Home visits that focus on the social, spiritual, and significance support of our homebound seniors and their caregivers, wherever they call home.

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KSC CONNECTION



April 2022

Koinonia Senior Care Newsletter

KSC's Celebrates 10 Years of Ministry

Koinonia Senior Care celebrates its 10 year anniversary of ministering to homebound seniors primarily in west Wichita. Perhaps you've been thinking about getting involved in some way.

What can you do, in 2022?

- **Pray** for God's leading and love to shine through all we do
- Invite Christine to speak at your church, group, or event
- Share our newsletter or website with those it could encourage
- **Donate** a Book/roll of stamps for our new *Card Care* ministry
- **Donate** Dollar Tree gift cards for Blessing Gift & card supplies
- **Donate** toward some <u>DrumFitness</u> exercise equipment:
- **Donate** toward a wheelchair accessible van \$55,000 and monthly maintenance, gas, insurance, tags, donations
- **Donate** to support our future monthly *Homebound Senior Fellowship* outreach. (See article inside!)
- **Volunteer** for our future monthly *Homebound Senior Fellow-ship* outreach
- **Volunteer** for our monthly event to make Blessing Gifts, assemble newsletters, and send care cards
- Volunteer for our Garage/Estate sale fundraiser
- **Volunteer** to visit 1-2 homebound seniors/month
- Volunteer to make phone calls to homebound seniors
- Volunteer to help with occasional yard work
- Volunteer with Bible study in assisted living communities

YOU CAN'T OUTGIVE GOD! The generous will prosper;

those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25



APRIL

6 KSC Support & Training

12 Hymn Sing 1:30 Pathway

17 Easter

27 Blessing Gift Make & Take

Thursdays @ 3:00 Bible study at Oxford Grand

Weather Emergency Preparedness Kit

Flashlights, shoes, water, ID, snacks, pills, radio, batteries, phone/cord, masks, First Aid, whistle, toilet bucket &paper, gloves, blankets, trash bags...

"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

Senior Students Honored at St. Paul's Church

Many years ago I was asked to plan and decorate our church basement for the Senior banquet. The mothers and our church ladies were to prepare a lovely meal, and a really nice evening was planned.

The decorating of the very large basement was the main project. After considering a variety of topics, I decided on the theme, "We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder." I had noticed our wooden ladder and I decided I could paint it in PINK. The class colors were pink and maroon.

I had asked for volunteers to loan their Ken and Barbie dolls. I wanted to dress them in maroon robes befitting our graduates. As they climbed the ladder, a gorgeous fresh arrangement of pink roses graced the top. As the group was being seated, the hymn was being played. All around the room, lines from the song were displayed with fitting musical notes. Also as part of the décor, the garden center had loaned us 5' cedars. At each place-setting there was a booklet in maroon and pink with Senior Info as well as a menu for the evening banquet. Each table was centered with pink roses and maroon bows. The 80+ students and guests were all smiles as they enjoyed this occasion, especially for graduates. Ands a jolly time was had by all!!!

Caregiver's Corner

TEEPA SNOW: MAKING VISITS COUNT series

Do you or your loved one have dementia? Are there people in your church with dementia? 8-12 years on survival mode is unhealthy for both the caregiver and the person with dementia. How can we come alongside families? Learn and love them with visits.

60% of KSC seniors have some degree of some type of dementia, therefore, we train and find engaging activities to interact with the men and women we serve with dementia. The Teepa Snow: Making Visits Count series are 8-11 minute segments helping visitors know how to respond, along with ideas for your visits. Start here with part 1 on YouTube and work your way through the video series at your own pace. KSC's monthly training & support offers new activity ideas monthly. You are welcome to come join us!



Opportunities

4 U held at

Tyler Road Baptist Church

571 S. Tyler Road

BLESSING GIFT
Make-&-Take
Wed. April 27 @ 1:00

TRAINING & SUPPORT April 6 @ 1:00

Take the brain tour
online from Alzheimer's
Assoc. Just click here!
Access many virtual
groups across the state
& country. Contact
locally at 316-267-7312

1820 E. Douglas, Wichita, KS

EMPOWERED SENIORS

April 14 The Truth About Decluttering & Downsizing

Watch past seminars on their youtube channel or

Fridays @ 8:30 p.m. PBS Repeats Sat. @ 3 on 8.1 & Sundays @5:30 on 8.2

Thank you

for your gifts,
volunteerism,
prayers, and
financial support
of KSC!

I need your opinions on a monthly event Koinonia Senior Care is considering. Homebound Senior Fellowship

Homebound seniors need socialization and caregivers need respite. They need to know that they are valued and not forgotten. We want to give them a monthly outing opportunity to engage in fellowship with other homebound seniors and volunteers in fun, memorable ways that will keep them coming back month after month!

The Homebound Senior Fellowship gives partnering churches an opportunity to enrich the lives of homebound seniors socially and spiritually for a monthly, 4-hour outreach from 10:00-2:00.

