

# FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN



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I will give all my thanks to you, Lord, for you make everything right in the end.
I will sing my highest praise to the God of the Highest Place!

Psalm 7:1 (TPT)

Always give thanks to Father God for every person he brings into your life in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:20 (TPT)

And in the midst of everything be always giving thanks, for this is God's perfect plan for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (TPT)

# Giving Thanks

From the TCK Family: We want to take time to honor and give thanks to our King, Christ Jesus and to all those who serve Him by being His hands and feet, not only in this Garden, but beyond. Thank you for ALL you do. We hope you enjoy this issue and feel a part of what's happening in God's Garden, in Kerrville, Texas.

We hope to see you soon!

### **Coming in the December Issue**

- Worship Opportunities in the Garden
- Ways to Support the Garden
- Garden Priorities and Projects for 2023





# THEY SHALL SEE GOD

### DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

By Debbye Meszaros

Fall is one of my most favorite seasons! With the beautiful Fall colors, pumpkin spice and the cooler weather it's easy to have a fresh sense of God's love and desire for us to commune with Him through all of our senses.

Each season is a reminder from God to recalibrate with Him and shake off anything that may weigh us down or fog our vision from who He IS!

How do we make sure our hearts are pure so we can see Him? King David who is known as a man after God's own heart gives us a prayer in Psalms 139: 23 & 24. "Search me, O God, and KNOW my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." (NKJV)

God's desire is for you to KNOW Him and not just know about Him. His invitation to you is to take some time and ask Him to examine your heart to make your heart pure before Him so that you will literally see Him, experience Him and have a softened heart to know Him!

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall SEE God." Matthew 5:8 (NKJV)



# WHAT'S IN BLOOM?

By Chris Seifert

New to our garden, Mystic Spires have been brilliantly blooming and drawing visitors' questions since May. "Shutter-bugs," butterflies, busy bees and hummingbirds came for the showy flowers massed around "The Divine Servant" and "The Great Commission" sculptures.

Mystic Spires are one of the many salvias which thrive in Hill Country soil and climate. This variety loves full sun and grows 2 to 3 feet tall and wide. It resists insect pests and usually deer pass it by. God's dedicated staff and volunteers watered once or twice weekly through the hot dry summer to boost the vibrant color. Behind the salvia, dwarf Esperanza (also known as Yellow Bells) added a bright yellow contrast. Both plants tolerate dry spells and are expected to survive the winter.





# **HAPPENINGS: Prayer & Intercession**

### PRAYING FOR LIGHT TO SHINE IN DARKNESS

This article is a "glimpse" into a day in the life of an intercessor for The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden, where God continues to bring people together who are taking steps of faith, and being stirred to do something for the Lord through prayer and intercession.

Early Sunday morning, on October 23, 2022, as I was waking up, I received an impression from the Lord that a prayer walk was needed on Halloween.

So, the next day, I went to The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden office to schedule a prayer walk for October 31st from 7 PM to 9 PM in the Amphitheater. By the next day, my request was approved and emails immediately went out to advertise the prayer walk event.

That same week, I was informed that another person had also been stirred by the Lord to hold a prayer meeting at the Garden on the Sunday before election day. When this lady learned of our Halloween prayer walk, she brought 15 other very committed believers from all over the community to join in the prayer walk on the Monday of Halloween.

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!

Isaiah 52:7 (NLT)

The focus of the prayer walk was for the protection of the children and those who would be out and about that night. We prayed for protection and to stop any demonic schemes. We also prayed for the nation and the upcoming elections. It was a powerful and anointed time.

It was amazing how God brought us all together. Strangers became connected as we interceded against the darkness of Halloween and the darkness in this country. For two hours we prayed, prayer walked, sounded the shofars, and ended the evening of Halloween by taking communion together on these Holy grounds of the Garden.

As I drove home, around 9:30 PM, I realized that the rain that was predicted earlier in the day had not occurred. I believe that the Lord's light was shining bright on this "mountain of the Lord" as His people came together in unity, prayer and intercession.

TCKF Tour Guide Chaplain



# **HAPPENINGS**: Events





# **ROSH HASHANAH**

The Jewish New Year festival, held on the first and some times the second day if Tishri (in September) is marked with the sound of the shofar and singing.

Hosted by Louada Raschke, this event was celebrated in the Garden with wonderful worship, prayer, and the sounding of the shofars.



