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RESOLVE TO

CROSS OUT

FAMILY RE



Once on display in the Dargan-Carver Library in Nashville, Tennessee, was the dictionary of B.W. Spilman. The most interesting detail of the dictionary was that the word “failure” had been crossed out. Spilman, who would later become a significant visionary in developing the most effective methods for training and teaching in biblical studies, was first told that his program could not succeed.

After hours of prayer regarding this vital concern to which he had given his life, Spilman reached for his desk dictionary, opened it to the word “failure” and, with pen in hand, marked it out. Failure did not exist for B.W. Spilman after that day.

After a year like 2020, what if we determined that with the ushering in of a new year, and all the possibilities that come with it, we resolve to cross out failure from the vocabulary of our lives? How many dreams have been unexplored, how many recoveries have been thwarted, how many promising ventures never started, how many self-images remain corrupted, how many relationships remain broken, and how many lives unredeemed, all because of past failures?

Because of past failures, a staggering number are held hostage and crippled by the fear of failure. The cross of Christ, of course, is intended by God to redeem our failures and eliminate all fear, guilt, and shame. As an act of faith, all that remains is for us to cross out the word “failure,” not just in our dictionaries, but in our hearts and minds; the very place where this spiritual battle will be won or lost. The energy spent

dwelling upon every past regret, failure, and what might have been, is energy that can be directed to the promises of God, the assurances of the cross, and a proactive pursuit of a life lived to the glory of God.

Moving beyond the mindset of failure to victory will not be accomplished by wishing, hoping, or self-determination, but, rather, by the power of God’s Spirit and our willingness to follow His prompting and leading. What a powerful force and presence Christ’s church can be in our world with the elimination of defeatist attitudes, and laying claim to the victorious declarations of the cross.

In the challenges of this unique pandemic year, it is this spirit of promised victory that has motivated, guided, and driven us as pastor and staff. Our church family has responded in kind; continuing to support and participate in the many ministry opportunities that have arisen within our community and beyond. We know 2021 will begin looking much like the majority of 2020, but we must keep leaning forward with an unfailing spirit of joyful anticipation of what God has in store.

BOBBY DAGNEL
PASTOR





ON MISSION BEHIND THE SCENES

There was plenty to dislike about the pandemic we've all been in the middle of over the last 9 months. I think most of us have spent too much time reflecting on all the things we're disappointed about. But, recently, I've been trying to be better about acknowledging the good things that have come out of this. I write this with a bit of reluctance, knowing that the difficulties I've faced personally pale in comparison to some of the losses that others have suffered. I know people have lost their jobs, become more indebted to pay bills, and have even lost loved ones. I want to in no way pretend like the good outweighs the bad in our world during this pandemic.

My fear of underestimating the loss people have felt notwithstanding, there is one particular bright spot in my ministries I want to highlight. Our youth and college volunteers have been so outstanding during this unprecedented crisis. I have always known that I could not do this job without them, but during the last year that truth has been illuminated in a way I hope I don't soon forget. From writing letters to middle school girls, to making phone calls to high school boys, to reading books with college students stuck at home sooner than they realized, our volunteers have been nothing short of amazing.

When I read the Bible, I'm often confronted with big stories of Paul enduring a whipping for his faith, or Peter being beaten for preaching the Gospel. These stories produce in me a yearning to do huge things for God. I want to be so bold that if or when persecution arises and I'm required to lean on God to endure, I will be found faithful. But, also in Scripture--and maybe more often--there are stories of the faithful followers of Jesus simply living their lives in a way pleasing to Him. Their names are not always mentioned, their actions not always recorded in detail, and yet they press on.

20 years from now, there will be new volunteers. Hopefully, some will still be around (I have a middle school boys teacher who has been working in Youth Ministry for over 20 years!), but most won't be. Their names won't be enshrined on a plaque in the hallway. The building won't be renamed in their honor. But, that's not why they serve. They serve faithfully, day in and day out because they love the Lord and love the opportunity to participate in what He's doing. They serve because that's what God has called us to do. They serve because they understand that the work of the church must be done by its members.

My favorite quote about Youth Ministry is, "You have to become comfortable with writing a verse of a song you may never hear completed." It may be the hardest part about serving, but it is also an exciting proposition. Parents, teachers, other volunteers, their pastors have all poured into them for portions of their lives; and now you get to pour a little in their bucket as well. And somehow God uses all of those moments to add up into a life renewed. Also, you just might get to see glimpses of that song. Hear samples as they begin to own their faith personally. Hear them work out the "lyrics" as they live and learn.

