



Friends and Neighbors

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Hope in the Midst of Trials by Pastor Keith, Senior Pastor

There is no easy way to put this: Pain, death, hurt and grief are seemingly in no shortage of supply among our community of believers. But lest we forget, the world around us is suffering as well. Consider some reflections: Depression and mental health issues have always been present but, as we all climb out of the hole Covid left, it is clear that depression and mental health are at an all time high with no reason to speculate they will diminish or disappear any time soon. Why is this what I lead off with? "Keith, this is so depressing. Aren't you supposed to lead us towards hope and restoration?" You are right. My reason for alerting us to this is to acknowledge that, as followers of Jesus, we are not ignorant to the realities the world around us is experiencing.

What can we offer the world in the midst of so much pain and suffering? We have hope. Unbelievable joy in all things is available to those that choose it. No matter the level of troubles we face, we are reminded of the beauty of a relationship with the one who knows far more than we can fathom.

Hebrews 4:15 says: "This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin." Our hope is not in the earthly pleasures and comforts, but for the future.

1 Cor. 15:19-23: "And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died. So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back..." Our eternal perspective is truly beyond the scope of the common man's understanding because our hope is for an eternity that is full worship, love, and God's loving presence.

Would you join me into a season of hope? One that isn't clouded so heavily with sin, death and despair, but instead is full of the life-giving spirit of the Holy Spirit. That is worth putting our hope and trust in. Our attitude and the way we live, will prove to this world that our hope in Jesus is enough. But also know this my friends, I am also weary of all the death that seems to be clouding over DFC as of late. We need to really support and love one another during this hard stretch. It won't be easy, but as a community we can get through this together.

Friends Women will be meeting this Saturday, February 18 at 1:00 PM in the parlor. All women are invited to attend and learn more about the DFC missions and missionaries we support.

A Memorial Service for Rob Savery is planned for Monday, February 20 at 11:00 AM. If you would like to visit with the family, there will be a light Hawaiian lunch in the parlor following the service. Please feel free to wear your Hawaiian shirt or your favorite casual attire.

Rob is the son of Bob and Vicki Savery and the brother of Dave Savery. Please keep the family in your prayers including Rob's wife, Rachel, and their two young children, Leilani and Charlie.

We are very fortunate to have the Colorado Christian University (CCU) Symphonic Concert Band and the CCU Jazz Band perform a concert at DFC on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 PM. Bob Savery will be playing bassoon in the concert

band. Everyone is invited to this concert in the church gym.

Men's Ministry Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, February 25 at 8:30 AM in the church parlor. All men are invited to join in this time of food, prayer, and fellowship. Please RSVP to Phil Burgi.

Volleyball is played on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month in the church gym. Anyone high school age or older is welcome to join us for a few games. We will be playing again on February 27 at 6:45 PM.

Plan now to join the RMYM Think Tank 2.0 (Winter Gathering) on March 3-4 at DFC. More information to follow.

Friends Women March Mystery Meals are coming soon! There are forms on the table in the church foyer for you to fill out if you would like to

host a meal. Please give the completed form to Kay Burgi.

Pen Friends is in need of Easter cards for seniors at three local assisted living facilities. Please purchase Easter cards, write a short note of encouragement in them, then place them in the Pen Friends box on the table in the church foyer. The deadline for the cards is April 3. Thank you so much for your help.

Prayer and toiletries—Dr. Katy will be going with a team from [Action4Education](#) for a medical outreach to poor communities in Petoa, Santa Barbara, Honduras, which is near San Pedro Sula from March 4 to March 11. She would appreciate your prayer support.

If you have any small soap, lotions or shampoos (such as you get from a hotel room) to send with her, they give these items away. They are greatly appreciated by the Hondurans who attend the clinics. Katy can accept toiletry donations until February 26.

Opportunities to serve:

Service Committee needs our help.

- A meal will be served following Rob Savery's Memorial Service on February 20. Salads and desserts are needed.
- The Service Committee has been asked to provide a meal for the CCU Symphonic and Jazz Bands (45 students) before the concert on February 21. The committee needs help preparing ingredients that will be provided for a pasta dish in crockpots, and a tossed salad. The meal will be served around 5:00-5:15 PM and the concert is at 7:00.
- Denver Friends Women will be serving soup and pie at 6:30 PM on Friday, March 3 for the Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting Think Tank 2.0 (Winter Gathering) Worship Service. On Saturday, the DFC Service Committee will serve pastries and coffee at 8:30 AM and lunch at noon. Please join us in making our guests from around our yearly meeting feel welcome.

If you can help serve, help with setup, cleanup or with the meals themselves, please contact Judy Van Meter or Janice Adams. Thank you.

Volunteers needed:

Just about every aspect of our children's program is in need of volunteers.

- Awana on Wednesday nights is growing in children attending but not in adult volunteers
- Volunteers needed for 2-5 grade Children's Church on Sundays
- Adults, especially men, needed for youth group on Wednesday nights

If God is tugging at your heart to volunteer for any of these needs, please contact Heather Carlson.

Celebrate Recovery is taking a pause and will not be meeting at this time.

Please keep the leadership in your prayers as they discern the direction God is leading them.

Refugees in the Middle East—Christians in Lebanon are still in need of our aid. Please place your \$1 or desired donation in the black box at the back of the sanctuary next time you are at the church. Thanks for supporting our brothers and sisters with the basics of life.

AWANA, Wednesdays at 6:00 PM—Classes are available for 3 year-olds through 5th grade. If you know any children in this age group, encourage them to attend.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Heather.

Prayer time with the staff—Mondays, 9:00-10:00 AM in the church annex. YOU are invited to join us as we pray for our staff, congregation prayer requests, each other, and the Connect card requests.

Al-Anon is a support group for people with a person in their life that has a problem with alcohol or drugs. It is a group for us to gain strength and encouragement from others in similar situations, using the 12 steps of AA - adapted to fit Al-Anon.

If you know of anyone who struggles with another person's drinking or drugs, please suggest they join us at 7:00 PM in room 204 on Tuesday nights. Contact Marlene Pittman for more information or questions.

Remember, you can donate online

at www.denverfriendschurch.com. Click on the "donate" button on the top right of the home page. You can also mail your check to the church office or to our treasurer, Kay Burgi. We thank you so much for your faithful giving.

Upcoming Events

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RMYM Think Tank 2.0-March 3-4

Micro-Workday-March 11, 10:00 AM-Noon

Pie Social-April 29, 5:00 PM

Needmeeter

NEED: Quaker Ridge Camp is in need of someone who can write grant applications. If you have knowledge in this area or know someone who does, please contact Jason at director@quakerridgecamp.org or 719-651-3126.

If you have anything to give away or to sell, or you are in need of something, we would be happy to put your item/ items in the Needmeeter. Please contact the church office at 303-455-7604.

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