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TODAY'S VERSE

Ecclesiastes 3:14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it.

Hamilton Happenings

Chris Kaufman, a teacher from Westfield, is one of eight exceptional Hoosier teachers named as finalists for the Golden Owl Award. Farm Credit Mid-America and Nationwide recognize that educators devote limitless time, and often their own resources, to helping students pursue their passions and created the honor. From Nov. 1 through Dec. 31 nominations were collected for the state's top agricultural teachers from local students, parents, fellow teachers and community members across Indiana. Each finalist was presented with a plaque and received a \$500 check to support future educational efforts. They are now entered into a final selection stage for the chance to be crowned as Indiana's Ag Educator of the Year, earning an additional \$3,000 Nationwide-funded check and the coveted Golden Owl Award trophy.

Three Things You Should Know

- The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department is seeking assistance from the public in locating Israel Hernandez for Child Molesting. As of Feb. 17, Hernandez is wanted on a warrant for Child Molesting issued on Oct. 12, 2023, Hernandez is 5 feet 2 inches tall, 170 pounds, with brown eyes and brown hair. Anyone with information as to the whereabouts of Israel Hernandez is urged to contact Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana at (317) 262-TIPS (8477).
- The Indiana State Department of Agriculture and partners throughout the state have worked with the Gulf Hypoxia Program to develop a no-cost program with a focus on increasing the knowledge and use of soil sampling as a nutrient management practice to benefit farm operations. The program, titled Indiana's Mississippi River Basin Soil Sampling Program, is open now for applicants. This program includes row crop fields, pastures, hay and specialty crops located within Indiana's portion of the Mississippi River Basin. Eligible landowners will be prioritized by acreage enrolled (i.e., 100 acres or less), fields that have never been soil sampled and fields that haven't been sampled regularly (i.e., within the last 4 years). Interested landowners can sign-up online at ISDA's website until Friday, April 4, 2025 or when funds are exhausted.
- It's time to begin planning your 2025 fishing trips, with fishing licenses available to purchase for this year's adventures on the water. Licenses valid April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, can be purchased through the new DNR Fish & Wildlife Activity Hub at GoOutdoorsIN.com, via the mail, or thorough in-person retailers listed at on.IN.gov/HuntFishLicenseRetailers. Learn about purchasing a fishing license at on.IN.gov/fishinglicense

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Boomer Bits



Ask Rusty – About Claiming Social Security when I have a Health Savings Account



ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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Dear Rusty:
I have reached my full retirement age (66 plus 8 months) and plan to apply for Social Security this month, but I've seen articles which say that when I apply, I must also take Medicare Part A. This, even though I am continuing to work and am covered by my employer's health insurance (a high deductible plan). I contribute bi-weekly into an HSA (Health Savings Account). I've read that Medicare back dates Part A coverage by 6 months, which suggests I would have had to stop contributing to my HSA six months ago. If this is true, will I need to pay penalties and such to the IRS? I'm not able to find anything else about this topic, and I'm wondering what you might have to say. I have my wife and two children on my employer's HDHP. We contribute \$6,000

annually to our HSA and my employer contributes \$1,250 on January 1st each year. We can live without the HSA, but the taxes and IRS penalties concern me.
Signed: Wanting to Claim SS (but concerned)

Dear Wanting to Claim:
I'm afraid that what you've read is correct – it is mandatory for you to take Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) when receiving Social Security benefits after age 65. Medicare Part A is free to you, and even though you are still covered under your employer's creditable high deductible healthcare plan and can delay taking Medicare Part B, you must take Medicare Part A to collect Social Security after 65. Medicare and your employer's plan will coordinate healthcare benefit payments.

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Ways Financial Professionals Recommend You Spend Your Tax Refund

(StatePoint) Receiving a tax refund this year? While it can be tempting to impulse spend, if you want to really treat yourself, financial professionals recommend using the payout for practical expenses.

According to CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNING® professionals, here are smart ways to spend your tax refund that will improve your life:

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Annual Exam Can Help Older Adults Stay Healthy

(StatePoint) One of the best ways to prioritize your vitality is with an annual health exam. That's especially true for older adults, who tend to have more health issues to manage, according to Dr. Grant Tarbox, national medical executive with Cigna Healthcare's Medicare business.

Annual exams can vary and go by different names,

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InterFaith Summit March 18

The InterFaith Summit is March 18 at the Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel in Carmel. Check-in begins at 8:10 a.m. and the agenda runs from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Space is limited. Advanced online registrations are required by March 14. Visit: RSVP today at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/interfaith-summit>. The InterFaith Summit is free and includes entry, complimentary continental breakfast and boxed lunch.

Good Samaritan Network is pleased to announce an InterFaith Summit on March 18 at the Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel in Carmel.

The Good Samaritan Network Executive Director Nancy Chance said our "objective for the day is to address significant challenges facing Hamilton County and its residents. We want to recognize our similarities and embrace our differences, identify and consider solutions, and work together to be prepared."

This gathering aims to strengthen collaboration among churches, faith-based organizations, and places of worship and engage individuals and agencies committed to making a difference. Together, we will explore practical strategies and initiatives that empower all residents of Hamilton County.

Join in for an in-depth discussion with distinguished guest speakers and expert panel members as we tackle pressing issues affecting our community, including housing, mental health, volunteerism and community safety. The InterFaith Summit will engage in dialogue and possible plans to provide care methods for Hamilton County families in different areas, such as affordable housing, mental health, volunteerism, and more.

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you work the night shift, put on your sunglasses before going out into the sun until you get home and go to bed.



Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts.

HONEST HOOSIER

Rest in peace Gene Hackman – who spent a lot of time in Indiana filming Hoosiers. For my money, Hackman's portrayal of Coach Normal Dale is the greatest sports coach in film history!



The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **KENNETH MOE** for subscribing!

TODAY'S QUOTE

"One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than a hundred teaching it."
Knut Rockne

TODAY'S JOKE

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Jonah Tries to Run Away



BONNIE ZICKGRAF
Learning the Journey

“1 The Lord gave this message to Jonah son of Amittai: 2 “Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are.”

