

KCA BEACON

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Control is an Illusion

There is a movie scene where John Hammond, the owner/creator of Jurassic Park, and Dr. Ellie Sattler are sitting in the cafeteria talking & eating ice cream. This is after the dinosaurs have all broken loose and are running around the island eating the hapless humans. As Hammond and Dr. Sattler are discussing the nature of the park, Hammond starts to comment, "When we have control..." to which Dr. Sattler immediately interrupts him, declaring, "You never had control. That's the illusion."

Control is an illusion. We may plan, scheme, arrange, manipulate, bully, shame, and use other means to try to get what we want, to control people and events and circumstances, but, in the final analysis, we do not have control. There are too many variables in our lives for us to be able to account for every single one, and most of them are not within our control anyway.

James 4:13-14 tells us, "Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes."

He goes on to tell us that such boasting is 'evil' (v. 16), and advises us instead, in v. 15, "Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."" That is the reality. As Daniel told King Belshazzar in Daniel 5:23, we need to honor the God Who holds our life and all our ways. When we trust Him and listen to Him, we can find that need for control loosening its grip on us, as we surrender our will to His. With letting God control, we also find that we have less need for worry and don't have to fear what may come our way.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28, NIV).

God bless you all richly through His grace.
Tracy Valentine

Pantry Drive

Due to Allergy Concerns,
please buy BRAND NAME
ITEMS ONLY!

Brodhead Christian:

*Cereal (Lucky Charms, Cocoa Puffs, Frosted Flakes, Cheerios) -10-12 boxes

*Poptarts (Strawberry, Cherry, Chocolate, Brown Sugar/Cinnamon) - 9 to 10 16-pack boxes

Wildie Christian:

*Salad Dressing Hidden Valley Ranch (10 bottles), Italian (4 bottles), "Red" French (3 bottles)

*Ketchup (8 large bottles)

*Pancake Syrup (8 bottles)

Southern Heights:

*Scalloped Potatoes (15 - 20 boxes)

*Velveeta Cheese (4 to 5 5-lb boxes)

New Antioch Christian:

*Presweetened Canisters of Koolaid (Tropical Punch, Country Time Lemonade, Cherry) - 20 containers

Bethel Christian:

*Presweetened Canisters of Koolaid (Tropical Punch, Country Time Lemonade, Cherry) - 20 containers

*Spaghetti Sauce (3 gallons)

*Spaghetti - 12 boxes

*Macaroni - 12 boxes

Scott's Fork:

*Heavy Plastic Forks, Spoons, & Knives

ALL CHURCHES:

Napkins & Paper Towels

FOR THE KIDS

NEW Retreat for 2020!!!

May 1 - 3, KCA will host a Spring Retreat for Middle School and High School aged kids! This Retreat falls at a special time, as it will be ending at the annual MAYFEST gathering of all the churches! Make plans now to attend this fun weekend!

KCA and Covid-19

KCA is continuing to monitor the CDC and Kentucky's response to the pandemic. There have been no changes to the camp dates or scheduled events as of this publication.

PRAYERS FOR THE CAMP

THE CHILDREN

Leadership

Need for teachers

Need for volunteers

Facilities & Grounds needs

Building Fund

Covid-19 and implications

CAMP DATES for 2020

Middle & High Retreat: May 1-3

MayFest: May 3

Day Camp: May 30

1st Chance: June 4-6

High School/College: June 7-12

Middle School: June 14-19

Junior Week: June 21-26

Helping Hands: July 1

(Dates are subject to change)

KID'S DEVOTION

Hebrews 13: 8-9

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them."

Find an electronic device you have access to and listen to the song "Worthy of Your Name" by Passion. Dwell in the idea that Jesus has always been, and forever will be the same.

1. *How has God revealed himself to you lately?*
2. *When is a time in your life when you felt HIS presence the most?*
3. *Looking into April, how are you going to dive deeper into understanding HIM?*

**KCA Board Meeting:
April 13, 7pm KCA**



OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT KCA

Remember: 5% of all donations go to the Building Fund Roof Project unless specifically noted. THANK YOU!!!

- Click [Debit / Credit / Paypal E-PAY](#)
- Click [Kroger Community Rewards](#)
- Rent the grounds during offseason
- Earmark at Your Church "to KCA"
- Mail to:
Kentucky Christian Assembly
PO Box 71 – 544 Grassy Branch
Road Brodhead, KY 40409
606-308-8008

Pickin' Up Sticks

For years, Walter Baldwin's Camp Manager's report at each meeting began with the words, "Well, I've been pickin' up sticks". The tedious job of removing all the fallen debris from the eventual path of his lawnmower seemingly never ended, but it had to be done to ward off inevitable damage to his mower's blades and belts.

Our walk with Christ will never be without clutter and obstacles. However, Psalms 23:4 reminds us God watches over and cares for us. His comforting and powerful staff clearing a way for His people to do His work.

Being aware of, and taking the time to "pick up sticks" that lie along our path to Christ-like maturity is the essence of what KCA instills in all of us. Take a moment to thank God for HIS comforting guidance with KCA.

KCA CHURCHES & DIRECTORS

- **Bethel Christian:** Raymond Hatfield, Dale Ballinger (Advisor)
- **Brodhead Christian:** Steve Owens, Vanessa Bowling, Tracy Valentine (Advisor)
- **Climax Christian:** Sam Mullins, Carrie Ballinger, Bob Dalton (Advisor)
- **Crab Orchard Christian:** Ricky Davis (Advisor)
- **First Christian:** Debbie Brown, Scott Parkey, Bruce Ross (Advisor)
- **New Antioch Christian:** Julie Marks, Shea Davis, Val McCord (Advisor)
- **Scott's Fork Christian:** Courtney May, Heather Akers, Odis Clark (Advisor)
- **Southern Heights Christian:** David Jones, Brenda Murphy, David Paddick (Advisor)
- **Wildie Christian:** Connie Smith, Angie Parsons-Woods, Gary Pettyjohn (Advisor)

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