# Kingdom Vision Seek First His Kingdom

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For no Good Tree bears Bad FRUIT, nor does a Bad Tree bear Good FRUIT.

For Each Tree is known by its Own FRUIT.

Luke 6:43-44



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Sherry Smith will be having back surgery May 6th. Remember Dawn Dabbs, Denny Kruse, Judy Roark, Charles Tice, Amanda Oliphant, Brian Deckman, Phyllis Collinsworth, Garry Naylor, Donnis Luck, Nolan Edmondson, Ralph Cope, Helen Elder, Rachel Pyron, Don Johnston, and Bruce Bowers as they deal with ongoing health issues.

# **Sympathy**

Harold Stites passed away last week. Services were Tuesday.

Mary Gage, Mark Gage and Jill Stadler's mom, passed away last week.

We express our sincere sympathy to the families of Harold and Mary. Please keep all in your prayers...

# **Directory Update**

Mark Gage's new address is 1721 1/2 S. Pearl Ave., Joplin, MO 64804. His cell # is 417-691-3305.



### **Virtual Bible Class**

Every Sunday around 11:30am on ZOOM

### **Virtual Youth Group**

A **SURPRISE** for Teens **Sunday** Afternoon? TBA

Tuesday Game Night on Zoom at 8:30pm

Virtual Youth Group on Zoom **Thursday** at 8:30pm

This week's article is difficult to write. This Sunday was suppose to be our "Senior Sunday" where we recognize our graduates and celebrate with them as they leave High School and College and go into the big brave world. However, even with restrictions starting to lessen, the Seniors and their families have requested we wait till later in the summer to have our annual presentation and ceremony. We are incredibly proud of our Graduates, the class of 2020!! More has been asked of them, and taken away, and yet they continue to shine and persevere. They deserve their time to celebrate! If you would like to "adopt a graduate" to make this season a little brighter, please reach out to me at 417-818-1302.

Praying blessings for all our students, Zac

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When I was younger I was blessed to wear glasses for a vision problem I had. Now, I did not feel blessed when I had to wear them. I fought my Mom tooth and nail (really I just complained a lot) every morning as I tried to watch cartoons without what I thought were the limitations of the glasses. See (no pun intended), I was very far sighted and incredibly right eye dominant. My eye doctor prescribed glasses that would help my short distance focusing muscles to develop better, and my mom would put masking tape on the right lens for an hour each morning to force me to use my left eye more.

At first, cartoons were blurry and I was frustrated. In my youthfulness, I struggled to comprehend this vision therapy because it felt like it was taking goodness from my life. I felt limited. In my complaints and struggles, I did not notice that my vision grew stronger over time. I didn't notice the lens on my glasses were getting thinner (they were coke bottle thick at first). I didn't notice that I was seeing reality more clearly and better able to engage in the environment that God had put me in, without hitting my head on low objects as often (a problem with farsighted people).

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount blesses our vision to really engage the goodness of life! His lesson heals us from our weak perspective of what we think is good and opens not only our eyes but our whole selves to the goodness of God's Kingdom!

Tye

