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Karl & Lynn Helwig

by Lynn Helwig



Hello Church Family. It's our privilege to share with you God's blessings in our lives, and at the same time tell you our 'Histories'. Karl is the oldest, so he gets to go first. He grew up in Minnesota in a large family of 6 kids, a doctor for a dad and a nurse for a mom. Karl accepted Christ as His personal savior when he was the age of 6 and his parents were away that evening for a Billy Graham Crusade. He dedicated his life to ministry at a Youth For Christ Rally and ended up attending seminary in Colorado. That's where I come into the picture!!!!

I grew up on a small farm in Colorado. My life growing up revolved around my horses and anything outdoors. I was quite the Colorado cowgirl! I accepted Christ as my Savior after a revival meeting. I attended Bible College for a couple of years and then worked at the Denver Seminary. Karl and I met at a church single's group, 7 months later we married and 5 months later we headed to our first pastoral ministry in the beautiful La Plata mountains in southwest Colorado. Now our story begins, of God's Protection and Provision in our 38 years of sharing God's love and salvation.

A very small rural church was our first home for 4 years. The pay was small, but the friends were plentiful and we have sweet memories from there. My memory of God's provision is that one day I prayed for the Lord to provide us some meat for the dinner meal. It was a short time later that one of our teenagers from youth group was at our door with a rabbit he had shot while hunting. I thanked him and put it in the freezer. "What do I do with a rabbit?!" I thanked the Lord and we had eggs for dinner. (Rabbits were a carrier of diseases in the area, so decided the freezer was a good place to keep it.)

Bible Reading Plan: Ecclesiastes

“How do you make sense of life when life doesn’t seem to make sense?” That’s one of the biggest questions of life. And in a year like 2020 it seems supremely relevant.

That’s one reason God gave us the book of Ecclesiastes. This book challenges us to face honestly the brevity and complexity of life, to enjoy with gratitude the gifts God gives now and to have an eternal perspective—all part of “the fear of the Lord” that gives meaning to an otherwise confusing life and that helps point us to the need for eternal life in Christ. So, let’s read Ecclesiastes this month!

There are five assigned portions for each week. These links will point you to some simple and helpful videos for the book of Ecclesiastes you may want to view ahead of time.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrsQ1tc-2wk&vl=en

www.youtube.com/watch?v=VeUiuSK81-0

Nov. 1-7

Ecc. 1.1-11

Ecc. 1.12-18

Ecc. 2.1-11

Ecc. 2.12-16

Ecc. 2.17-26

Nov. 15-21

Ecc. 6.1-12

Ecc. 7.1-14

Ecc. 7.15-29

Ecc. 8.1-17

Ecc. 9.1-10

Nov. 29-30

Ecc. 12.1-8

Ecc. 12.9-14

Nov. 8-14

Ecc. 3.1-15

Ecc. 3.16-22

Ecc. 4.1-16

Ecc. 5.1-7

Ecc. 5.8-20

Nov. 22-28

Ecc. 9.11-18

Ecc. 10.1-9

Ecc. 10.10-20

Ecc. 11.1-6

Ecc. 11.7-10

Crowfoot Men...



Do you want to go deeper with Jesus alongside other brothers?

Do you want help growing in specific areas of the Christian life?

Do you want to experience a safe space for honest, Christ-centered relationships?

Then I invite you to join us for our 12-week Men’s Growth Group at Joel and Melissa Marble’s home. Our first meeting was on Sunday, September 13th, at 6:30pm. All men sixteen and older are welcome. If you have questions, speak with Pastor Jeremy at 541-570-2363.



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It turns out that every time I opened that freezer door, I was reminded of God's provision for us. His protection was for our travel on very icy, snowy mountain roads, especially when we traveled 25 miles to the hospital to have our first baby, Kristen, safe and sound.

Our ministry adventure led us to Montana, big ranching country in the SE corner of the state. Broadus was very remote. In fact, a friend of ours said it wasn't the end of the world, but we could see it from there. The ministry was a challenge with very independent and tough ranchers. It was a land of extremes. The highlight was building a new church there and seeing the Lord's provision for the church in everything from the contractor to the last shingle on the roof. It was an exciting time. The protection God provided was having two more healthy children there – not a simple thing as we were 100 miles from the closest hospital. Some of our church friends had their children en route and had stories to tell! My fondest memory was being able to use my "Colorado cowgirl" skills as we helped with their big brandings. Oh, by the way --- The ranchers in our church kept our freezer full of ---MEAT!

