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THE BIG TEN

No, not that Big Ten! The original and far more important Big Ten - the Ten Commandments - will be the focus of our Sunday messages this coming fall. Instead of being the name of a certain college athletic conference, God's Big Ten are an eternal expression of His will for how we are to relate to Him and to one another. In our day and time, most people want suggestions or options when it comes to discerning what's true. However, these ten, brief statements faithfully represent God's authoritative laws - an expression of His love meant to liberate us for success in life. By the same token, we always need to update our understanding of how best to apply God's Big Ten to our lives today in a 21st century context.

SEPTEMBER 9

BE LOYAL TO GOD
EXODUS 20:1-3

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BE INFORMED ABOUT GOD
EXODUS 20:4-6

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BE REVERENT OF GOD
EXODUS 20:7

SEPTEMBER 30

**BE BALANCED IN
HOW YOU LIVE LIFE**
EXODUS 20:8-11

OCTOBER 14

**BE RESPECTFUL OF
YOUR PARENTS**
EXODUS 20:12

OCTOBER 21

BE CELEBRATIVE OF LIFE
EXODUS 20:13

OCTOBER 28

BE FAITHFUL IN MARRIAGE
EXODUS 20:14

NOVEMBER 4

BE FULL OF INTEGRITY
EXODUS 20:15

NOVEMBER 11

BE TRUTHFUL
EXODUS 20:16

NOVEMBER 18

BE CONTENT
EXODUS 20:17

The ROPES of Disciple-Making

by Sharon Merz

One of the people in my Circle of 3 is my co-worker Terry. I knew he and his wife attended church, but over the course of time Terry revealed to me that he really considers himself an atheist. He admits to enjoying the friends and social aspects connected with the church, and he even mentioned participating in a skit at church.

We've definitely had some casual spiritual conversations over time, but a lot of that has just been me listening as I try to learn his thoughts and attitudes about God.

Because of his attendance and involvement, Terry definitely knows a lot about church and the terminology used there, so I wasn't surprised when I heard him say one morning, "Traffic was so light this morning I thought the rapture had happened!"

I felt the Spirit's prompting to engage in a spiritual conversation where my views were clearly stated. I told him that when the rapture occurs, traffic will actually be awful because those with a

personal relationship with Christ would join Him in Heaven -- leaving their vehicles to cause problems for those left behind. Undaunted, Terry responded, "That won't bother me -- I'm a really good driver!" I affirmed that he likely was, but mentioned there would probably be a lot of suddenly abandoned vehicles, and there are others who aren't as skillful drivers so it will just be a mess on the roadways. "I'll be fine," Terry countered. "Well," I said, "my strategy is being sure that I'm going with Jesus so I don't have to deal with all of that." Terry replied with a shrug of his shoulders and an apathetic "eh," then left the room.

As we have been told, the goal of a spiritual conversation isn't to badger the other person into an immediate conversion to Christianity. The goal is simply to have a conversation, letting the other person know where you stand with the Lord. It would have been nice for Terry to even acknowledge that my "strategy" was something to consider, but he didn't.

I'm praying it's just one of many seeds being planted in Terry's life that will take root and blossom into a relationship with Jesus Christ. In the meantime, we'll keep talking.



AROUND TOWN

September 29—Mandisa's Girls Night Live @ UA Performing Arts Center
October 4—Lauren Daigle in concert @ Mershon Auditorium
November 1-3—Hope Worth Sharing @ The Church at Mill Run

A scenic view of a city skyline with a river in the foreground. The skyline includes several tall buildings, and the river reflects the buildings and the sky. The overall tone is bright and clear.

THE SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM CELEBRATES TEN YEARS OF SERVICE