3 But Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction to get away from the Lord. He went down to the port of Joppa, where he found a ship leaving for Tarshish. He bought a ticket and went on board, hoping to escape from the Lord by sailing to Tarshish.” (Jonah 1:1-3, NLT)

God communicates with every one of us, not just with Jonah. He certainly does! Every day. He is here, all the time. If we listen and look, God speaks in ways to touch us as humans. “For God speaks again and again, though people do not recognize it.” (Job 33:14)

I acknowledge that God was not always in my personal walk either, Jonah. For many years, I was like you, not listening at all or being in direct disobedience to God. I was on that boat to Tarshish, too. But by the Grace of God, He never gave up on me. He followed that boat and pulled me back to shore. I always needed Him but was blinded by my own ways. And in all my current persistent imperfections and brokenness, God still wants and loves me. The difference is, now I want and love Him, too. God, if you called me to go to Nineveh today, I would go if it is your will and on your agenda. I truly would.

“So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it. And God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose.” (Hebrews 2:1,4)

God is shaping His Kingdom and wants you; needs you as part of it. We cannot be separated or run away from God. “And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love.” (Romans 8:38) So we must listen, learn and see ... gently, patiently, and lovingly, just as God does for us.

Jesus said, “...I am not of this world...” (John 17:14) “For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:24)

Please don’t complicate God in your mind or your heart. The world is complicated enough. His ways are majestically simplified, as He reaches for our love because of our limitations. His voice is soft and tender and comes in many forms: scripture, nature, music, art, sounds, other people, a kind word. He is everywhere and in everything (omnipresent). Look for Him. Listen for Him. He waits for you.

We must change our way of thinking to hear Him, to hold a dialogue, to converse with Him. “Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” (Romans 12:2) . God is Spirit. Believing in Him and living in our faith with perseverance and a humbled heart brings new knowledge, God’s comfort and unbridled joy. We must cling to this hope even in the worst of times. God is our only true hope.

After we hear Him
Once we hear, do we acknowledge it, accept His calling, or turn away and run away like Jonah? I think of it this way; please indulge me.

Some drivers in Florida (and Indiana) do not turn right on red. Others will only drive at slow speeds in the high-speed left lane. Some STILL text while they drive, swerving all over the place and driving 20 mph slower than the permitted speed limit and always in a no-passing zone. They feel the rules do not apply to them. Either they are oblivious to the world around them, or they deliberately choose to ignore the correct thing to do.

Do we try to steer God the way that we drive? Like Jonah, do we choose to ignore Him or are we truly totally oblivious to what we are doing? If we are heading in the wrong direction, then God is not first in our lives. This is not good.

He knows our journey. (Psalm 32:8). The Lord says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.”

We can be the backseat driver all we want (He will hold us

steadily as we rant, rave, and holler), but God knows our best direction. Let Him steer the car!

Sometimes we follow our own direction, our own agenda and then make excuses. We cannot use excuses to justify our continuation of wrongfulness. We tell ourselves, “I’ll be kinder tomorrow, God.” “No one will know.” “I didn’t really tell a lie.” “I’m not worried, God will forgive me.” By God’s grace, we can go beyond that. Are we perfect? No, of course not. If we were, why would we be here? What lessons would we learn?

But as believers in Jesus Christ, we will want to turn away from the torment of sin and disobedience to head in the right direction. How is this remotely possible? (Romans 8:11). “The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.” (Romans 8:16-17). “For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children. And since we are his children, we are his heirs.”

Think about that! YOU are God’s heir. We come from God. We exist because of God. And after all our pain and suffering through this life, we go home to Heaven (not to Tarshish) to share in His joy, His love, and His glory forever. And THAT is no fish story! It’s a promise from God. Amen.

[Article was originally written July 22, 2019; revised February 16, 2025.]

Note: The book of Jonah is only four chapters long and easy to read from the Old Testament. If you need a Bible, please connect with any local Christian church to request one. And if you haven’t turned to Jesus Christ as your Savior, please pray to God about that, too. (You are also welcome to email me at bonniezickgraf@gmail.com so I can help support you and we can chat.) This is THE most important decision you will EVER make.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Perspective on Washington Spending Cuts

Dear Editor,

It seems everyone has an opinion about the current investigations into federal government spending. Certainly everyone who pays any kind of federal taxes has a dog in this fight. I doubt anyone really thinks the hundreds of elected drunken sailors in Washington should be spending more than they already do, but there’s plenty of consternation about who’s doing what to reduce their spending, and how they’re going about doing it.

But that’s not my point right now. Right now I want to put that spending reduction in perspective.

Let’s assume that someone or other, by one means or another, actually manages to reduce federal government spending by a billion dollars a day – every working day, 5 days a week, 52 weeks a year, every year for the next four years. Reporters of all stripes are already claiming more than that, but for the purpose of argument let’s say it’s a nice round billion dollars a day.

Most of us agree that \$1,000,000,000 is a lot of money; however you regard it, that’s \$3.00 apiece for every American man, woman, and child. Every day. And it was noted long ago that a billion dollars here and a billion dollars there eventually adds up to some serious money.

Here’s my point: Reducing or cutting or saving one billion dollars a day, for the entire four years of Mr. Trump’s term as President, will amount to only one trillion dollars.

Yes, \$1,000,000,000,000 is really serious money. But the federal budget is some 7 trillion dollars per year, and the total debt is more than 36 trillion – always increasing.

I’ll not try to prescribe how spending should be cut, or how that might reduce the terrible federal debt, but it’s obvious a mere billion dollars a day isn’t going to do the job. Interest alone on the present debt is about three billion dollars a day – every single day of the year, weekends included. That’s more than four billion in interest every working day.

So, as incredible and desirable as a billion dollars a day in spending reduction may sound, that doesn’t even begin to cover the interest on the national debt, let alone being any real money-in-the-bank savings on our behalf. The ones doing the cutting of spending have a long way to go before it makes any real difference to those of us who provide the money that’s being spent.

Fifty years ago I regularly told my math and science students at Tennessee Temple College that our country would be better off if we’d simply give every elected person in Congress an unlimited

supply of real paper dollar bills to dispense. Within the legitimate limitations of government business, Representatives and Senators could spend all they want to spend on whatever they want to spend it on – but they had to count out every single dollar manually. Not their staff, no interns, and no bureaucrats; the elected ones must do it all by themselves, one dollar bill at a time.

That’s not as ridiculous or careless as it sounds. There are not quite 32 million seconds in a year, and we know how loath the people in Congress are when it comes to ordinary forty-hours-a-week work. Make your own estimate as to how much each of those 535 people could spend on that basis; it’ll be way less than they invariably manage by simply writing big round numbers on checks.

Well, that’s my humble perspective on this one detail in the headlines. The new White House people have made a start – they’ve taken that first small step on our behalf. But it’ll be decades before they begin to chip away at the principal of the federal debt, and even longer before there’s any justification to begin sending any of us refund or dividend checks.

