

REFLECTIONS

(Kevin Avery, our Missionary In Residence, brings us an update.)

In the 1990s, I appreciated the song by Twila Paris called *Cry for the Desert*. But it wasn't until recent months that I've fully grasped Twila's cry. India has been in dire straits during a second wave of COVID-19. Experts are referring to it as India's Tsunami Pandemic. Pastors, church members and even whole fellowships have been succumbing to the grips of the virus.

When churches in Nagpur, India, asked for my help, I was eager to assist in any way I could. For the last few weeks, I have been supporting Indian churches in areas of bereavement and spiritual care. In our first Zoom gathering, I began teaching how we can live out the literal meaning of compassion, "to suffer together." As God's people, we want to be an extension of the Lord's comfort and compassion. In other words, we pray and weep with those who weep. Soon, I will continue with this teaching, helping the churches live out their "Project Compassion."

Though we are far away geographically from India, I am brought to tears when I think of the Indian church members extending compassion, literally putting their lives at risk. I promised the pastors we would compassionately pray for them, and this is what we're doing. On Monday, June 7, we even held a special Zoom conference call to pray for India and Nepal.

Although in different circumstances, our friends in Tanzania and Pakistan also need help. Throughout Asia and Africa, so many churches, families and orphans are facing economic hardships due to COVID. Starvation is the biggest threat for them. I'm not exactly sure how, but we pray we can be involved in relieving the suffering of many. As Christ has shown us, our good news needs to be interwoven with compassionate care.

In addition to praying for and serving the nations as a "resident missionary," I am serving as a communications manager in Lausanne's Disability Concerns. I write newsletters focusing on global disability ministry, and I help edit the "Disability in Mission" blog hosted by *Joni and Friends*. Also, through Facebook and Zoom, I am able to keep teaching through *Tender Creation*, the devotional I wrote last year. Likewise, starting this week, I will be teaching youth critical thinking skills so that they won't be knocked over when confronted by different worldviews. In all these ways of "resident" ministry, I am privileged to serve, pray, and love. Thank you for praying for us. May God uplift you all.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning

Continental Breakfast 9:20 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:15 a.m.

Sunday Evening

Sanctuary Choir 5:30 p.m.
Worship 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Evening

Prayer Service 6:45 p.m.

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FAITH
PRODUCES
ENDURANCE.

James 1:3, NRSV

Our Church Family

LIVING CENTERS

Emerald Care Nursing Center #26 Gina Reynolds
 Pawhuska Nursing Center Violet Crain
 Zarrow Pointe Kaiser Health Center #214 Dorothy Lee

AT HOME

Alice and Bill Barrett	Bonnie Nutting
Elizabeth Burke	Waneta Reynolds
Berta Caldwell	Ben and P J Shepard
Russell Ford	Homer Wager
Gene Lessel	Leslie White

IN AND OUT OF THE HOSPITAL

Margaret Van Horn
 P J Shepard

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June	
19	Lauren White
21	Tina Steel



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

10:00 a.m. Meeting the Test
 —Judges 6:25-40

Gideon was reluctant to believe and trust that God could do great things. Gideon was constantly looking for a sign of assurance, even after he saw the angel of the Lord cause a stone table to burst into flames. Now God was asking him to lead the battle against the enemies of the people. So he tested God with a fleece, twice! What test was God giving Gideon? Join with us Sunday, invite a guest, and be blessed.

11:15 a.m. Bible Study and Conversation
 (Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal to follow)

The Online Sunday Bible Study
 Sundays by 10:00 a.m.

Tender Creation:
How the Gospel is the Heart of Creation
 Moment 9—To Be Known and Loved

Led by Kevin Avery on Facebook
 Braden Park Church Tulsa

Followed by
 live discussion and prayer on Zoom
Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 16
5:00 — 6:30 p.m.

People's Pantry Ministry
 Outside in the North Parking lot

Behind the Scenes

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

June	12	Church Work Day, 9:00 a.m.
	20	Father's Day
	27	Ray Martin preaching
July	4	Red, White and Blue Sunday
	13	Wednesday Evenings—Prayer Services begin Clothes Closet Reopens



Bring
Dad
 to
 Church

Father's Day

June 20

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,936.00
General Receipts June 6	\$ 1,289.16
Special Offerings June 6	\$ 00.00

Thank You to all who are providing sustaining tithes and offerings.