

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."

Psalm 57:2-3

"I cry out for help to God Most High [El Elyon], to the God who vindicates me. May He send help from heaven and deliver me from my enemies who hurl insults. May God send his loyal love and faithfulness." (NET Bible - used by permission)

Evangelism

What is "evangelism"? The word is derived from "eu" (good) + "angelos" (message/messenger) or a "bringer of good news." What is the "gospel"? According to Merriam Webster: "gospel" is middle English, derived from Old English *godspel*: *god* (good) + *spell* (tale).

What do you think of when you hear the word "evangelism"? Perhaps it is a picture of going door to door. Or do you picture someone standing on street corner with a megaphone preaching to folks as they walk by? Or maybe it is picture of a large gathering and a preacher preaching the good news of Jesus Christ.

However, consider that sharing the good news may mean meeting people one-on-one at the Kansas State Fair as we listen to their stories, giving away free literature and encouraging them in their next step of faith. Won't you join us?

Kansas State Fair and the Kansas Navigators

NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS FOR THE NAVIGATOR BOOTH

- Our booth offers Christian books for toddlers, middle school age, and adults.
- We offer an adult drawing for 2 nights bed and breakfast in a deluxe room in the Castle at Glen Eyrie
- We offer a \$25 Amazon Gift Card to College age students daily

- Everything at our booth is free
- We need Volunteers from Sept 10-19, 9 am till 9 pm:
- To assist with any hours during the day, any day during the week. Morning, afternoon, evening. 1, 2, 3, 4 hours or more.

- We greet fair visitors with a smile that engages others for life, and we inform them of the good news that Knowing Christ offers

- We hope to Inform them about Jesus, The Navigators, The Navigator Kansas Communities and College ministries.

- Volunteers get into the Fair FREE for the day. Transportation to the booth is also available.

If you would like to volunteer - contact:

Dick or Betty Borchard at 316-682-8968, 316-258-9345 dnbborch@cox.net

Jim or Carrie Truax at 620-877-0362 620-877-7620 jimtruax@gmail.com

A brief training is provided prior to the fair.



Volunteers are the powerhouse behind The Navigator Booth, serving the people of Kansas.

Our motto:

**"To Know Christ,
make Him Known,
and help others do the
same."**

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Dick and Betty Borchard and Jim and Carrie Truax, the Kansas Communities Ministry of the Navigators will once again be represented at the Kansas State Fair. This is a fantastic outreach and encouragement for folks who stop by and chat. Our booth will be in the Meadowlark Building from September 10–September 19 from 9 am to 9 pm daily. We are blessed to be able to give away totally free books and materials (sponsored by a very generous organization). We have a total of over 5000 books to give away, along with free cross lapel pins and flags. "We really want to bless folks with excellent quality, spiritually encouraging materials" according to the Borchards and Truax.

Please consider joining us by volunteering a few hours to help "man" the booth. You will be blessed and encouraged as you bless and encourage others, helping them to take their next step in their faith walk. **Contact info is as noted above if you can help.**

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Goads and Nails

Excerpt from *Goads and Nails*
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"If I feel like reading my Bible ..."

On awakening in the morning, if I feel like reading the Bible, I open it and begin to read. Sometimes, I feel I can concentrate better if I have a diet coke to drink as I read. On my way to get the coke I notice that I forgot to check the mail from the previous day, and stop to do that as well... Before long it becomes a tale from ... *If You Give a Moose a Muffin!*

There are many distractions between the desire to read the Bible and actually reading the Bible. It is best to pick up the Bible and read the moment the Lord gives you that desire.

If I were to wake up some morning and not feel like reading the Bible, then I must pick up my Bible and start reading. Emotions that would capture my will and lead it in a direction opposite of God's best for me are not to be trusted.

Howard Hendricks (retired seminary professor) said, "This book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this book."
- Richard Spann

"I Can See Clearly Now: Seeking First God's Kingdom"

Beloved speaker/teacher Dr. Don Davis will be our leader at this year's Fall Conference to be held Saturday, November 6, 2021 at Eastminster Presbyterian Church. Dr. Davis is always a very popular speaker at our conferences and we look forward to hearing him again this year.

From Dr. Davis:

"Our perspective determines both the quality and meaning of the situations we encounter in life, and our responses to the events and happenings, whether they be positive or difficult."

