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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

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God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby
And feel the pride and the joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives.

And then one day, I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives

Because he lives—Because he lives

Written by William J. Gaither and Gloria Gaither



APRIL

4 Easter

5 GriefShare Support Group, ONLINE 9:30am & 7:00 pm

7 KSC Training

22-24 Garage Sale Fundraiser

28 Blessing Gift Make & Take

Thursdays @ 3:00 Bible study at Oxford Grand ONLINE

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"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

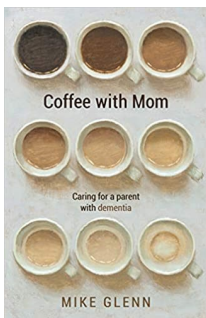
Once upon a time many years ago, God made all creatures great and small. Among these were a variety of rabbits. There were long floppy-eared rabbits in different colors. When we were all youngsters, we were more familiar with the jack rabbits and cottontails, as they were prolific over our farm and ranch land.

Out of my childhood unfolds treasures of memories, one of which was bringing home the cuddly baby bunnies, which would fit nicely in a small seven-year-old girls' hand. We tried to tame them for pets time and again, never to meet with success. At our parents nudging, we would reluctantly release them back to their natural habitat, midst the sage, yucca, and wildflowers.

Today we can go into most stores and see imitation rabbits in a myriad of sizes and materials, from fake furs, o china, to homespun. They are unique and cute, dressed in a wide array of fashion.

However, in a cherished moment from my childhood, I can still visualize the most captivating rabbit I had encountered! This one was surely the work of a confectioner's dream, looking somewhat like smooth brown satin, and beautifully decorated. Instead, it was about a five inch tall rabbit of solid milk chocolate, my favorite of all sweets. (cont'd. P.3)

## Caregiver's Corner



*Coffee with Mom* by Pastor Mike Glenn, is about his journey with his mom—a mom with Alzheimer's and a son who did the best he could, and who wrote this story in hopes that you'll find a few laughs for your journey, realize you're not alone, and find the courage to do the best you can.

Mike's mom fought the illness, denying its presence. *Coffee with Mom* is a book about a mom's fight with dementia and the struggle of a son who wanted to help but didn't always know how. Most of their conversations—and sometimes battles—happened during morning coffee. **Book can be checked out of KSC Lending Library.**

### APRIL VIRTUAL CLASSES FROM ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

April 1st @ 2:00p Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body

April 2nd @ 2:00p Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia

April 5th @ 10:30am & April 8th @ 4:00 & more Caregiver Support Groups

April 6th @ 1:30pm - Dementia Conversations with Legal & Finance

April 9th - Virtual Education Spring Conference - Covid & Dementia



## Opportunities

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Tyler Road Baptist Church

571 S. Tyler Road

### BLESSING GIFT

Make-&-Take

Wed. April 28

April TRAINING

April 7th

The Alzheimer's Association offers many informational resources online at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org). Click on "Alzheimers & Dementia" and choose your topic.

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## 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.*

(cont'd from page 2, Aunt Babe's Reflections)

What a grand sight, as it graced the shelf at Mrs. Scagg's school lunch room. This was where my sisters and brothers and I ate our noon lunch, consisting of a large hamburger, tastefully prepared by kind Mrs. Scaggs, and selling for a nickel each, as this was not a time of prosperity in our land.

It was nearing Easter when I spied this candy creation on display. I don't recall that I gazed at it longingly, —but it was then that my brother, Gean, made his way through the crowded room, and pressed a nickel in my hand and whispered, "I'm not hungry for lunch today, so you take this and buy something 'special.'" In childlike innocence I didn't questions him, as it seemed always natural for me to take what he said for granted. After the crowd abated, it took a long time for me to summon up enough courage to ask the price, and can you imagine my surprise and elation to learn it was one nickel!

I don't remember enjoying my hamburger that day as usual; but I have never forgotten the ecstasy the yummy delicious chocolate rabbit brought to this shy young girl!

Many years passed, and this wonderful happening seemed tucked away in my heart. I was a mature woman when "somehow" the knowledge was given me that Gean had not had a lapse of appetite that day so long ago, but rather had gone hungry so that I could savor the tasty treat. My taste buds have never forgotten, and it still remains one of the nicest gifts ever received. So I say "Thank you!" belatedly, for this good gift, and for the generosity of spirit which prompted it! With gratitude and love.

## National Zoo Lover's Day—April 8—Enter Drawing! ~

**From home:** Google "Virtual Zoo Field Trip" and watch animals play and get fed! KSC's *Lending Library* has the *Wildlife Explorer* series available for local check-out and delivery to your doorstep!

**Sign up for KSC's ZOO Lover's Day drawing** to our local ZOO. Call 316-209-9028 and tell Christine your favorite zoo animal to get your name in the drawing. KSC will take 1 local homebound senior or couple (who don't drive but are ambulatory) to the ZOO on a good-weather day in May. Wheelchairs available. We will take pictures and put them in our next newsletter to share with all our readers.

