

# Kennedy Bigham Update

## Hey Church!

First, I'd like to report that I'm LOVING TCU! My classes are super thought-provoking and interesting and I'm really enjoying being involved with the Disciples on Campus group. But, if I were to pinpoint one most noteworthy aspect of my experience here at TCU, it'd be the relationships I've built in such a short amount of time. I've made some really great friends of all sorts of faith backgrounds and I'd like to highlight one friendship in particular. My unexpected new best friend: Jackson, the Southern Baptist boy. The reason this friendship surprised me a bit is simply because we come from very different theological trains of thought. Based on past experience, I was very fearful of Baptist theology. But, I truly feel that God placed me and Jackson in each others' lives to help each other grow spiritually. We're able to respectfully debate scripture and back it up. It's been very helpful in affirming as well as questioning some of my religious beliefs, thus allowing me to take more of a front seat in my personal faith life. It truly means a lot to me that even though his religious background would say women can't be pastors, he has grown to affirm my call. Similarly, I have become much less defensive and standoffish towards more conservative Christian values. I really

appreciate that God has placed this friendship in my life to teach me how to respectfully engage scriptural debate as well as to grow in faith with Christians who don't think exactly the same as me. At the core, Christianity is really about community and fellowship, so any theological differences are minuscule in comparison to the glorious God we all worship. I think a lot of times, Christian culture can get so caught up on who's right and who's wrong, but at the end of the day, the goal is always to love God and love people. And I think that's the lesson God is really placing on my heart during this time in my life.



Kennedy with her new best friend Jackson after finishing a run

## IN OUR PRAYERS:

Steven Morgan	Judy LeSeur
Jesse LeSeur	Vila Adkins
Cathy Johnson	Earl Hunter
Taylor Phillips	John Stolsig
Arlene Breckel	Addy Opel
Del Eggert	Diana Johnson
Myke Eggert	James Lenfesty
Betty Lou Rockwell	Clint Evans
Ruth Moss	Gary Brown
Millie Patterson	Shelley Alsdorf

Joe Adkins
Ronita Slayden
Gertrude DeButts
Diana Hoover
<b>Service People:</b>
Sgt. Scot Noss
Cpt. Tory Petersen
1st Lt. Kellen Peterson
Marine Capt. Pete Brawn

**Pray for our World, our Church, our Ministers, the Soup Kitchen, and our Regional Ministers.**

**If you know of any updates or corrections to this list, please let the office know in writing or by email.**



# Christian Caller

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## Greetings Church Family,

I hope this letter finds you well, and safe, and continuing in this glorious fall weather we've been having. As we continue in the depths of this global pandemic, I find it's important to check in and ask how I as your pastor can continue to serve you and support you. Many of you have registered feedback about the YouTube services and how I can better help you worship with those. Further, we are hopefully just a week or two out from making a necessary technology upgrade to be able to allow us to live stream our indoor services. As we work out the bugs of our indoor service too, I'd love to start adding in an elder and/or a lay-leader again to expand our worship participation.

We've also had a successful run of youth group service projects at the Soup Kitchen every third Wednesday of the month. We start at 4pm, help prepare the food to go out, and do whatever projects Christine the new manager and the church need. This month, we also prepared some care packages to head down to Medford. Last month, the youth helped set up for the Soup Kitchen Yard Sale. The service project ends with dessert and a discussion about the work we've done. We are also working on a monthly youth group schedule that will be attached in the youth section.

Happy October, and I hope you and your family find joy in this harvest season and in the cooler weather.

Love,  
Pastor Zane Ridings

## Scriptures & Sermon Titles:

October 4<sup>th</sup>: Philippians 3:4b-14 "Whatever is true."  
 October 11: Matthew 22:1-14  
 "The Parable of the Wedding Banquet"  
 October 18: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15  
 "Sowing and Reaping"  
 October 25<sup>th</sup>: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 "Moses' End"

**Worship Service is Inside the Sanctuary as well as Online**

## The New Youth Group Schedule Beginning in October:

1st Wednesday Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Regular youth night from 6-8 pm  
 Scripture: 1 John 1:1-2:6  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Oct 14<sup>th</sup>: Zoom meeting from 3-4 pm  
 Scripture: 1 John 3:11-24  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Oct 21<sup>st</sup>: Service Project from 4-6:30 pm  
 Scripture 1 John 4: 7-21  
 Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup>: Meet at church at 10 am for a "day at the farm" and cider pressing  
 Scripture: 1 John 4: 7-21  
 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday: October 28<sup>th</sup>: Zoom from 3-4 pm  
 Scripture: 1 John 5:6-17

## Virtual Bible Study Every Thursday at 11:00 AM

Please join us!  
 Contact Pastor Zane for zoom information.

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## LOVE IN ACTION RELAY

The two supply drives and relay missions that took place Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> began with local clergy noticing large needs in the Medford area, and organizing churches from Portland to Springfield to help transport and collect the supplies. The first one was spurred on by Raiza Spratt from Murray Hills and Rev. Eric Eide from Albany, and resulted in a trailer load of supplies arriving in Medford by Sunday September 13.



The second relay occurred because Kerri Godinez noticed a need for tents, sleeping bags, hygiene products, diapers, formula, and kid's activities. I then requested supplies and transportation assistance and received it from Beaverton, Portland First, Silverton, Salem, and Albany. Jerry Blais from Albany transported the materials down Saturday morning.

To the left:  
Karyn Dix and Raiza Spratt loading up supplies at Murray Hills



Above: Pastor Zane, Graham Kislingbury, and Jerry Blais loading up supplies Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> at our church

Image 2: The supplies they collected at Murry Hills



The supplies Pastor Zane received in Salem



### Birthdays

Cathy Johnson	1
Racheal Gazeley	7
Bobby Berryman	14
Lauren Christie	17
Arlene Breckel	18
Ruth Moss	19
Barbara Tarrant	19
FoFoa Gresham	30