

LETTER FROM DAVE KALTENBRONN

CHARITY CIRCLE

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, We understand that some in our church family may be hurting financially because of the events we are experiencing at this time. Our church has been blessed to receive additional funding from the Jefferson Foundation through a special grant to help with the Corona Virus Pandemic. This money will help support our Charity Circle program that helps with utility bills, rent or mortgage payments, food, or fuel. If you are experiencing a financial hardship at this time, please contact either Pastor Bryan, the church office, or Dave Kaltenbronn (636-236-0525) and we can provide some limited financial assistance. All help is given confidentially. Also if you are in a position that you are able to help financially, we are always looking for additional funds, now more than ever. Please consider supporting the Charity Circle and help those who are in need.

Dear Members,

It was impressed upon me at a very young age, “remember who you are.” I am a Roberts. My dad gave me that name and there are expectations to carrying that name into this world; especially as I left my father's house and entered adult life. That adult life, it so happens, began in the Air Force. There was an expectation there as well, to remember who you are. When you are off base and in uniform, we were taught, you conduct yourself in such a way as to bring credit to the service.

The same advice is good for us today as well, “remember who you are.” This Sunday we will read Acts 2:14a, 36-41. This is Peter's Pentecost sermon where he instructs those asking, “what shall we do,” to repent and be baptized. The Holy Spirit had descended upon the disciples that morning. Empowered by that Spirit they went into the streets and proclaimed the Good News. God provided a harvest of three thousand souls that day.

Who were those men who had responded to the Gospel? Verse five tells us they were devout men from every nation. Which means their only connection to one another as they left Jerusalem and went back home to share this same Good News was that **they belonged to the baptized**. They repented and were baptized that day, just as Peter had instructed. They went home, shared that story and someone else repented and was baptized, as so the church began and so the church has continued.

You have heard the Good News as well. You believe in our Lord Jesus Christ, whose resurrection for our salvation we just celebrated and you live a life of repentance. Why? Because **you belong to the baptized**. That is who you are. Church may look different right now, but that does not change who you are. **You belong to the baptized**. Remember who you are. Jesus is risen for you. He remains with you, because you are baptized into Him. Remember who you are. **You are baptized**.

In Christ,
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