by Beth Ash

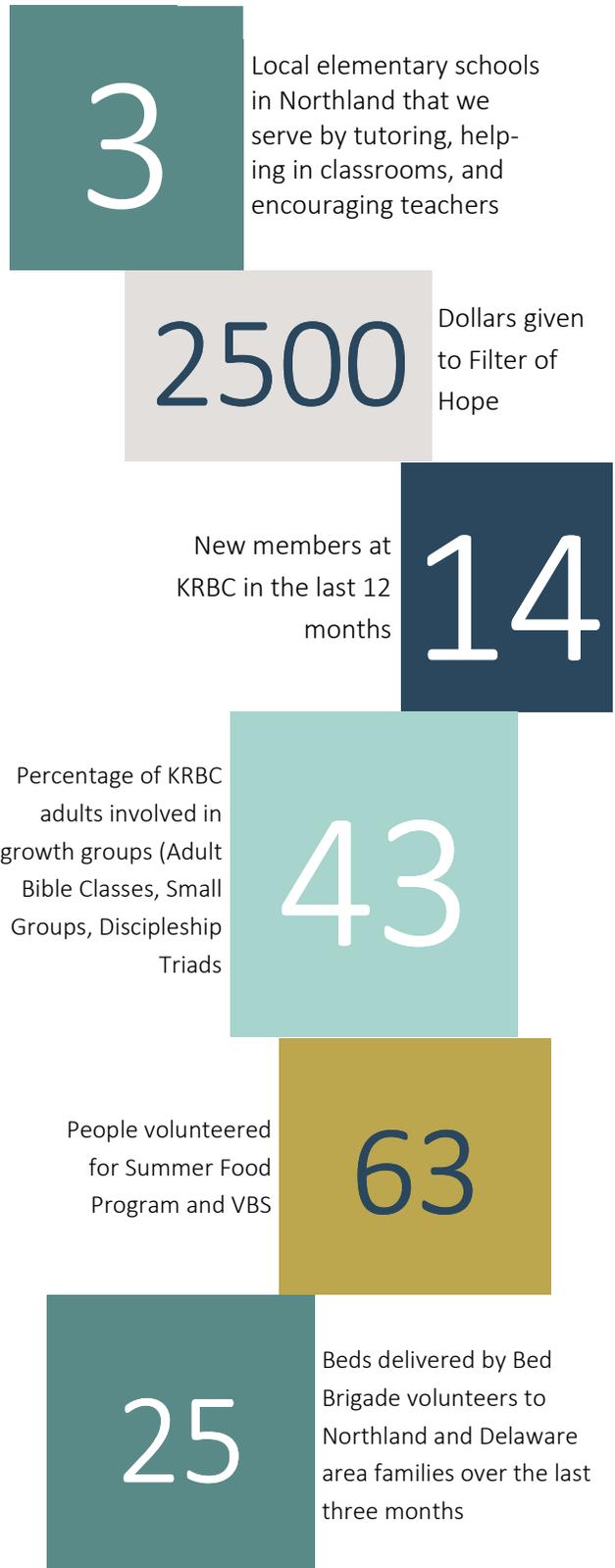
With the start of the school year and the activities that come along with it, it's a bit like looking in the rear view mirror to talk about the events of summer. Even so, I don't want to miss the opportunity to share about the exciting opportunities we had to serve children over the last few months.

This summer marked the tenth anniversary of the Summer Food Program. As I think back to the early years of the program, we've made changes that have helped us do a better job of serving the Northland community. In 2008 we were part of a network of organizations that sought to provide meals for children who may not have access to breakfast and lunch during the summer. After a few years, we decided to pull away from the network and provide our own meals and add some academic and Bible elements to the program.

The move was frightening at first. How would we estimate the number of children we'd need to serve? What if they don't like the food? Will we enlist enough volunteers to serve food, teach Bible lessons, and do educational activities to help children grow academically?

We took a leap of faith and God quickly answered our questions by providing volunteers from KRBC who gave their time and energy to show the love of Christ to, what has now become hundreds of children. We love that several families participated in the program year after year until their children aged out. New families joined each year as well. Thanks to the faithful team of servants who were used by the Lord to minister to our neighborhood in such a tangible way. Blessings to you!

KRBC by the numbers



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



FN: Hi Kari, tell us about your family. I've been married to Jeff for 36 years and we have two children, Justin (Adri) Lashley and Kristin (Chad) Stellabotte and four grandchildren—Avery, Herschel and Olivia Stellabotte and Emma Lashley.

FN: How long have you been at KRBC? I began attending in the early '60s when my parents started to bring the family to church. We married in 1982 in the Fellowship Hall which at the time was the Sanctuary. I started working in the church office in 1992, and became the Church Administrator in 2013.

FN: What do you love most about KRBC? The people and the emphasis on missions.

FN: How are you involved in ministry at KRBC? I am in a triad, I attend the Seeking the Master class on Sundays, I work in the nursery once a month, and for the past 14 years I have worked with the Wednesday night sewing group. We sew baby quilts for the pregnancy decision center and other projects like pillow cases for children in foster care, and hats and scarfs for the Hat and Mitten tree. If you can sew a straight line (or even if you can't) contact me if you would be

interested in learning more about sewing or any ministries I'm involved with.

FN: What is your favorite Bible verse? "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it." 1 Corinthians 10:13

FN: How about a favorite worship song? My favorite hymn is: Have Thine Own Way and I enjoy several praise and worship songs: *Eye of the Storm* – Ryan Stevenson; *The River* – Jordan Feliz; and recently I've been enjoying *Chain Breaker* and *Fear is a Liar*– Zach Williams.

