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In the day of prosperity be happy,  
But in the day of adversity consider—  
God has made the one  
as well as the other...



ECCLESIASTES 7:14

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## LETTER TO THE FAMILY



Pastor Bob's letter will return next week.  
Watch for his nightly letters of faith and hope.

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## youthink

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I greet you in the Wonderful Magnificent name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I remember as a child I would dream about becoming an actor, doctor, lawyer, CIA operative, and many other unusual jobs that were far away from the south side of Chicago. I longed for the opportunity to engage in dialogue with adults who worked in those fields and explore my many interests. In retrospect, I now understand that I was searching for answers to my questions: How do I go from playing my Sega Genesis all day to sitting in law school classes? Is it possible to apply my leadership skills in basketball to becoming an actor? Is my love for hide and seek the starting point for being a CIA operative? At its core, I had very little understanding of how one became so successful. Let me be clear, I had many examples of success within my home (Dad and Mom) but what teenager really listens to sound advice from their parents??

As my journey with our youth grows in spirit and in truth, I've been allowed into their worlds. I've heard their desires to live faithfully as Christians. As it should be, they have many interests and depending on the kid, you'll find that professional interests range from becoming small business owners to gaming editors and everything in between. This month, I've invited some special guests to speak with our youth about

their professions and how their faith helped them find success in their work journey.

Our first guest who will join us next week (9-10 and 9-11) via Zoom is Drew Powell. Drew hails from Lebanon, IN and is the son of a DOC Pastor. He is a loving husband and father. He graduated from DePauw University and soon after graduation he moved to Los Angeles to pursue an acting career. Drew has found success in TV and film. Some of his most recent work can be seen on the hit TV show *Gotham* as Butch Gilzean, chief enforcer for Fish Mooney (played by Jada Pinkett Smith). For information about Drew and his television and film credits, google "Drew Powell IMDb". You'll be amazed by his body of work. Many of our youth would like to enter the entertainment field and Drew will be speaking with us about the role faith plays in his life as an actor.

The following week on September 17th and 18th our guest speaker will be none other than Vincent Gathings, MD (Anesthesiologist). Dr. Gathings was born and raised in Evansville, IN. He is the youngest of five children. He also is a proud husband and father of four and a devout Christian. Dr. Gathings specializes in persistent and chronic pain consultation education, physical rehabilitation and intervention pain therapies. He studied at Indiana University School of Medicine,

## **youth***ink* continued

Maricopa Medical Center, and Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals (residency and fellowship). Dr. Gathings will give insight to our youth about his journey in becoming an MD, how his faith played a part in the journey, and what it's like working in hospitals during a global pandemic.

Finally, on September 24th and 25th Rev. Kory Wilcoxson will join us via Zoom. Kory is a proud father of two young ladies. Rev. Kory Wilcoxson is Senior Pastor of Crestwood Christian Church in Lexington KY, where he has served since November of 2009. Prior to being called to Lexington, Kory served eight years at Community Christian Church in Lincolnshire, IL. He has also served churches in Carmel, IN, Columbus, IN, and Jeffersonville, IN. Kory earned his M.Div. at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. He also holds an M.A. in Interpersonal Communication from Ohio University and a B.A. in Speech Communications from Indiana University. He worked as a journalist and college instructor before going into ministry. Through a Q&A forum we'll gain insight on his journey in ministry, how to identify and understand privilege, and as Christians how we can use this understanding to create spaces and opportunities for all of God's people.

I am uber-excited about our special guests. They'll give us first-hand knowledge about their professions, answer any questions we have about their professions and finally, share why faith is critical to their lives.

With Love,  
Jeremy Gillett  
Director of Youth Ministries



## REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

For those of you who know someone serving in the armed forces, as well as people serving in other capacities, we want to lift them up in prayer... please let us know when they come home!

Chris Diaz • Joshua Bigbee • Steven Zaun

We also want to continue to pray for peace, for wisdom for the world's leaders, and for the people of all war-torn areas of our world.