If you're reading this and you've never served in our church, find a way to plug in. Don't shoot for the limelight. Don't pursue places where your honor is the focus. Go teach middle school boys, volunteer in the nursery, or serve as a baptism host. The church's work cannot be done without our incredible volunteers, and I think if you ask one of them, they'll tell you it is more rewarding than any accolade they've ever received.



EVAN HENSON
ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR
STUDENT MINISTRIES

2020 ON MISSION

COVID-19 was not in our vocabulary a year ago but today, in the midst of postponements, cancellations, rescheduling events and trips we had planned and have planned all over again, we continue down the path of living life in the middle of a pandemic. All the uncertainty and chaos in which we live reminded me of a devotional Bobby shared back in February 2020 (just before the pandemic began in the US). It reads:

“Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.” 2 John 1:8.

“To speak of the journey of faith implies a forward movement toward an ultimate destination. Sadly, there are always those, within every organization, who think they have arrived when, really all they are doing is blocking the road. For the followers of Jesus, however, there is no

staying put. We are either going forward and gaining ground or staying put and losing ground.”

-Bobby Dagnel

What about us? Are we as a church “going forward and gaining ground or staying put and losing ground”? As we have seen, the needs of individuals have not gotten less during the pandemic, they have actually become much more for many. Thankfully, our church has continued to be faithful in making a difference in the lives of people who are without hope. Ironically, the time, effort and resources that were planned to be directed toward people in other places, in our state, nation and throughout the world, have been reallocated, and repurposed to provide for countless in the 806. I am grateful to be a part of a church who gives and serves faithfully and sacrificially as we are “going forward and gaining ground” being on mission where our feet are.

IN 2020, TOGETHER, WE WERE ABLE TO:



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MEALS**

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JERRY RAMIREZ
MINISTER OF
GLOBAL INITIATIVES



PACKING UP THE YEAR

JUSTIN HAMBY
ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR
YOUNG ADULTS & FAMILIES



If your house is anything like mine, you have just spent the holiday season surrounded by boxes! From cardboard that just held gifts to plastic storage bins emptied and refilled with decorations, we are very familiar with boxes. Wouldn't it be nice if we had the ability to simply box up and put away the things that trouble us? This concept sounds silly when said like that, but I believe it is something we all attempt, whether we realize it or not.

At multiple points through out last year, I found myself looking for an end date or some sort of finish line for the tough things we all have been experiencing. I was wishful in my thinking: "If _____ happens, things will be good again," or "by _____ date, life will be back to normal." What I was really wanting were some parameters for the struggles, some boundaries that would constrain the opposition and make it more manageable for my own mind and strength. Unfortunately simply adding 1 to the year does not change our situations much (except for tax purposes!), rather our January 1st begins much like our December 31st ended. 2020 re-emphasized that this life and the troubles it brings simply cannot be contained by our own will or power. We fool ourselves by believing we can simply box up the situations that grieve us.

There is another thing that I hope you will not inadvertently put away this January.

I'm always met with a sense of sadness as we pack up our Christmas decorations after the holidays. While it is dismal to take down all the little things that bring a touch of happiness like the lights and the tree, it feels downright strange taking away the reminders set all around our house of Jesus and his birth. I know, as I'm sure you do, that there is nothing magical about a nativity scene, but I am convinced that we lose focus on the significance of Christmas once the decorations are gone. The idea I'm afraid we miss without the physical reminders of the baby Jesus is: "God with us."

Jesus was prophesied to be Immanuel: "God with us" (Isaiah 7:14). The significance of Christmas hinges on this very theme. We celebrate because a loving God was willing to interject himself, in a very real and tangible way, into the messiness of human life. Jesus stepped out of heaven to be among mankind, experience life as we do, and ultimately redeem us. As the 2020 holiday season has come to a close, I urge you to celebrate and continue in the awe of "God with us!" Don't let this idea slip off to a forgotten part of your mind like your Christmas decorations disappear to some unfrequented part of your house until next Christmas season.

You see, "God with us" is an incredible promise of hope. It is not merely the story of Jesus' physical life on this earth, but an ongoing promise that God is with us and for us. Hebrews 4:14-16 says Jesus is mediating on our behalf before God because he (Jesus) knows firsthand the experience we have in this life. What an incredible truth! That is "God with us" still at work.

