

# Garden Gleanings

March 2023

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## TeamKID Grandparent Night

On March 8 the Fellowship Hall was rearranged and readied for a fun interactive evening with our TeamKids and their Grandparents . . . and what a great evening evolved! Grandparents were met by their grands and were given a guided tour of their classroom. They were greeted in the classroom by Cindy Huxman, our well loved classroom assistant. On to the Fellowship Hall where children were joined with our lead teacher, Karis Friesen. Sheryl Miller helped greet Grandparents and give directions for seating.

The Bible lesson for the evening was from Galatians 5:21-22 - the Fruit of the Spirit. . . A big concept, but well taught as Karis displayed objects relating to the "Fruit" on a tree. The application of living out the Fruit was easily taught and also "caught". What a joy to hear the voices of our smallest members recite Bible verses and lift their voices in song. The smiles on Grandparents faces said it all!!

On to the Gym where Jenny Loyd and her team engaged Kiddos and Grandparents in some fun interactive game playing with balloons. Such excitement from our TeamKids as their Grandparents joined in the fun!

Our next activity was a table craft where each child was seated with their Grandparents and together worked at creating a "Fruit Tree". Good conversation and cooperation was visible at each table. It was great watching the interaction of the two generations.

We closed out our evening with a Mission DVD that is part of our usual schedule. A Photo Booth was available for all Grands and Kids to have their picture taken together. Chantelle Klaassen was our evening photographer. Multiple Grandparents who do not attend our church, remarked about how thankful they were that their Grandkids were able to be a part of this type of a ministry program. One Grandmother said she was so thankful for *this* church and how it has benefited their family. This weekly effort could not be accomplished without the consistent commitment from our Leadership Team. We praise God for the consistency in our children's attendance and also for the outreach that we are seeing this year. God has blessed and we will be faithful in the work that He has called us to do.



# Manhattan Christian College WOMAN'S WORLD CONFERENCE

Woman's World 2023 – Unshakeable/Standing on His Promises. A total of 18 women from Garden traveled to the K-State Union for a day and a half of encouragement and teaching from God's Word. Mary Shannon was a dynamic keynote speaker who had you laughing and crying at the same time. She brought powerful messages from the Old Testament discussing the "Storms of Life", "A Strong Foundation" and "Living with Purpose". Several of us attended the Saturday morning early bird session, titled Unshakeable Hope. Angie Bates turned to Scripture to share with us the glorious hope we are promised as children of God. It was a weekend filled with encouragement, hope, laughter, praise and worship and getting to know each other a little better.



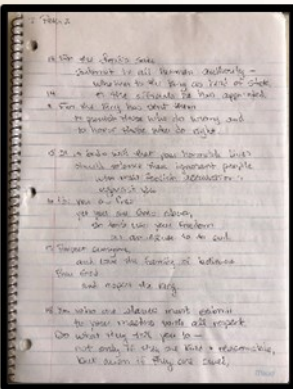
# Vonnie's Views

Pastor Craig has been encouraging us to get into the Word—regularly; daily; with purpose and with excitement (in the Word of God we meet the Living Word!). I've also been encouraging anyone who happens to read this to spend regular time in the Word. Each month in 2022, I wrote about what I was reading as I read through the Bible.

I know many of you have a robust and well-developed Bible reading plan. Some of you are adventuresome and try many different things. Some of you might be discouraged, because you've tried multiple times to get into the Word only to "fall off the wagon" sometime along the way—life got busy, you got too many days behind, the readings were dry and hard to understand, or your priorities didn't make space for dedicated time.

I don't have all the answers; I'm a fellow-sojourner and I thought we might benefit by sharing our "travel tips." So, here are some tips that I've successfully tried and some I continue to do. I'd love to hear YOUR travel tips! Please email me—my email is in the church directory.

**Travel Tip #1:** Before reading, take time to ask the Author of the Book to open your heart to the Word! Ask for attentiveness, ask for insight, ask for the Holy Spirit to apply the passage to your life. I also thank God for revealing Himself through the written word. It's really a supernatural book: as you read the Bible the Bible reads you!



