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- * *honor, help & hope for homebound seniors, wherever they call home;*
- * *encouragement for widows & caregivers;*
- * *awareness & action opportunities for the community.*

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Koinonia Senior Care Newsletter

December 2020

My ReignDEER Story

Deer season is in full swing. I vividly remember the day Marty and I were out for our morning walk along the main road outside our neighborhood when we noticed two deer on the opposite side of the street. There was a 1/4 mile chain-linked fence keeping the deer from returning to the forest on the other side of the fence. One of the doe was butting her head against the fence, frantically trying to get the fence to move out of her way so she could get back home.

I thought to myself, "if I could become a deer, I could go over there and show them the way to the forest." Then it hit me. That's what Jesus did. Jesus in His reigning deity, became a human being and lived on this earth for 33 years so He could show us "the way." He said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, but through me." It is sinless Jesus who restores our fellowship with God that sin separated. It is Rabbi/teacher Jesus who explains the truth of God's message to us. (John 1:14). It is the resurrection Jesus who gives life to the soul after death. And that life-giving death gives authentic meaning and purpose here on earth now. The saying, *you are not ready to live until you are ready to die* is a phrase worth pondering. As a Christ-follower, I know that when I physically die, I will be more alive than ever because my soul will not experience separation from God! That inspires me to live with joy, and gratefulness, and to be an ambassador of this life-giving good news to others who need hope and the answer to their souls hunger.

Like showing the deer the way, we can show people that God, the One who reigns yesterday, today, and tomorrow, has the blueprint for abundant living (John 10:10) and that blueprint is Jesus Christ whom we celebrate at Christmas. Merry Christmas to you and yours from all of us at KSC.



December

2 KSC Training ONLINE

4 KSC Board Mtg ZOOM

7 "Surviving the Holidays" Griefshare ONLINE

25 Merry Christmas!

30 KSC Blessing Gift Make & Take

Thursdays @ 3:00 Bible study at Oxford Grand when reopened.

"Aunt Babe" is our guest columnist, writing about her reflections on life. She is 97 years young and using her gifts to bless our readers. She is an inspiration to me because she lives in a land of silence since her hearing loss six years ago, yet she so wisely encourages others to "Keep a song in your heart." See her article



Aunt Babe's Reflections

As we cook up the holidays and add spices to our many dishes, remember this special recipe from Aunt Babe:

Spices of Life

The spice of life
Is like poem and song
It helps the heart lift
All the day long.

A sprinkle of smiles
A dash of care
Makes shorter the paths
And weather more fair.

A cupful of hope
And a mixture of praise
Lends zest to our lives
And clears out the haze.

So blend well with love
And soon you'll see
The spices of life
Are for you and me.

Caregiver's Corner

Best Picks Christmas Gifts for Seniors & Caregivers in Need

The following are items KSC uses and recommends for caregivers who have a loved one getting out of bed at night or your loved one who needs a little extra assistance getting out of the car.



[SMART CAREGIVER TL-5102MP Motion Sensor And Pager \\$24.88 on Amazon](#)

[Portable Car Handle Heavy Duty Automotive Handle Assistance Mobility Aid Auto Assist Grab Bar Vehicle Seat Transfer Handles Handicapped Accessories for Able Elderly](#)



If you don't do Amazon, call me and I will order these for you and have them delivered directly to your home.

If you do Amazon, please consider choosing *Koinonia Senior Care* as your charity and shop from smile. Amazon.com. Thank you!



Opportunities

4 U held at

Tyler Road Baptist Church

571 S. Tyler Road

**December TRAINING
December 2 ONLINE**

**BLESSING GIFT
Make-&-Take TBD
Wed. Dec.30***

1:00 pm

The Alzheimer's Association offers many informational resources online at www.alz.org. Click on "Alzheimers & Dementia" and choose your topic.

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Thank you!

For participating in our



holiday fundraiser!

Giving isn't only about making a donation; it's about making a difference!