So, as Great-grandpa used to say, “Don’t count your chickens before they hatch!”

Larry Cloud
Lookout Valley, Tenn.

HHMS Girls Bring Home MIC Title



The Hamilton Heights Middle School 8th Grade Girls are the Mid-Indiana Conference champions. The team is coached by head coach Meg Hite and assistant coach Travis Comer.

By Meg Hite
HHMS 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach

Over the weekend the Hamilton Heights Girls 8th grade girls’ basketball team competed at Tipton for this year’s Mid-Indiana Conference Championship title.

In the semifinals the Huskies took on an

aggressive Western team that made the ladies work hard for every basket. They were only up three at the half and came out strong in the second half to hold Western to 11 points while scoring 24.

In the championship game it was a total team effort against an aggressive Kokomo

team. The Huskies got in some foul trouble early and everyone did their job and accepted their responsibility. The ladies fought through the adversity and controlled what they could to bring home the MIC trophy by defeating Kokomo for a big TEAM win! Congratulations!

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That does, however, also mean your Health Savings Account (HSA) will be affected because, as you have found, Medicare will backdate your Part A coverage by 6 months. And because Part A is not a high deductible plan (a requirement for HSA), any contributions you make after the effective date of Part A will be subject to an IRS penalty, and your HSA contributions won't be considered tax-exempt. This will mean the IRS will likely assess a 6% excise tax on any contributions made after your Part A effective date, and you'll need to pay income tax on those contributions.

What you may wish to consider is stopping your HSA contributions now and waiting an additional six months or so to claim your Social Security benefits (to get beyond the HSA penalty phase). This

would have the advantage of avoiding the IRS penalty on your HSA contributions and would also increase your Social Security benefit due to Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs). You earn DRCs at the rate of .677% for each month beyond your FRA that you wait to claim, which means an SS benefit about 4% higher if you wait six months longer to claim SS.

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1. Build an emergency fund: Unexpected circumstances, such as illness or job loss, can leave you with more bills and less income. Not having an emergency fund puts you at risk of having to take on high-interest debt to meet expenses. Use your tax refund to create some peace of mind for yourself and your family. And now that you've started the emergency fund, consider using direct deposit to funnel a portion of each paycheck into this account.

2. Reduce debt: Paying down debt can feel like an insurmountable challenge. And if it's a challenge you've been avoiding, you can use your tax refund to kick-start your journey. Not sure where to start? A CFP® professional can help you identify which debt to prioritize first, as well as help you craft a repayment strategy moving forward.

3. Save for retirement: No matter your age or stage in life, a tax refund offers a great opportunity to give your retirement account a boost. Thanks to compounding, the money you set aside today in an investment

account, such as a 401(k) or Roth IRA, will exponentially grow between now and when it's time to tap your nest egg.

4. Set financial goals: From planning a vacation or wedding to becoming a homeowner, your goals are worth investing in. Put your tax refund toward something that matters to you.

The best thing you can do may be avoiding future refunds. While it feels great to receive a big check during tax time, a tax refund is effectively an interest-free loan you have made to the government. You're much better off keeping more of your money throughout the year so you can invest it or use it on things you need. Consult a CFP® professional on how to adjust your withholdings to get closer to breaking even next year.

For more tax season tips and to find your CFP® professional, visit LetsMakeAPlan.org.

With an actionable plan and the help of a qualified financial professional, you can ensure your tax refund is put to good use.

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depending on your coverage. Generally, they are offered at no cost to you through Medicare or Medicare Advantage (MA) and there are a host of reasons to get one, Tarbox said, including the following:

Having a health care team leader. It's important to have a trusted advisor leading your health care team. That is the purpose of a primary care physician (PCP). A PCP knows your family and treatment histories and concerns. They play an important role keeping a broad view of all your care needs and can help you navigate them. By visiting your PCP at least annually, you maintain a critical relationship that will serve you well when you need it.

Putting a plan together. Your annual exam is the time to discuss which health screenings and immunizations could be important for you based on your age, gender, and medical and family history. These include such things as a flu shot, a mammogram, or a colorectal screening. Talk to your doctor about what preventive care activities are right for you and put together a plan to get them. Most are covered at no extra cost through Medicare or MA.

Addressing conditions before they worsen. Aging increases the risk of certain chronic illnesses such as hypertension, heart disease, diabetes and arthritis. Ignoring these conditions won't make them go away. Always tell your health care provider about any recent changes you are experiencing. Working with your provider to proactively manage a chronic condition before it worsens helps you to maintain your independence and vitality.

Reviewing medications. If you take one or more medications, an annual

exam is a good time to review them with your PCP. You may even want to take your prescriptions to your appointment. Are these medications effective? Are you taking them as prescribed? Are there any undesirable side effects? Are there potential harmful interactions, including with over-the-counter drugs? You also can secure your refills and maybe even shift to home delivery for convenience or to save money.

Making lifestyle adjustments. Even small changes can help you live longer and better. Talk honestly with your health care provider about your lifestyle. They may recommend changes, such as exercising, stopping smoking, or eating healthy.

Checking on your mental health. Your emotional health impacts your physical health. Depression doesn't have to be a part of aging. Let your health care provider know if you are feeling sad, anxious or hopeless. They may recommend increasing your social interaction. Additionally, treatments, such as talk therapy, medication or both, may be covered by Medicare or MA.

For more tips on how to make the most of your annual exam, visit <https://www.cigna.com/medicare/member-resources/#media-resources>.

If those aren't compelling enough reasons to get an annual health exam, then consider the fact that some Medicare Advantage plans will even pay you an incentive to ensure that you get one, said Tarbox. He added that you may also want to see your dentist and eye doctor annually to ensure whole body health. Those visits are among the extra benefits often covered by an MA plan, he said.

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The ability "to bring together Hamilton County residents and especially the inter-faith community to increase awareness and engagement with an eventual outcome of being prepared during a devastating disaster or emergency," Chance said, it really is "a return to the grassroots of being a caring community."

Chance also said, "Sponsors, like Gaylor Electric – Chuck Goodrich, are crucial in making this free event possible for Hamilton County, and they deserve our support for taking on this unique event!"

Sponsorships are still available for: EVENT Sponsor, PARTNER Sponsor, and PRIVATE Sponsor. Besides RSVP sign-up, Sponsorship details and sign-up links are listed on our website (www.gsnlive.org/interfaithsummit).

