OVERSEERS OF:

THE LIVING WORD PROGRAM

Sunday morning at:

7:30 A.M.

KOLR – Channel 10

The Living Word Topic:

A Special People
February 11, 2024
"A Special Path to Salvation"

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O F CHURCH EXPRESSWAY KANSAS February 11, 2024 Bulletin Ray's Remarks:

K.E. FAMILY LIFELINE

Hello brethren!

Greetings from Johannesburg, South Africa. After two flights, the last one being over 15+ hours I write this article to you to let you know that God has brought me safely this far. Thanks be to God and praise be to God. I am completely worn out as I write this article, but wanted to let you all know that I love you and that I appreciate so much the prayers and encouragement you all have given me. I also appreciate so much your continued understanding and support of the good work in Africa that we oversee and are apart of. I know that God will continue to bless our work together for His sake and the future has never looked brighter.

Tomorrow I will get up early and take a flight to Ndola, Zambia. If all goes well, I will be there a little after lunch and will hit the ground running. We have so much to do in order to get everything ready for classes to begin early next week. Please keep us in your prayers as we are trying to get everything together and as the faculty and all the students begin to arrive over the next 6 days. I know God will see that our way is successful.

I also wanted to ask you all to pray for Trey and Ruth and especially Ruth as the new baby boy is due any day. Some of you may not realize how hard it is to be away from family to do the work of the Lord or to miss come of life's most significant events. However, the work of the Lord must move on and go forward. There would always be something keeping us from getting the work of the Lord done today or tomorrow, so the best things is just to serve God and do what we need to in order to do our part in reaching the lost of the world. My family knows that I love them and they are my most precious earthly gift from God and I would do anything for them. But God must come first. I am so blessed by God in this life and have so much to be thankful for, so I would say the least I can do it what is needed in His Kingdom no matter what, and I know He will take care of the rest.

Well, I love you all and hope you have a great week. I love you all and hope to be back with you on February 25. May God be with us and bless us all as we put Him first in all things. Our God is an awesome God!

Ray Sullins

GOD'S PEOPLE STANDING ON GOD'S WORD!

Sunday, February 11, 2024

9:30 AM Bible Classes:

Children:	In classrooms
Adult - Auditorium:	Mark McCarty
Adult- Fellowship Hall:	Brent Green

10:30 Morning Worship:

Welcome:	Mark McCarty
Song Leader:	David Robison
Opening Prayer:	Jerry Sullins
Scripture Reading:	Gary Duncan
Sermon:	Brent Green
Closing Prayer:	Robbie Kirkland

February Lord's Table:

Clay Hoffman
Larry McCarty
Noah Koontz
Naelith Hass

Sunday Afternoon – 1:30 PM:

Song Leader:	Young Men
Opening Prayer:	Young Men
Sermon:	Brent Green
Closing Prayer:	Young Men

Sunday PM Lord's Table:

Bill Heavin Nolan Heavin

Wednesday, February 14, 2024—7 PM:

Jerry Sullins
Tony Welch
Andy Heavin
Seth Hass
Roy Goddard

Live Streaming of All Classes and Services: Kechurchofchrist.com, Truthcasting.com & Facebook All lessons and sermons are also archived

Our Records 2-4-24

Sunday Bible Class:	104
Sunday Morning Worship:	131
Sunday Afternoon:	109
Contribution:	\$6,047.94
Wednesday 1-31-24	124
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"AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY IN THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE AND FELLOWSHIP, IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD, AND IN PRAYERS." **ACTS 2:42**

Prayer List

Members:

Ray Sullins & Scott Richards- In Ndola, Zambia for a couple of wks Trey & Ruth Sullins-A baby boy is due anytime, now! Karen & Wesley Ewing—Pray as they navigate Wesley's health. Alice Drake- Asks for prayers for her health issues. Patrick Bryan - Healing well after the cancer was removed from his chin Mary Patchell- Glaucoma & eye injections for wet & dry AMD. BIM students and faculty - As they maintain their cause. Gary Dalton, Dedra Green, Cheryl Ireton, Matt & Jennifer Koontz, Betty Layton, Ken & Carolyn Lee, John & Judi Martin, Sandi Robison, Maegan Sanders, Mary Sanders, Edith Sullins, Marcella Wake.