### T/F SEDGWICK COUNTY ZOO (SCZ) TRIVIA

T/F SCZ is home to over 3,000 individual animals and nearly 400 species. .

T/F SCZ has weekly "Coffee Connections" geared for adults to hear about the inner workings of the zoo.

T/F SCZ has 12 "exhibits" grouped geographically and in settings that duplicate their natural habitat.

T/F SCZ is the largest zoo in the state of Kansas (ONLINE [click here](#) to see all the Kansas zoos)

T/F SCZ has live ZOOM adventures to enjoy from home



# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK IS APRIL 18-24

We could not exist without our volunteers giving their time, talents, and treasures to God's work here at KSC. Volunteers are priceless! They lead and assist with a weekly online Bible study and have used their gifts to write devotions during COVID. They help put our monthly Blessing Gifts together and get our newsletters ready to mail. They provide transportation for seniors who need rides to their doctor appointments. They help in the office and with special fundraising events and projects for seniors. They write cards to our homebound seniors. They share about our ministry in their home church. And they serve on our Board of Directors.

Volunteers come in all shapes and sizes! Some are professionals and some are retired from their profession. We've had college students, home-school families, business groups, home teams, and small groups. We've also had Sunday School classes and stay-at-home moms ministering to our seniors with their kids. They all have one thing in common: a compassionate heart for serving the Lord,. *Koinonia Senior Care* is blessed with the best volunteers! We thank you and ask God to bless your socks off in ways only He knows you need blessed!

If you are interested in volunteering with *Koinonia Senior Care*, please give Christine a call at 316-209-9028.



## DAILY RENEWAL FOR THE SOUL

[BOTT Radio Network](#) (BRN) is a network of Christian radio stations broadcasting Christian talk and teaching programs with a mission to "Get the Word of God into the People of God."

To bring a fresh pep in your step each day, listen to some of the programming on your local station throughout your day and night—even when you can't sleep!

In Kansas there are 17 BRN stations to tune into, depending on where you live. In Wichita, tune radios to 95.5 FM or 950 AM.

If Christian music is preferred for a time of praise and worship in Wichita, look into BBN 88.3, K-LOVE 99.1, WAY-FM 90.7, KCFN 91.1, The HOUSE 100.1, and KDKQ 105.9. Of course some CD's of the Gaither's is always a good choice, too!

If you want to know [radio stations](#) available in your area, give KSC a call and we will find your local station(s).

Therefore we  
do not lose  
heart. Though  
outwardly we  
are wasting  
away, yet  
inwardly we are  
being renewed  
day by day.

- 2 Corinthians 4:16 -

## April Touch Someone Challenge

**April 23rd is National Picnic Day**—an event that will brighten any ones day! Pick a sunny, calm day and enjoy some fresh air and fun food with a senior neighbor, friend or family member!



### Garage Sale Fundraiser for KSC

**April 22-24**

760 Toh-N-Hah, Near Central and Maize Rd

If you would like to donate items of at least a \$5 resale value OR you would like to volunteer, please call Christine at 316-209-9028.

### Annual Report

We are excited to share with you our [2020 Annual Report](https://www.kscare.org/2020-annual-report) on our website! Go to [kscare.org](https://www.kscare.org) and click on the ABOUT tab. There you will find the Annual Report.

### KSC Newsletter 1-Question Survey:

Do you prefer email or snail mail? \_\_\_\_\_

In order to better utilize each dollar donated, we are asking our readers to let us know which form of media they read our newsletter from: email or printed and sent by mail. Please email or call with your answer. Thank you! [christine@kscare.org](mailto:christine@kscare.org) or 316-209-9028

*Dear Christine,*

*Feb. 15, 2021*

*My sister...has your newsletter sent to me...What a wonderful example of Christian love your Koinonia Senior Care is. I love your mission, motto, and vision, and the articles which encourage me to follow your example—which is Christ's example...*

*Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Love, MC*

***The moments we share today are the stories we tell tomorrow.***

**April 27th is National Story Day.** Koinonia Senior Care wants to hear your stories! Call us or write it down and send it to us. With your permission, we may even print it! Stories can be about anything that has shaped you and molded you into who you are today. Perhaps a childhood memory, a love story, a story of how God walked with you through difficult times, a story about a special game you used to play, or a story of gratitude. The possibilities are endless! Give me a call and I will write it down for you if you feel you can no longer write legibly. I sit by the phone...

*...my story is one of New Beginnings. It began with a phone call to Grandma and Grandpa one Sunday afternoon. Who knew that would be the beginning of them moving in with my family for 12 years and the beginning of Koinonia Senior Care!*



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**Never place a period where  
God has placed a comma.**

**Gracie Allen**

More inspiration @ [www.kscare.org](http://www.kscare.org)

 [www.facebook.com/kscare](https://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**

**KSC is a 501c3**

#### **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.

#### **Board of Directors**

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