Hamilton County InterFaith | Panel Discussions Schedule:

The summit will include Q&A, breakout sessions, presentation handouts, and panel discussion topics. Panelists are assembled from a cross-section of varied Hamilton County organizations to lead the discussions, including:

Homelessness, Housing Instability,

and Uncertainties
Andrea Muirragui Davis, Executive Director, CFRM, HAND Inc.

Mental Health Services
Amy Chaudion, Director, LIFEhouse Ministries

Holly Homan, LCSW, LCAC, Owner, Chief of Unlimited Potential, JRNY Counseling

Monica Greer, Executive Director, Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs

Dr. Mary Beth Woehrle, Founder/President, IGNITE Transform & IGNITE Center 4 Community

James R. Ginder, MS,NREMT,PI,CHES®, NCEE,PAI,CCHW, Health Education Specialist, Hamilton County Health Department

Kaitlyn Ervin, Director of Crisis Services, Aspire Indiana

Volunteerism
Kim Rogers-Hatfield, CVA, Director of Community Resources with Heart of Indiana United Way

Chance said, "Understanding our differences while recognizing our similarities and working together to be better prepared and more resilient as a community is critical – especially in a disaster or emergency."

Carmel Inks Police, Fire Deals

The Carmel City Council today approved new contracts with groups representing officers of the City's police and fire departments.

Primary changes to the agreements include adjustments to wages and vacation days, with increases based on years of service and position held.

Mayor Sue Finkam praised Carmel's public safety leaders and representatives from the union and fraternal organization for reaching agreements that serve the City's residents and businesses.

"Our residents appreciate living in Carmel for many reasons and the safety of our community is chief among them," Mayor Finkam said. "Our council members and I appreciate the importance of attracting and retaining top talent on our police and fire teams and these new agreements help ensure that public safety remains among the many factors making our city a national success story."

With contract discussions beginning in 2024, Mayor Finkam worked alongside union and fraternal organization leaders on the agreement approved by the council at Monday's meeting.

"This agreement clearly demonstrates the commitment of Mayor Finkam and the Carmel City Council to retain and recruit the best law enforcement professionals," said Blake Lytle, President of the Carmel Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 185 (pictured right). "A high priority for the FOP, the agreement will help to maintain the high standards of our police force and will continue the strong tradition of excellence and service."

"I want to thank the mayor and city council for working with the Carmel Professional Firefighters Union IAFF Local 4444 to negotiate a fair contract that prioritizes public safety," said Sean Sutton, Carmel Firefighters Union President (pictured left). "Their commitment ensures we have the staffing and training needed to protect our community effectively. Investing in firefighters and paramedics means investing in the safety and well-being of our visitors and residents. We appreciate their leadership and dedication to keeping our city safe." The two-year agreements with both groups are effective Jan. 1, 2025 through Dec. 31, 2026.

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Assists Record Should Fall Tonight For Former Westfield Star Braden Smith



KENNY THOMPSON **Columnist**
Barring the unexpected, yet another rewrite to the Purdue men's basketball record book will take place sometime tonight in Mackey Arena.

One season after Zach Edey broke the career scoring and rebounding records that stood for 54 and 44 years, respectively, Braden Smith will supplant Bruce Parkinson's 48-year-old standard as the Boilermakers' career assists leader with his third against UCLA.

Parkinson handed out 690 assists over 112 games in a career that spanned four-plus seasons from 1972 to 1977. (A broken wrist two games into the 1975-76 season forced Parkinson to take a medical redshirt.)

The UCLA game will be Smith's 103rd in gold and black, avoiding the argument that older records are broken because of today's 30-to-40-plus game schedules. The records Edey broke on his way to a second consecutive National Player of the Year honor were set in 72 (Rick Mount) and 123 (Joe Barry Carroll) games respectively. Edey compiled 2,516 points and 1,321 rebounds in 138 games.

While it is not publicly known what Carroll thought of losing his Purdue record to someone who played 15 more games, Mount will remind anyone who asks that Edey played nearly twice as many games. A similar situation took place during the 1961 Major League Baseball season, when Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle of the New York Yankees were pursuing the gold standard of baseball records: Babe Ruth's 60 home runs in 1927. Ruth did it in 154 games; Maris hit No. 61 on the final day of the 162-game schedule.

Baseball commissioner Ford Frick opined that Ruth was the true home run champion and that any entry in the official record book should list Ruth as the 154-game record-holder and Maris the 162-game record holder. A prominent New York sportswriter, not Frick as commonly believed, deemed there should be an asterisk in front of Maris' name.

In reality, recordkeepers listed Maris as the home run champion until 1998. But the legend was such a good story that actor / baseball fan Billy Crystal directed a 2001 HBO dramatization on the subject, "61*."

But what if Purdue basketball divided its record book between records set by four-year players and those who suited up three or fewer seasons? Let's take a look at the three major career records: scoring, rebounding and assists. (Note: Purdue did not begin compiling assists

until the 1970-71 season.)

Purdue's top 10 career scorers (all games)

1. Zach Edey (138 games) 2,516
2. Rick Mount (72) 2,323
3. Joe Barry Carroll (123) 2,175
4. E'Twaun Moore (140) 2,136
5. Dave Schellhase (72) 2,074
6. Troy Lewis (124) 2,038
7. Terry Dischinger (70) 1,979
8. Carsen Edwards (108) 1,920
9. JaJuan Johnson (140) 1,919
10. Walter Jordan (109) 1,813

Three or fewer seasons top 10 scorers

1. Mount
2. Schellhase
3. Dischinger
4. Edwards
5. Glenn Robinson (62 games) 1,706
6. John Garrett (82) 1,620
7. Russell Cross (93) 1,529
8. Willie Deane (92) 1,328
9. Frank Kendrick (78) 1,269
10. Braden Smith (102) 1,250

Note: Robinson played two seasons before entering the NBA Draft. Edwards and Cross entered the NBA Draft after three seasons. Garrett and Kendrick began their college careers in 1971, when freshmen were ineligible. Deane transferred from Boston College in 1999.

Purdue Top 10 career rebounders (all games)

1. Edey 1,321
2. Carroll 1,148
3. Dischinger 958
4. A.J. Hammons 930
5. Trevion Williams 905
6. Walter Jordan 882
7. Robbie Hummel and Brad Miller 862
8. JaJuan Johnson 854
9. Vince Edwards 779

Three or fewer seasons top 10 rebounders

1. Dischinger 958
2. Garrett 738
3. Schellhase 721
4. Caleb Swanigan (69 games) 718
5. Frank Kendrick 664
6. Bob Ford (73) 648
7. George Faerber (77) 646
8. Herm Gilliam (70) 636
9. William Franklin (64) 630
10. Cross 622

Note: William Franklin's Purdue career ended prematurely when he signed with an agent before the conclusion of the 1971-72 season. Franklin, Ford and Faerber – who started together on Purdue's front line for two seasons – were nicknamed "F-Troop" after the TV comedy.

