PROVIDING...

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

Dear Mrs. Brisco.

KOINONIA—"Spiritual community or Christian fellowship"

KSC CONNECTIO







Koinonia Senior Care Newsletter

March 2021



I wanted to encourage you and your caregivers for blessing me and my family. I have employed your caregivers for the past year to take care of my mom and recently needed more help. Due to the virus you did not have anyone to provide the hours I needed so I employed a national agency that provides caregivers. Not only was their price almost double but they only took care of the bare minimum required. The ladies you have provided definitely have a ministry mindset and go beyond the requested needs. They show so much compassion and work hard to find out what my mom enjoys doing rather than sitting and looking at their phone. Thank you for your ministry and for providing trusting and kind





caregivers. K. Springs





KSC has been blessed with the best when it comes to our caregivers! They come with a heart to serve and not to work. It's a joy, not a job. They embrace our mission to enrich the lives of homebound seniors and their caregivers. They enrich their lives socially and spiritually, while reminding them of their significance to their family, church, and community. They enrich their lives by implementing the 5 Love Languages while meeting non-medical physical needs:

Christian fellowship

Assistance

Respite

Errands and transportation

KSC strives to walk alongside these families, bringing honor, hope, help, and a little bit of heaven on earth. We invite you to join us by serving, volunteering, praying, and/or financially supporting our Phristine ministry efforts! Thank you for your consideration!



March

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 GriefShare ONLINE 9:30 am & 7:00 pm

3 KSC Training

4 KSC Board Meeting

31 KSC Blessing Gift Make & Take

Thursdays @ 3:00 **ONLINE Bible study at Oxford Grand**

"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 on page 2.



Aunt Babe's Reflections

Spring Festival time is in the air
We're watching the sky and hope it stays fair.
The floats and bands are so bright and gay
Large crowds have gathered to greet the day.

Attractions are many waiting for you
So feel free to linger, and visit and view.
Now the King and his Court are getting in place
This honor and privilege shows on each face.

There are prancing horses with rides lean
And the swirling flags are a sight to be seen.
Then leading their pets, or pumping their bikes,
With please expression, are many tykes.

Now a flurry of music drifts down the street With rhythmic sound, and drumming beat, And the mood of the throng is happy and high As I glance up and smile, at our "Festival Sky."

From Aunt Babe's book, "Spice of Life" written in

1st Day of

Spring

March 20

The Walnut
Valley Festival,
typically held in
Winfield KS, is
hosting online
spring workshops 3/20-21

Go to https:// bluegrasstoday.com/walnutvalley-festival-tohost-springworkshops-online/

Caregiver's Corner

Caregiver's Resource of Prayer

...at my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them. But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me. 2 Timothy 4:16-17

Oh God my holy and compassionate Father, I come to You, pouring out my heart and dependence on You. At times I feel alone on this journey. But I find that when I seek You, I find You. You show Yourself strong where I am weak, and mighty where I am lacking. Thank You.

Thank you that You are my shepherd, calming my worries and fears as You flood my soul with Your truth, gently leading me through tough times. I am grateful.

Thank You ahead of time for how You will deal with the burdens that weigh heavily on my heart. Please relieve me of anxieties that keep me from embracing the important things in life. AMEN



Opportunities

4 U held at

Tyler Road Baptist Church

571 S. Tyler Road

MARCH TRAINING March 3, 2021

BLESSING GIFT Make-&-Take Wed. March 31

1:00 pm

The Alzheimer's
Association offers
virtual education
classes. See what
topics are coming up

at https://www.alz.org/cwkansas/helping_you/local_resources/education-programs

1820 E. Douglas, Wichita, KS 316-267-7312

Thank you!

Father and owner of everything. May every dime given to KSC be used with integrity and for Your glory.

AMEN

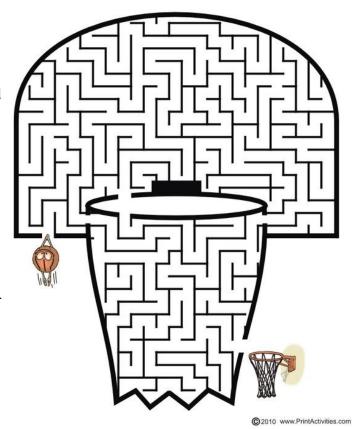
Giving isn't only about making a donation; it's about making a difference!



March Madness is upon us! – that time of year when sixty-eight NCAA Division 1 college basketball teams are scrambling, scrapping, and giving everything they've got to win a tournament game and advance to the next round. And for the first time ever, all games will be played in one geographic location. The excitement is the topic of conversation at the office, at school, at social gatherings, and even at church.

"Madness" seems to be an appropriate name when one considers the pace of play, the high energy atmosphere, the media hype, the interviews, and the unknown factors of how the teams will match up and who is more physically fit and mentally focused to play on any given day.