With three children, a dog, a car and a moving van, we left our ministry after 7 years and moved to Wisconsin. We felt like we were in heaven after being in the dry, barren land of SE Montana. We were blessed with 17 years in the small ministry and loved the church, those in it, the neighborhood and the kids' schools. Dairy farming was the main lively-hood. We had an exciting ministry there with a children's program and youth group. God's protection and provisions there were spiritual ones - to see that the church kept their doors open among relational and financial difficulties. Our blessing there was to see the church children accept Christ as their savior and grow in Him. Today, many of those youth are the leaders in that little country church. Oh, yes – The dairy farmers kept our freezer full of ---MEAT!

After the children graduated, we headed "UP NORTH" to Minnesota. Cold, cold country. We enjoyed our years there with camping, campfires (even when the temperatures were 20 degrees) lots of church potlucks and social activities to keep us connected during the long winters. Karl enjoyed a little skiing on the ski hill 4 miles away. I enjoyed the quiet winters and wrote and illustrated 4 children's books. Again, we saw God provide for the church, and saw the congregation's faith grow as they saw His provision. At one time, we needed \$8,000 to see us through the long winter's heating bill. We prayed! The parsonage where we lived had a flood in the basement. Guess what the insurance's claim check was to the church - \$8,000. God's provision kept us warm and safe and happy in our ministry in Minnesota. Guess what – a farmer in the church provided us with – MEAT for our freezer!!!

And now we are here in Oregon after a major move across country, major career change and God's protection and provision have been amazing. We love living closer to Kristen and Jeremy and their family. Our son lives in Eagle Point with his family of 3 boys. Our daughter & husband in Minnesota now have 4 children and we miss them, but they are happy and well. Karl drives the school bus for East Linn Christian Academy, maintains their campus and also works for Lebanon Schools. I keep busy publishing children's books and enjoying our grandchildren. While looking back at our lives and seeing the ways God provided for us and protected us, we have learned to be happy with our 'semi-retirement' stage in life and are at peace knowing "He is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble." And...our freezer is still full of – MEAT!!!

Love ya, Karl and Lynn

Mission Focus

Angel Tree / Prison Fellowship

Contact: Michelle Presley



We are partnering again with Angel Tree, a ministry that provides Christmas gifts and meals to children on behalf of their parent in prison. We get to show these families Christ's love by helping the incarcerated parent show love to their child.

There will be a Christmas tree in the Activity Center with tags on it for the next month. If you would like to participate, take a tag from the tree and shop for the gifts listed on that tag. Return your unwrapped gifts by December 6th. We will have a wrapping party December 19th at the church.

We will also need some volunteers to deliver gifts, and we will need wrapping supplies. If you have any questions or would like to help in one of those ways, contact Michelle Presley at 541-409-3683.

Night of Thanks

We will be having a *Night of Thanks* instead of a Thanksgiving Feast this year on November 20th, at 6:00pm, in the Activity Center. It will be set up like a worship service with music and testimonies. All are welcome!



Psalm 100

Shout joyfully to the Lord,
all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness;
Come before Him with joyful
singing.

Know that the Lord Himself
is God; It is He who has made us,
and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the
sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving
and His courts with praise.
Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

For the Lord is good; His loving-
kindness is everlasting and His
faithfulness to all generations.



November



- 01...Stan Wilkinson
- 02...Matthew Straw
- 03...Ellen MacArthur
- 03...Joren Marble
- 03...Debbie Prather
- 04...Mandy Andrews
- 07...Sharon Lee
- 09...Taran Hogle
- 11...Tyler Weller
- 12...Paul Hogle
- 14...Michelle Presley
- 15...Cindy Van Meter
- 17...Caleb Guerrero
- 17...Nehemiah Zderad
- 18...Austin Linville
- 18...Colette Smith
- 18...Isaiah Stevenson
- 21...Diane Farrell
- 21...Don Smith
- 23...Christopher Wynn
- 24...Rick Kaloustian
- 25...Darrin Danielson
- 25...Jessica Meek
- 27...Skiler Denu
- 28...Nellie Kosmala



11/7
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11/19
William & Janice Swindle

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