



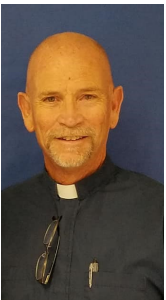
# Words of Faith

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*Glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors*

## From the Pastor



I have long thought that the pervasive technological creep has been overtaking our lives. The various forms of virtual reality can be dangerously

individualizing and isolating, distracting us from the real things in our lives. This tempts us to be mean and cruel towards others or live in an ignorant bliss of avoidance. There have been many days when I affirm that I am a committed, self-righteous skeptic about the potential benefits of digital connectivity. However, the COVID pandemic has challenged me on this issue. The pandemic has forced an expansive imaging of life and connection.

The last two years have turned our lives and culture upside down. As we prepare to begin our third year with COVID we are beginning to realize that going forward COVID will be constant companion on our journey

for some time to come. This realization can be discouraging and threatening, or it can be an invitation to reimagine incarnational living in this digital age.

Throughout history, the church has been constantly challenged to hear the cries of her neighbors and respond in love, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, reconciliation, healing, inclusion, peace, and justice. The Spirit has empowered a witness to the love of God through the good news of Jesus Christ. Perhaps the Spirit is calling us to reimagine new ways of serving our neighbors in love through both the virtual and actual worlds. Can we imagine the body of Christ beyond the limits of our physical bodies, not as replacement, but expansion?

Paul called for us to strive for a still more excellent way – love. This radical and liberal love is the love of Christ – self-giving, self-sacrificing, healing, uplifting. This love, that is

## Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

revealed on the cross and in the resurrection, is to be embodied in the continuum of our real lives, both actual and virtual. I am not suggesting a utopian celebration of digital salvation. There are clearly limits to the virtual revolution. However, love invites us into a willingness to live into worlds that are both actual and virtual – and are greater than we are often able to imagine.

I look forward to seeing you soon, actually or virtually! Let me know of any needs or concerns. If you would like to visit with me, let me know and we can arrange a time to meet.

Let's continue to choose kindness, compassion, and love; let's do justice and make peace; let's welcome the stranger; let's persevere in prayer, as we glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

In Christ's Love,

*Pastor Ken*

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## Weekly Bible Study class

The class is currently led by Rich Lewis. They meet from 9:45 to 10:45 in classroom #4. They continue the series: The Other Three Kings: Saul, David and Solomon. The kings were heroic, troubled, principled, and flawed. They will read about and discuss these characteristics and their effects on the Kingdom of Israel.

Rich Lewis



**Next newsletter is March 2022. Deadline for articles, Friday, February 18.**

**Contact church office or Brenda Swindle via email to submit articles.**

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## Happy Birthday!

### February 5

- \* Lorna Acker

### February 15

- \* Chuck Acker
- \* Dick Smith

### February 16

- \* Kurt Booth

### February 18

- \* Barbara Richie

### February 28

- \* Jacob West



### Homebound or Recovering:

- ♥ Charley Rae Furrh (Terri Russell's cousin)
- ♥ Freddie Simmons

### Prayers for:

- ♥ David Duell
- ♥ Dale Durcholz
- ♥ Kathie Heffler
- ♥ Roger Jones
- ♥ Mike Jones
- ♥ Marxer family
- ♥ George & Mozelle Mills
- ♥ Dennis Van Deventer

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	2 9:30 LTCDS #1	3	4 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	5 9:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
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