Purdue Top 10 career assist leaders (all games)

1. Bruce Parkinson 690
2. Smith 688
3. Tony Jones and Everette Stephens 481
4. Porter Roberts 464
5. Matt Waddell 460
6. Lewis Jackson 456
7. Eugene Parker 424
8. Steve Reid 416
9. Carson Cunningham 318



Photo courtesy Purdue Athletics

Braden Smith

Three or fewer seasons top 10 assist leaders

1. Braden Smith (102 games) 668
2. Brian Walker (100) 572
3. Steve Reid (88) 416
4. Cunningham (96) 318
5. Carsen Edwards 270
6. Jimmy Oliver (90) 221
7. Willie Deane (92 games) 218
8. Nojel Eastern (104) 213
9. Swanigan 168
10. Dave Luke (68) 164

Note: Walker began his college career at North Carolina State after starring at Lebanon High School. Reid transferred from Kansas State, and Cunningham from Oregon State. Oliver, a former Arkansas Mr. Basketball, was ineligible as a freshman after failing to meet NCAA academic test score standards. Eastern left Purdue after his junior season and did not play another collegiate game. Luke was the point guard for the 1974 NIT championship team.

Noteworthy

Former Purdue quarterback David Blough was selected to the NFL's 50 under 40 list compiled by The Athletic.

Blough completed his first season as assistant quarterbacks coach for the Washington Commanders. He is credited with helping prized rookie Jayden Daniels adjust quickly to the pro game.

"The 29-year-old Purdue product bounced around the NFL as a backup quarterback before connecting with Kliff Kingsbury in Arizona," the profile states. "He then followed Kingsbury to Washington, where he assisted Kingsbury, Brian Johnson and quarterbacks coach Tavita Pritchard with the development of Jayden Daniels. Kingsbury described Blough as "one of the brightest quarterbacks I've ever been around," and praises his rapport with his players, his insight and communication skills. Blough received interest from Aaron Glenn and the Jets about their quarterbacks coach opening, but the Commanders blocked Blough from interviewing, viewing him as a valuable piece to their quarterback room and with potential to rise through the ranks of their organization."

Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.

Reading Through The Red Parts



BONNIE ZICKGRAF
Learning the Journey

"When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am." (John 14:3) NLT

Oh, the words of divine comfort! (One of my newest favorite passages.)

As a kid, I remember the old family Bible sitting on an end table in the living room. In later years, the book was perched on my mother's dresser and was eventually relegated to the inside of her dresser drawer.

After her demise, the old King James was found stuffed in a closet, filled with many family obituaries and "special things"; memories deemed sacred and valued by her heart.

But I do recall the household rule that never, EVER, under any circumstances were any items allowed to be placed on top of the Bible, willy-nilly or otherwise. It was sacred. That was the rule. No if, ands, or buts. End of story.

It was as if God lived in there!

"But the Lord is the true God; he is the living God, the eternal King." (Jeremiah 10:10) NIV.

Today, I have no doubt that God is a living God. I have seen the worst of the worst turned into the beauty of God's glory. I do not question his power of transformation of the heart (in cases thought impossible) and the redemptive power of the soul (taking the vile, the rotten, the wicked and turning that soul back to his loving ways), and I feel the solace and immeasurable greatness of his peace.

Oh, we surely have a strong God and a Great One who lives among us. I have faith that God will continue his great works for eternity, otherwise, everything would perish. Everything. But not God.

However, I don't recall ever reading the Bible with my parents or praying together outside of church. Except when Dad would take my twin sister, Brenda, and me on a drive up to the pagoda on top of Mt. Penn (Reading, Penn.) during thunderstorms. We'd be scared to death on top of that mountain watching the storm roll in. Lightning streaked across the sky. And yes, we'd be standing outside the Hudson (that's a car, for you youngsters). Dad would yell in response to the thunder, "Give 'em hell, JC!"

Even though he rarely went to church, I think his mother, Ida, had a Bible in the family, too,

so he was at least familiar with "JC." But I think Dad's faith grew enormously in WWII on D-Day when he landed on Normandy Beach as a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne Division. I don't think anyone could have walked away alive without stronger, humbled faith in something much greater than oneself.

But, back to the Bible. As a youngster I liked to leaf through the Bible every now and again. There was a softness of the heart just opening this treasure! I admit I had a difficult time understanding it, but I was especially intrigued by the red letters. I knew there was something special about this book, feeling almost secretive and forbidden in the mystery.

But what did it all mean, especially the red parts? I was too afraid to ask an adult about it. After all, I was just a dumb and curious kid and we had all stopped going to church or Sunday School by that point.

So today, God has me writing about the "red parts."

Did you know Louis Klopsch (1852-1910) invented the red letter Bible? Klopsch was a German-born journalist and editor of The Christian Herald magazine. He "conceived the idea of printing some of the biblical text with red ink. When reading Jesus's words, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you" (Luke 22:20), he thought of printing all of Jesus's words in red, the color of his blood."¹[i]

Wow! No wonder this book bears a sacredness about it. He went on to write:

"Here the actual words, quotations, references and allusions of Christ, not separated from their context, nor in a fragmentary or disconnected form, but in their own proper place, as an integral part of the Sacred Record, stand out vividly conspicuous in the distinction of color. The plan also possesses the advantage of showing how frequently and how extensively, on the Authority of Christ himself, the authenticity of the Old Testament is confirmed, thus greatly facilitating comparison and verification, and enabling the student to trace the connection between the Old and the New, link by link, passage by passage.

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becomes plain that from beginning to end, the central figure upon which all lines of law, history, poetry and prophecy converge is Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. He expounded in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself and the Divine plan for man's redemption, and the Red Letter Bible indicates and emphasizes this Divine exposition and personal revelation at each successive stage, making them so clear that even the simplest may understand. It sheds a new radiance upon the sacred pages, by which the reader is enabled to trace unerringly the scarlet thread of prophecy from Genesis to Malachi. Like the Star which led the Magi to Bethlehem, this light, shining through the entire Word, leads straight to the person of the Divine Messiah, as the fulfillment of the promise of all the ages."