FN: What are some of your hobbies? My hobbies are sewing, photography, and Quilt Barn Trail discovery. If you've not heard of Quilt Barn Trail, many counties in several states offer the locations of barns that have quilt squares painted on them. Some barns are easier to find than others but that's the challenge and makes for an interesting time. Of course when you arrive at a Quilt Barn you must take a picture of it.

FN: What is a spiritual gift that others have recognized in you? The gifts of faith and administration both are helpful in my current position here at KRBC.

FN: What are you thankful to God for? My family.

FN: What is one thing you are needing God's help with? Being gracious and understanding with everyone I come in contact with but especially those who not only need my help but Christ in their lives.

sing a new song

by Karen Burkhart

*Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord,
all the earth. Psalm 96:1*

I received the Facebook message on April 13, 2017, just a few days after the tragic passing of Thaddeus Lauro, a much-loved member of KRBC's youth group. My teenage son, Tyler, was grieving especially hard and struggling to cope with the loss of his friend. The message came from an old college friend who was the concert promoter for Chris Tomlin's Night of Worship in America Tour that would be performing in Dayton a couple days later. He had been looking for friends who lived nearby so he could give some tickets away. When my name appeared on his area search he noticed a post about our heartache that confirmed he would offer the tickets to me. The gift of tickets lifted our spirits and was most appreciated by Tyler because he had requested to go to the concert weeks earlier, but I had declined. Little did I know at that time how much his young spirit would need to worship with the Body of Christ that night.

As the music began to play, we lifted our voices and hands in praise; I think we all felt God's healing balm begin to be poured out on us. Many of

the familiar songs took on new significance as we, for the first time, embarked on this unwanted family journey through the valley of the shadow of death.

About half-way through the concert, Chris Tomlin's pastor, Darren Whitehead, spoke about the seven Hebrew words that are translated into the one English word, *praise*. As a worship leader, I was drawn in and eager to learn more about this thing that Scripture has repeatedly commanded us to do. At one point, Pastor Whitehead said the words, "We've got to move our worry to worship," and I immediately took note. I had a feeling—like one I've had before—that this phrase might well be the hook for a new song. I was filled with anticipation.

The concert closed with songs that I could tell were ministering to my broken-hearted son, *I Can Only Imagine*, the song Tyler played on the piano at Thaddeus' funeral and *Great Are You Lord*, the last song he played in church with Thaddeus. They say the Devil is in the de-



tails, but how much more is that true of our great God! It was clear we were to be at that concert, both for the moment and what was to come.

A short time after the concert, inspired by the words I had jotted down that night, I wrote the lyrics and the chorus melody to a song that would eventually be called, "Begin to Praise." My co-writer and producer, Felix Weber, later chimed in with a melody for the verses, and together we crafted the bridge. When we were finished, we both sensed that this was a special song and we prayed that God might use it to inspire praise and worship near and far.

On the morning of the recording, I read the familiar 150th Psalm, so I could begin to meditate on the idea of praise. Twelve times I read the directive to PRAISE! At first glance, I thought, someone might wonder just how egotistical our God is—what kind of God commands praise for themselves? Looking closer, one understands God is the ultimate servant and He doesn't command praise because His fragile ego needs it, He commands it because He knows it's good for us! He knows that, "praise is the plough that stirs our hardened heart (and that) it reaches deep to break up every part that stands against the very truth of God!" In a sense, praise sets the record on our hearts straight.

We finished recording the song on July 18, released it officially on July 30, 2018. If you haven't had a chance to listen to the song yet, visit www.karenburkhart.com. Please consider sharing the song with your friends and family to inspire them to praise the Lord!

Begin to Praise

By Karen Burkhart and Felix Weber

*Wake up oh soul it's time to praise the Lord
Bow down before Him, worship and adore
For He is worthy of your praise outpoured
Begin to praise
Soul begin to praise*

*I'm going to move my worry to worship
Give up my fear to faith
I'm going to lay down every distraction
Lift up my hands
And begin to praise
I'm going to set my eyes on the unseen
Breathe in the Wind of Grace
I'm going to lead sorrow into surrender
Lift up my hands
And begin to praise*

*Praise is the plough that stirs my hardened heart
It reaches deep and breaks up every part
That stands against the very truth of God
Begin to praise
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And begin to praise*

*Hallelujah
Worthy is the Lamb
You are the King of Glory
You are the Great I AM
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You are the King of Glory
Hallelujah
You are the Great I Am
Hallelujah
Worthy is the Lamb*

GETTING CONNECTED

New KRBC members, Gary and Jenny Kubicki, chose to check out an Adult Bible Class and decided to stay.