### UNITY PRAYER

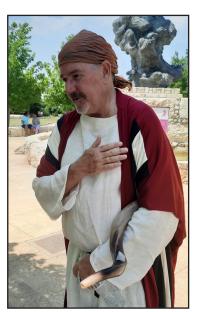
Hosted by Betsy Blue, this event was an invitation to come worship the Lord in your own language. Worship and prayer was done in both Spanish and English. Beautiful.











### WATCHMEN

Hosted by Fire Starter Ministry, they acted out Biblical teachings on "the Watchman on the Wall" for this event, based on Ezekiel 33:3 – "If, when he sees the sword coming upon the Land, he blows the shofar and warns the people." They provided a demonstration of the shofar and what roles it plays in the Bible.



### **TESTIMONY**

We entered the Garden and were amazed at what we saw. The first thing I noticed was how peaceful and serene it felt. I looked down and read the first scripture along the pathway, which was:

"Narrow is the gate, and difficult is the way, which leads to enter life, and few find it."

Jesus Christ, Matthew 7:14

Now, I'd like to share how I got here. It's an amazing God story. Early that morning, my bride, Lisa and I had decided to go to Medina and Bandera for the day. We had come from the Dallas area and had planned the whole day out and wanted to try some apple cinnamon

ice cream which came highly recommended. When I put the directions in the GPS it tells me that some of our locations might be closed. When I looked up the ice cream place, sure enough it was closed on Wednesday and Thursday. Our plans changed. I said to Lisa "let's go look at the large cross we saw on the highway"...our adventure began.

As we move towards the statue of Jesus, a lady asks if we wanted our picture taken with Jesus. Yes.

As we walked on down the path, Lisa was drawn to a different statue of Jesus where He is on a white horse with water around it. She was so

taken with the water – putting her hands in it and suggesting I do the same. But being in a wheelchair, I could not reach. So, she splashed some on me.

I didn't think much about the water because I wanted to get up to the cross. So, I hurriedly left her and went up to it.

As I reached the cross there was a man there. I felt led to ask this man if I could pray over him and he agreed. After praying, I looked behind me and saw Lisa sitting on the wall by the water and there was a place I could roll up to and finally put my hands in the water. Then I see the sign about baptism and I understood why Lisa was drawn to the water.

As I splashed the cool water on my hands and arms, I felt God's presence. It was an intimate moment with God and my bride. I felt an assurance from God that I was on

the right track with my life. I was in His will and called to ministry.

Lisa and I proceeded to the very large cross and as we were standing there, here comes the lady again asking if she can take a picture of us, just like earlier and she took a picture of us inside the Cross. This lady showed us the picture and pointed out how little we are and how little our problems are compared to the giant cross and just how big our God is! What she said is what I had preached the week before!

We then began speaking with this lady and I told her how God is moving in my life and that we are preparing to open a new church that God has blessed me with. This lady asked if she could pray with me and Lisa inside

> the Cross? Yes. She called over to some other people to join her in praying for us at the foot of the Cross. I felt lifted so high up with reassurance of what I am supposed to be doing.

Being in the garden and meeting these wonderful people added fuel to the fire already burning in me to spread God's word and "the feeling of total surrender and love I felt".

This woman came back saying, Holy Spirit told her to bring us 2 communion kits so Lisa and I could take the Lord's Supper together.

When we finished, I looked at Lisa and said I'm glad Jesus changed our plans today and

brought us here. God had a message to give us through total strangers. I'll take a piece of bread and some juice over apple cinnamon ice cream any day.

This Garden is a place to meet with God and His people, a place of worship, a place of assurance, and a place of prayer. God lifted me so high up that day and told me I will never leave you or forsake you!

I was changed that day!!! I was given more confidence, wisdom, and strength than I have ever had before. I pray that you meet God there in the way He has planned out for you. Let revival rain upon your heart as you enter The Garden.

Mike & Lisa Blackburn, November 7, 2022



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## NEW FIRE MARSHAL FOR TOUR GUIDE/CHAPLAIN PROGRAM



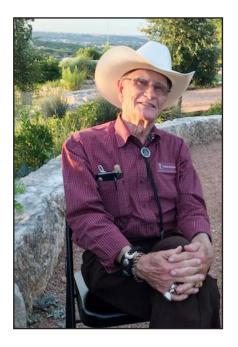
"Fred, as the new Fire Marshal, with Beth by his side, has a real heart for the Garden, a heart for the Tour Guide/Chaplains, and a heart for those who come seeking the Lord. Fred & Beth have their priorities right in putting God first and living a lifestyle that is consistent with what is needed in this leadership role."