(Oh, the wisdom and insight of many journalist-editors!) May I suggest, dear reader, to open the Bible today and find the "red parts"—perhaps a new red part that speaks to you from our living God. Commonly called "Red letter" Bibles are available everywhere, yet I am happy to get one into your hands if you request one via email. You don't need to be a scholar, just a person looking for answers and knowledge through the comfort of Christ. He waits for you through his red words in the Bible.

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New Works 2025 Commission Winners Announced

Three Indiana performing artists and one visual artist have been selected to receive cash awards and public premiere opportunities through Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts' New Works commission project, now in its fourth season.

The 2025 New Works Premiere Performances will take place Saturday, May 31, at the Tarkington theater in Carmel and will be livestreamed on Allied Solutions Center's website and social media accounts. Free tickets are available now at TheCenterPresents.org and (317) 843-3800. The event also will include the unveiling of this year's winning visual artwork.

The New Works project is designed to promote and sustain the area's working artists and artistic communities by supporting the creation of new works in the performing and visual arts disciplines. The proposed performance works are limited to 20 minutes each and must reflect the Center's organizational core values of integrity, excellence, innovation, collaboration and inclusion. Each winning proposal receives a \$2,500 cash award, technical support in adapting the piece for the stage, onstage rehearsal time prior to the performances, and access to the archived event video for promotional use.

The winning performance proposals selected by the judging panel are:

Wild Stories: Native Ecosystems Retold – Emma Hedrick, Carmel Hedrick is an award-winning vocalist and composer who holds a master's degree from the Royal Conservatoire in the Netherlands. *Wild Stories* will comprise multiple original music pieces for voice (Hedrick) and jazz piano (Christopher Pitts) to be accompanied by projections of photographs shot specifically for the performance by environmental scientist and nature photographer Mitch Korolev. The compositions will be informed by research into Indiana's native ecosystems and will challenge the audience to notice the nuance in the environment around them.



Photo courtesy of Tarkington Theater at the Center for the Performing Arts / Joshua Hasty

Winners are, from left, Abby Marchesseault, Emma Hedrick, Boxx the Artist and Ming Joi Washington.

Blueprint of a Point Ascending – Abby Marchesseault, Mishawaka Marchesseault is a dancer and choreographer who studied dance at Southern Methodist University and many NYC-based dance companies. *Blueprint of a Point Ascending*, set to vocal music by composer Caroline Shaw, is a three-part modern dance work for four performers that features an interactive stage set with two long elastic bands. It draws inspiration from sculptor/engineer Kenneth Snelson's work on "tensegrity" (integrity resulting from tension) to explore how tensions sustained within individual notions of identity lead to upward growth and stability.

Sister Suffragists: Naomi Anderson and Lillian Thomas Fox – Ming Joi Washington, Valparaiso Ming Joi is a poet and curator who holds an art history degree from Spelman College. *Sister Suffragists* is a choreo-poem honoring Anderson and Fox, two Black women writers and activists who campaigned for social justice in Indiana in the during the Civil War and Reconstruction periods. The text will be informed by research into their published writing as well as contemporaneous news coverage of their travels and speaking engagements. The production will include projected images and live music.

The three pieces will be performed publicly for the first time at the 8 p.m. May 31 event, and the artists will join in a

talkback discussion to close the evening. Tickets are free to reserve at the Center's Fifth Third Bank Box Office at the Palladium, online at TheCenterPresents.org and by phone at (317) 843-3800. The livestream and recorded video of the performance will be available free on the Center's website and social media channels.

This event also will include the public unveiling of this year's winning visual arts proposal:

Movements Like a Verse Unwritten – Boxx the Artist, Indianapolis

Originally from Gary, Indiana, Boxx the Artist is an award-winning visual artist based in Indianapolis and named 2024 Artist of the Year by Noblesville Creates. With a dual degree from Purdue University, she brings a unique fusion of academic insight and creative expression to her work. *Movements Like a Verse Unwritten* will be a mixed-media painting on canvas based on her original photography. The work will blend realistic details with expressive brushstrokes, abstract forms and vibrant colors to create a dynamic tribute to the power of artistic expression. Following the event, the painting will hang in the Palladium's South Lobby for one year, to be viewed by thousands of patrons and other visitors.

More information is available at TheCenterPresents.org/NewWorks.

CCHA Adds New Attorney



Laura Ross

Church Church Hittle and Antrim is pleased to announce that Laura Ross has joined the firm, contributing her expertise to the firm's Estate Planning and Estate Administration practice groups.

Ross brings valuable experience to CCHA Law, having previously served at the Office of the Indiana Attorney General. Her legal background includes estate planning, estate administration, and a strong commitment to

serving individuals and families in their long-term planning needs.

A proud alumna of Indiana University – Bloomington, she earned her Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs with a minor in Community Development and Urban Planning before obtaining her Juris Doctor from Saint Louis University School of Law. While in law school, she competed on the Phillip C. Jessup International Moot Court Team and served as Vice President of Philanthropy for the Student Bar Association.

Ross is admitted to practice in Indiana, as well as the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana. She is a

member of the Indianapolis Bar Association, where she remains engaged in professional development and networking.

"Laura's dedication to her clients and her commitment to estate planning and administration make her a fantastic addition to our team," said Sarah Randall, estate planning attorney at CCHA Law. "We are excited to welcome her and look forward to the contributions she will make to our firm and our clients."

Outside of work, Ross enjoys spending time with family and friends, exploring new areas of the city, reading, and crafting cocktails.

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* Note: Dates subject to change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

Registration Fee: 2025 Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball registration fee is \$199 (plus processing fee applied at checkout) and includes team jersey, hat, and 2 tickets to the Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball League Pancake Breakfast/Picture Day scheduled for April 26, 2025 from 8 am-11 am at the Forest Park Inn.

Team/Player photos will be taken at the Pancake Breakfast. Additional tickets for the League Pancake Breakfast will be available at the door for \$5 each.

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Sen. Walker Shares Update



KYLE WALKER
Guest Columnist

The Indiana General Assembly reached the halftime point in the legislative session this week, which means bills must have passed out of their original chamber in order to keep moving forward in the process.

This year, Senate Republicans are prioritizing:

- Enacting meaningful property tax reform;
- Containing Medicaid costs and preventing fraud;
- Lowering health care costs; and
- Increasing fiscal integrity and contract accountability in state government.

These bills now move to the House of Representatives for further consideration.

In the second half of session, the Senate will present our version of the state's two-year budget proposal.

Money the state takes in was first earned by hardworking Hoosiers, so I believe it is important to ensure it is invested wisely. That's why, as your state senator, I will work hard to ensure our state government lives within its means, runs efficiently and funds necessary services for taxpayers.