The Homebound Senior Fellowship will be held at a different church each month to share the blessing among our partnering churches, to bring in a variety of homebound seniors and volunteers, and to provide different activities depending on the church set-up.

KSC is committed to a homebound senior/volunteer ratio of 1:1 to allow for personal friendships to form and to better provide for assistance as needed. Reservations will be limited according to the number of volunteers we have for each month.

Homebound Senior and Caregiver Question:

What would attract you to a this gathering?

Volunteer Question:

What area(s) would you consider volunteering in? assist a homebound senior assist with activities welcome team set-up clean-up

> transportation other:



Do you have other gifts, skills, talents or ideas you would like to share? (e.g. play piano, lead a devotion, sing a special, lead Drumfit, read a story to the group, etc.)

Please respond by April 30 to have your name in a drawing for a gift card.

You can share your thoughts via mail, email, or phone.

Mail: 13303 W Maple, Ste 139, #128, Wichita KS 67235

Email: KSCare4U@gmail.com Call or text: 316-209-9028

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THE 12 VOICES OF EASTER

Answers:

AGING FAITHFULLY SERIES—People Matter!

"The thing I miss most are the notes he used to send me."

People matter. Your relationships are far more important than anything other than your relationship to Christ. We need each other. Isolation is not healthy.

The apostle Paul writes a letter to the church at Colosse, encouraging them in their faith and warning them of the smooth talk of man-made philosophy. He encourages them to keep their eyes focused on Jesus and to study the real thing so they won't fall for a counterfeit.

Colossians 2:6-7 ⁶ And now, just as you accepted **Christ Jesus** as your Lord, you must con tinue to follow **him.** ⁷ Let your roots grow down into **him,** and let your lives be built on **him**. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Easter Challenge:

- Affirm and encourage someone you love in their faith walk. Something happens when it's a hand written statement of affirmation. You may find them on the bathroom mirror, indicating how valuable and meaningful your words are.
- Remember the little things and thank God for them. "Sometimes when I consider what tremendous consequences come from little things, I'm tempted to think, there are no little things." Bruce Martin (e.g. American flag, trash service, green/red lights, rest, rain,
- Pause throughout each day and remind yourself, "I am COMPLETE in Christ! I am a child of the King!" I'm fully accepted by God because of Christ. My past, present, and future sins are forgiven because of what He did for me on the cross. I'm absolutely secure now and forever in my salvation because of Christ's death and resurrection—His power over sin and death itself!

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for Your Word. It is Truth to live by, and if necessary, Truth to die for. Thank You for Jesus who loved me and gave Himself for me, forgave me, and made a way for me to have eternal life in Heaven. This is not my home, but while I am here, teach me, use me, and deliver me from the distractions of busyness, shallowness, and indifference toward the things of You, Fill me with peace and joy as I trust in You so that I may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, giving You praise, glory, and worship. Thank You for EASTER and Jesus' power over death! His resurrection power that will one day usher ALL of Your people into Your Kingdom! I can hardly wait! May I spread Your good news until that day comes. In the powerful name of Jesus I pray, AMEN.

April's Touch Someone Challenge

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday are great reasons to pick up your loved one and take them to church with you. Add a meal or perhaps an Easter Lily to the occasion or send them a card celebrating Jesus!

The 12 Voices of Easter

Match the voice with the	person (s)	from the Easter story	it describes
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1. The voice of betrayal ____

2. The voice of denial ___

3. The voices of deception ___

4. The voice of condemnation ___

5. The voice of evasion ___

6. The voices of hatred ___

7. The voice of faith ___

8. The voice of affirmation ___

9. The voice of courage ___

10. The voice of adoration

11. The voice of assurance

12. The voice of doubt

- A. Mary Magdalene G. Thomas
- B. The Mob H. Judas
- C. Peter I. Pilate
- D. Chief Priests J. Caiaphas
- E. Thief K. Centurion
- F. Cleopas L. Joseph of Arimathea

DID YOU KNOW? That our KSC Bible study is listening to and discussing the 12 Voices of Easter at one of the assisted living communities? You can <u>listen online</u> at the Back to the Bible website on their group Bible study plans.



KSC Fundraiser - Ruby's *Treasures by Tobey* w/online video presentation of her work!

Join Christine on April 7-9, from 1:00-5:00 at Ruby's Open House. A portion of her proceeds will go to KSC during her open house. Call for directions: 316-209-9028

See & purchase her work at etsy.com/shop/treasuresbyTobey, Things 4 That @ Maple & Ridge in Wichita, KS or at Marketplace 67010 in Augusta, KS

DeVaughn James, with <u>FOX Kansas</u> and **My TV Wichita** teamed up to **PAY IT FORWARD** in our community. Twice a month, a deserving individual is recognized for their willingness to make a difference in our community. KSC's nominated individual will be spotlighted on FOX Kansas

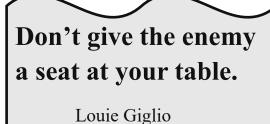
9pm news on April 11 and April 18, and receive \$500 to given to the work and mission of *Koinonia Senior Care*. Thank you, DeVaughn James!



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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 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.