S. Casey, TCKF Board of Trustee



Be Shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them, not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

1 Peter 5:2-3 NIV







# SERVANT OF THE KING

Weldon D. Baker

# FROM BUILDING AIRCRAFT TO BUILDING GOD'S GARDEN

Where are you from? Yancey, Texas

How did you meet Jesus? My Dad was a Deacon in Baptist church in a little TX town, and I was raised in church Wed, Sat, Sun morning and evening service. At 11yrs old, I attended a revival with my dad, sitting on the front row. The Preacher was preaching the gospel really good, and he asked if anyone wanted Jesus. I wanted Jesus! I was the only one to come up and preacher said I had to get baptized right then. I got baptized in a dirt stock tank.

How did you find the Garden? Esther, my wife, was at a church picnic at Zion Lutheran and she heard about a project happening at The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden. They wanted to build a prayer path. Esther came home and said, "I volunteered you to work at the Garden to do a prayer path." That day 374 volunteers showed up from all the churches and organizations around the area. It was organized like a production line and in one day, we built 1030 ft of prayer path. Been there ever since.

**Biggest influence in your life?** Esther. She's a better Lutheran than I was a Baptist, so I became a Lutheran. It's not about what religion you are, it's all about what relationship you have with our Lord. It's all about God.

Lowest time in your life? I was retiring from Mooney

Aircraft, here in Kerrville. The VP of Mooney Aircraft offered me a job in Afton Wyoming to help him setup and manufacturer crop duster aircraft at that location. I didn't see Esther or our three children for 5 months. I was lonely, in an unknown place, and doing something that seemed really big and scary to me at the time.

Where was God during this low point? God was 'behind me'....not in front of me. I was out of order. Order means: God, family, others. I had it backwards. But through this, God got my attention and I finally allowed God to get in front of me, and once that happened, everything got better. I got my life in order.

How do you serve in the Garden? I've worn many hats for the Garden. I love being a Tour Guide/Chaplain and I will do that as long as I can. I love to bring people to Jesus. I love the divine appointments He sets up for me and I know my role is to bring them to the Lord and help them get baptized. It's my mission and my greatest enjoyment.

I served on the Board as a Trustee for 7 years, as Treasurer and most recently as President. I'm 87 yrs old and I recently stepped down from the Board but I will always be available to advise or consult as I am asked.

What do you want people to know about Jesus?

Jesus saves. My favorite verse is Psalm 37. Evil does NOT win, God Does. God Wins. Jesus Saves. This is not about me. It is all about God. Our culture may change, but God never changes.



# SERVANT OF THE KING

Joshua Rodriguez



Debbye Meszaros, Joshua Rodriguez, Chellby Rodriguez, Max Greiner, Jr.

### LET THE REDEEMED SAY AMEN

Where are you from? Kerrville, born and raised.

How did you meet Jesus? My Mom. She put the Word in us. At 9 yrs old, I saw God move. I literally saw a dead rabbit be brought back to life and I knew God was real. I was marked. However, I got curious about the world and all that was being offered to me, and even though I knew I was marked for God, I had no discipleship, no one to talk to, learn from, and teach me the ways of God, and I fell into very destructive living. In 2017, I knew the "fruit" of my life was trash. I was living in a way that had me in and out of jail.

In October 2017, I told God, "I need to know you for real." One morning when I was getting ready to go back out to the oilfields, I literally heard God speak, telling me, "Do not have sex with this girl before you leave." Then God began removing things from my life.

By December 31, 2017, I fully surrendered my life at Impact church on the altar. I felt like the woman at the well – "You know everything I've ever done...and still You want me." Then I was filled with the Holy Spirit and was forever changed. Once you experience Holy Spirit, there's nothing better!

How did you find the Garden? In July 2020, a package got delivered to my house by accident. It was for my neighbor. So, I decided to take it to my neighbor. That neighbor was Max Greiner. As we talked, I told him I had a heart for ministry and he prayed for me. He told me there might be a job at the Garden. My ministry there began as an "undercover" maintenance man, doing whatever needed to be done. Which positioned me to be available to whoever the Lord brought to me in the Garden.

