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Our Mission:  
To relate to  
God more  
intimately,  
to evidence the  
fruit of the  
Spirit, and to  
bring Jesus  
into all our  
relationships.

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# HRCC News

## From the Pastor's Pen....

A phrase is being thrown around today called The **Great Resignation**, or it is also known as the **Big Quit**. What this describes is a trend in which employees are voluntarily resigning from their jobs, and they are resigning at greater levels than has been seen in a long time. Why are people resigning from their jobs? One reason is many people can now work remotely; they can



work from home or from almost anywhere. Many employees do not have to commute to an office building, a warehouse, or a retail store; they can stay at home and still do the work. Technology has greatly enhanced one's ability to work from home.

A second reason for the great resignation is people want to gain a better balance between work life and their personal life. Work can often interfere with one's private life, and one's private life can interfere with work. People are looking for a better balance between their work life and their private life

A third reason for the great resignation may be because of the stimulus payments from the government and unemployment benefits people have received. Those with low paying jobs may have been able to survive and stay at home because of some of these payments.

A fourth reason and perhaps one of the more obvious reasons is because people are discontented with their work. They are simply not finding any satisfaction in their job.

What ever the reasons may be; a "great resignation" or "big quit" is taking place in the workforce today. In my lifetime I have known people who are doctors, lawyers, and people that drive big machinery on farms. I have known school - teachers, coaches and people who sell insurance and real estate. I have known dentists, missionaries and other pastors, and so much more. And while so many of them have grown and thrived in their field of work, many also have had a hard time finding work that matters.

Jobs begin to matter when we connect those jobs to Jesus. Even the mundane jobs can matter when we connect them to Jesus. For a job to matter we have to see that what we are doing is much more than just making money. Jesus had a vision for us that is about more than just money and possessions. He said, **"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."** (Matthew 6:33) When Jesus begins to shape who we are and what life is about, it turns us from people who just strive to make money and have more things, into people who use their jobs to serve Jesus and others.

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Paul told us about a different way to approach our work. In **Colossians 3:17** he said, **“And whatever you do in work or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.”** Paul is encouraging us to do our work heartily for the Lord rather than just for yourself. In everything I do I need to learn to invite Jesus to be my co-worker. God wants me to invite Him into everything I do. He wants me to speak and act and move and invite Him into all of that. And by doing that I expect God to direct me, instead of just doing it all on my own.

How can you see your work or occupation right now as something that matters? Your work may seem exhausting and your schedule may seem unpredictable and chaotic. How can you transform your occupation into something that matters in the Kingdom of God? Think on these Scriptures that speak about our work life:

**Deuteronomy 15:10, “You shall generously give to him, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all your undertakings.”**

**2 Thessalonians 3:13, “But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good.”**

**Colossians 3:23, “Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men.”**

Please know that I love you and desire all of us to be shaped and formed in the image of Jesus.

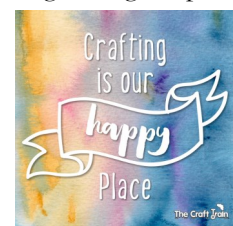
*Pastor Howard*

## SAVE THE DATE

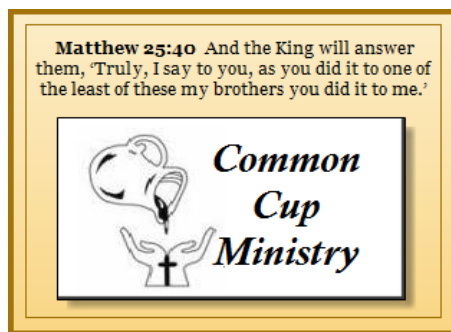
Be sure to put April 30 on your calendar and plan to join us for our annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser. This event raises money to help send the youth of HRCC to Village Creek Bible Camp. Come enjoy a wonderful meal for a good cause!

