

The Tie THAT BINDS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NEWTON, KS ~ APRIL 2021

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Scott McGinnis

On The Stage of History

Adapted from Eugene Peterson's introduction to the book of Nahum

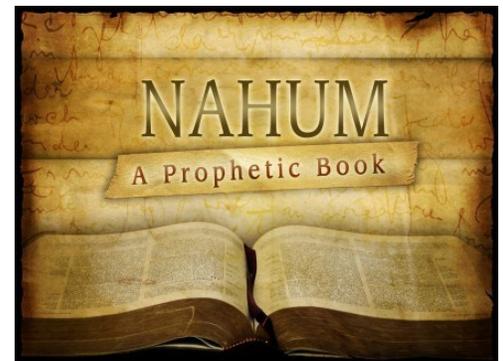
The stage of history is large. Larger-than-life figures appear on this stage from time to time, swaggering about, brandishing weapons and money, terrorizing and bullying. These figures are not, as they suppose themselves to be, at the center of the stage. The fact is they're not anywhere near the center. At any moment in history a few superpower nations and their rulers dominate the daily news. But few of these names make a mark of immortality. The danger is that the noise of these pretenders-to-power distracts us from what is going on quietly at the center of the stage in the action and person of Jesus.

Jesus' characteristic way of working is in quietness and prayer. If we conditionally respond to noise and size, we will miss God's Word and action. So, God often assigns someone to pay attention to some of these persons, nations or movements just long enough to get us to focus back to the main action: Jesus! Some of these people God uses are the biblical prophets. Their words speak to us now just as loudly as when they spoke to the pretenders-to-power of their day. One such prophet is Nahum.

Nahum 1:7-9, "The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him, but with an overwhelming flood he will make an end of Nineveh; he will pursue his foes into darkness. Whatever they plot against the LORD he will bring to an end; trouble will not come a second time."

The stage of history is large, we need biblical prophets like Nahum to remind us who is at the center of the stage: **Jesus**.

Just Living Life Enjoying God's Love,
~ Pastor Scott



We fondly remember Keith Kelsey...

Keith Kelsey was a member of First Presbyterian Church in the early 2000's. He was a Deacon and a genuine nice guy. When the Stretchers recently learned of his passing, they shared a write-up about Keith from when he resided at Presbyterian Manor (copies of write-up are available in the office). His daughter, Brenda, shared that the family is planning a graveside service for the family this summer. She shared the following story written by Keith, about Keith. Keith Kelsey passed way on February 3, 2021. He was 93.

I Remember ~ An Obituary of Keith Kelsey by Keith

Marion Keith Kelsey was born on November 17, 1927 and as I write this I am aware that was a long time ago. Maybe I should say "Once upon a time"...Anyway, my parents were Marion Earl Kelsey and Blanche Roberts Kelsey. Oh yes!, I was born in the city of Marion, KS in the county of Marion and have a nephew named Marion Kenneth Kelsey.

A vivid boyhood memory was that of many conversations with Grandpa Enos Kelsey while I was sitting on a little box at the knees of grandpa. I later purchased that rocking chair and it is still rocking in the family.

There were eight of us kids growing up in a three room, no not three bedrooms home. That in itself was an experience. I can remember sleeping under a hayrack while Mom was drying corn on the bed of the rack.

One other memory that I have is that I loved playing superman. I had a cape, probably a blanket, well, I wrapped that blanket around my shoulders and jumped off the roof of a chicken house. Needless to say the cape didn't work.

My occupations included as a boy delivering the Grit newspaper, clerking for the JC Penny Company, Marion County Clerk, Assistant cashier for the Farmers and Drovers National Bank, running a restaurant, State Farm insurance Agent and finally as a professional scouter with the Boy Scouts of America for 25 years. No, I wasn't fired from any of them. Later, after retiring I lived on the banks of the Arkansas River in Cotopaxi, Colorado.

Graduating from Marion High School in 1945, I went into the US Navy serving in the south Pacific area. While serving, it was a pleasure to see and meet guys from Marion in China, Guam and Hawaii. As it was at the end of the hostilities the most action I saw was shooting mines out of the waters.