**Biggest influence in your life?** Transition. There are specific transition points in my life, "make it or break it"

moments when I hit the point where "something has got to change."

Lowest time in your life? The Lord is so sweet. There are so many points in my life when I knew I was wrong. I was living with the wrong people, doing the wrong things, like drugs and such. I knew I was wrong, but in complete rebellion, I continued doing it.

Where was God during this low point? It may sound like a cliché, but He was always there. I knew God was speaking to me. One time, I had just consumed a bunch of drugs, and a song came on the radio that hit my heart and God spoke to me, and I became completely sober and alert. He was always loving, always speaking, even when my heart was closed off. He was always there.

How do you serve in the Garden? In the 2 years I worked there, I did whatever I was asked to do. It was humbling. Not glamorous work, but it had to be done. It was good. I learned from everyone I worked with, and it fed me both physically and spiritually. It was really good to be a part of a real team. Last month, I stopped working at the Garden to pursue ministry full-time at Schreiner University and wherever God sends me.

What do you want people to know about Jesus? He is so Awesome! It sounds so childish, but Jesus wants to be involved, intentionally involved in your life. Not a dictator. A friend. He wants to be with you.

**Favorite verse:** That's easy. Matthew 6:33 – "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

He is food. When we begin to seek and apply this verse and learn that it literally is about Him. When our desire is for Him....He cares and provides. Seek Him and everything else will be taken care of.





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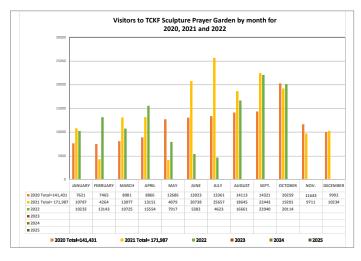
### GIVE THANKS By Max Greiner, Jr., TCKF Chairman

Yes, we are still here! Sherry and I sensed the LORD wanted us to come out of "retirement" and serve TCKF again as Trustees. In June, we were elected. I am again serving as Chairman of the Board for a second time. One thing the Chairman should provide is perspective. Sherry and I have been involved with the garden vision, since we were first "called", through a public, prophetic word on December 9, 2001, to "restore the Tabernacle of David." A lot of holy water has gone under the bridge since then, with many trials, tribulations, victories and astounding, supernatural miracles! We are grateful to God and you for allowing all of us to be a part of this unique, last days method of evangelism.

Historically, Thanksgiving Day is the time Americans think about our many blessings. God is the giver of all good things, even in the midst of the bad things happening around us. The United States and Israel are still the only two nations in the world founded on the promises of God. Thank the LORD for His favor, mercy and for restoring this nation to its founding, Judeo-Christian values, which established this great nation in

1776. Pray for our leaders, at all levels, of all parties, that they fear and obey God.

Thank Jesus for our families, friends, and the organized church. Thank the LORD for THE COMING KING SCULPTURE PRAYER GARDEN and for the thousands of people being touched by God on His holy hill. The month of October 2022, saw an estimated 20,114 people on the mountain, almost equaling the entire population of Kerrville! In July of 2022, the free, 24.5acre, spiritual garden was designated as being in the top 10% of tourist attractions worldwide, by the premiere travel website, Trip Advisor! This free spiritual garden is drawing hundreds of thousands of people from around the world, many of whom don't attend any church! This is the "Great Garden Revival"! And, it is happening 365 days a year, from 7:00am until midnight in Kerrville, Texas! Come and experience the power and presence of Almighty God on His mountain! Pray about putting one of these soul-winning tourist attractions in your community! It will bless everyone!



- "2022 Travelers Choice Award" states the free art park is now in the top 10% of all tourist attractions worldwide.
- •The sculpture garden drew an estimated 178,512 visitors during 2021.
- People have traveled from more than one hundred countries to experience God and view the inspirational artwork in this Christian art garden.
- At least 40 people have canceled their plans for suicide at the healing garden.
- Medical doctors have sent their patients to the holy hill seeking physical and emotional healing.

# SOWING INTO GOOD GROUND







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The Coming King Foundation was founded May 6, 2004, as a non-profit 501c3 Art Museum, established to build free Sculpture Prayer Gardens across the USA and world to bring glory and souls Jesus Christ.

# LOOK AT GOD









Many peoples will come and say, "Everyone, come! Let's go up higher to Yahweh's mountain; then he can teach us his ways and we can walk in his paths!"

Isaiah 2:3 (TPT)

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