

Kansas Nebraska notification

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Subject: REVISED KS NE EMAIL

Dear KS NE Friends,

As we had said before, we had planned to send an email after our Scottsbluff Convention; Which we believe everyone who was there would agree, was very special and very timely! A very special soft spirit was there, and so much encouragement to raise our vision to Jesus the Rock, the One that will not be shaken. We heard what Jesus told Peter, "Satan hath desired to have you that he may sift you as Wheat." The Combine does a lot of shaking to separate the chaff from the wheat. The kernel is saved: That's where the life is. Maybe sometimes it's pride that has to be shaken out; Maybe some of our own agenda has to be shaken out; or self righteousness; or self pity. He has prayed for us that our faith wouldn't fail during the process. He wants us to make it through! Job said, "But He knoweth the way that I take; When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold."

Since Marge Major's passing, we are now short of 2 sister workers, with no one yet to fill the need; so it looks like we now will be combining some of the fields. It seems best that Lincoln will now be a part of the Omaha field; Kearney and Broken Bow will be a part of the York - Grand Island field; and McCook and North Platte will be a part of the Kimball Bird City Field. Columbus will go back to the Valentine - Norfolk field Marleah will be with Julie in the Kimball North Platte, Bird City field, and Sarah with Darla in SE KS.

Sarah and Marleah are helping out at Elizabeth CO preps this week and will then be there for the first convention. Jon, Dale, Martha and Heidi are in Riverton this week; Julie, Christina and Lara are at Chugwater; Roy, Lyle Dena & Tanya will be at Hermosa for Conv. next week.

In July, Andy and Darla are to go to some of the conventions in Canada. Dale is going back to NM to help with the preps and Conv at Mountainair NM, so Jon will be with Richard during that time while Andy is gone.

Our whole staff did attend a child abuse seminar held in the Western Nebraska Community College and were made aware of some of the laws and services that are provided. We have appreciated the professional help from those who are familiar with, and

deal with these matters everyday. Some of those resources will be printed below if any would like to look into them.

We also would suggest that elders, (or anyone else) would also take the online Ministry safe course. There are a lot of helpful tips there that can make us aware of how to deal with this problem. This is the same course we workers have been taking for the past 10 years or more.

Here is a link to that:

<https://ministrysafe.com/training-saat/>

We all have a fear of creating more policies to deal with these things; I believe we all know these actions are so wrong already. There are plenty of Bible verses written that can say it far better. For example: 1 Thessalonians 4:3 "For this is the Will of God, even your sanctification, that ye abstain from fornication." In plain English, fornication is anything sexual outside of marriage. And then in 1 Thessalonians 5:22 "Abstain from all appearance of evil." I believe we all just need integrity, integrity, integrity.

Romans 8:13-14 "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

We do believe there should be no tolerance for CSA (Child Sexual Abuse) or Sexual assault in this Fellowship. Matthew 18:6 "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." To me that use of 'offend' means to do something that would destroy their faith. I can understand totally if someone you trust to be a servant of God, would do something of that nature, it can easily destroy faith. If we don't believe that verse we really shouldn't be in this ministry. And Romans 12:19 "Vengeance is mine, I will repay sayeth the Lord." It should be enough to make anyone behave.

We are very sorry that in the past, too often the victims were not believed and things were not taken care of as they should have been, I feel there is a different environment now and victims are being heard. We are glad laws are in place for all of this sort of thing in our country's government. In Nebraska everyone is a mandatory reporter for abuse to a minor. In Kansas not everyone is mandatory, but anybody can. We want to comply with the law in every way we can. We have been told, and we know, we are not investigators; So please just take it to the Law.

1 Timothy 1:9 "But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully; Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the

ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine..."

Now, if it is just a boundary issue and not criminal, Matthew 18:15 is the answer. "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican."

Even if it is a worker, we should not be above taking correction from anyone; we are guests in your homes. Now some people have different boundaries than others; Please always feel very free to share them to anyone who is a guest at your house. It doesn't matter who!

There are a number of you who have said you do not want to receive the emails that contain some of the recent allegations, however, some who have been victims do. I don't have a list of who wants to know and who doesn't. I will just add this link to a page that contains them. If you wish to, you can click on it and it should take you to it; Or else you can just delete it. THANKS.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/11_9EKjX-FJZA_XvrQRXu5VQlgbddOFTYShcr1ogdmxE/edit?usp=sharing

Sincerely and with care
The KS NE Staff