

- * Providing honor, help & hope for homebound seniors;
- * Providing encouragement for widows, widowers, & caregivers;
- * Providing volunteer opportunities for the community;
- * Providing KOINONIA— Christian fellowship to “one another.”

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KSC CONNECTION



Koinonia Senior Care Newsletter

December 2021

Because of Jesus

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus this month, let's unwrap a few of the GIFTS we receive when we BELIEVE that Jesus is God's Son, and is *gifted* to us as our righteous, resurrected redeemer who restored our relationship with God at the cross where He bore our past, present, and future sins that separated us from our Holy God.

Because of Jesus you are now forgiven.

Because of Jesus you are now living with His Spirit inside of you.

Because of Jesus you are now qualified to call God, Father.

Because of Jesus you are now a child of the King.

Because of Jesus you are now an heir and co-heir with Christ.

Because of Jesus you are now living with eternal purpose.

Because of Jesus you are now an overcomer & can live in victory

Because of Jesus you are now able to live with true peace and joy.

In this Christmas season, may you seek some stillness, silence and solitude where you can reflect and renew your relationship with God, fully unwrapping the GIFT of Jesus and singing [the song](#):

Giver of every breath I breathe. Author of all eternity. Giver of every perfect thing, to You be the glory! Maker of heaven and of earth. No one can comprehend Your worth. King over all the universe, to You be the glory!

Merry CHRISTmas, *Christine*



DECEMBER

6, 13, 20 GriefShare Support Group, ONLINE 7:00pm

1 KSC Training 1:00

2 KSC Board Mtg. 7:30am

9 [Empowered Seniors](#)
Botanica & online

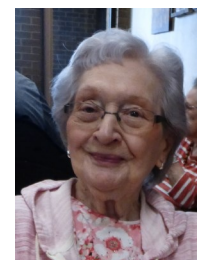
9 & 12 Surviving the Holidays

29 Blessing Gift Make & Take

Thursdays @ 7:00 am ZOOM
Conversations w/Christine

Thursdays @ 3:00 Bible study
at Oxford Grand

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“Aunt Babe,” our guest columnist, writes about her reflections on life. She is 98 years young and is still using her gifts to bless others. She is an inspiration to me because she lives in a land of silence since her hearing loss 7 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

### REFUGE

God has been my refuge a million times, I'd say  
And I know that He'll continue forever and a day.

When troubles are most pressing, He's one that staunch does  
stand,

He has never let me pass by without a helping hand.

Whether sickness of my loved ones or trouble on my mind,  
He never leaves me stranded and strength through Him I'll find.

God knows my faults are many, but He helps to make them less,  
When He teaches me His kindness and on heavy hearts does bless.

I'm ever-conscious of His nearness and hope that I can be,  
Enough of one mere Christian to be on His "family tree."

## Caregiver's Corner

*Father, today I come asking for a fresh wind of grace from You.  
Lead me and guide me in this role of caregiver for the one I love.  
Let me gather strength from You hour by hour.*

*Let me graciously take assistance from others when they offer.  
Grant me wisdom from You for any new issues I may face today.  
Remind me when I need a break so I can take care of myself.  
May I remember that I will sometimes get tired and the only perfect caregiver is You.*

*In Jesus' Name,*

*Amen.*

- Sheila Gosney



## Opportunities

### 4 U held at

Tyler Road Baptist Church

571 S. Tyler Road

### BLESSING GIFT

#### Make-&-Take

**Wed. Dec. 29 @ 1:00**

### December TRAINING

**Dec. 1st @ 1:00**

**Alzheimer's Assoc. has  
access to many virtual  
groups across the state  
& country. Contact  
their 24/7 hotline at  
1-800-272-3900 or  
locally 316-267-7312**

1820 E. Douglas, Wichita, KS

### EMPOWERED SENIORS

December 9

10-11:30 am

Botanica

"Living with Purpose"

[RSVP](#) in-person or ZOOM  
316-686-4500

## Thank you

**for gifts received  
in memory of**

**Ken Endicott**

**Gary Bender**



## UNWRAPPING THE GIFT OF

# Jesus

Do you remember how hard it was for your children to wait until Christmas morning to unwrap their presents, some of which had been sitting under the tree since Thanksgiving?! Think about the Christmas present that wasn't fully opened for 33 years – 33 years of wait and wonder of what's in the box!

When God asked a teenaged girl named Mary if she would help Him give a GIFT to the whole world, Mary said yes, and she delivered God's GIFT to the world in Bethlehem. She took good care of Him, and many people received a personal sneak peek of God's GIFT of HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE in Jesus. Those people's stories are written in the New Testament for you to read!