So, as 2021 begins, please remember these two things:

1. You will continue to be tempted to pack away your troubles or at least imagine that you can control them. Remember this is wishful thinking and far from reality. A date changing on the calendar or a shift in circumstances won't bring about the peace or resolve you hope it will.
2. Don't forget "God with us." Remember that Jesus is familiar with the pains of this life and he is here making all things new and bringing hope, peace and joy in the meantime. Don't let this awesome truth be lost. Cling to it through the pain from the past, trying times ahead, and, yes, the ongoing struggles of COVID-19. Also, remember there are people in your life who don't know the hope that is "God with us."



GET TO KNOW ERIN DAWSON

My name is Erin Dawson and I am the Women's Coordinator here at First Lubbock.

I started as the Women's Coordinator in February of 2020, right before the shutdown. While this year did not allow for us to spend much time in person, we were able to connect in different ways. I was able to join some of you in Bible Study, and I watched a few of you become mothers for the first time. I saw you miss your families, figure out virtual school, and I witnessed you all do hard and holy things. As I pass you in the halls on Sunday morning, maybe not knowing your name, I want you to know that I am praying for you.

My vision for the Women's Ministry here at First Lubbock is that we will create space for women of all ages to learn from each other, laugh with each other,

and teach each other more about what a life lived with Jesus looks like. As we look forward to this new year be on the look out for monthly events, weekly Bible studies and more.

We will have both in-person and virtual options for our Bible Studies, and we will continue practicing COVID safe practices at all of our events. We would love to have you be involved! One of the best ways to stay connected is by joining our Facebook group *First Lubbock Womens Ministry*. If you are not on Facebook, we will be sending out updates via email and we are working on other ways to stay connected.

There are so many of you I still have not had a chance to meet, and while I hope that happens soon, I would love to hear from you! You can always contact me at women@firstlubbock.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS



It is a long-standing tradition in the Kids Ministry to celebrate Jesus' birth by having a Happy Birthday Jesus party in Sunday School each December. Cookies, juice, party décor and lots of laughter liven the halls in anticipation of Christmas! Our teachers do such a remarkable job of bringing the story of Jesus' birth alive to each and every child! A birthday party for Jesus brings us back to the true meaning of Christmas and shifts our focus to all that God has done for us. In a year where there seems to be an overwhelming amount of loss, cancellations, and change, it was our desire

to share this wonderful experience with children and families in our community. Families in the Kids Ministry collected cake mix, sprinkles, icing, balloons, and streamers for 40 families! After these supplies were collected, our amazing pre-teens added an extra special touch to each bag by including fun party favors! It is our hope that by experiencing their own Happy Birthday Jesus party, children and parents will be excited to talk about Jesus and what His birth means to them.



TERESA PORTER
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
COORDINATOR



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CHANGES IN THE FIRST LUBBOCK ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM

Early in November the church announced that we were making changes in our online giving platform. We will no longer be using Pushpay and have already started using a product called Shelby Next.

Shelby is a company that offers products for financials and membership tracking to churches. They are well known in the church world and FirstLubbock has been using Shelby in our church for over thirty years. Six years ago, when we were looking for more flexibility with our online giving, Shelby didn't have the product we needed so we started using Pushpay in addition to our Shelby programs.

Through the years, Shelby made changes in their systems and offered new products to keep up with the changes in how churches managed data and the changes in computer software. We updated the system that we were using each time and continued to move forward. In 2018, Shelby announced that they would stop supporting the version of Shelby that we were using which put us in a position of using one of their other products or find another that would fit our needs. We made inquiries of the many programs that are out there, looked hard at a few of them and tested one other before deciding that Shelby Next would be the best fit for us. That's where we are today.

Our online giving is up and operational and our staff has trained on the internal workings of our financial and membership data bases. All three of the Shelby packages, finance, membership and giving, offer new and improved features.

Some of you have seen the flexibility in the giving app. You can give on your phone and/or computer. You can give through your credit card, debit card or ACH, (your bank account). You can also set up a recurring gift and/or give at any time. There are four funds you can give to, General Budget, Building Fund, Global Missions and the Tower Foundation. With any transaction of this kind,

there is a processing fee that the church pays for out of our budget. Shelby next gives you an option to absorb that fee. The app also lets you see your giving record. You can download the app or go to the church's website or the church app and click on Giving and it will take you to Shelby Next. On our website, firstlubbock.org, there are also detailed instructions posted to help you set up online giving.