CELEBRATING FFA Week

Feb. 15-22 was FFA Week in Indiana, when more than 14,000 Hoosier FFA members participate in activities that promote the importance of agricultural education.

Recently, Hoosier FFA members were invited to the Statehouse to participate in Indiana FFA Page Day, where they worked

alongside legislators and learned about the legislative process.

UPCOMING Disability Resource Fair

On March 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Disability Resource Fair will be held at the Fort Ben Library in Indianapolis.

The event is free and offers information on local services, therapy options and resources for those who are caretakers of people with cognitive and physical disabilities.

PRE-SALE FOR THE New Fishers Community Center

Memberships for the new Fishers Community Center, which will open in November, are now available for pre-sale.

By purchasing a pre-sale membership with the center, customers will be known as a Charter Member and will have the chance to win an 18 ounce center branded water bottle, obtain VIP access during the center's grand opening and a few other features.

Members will get to enjoy special features the center provides like the Wellness Center, Aquatics Center, Dog Park, Indoor Sports Courts and free childcare. Membership prices are based on resident status and age.

State Sen. Kyle Walker represents District 31 which includes portions of Hamilton and Marion counties.

Co-chairs Planning for Center's 2025 Gala

As Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts approaches its 15th anniversary next year, a committee of local volunteers is making plans for its annual gala fundraiser, the Center Celebration 2025 presented by Ice Miller.

Scheduled Sept. 20 at the Palladium with host Michael Feinstein, the event will include cocktails, dinner, a live auction, a headlining performance by another nationally known artist, and two after-parties. All proceeds support Allied Solutions Center's arts programming and its growing menu of education and enrichment opportunities for people of all ages. The headliner will be announced when tables go on sale March 11. More information is available at TheCenterPresents.org/Gala.

Leading the Gala Steering Committee this year are Carmel residents Caroline and Michael Garvey, now serving their second year as co-chairs, and David and Annette Greene, serving the first of their two years as co-chairs.

The Garveys also have supported the gala for the past three years as after-party sponsors or table hosts. Michael is Chief Financial Officer for SC Bodner Co. in Carmel, and Caroline is an Emmy Award-winning journalist familiar to local TV viewers as evening news anchor Caroline Thau.

"We have witnessed this Center's gala grow



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Chairing the Gala Steering Committee are, from left, Michael and Caroline Garvey and Annette and David Greene.

from not only one of the most beautiful and fun nights of the year, but to a can't-miss event, as we experienced last year when the tables sold out so early," Caroline Garvey said. "It is heartwarming to know that the dollars contributed to this special night go to make sure that all of central Indiana, young and old, disadvantaged or in need, can experience the finest in music and the arts and know that it can and does change lives."

The Greenes are longtime patrons of Allied Solutions Center, looking forward to the co-chair experience after serving on the committee previously and learning more about the Center's impact. David recently retired as Region President for First Merchants Bank, ongoing sponsor of the gala's opening cocktail reception. Annette is a Certified Clinical Medical Assistant for Northwest Radiology.

"Allied Solutions Center is a true gem in our community, serving as a stunning centerpiece that brings people together," David Greene said. "It enriches every segment of society, offering opportunities for learning and enjoying the performing arts and ensuring that everyone can experience their transformative power."

Programs supported by the gala proceeds include the Peanut Butter & Jam performance series for families with young children; the Prism Project, a performing arts summer camp for youth with disabilities; free matinee performances and science presentations for school groups; a donor-funded Transportation Grant Program that reimburses transportation costs for school groups attending events; and arts classes for adults, including vocal music, songwriting, two levels of stand-up comedy instruction and three levels of ukulele instruction. The gala

revenue is generated through table reservations, corporate partnerships, direct donations, and the auction for prize packages including luxury getaways and VIP professional sports experiences, donated by Allied Solutions Center supporters.

Last year's Center Celebration 2024 presented by Ice Miller, with trumpeter Chris Botti as the headliner, generated more than \$588,000 in support of Allied Solutions Center's mission "to inspire and engage the Indiana community with enriching arts experiences."

"Every year, our partners and donors contribute to the success of this event in so many different ways," said President and CEO Jeffrey C. McDermott. "The gala truly is a community celebration."

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Soil & Water Launches Native Plant Kit Sale



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maintenance native gardens that are beautiful and thrive in a neighborhood landscape.

Additionally, the SWCD is hosting a free "Landscaping with Natives" workshop on March 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the Cool Creek Park Nature Center. This event will provide expert guidance on selecting and maintaining native plants, along with insights into their ecological benefits. Attendees will also have the opportunity to explore the new landscape plans and ask questions about incorporating native species into their yards. Local native plant vendors and landscape designers will be on hand as well. This event is free, but registration is required.

"Native plants are not only beautiful, but they also provide essential habitat for pollinators, birds, and other wildlife," said Claire Lane, Urban Conservationist at Hamilton County SWCD. "With our plant kits, new landscape plans, and workshop, we're making it easier than ever for residents to grow Indiana natives this spring."

For more information about the Native Plant Kit Sale, to explore the new residential landscape plans, or to register for the free workshop, visit www.hamiltonswcd.org

Orders are open through March 27th at www.hamiltonswcd.org/plantsale, with pick-up scheduled for later this spring.

The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District is excited to announce the return of its Native Plant Kit Sale, offering residents an easy way to incorporate Indiana-native plants into their landscapes. These pre-selected kits provide an affordable and convenient way to establish native gardens that support pollinators, improve soil health, and enhance biodiversity. Orders are open through March 27th at www.hamiltonswcd.org/plantsale, with pick-up scheduled for later this spring.

To further support residents in transitioning to native landscaping, the SWCD has also launched new residential native landscape plans, now available on their website. These free resources are designed to help homeowners create beautiful, low-

Fishers Event Center Creates Inclusivity Initiatives

On the heels of a successful opening and big events including Turnpike Troubadours, Alabama, Cirque du Soleil and the upcoming Pro Volleyball Federation All-Star Match, the Fishers Event Center continues to fill the calendar with big shows and sporting events. The new ultra-modern, 7,500-seat entertainment venue is committed to ensuring a welcoming experience for all individuals, and is proud to feature several inclusivity initiatives available to guests.