After returning home, I attended Washburn University in Topeka. While at home I met and married this beautiful, auburn haired Joan Herzet the daughter of Fred & Dixie Herzet. Joan and I welcomed into our home three equally beautiful daughters - Linda Jo, Brenda Kaye and Deborah Raye. We lived in Marion, Emporia, St. Louis, Mo, West Des Moines, Iowa, Wichita KS. These girls produced six wonderful grandchildren. Linda with Rodney Jason, Brenda with Wade and Blake; and Deborah with Brianna, and twin sons Neil and Nicholas.

And then oh how I remember Christmas eve day, December 24, 1983. While riding in three vehicles from Minnesota to our daughters place in Newton, KS in weather reaching minus 80 degrees wind chill, a tragic accident took the lives of my wife, Joan and daughter, Linda. The grandchildren were spared as they were riding in the other two vehicles. I raised Jason from age 11.

God allowed me the privilege of loving two women in my lifetime. It was in 1995 while attending out 50th high school class reunion that I learned that Clara Grimes Adams lived within 10 miles of my Rogers, Arkansas home. After returning to Arkansas, I allowed her to chase me. We were married on July 18, 1996 by fellow classmate and friend, Leon Hayen at Topeka, Kansas.

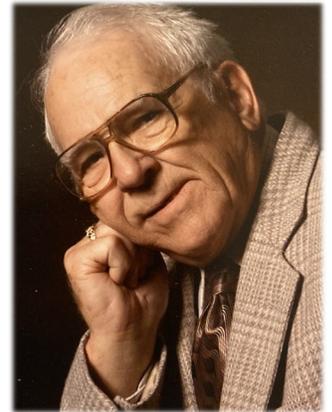
We continued to live in Roger, Arkansas while working in the Christian Church. We served on the Tender Loving Care Committee calling on shut-ins as well as heading up a committee to raise over \$40,000.00 to build a Habitat for Humanity home for a family of five. It was the first time a church in that community raised the money then built an entire home. We also read to groups of patients in a nursing home and were proud that together we were able to sponsor a singing group called Second Chance. They sang for our church and we also took them to three other nursing homes in the area.

Clara and I moved to Prescott, Arizona in 2001 and continued our church work in Christian Financial Concepts as well as reading to patients in a nursing home. We were also most fortunate to travel and enjoy our trips to Mexico, Hawaii, and around the United States. We moved next to be close to our children. This move was to Dewey, Oklahoma.

Here again, we continued our church work by starting a tender Loving Care Committee calling on shut-ins and while working on the Missionary trip for the church by building a home in Mexico. Sadly, Clara too was taken from me on January 22, 2009. Since then I moved to the Presbyterian Manor, In Newton; later with my daughter, Debbie in Newton and finally with my daughter, Brenda in Colorado.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't remember my seven brothers and sisters. Those are: Earline Allen, Francis Helmer, Donald Kelsey, Lois Raleigh, Wayne Kelsey, Treva Kerbs and Forrest Kelsey. There are a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and their families.

It is my prayer as I leave you, my families and friends that I might have made things a little better in my lifetime. Goodbye!
Sincerely, Keith Kelsey



FPC March 2021 Session Notes:

The Session is getting so efficient. We had another meeting of less than 30 minutes. It is so helpful when everyone reads the agenda and reports ahead of the meeting and discussion is efficient. Saves lots of time.

Of course April brings Easter with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services too. We are having the Easter Egg Hunt this year, outdoors of course. I heard complaints of sore fingers from opening, filling and reclosing the eggs.

The Session was advised about the PW decision regarding their equipment. The white tables, metal chairs, linens, and kitchen equipment has been purchased by PW. They will no longer allow the use or borrowing of equipment outside the church property. You are welcome to use it, just do not remove it.

The Team meetings scheduled for the first Thursday of the month, have been cancelled or rescheduled due to Maundy Thursday services. Check with your chairperson or the church office if you don't know when your group meets.

Thank you and Happy Easter to All.

Rojean DuBois, Clerk of Session

Notes from the Nurture Team

The Nurture team has been busy with Lent, Holy Week and Easter. We were able to have a Palm Sunday service and having the kids come down the aisle was a memory I will cherish. We also had a Maundy Thursday service. (Next year we hope to make it a meal and service.) On Easter morning look for the big cross to have some beautiful lilies on it.