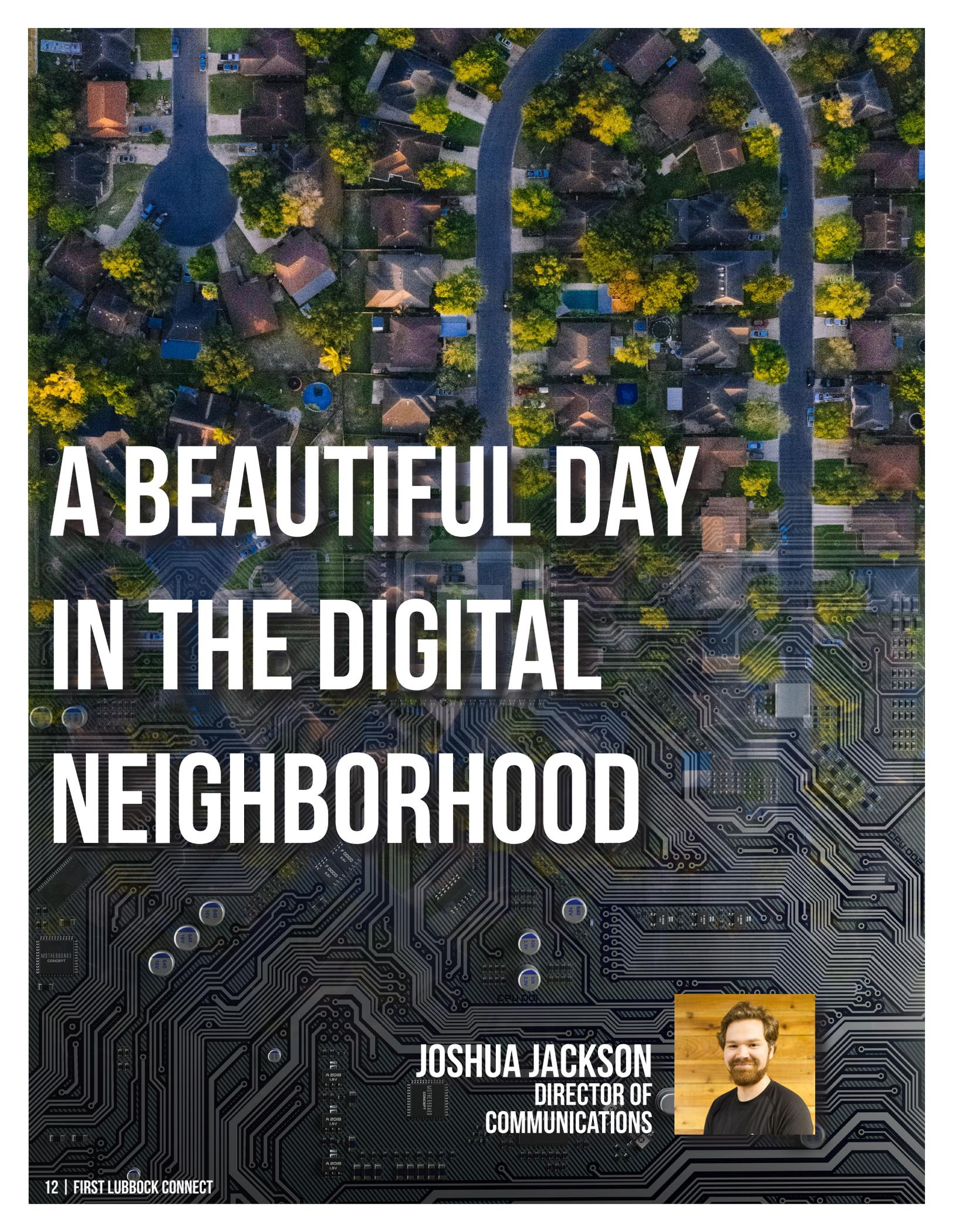
The membership package also has some very helpful features. One of the things we are excited about is the ability for our members to download the membership app and check themselves and their family into Sunday School. This will help us manage our classes, send emails, check on people, etc. You will hear more about that later.