When it was time for God's GIFT to be revealed to the world, Jesus carried His cross to Calvary, and we all received a peek of His love as He died there for our past, present, and future sins. After He died, some friends took His body down and wrapped it with some strips of cloth and carried His body to a tomb/cave where a big stone was rolled in front of it so nobody could steal God's GIFT to the world. When some friends came back a couple days later, they saw the big stone was rolled away and the tomb was open. Two other friends looked inside and saw that the GIFT had finally been unwrapped. The only thing left was the strips of cloth that the GIFT had been wrapped in!

God's GIFT to the whole world, the very FIRST Christmas present ever, was born in Bethlehem and the world waited for 33 years for it to be unwrapped. But only when Jesus died on the cross and was raised from the dead was God's GIFT finally unwrapped. Have you unwrapped the GIFT of Jesus? John 3:16 says,

*“For God so loved the world that He GAVE (that's a gift!) His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.”*

Just like those gifts under the tree, the more time we spend with them, the more we learn about them. Likewise, the more time we spend with Jesus in reading the Bible and talking to God throughout each day, the more we'll learn about Him. May we FULLY unwrap God's GIFT this season!



## Meet Our Friends at FAITH SENIOR SERVICES & CONSULTING!

With the holidays right around the corner, this is the perfect time to see our families. We may also observe our senior loved ones struggling in their home—struggling to manage medications, to shower or bathe as needed, to drive safely, or to make sound decisions for themselves. They may have had some falls that they didn't let anyone know about or possibly forgot they even had. Many seniors may have covered these items up in a phone conversation but in our travels to visit them in person, it becomes obvious they need some help. Where do you turn for such a thing? Does it seem overwhelming to consider adding one more thing to your already full plate of life? **Here at [Faith Senior Services](#) and Faith Senior Consulting Services we are here to help you in this journey.** Whether the need is for a new home or for making a long-term plan for success, we are here to assist you from beginning to end.

*Faith Senior Services*



At *Faith Senior Services* we exist to be a resource to seniors and their families beginning the journey of looking for the best new home. It could be independent living, assisted living, long-term care or memory care. Our team of trusted experts are here to help. We meet with our client and families and listen to their wants and needs, goals, timeframe and finances. We schedule appointments to tour communities together and upon completion of the tours we sit down and hear what the families and client liked or disliked. Families and client then make an informed decision upon which community they feel best meets their needs. We then help arrange to make this transition as easy and smooth as possible.

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SENIOR  
CONSULTING  
SERVICES



THE SENIOR'S HELPING HAND

*Faith Senior Consulting Services* is also here to help with the overwhelming demands of caring for your elderly loved ones. It's difficult to know where to begin, our seasoned staff will help you protect, advocate, and educate for your loved one. We offer consultations to make a short- and long-term plan for your loved one. We have developed a trusted and vetted network of experienced companies, people and trades to help alleviate the stress and anxiety of where to find these resources and whether they are trustworthy?

We will help you to find the right plan for your loved one through our needs assessment, and we will make the appropriate referrals on your behalf. Our consultations begin at 60 mins and go up to 120 minutes for more complex situations. We can help with Medicaid applications and questions, DPOA paperwork, Home Health and Hospice needs, non-medical in-home care needs, real estate agent, elder certified movers, estate sales, house call (in home) physician visits AND much more. We look forward to your call: **316-202-8641.**





## December's Touch Someone Challenge

Pick up one of KSC's Blessing Gifts and deliver to a homebound senior or make your own! Mail a copy of this month's devotion (p.3) with a note that you are thinking of them. DIY found on our [KSC website!](#)

*Losing a loved one*

*is one of the hardest things many of us will ever face.*



Pathway Church and Koinonia Senior Care will be hosting sessions of "Surviving the Holidays" on the dates below. For more information, contact Christine at either 316-209-9028 or by email, [Christine@ksca.org](mailto:Christine@ksca.org) or register at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org) (Enter 67212 zip code) \$5 booklet.

December 9 IN-PERSON 1:00-3:00 Pathway Church

December 12 IN-PERSON 5:00-7:00pm Pathway Church

December 12 ONLINE 7:00-9:00 pm

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Christmas has been said to be the "Sufferers Holiday." If there were not pain, suffering, brokenness, sin, destruction, discouragement, and death, there would be no reason for CHRISTmas. Rest in God's awareness of your pain and CELEBRATE that Jesus came to end suffering and bring HOPE, JOY, PEACE in our pain.

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Thank you for considering sharing from your storehouse to bless others through KSC, a 501c3 non-profit.



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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  
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.

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