By Aimee Worley with Gary and Jenny Kubicki

In 1985, I was a sophomore in high school and it was the year I began to realize the value of Christian community.

I was an athlete and made many friends because of sports' teams. My teammates had been people with whom I had a lot in common and therefore enjoyed their company. After committing my life to Jesus, however, my life began to look different than the lives of my friends who didn't know Jesus, so those friendships changed.

Starting in the sixth grade I attended the youth group at KRBC. We called it "BYF" back then, which was an acronym for Baptist Youth Fellowship. Those early years of youth group were all about fun and friends, but in high school I saw the group as so much more. I knew that I was in

need of friends who knew Jesus and understood what it was like to live as a Christian in the halls of a public high school. Fun and hanging out were still at the top of my agenda, but I began to value the biblical teaching, accountability, and the support I received on a spiritual level nearly as much. Christian community became a value in my life that year. I probably couldn't have articulated it, but I knew in my heart that I felt most at home, known, understood, and accepted when I was with my Christian friends. I didn't abandon my school friends, but there was a limit to the depth of friendship I could share with friends who didn't know Jesus. There were places I wouldn't go and things I wouldn't do with them because I had decided to go God's way. My youth group friends, my Christian community, helped me

stand firm and reminded me I was loved while I was learning who I was and how to live out my new life in Christ.

Thirty years have passed and Christian community is something I am passionate about and spend much of my time developing. Christian community takes several forms at KRBC and Adult Bible Classes are just one way to experience that type of true fellowship.

Gary and Jenny Kubicki are new members at KRBC. They officially joined the church in May of this year, but began attending about a year ago. They, too, value Christian community and have found a place of encouragement and acceptance with the Seeking the Master Adult Bible Class.

I spoke with Gary and Jenny about why they chose the class and what they enjoy about it.

Gary said, "Being new to the church Jenny and I discussed before-hand that one of the best ways for us to get connected would be to join in on an Adult Bible Study. Our schedules allowed for us to get to KRBC ear-

ly and we found that attending a Bible study class before service was very convenient." Sunday mornings at 9 am can be convenient for many, as it is for the Kubickis. Other community groups meet during the week, but getting to connect deeply with Christian friends when you are already at church can be a great way to meet with a community when your weekday schedule is already jam-packed.

I shared some of the tangible benefits I experienced as a youth in Christian community, but some of those same benefits can be experienced in an adult group. I asked Jenny what benefits she sees in being connected to an Adult Bible Class. She commented, "The benefits for people who don't have a lot of supportive [birth] family around them is a sense of family. We pray for

each other. We sometimes correct one another, but it is never harsh. The greatest benefit is seeing your spouse change and grow week to week – and my hands are off the wheel; I'm really trusting the Holy Spirit is doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves." Gary added, "I am regularly becoming more comfortable in sharing my faith with coworkers and others outside the church and am hopefully becoming a better husband to my wife. I suppose being a member of the class reflects as a positive benefit to all my relationships."

There are four classes meeting on Sundays from 9 to 10 am. Each class is taught by a gifted Bible teacher and has a personality of its' own. When you connect with a group of people on a spiritual level, there are often great moments or favorite memories of time spent together. Though Gary

has been involved in the Seeking the Master class less than a year, he shared some of his favorite moments. "Like when Loy [Wilson] was searching for the eye-glasses he misplaced on top of his head,

when Jenny and I were able to share some of our experience after class with another couple whose daughter is struggling with an issue we have found some victory over, or the "ah-ha" moment that I had when I finally understood a difficult few passages in the Book of Job. Speaking for myself, I have really enjoyed and thoroughly look forward to our Adult Bible Study with our new-found friends in "Seeking the Master" each Sunday morning." My thanks to the Kubickis for sharing their insights and stories.

Maybe you are a sophomore, a senior in life, or at some point in between and realize you could use a little Christian community in your life. Check out the youth group (called Engage now a days) or give one of our Adult Bible Classes a try.

"Just as important it is to joining a compatible church, we wanted to be a part of a small group of believers that we could call our "Home Group." Seeking the Master Bible Study Class has become that "Home Group" we wanted to sink our roots into" - Jenny Kubicki



CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRY

by Todd Tenaglia

Celebrating Summer

I celebrate the ways God allowed us to serve KRBC and Northland youth this summer. July began with the Northland 4th of July Parade. We had a bounce house for small children and a couple of hamster balls for all ages! We had a great time despite the heat and passed out information about VBS and Kids' Club.