## W2W

WOMEN 2 WOMEN  
NEW ONLINE WOMEN'S GROUP  
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> · 8:00 PM

### Hosted by:

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## “Just A Thought ...” by Rev. Louise Sloan Goben



I admit, I am really challenged today when I pay attention to current events. I grew up in a home that was informed about what was going on in the world. And what was happening when I was young was a struggle for Civil Rights, rallies in Washington D.C., and a war being fought in Viet Nam. There was a great deal of strife in our country, and even within our household there were conflicting values being challenged. One of my grandfathers was a demonstrative supporter of unions as he was a charter member and organizer of the United Mine Workers from immediately after WWI. The other set of grandparents were small business owners. My grandfather was a butcher and they owned a small market. This was long before there were supermarkets and big box stores. So early on, I learned the importance of discretion in conversation.

What I find so striking today is the idea of discretion or courtesy seems non-existent in our common

discourse. Folks on all sides of our political conversation do not hesitate to name-call and speak pejoratively about one another. It seems that we are not simply permitted to disagree or have reasonable discussion about our perspectives, but that the other side is wrong, or stupid, or unreasonable... you get the idea. I long for an honest debate about issues as opposed to invectives. And there are times when I simply have to step away from the news and the arguments and the anger and acknowledge that I am feeling angry or frustrated or depressed as I see what is going on around me.

In his book “Practicing Compassion,” Frank Rogers understands that noticing what we are feeling in times like this is the first step in bridge-building. Noticing and identifying what you may be experiencing is also the first step in creating a sense of peace within yourself that will allow you to see what is happening around you, and not getting caught up in the violence and the outrage. It is good for our health to do this. It is good also for our mental health.\*

If you find yourself feeling angry or stressed, stop and notice in yourself what it is that you are feeling. Identify it, and name it. For example, “I am feeling angry.” Then ask, “Why am I feeling angry? What bothers me about this situation?” Take a deep breath, and consciously ask God, or Jesus to come and restore within you whatever is calming, healing, or restoring. If we develop this self-check-in as a habit, we are more likely to be able to respond to what is happening in our world, and less likely to react. Responding is more productive and allows us to understand that others around us have their own experiences and fears and anxious moments too.

## “Just A Thought ...” continued

Rabbi Alan Morinis, in a book about Jewish Wisdom of the Bible, writes that one of the things that distinguishes humans from the animal world is our ability to override our emotions with wisdom. He suggests that the practice of opening “a space between the match and the fuse,” may be the definition of wisdom itself.\*\*

Understand that this practice is not about a forcing down of what we feel. It is about an examination of our experiences and seeking a clearer understanding of why we feel what we feel. Then we can begin to understand that others around us are also experiencing/reacting to what is stirring within themselves too. When we do this we can begin to practice the compassion that Jesus requires of his disciples.

I do not see how else we can move through this very challenging time in our nation and in the world unless we cultivate what the Apostle Paul described as the “fruit of the Spirit” – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

We can do this.

Pastor Louise

\*Frank Rogers. *Practicing Compassion*. Upper Room Books. 2015 • \*\*Alan Morinis. *With Heart in Mind*. Trumpeter Press. 2014.



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ON ZOOM**

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(10 & under)**

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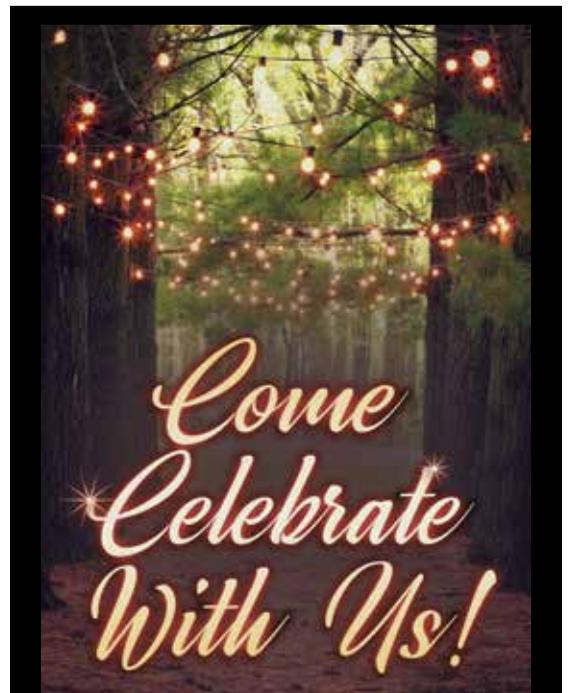


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SEPTEMBER 13

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WEEK OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020 \_\_\_\_\_

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CREDIT CARD OFFERINGS 8/26 - 9/1 \_\_\_\_\_

General Offering \$1,840.84

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