Sunday school: For Preschoolers – 5th grade, we are learning about Easter, Doubting Thomas, Jesus multiplies the loaves and fish and Jesus walks on water. Pastor Scott continues to work with the youth on Confirmation Class and the adults are still meeting in their room.

Music: Vada has lined up several people to share their musical talents with us.

Mary: Moderator

Maundy Thursday Service
April 1st,
7:00 pm



Easter Egg Hunt
April 3rd • 1:30 pm
First Presbyterian Church Lawn
Invite your neighbors and friends!

900 COLUMBUS AVE
HOP ON OVER!

Different age groups for children up to age 12

Rain? No Worries! Come by FPC for "Egg Hunt" drive up style!

For more information, please contact 316-283-0504

Co-Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church & Hillcrest Community

Praising God for Community!

Many have helped with preparations for this outreach community event!!

Please invite your friends and neighbors!

We also are asking for volunteers to help on the day of the event. Please contact Beth Darrow (316-665-1741) or Pam Trussell (316-737-1927). Thank you!

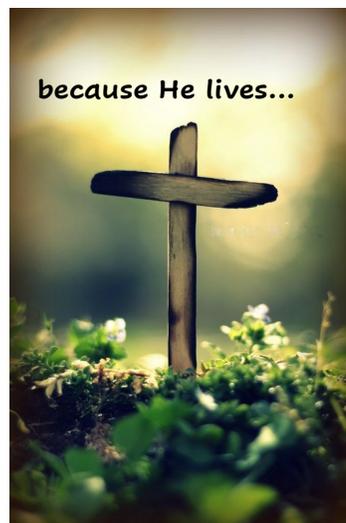
Rejoice in the Resurrection
of Jesus Christ!

April 4th ~ Easter Sunday ~ @NFPC

9:15 am ~ Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am ~ In-house Worship &
Livestream on Youtube

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ~ Romans 10:9



CRUISER'S
Will NOT meet in April
EASTER
BLESSINGS
TO ALL!



Church Outreach @ FPC

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

NOTE: Neither Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team nor PW Circle will meet in April.

Justice & Peace Calendar ~ April 2021

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

- 4 Easter
- 7 World Health Day
- 8 International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 8 International Romani Day
- 17 International Day of Farmers' Struggles
- 22 Earth Day
- 24 American Genocide Remembrance Day
- 28 Demin Day

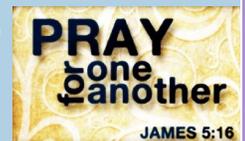


PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please pray for relief from trials along with prayers of thanksgiving for blessings.

- Praising God for healing and asking for comfort for those suffering •
- Katherine Mick (Rojean DuBois' friend) •
 - Kathy Gering •
- A friend Katherine and her family—request sent from congregant, last name unknown •
 - Abby Allmon (Dean & Rita Allmon's daughter) •
 - Raphael Madrigal •
- Family of Mary Enz (Sister-in-law of Mike & Kay Enz) •
- Family of Tom Williams (Tom and Melynnie were members of our church) •
 - Paul DuBois •

If you have a prayer request or want to become a member of the prayer chain, please contact Rojean DuBois at 316-772-8128.



APRIL DEACONS REQUESTS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY



- Jelly • Peanut Butter • Syrup •
- "Cream" soups– (cream of chicken, mushroom, etc) •
- Canned Green Beans • Hamburger Helper • Crackers (Saltines) •

When you're shopping, please pick up these items for our neighbors in need.

Please call the church at 316-283-0504 if you would like someone to pick up items from your home.

The need is great right now.

Also, please remember them in prayer.

Thank you!





JUMP! on in



Grades 6-12

Wow, it was so good to see you on the 21st of February and I look forward to the 28th of March. Our meeting in April will be on April 25th. We will continue our lessons in the Freedom Ride material. We learned how to talk and listen to God without breaking out in hives. Our next lesson will be on: Three Reasons We Don't Hear God (And how to get the garbage out of our ears.) We will have some snacks and play some games as well. We will also discuss what we would like to do this summer. I look forward to seeing you all.

