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THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. Rom. 8:28

Fire Destroys My Church Family's Building

In the early morning hours of Thursday, October 15, 2015, a fire broke out in an old carport/garage located next to the In Christ Church & Ministries building in Louisville, KY. Situated on the corner of Bardstown Rd and Beechwood Avenue in the Highlands area of the city, fire spread from the wooden structure to the house next door, comprised of several apartments. As the fire reached the top of that structure, it jumped to our building's top floors and roof. It took around 70 firefighters battling the blaze to control and extinguish the flames. There was only one wrist injury to any of the fire department personnel.

None of the residents of the apartment building were injured, nor were any of the Jon Mark Sandquist family members who live in an apartment in the same structure as the church building. An unknown individual (never seen by the family before or since) began ringing their door bell until Jon Mark finally woke up and came downstairs to answer the door. The man standing outside told him that he needed to leave the building, as Jon Mark could see the flames when he opened the door. The man helped get the family out of the apartment, and then disappeared. Ambulance personnel heading to a different emergency phoned in the fire, and help was quick to arrive on the scene.

In the L-shaped building, there was extensive damage to the attic, pastors' offices, our sound studio, and missions office. What wasn't damaged by fire was marred by smoke and water. There were parts of the building that were untouched, but still affected by the smoke smell. As of yet, we are still awaiting word from those doing their routine investigations. Once we have those results, we'll be in a better place to seek the Lord's will for us moving forward.

In the midst of this affliction, our congregation has so much for which to be thankful: there were no serious injuries to any persons; the firefighters were able to extinguish the flames successfully in a reasonably short amount of time; there was no loss of life; several congregations reached out with invitations to use their facilities for our services. We recognize that the Body of Christ is the Church, and the building, though we're sad to lose it, is merely the structure we utilized in which to be who God has called us to be in the community and His kingdom, and buildings can be replaced. While there is sadness for some folks grieving the

building's loss, and the memories associated with our years spent there, there is hope in anticipation of what direction Father will lead our congregation going forward. Our goal has not changed, our mission has not changed, our calling has not changed. We are confident in the Lord's provision to bring us what we need at the time we need it. Our eyes are on Him.

Please pray with In Christ Church & Ministries as we follow the Lord's leading of our next steps.

Abba's Delight Seeks Meeting Space

Abba's Delight ministry is seeking a home for our ministry meetings in Louisville, KY. We would like to partner with a church congregation that is located on the inside of the Watterson Expressway, no further east than Shelbyville Rd and no further west than Preston Highway. We do not disclose publicly where our meetings are held, as anonymity is an important factor for our participants. We have had some very generous offers already, for which we are truly grateful, but they have been on the east, south and west ends of town. As we have ministry participants crossing the river from Indiana (from as far away as an hour-and-a-half), it would be extremely helpful to be 'in town' closer to the river, so that we are not adding further to their time and transportation burden. Further needs include a room(s) which seat(s) from 1-30 persons to be used for group meetings as well as one-on-one lay counseling; a strong internet wifi signal; a TV with dvd player. These items are so that we can continue to use the curriculum we started earlier this year. If you know of a congregation who would be willing to donate the space to Abba's Delight, please contact me at the number provided above at the top of the newsletter. Thank you for your prayers and consideration.

Responses From You

You all left me hanging this month; there were no responses to last month's recap of the Symposium on Biblical Sexuality in the Black Church.

Please let me hear from you!

Upcoming Ministry Meetings

Family & Friends Group: Tuesday, Oct 27, 2015; Tuesday, Nov 10, 2015; Tuesday, Nov 24, 2015 Overcomers Group: Thursday, Nov 5, 2015; Thursday, Nov 19, 2015

Ongoing Prayer Requests

As always, we covet your prayers for our ministry to grow, financial support to increase, to move forward proclaiming freedom to the captives, and that churches would open their doors to Abba's Delight. Please pray for our ministry participants, our Family & Friends Support Group, our meetings, our conferences, events at which we sponsor and exhibit, our Board of Directors, and most importantly that many lives will be touched by the Holy Spirit to draw

closer to Jesus, seeking freedom from their bondage. Please pray that church leaders and congregations will awaken to the necessity of being Biblically prepared with wisdom and God's love to face head-on the growing numbers of those in our congregations who are being impacted, either directly or indirectly through a loved one, by homosexuality and the everincreasing acceptance of gay life in our culture.

2015 Is Quickly Coming To An End

As we near the close of 2015, please remember Abba's Delight in your end-of-year charitable giving. Your tax-deductible contributions to the ministry will be greatly appreciated and used towards building God's kingdom on the earth in our own sphere of influence. Thank you for your prayerful considerations.

If you do not wish to receive the Abba's Delight Ministry Newsletter any longer, please let me know. If you do wish to continue to receive it, please be certain to put our email address in your address book, so that this mailing does not go to your spam, and report to your carrier. Thank you.

Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25