

# KANSAS COMMUNITIES MINISTRY UPDATE

*"My objective is to know Christ in my own life in ever-increasing depth and to make disciples and develop laborers at all times, under any conditions, in every place I go"*

## 1 Corinthians 13:4-6

"Love is patient, love is kind, it is not envious. Love does not brag, it is not puffed up. It is not rude, it is not self-serving, it is not easily angered or resentful. It is not glad about injustice, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." (NET Bible, used by permission)

## Growth in Christlikeness

What does Paul mean in Romans 8:5 and following about setting our minds on the things of the flesh versus things of the spirit? (Rom 8:5 NKJV - "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those [who live] according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.")

It seems that part of what he is getting at is that we set our minds on the things of the flesh when we seek to please God by doing things out of our own strength. For example, I might think to myself "I'm going to work really hard and memorize this chapter in the Bible. That will make God love me more and overlook some of my sins." Or perhaps we strive to serve others by our own strength (and our own thoughts and plans) and forget to include God. Rather I need to have my mind set on Christ and seek His direction and strength.



## Accomplishments at the Cross By Dennis Finley

We will consider what all was accomplished at the cross. This cross was intended by the authorities to inflict maximum atrocities and torture of the intended victim. It was an example of extreme cruelty, brutality and awfulness on the person. It humiliated the one in the most humiliating way. Overwhelming suffering was the point.

Now the cross of Christ is a cherished symbol of the Christian faith, joyfully worn and exhibited by believers everywhere. Today it is a symbol of victory. Here are some things accomplished at the cross (very partial list):

**Genesis 3:15:** Fulfillment of prophecy; **Psalms 22:** fulfillment of prophecy, scoffing, physical suffering, piercing of hands and feet, dividing of garments; **Isaiah 53:** fulfillment of many prophecies, despised and forsaken by men, Christ bore our sorrows and our grief, pierced through, iniquity of all on Him, quiet in His torture, like a slaughtered lamb, cut off, isolated; **Luke 22:7:** Metaphor of a sacrificial lamb; **1 Corinthians 1:18:** Demonstrated the folly of non-believers and the power of God; **1 Corinthians 10:16:** Sharing in the blood and body of Christ.

*To be continued next month...*



## Goads and Nails

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### Deep-Water Fishing

*"When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.'" Luke 5:4*

"There are few things I enjoy more than going fishing. I especially enjoy actually catching a few trout in Colorado. There are times, however, when I am like Simon. I worked hard and haven't caught a thing... There were simply no fish where I was fishing... The problem of fishing where there are no fish is not unique to Simon and me. It is a common problem in the church as well.

I have begun to study the behavior of trout...three things determine their location. These are a place where they feel safe, where their basic needs are met & to be able to live and survive without making any undue effort.

Two books were a great encouragement [in this regard]: [Evangelism as a Lifestyle](#) (Jim Peterson) & [Your Home a Lighthouse](#) (Bob Jacks)."— Richard Spann



## Eddie Broussard is Speaker for Men's Retreat

We are excited to announce that Eddie Broussard will be our speaker at Cross Wind Conference Center, April 24-25, 2020. Eddie is International Vice President for the Navigators and is on the

Navigators International Executive Team. He will be speaking on "The Abiding Life" From John 15:1-7. **Sign up today at <https://tinyurl.com/2020KSMensRetreat>**

His messages will address "The Root of Abiding," "The Interior Life of Abiding," and "The Fruit of Abiding." From Eddie: "One of the most important New Testament pictures of a life pleasing to God came to us in a parable of Jesus. The night He was betrayed, Jesus described the life lived in fruitful fellowship with the Father and the Son using the figure of the Gardener, the True Vine, and the branches. In four messages, we will delve into The Abiding Life, John 15:1-7."

From his biography: "Eddie's exposure to the Navigator ministry at Texas A&M 1974 resulted in the recommitment of his life to follow Christ and to receive ongoing training in Christian discipleship and leadership. After graduating from Texas A&M 1978 with a B.S. degree in Pre-Medicine/zoology, doing graduate study in education, and teaching chemistry at Navasota High School in Texas, Eddie joined the staff of the Navigators and moved to the University of Illinois for a period of staff training. Eddie's Creole African American heritage and varied ministry experience bring sensitivity and perspective to his role."

Eddie and his wife Barbie live in the Colorado Springs area.

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