The finance package will help our business office streamline our daily office duties and will allow us to be more efficient in posting and reporting finances.

All these changes allow us as a church to be better stewards of our time and resources, more productive in our day to day tasks and more flexible in how we manage the data we receive; none of this would be possible without you. You show up, you participate, you give, and for that we are thankful.



DEAN JOHNSON
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood with houses, trees, and a winding road. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent circuit board pattern, with the top half showing the neighborhood and the bottom half showing the circuitry.

A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE DIGITAL NEIGHBORHOOD

JOSHUA JACKSON
DIRECTOR OF
COMMUNICATIONS



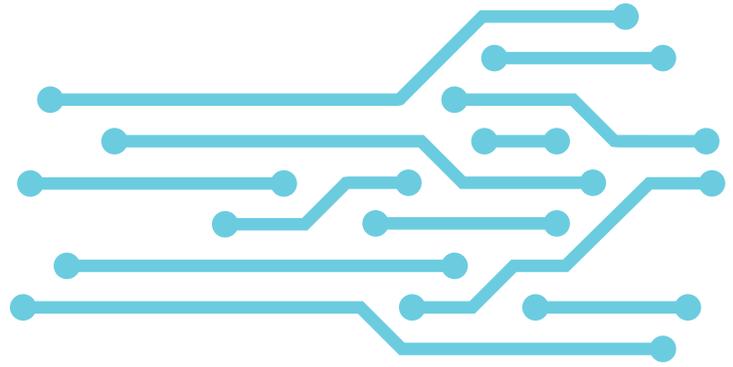
Near the end of November, Natalie ordered a matching set of Christmas pajamas for the two of us. A few weeks later and we got the first set of pajamas in and they fit great! Natalie was very excited! The rest of the order was set to be delivered a few days later. But a few days later came and went and there were no pajamas. About a week later, my wife called up customer support and they realized that a mistake had been made and the package had been lost in transit. Tragically, there would be no matching pajama set at the Jackson household for Christmas. But, it's just pajamas. No big deal. We got a full refund and they were very apologetic.

About a week later, I placed an order for some slippers that Natalie was eyeing. Payment went through, a shipping confirmation was sent, and in 5-10 business days Natalie was going to have some very cozy slippers. Unfortunately, much like the pajamas, 5-10 business days came and went, and after reaching out to Customer Support, I was informed that package was lost in transit. Another bummer, but again, it's just slippers. Were they super cute? Yes! Did they have Corgis on them? You bet! Were we bummed? Absolutely! But, no big deal. We got a full refund and they were very apologetic.

I spent a lot of time with Customer Support online and on the phone this holiday season. And as I spent more time with these people whose sole purpose is to listen to disappointed customers, I began to be reminded of the question a hot shot lawyer once asked Jesus:

“Who is my neighbor?”

The digital neighborhood is just as important as the physical neighborhood. The way we love others online should be no different than how we love our neighbor anywhere else.



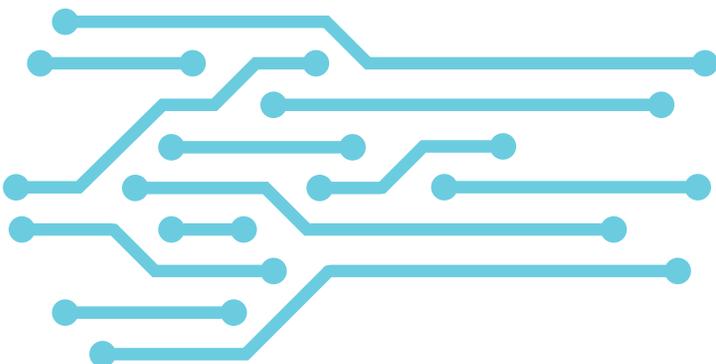
This time of year, and this year in particular, I'm sure that working in Customer Service is a thankless job. No one is hopping into a company's chat window to say, "Just wanted you to know that everything is working and I'm having a terrific time." People are always reaching out because something has gone wrong, and most of the time they're pretty frustrated.

So, this holiday season I did something a little different. Anytime I was talked with a support employee, I made sure that every encounter ended with "I love you."

It's not ground breaking by any stretch of the imagination. Those employees didn't turn their life to Jesus simply because of a little phrase I threw on at the end of our conversation. And I couldn't be grumpy for an entire conversation and just throw "I love you" at the end and make everything okay. I had to be kind, considerate, and had to actively love those employees through our entire conversation. And I would encourage you to try something similar!

