



Gather, Grow, Serve

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**June
2016**

Sunday School: 9:00 am—Worship 10:00 am

Join Us for June!

Ice Cream and Hymns Night

June 15th at 6:30 pm

Join us for an evening of singing your old favorites and
fellowshipping together!

*Please let us know if you're planning on bringing a
dessert to share*



**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**



Saturday Morning

June 18th at 8:00 am

Bruce Parmenter will be speaking.

Please be sure to sign up if you're planning
on attending.



Bret's Daily Grind

There's an old story about a man who asked God to show him what Hell was like. God granted his request and led him into the bowels of the underworld. There he found a huge banquet table filled with the finest of foods. The damned sat around the table hungry and unable to eat. You see, they had been given forks and spoons with ten-foot-long handles. Try as they might, they could not navigate the bites into their mouths. Their lot was to spend eternity starving and frustrated.

The man then asked God to show him Heaven. God led him upward to His kingdom where, as in Hell, he saw a huge banquet table filled with choice foods. And as in Hell, those seated around the table had silverware with ridiculously long handles. However, unlike Hell, those seated at this table were enjoying their meal and their conversation. They were laughing and eating and having a wonderful time. What was the difference?

In Heaven they were using the long-handled forks and spoons to feed each other.

Jesus made one statement about himself that we should never forget. In **Matthew 20:28** Jesus said, *"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

People often ask, *"What does it mean to follow Jesus? What do I have to believe? What do I have to do? What rites and rituals must I complete to follow Jesus?"* I think the first question you have to ask when you choose to follow someone is, *"Where are they going?"*

"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Following Jesus—whatever else that phrase might mean—first has to mean serving. It becomes a handy "gut check" of our motivations and hearts.

If I'm putting myself first, I'm not following Jesus.

If I'm concerned about getting my way, I'm not following Jesus.

If my desire is to be recognized for my contribution, I'm not following Jesus.

If I don't want to do something because I feel like it's someone else's job, I'm not following Jesus.

Ouch. Some of that really hurts, doesn't it? But the other side of that gut check is the simple realization that when we serve we are as close to the heart of Jesus as we can get here.

I doubt Heaven really has forks with ten-foot-long handles. But I know here on earth I'm called to feed others. Jesus also said that when I do that for the very least I'm really doing it for him (**Matthew 25:40**).

Through the month of June at Kansas Christian Church we're going to be looking at what it means to be a servant. Really, we're looking at what it means to be like Jesus.

I hope you can join us!





CHURCH LIFE

May Attendance

Date	Worship
1	101
8	142
15	101
22	107

Building Loan Information

Amount Borrowed: \$150,000

Paid to Date: \$89,000

Amount Owed: \$61,000



The next Food Pantry will be June 25th at the Kansas United Methodist Church

June items for Operation Christmas Child

Trinkets and toys:
Cars, balls, puzzles, etc.



Willie's REDNECK RODEO

July 6 - August 3
Wednesday Nights from
6:00-8:00 pm

\$15

Sponsor a child! Just \$15.00 provides meals, crafts and other needs for each child participating!