

## Mission Menu

### COVID Response Fund

Thank you to all of the generous donors who have contributed to the COVID-19 Response Fund. To date, we have raised over \$30,000! Through your donations, we continue to help those who are the most vulnerable in our community.

Please consider a donation to the COVID-19 Response Fund today. Giving is easy; text COVID \$\_\_ (the amount you wish) to 73256, give online, or mail in a check with Response on the memo line to: Kirk in the Hills Attn: Finance Office 1340 W. Long Lake Road Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

### Lighthouse Collection Drive:

Thanks to your donations we are well on our way to provide essential items for more than 80 guests being sheltered by Lighthouse! You can continue bringing donations through the summer from the list below and drop off at the Kirk just inside the first Welcome Center door in the Lighthouse Bin between 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. weekdays.

Our goal is to collect 80 of each item so please feel free to purchase any number of the same item:

Hand and Body lotion

Nail Clippers

Comb/brush

Hand Sanitizer

Indoor All Purpose Cleaning supplies - spray

\$4 in quarters for wash and dry

Laundry Detergent and Softener Sheets

Healthy Snacks

Drinks - can or small bottles

Bottles of Juice

Cereal

Personal games

Thanks to the generosity of Kirk members, we have donated \$6,000 in food and essential items! Collection for these items ends on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

There are a lot of different ways that you can volunteer and connect with the community. Please visit the website: <https://mycovidresponse.org> to see how you can help make a difference during this Pandemic.

### Eliminate Medical Debt for the City of Pontiac

We have launched a campaign to eliminate \$2.8 million in medical debt in the City of Pontiac by working through *RIP Medical Debt*. Many of our community initiatives and programs (Ministry With Pontiac, Kirk Tutors, Accent Pontiac) have allowed us to *meet God in the neighborhood*, and this campaign honors the work of Pastor Fernando Rodríguez in mission and community. You can give online, text **kith debt** to **73256**, or mail a check to the Kirk with **Debt** in the memo line. Thank you!



## Small Groups – Sermon Notes

Week of July 26, 2020

### Philippians 1:3-11

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup>In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup>being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. <sup>8</sup>God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup>so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

### Fill in the Blanks

I **do/don't** (circle One) remember the first time I said goodbye.

As it turns out, there are not many \_\_\_\_\_ in the Bible.

At college, I asked myself the same question:

\_\_\_\_\_?

How much should you invest of yourself when you say Hello?

\_\_\_\_\_.

Saying 'Goodbye' well starts with saying \_\_\_\_\_ well.

Any goodbye is \_\_\_\_\_.

### Showing Up

1. When was the first time you remember saying “Goodbye”?
2. What childhood toy do you hold onto and what does it remind you of?
3. Do you prefer short and quick goodbyes, long drawn out farewells, or avoid goodbyes all together?

### Digging In

1. Jacob and Esau part ways in Genesis 34: 12-17. Moses’ final farewell lasts from Deuteronomy chapters 31-34. Elijah is taken up into heaven in 2 Kings 2:1-12. Jesus’ final words to the disciples can be found Matthew 28:16-20 and Acts 1:4-9. Why do you think there are so few goodbyes in the biblical narratives?

2. *I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup>In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,*

Paul’s deep friendship with the Philippians is apparent in these verses. Paul invested himself into these friendships even knowing that he would, at some point, have to leave to continue spreading the Gospel. How do we motivate ourselves to invest in communities and relationships, especially the relationships that we know may be temporary/time limited?

3. *And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ*

Paul’s ability to say goodbye is guided by his belief in the day of Christ, when all the living and the dead will be united in Christ. How does this ultimate view change our view of goodbyes in here and now?

### Going Out

1. A good Goodbye begins with a good Hello.  
What does a good Hello look like?  
What does a bad Goodbye look like?
2. At Summer camp, a closing ritual is singing the song Linger:  
What are your Goodbye rituals?

Hmmm, It doesn't seem quite right.  
Hmmm, That this should be,  
My last with you.

Hmmm, And come September,  
Hmmm, I will remember,  
Hmmm, Our days of friendships  
Tried and true.

Hmmm, And as the years go by,  
Hmmm, I'll think of you and sigh.  
Hmmm, This is good night  
And not good bye.

Hmmm I want to linger.  
Hmmm A little longer.  
Hmmm A little longer,  
Here with you.