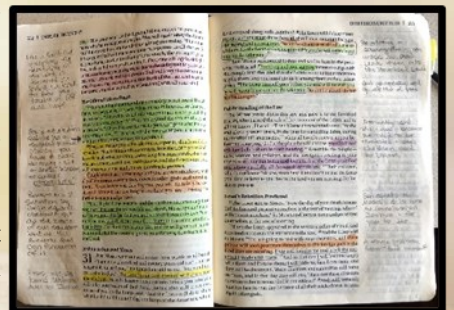
**Travel Tip #2:** Write the Word! I've done this with entire books of the Bible—not every day, but in various seasons of my life writing the Word has been helpful. I just take a simple spiral notebook and every day copy several verses. It's remarkable how slowing down to copy the Bible makes it come alive! Deuteronomy 17:18 tells the future kings of Israel to copy the *entire* law (Torah) and read from his hand-written copy every day. (**Pro tip:** if you remember how to diagram sentences from high school English, it is very helpful in "untangling" some long or complex sentences!)

**Travel Tip #3:** Grab someone else to read along with you—your spouse, your children, or a friend. You can do it in person, or you can read the same passage on the same day and discuss it (on YouVersion, by text, by email, by phone). In your family, read aloud as a group. Choose a book of the Bible, and (depending on the ages of your children) read part or all of a chapter. The YouVersion has some great narrators so you can open your Bible on your lap and read along.

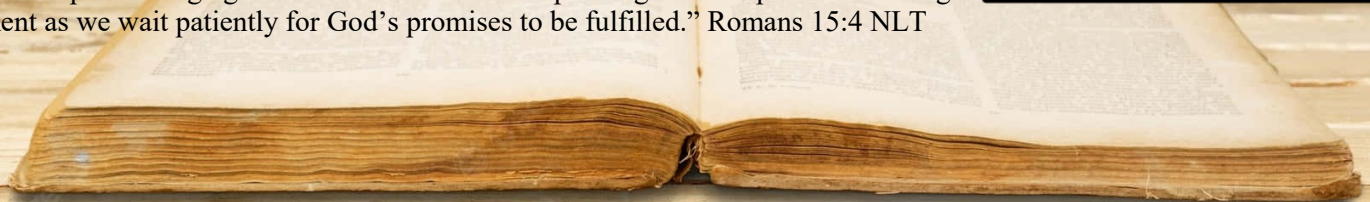
**Travel Tip #4:** If you're reading alone—read aloud. It is another way to increase focus. Your eyes see the words, you speak the words aloud, and you hear the words!

**Travel Tip #5:** Using a spiral notebook, summarize what you've just read: what phrases stand out to you or are repeated? What was unclear to you? If you could sit down with God, what questions would you ask Him about the passage? What do you not want to remember about the passage? Is there something to apply to your life?

**Travel Tip #6:** Buy a Bible with space to interact with the text in the margins—use colored pencils or markers to highlight what stands out to you. I find that every unique way I can find to interact with the text is beneficial.



**Travel Tip #7:** Remember, the Bible is written for us—to know God, to know what God has done for us, to know how we can please God. "Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled." Romans 15:4 NLT