Yours in Christ:
Mary

Easter Word Search

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- BETRAYAL
- BLOOD
- CALVARY
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- CROWN OF THORNS
- CRUCIFIXION
- DARKNESS
- DEATH
- EARTHQUAKE
- EASTER
- GOLGOTHA
- HIGH PRIEST
- JESUS CHRIST
- JOSEPH
- JUDAS ISCARIOT
- KING
- LAMB

- MARY
- NAILS
- PASSOVER
- PIECES OF SILVER
- PIERCED
- PILATE
- RESURRECTION
- ROBE
- ROMANS
- SACRIFICE
- SIMON OF CYRENE
- SOLDIERS
- SON OF GOD
- SPEAR
- STONE
- TEMPLE
- THIEVES
- THREE DAYS
- TOMB



We had a small group on the 21st of February, but at least we got a chance to meet together. I look forward to our time on the 28th of March and in April we will meet after church on the 25th. We will have lunch, play some games and make some May baskets. We will continue our talk on what we can do to help out in our church. I look forward to seeing you all.

Yours in Christ:
Mary

Worship Teams

March 2021—August 2021

1st Sunday

Organist - Helen Wild
Ushers/Greeters - Lenny Wild and Jerry Krehbiel
Lay Reader - Sean Tomlinson

2nd Sunday

Organist - Kelli Glann
Ushers - Becky Cooper and Pam Trussell
Lay Reader - Brent Glann

3rd Sunday

Organist - Kelli Glann
Ushers - David, Judy and Jamie Welfelt
Lay Reader - Sandy Larson

4th Sunday

Organist - Helen Wild
Ushers - John & Joan Stretcher
Lay Reader - John Higgs

5th Sunday

Organist - Helen Wild
Ushers - Alisa and Evan Dinneen
Lay Reader - Debra Hiebert



Live each Sunday at 10:30 am!

First Presbyterian Church Newton KS

Find & Subscribe on YouTube!

Usher Substitutes:

Susie Tangeman, Rita Allmon
John & Joan Stretcher, Mike Enz

Lay Reader Substitutes:

Debra Hiebert, Mark Gihring,
Tricia Brothers, Greg McGehee

Livestream/Audio Team

Larry & Pam Trussell, Mike Enz, Steve Tangeman & Jerry Krehbiel

"WHEN THIS IS OVER"

BY LAURA KELLY FANUCCI

"When this is over,
may we never again take for granted;
A handshake with a stranger, Full shelves at the store,
Conversations with neighbors,
A crowded theater, Friday night out,
The taste of communion, A routine checkup,
The school rush each morning,
Coffee with a friend,
The stadium roaring, Each deep breath!
A boring Tuesday. Life itself.
When this ends, may we find that we have
become more like the people we wanted to be,
we were called to be,
we hope to be, and may we stay that way —
better for each other because of the worst."



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

The next time we serve New Hope Shelter meals is May 5th, 6th and 8th. To volunteer to help, please contact Rita Allmon at 316-288-3028.

Please remember to use our **NEW ADDRESS**

First Presbyterian Church
900 Columbus Ave
Newton, KS 67114-1600





APRIL

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS!

Don't see your birthday or anniversary on this list? Call the church office and let's get your info updated! Thanks!

April 4 – Loyal Smith
April 6 – Faye Gihring
April 7 – Rojean DuBois
April 8 – Craig Gihring
April 9 – Sonday McGinnis
April 18 – Mary McGehee,
Colin Potluri

April 25 – Ethel Rickard,
Peter Anderson
April 26 – John & Carol Higgs
April 27 – Rosemary Dirksen
April 28 – Dean & Rita Allmon
April 29 – Evan McGinnis

*God's Blessings for
Joyous Celebrations!*



CHURCH OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES

ELDERS

Class of 2021: Rojean DuBois, Mel McAnulty, Nate Regier

Class of 2022: Kay Enz, John Higgs, Pam Trussell

Class of 2023: Susan Brack, Mike Enz, Jeraldine Smith

DEACONS

Class of 2021: Angela Altum, LaDonna Schmidt, Greg Schmidt, Joan Stretcher, Lenny Wild

Class of 2022: Paula Anderson, Kelli Glann, Bill Humphrey, Jennifer Switzer

Class of 2023: Tricia Brothers, Beth Darrow, Alisa Dinneen, Jerry Krehbiel

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD MEMBERS

Class of 2021: Ron Cheyney, Brent Glann

Class of 2022: Keven Hiebert, Larry Trussell

Class of 2023: Mel McAnulty



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