

REFLECTIONS

This is an edited update from Kevin Avery, our Missionary-In-Residence.

Although 2022 ranks as one of the hardest years my family and I have ever experienced, there are many things about 2022 for which I am grateful. First and foremost, of course, I am thankful that our God of comfort and compassion is trustworthy in every way, even when loved ones die or when our own physical health crumbles. I am so thankful for Dayna and the kids, who have literally stood by me this year, and for those like my brother-in-law and paramedics who literally carried me when sepsis left me too weak to move. Even signing my name has been challenging. I am very grateful for technology, which allowed me to write my father’s obituary and virtually participate in his funeral and graveside service. Amazing that I could even give the graveside message as I FaceTimed with my cousin Dave. In addition, I am grateful for your prayers for us and for those of you who have been sending financial assistance to help with medical bills. Thank you so much. Words fall short. (Currently, I am doing much better, but I am still recovering.)

Ministry-wise this year, I am so glad to have been able to begin prayer conference calls on Mondays and to start Tuesday night Prayer for the Nations on Zoom. Although I was not able to do as much as I had wanted to with the Lausanne Movement in 2022, the Lord has used the Disability Concerns Network of Lausanne to open new doors.

I was introduced to a ministry by a friend from Lausanne named Ben, who is blind. This international ministry is called Internet Theological Education by Extension (iTEE) Global. which is pronounced “I.T.” Global. This ministry trains pastors and other church leaders in third world countries, especially in Africa and Asia. Among such pastors in these areas, 80% to 90% lack access to theological training. I was offered a position of Global Facilitator in mid-December. I became one of 52 missionary facilitators, who are all raising support to keep classes affordable to these third-world nations. This virtual iTEE Global ministry enables people with disabilities to have much greater access to training. The ministry potential is great, and the harvest is ready. Come, Lord Jesus!

As we enter 2023, we look forward to seeing all that the Lord will do in this new year. Thank you for joining us on this new virtual mission of discipling disciple makers across the nations.

With gratitude,
Kevin, Dayna, Molly and Hudson

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Continental Breakfast	9:20 a.m.
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Bible Study & Conversation	11:15 a.m.
Wednesday Evening	
The People's Pantry	5:00 p.m.
The Clothes Closet Ministry	
Prayer Service	6:30 p.m.

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*I will walk about
in freedom, for
I have sought
out your precepts.*

PSALM 119:45, NIV



Our Church Family

LIVING CENTERS

Zarrow Pointe Kaiser Health Center #214 Dorothy Lee

AT HOME

Alice and Bill Barrett

Elizabeth Burke

Berta Caldwell

Marion Corbett

Lydia Ford

Paula McPherson

Georgia Metcalf

Bonnie Nutting

Margaret VanHorn

Leslie White

Mary Ruth Whitman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January

12 Onis McHenry

20 Nancy Holdt

21 Pam Utley

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

January

19 Judy and Ray Martin

63 Years



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

9:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

10:00 a.m.

Steadfast Ways
—Psalm 119:1-8

“Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!”

laments the psalmist. Sounds familiar to many of us who seek to become consistent disciples of Jesus. Where do we begin? Invite your friends to church this week and be blessed.

11:15 a.m.

Bible Study & Conversation

11:55 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

10:00 a.m.

Monday Morning Prayers
Call (712) 832-8330, then access code: 887-7647

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00 p.m.

Prayer for the Nations
Kevin Avery’s Facebook Zoom link

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

5:00 p.m.

People’s Pantry Ministry
Clothes Closet Ministry

6:30 p.m.

Bible Study and Prayer

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

10:00 a.m.

The State of the Church 2023

Behind the Scenes

THE PEOPLE’S PANTRY MINISTRY REPORT

The People’s Pantry provided 97 families, 235 individuals, with enough groceries for 2,820 meals during the past three months, October through December. The pantry has also provided groceries and personal products for several homeless neighbors and others who were on foot or bicycle. The Clothes Closet was open for our neighbors nearly each week as well. Thank you for your on-going prayers, food and clothing contributions, and financial support.

OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY is extended to the family of *Ray and Judy Martin* and *Bill and Alice Barrett* in the loss of their sister-in-law.

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FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,904.00
General Receipts January 1	\$ 2,573.00
Special Offerings January 1	\$ 00.00
Lottie Moon Global Missions Offering to date	\$ 837.00

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