# April

## Prayer Calendar and Memory Verse

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Romans 12:4-5 - Now as we have many parts in one body, and all the parts do not have the same function, in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another.</b></p>						<p><b>1</b> Pray for Karen Becker, Marlo &amp; Wilda Becker, Barb Beesley, Bob &amp; Loni Brandes.</p>
<p><b>2</b> Pray for Kerry Britton, Elaine Brown, Laverle Busenitz, Milton &amp; Tonia Busenitz.</p>	<p><b>3</b> Pray for Stan &amp; Imogene Carlisle, Steve &amp; Mandi Christ, Ben &amp; Pat Dirks.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Pray for Gerhard &amp; Vonnie Fast, Dale &amp; Shelly Friesen, Kyle &amp; Karis Friesen.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Pray for Larry &amp; Jeanette Friesen, Mary Friesen, Norm Friesen, Judy Gilson.</p>	<p><b>6</b> Pray for Ernie &amp; Florene Goering, Jenny Goering, Verne &amp; Ruth Goering, Elaine Goossen.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Pray for Nathaniel &amp; Jordana Goossen, Mel &amp; Leda Graybill, Kyle &amp; Katie Hanzlicek.</p>	<p><b>8</b> Pray for Lindley &amp; Kayla Harms, Elisa Harms, Katherine Harms.</p>
<p><b>9</b> Pray for Joel Harms, Rob &amp; Tami Hiebert, Drew Hiebert.</p>	<p><b>10</b> Pray for Seth Hiebert, Donna Hostetler, Les Hubin, Art &amp; Cindy Huxman.</p>	<p><b>11</b> Pray for Bryson &amp; Grace Huxman, Ethel Huxman, Gary &amp; Marci Huxman, David &amp; Lynette Janzen.</p>	<p><b>12</b> Pray for Gary &amp; Kathy Janzen, Karma Kitto, Derik &amp; Chantelle Klaassen.</p>	<p><b>13</b> Pray for Perry &amp; Cyndi Koehn, Ryan &amp; Erin Koehn, Kevin &amp; Kim Kohls.</p>	<p><b>14</b> Pray for Betty Krehbiel, Kim &amp; Kimberly Kropf, Scot &amp; Jenny Loyd.</p>	<p><b>15</b> Pray for Mark Martens, Chad &amp; Val Mason, Ty Mason, Liz McBride.</p>
<p><b>16</b> Pray for David &amp; Tonya McCloud, Terry &amp; Darla McCloud, Darren &amp; LuAnn McMannis.</p>	<p><b>17</b> Pray for Bill &amp; Sharon Mierau, Craig &amp; Julie Miller, Erin Miller, Leo &amp; Sheryl Miller.</p>	<p><b>18</b> Pray for Dennis &amp; Diane Morrison, Matthew Morrison, Michelle Morrison.</p>	<p><b>19</b> Pray for Barb Nelson, Chris &amp; Julie Nelson, Eldon &amp; Eva Pankratz.</p>	<p><b>20</b> Pray for Roger &amp; Donna Pfaff, Simon &amp; Danae Pyle, Caleb &amp; Cynthia Quick.</p>	<p><b>21</b> Pray for Theo &amp; Joan Rempel, Julia Renich, Larry &amp; Dot Rowe, Naomi Rutschman.</p>	<p><b>22</b> Pray for Abe &amp; Judy Schmidt, LaVerne Schmidt, Betty Schrag, Norv &amp; Ev Schrag.</p>
<p><b>23</b> Pray for Aaron &amp; Elisabeth Smith, Sharon Smith, Donald &amp; Rose Smith, Lila Smith.</p>	<p><b>24</b> Pray for Karen Smithson, Sheila Snow, Justin &amp; Melisa Sommerfeld, Larry &amp; Donna Sperling.</p>	<p><b>25</b> Pray for Dennis &amp; Teresa Stahl, Ben &amp; Jan Stucky, Steve Stucky.</p>	<p><b>26</b> Pray for Twilla Stucky, Ron &amp; Emily Sunquist, Arnold &amp; Shirley Vogt.</p>	<p><b>27</b> Pray for Gerald &amp; Arlene Vogt, Lloyd &amp; Sue Vogt, Scott &amp; Amy Vogt.</p>	<p><b>28</b> Pray for Stan &amp; Marcy Vogt, Kathryn Vogts, Verne &amp; Janet Voth, Polly Weesner.</p>	<p><b>29</b> Pray for Ashley &amp; Julia Williams, Bill &amp; Carolyn Williams, Odell &amp; Keshia Willis.</p>
<p><b>30</b> Pray for Ruby Winsky, Carolyn Wohlgemuth, Delvin &amp; Cherie Wohlgemuth.</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; letter-spacing: 0.5em;">HE is RISEN</p>					



# New Hope Happenings

## March 2023

### **STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART**

I was able to identify more fully with some of the people who come to the Shelter as the result of a recent experience. I took a recent vacation to Tennessee—by plane from Wichita. After delays, we got on a Southwest Airlines flight to St. Louis.