In Health Care Facilities:

Pauline Duncan *121-B The Maples 610 W Sunset (07) cell*370-0723

Our Homebound:

Dave Guiheen, Bonnie Turner

Family & Friends of Our Members:

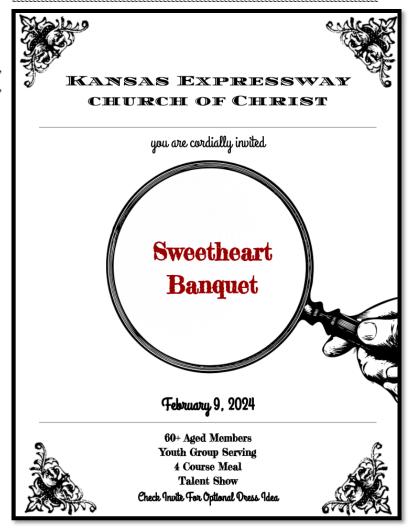
Our Preaching Schools in Zambia, Uganda, Ghana and Kenya East Africa School of Biblical Studies (Uganda), Legal matters. Copperbelt School of Biblical Studies-First class due to commence Feb. 13th Family of Clarenc Feeney-Past K.E. preacher-His funeral was February 5th. Family of Fellow Mujuku-Zambia preacher-'05 graduate-Died after accident. Gracie Toledo, Christian in NM—Went home from rehab today (Tues). Brandon Hall, Former BIM student-Under a Dr's care to improve his health. Charlene Pukeypyle, Angi's sis-in-law-Tumor gone- will do some radiation. Eugenia Shellabarger, Julie F's Mom-4 daughters helping her after hip surg. Charles Moody, Angi's father-in-law-Cancer-too weak for radiation for now. Oneta Sitton & family, Christian at Bona -diag. w/ aggressive breast cancer. Lacy Protel, Mary Patchell's granddaughterr- Recovering from surgery. Art Jenkin, Dylon's dad-Doing a weight-loss plan to avoid gastric surg. risks. <u>David Rea</u>, Rothermel's neph-Doing therapy to use his leg prosthesis. Nancy Notterman, Reno, NV Christians request prayers for their mother. Amanda Eilenstein, Mark & Pam's daug. –arm numbness testing. Mickey Patchell, Mary's son- Healing from work accident. Charity Hollan, Whitney's boss-Pancreatic cancer- tumors still shrinking. Katja Ortiz, Joshua Ortiz's-(minister) wife-Health issues. Prayers requested Michael Lile, Ken & Carolyn's grandson-prayers for his health. Eli Green, Wesley's 13 yr. old great-nephew-Diag. w/ ulcerative colitis. Pat Welch, Cary's mom-(Alzheimer's) In an assisted living facility. <u>Tiffany Rippee</u>, Mary P's grndghtr-Seizures- Diag. w/ cerebral instability. Bob Medley, Richard's brother -monitoring heart/health issues. Zach Rippee, Mary P's grandson-Throat tumor & other health concerns. Greg Rippee, Mary P's granddaughter's father-in-law- Prostate cancer. Judy & Neal Bland, Mary P's friends -His cancer & their spiritual direction. Ocidell Massengill, Cindy's aunt in TN- In a nursing home-health issues. Kelly Clark, Norma Clark, Teresa Clark, Ray Clouse, Cindy Cotter, Judi Davis, Gary Drake, Dickie Ewing, Cindy & Gregg Flannery, Vicky Francka, William Hamm, Ron Hass, Mark McClure, Chuck Northrop, Danny & Sharon Nothwehr, Mona Page, Shawn Peters, Dillon Patchell, Anna Ray, Adrian, Kristen & Alexis Smith, Linda Smith, Tammy Smith, Darrell Snow, Marilyn Snow, Ken Teal, Tandy Terrell, Dan Wheeler, Judy Woods.

