

KISSINGER'S CHURCH
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Kissinger's Caller

Calling all people to Jesus Christ

Jesus is Coming. Are You Prepared?

If you have not been attending the presentation on the “*Book of Revelation*” by Pastor David, you are missing a truly fascinating and rewarding presentation. Pastor David is presenting the Book of Revelation in a comparison and reference to the “Old Testament”. Everything is directed to one thing; *The Return of Jesus Christ*. You may have different opinions and views concerning the “Book of Revelation” but there is one thing that we all can agree upon...CHRIST WILL RETURN! The question that must be asked is “ARE YOU PREPARED?” What are we to do as Christians until his return? What does the Bible tell us to do?

In the New Testament's 260 chapters, Christ's return is mentioned no less than 318 times. Statistically, one verse for every 25 pages of the Bible refers to the return of Jesus Christ in some way, shape, or form. Make no mistake about it: Jesus Christ will come back again, and God has given us specific instructions for what we are to do while we wait.

Second, we should be ready to go. Let me ask you this: If Christ came back today, would you be ready to go with Him? If Christ came back at that moment, would a place where you're about to go or a thing you're about to do cause you to be ashamed or embarrassed in any way? If so, then you need to change what you're doing. If you are not living in a way that is pleasing to Him right now, then His return will come as a great shock and surprise to you.

First, we are to be watching for Him. (Luke 12:37) “It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes.” (NIV) We shouldn't get caught up in the things that

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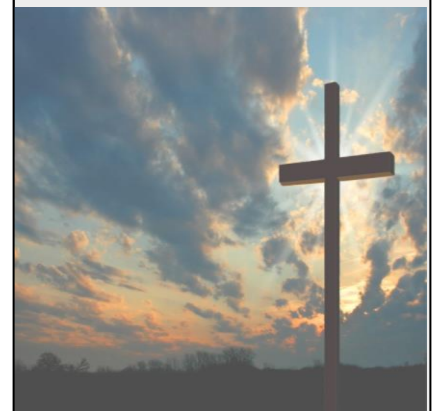
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dominate the minds and hearts of nonbelievers, such as what we will eat, drink, and wear. Instead, we should be consumed with our pursuit of the kingdom of God. We should seek, above all, the rule and reign of Jesus Christ in our lives.

Third, we should want to become more like Jesus Christ each day. According to 2 Peter 3:11-14, "You ought to live holy and godly lives... So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless, and at peace with Him" (NIV). If you have a real sense of His imminent return, then it will impact the way you live and will cause you to purify yourself, even as He is pure (1 John 3:3).

Fourth, we should anxiously await His return. Have you ever been looking forward to seeing someone? You wait for the sound of that person's car in the driveway. You pull the door open before your friend can even knock. That's what it means to "anxiously await" someone's arrival. If anything would cause us hesitancy in saying, Rev 22:20: "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. (NIV), then we need to carefully examine our lives.

Finally, we should be working (Luke 12:43). While watching is the evidence of

faith, working is the evidence of faith in action. Watching for the Lord's return will help us prepare our own lives, but working will assure that we will take others with us.

"Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree." —Martin Luther

1 Peter 3:15, But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. (NIV)



Bending Low

Servants resist stubbornness.

Ulrich Zwingli manifested such a spirit. He promoted unity during Europe's great Reformation. At one point he found himself at odds with Martin Luther. Zwingli did not know what to do.

He found his answer one morning on the side of a *Swiss mountain. He watched two goats traversing" a narrow path from opposite directions, one ascending, the other descending. At one point the narrow trail prevented them from passing each other. When they saw each other, they backed up and lowered their heads, as though ready to lunge. But then a wonderful thing happened. The ascending goat lay down on the path. The other stepped over his back. The first animal then arose and continued his climb to the top. Zwingli observed that the goat made it higher because he was willing to bend lower.

Didn't the same happen to Jesus? "God made his name greater than every other name so that every knee will bow to the name of Jesus."

Max Lucado





Many Opportunities for Bible Study at Kissinger's Church

Wednesdays at 1:00pm

The Pastor's Bible study focuses on the scripture passages from the Sunday Services.

Saturdays 10:30am

This Study is held at the home of Barbara Adams. The group is currently studying the Book of Acts.

The First & Third Tuesdays at 6:30pm.

(The Study begins on September 3.)

6:30pm they gather for some light refreshment. The study begins at 7:00pm. They are also currently studying the Book of Acts.



Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Rev. Walter Horn. Rev. Horn passed on August 19. He was a former pastor at Kissinger's Church.



The congregation is invited to a Memorial Service for Rev. Walter Horn on **Saturday, Sept. 7**. Visitation is at 1:00pm. The service begins at 2:00pm. Fellowship and refreshments follow the service.



Rocky Mountain Band
at Penn's Peak

Wednesday, Sept. 11
Event begins at 7:00pm

For special guest Jeanine
Pirro of Fox News

***The Rocky Mountain Band
Hits the Road!***

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

*We Have a Class
for You!*

Sundays at 9:00 AM

- ◇ Dave Kauffman is teaching the “Gospel of Luke”
- ◇ Bryan Seyler continues the “Study on Angels”, including a study on Satan.
- ◇ Pauline Seyler will be teaching classes for children ages 5 through 12.

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CHIPMUNK NEWS

Friends,

On September 11, 2001, terrorists attacked the United States. Anyone who was old enough will remember exactly where they were that day, much like when John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

Despite the horrific death toll, nearly 3,000 perished, it actually could have been much worse. When American Airlines Flight 11 took off at 7:59 a.m. it carried only 81 passengers in its 158 seats. On United Flight 175, just 56 out of 168 seats were occupied. American Airlines Flight 77 was two-thirds empty, with 58 passengers in its 176 seats. United Airlines Flight 93 carried only 37 passengers. Its capacity was 182.