This summer we transitioned youth ministry from Aaron Joiner's leadership to mine. Thanks to Aaron for his hard work and dedication to the youth of KRBC. He made a lasting impact in many lives and his presence will be missed at Engage.

Aaron's last duty was to lead the youth on mission and I was able to join them. What a privilege to spend a week with him and the group. The Week of Hope trip was held in Indianapolis and gave our team opportunities to serve at an assisted living facility, food pantry, and boys' and girls' club. The theme for the week challenged us to grow in the area of enduring things that challenge us spiritually. We had a great time serving, learning, and getting to know other youth groups. I'm happy to report that

our rendition of "Kiss the Girl" from The Little Mermaid won the lip sync contest!

Jesse Coles Memorial Vacation Bible School was in July. The "Game On" theme helped children learn about getting ready for life's Big Game by learning more about Jesus and how He can help them make it through the challenges they'll face. Sixty children attended and we had more than forty volunteers. Thanks to all who helped make it a great week!!

At VBS, we take an offering each day to give to a mission ministry. I am ecstatic to report the offering this year was huge! The children came with their pennies to give to Filter of Hope, this year's ministry focus. Over five days, they collected \$890 worth of pennies. I challenged you to match the gift given by the children and you did indeed! Together we were able to give \$2,500 to Filter of Hope, which is sixty-two water filters for families in need of a clean water source. Thank you all for your contribution to this worthy cause.

Looking ahead

Schools are open and we are adjusting to the rhythm of school year ministry at KRBC. Wednesday, September 5 is Kids' Club Kick-Off! We'll have food and festivities and give kids a chance to meet their leaders and other kids while enjoying Bible time and games. To register for Kids' Club, visit the KRBC website calendar, find Kids' Club and click the box to register. I encourage you to invite boys (grades 1-5) and girls (grades 1-8) you know to join the fun.

Engage for youth will meet on Sunday evenings from 6-8 pm in the youth room. We are planning some fun events—Black Light Bash & Lock-in scheduled for Saturday, September 1 at 7:30 pm, the Church Family Picnic on Sunday, September 9 at Blendon Woods, and a CLUE Costume Party on Sunday, October 28 at 5:30 pm in the Youth Room.

Rally Day is on Sunday, September 9 and will be a fun, fresh start to children's Bible classes. This event will allow children to meet their teacher, enjoy a Bible lesson, crafts, games, snacks and get excited for the year ahead.

Don't miss out on these events and opportunities to serve at KRBC this season

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Two hour homework help club for Elementary age children from Northland—homework helpers needed—starts September 25

Contact Beth Ash

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sundays and other days during the week there are opportunities to work with children

Contact Todd Tenaglia or Beth Ash

FUN TEAM

Did you know we have a fun team? Cheryl Breusch leads this team that plans fun events for the church family (like the Picnic). You are invited to join the team.

Contact Cheryl Breusch

September

5 KIDS' CLUB KICK-OFF

6:30 - 8 pm programs for girls grades 1-8 and boys grades 1-5

9 FAMILY PICNIC



11 PRIMTIMERS LUNCH

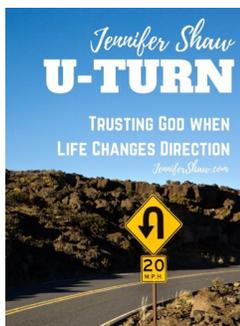
12 - 2 pm in Fellowship Hall—lunch and a show for 55 and older folks—feat. David Pendleton, Ventriloquist

12 CHOIR KICK-OFF

6:30 - 8 pm in Sanctuary—first rehearsal of the new choir season, all are welcome

14 WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

Evening of Sep. 14 through afternoon Sep. 15 at Camp Mowana, Mansfield—register online today



September con't

23 OVERCOMING EVANGEPHOBIA SEMINAR

3 - 5 pm—fearful of sharing your faith—you aren't alone—this seminar will equip and inspire you

25 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

5:30 - 7 pm in Fellowship Hall and Education Wing for 8 weeks

October

9 PRIME TIMERS LUNCH

12 - 2 pm in Fellowship Hall—lunch and a show for 55 and older folks

20 WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL BRUNCH

10 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall—share a meal and make a friend

27 CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSAL

9:30 am—12 pm in Sanctuary

November

13 PRIME TIMERS LUNCH

12 noon—lunch and a show

17 WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL BRUNCH

10 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall—share a meal and make a friend



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