## Scrap & Craft

March dates are Friday, March 18, 4 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Mar. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feel free to invite a friend and come craft and scrapbook for the weekend. Last month we had someone crocheting grocery bags with recycled plastic shopping bags. It was quite interesting. We had someone else working on sorting and organizing recipes, and someone working Diamond Dotz pictures or book



marks. Another person was working on cataloging church library books. We have quite the variety of crafters. Come on over and check it out. I heard there will bread baking going on that weekend too!! Friday night is bring your own dinner; Saturday noon is a potluck meal. Please let Becky Anderson or Dawn Vandenberg know if you plan to attend, so tables can be set up. Hope to see you at March Scrap & Craft!



The Backpack Weekend Food program is now serving 265 children in McLeod County. What a blessing this ministry is to children especially on the week-ends. Would you please add pudding cups to your weekly shopping list and drop them off in the Common Cup collection box? Your help is greatly appreciated in helping kids to not go hungry on the week-ends. If you would like to be a packer for these boxes or organize a group from our church, let me know, there are May dates available at this time.



Road-ready bikes are being collected again this year. If you have a bike you are not using or one that your kids have outgrown this is a great opportunity to bless another person with a bike. If you have a bike or bikes to donate, please bring them to Christ the King Church.

The annual meeting of Common Cup will be held at our church this year on Monday, March 21 at 12:00 Noon. You are invited to attend to learn more about Common Cup.

Dawn Vandenberg, HRCC Common Cup representative



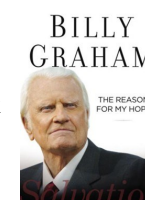
Ladies, please join us on March 6, 2:00pm for a baby shower for the Schaufler family and baby Madeline. There is a list of suggest gift ideas on the bulletin board.

## In the Library

Our church library has grown over the years thanks to book donations from our church family and friends. This month our library is featuring some of our most recent donations. These books include historical fiction



by authors such as George MacDonald, non-fiction books by Billy Graham and Elisabeth Elliot, and more. Check out what is



new in the library this month!

## Ladies' Bible Study

We will be finishing our study of the book of John on March 17. After a brief break, we will begin a study on the book of Philippians on March 31.

## Read Through the Bible

Join us as we read through the Bible together again in 2022. This year we will be doing a Chronological Reading Plan. This Bible reading plan will take you through the entire Bible in an historical linear timeline order with the first events first to the last. You may pick up a copy of the plan on the table in the foyer at the church. The readings for each week will be in the bulletin and for the month in the newsletter.

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| 1: Num 14-15; Ps 90 | 9: Numbers 33-34  | 17: Deut 17-20        | 25: Joshua 9-11  |
| 2: Numbers 16-17    | 10: Numbers 35-36 | 18: Deut 21-23        | 26: Joshua 12-15 |
| 3: Numbers 18-20    | 11: Deut 1-2      | 19: Deut 24-27        | 27: Joshua 16-18 |
| 4: Numbers 21-22    | 12: Deut 3-4      | 20: Deut 28-29        | 28: Joshua 19-21 |
| 5: Numbers 23-25    | 13: Deut 5-7      | 21: Deut 30-31        | 29: Joshua 22-24 |
| 6: Numbers 26-27    | 14: Deut 8-10     | 22: Deut 32-34; Ps 91 | 30: Judges 1-2   |
| 7: Numbers 28-30    | 15: Deut 11-13    | 23: Joshua 1-4        | 31: Judges 3-5   |
| 8: Numbers 31-32    | 16: Deut 14-16    | 24: Joshua 5-8        |                  |

### 1st Thessalonians



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| ABSTAIN        | DRUNKEN      | JESUS DIED  | REJOICE     |
| BE QUIET       | EDIFY        | JOY         | SALVATION   |
| BESEECH        | EVIL         | KINGDOM     | SATAN       |
| BE SOBER       | FAITH        | LABOUR      | SAVED       |
| BLAMELESS      | GLORY        | LOVE        | SHALL RISE  |
| BOLD           | GOOD TIDINGS | LUST        | SORROW      |
| CAUGHT UP      | GOSPEL       | NOT IN VAIN | SUFFER      |
| CLOKE          | GRACE        | PEACE       | THIEF       |
| DEAD IN CHRIST | HONOUR       | PRAY        | WILL OF GOD |
| DIED FOR US    | HOPE         | RAISED      | WITNESSES   |

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