

Koinonia Senior Care is a local ministry, encouraging home visits that focus on the social, spiritual, and significance support of our homebound seniors and their caregivers, wherever they call home.

www.kscare.org
316-209-9028



KSC CONNECTION

Koinonia Senior Care Monthly Newsletter

JANUARY 2025

Word for the New Year 2025

As per annual tradition, I like to start out the new year with a word that will Guide me throughout the next 12 months. About one month ago, my word came to me. I couldn't find a definition for it, so I took the Liberty to create my own Brisco Dictionary definition.

My word for 2025 Originate from the brilliantly beautiful designs I witness in a sensational sunrise that nearly takes my breath away in the morning Rush.

*Life Is not measured by the number of breaths we take,
but by the moments that take our breath away.*

My word for 2025 radiates from God's glory in the skies as He paints a picture every morning for me to enjoy. Then again every night in His soft and serene sunsets that satisfy my soul with an Oppportunity for calm quietude and rest.

My word for 2025 captures the glorious Splendor and majesty of God, His Son, His Spirit, and heaven revealed throughout Scripture. It gives me cause to pause and praise God with worship and Thanksgiving.

*O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory in the heavens...*

My word for 2025 focuses on recognizing the attributes, character, and presence of God in my everyday living and giving Him the spotlight of glory.

My word for 2025 can be discovered as you find the letters in this article that are underlined, **bolded**, and CAPITALIZED. I put them in order so, if you find them in order, you won't have to unscramble the letters! You can put your letters in the box with its definition, located on the right hand side of this page.

Blessings on your 2025 endeavors! *Christine*



JANUARY

- 8 Caregiver Support 1-3pm
- 8 Waxing Wednesday at Oxford Grand at 10:15
- 24 Christian Women's Club
- 29 Make & Take, Newsletters

Focuses on recognizing the attributes, character, and presence of God in everyday living and giving Him the spotlight of glory.



Tears

Tears express what words cannot describe. Tears can flow listening to the words of a touching song, viewing the beauty of the painted skies, remembering a loved one no longer with you, or wrestling in prayer over a situation. Be assured that the Lord hears your heart in your tears of joy and sorrow.

A teardrop on earth summons the King of Heaven. The Lord takes special note of our tears, and those moments of tenderness He never forgets. He puts them in His bottle and enters them into the record He keeps on our lives.

You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book. Psalm 56:8 (NLT)

Caregiver's Corner

Hospice Days

NOTE: The following article is written for the Christ-follower. (If you want to know more about this life-changing relationship, please call KSC at 316-209-9028.)

Even as Christ-followers, end-of-life is hard. As overwhelming and humanly disappointing the emotional end-of-life journey can be for many, it can be comforting to step back and recognize God's plan unfolding and wrap yourself in His arms of love as He prepares you and your loved one for the days ahead.

Feel God's blessing over you when hospice and visitors pray with you for His provision and peace along this journey. Recognize His holy hugs given in their various forms of help, texts, phone calls and cards of encouragement.

Embrace this sacred journey as your loved one transitions and prepares to leave this earth and cleave to their heavenly home where heartache and headaches do not exist in their new life there!

Share Scriptures and sing/play songs about Heaven to prepare both of you for this journey. The Gaither's have a good selection and KSC has some in their lending library.

Find grief support through a faith-based group of others who have experienced the loss of loved ones. *GriefShare* offers groups through many local churches.



Volunteer

Opportunities

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Wed. Jan. 8th 1:00

Blessing Gift Make-&- Take & Newsletters

Wed. @ 1:00 Jan. 29th

Tyler Road Baptist

GriefShare Groups forming now

Go to griefshare.org and type in your zip-code to find groups starting their 13-week session in January in a church near you.

Thank you

**for supporting KSC
through prayer, reader-
ship, donations, sharing
and volunteering.**

**YOU are our best
advertisement and
are a vital part of
REFRESHING OTHERS!**

*The generous will prosper;
those who refresh others
will themselves be refreshed.*

Proverbs 11:25

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

What Is Quality Life When It Comes to Our Spirit?

Last month I wrote about quality life when it comes to our health. This month I'm focusing on quality life and our spirit. Just like we feed our body, we need to feed our soul the nourishment of worship, the Word, and quality time talking with the Lord.

If you were to be in my car, by my vanity, in my kitchen, or on my phone, you would notice the "dial" is set on BOTT radio so I can *get into the Word and the Word can get into me*. BOTT radio is my go-to for knowing and growing in the Word during the week. Every morning there are 30-minute sermons from trusted pastors who preach the whole counsel of God's Word. In Wichita, BOTT Radio can be found on 94.3 FM, 95.5 FM, and 950 AM.

In this day of fake news and false teaching, one has to be like the Bereans of Acts 17:11 and be discerning. Lies are everywhere and the father of lies is having a hay day as people accept words spoken as truth before investigating.

"Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so" (Acts 17:11 ESV).

The Bereans opened the pages of the Bible because they knew the Bible was God's final authority and truth, and His Words guided them through the power of the Holy Spirit! They delighted in its reading!

Even the psalmist delighted in God's law:

*Open my eyes that I may see the wonderful things in your law...
Your statutes are my delight; they are my counselors.* Psalm 119:18, 24

As we begin again this new year, let's avoid **spiritual amnesia**, **Biblical anorexia**, and **spiritual scams** by feeding our souls and finding counsel from God and His Word. What delight awaits us as we see more of how our story is woven into the tapestry of God's story.

What better way to grow in the Lord than with the community you live with!

