

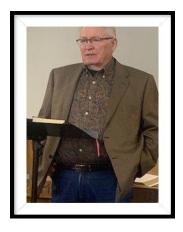


## October/November 2022

## **Connecting People, Nations and Continents for the Great Commission**

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence." (Colossians 1:15-18 NKJ)

## The Preeminence of Christ



Most everyone has questions concerning their faith from time to time. It is normal and natural. We now live in extraordinary times where nearly everything around us is upside down. The foundation of our society seems to be crumbling right in front of our eyes. Truth is being is touted as lies and lies are being proclaimed as truth. (*Isaiah 5:20*) Even in our churches there is a turning away from the Gospel with the infiltration of secular thinking (Progressive Christianity) that leads to re-interpreting the message of Christ to give a false view of the Believer's eternal state. Over the past 32 years, the number of people professing Christ has diminished 24%, which is staggering! However, we are not to be discouraged. GOD is still on the throne and Christ is still LORD!

"Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. It will empower you to discern God's will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in His eyes." (Romans 12:12 TPT)

I believe we were born for a time such as this! (Esther 4:14) Christians must reconcile that this planet is not our home, but we are just passing through. However, while we are here it is imperative that we believe in the Preeminence (sovereignty) of Jesus Christ. He is Lord!

Below are three scriptures that will anchor our faith in as we navigate through these perilous times.

- **I.** We are qualified in Him Colossians 1:12 "Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light." (NKJ)
- **II.** We are made alive in Christ Colossians 1:13 "For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves." (NKJ)

III. We are complete in Him - Romans 8:4 "Jesus fulfilled the righteous requirement of the Law by becoming a sin offering for us. Let us rejoice in God's free gift to us." (NKJ)

Jane Ann and I pray for your faith and ours to stay strong and grounded in the Person and Preeminence of Christ. He was, and is, and always will be our victorious KING of KINGS and LORD of LORDS!

We want to thank Pastors John and Karen Donnerberg of First Church Nazarene in Ropesville, TX for the honor and privilege of preaching in their church. It is always a joy to be with the wonderful people in that congregation.

## **Update on Transnistria from Pastors Yuriy and Oksana**

We were blessed to have our dear friends Pastors Yuriy and Oksana from Tiraspol Church in Transnistria, visit in Lubbock last week. Transnistria is located on the southwest side of Ukraine. The Ukraine border is about 2 kilometers from the church property. They are playing a strategic role in helping Ukrainian refugees find housing, food, clothing, medicine and documentation in Transnistria and Moldova, so they can begin a new life there. In addition to that, they are providing wood and food to the poor in the city as an evangelistic outreach. It is unlawful to proselytize in their country and they cannot openly invite people to church. Despite that God has grown their church from 90 people in 2000 to 1,200 people to date.





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Thanks to
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who helped host
Pastors Yuriy and
Oksana and allowed
them to share their
mission and ministry.



Run the race,

Gary and Jane Ann Casey

We get remarkable reports from pastors/leaders around the world that people are being saved, healed and set free. In November, Gary will be speaking (via video) for IMPACTA 2022 Pastors Conference in Colombia. Thank you for partnering with us through your prayers and support for Gateway Missions. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

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