"HAVE MERCY ON ME, O LORD, FOR I AM WEAK; O LORD, HEAL ME, FOR MY BONES ARE TROUBLED." PSALM 6:2

Upcoming K.E. Events:

Tuesday Ladies meet 9 AM-Noon (Weather-permitting) Feb 9 – Sweetheart Banquet – 6:30 PM – Place RSVP in foyer basket. Feb 10 -Men's Breakfast—8 AM -Sign-up on foyer table Feb 16 -Game Night 6:30 PM

Feb 24 -Ray scheduled to be back from Africa.







The Phony Love of Valentine's Day

It's that time of year again, when businesses pull on the heart strings of couples to buy cards, chocolates, flowers, or jewelry—Valentine's Day. This annual holiday is often symbolized with hearts and images of "Cupid" shooting his arrow—but the real symbol of this special day is the almighty dollar. Last year, American consumers spent \$18.9 billion dollars on Valentine's Day gifts for their loved ones.

I love my wife—and I don't need some marketing ploy to guilt me into purchasing flowers or chocolates. In fact, I enjoy buying her special treats and gifts when she is not expecting it, just because I want her to know I love her all the time—not just when society indicates it's Cupid's turn for our wallet. Those who have been to our house know it is not uncommon to see fresh flowers in the kitchen all throughout the year—not just in February. So this is not the rant of some guy who refuses to buy gifts for

No, instead this is a rant that Christians start looking at love from a biblical perspective rather than a Hollywood version. Hollywood and those profiting from Valentine's business want the general public to view love as a mushy feeling that causes someone to feel warm and fuzzy inside. But real love is an action. Listen to the Biblical definition:

Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails; (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).

Want to really spoil your wife? How about obeying the command that Paul wrote, "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word" (Ephesians 5:25-26). Notice it doesn't say to love your wife if she cooks your favorite meal or if it is Valentine's Day. We are commanded to love our wives. Furthermore, how many of us are actually washing our wives with the water of the word?

Want another Biblical wake up call? Read Titus 2:4 "that they [older women-BH] admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children." Did you catch that? Older women are to teach younger women to love their husbands. Why? According to the view the media presents "love" is something you "fall into" if you wear the right perfume, clothing, or drive the right car, right? Yet, the Bible is commanding older women to teach younger women to love their husbands. Want to know why? Because friends, love is an action that requires work. Sometimes your husband may not be very lovable, and it is in those moments when older women are to instruct how to love him anyway! That's real love. It is easy to love someone who loves you back or who kind to you. But what about someone who is having a rough month, is sick, or knows all your faults?

Hollywood would not like the real picture of love, because the picture painted by Scripture is a selfless love. The beautiful picture we are given is Christ and the church, and the text reminds us that Christ gave Himself for her (Ephesians 5:25). Real love is about lifelong commitment not some short-term fling that you can announce on Twitter in an effort to gain attention. And real love is about loyalty. Jesus Christ would never cheat on His bride, the church. And we are to follow His example.

Yes, Valentine's Day is coming. Isn't it time we demonstrate to our spouses and children what real love is all about? Take some time to read together Ephesians 5, Song of Solomon, 1 Corinthians 13, and Titus 2. It's way past time for our children to understand what real love is all about, and not base their relationships on some phony Hollywood version. Yes, I may shell out \$5-8 on a card, and I may even purchase a special gift for my wife this year. But my real gift to her is what I'm trying to do the other 364 days in the year—and that is to love her the way Christ loves the church. 2024 Brad Harrub

Elder on Call for February: Jerry Sullins