How does March Madness liken itself to this season of life we are each in? Physical fitness and mental toughness are important and so is our spiritual fervor. As Christfollowers, are we advancing the kingdom to the next round with daily disciplines that better prepare us and lead others to their eternal championship in heaven, or do we feel like we are getting caught up in the fast-paced, media-hyped life events that draw us in, but ultimately leave us exhausted and drought dry from trying to do it all. How do we match up against the world and its influences/temptations? Do we feel like a #16 seed team going up against some #1 seed? As we hear about March Madness, may we be challenged to kick up our spiritual disciplines a notch as we focus on the geographical location of our future home in heaven and sharing the excitement of it with others. In the final interview of life, that is what really matters!



MARCH MADNESS TRIVIA

- 1. What year was the first tournament held?
- 2. How many teams were in the first tournament?
- 3. Who won the tournament in 2020?
- 4. What state will the 2021 tournament be held in?
- 5. How many Division 1 conferences are there?
- 6. What broadcaster first used the term "March Madness" which was originally used by Illinois high school ball?
- 7. How many national championships has KU won?
- 8. What college has won the most national championships?
- 9. What BB coach said, "If we magnified blessings as much as we magnify disappointments, we would be much happier."

The Day-to-Day Affections of Your Heart



Lent (from an Old English word meaning "spring") is a period of forty days, beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending with Easter Sunday, during which Christians are challenged to examine what or who is in control of their day-to-day affections, and PREPARE their hearts to celebrate the miracle of Christ's Resurrection. During Lent, Christians authentically worship God in a deeper, more meaningful posture of praise, thanksgiving and devotion to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we quietly reflect on this life-changing and death-changing miracle, journal how God's Spirit is leading you to PREPARE for Easter, which is celebrated on April 4th this year.

Praise Him & Proclaim Jesus in words and songs: Creed,	
Return to my first love by:	
Empty myself of personal pleasures or addictions:	
Place my trust totally in God in the following circumstances:	
Allow pride and selfishness to be replaced with humility and service to others:	
Relinquish control of:	
Expect to hear from God:	
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<u>Creed</u>	Source: LyricFind,

I believe in God the Father, Almighty Maker of Heaven and Maker of Earth And in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son, our Lord He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary Suffered under Pontius Pilate, He was crucified and dead and buried

Songwriters: David Strasser /

Richard Mullins

Creed lyrics © Universal Music Publishing Group

#### **CHORUS**

And I believe what I believe is what makes me what I am I did not make it, no it is making me, It is the very truth of God and not the invention of any man

I believe that He who suffered was crucified, buried, and dead
He descended into hell and on the third day, rose again
He ascended into Heaven where He sits at God's mighty right hand
I believe that He's returning, To judge the quick and the dead of the sons of men. (CHORUS)

I believe it, I believe it, I believe it, I believe it

I believe in God the Father, Almighty Maker of Heaven and Maker of Earth And in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son, our Lord I believe in the Holy Spirit, One Holy Church, The communion of Saints, The forgiveness of sin I believe in the resurrection, I believe in a life that never ends. (CHORUS)

I believe it, I believe it

## March's Touch Someone Challenge

Not only is March 20th the first day of spring, but it is also World Storytelling Day. Exchange stories with your senior loved one while celebrating St. Patrick's Day (17th) with something green! Consider talking about an old quilt to celebrate National Quilting Day on the 21st.

### **Daily Tibber Tab**

### from Glenn Lygrisse

## on Leviticus Chapters 22-23

Leviticus 22:29 "When you sacrifice a thank offering to the LORD, sacrifice it in such a way that it will be accepted on your behalf."

Comment: When reading this section we can tend to think, "How does this relate to me?" However a concept we are to follow is there. Combine this verse with 2 Corinthians 9:7--"...God loves a cheerful giver." There are many, many ministries that are good and right, but we must find those that are both legitimate and they also touch our heart. I find that there are those things that seem to touch me personally and I can give to them cheerfully. That does not mean others are wrong, but these feel "right" to me. We are not to give out of obligation, or grudgingly or from obligation or for show, but from the heart--cheerfully.

Prayer thought: Pray that the Holy Spirit will show you where to place your "sacrifice" giving.

## **MEET JEANNETTE & MARTY**



**DID YOU KNOW?** 

Jeannette's aunt is "Aunt Babe" who writes our "Aunt Babe's Reflections" column in this newsletter. Jeannette and Marty are two of KSC's volunteers who provide transportation for our seniors. They started KSC's *Miles Across Kansas* initiative where they log their transportation miles from west to east on Route 56. Our staff learns about the various towns they come to along their journey at our monthly training. Just a fun way to celebrate and learn more about Kansas together!



Miles Across Kansas



DID YOU KNOW?

Marty is a Kansas **NOTARY** and can come to your loved one's home when notary services are needed.



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May this season's discomforts lead us to find lasting comfort in Him.

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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

**A**ssistance

Respite

**Errands & transportation** 

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

**C**ommunity Projects

**Action Opportunities** 

Resources

**E**ducation & awareness

#### **OUR MOTTO**

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

### **Board of Directors**

Rhonda Turner Gwendolyn Lewis Chris Dennis Lyle Jones Michael Priddle

#### **Officers**

Christine Brisco

Dawn Roberts

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#### **OUR VISION**

To be a model community of churches, neighbors and businesses who bring moments of joy, honor, help and hope to widows, the aging and their caregivers through personally providing *CARE* for those God puts in their path.