"As followers of Jesus Christ, we have been gifted with the Holy Spirit, who equips and transforms our hearts and minds to be conformed to the mind of Christ. As our comforter and teacher, He establishes within us the mind of Christ so we may represent Christ in the roles and relationship we manage within our life circles. As those who anchor their entire lives on the person and work of Christ, we must strive to see things as God does through his eyes, and respond with courage and faith."

This conference is open to men and women of all ages from teenagers to retirees. Schedule is from 9 am until 4:15 pm on November 6.

Online registration will be available soon. Full brochure is [available here](#). You can download the brochure, print it out and register by mail.

Why not get a group together from your church or small group to attend this very encouraging conference this year? You will be glad you did!



Battling those Flaming Arrows by David Dennis

Paul reminds believers in Ephesians 6 about the true nature of our warfare:

Ephesians 6:10-13: (NET Bible, used by permission) "Finally, be strengthened in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Clothe yourselves with the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens. For this reason, take up the full armor of God so that you may be able to stand your ground on the evil day, and having done everything, to stand."



And in verse 16: "and in all of this, by taking up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one."

Recently on our family vacation we had a Sunday morning worship service in our cabin with our adult children and grandchildren. We looked at this passage, focusing on verse 16. We discussed the fact that our warfare is far beyond merely flesh and blood but that it involves spiritual warfare, which involves "rulers, powers ... and world rulers of this darkness." What are some of the "flaming arrows" (other versions say "fiery darts") that Satan throws at us and what is the nature of the shield of faith that we can use to protect ourselves? Here are some examples:

Flaming Satanic Arrows	Shield of Faith defense: Do you believe this?
"It is OK to look at the answers and cheat on this test" (or taxes or contract)	Exodus 20:15 NKJV - "You shall not steal." John 8:32 NKJV - "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."
"I'm of no value. I can't do anything right. I'm full of shame."	John 3:16 NKJV - "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Romans 5:8 NKJV - "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
"I'm not capable. I can't do this. I am full of anxiety."	Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV - "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."
"It's OK to click on that image. I'm tired and deserve to relax."	Philippians 4:8 NKJV - "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things [are] noble, whatever things [are] just, whatever things [are] pure, whatever things [are] lovely, whatever things [are] of good report, if [there is] any virtue and if [there is] anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things."

Spotlight on Online Resources

♦**Kansas Navigators Conferences:** Lord willing, we will be having two upcoming conferences: **Bartlesville, Oklahoma at Grace Community Church October 23, 2021.**

Speakers Ryan Henderson, Chris Majors and David Dennis will be addressing "The Critical Importance of Time Management." Contact Elmo Joseph for sign up information. Secondly,

November 6, 2021 at Eastminster Presbyterian Church will be our Wichita Fall Conference with speaker Dr. Don Davis. See article on page 2 for more information.

♦**Kansas Navigators blogs: The God-centered Life** is the title of a very helpful blog (found [here](#)) penned by Richard Spann. He reminds us that the self-centered life fails without the remotest chance of success while the God-centered life succeeds without the remotest chance of failure.

♦**Podcast "Making Disciples Naturally"**

We are concluding our interview with Pastor Ted Veer, missionary to Ethiopia. Upcoming podcasts will feature all new interviews with Richard Spann and Willie Penner. Find those podcasts at <https://kansasnavs.org/podcasts> or subscribe via Apple Podcasts, Overcast, Spotify, etc. (On our website you'll need to place your cursor in the list of podcasts and "slide" them down to find the correct episode number.)



Prayer concerns in the family

Recently the family of the Kansas Communities Ministry of the Navigators has experienced a number of serious illnesses and challenges. If you are on the email list, you have been kept informed of these for your prayerful support. Our administrative assistant, Carol Sprunger, has been very diligent and helpful in keeping us apprised of these events and situations. She noted that she does not recall a time when there has been so much serious illness in our Kansas Navigator "family."

We are reminded in 1 John 5:11-12 that we can be assured that He hears us when we pray according to His will. How do we know "His will"? His will is always for our best interest. We know that our God has unlimited power, infinite love and perfect knowledge. We can take comfort in that as we pray diligently for these needs.

(Click [here](#) if you want to be on the email list. We must have YOU sign up in order to add you to the list. Thank you.)