You're probably not going to change the world by telling a stranger that you love them. It's unlikely that you'll witness a conversion experience through a chat window. I doubt a revival will take place through call centers across the globe because a few people were kind instead of grumpy. But God has certainly done a whole lot more with a whole lot less.

In the new year I want to commit to being kinder online. Not just to employees of the companies I'm complaining to, but to everyone. Because the reality is that my mission field does not begin and end with the physical boundaries of this world. It expands to the digital realm as well. And if I'm truly going to be on mission where my feet are, then that means my digital feet, too.



CHRISTMAS IS THERE

JONNY HUGHES
WORSHIP & ARTS
ASSOCIATE



Well, here we are. 2020 is finally over! However, the only thing that's changed is that now we have to remember to write 21 instead of 20 on our checks, assignments, and documents, but our lives' circumstances aren't all that different from last month. Sure, more and more people are receiving the covid-19 vaccination daily (that is quite a relief), but trouble still shows its ugly head. I have to tell you though, I'm learning to take great comfort in at least one angle of sameness - our good God is the same yesterday, today, and forever and ever and ever!

As a result of the pandemic, we had to make changes and adapt our Christmas celebrations like Night of Worship at Christmas, Keyboards at Christmas, and Christmas Eve, and this challenged our worship team to find new ways to tell the same Christmas story in a way that safely brought holiday cheer to our church family. Everything looked different: from decorations, to song selections, to instrumentation, to stage layout, but every detail was fine tuned to remind you that the hope that was born 2000 years ago is still alive and well in spite of this bleak midwinter.

During the Advent season, you heard me talk many times about how the story of Christmas persistently escapes the stable and finds us in the office, the classroom, the gym, and the grocery store. We've sung new lyrics to old songs together as we celebrated the goodness of our way-making God, raising joy to the world for the living hope we have in the Word-made-flesh! Now, church, let me remind you that the truths we've sung about for the last month still hold true. If you'll indulge me, I'd like to share with you again the song I wrote for Keyboards at Christmas 2020. May these words stick with you all year long:

*There's a nip in the air
"Silver Bells" in the distance
Cries for peace everywhere
Who has time to listen?*

*Strings of lights overhead
Busy stores, busy sidewalks
But Black Friday was red
and clear midnight grew dark*

*It's not in the stockings though they're hung with care
It's not in a box or a tree
It was born in a manger for the whole world to share,
Christmas is there*

*Flakes of snow gently fall
choirs of children are singing
But there's no point at all
if the words lost their meaning
It's not in the carols though they're sung with care
It's not in a card or a wreath
It's God here among us, our burdens to wear
Christmas is there*

*It's hope in the darkness
it's joy through the night
it's peace when your world falls apart
It's grace for your failures
it's strength for the fight
It's love, God's love!*

*It's nailed to a cross though it wasn't fair
It's a fee we don't have to receive
It was buried and risen, my life started there
Christmas is there*

In January 2021... Christmas is there.



WE NEED EACH OTHER

[ONE THING WE LEARNED IN 2020]



KEN DRAUGHON
ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR
MUSIC & WORSHIP



What a whirlwind LAST year was! Some have suggested that the best thing we could do with 2020 is to hit control-alt-delete and reboot for 2021. That's not the worst idea... except it overlooks the fact that we learned a great deal during those 365 days—about ourselves, our friends and family, our country, our world and our LORD.

Serving in the Worship and Arts Ministries brought significant challenges throughout that topsy-turvy year: we went 9 weeks (with Good Friday, it was 10 services) without ANYONE in the room. It was a challenge to know how to plan, how to lead, knowing that everyone we were leading was having to worship with us online! And though our church family was able to see us, we, obviously could not see you. We talked a great deal about how to engage you, to help connect you with Almighty God in our worship experiences and ultimately, it became a huge act of faith to plan, to play, to sing, to facilitate through media to pool our efforts for people we could not see.

Then, we added a 9:30 service to make sure we could respect the request to be socially distant in our worship experiences. That additional worship experience added more time, more volunteers, and earlier mornings. In addition, it was quite the scheduling conundrum when three of our vocal worship leaders came down with COVID at different times. But God used that unfortunate experience in the lives of these three as they experienced worship very differently.