I disembarked and walked with my wife in the direction of the new gate. We were separated for a few moments, and I instinctively reached for my wallet. It was not in my pocket. I searched all my other pockets, and it was nowhere to be found.

The plane we had come in on was leaving immediately for Baltimore. They were closing the doors. I asked an airplane employee to look for my wallet. It was not found on the plane. Long story, short my wallet was found by Wichita airport Police officers and was returned to me ten days later.

My problem was a short-term inconvenience. However, a lot of people who come into the New Hope Shelter are dealing with more difficult issues that need to be addressed. Thanks for providing the support that makes it possible for us as a community to assist people in returning to housing and productivity.

We Love You.

Brian Bisbee

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#### **Why Did you have a Refrigerator on your Front Porch?**

People call us almost every day with something they want to share with us. In this case it was a refrigerator. We will need some new ones when we occupy our new building at the end of this year. However, we did not need one now. Someone blessed us with one so that we were able to share one with a family whose refrigerator was failing. That is the way it is supposed to work in God's economy.

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#### **We Guarantee that you will get Bang for your Bucks.**

We need to raise \$90,000 to secure the Mabee Foundation Challenge grant of \$1,000,000. This gets our new Shelter completely paid for. Now is the time to send a check, bring in a check, or to go to our website—[newhope-shelter.org](http://newhope-shelter.org) to make a credit card contribution. Thanks in advance for your support. If you would like to schedule an appointment to speak with a representative of New Hope Shelter, please give Brian Bisbee a call at 316-283-7711.



**New Hope Shelter, Inc.**  
Following Christ, Building the Community

*Heart of Our*  
**COMMUNITY**

# GROUNDBREAKING



**MARCH 24**  
**4:00 PM**



**308 S. Meridian**  
**South of Casey's**



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Do not Forget the Groundbreaking for our New Home on March 24 at 4PM. Bring your lawn chair and come on out. The new building is going to be at 308 South Meridian Road in Newton, KS. website at [newhope-shelter.org](http://newhope-shelter.org) Designate your contributions for the "Hope Restored Campaign". Pray for us as we are involved in this process.

## Let's talk Food

We can use your Leftovers from business, church, or family events. We love fresh fruit, vegetables and baked goods. We can use frozen meat, fruit, and vegetables. We can use all sorts of canned goods. Remember we provide meals for our people every day and have an active Food pantry from which we share with hungry people. If you have any questions, please give Brian a call at 316-283-7711.

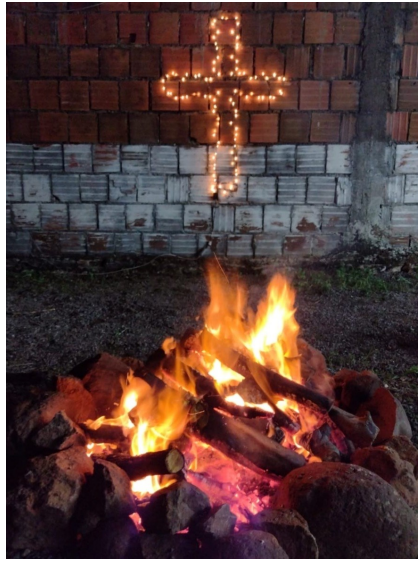
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Needs*



Coffee  
Powdered Creamer  
Sugar  
Napkins  
Hairbrushes  
Nail Clippers

All Purpose Floor Cleaner  
Laundry Pods  
Dishwasher Pods  
Dishwashing Soap  
8.5 x 11 Copy Paper  
55-gallon Trash Bags  
Scotch Tape

# Updates from Joshua and Camila Goossen



## Kauê

Praise the Lord with us for He is good and desires to save! Kauê chose to follow Jesus on the first morning of our Carnival Retreat! Pray for him to seek the Lord and be attentive to His Spirit's voice. May Kauê be obedient to His Master!



## Our Car

Our car has been having many different issues and we haven't used it since we got back from the States almost 4 months ago. We praise God for His provision as we have Joshua's brother's car to use while we wait for ours to be fixed. Pray that our car gets fixed soon!



