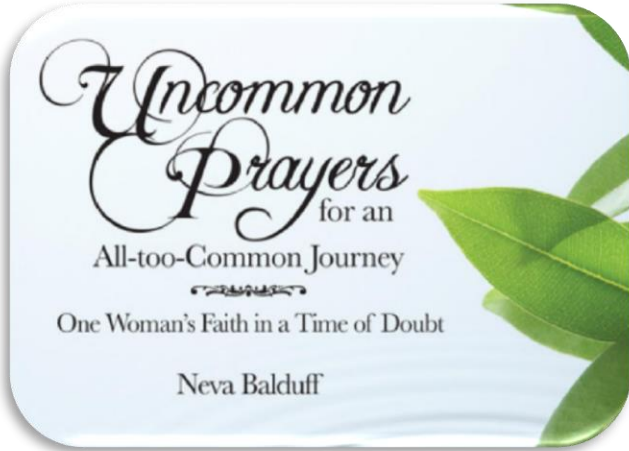


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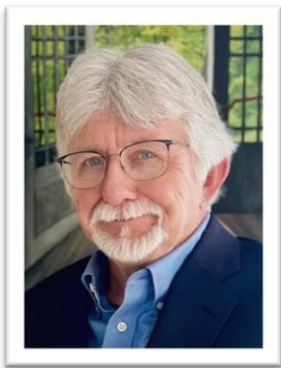
Seeking, Serving, Sharing
February 18, 2024



↔ LOVE HEALS ↔

Some people don't know what to say. I understand—that's okay. I have been in a similar spot when I didn't know whether to speak or not. How do you tell someone everything will be okay, when you know in your heart it won't be that way? How to sympathize without going overboard, how to get them to trust in the Lord—when their whole world has been ripped apart. How do you mend a broken heart? There's only one way that I know of,

and that way is simply to love. Nothing more need be said, nothing more to do, than to sincerely say, "I love you." Of course, prayers are always welcome, and I know that we have certainly felt some! ~Neva Balduff



REV. RANDY KUSS CALLED AS INTERIM REGIONAL MINISTER

Memphis native Rev. Randy Kuss is a 5th generation Disciple, whose

grandfather was Rev. Dr. T. O. Slaughter. Randy is an ordained Disciples of Christ minister with 50 years of experience in congregational, regional, denominational, and ecumenical ministries, always including a special focus on Youth, Young Adult, and Outdoor Ministries. Those ministries included service with Oklahoma churches in El Reno, Yukon, Burlington, and Ponca City while pursuing degrees from Phillips University and Phillips Theological Seminary.

He retired in 2023 from service with Geist Christian Church in Indianapolis and with Disciples Home Missions. Randy looks forward to returning to Oklahoma to serve as Interim Regional Minister through this in-between time.

Randy is married to Rev. Deb Strock-Kuss, who also retired in 2023 from service as Associate Minister with Geist Christian Church, and they have two children. Randy and Deb will reside in Edmond.



Jesus looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them, for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on." *Luke 21: 1 - 4, NRSVue*

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Income Received YTD--\$38,810.25 Actual Expenses YTD--\$25,492.15
Budgeted Expenses YTD--\$25,839.61