



Kern Connection

July 14, 2022

This Week in Worship

Message:
"The Most Important Thing"

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Is the fast-paced news cycle wearing you out? How about the divisive posts on social media with people tell you that they are right and you are wrong? When you actually know what is most important, it makes it possible step back and find some sanity. Join us in worship on Sunday as we discover the most important things Jesus teaches us.

Love the Lord
with all your heart,
all your being,
and all your strength.
And show mercy
to others.
- Luke 10



Sunday Services

Contemporary **9am**

Online &
Sunday School **10am**

Traditional **11am**

A Word From the Pastor

by Will Conner

Much of my life over the past several months has been a life waiting and preparing for what comes next. Waiting and preparing to conclude pastoral ministry at my previous churches; to move out of a home that had provided for my family for six great years; to start pastoral ministry amongst Kern Church; to move to Oak Ridge; to move into the parsonage; and waiting and preparing for the birth of our fourth child.

These past several months have been a liminal space. The stress of this time brought me a month or more of medical problems and has caused me to lose a fair bit of sleep. All these things I have been waiting and preparing for are good (many are great), but in the midst of the waiting and preparing it is still hard.

Then I encountered a prayer that has completely shifted my thinking about this time. It's a prayer written by Walter Brueggeman, a biblical scholar I much admire. The prayer is entitled: *You live at the hinge*.

You brood in the night in its fearfulness,
You dawn the day in its energy,
You move at the edge of night into the margin of day.
You live at the hinge between fear and energy.
You take the feeble night and give us strong day,
You take our fatigue and bestow courage,
You take our drowsy reluctance and fashion full-blooded zeal.
What shall we say? You, only you, you
You at the hinge—and then the day.
You—and then us,
from your faithfulness,
us for the day, us in the freedom and courage and energy,
and then back to you—in trust and gratitude.
Amen.

Never before had I thought about life having hinges. The hinge between night and day. The hinge between living in one town and living in another. The hinge between being a family of 5 to being a family of 6. Often these hinge points are causes of stress and anxiety. But, what if, instead, they became places where we recognize the presence of God in our midst.

May you see God in the hinge moments of your life.



Upcoming Events

- July 16- 20
Home Gatherings
- July 11 - 21
European Mission Trip
- July 17
Back to School Party
- August 7
Promotion Sunday
- September (TBA)
Outdoor Movie Night
- October 30
Trunk Or Treat

Nursery Workers Needed

We need nursery workers for Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. This is a paid position.

If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please have them contact Chanda Knight at chandak@kernumc.org.

Informal Home Gatherings Invitation!

As his appointment at Kern begins, Pastor Will is interested in getting to meet and learn about as many of our congregation as he can.

Please choose a date for a gathering from those listed below that fits your schedule and sign up to attend by sending an email to signup@kernumc.org with your name, phone number, number of family attending, and the date of the gathering you would like to attend.

We are so blessed to have the Conner family coming along side us in ministry. Let's plan to gather and meet Pastor Will throughout the month of July!

Gatherings:

Saturday, July 16, 10am-12pm

Monday, July 18, 6-8pm

Tuesday, July 19, 2-4pm

Wednesday, July 20, 6-8pm *ONLY FOR YOUTH*

Looking Ahead

July 18 – 21

• Monday, July 18

9:00 am Monday Morning Maintenance

11:00 am United Women in Faith (Dean's Restaurant)

12:30 pm Staff Meeting (Parlor)

5:30 pm Yoga (Family Life Center)

• Tuesday, July 19

2:00 pm Home Gathering (Bowker Family)

6:00 pm Finance Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

• Wednesday, July 20

6:00 pm Youth Gathering

6:30 pm Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

• Thursday, July 21

8:00 am Prayer Partners (Parlor)

6:00 pm Online Service Recording
(Family Life Center)

Sunday School Classes – 10 am

Adult Classes

Christian Formation (Family Life Center)

Seekers (Parlor/Zoom)

Faith Weavers (Room 11)

Children and Youth Classes

Childrens' Sunday School (Room 24)

Youth Sunday School (Youth rooms)

Back to School Party

Back to School Party will be held at Oak Ridge Bowling Center on July 17, 4pm. All children and youth are invited to attend. Limited lanes are reserved, and shoes are provided. Please let Chanda or Alisha know if you plan to attend.

UWF Luncheon:

United Women in Faith is meeting Monday, July 18 @ 11 am at Dean's Restaurant. Please RSVP to Barbara Rouse.

How To Give

Since the first Biblical family, giving back to God has been central in worship and service. We may give through the offering plates in the Family Life Center and Sanctuary, online through the website, www.kernchurch.org; through checks in the mail; or by using the mail slot in the front door. We also are blessed through qualified charitable distributions from IRAs and stocks.

Kern Church is blessed through your faithful giving. The Church depends upon such faithfulness in moving forward in mission and ministry.

