

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM ELDERS ON SEEKING HIS WAY.

In March of this year, we approached Scott and told him that we feel like it was time to seek God's guidance for our future here at KCC. We want to discover God's will for our church and how we can join Him in His mission to reconcile the entire world.

After much discussion and prayer, we were certain that this is a journey that we wanted to invite the entire congregation to join in.

We began by asking God to put on our hearts some people from the congregation who could help guide us in this process. We felt the Lord answered us clearly and we approached ten people who agreed to be a part of this "Focus Team". This team began to meet with Scott at the beginning of the summer and they have been praying for this church and coming up with ways for all of us to seek God's guidance. Their role is not to come up with a vision, make decisions for the church, or give us a direction. These brothers and sisters of yours are servants to this church and they are helping us to engage the church in asking God what He wants for us. We want to introduce them to you now and ask that you be in prayer for them. Would you please stand as we call your name:

Crisha Allbee - DR Coleman - Jana Fox - Caitlyn Riley
Allison Robertson - Randy Rose - Clark Sayre - Doug Winters
Peggy Wireman - Carolyn Worley

We thank you for your servant heart and your efforts to help all of us seek His will.

Over the next several months we will all join together in **asking God** to give us a Vision for this church that is pleasing to Him.

This season of time we will call "Seeking His Way." This is not our Vision statement; this is how we are going to seek God's guidance in giving us a vision. You will be seeing this logo all around KCC to remind us what we are doing. The logo represents a path that we

have not yet been given, a lens that we seek to make our way clear, and a Scripture, Psalm 34:4 - "I sought the Lord, and He answered me." We believe that God promises us that we will hear his voice if we seek Him, and we will be doing just that!

We will do this in three phases:

The first phase is called "Ask" and it begins today (08/20/23). We will be going before the Lord to ask Him to guide us and lead us through His Holy Spirit. We will ask Him, and then we will be still and listen for His voice. We will listen to the Holy Spirit, to Scripture, to each other, and to some outside of our church. We will be praying and listening regularly in our worship gatherings, in small groups and classes, as individuals, and we will organize special times and events for us to pray and listen. Scott's sermons will be centered around how we are asking God for guidance and how we will listen for his voice. Beginning next week (08/27/2023), our Sunday morning classes will coordinate with the sermons to be times of discussion and listening to one another. We will also be providing discussion topics and Scriptures for small groups. We encourage you to be a part of a small group or a Bible class so that you can be a part of this journey.

When the time is right, we will move into phase two, which is the time for us to "Discern." This will be the process we use to sift and focus on all of what we have heard. We will look for common threads concerning the qualities and characteristics of what we feel God is leading us to. We will look for what God is already doing, and how we can join Him in **His** work. We will need to be people of grace and patience and wisdom to discern what He is specifically guiding this church to be.

The third phase is the "Follow" phase. This is where we will take what He has said and put it into practice. If we are going to ask the Lord to lead us, we need to be prepared to follow. This will require us to be a church that is faithful, courageous, and sacrificial. This is when we will create a Spirit-led, practical plan of action that will draw all of us to Follow where He has led us.

We believe that going through this process over the next several months will not only lead us to a clear vision for our future as a church, but that we will be transformed in the process. We will be drawn closer to God and each other; we will love Him and each other more. Humbling ourselves, and asking for our master to lead us, is **what disciples do.**

We want to make something clear - we aren't doing this because there is anything wrong with this church. We know that our God is alive and here with us, we just want to make sure we are focused on what **HE** wants us to do. This is how the Body of Christ goes forward, Seeking and Following His will!

We also want you to know this is not about issues. We are not Seeking answers to questions about specific issues or practices. We desire to be the people that He wants us to be! After the Holy Spirit has revealed that, we will discuss how to live that out.

It is very important to us that you know we want your input and we want to hear from you, but for right now we ask you to wait and pray and listen to the Holy Spirit before giving your input. We want all our discussion to be centered around **what God desires** for us. After all, we are Seeking **HIS** Way, not our own.

Our Focus Team and the Elders will be giving regular updates and sharing feedback on this process and how the Spirit is leading us.

There will be more information coming in the following weeks with **how** we will Seek His Way. After worship today, we will have Elders, ministers and members of the Focus Team up front if you have any questions. For now, we ask that you be in prayer for our church.

May we be a people that is **always** Seeking HIS Way!

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