Subject: FW: January Newsletter

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Is there any way to attach this to our website or newsletter? Would be good to get out to our members somehow.

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Date: Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 4:41 PM **To:** Adam Polk <Adam.Polk@RGBCMD.org>

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Now that we're here...SO Much Has Happened!

So Liz and I wanted to take the time to share some thoughts since leaving Louisville...so get ready for a longer newsletter.

Our memory of Louisville, particularly Kenwood Baptist Church, is bursting with fond and joyful memories.

We thank God for the gift of memory, for with it, we are able to look back at God's never wavering faithfulness and be encouraged that God will remain faithful. We can remind ourselves of the Gospel.

Saying goodbye was really hard, but we were sent out with hearts full of love and encouragement. Every goodbye came with years of memories; memories that brought overwhelming thanksgiving to God for bringing each person intentionally and specifically

into our lives:

Friends who welcomed us into the church and gave us the confidence to feel comfortable and to open up about our lives.

Great conversations with friends while working on their house.

All the baseball games and piano recitals.

Running buddies that came with great conversations (for Liz)

Memories of friends who left before us, who we miss dearly (shout out to Zach and Meg and Grace and Calvin)

The friends whose shoulder Liz has cried on (she put the line in herself!)...and so many others.

To the saints at Kenwood: Thank you!

And you shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, in order to humble you, putting you to the test, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. And He humbled you and let you go hungry, and fed you with the manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, in order to make you understand that man shall not live on bread alone, but man shall live on everything that comes out of the mouth of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 8:2-3





Let's talk about the Bible study for a little bit.

So far there have been so many little and big blessings here in Twin. For starters, there are already 18 adults attending the study and around 10 kids. God has brought so many different people and families to the study. It is so clear that God is for us and working in TFCC. Another huge blessing is the fact the First Baptist Church of Twin Falls has agreed to let us meet in their building Sunday evenings for Bible study! THAT IS AWESOME! We have met once so far in it and what a blessing it is to have a building and a place to let the kids run wild and to let the parents focus for a time on God's word!

We are so happy and blessed to know that God opened doors already for us to have a place to meet and have people who are eager to hear God's word taught.

Another huge blessing is Daniel and Ashley Woodin (on left) and Jonathan and Kayla Kurz (on right) have moved here to Twin.



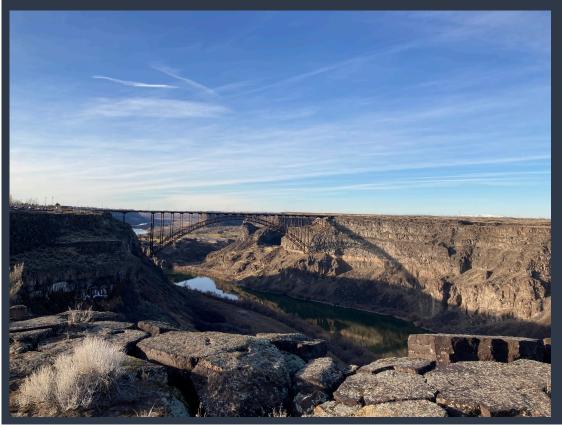


Meet our Newest Team Members: Jonathan and Kayla Kurz

So they actually committed to joining the TFCC team a few months ago. They are both from Colorado, married in 2019, and moved to Twin on January 11th. They are both nurses too! Great people-we've loved getting to know them better.



So. Idaho is pretty amazing...just look at this view! There are so many familiar aspects to it that remind us both of our home in Maryland (the openness and farmlands), and our home in Kentucky (shopping, hiking, coffee)...all while being it's own place (the landscape is amazing! We are surrounded by mountains covered in snow). It's a gracious mix of comfort/familiar and new.







I told you this newsletter would be long.

So many huge blessings have happened already. God was able to allow Aaron, myself, a few people from the Bible study, and a few people in the community to help a widow replace her old leaking roof. This time was great for Aaron and me as we were able to connect with people we did not know and see people from the Bible study already willing to serve those in need.

James 1:7 "Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by the world."

WE HAVE A HOUSE!

Our address is: 1982 Poplar Ave Twin Falls, ID 83301

We are working on some updates before moving in, but here are some pictures before and after paint and flooring!

As Liz was exploring the back yard, she stepped on a rotten apple...after further investigation (as in seeing tons of apples on the ground), she came to realize that we have two apple trees! Pretty cool.

P.S. We plan to paint the exterior in the spring!







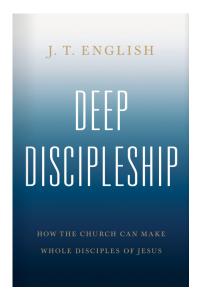








Overall, We are feeling very comfortable with the people in our Sunday Night Bible Study! Through morning meetings and playdates, we have been able to get to know many people attending the study. I already feel like I am making close friends and making Twin my home. Liz likewise is doing the same.



Joshua's Book Recommendation Deep Discipleship: How the Church can make whole Disciples of Jesus

As I think about discipleship a lot of different things come into my head. Gettig coffee with men, reading the Bible with others, reading a book. So many things but what this book helped me think about was how the most important thing we can do in discipleship is live life with them. Show them, Jesus, by showing them your life.

Please Pray...

For patience and joy as we live very flexible, "go with the flow", days while working and waiting on moving into our home (we are expecting to move in March).

Pray for patience as Joshua is still looking for a truck.

Pray that we can lead with transparency and love the people who are part of the Bible Study

Praise God!

Twin Falls Community Church has a building to meet in! We are so thankful!

Daniel and Ashley Wooden and Kayla and Jonathan Kurz made it to Twin safely, moved into their homes, and settling into jobs!

Love,

Joshua, Liz, and Eden

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P.S.

An Eden Update: Life as a 13-month-old

All I gotta say is I. HATE. SNOW.

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