mission we support. For a full list, visit kccwired.com/missions

Joel Ickes wraps up work with Global City Mission Initiative

In May, Joel Ickes wrote, “I thank you for your years of partnership in the work of the gospel. I am grateful for you encouraging me often in prayer and thoughtful notes, and I ask that you keep doing so even as I transition out of vocational missionary work.

God is calling me to take my experiences as a missionary with the weak and broken in order to show Christ’s love to people who face injustice and a system that was set up to fail them. Through my time so far in New York, God showed me that I am an advocate, that I can use my privilege and knowledge for the good of God’s people.”

New mission and missionary picked up in 2020



The [New Churches of Christ Evangelism \(NCCE\)](#) mission has been on Andy’s heart for some time now. Andy also serves on NCCE’s board of directors. NCCE is a Restoration movement church-planting network directed by [Matt Schantz](#). It’s headquarters is located in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. NCCE strives to plant New Testament churches in the Mid-Western United States.



KCC began supporting [Adrienne Stratton](#), director of community development for [Go Ministries](#) in September of 2020. Adrienne is a friend of Joel Ickes going back to their days at Great Lakes Christian College (another mission supported by KCC). As Joel was preparing to leave the New York mission field, he mentioned that perhaps KCC would support her. Adrienne is also a family friend of Anita Severance, having grown up in same Vestaburg, Michigan area.

The KCC Missions Committee is comprised of: **Tim Severance, Andy Bratton, Michelle Price, Jeff Trabold, Le Baxter, Sara Blasko, Steve Mathis, and Patti Mathis.** The team is always open to new members (Church membership is required). Contact Tim Severance for more information.



Elders at KCC up for re-election

3 year term through 2023



Mike Babcock

TESTIMONY – HOW I BECAME A CHRISTIAN

I have been blessed to be part of the Kalkaska Church of Christ family my whole life. I was 9 years old when I was baptized by Paul Stacey, our KCC Minister at the time. I knew I was a sinner and wanted Jesus to be my Lord and Savior and it has been my deepest desire to serve God wherever He'd use me.

EDUCATION

I went to Great Lakes Christian College for a year to gain more Bible knowledge and came back to Kalkaska to serve in the church, and begin a career in the oil and gas business with Ruben Essary.

HOBBIES

In my spare time, I enjoy being a husband, father, and Papa! I run 5K's and bike for fun? I've received and seen countless blessings every year at KCC. I give thanks, honor, and glory to our God in what His has done, and what He has yet to do, at KCC.

FAMILY LIFE

I married my boss's, Ruben Essary's, youngest daughter, Kim – my high school sweetheart, 42 years ago. This doesn't seem that long ago! Our four children, Andrew, Jill, Megan, and Kaley, are married to wonderful mates, Windy, Mike, Jody, and Michael, that all love God and that we love. The best part...they have given us 11 amazing grandchildren.

OCCUPATION

For 25 years, I have owned a small business, Trend Services, here in Kalkaska.



Kevin Davis

TESTIMONY – HOW I BECAME A CHRISTIAN

Growing up, my family was not a regular "Church going family"; occasionally we attended the Catholic Church. It wasn't until 1997 when my wife, Debra, and I had our first child and experienced that miracle that I really had a motivating experience to move me to understanding. My wife had been a regular church attendee when she was younger. Over the next few years and the miracle of another child, I really began to see God working in our lives. God was there all along! In 2001 we moved back to Kalkaska and became members of KCC serving with various roles over the years.

FAMILY LIFE

I was born in Rogers City, MI and in the Mid 70's my family moved to the Kalkaska Area where I attended and graduated from Kalkaska Public Schools in 1988. My wife Debra (Ball) and I met in high school and married in July 1991. We have two grown children, Alexander and Kelsey, and we are very proud of them and things God is doing in their lives.

OCCUPATION & SEASONS

I retired from the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division in 2008. I finished out my career as a Sergeant, Conservation Officer and Field Coordinator of the Hunter

Education Program. I began a career in the directional drilling industry of the oil field and worked my way up to be the Director of US Operations and Development for a directional services company which relocated our family to Oklahoma City. We met some incredible people during that season and had the opportunity to become involved in Life Church and their ministries. With the crash of the oil industry and Covid-19 grasping the world in early 2020, we lost my employment and God showed us his incredible mercy. Within days a new opportunity presented itself back home in Kalkaska, I interviewed, and the process was paused within hours after the interview. We listed our home in Oklahoma and sold it in 42 days. Within 20 minutes of receiving the offer to purchase, I received a call advising the hiring process for the position here in Northern Michigan was restarting and on the day of our house appraisal, in true 2020 fashion, participated in a Zoom Interview with executives from ALRO Steel. Two days later, a negotiation for what has become my third career field began. We recently, on New Year's Day 2021, moved into our new home on property which has been in the family for over 40 years. God brought us back home to Northern Michigan for a new season.

HOBBIES

Hiking, cooking, hunting & fishing, and long drives!!!

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSES

My favorite verses in the Bible are found in 1 Corinthians 13:13 (Love) and Matthew 22 36-40 (Love your God, Love your neighbor), Hello Neighbor!



Dave Israel

TESTIMONY – HOW I BECAME A CHRISTIAN

I was raised Southern Baptist. When I was seven or eight years old there was an altar call. I wanted to go up there for a few weeks but I was scared to go in front of all those people. Knowing this, my mom offered to walk me up to answer the call. I was baptized at a later date-Freewill Baptist Church!

FAMILY LIFE

I was born in Asheville, North Carolina and come from a strong Southern Baptist family. My mom and dad moved to Michigan in the early 1950s and settled in River Rouge (suburb) of Detroit. I attended school in River Rouge and graduated in 1966. I spent a few years in the car factories and joined the River Rouge Police Department in 1970. I married my wife, Nanette in 1986 and God blessed us with 2 children, Lyndsay and Frank. I also have 2 children from a previous marriage. Their names are Lisa and David. Lisa lives in Iron Mountain and David lives in River Rouge.

OCCUPATION

I retired from the River Rouge Police Department in 1994 and we moved to Kalkaska. I started with the Kalkaska Sheriff' Office on July 14, 1994. We searched for a church for a while and eventually came to KCC. We liked it. The people were friendly and Nanette was baptized by Dan Johnson in the old church. We found a home. We loved it. I continued with the Sheriff' Office and retired in 2015 after a total of 46 years in law enforcement. God blessed me with 2 careers.

Nanette and I often refer to our move to Kalkaska as a "God thing". I enjoy serving KCC as an Elder, but most of all, I enjoy working for the Lord and the fellowship in this church.

HOBBIES

Gardening, camping, hiking, cooking, hunting & fishing!!!

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE

My favorite verses in the Bible are found in Ephesians 6:10-19. (The Armor of GOD)



Elders at KCC

Serving through 2021



Darin Cummings



Richard Hodgman



Tim Severance



Elders at KCC

Serving through 2022



Andy Bratton



Dean Farrier



Elders Emeritus



Maurice "Fuzzy" Guy



Don Sherman



Gene Farrier