Andy Timmons mentioned that “getting Covid helped me see some of the struggles folks who can't attend our worship experiences in person have had to wrestle with in order to worship with our church family. But, getting to 'feel' like I was in the room with our team and our church even though I couldn't attend helped me make it through the recovery process more effectively. And, being loved on and encouraged by our Worship and Arts Ministries while I was stuck at home was invaluable and reminded me that we really are a family.”

Karleigh Porterfield also experienced the care and love of the team when she was battling Covid. She said, “Anyone who knows me, knows that I am way too extraverted to

be cooped up in my apartment by myself for a day, yet alone 14 days! When I tested positive I tried and tried to tell myself that it was just allergies. I mean.... I grew up on a farm surrounded by cotton fields, you would think I would be immune to all this dirt by now, right?! But, unfortunately, quarantine began. My sweet family at First Lubbock reached out to me first thing and offered a helping hand. I was especially grateful for the support our WAM team showed me during that time. The phone calls, daily texts, and facetime saved me! I might have looked horrible, but I was so happy to see another face and even though I couldn't be there in person, the live stream on Sunday mornings was so meaningful and engaging. I truly am grateful for our church and the wonderful community we have here.”

And, right in the middle of December, Libby Draughon our latest team member to get Covid. As she reflected on worshipping in the empty worship center in the Spring, she said, “we had mixed emotions about leading in an empty room. We were terribly sad not to be with our church family while we also felt guilty that we were getting to be together in the worship center. Even though our team was smaller than normal—we still were privileged to experience family knowing that our church family was not getting to enjoy that familiar togetherness. But, we also noticed that the Spirit seemed to make Himself more evident during those weeks—it was as if He was telling us 'God With Us' isn't just a name or saying at Christmas...He really was and is here...all the time!”

We need each other. Worship teams need worshipers to lead, and worshipers need worship teams to provide worship experiences that help our entire church connect with Almighty God in life transforming ways. We learned all of this in tangible ways in 2020. And I cannot wait to see what we will learn in 2021— about ourselves, our friends and family, our country, our world and our LORD. Whatever that may be, no doubt, it will include the truth that we need each other—as a family, as teammates, to support us, encourage us, challenge us, walk alongside us and there's no better place to experience all of that than right here, in and through the ministries of First Lubbock!

IN A HURRY



I was blessed with this full-time ministry position beginning October 15, 2020. There were but a few days left in the year, seventy-five to be exact, to attempt to get to know all of my fifty-five year-old (and older) fellow servants and prospects. I emailed a video of an introduction of myself to everyone who had email capabilities. I then began to make visits to the others armed with a small box of snacks and my information card. I continue to deliver the boxes, the list is extensive and I am finding many locations in Lubbock that I was not familiar with. What a blessing God has revealed to me in these recent days! Thanks to all of you who have helped me remember your name and your partially covered face! I am so excited about the days ahead! God has great things in store for us, I am sure of it!

As I reflect on the story found in John, chapter 9 of the blind beggar and his encounter with Jesus. The disciples asked Jesus who had sinned to cause this man to be born blind. Was it his parents or himself? Though an understandable question, given the circumstances, neither choice was correct. Jesus answered them saying his disability was simply to provide an opportunity for the works of God to be displayed in his life (verse 3). Then, in verse 5, Jesus said, "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." After the man's sight was restored there was great debate about who had healed him, how it was done and where the healer was. After long discussions and persecution of the blind man, Jesus came to his rescue and asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" Confused, the man answered, "and who is He, Lord that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said, "You have both seen Him and He is the one who is talking with you"(verses 35-37). Wow, what an incredible moment for the blind man who had recently been made to see! He boldly announced, "Lord I believe" and the man worshipped Jesus!

The story begins with a blind man seen by Jesus. It ended with the same man seeing and worshipping Jesus. This is certainly the desire of Jesus for all! He will help us see how to see. "I once was blind, but now I see."

My door is always open, my phone is always on and the mail delivers every day. I want to stay in touch with you all.

TIM THORNTON
ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR
50+ ADULTS AND PASTORAL CARE



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Brian Anguish
Molly Anguish
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Kylee Polvado

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BUDGET REQUIRED YTD

\$3,321,932.64

BUDGET RECEIVED YTD

\$3,334,129.01

GLOBAL IMPACT MISSIONS GOAL

\$182,450.00

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