Also, the World Trade Center was not as busy that day as it usually was. And, of course, many lives on the ground were spared because of the heroic efforts of those on Flight 93, which crashed in Shanksville, PA. We believe that this plane was headed for the White House.

Still, many more did die – those who went into the burning buildings. While terrified people ran away from the carnage, emergency personnel *advanced toward it*. 412 of our finest would not survive that day.

As we consider and admire their sacrifice, these courageous souls give us a glimpse of the sacrifice of Jesus. Knowing that there was no other way to redeem the human race (Matthew 26:42), Jesus “*advanced toward the cross*”.

Robert Barron puts it this way:

“The cross is Jesus going into the very lair of death. He goes to meet head-on that which frightens us the most. And what does He do? He battles it. He engages it. And, finally, He conquers it.”

Many souls were rescued on September 11. May we never forget the sacrifice of America’s finest. And, may we never forget the Cross of Calvary, the ultimate sacrifice that resulted in the rescue of you and me.

Blessings,
Pastor Dave



Recipe of the Month

Crunchy Corn Medley

Originally published as *Crunchy Corn Medley* in *Quick Cooking* July/August 2000



- 2 cups frozen peas, thawed
- 1 can (15-1/4 ounces) whole kernel corn, drained
- 2 cans (7 ounces each) white or shoepeg corn, drained
- 1 can (8 ounces) water chestnuts, drained and chopped
- 1 jar (4 ounces) diced pimientos, drained
- 8 green onions, thinly sliced

- 2 celery ribs, chopped
- 1 medium green pepper, chopped

Dressing:

- 1/2 cup white vinegar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Directions

In a large bowl, combine the first eight ingredients.

In a small bowl, combine vinegar, sugar, oil, salt and pepper; whisk until sugar is dissolved.

Pour over corn mixture; toss to coat.

Cover and refrigerate for at least 3 hours. Stir just before serving; serve with a slotted spoon.

Wrong Email Address

A couple was going on vacation to the tropics, but the wife was on a business trip. The husband flew to the destination first and his wife would meet him there the next day.

When he reached his hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick email. Unfortunately, when typing the email address he mistyped a letter and his note was sent instead to an elderly preacher's wife whose husband had passed away only the day before.

When the grieving widow checked

her mail, she took one look at the screen, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor in a dead faint.

Her family rushed into the room and saw this message on the screen.

Dearest Wife,

Just got checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow.

P.S. Sure is hot down here.



The Faces of Kissinger's

This month we begin anew column featuring members of Kissinger. Each month a different member will be featured.

Blessings are plenty for our family. My name is Heidy Coldren and I, along with my husband Troy, have been members of Kissinger's for over 20 years. I am the youngest of six children and am proud to have my brother Rod Painter, along with his wife Annamae, as a vital part of our church family. Ron Heilman is also family outside and inside the church family. He was married to my sister Holly, who passed in 1998. Her stained glass window hangs in the sanctuary in her memory.

Our youngest son Brent was baptized and Ron and Holly were married in the old church by Pastor Horn. We came to Kissinger's because of Pastor Horn and stayed because we found a family in Christ.

As all families, there were times of discouragement and disagreements, but the Holy Spirit intervened many times. His prompting and trusting in God kept us here, knowing that we had a place, a purpose and a family in Christ. I spent many years on council in the past and am

presently the council president. The council and all the committee members are awesome and work well with each other, we are very blessed in our leadership of this church. Pastor Dave, Jackie and Sarah have brought a new spirit to Kissinger's and I am proud that I was a part of that decision!

Troy and I had two sons; Damon, our oldest, passed away in 2001 from cancer. Nothing can get you through the death of a child, but a strong faith, trusting in God and a great family. Our youngest son, Brent was married to Kellie four years ago by Pastor Dave at Kissinger's and has given us four beautiful grandchildren.

Life has it's up and down, but God is always constant and your church family is your safety net. I am blessed to be a part of this family!



Heidy, pictured above with her husband, Troy.



The Child and his Mother

A curious child asked his mother, "Mommy, why are some of your hairs turning grey?"

The mother tried to use this occasion to teach her child, "It is because of you, dear. Every bad action of yours will turn one of my hairs grey!"

The child replied innocently, "Now I know why grandma has only grey hairs on her head!"

Why do you have grey hair?



Upcoming EVENTS



Paolo's: Listen, Learn, Lunch

Thursday, September 5 at 11:00am at Paolo's Restaurant (Shillington). The guest speaker is from the Humane Society. RSVP to Andee Swoyer

Men's Gathering

The next Men's Gathering
We have time for another BBQ.
The next gathering is at the home of
Mike Krisher. Date to be announced.



Children's Painting Party

Join the fun on
Sunday, Sept. 8 after the worship service

Fellowship Lunch
Sunday, September 11

Sign up at the kitchen window to bring a potluck dish. All are welcome!



New Kissinger's Church Directory

Still Time to Sign Up!



It is time to update our photo directory. Lifetouch photographers will be here Monday and Tuesday, **September 9 & 10**, from 2:00-9:00 pm. Please sign up for a timeslot for you and your family. Call Cheryl Harting for more information. You may also visit our webpage and follow the link on the announcement page.

Game Night

Friday, **September 13** at 7:00pm

Learn some new games; play some favorites.

More details next month.



Pet Food Collection

Food donations of dry or wet food for dogs and cats will be accepted **during September** for the Humane Society of Berks County. There will be a box in the narthex for your gifts. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Davies at 610-921-2859.