*For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him
shall not perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:16

Out of God's love and longing for a relationship with us, He gave us His most prized and perfect possession, His Son, to pay the price for our imperfectness so we can be fully restored to a right relationship with our God. He wants us to live an abundant life with deep meaning and purpose, now and forever.

I don't know about you, but I need to unwrap God's gift of Jesus every morning! I need to drink from the fountain of life and feast upon God's Word and let my thirst be quenched from the spring of living water that Jesus Christ offers! When we are filled to overflowing, God's love naturally pours out of us on others whom God puts in our path. Have you unwrapped God's gift of Jesus?

"Surviving the Holidays" ZOOM—ONLINE

Monday, Dec. 7, 2020 9:30—11:30

RSVP for your \$5 book to 316-209-9028 or Christine@kscare.org



One huge nugget from this video was when Dr. David Tripp called Christmas "the sufferers holiday." He said, "If there was no pain, discouragement or death, there would be no need for Christ." Christ came to end suffering. Jesus' birth in a manger and death on a cross was to insure that we could gain access to our father in heaven where there would be no more tears and no more sorrow. Tripp encourages those mourning not to avoid this sacred holiday, but rather to embrace all that it means.

ALSO OFFERING

13-week Grief Share classes coming January 11, 2021, ONLINE

Choose Mondays @ 9:30 a.m. or 7:00 pm Books are \$16

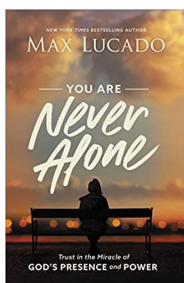


Koinonia Senior Care invites you to ZOOM with us ONLINE (or over the phone) for 6 weeks

as we discuss the book, *Never Alone*, by Max Lucado Tuesdays at 2:00, beginning January 8, 2021

Buy your book and RSVP to Christine at Christine@kscare.org or 316-209-9028

No computer? No worries! We will call you weekly so we can share together in this study!

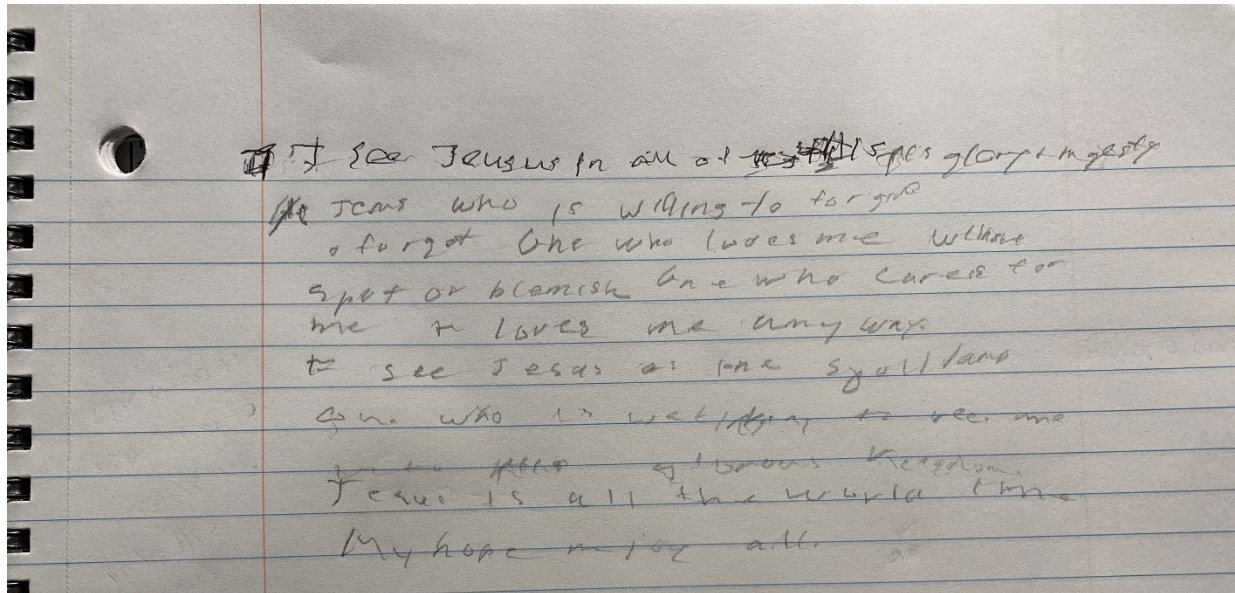


In *You Are Never Alone*, Max will help you:

- Realize that Jesus is walking with you and lifting you out of your storms.
- Dwell in the grace of the cross, the miracle of the empty tomb, and the assurance of restoration power.
- Believe that God is your ever-present source of help.
- Recognize that you are never without hope or strength because you are never alone. Take courage: you are stronger than you think because God is nearer than you know.

What is Christmas to You this Year?

2020 has been a year for the record books with all its sickness, death, injustice, upheaval, unemployment, isolation, and disappointments. Many had been living at breakneck speed. This major hiccup in our routine has given us time to reflect, to focus on at-home relationships, and to refocus on what really matters. As we approach the holidays, I recently asked one of my wise senior friends what Christmas means to her this year. I figured after 98 years of life, she would have it figured out. She was silent for a bit, then asked for a pen and paper and began to write. Writing has become difficult for my friend as the years have passed. She taught penmanship for over 30 years and even won recognition for it, but her aging years have made this seemingly simple task most difficult for her. Her words are a masterpiece and challenge us to refocus:



To see Jesus in all His glory and majesty.

Jesus who is willing to forgive and forget.

The One who loves me without spot or blemish.

The One who cares for me and loves me anyway.

To see Jesus - my Savior and Lord.

The One who is waiting to receive me into His glorious Kingdom.

Jesus is all the world to me; my hope, my joy, my all.

This last line reminded me of a verse to a hymn. I thought what a great “new” Christmas hymn this would be to sing around the Christmas tree or the nativity scene this year.

December's Touch Someone Challenge

With COVID, our physical contact is limited, but don't let that stop you from making that phone call and/or sending cards and letters to those isolated homebound seniors you know. There is little that means more to them than to hear that phone ring and watch for the mailman to deliver—your note!

Jesus Is All the World to Me

By Will L Thompson, 1904

Jesus is all the world to me,
My life, my joy, my all;
He is my strength from day to day,
Without Him I would fall.
When I am sad, to Him I go,
No other one can cheer me so;
When I am sad, He makes me glad,
He's my Friend.

Jesus is all the world to me,
My Friend in trials sore;
I go to Him for blessings, and
He gives them o'er and o'er.
He sends the sunshine and the rain,
He sends the harvest's golden grain;
Sunshine and rain, harvest of grain,
He's my Friend.

Jesus is all the world to me,
And true to Him I'll be;
Oh, how could I this Friend deny,
When He's so true to me?
Following Him I know I'm right,
He watches o'er me day and night;
Following Him by day and night,
He's my Friend.

Jesus is all the world to me,
I want no better Friend;
I trust Him now, I'll trust Him when
Life's fleeting days shall end.
Beautiful life with such a Friend,
Beautiful life that has no end;
Eternal life, eternal joy, He's my Friend.



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Don't look at how big
your problem is;
look at how BIG
your God is!

More inspiration @ www.kscare.org

 www.facebook.com/kscare

This newsletter has articles of encouragement for widows, homebound seniors, caregivers, and the local church/community who reach out to the needs of widows, caregivers & homebound seniors, wherever they call home.

OUR MISSION

Christian Fellowship
Assistance
Respite
Errands & transportation

Enriching the lives of
homebound seniors and
their caregivers, and
inviting our community to
join us.

Community Projects
Action Opportunities
Resources
Education & awareness

OUR MOTTO

To captivate our community
with the character of Christ
through compassionate
CARE

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OUR VISION

To be a model com-
munity of churches,
neighbors and
businesses who
bring moments of
joy, honor, help and
hope to widows, the
aging and their care-
givers through per-
sonally providing
CARE for those God
puts in their path.

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