INCLUSIVITY INITIATIVES:

- **KultureCity® Certified:** Fishers Event Center is a KultureCity certified sensory inclusive venue. The certification process entailed the staff at Fishers Event Center to be trained by leading medical and neurodivergent professionals on how to recognize guests and fans with sensory needs and how to handle a sensory overload situation. KultureCity is the world's leading nonprofit on sensory accessibility and acceptance.
 - **Why it matters:** "Empowering communities through inclusion and innovation, Fishers Event Center is aligned with the same visionary spirit at KultureCity and is championing a world where every individual, regardless of ability, is not just accepted but celebrated for their unique contributions to the tapestry of humanity!" Uma Srivastava, Executive Director, KultureCity.

- **Sensory Kits:** For individuals with sensory sensitivities, KultureCity sensory bags are available at the Guest Services Center (Section 109). Each bag contains items to help calm, relax and manage sensory overload, and include comfortable noise-cancelling headphones, sunglasses, fidget tools, a visual feeling thermometer and a KultureCity VIP lanyard to help the staff easily identify a guest.
- **Universal Changing Table:** A universal changing table,

which accommodates individuals of all ages, sizes and levels of mobility, is available in the second level family restroom near Section 219. The adjustable height feature ensures comfort and convenience for everyone who needs it.


- **Why it matters:** Providing a universal changing table improves the accessibility and dignity for individuals who need assistance with personal care allowing guests to stay and enjoy the full duration of events.
- **Sensory Room Presented by DAMAR®:** Open to fans, guests, and customers with sensory sensitivities, and located in the Guest Services Center at Section 109. The sensory room is open for all events at the Event Center from the time gates open through the end of the event.
 - **Why it matters:** Guests may require a safe and calming environment to provide comfort and support to individuals who are overwhelmed. A space to decompress, self-regulate and regain confidence before returning to their activities. Sensory accessible and inclusive for adults and children who may benefit from a calming and supportive environment.
- **Important features:**
 - **Patented Air Walls –** innovative sensory walls with gentle air looping offering a soothing visual engaging experience.
 - **Tactile Manipulation Panels** encourage inspiration and focus, support fine motor skills all while reducing anxiety.
 - **Custom Designed Wood Texture Panel** natural grounding element to the space, textures and patterns offer a calming sensory input that offer relaxation and mindfulness.

- Offers a grounding, natural tactile experience.
- **Comfortable seating** provides a safe comfortable space to relax, rest secure and accommodating.
- **Mother's Room Presented by IKEA®:** The Mother's Room provides privacy and convenience to support parents. Equipped with a TV, a baby changing table, a cozy nursing chair and books, this space offers a peaceful and private environment for nursing, changing, and bonding with children during events. Check in with the Guest Services Center located near Section 109 to access.
- **Other ADA accommodations:**
 - **Convenient accessible parking spaces** and drop-off locations are available. ADA dropoff is located in the West and East VIP Lots. Look for signage indicating ADA Dropoff upon arriving at Fishers Event Center.
 - **All entrances are fully ADA accessible.**
 - **Accessible seating** is available for all events, ensuring that people with mobility impairments have equal access and comfort. Accessible seating can be conveniently purchased online through Ticketmaster or in person.
 - **Passenger elevators** are accessible to guests with limited mobility, with priority usage provided to these individuals. The elevators are easy to find, located by Section 111 near the Community Health Network Entrance.

- **Wheelchair assistance** is readily available at the Event Center for guests with mobility impairments. The service is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- **An assistive listening system** enhances the experience for guests with hearing impairments. Real-time captions and assistive listening are available for public announcements, with devices available at Guest Services. Closed captioning will be available for all relevant content during events.
- **Interpreting services** are available for guests who require them. This service is available by request of Guest Services in advance.
- **All restrooms are ADA accessible** and equipped with a baby changing table. Family restrooms are available as well.
- **The Fishers Event Center** welcomes certified, leashed service animals, in accordance with ADA laws, allowing individuals with disabilities to bring their service animals for assistance during their visit.

For questions or assistance with ADA accommodations, the Guest Services team available at GuestServices@ASMFishers.com. For more information, visit FishersEventCenter.com Accessibility Guide.

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Keith was raised in St. Louis and became a Christian through Young Life. His wife, Susan, was raised in Memphis, and placed her trust in Jesus at an early age. They attended Covenant Theological Seminary where Keith received his Master of Divinity degree (2002) and Susan received her Master's in Counseling (2000). They have been married since June 2000. In May 2002, they moved to Fishers, IN to join the staff of our mother church, Crossroads Community Church. When they aren't running their three kids around, they enjoy baseball games and the great outdoors.

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Living Branch Church was founded in 2017 as a church plant in Noblesville, IN as a member of The Presbyterian Church in America (www.pcanet.org), a national denomination with historic roots in classical biblical Christianity.

We are currently in a sermon series in the book of Romans and it has been a powerful reminder of how the grace of God operates in the lives of the followers of Christ. In a recent sermon, we looked at Romans 3:23-24 - *[F]or all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.* This is a wonderful reminder that, through Christ, our sins are pardoned and we are accepted as righteous in the sight of God because the righteousness of Christ is given to us!

Paul tells us that our justification is a **gift**. Imagine a wealthy relative giving you an expensive sports car. Overwhelmed by the gift, you offer to pay for part of the car. Even if we only contribute \$1 to the cost of the car, it is no longer considered a gift. We have done something to earn it. Paul tells us our salvation is a gift, we have done nothing to merit or earn it. Realizing this gives us a profound sense of humility and gratitude.

Our salvation is by **grace** or the unmerited favor of God. There is nothing that we have done to impress God, earn His favor, or merit our salvation. Even the faith that we have is a gift from God as Paul reminds us in Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Our justification comes through the **redemption that is in Christ Jesus**. Redemption is an act of God where He delivers His people from bondage to sin and into a relationship with Him. We are saved from something (sin) and we are saved for something (a relationship with our Creator). The prophet Isaiah gives us a picture of God's redemption in Isaiah 43:1 - But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. Redemption gives us an identity, a sense of belonging, and is the end of our fear, even the fear of death. It is through the redemption of Jesus Christ, received by faith, that we have hope in this life and the life to come.

At Living Branch Church we desire that the Good News of salvation is found in everything we do from our Sunday Morning worship, our weekly Bible Studies, and all of interactions as followers of Christ. We would love to welcome all to come and join us as we worship on Sundays at 10AM as we meet at Legacy Christian School (470 N. Lakeview Drive; Noblesville 46060).

We believe in one living and eternal God. He is the creator and sustainer of all things and He works all things for His own glory. He alone is worthy of our worship as the source of all goodness and truth. There is no limit to God's perfection or power. He is holy and majestic, yet also merciful and gracious. We find the deepest expression of His grace and love in the forgiveness He offers through His Son, Jesus Christ.