

Pastor Kent's Miller Avenue Church Newsletter for October 2022

Dear Church Family,

Our intention is to expand our television and digital outreach, and it is evangelism as we are instructed by Jesus to preach the Gospel to the entire world. So then, how do we do as we are commanded?

Marin is a small place, and however loaded with churches, we have a very small percentage of Christians, around 2% of the population. There are more Buddhists, Hindus, atheists, and occultists of various sorts than there are Christians. However, we have new people wanting to become engaged here, in television, podcasting, and more. On the second Sunday of this month of October, the 9th to be exact, following the morning service, during lunch time, let us meet together and talk about how we can go forward. Katie will lead this discussion.

One thing we can do, and this most easily done, is have people do what I do with the three television program series we are currently engaged with, The Bible Study (which I have done since the Fall of 1986), Why We Are Christians (interviewing Christians), and The Psychic and the Pastor (which is name for the programs where we interview people of different belief systems, and which started with the Imam, then the Rabbi, then the Shaman, then the Wiccan, and now the Psychic.) Who knows how long I will be able to do these myself.

That which is open now to us is incredible what with the new podcast room at MarinTv, and other capacities.

Yes, our book publishing work goes forward with a significant book due to be published this year, title yet up in the air, but dealing with the occult practices which currently enjoys such an incredible audience. And this Katie and I do at our own expense, but we consider it to be MAC's outreach.

Katie is at the start of her radiation treatment, and I am doing coaching at the high school as well, and we are making it work thanks to those who are coming alongside to help--this means a lot to us. So after the first week in November 5 (last football game for the season) I am going to continue to search for someone who can take my place as senior pastor, and this over a period of time. I am looking for someone with a family, has at least an MDiv degree, has some pastoral experience, and someone who is willing to spend time with us on a regular basis so that we get to know each other--no surprises. My estimate is that this will not be simple nor quick. I have already been searching without any success. But I will not give up.

Saying goodbye to Bereket was not easy; I knew I could count on him for anything. He was faithful, always wanting to learn, and humble. Almost every Sunday morning we would sit on the benches at the front of the chapel and talk. He was so eager to learn. Katie and I knew we could call on him and ask him to do one chore or another and he would come through. We learned that we could completely trust him. He will be missed.