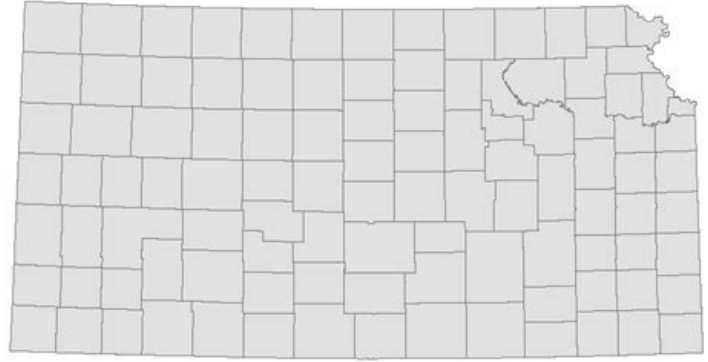
KSC meets weekly with one of our local Assisted Living communities to read God's Word, sing hymns, and pray.



Koinonia Senior Care is not affiliated with any particular church, but partners with many churches to provide resources and monthly support for those congregations serving the homebound in their church and community.



How many of the 105 Kansas counties can you name?



Kansas Birthday January 29

1. How old is Kansas since its union? _____
2. What war was just beginning as Kansas entered the union? _____
3. What does the state motto, Ad Astra per Aspera mean? _____
4. What does the blue and gold on our state flag represent? _____
5. Name one of Kansas' nicknames. _____

Answers: 1. 164, 2. Civil War, 3. "To the Stars Through Difficulties," 4. the Louisiana Purchase, which made the lands of Kansas a part of the United States, 5. Sunflower State, Jayhawk State, Wheat State.

TOP Attractions in Kansas

Of course the answer to this query is subjective but I'm interested in your answers and if any of the following are on it. These preferences came from interviews with seniors in my community.

- *Keeper of the Plains & Keepers on Parade*
- *Legends & Speedway* shopping in Kansas City
- *Kansas Aviation Museum*—Wichita
- *LegoLand & Union Station*—Kansas City
- *Botanica & Sedgwick County Zoo*—Wichita
- *Cosmosphere*—Hutchinson
- *Old Cowtown Museum*—Wichita
- *Safari Zoological Park*—Caney
- *Pichler's Chicken Annies*—Pittsburg
- *Scenic Flint Hills* —
- *Lindsborg Old Mill & Swedish Heritage Museum*
- * *Plaza Lights* in downtown Kansas City
- * *Eisenhower Library & Museum*—Abilene, KS
- * *Coronado Heights*—Lindsborg, KS
- * *Museum of World Treasures*—Wichita
- * *Tanganika Wildlife Park*—Goddard
- * *Strataca Salt Mines*—Hutchinson
- * *Boot Hill Museum & Cargill Feed Lot* —Dodge City
- * *Monument Rocks*—Oakley
- * *Kansas Capitol Building*—Topeka
- * *Exploration Place*—Wichita
- * *Russell Stover Candy Company*—Abilene

January's Touch Someone Challenge

Pick up a 50-states or Kansas puzzle with some of our Kansas Trivia in this newsletter and share with a senior friend. Ask: If you designed a puzzle about Kansas, what would you include in it?

The Christmas Letter

The Gift of the Christmas Letter continues this month with the New Testament part of the 66 books or CHRISTmas letters in our Bible. Every *letter* or *book* of the Bible reveals something about our Jesus. This list is from *Leading the Way* with Michael Yousseff.

In Matthew, Jesus Christ is Kingly Messiah and Suffering Servant

In Mark, He is the Miracle Worker.

In Luke, He is the Savior for all.

In John, He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

In Acts, He is the Risen Lord; Spirit who dwells within us.

In Romans, He is our Justification.

In 1 & II Corinthians, He is our Sanctification.

In Galatians, He is our Liberation.

In Ephesians, He is our perfection.

In Philippians, He is our Joy.

In Colossians, He is the Head of the Body, the Church.

In 1 & II Thessalonians He is the Coming Lord

In 1 & II Timothy, He is the judge of all men.

In Philemon, He is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

In Titus, He is the Redeemer of the World.

In Hebrews, He is the author and finisher of our faith.

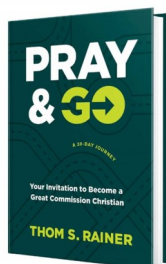
In James, He is the power of our Faith

1 & II Peter, He is the Chief Shepherd and the Overseer of our Souls.

In 1, 2, 3 John, He is the power of our faith.

In Jude, He is the mighty to save.

In Revelation, He is the Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End, Lion and the Lamb, King of kings, Lord of lords!



30 Day Journey: Pray & Go

Have you adopted the holy habit of prayer? Unlock the power of prayer for your life, for your church, and for your community this month. To find out more, contact Christine at 316-209-9028.



Koinonia Senior Care
13303 W. Maple, Suite 139, PMB #128
Wichita, KS 67235

Nonprofit Org
 US Postage
 PAID
 Wichita, KS
 Permit No 574

If you are not reading or sharing this newsletter, please call or text 316-209-9028 to UNSUBSCRIBE. Thank you!

“Peace isn’t found in the absence of problems; it’s found in the presence of God.”

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
 Activities
 Respite
 Equipping Volunteers

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

Rhonda Turner	Lyle Jones
Gwendolyn Lewis	Chris Dennis
Ronda Bowles	Michael Priddle
Teressa Hatfield	Rick Schoepf
David Bridgewater	

Officers

Christine Brisco	Dawn Roberts
------------------	--------------