## The Mechanic

As you pray for our car to get fixed please remember Stênio, the mechanic, that has tirelessly been working to give us our car back fixed. Joshua and his dad have had great opportunities to speak life into Stênio's life. Pray the Stênio would surrender all to His Maker and be saved!

# Praise

On February 20-22 we had our first Carnival Retreat with the youth. It was super fun and edifying! A brother and close friend from Fortaleza came with two other friends to Mucambo and led this activity. One of the activities was to share the gospel with the neighbors. We went in groups of 3 or 4 around the neighborhood and to some of the kid's families, offering to pray for them. Afterwards we all had encouraging testimonies to share with one another.

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# Hansen Update March 2023

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Dear Praying Friends,

Psalm 134:3 “The LORD who made heaven and earth bless you from Zion!” – Indeed, we can say, God has richly blessed us!



Last Sunday, Feb. 26, Selah Rose was born to Daniel and Krissy. Mother and daughter are doing well, and big brother, Zephaniah, is really enjoying his little sister! Yes, you read that right. The Hansen clan has been blessed with a daughter! Our family was first blessed with 8 grandsons, and now a granddaughter!

Daniel and Krissy with their family are in Indonesia, so it will be a while before we get the opportunity to hold Selah, but we are enjoying the pictures and videos we have received so far. Isn't she adorable! 😊



We are really thankful for the time Philip, Natalie, Louis and Timon have spent with us since Jan. 17. They will head back to Papua New Guinea on March 25. Pray that they can get some rest and that they will head back to PNG refreshed, ready for ministry.

On March 21 I, Peter, will be heading to McNeal, AZ for two days of meetings. Then on March 24 I will travel to Papua New Guinea. I will be there for a week of leadership meetings and then have the opportunity to visit with the Mangseng believers over Palm Sunday and Easter. After that I'll spend a few more days in the Goroka valley, including a visit into Kovol where Philip and family work. It is already 5 years since my last visit, so I'm really looking forward to the trip. I need wisdom from God as I engage with the leadership team, and in particular as I spend time with the Mangseng believers. Pray specifically that I will be a good listener and that God will use me to encourage the believers in the challenges they face. I arrive back home on April 20. Then on April 28 Rachel and I will be going to Sanford, FL for a week of meetings. Other trips are being planned for later in the year also.

I'm also considering whether I should go to the Faroe Islands for my brother's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. I'm so thankful that we have a good relationship, but because of where the Lord has placed us, we don't often have the opportunity to celebrate big life events together.

Thank you for praying for us. We greatly appreciate it!

In Christ,

Peter and Rachel Hansen

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Greetings!!

Spring 2023

Spring has arrived in Missouri. On Valentine's Day we were at Connie's daughter Joyce's home and her daffodils and hyacinths were six inches tall. We see them blooming all around town now. We have had a mild winter here. When we do have snow or ice, it melts right away.



For Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Valentine's Day we at Hill Top Chapel provided several large food baskets to some needy families. With Easter close at hand, we have so much to celebrate – the resurrection of our King Jesus. We are making plans to again hold our Sunrise Easter Service. We hold it outside by our three crosses when weather permits. It is our annual Community Outreach, with serving a big breakfast to all (bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes, fruit plate, biscuits and gravy). While some are preparing the breakfast we have a sing-a-long in the sanctuary. We have close to 100 attending.

**Praise Items:**

- We are thankful for you being a part of our ministry here. We look forward to hearing from you along with your prayer requests.
- We have our Sunday School class, Worship Service, a Sunday evening service, and Wednesday Bible Study every week with a good attendance. We praise the Lord for them.
- We are thankful for our good health.

**Prayer Requests:**

- Several in our church with medical issues.
- We are expecting a new grandchild and a great-grandchild in the near future.
- One of our church missionaries serving in South Asia is expecting their first child.
- Pray that we can reach others through the word of Jesus and what He has done for us.

We are so blessed by your continued prayer and financial support. Thank you for making a difference in many lives. We hope you feel His love for you as you get to know and understand Him better.

*"For our hope in God, I will praise Him, my Savior and my God" – Psalm 42:5*

In His Service,

*Chuck and Connie Myers*

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