

# Common Grounds

## Homer's Coffee House

A ministry of Kansas City CBMC

The Christian Business Men's Community

### Number 100

In 1996, Louise and I sold the photo business that we had owned for 23 years and joined the staff of CBMC. Our hope was to do something significant - something that mattered to the Kingdom of God.

My pastor told me that all Christians need to seek God, obey Him, and bring Him glory. Those of us in vocational ministry just need to do that "out loud" so others can see what that looks like. With that in mind I decided to get my thoughts down and paper and get them in the mail. That was the first issue of this newsletter.

The first issue went to 335 people, everybody I knew. This is issue number 100. It is going to 2000 people, basically, everybody I now know.

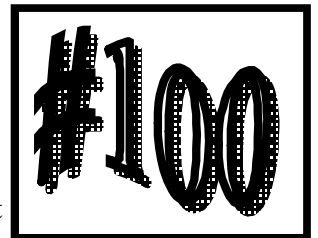
For this issue, I decided to list (in no particular order) 100 things I have learned (or in some cases opinions I have developed) in the past eight years.

1. God has a plan for my life.
2. I am still a photographer.
3. Most young people want to work, if you show them what needs to be done.
4. Some people would rather drink out of a paper cup than good china.
5. It takes about 1000 hours for most people to become proficient on a musical instrument.
6. You don't always get what you pay for. Sometimes you get a lot more.
7. I have a very high "need" for art, literature, and music. (98th percentile)
8. Many older musicians complain that young guys

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can't rock.

9. There are a lot more ways to mess up coffee than there are to make it right.
10. Quality of life is, to a large degree, determined by the skills we have and whether we put them to use.
11. Skills are always a result of time spent learning them.
12. Being married to the same person for 33 years is a wonderful thing.
13. I thought digital would pass film in quality in five years, it took eight.
14. Relationships are everything.
15. The post office is 99.5% accurate. That means out of 2000 items, 10 will be erroneously returned, "no such address".
16. Everybody is worth getting to know.
17. The only thing that matters is faith acted out in love. (Gal 5:6)
18. Life is short - pray hard.
19. People need to feel needed.
20. My wife and I both have the "gift of hospitality."
21. Hire people for personality - train for skills.
22. It is OK to hire somebody just because you think they are fun to be with.
23. Everybody needs a "day of prayer" on a regular basis.
24. Big condenser microphones don't work very well for live sound.
25. Everybody likes to hear someone say their name.
26. You can make a living doing anything if you are good enough at it.
27. Hard work is good - smart work is better.
28. The bitterness of poor quality lasts longer than the pain of high price.
29. I enjoy writing.
30. To some degree, what kind of leader a person is, is determined by what happens after they leave.
31. A person who works with his hands is called a laborer; a person who works with his hands and head is called a craftsman; a person who works with his hands,



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head, and heart is called an artist.

32. I hated mowing lawns when I was 13 years-old, and that hasn't changed.

33. The answer for world peace is simple - forgiveness. We have to accept it from Christ and give it to others.

34. Revenge and retaliation always leads to escalation.

35. Music speaks to the heart, but it is the most divisive issue in most churches.

36. Most people have a narrow range of musical taste.

Respect for other's taste is a gift to be given often.

37. "Talent" is a term used to describe people who are willing to take the time and make the effort to learn a difficult skill.

38. I love Maine Coon cats.

39. People's "normal" behavior and their "stress" behavior are usually quite different.

40. We don't learn anything new in a crisis, we just find out what we already knew. A crisis is a pop quiz.

41. A high school student and a mature adult make a great team. The adult brings wisdom and stability and the student brings energy and spontaneity.

42. Leadership is love - love of the mission, love of the customer, love of people.

43. No matter what you do, somebody will be opposed to it. We can do nothing, or do something and expect opposition.

44. When looking at the specs of a guitar amplifier, a 25 year-old looks at the power, a 55 year-old looks at the weight.

45. Don't forsake your first love.

46. The first step to creativity is believing you are creative.

47. Any reasonable sized community has all the gifts necessary to carry out the purpose God has called it to.

48. Most of us are weighed down by too much stuff.

49. The best investment a retailer can make is an outdoor sign.

50. The best handling cars are still made in Germany.

51. If your employees don't enjoy their work, your business will fail.

52. The genius is in the details. Fluorescent lights killed Montgomery Ward.

53. Compound interest is the eighth wonder of the world.

54. Surf music still has its fans.

55. A fine cup of coffee is one of the few luxury products that just about everybody can afford.

56. God never intended for us to be comfortable.

57. God doesn't want a piece of us, He wants 100% sold-out commitment.

58. Character is who you are when nobody is looking or when you are driving.

59. Diet Coke isn't that bad, once you get used to it.

60. You can't shake hands with a fist.

61. The first incident in the Bible of the Holy Spirit was God giving special skill to a craftsman. Exodus 35:31

62. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. (I Peter 4:10)

63. You have to keep moving to avoid getting stuck.

64. There are just two things that money can't buy - true love and home-grown tomatoes.

65. One hundred years from now, we will remember the artists, not the businessmen.

66. A good manager makes sure things get done right, a good leader makes sure the right things get done.

67. It is OK to wear your shirt tail out.

68. God created each of us uniquely for a purpose. Discovering that purpose is the secret of a contented life.

69. Some people actually like soy.

70. Nothing is impossible - nothing worthwhile is easy.

71. You can learn more about playing music in an hour on stage than in ten hours in your living room.

72. Number 71 applies to other areas of life as well.

73. We can do the will of God only by the power of God.

74. Vision without action is just a dream, action without vision is just passing time.

75. You can give out too much information, but you can't over-communicate.

76. Not much happens until we get face to face and heart to heart.

77. Kansas and Nebraska have the cattle, Texas and Oklahoma have the hats.

78. Hats are OK. So are cattle.

79. Statistics are no substitute for good sense.

80. Believing in God is one thing, knowing that God believes in me is another.

81. You can't do everything, in fact you can only do a few things and do them well.

82. It is more blessed to give than receive, and to sell than to buy.

83. If there is something you want to do in your life, and you are past fifty, you had better get started.

## 100 List

### Homer's Mission Statement

The mission of Homer's Coffee House is share the love of Christ in a clean, comfortable environment, where people can gather to enjoy conversation, live music, and the highest quality specialty coffee, other drinks, and food.

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84. Making money is not a good enough reason to get up every day.
85. God loves risk-takers. (Matthew 25)
86. There is a big difference in “taking” pictures, and “making” photographs.
87. We often have too much dialog and not enough plot.
88. He who dies with the most toys - still dies.
89. You can’t take it with you, but you can decide who gets it next.
90. Rubber soled shoes are the only way to survive.
91. Tourist bring back souvenirs, travelers bring back stories.
92. It’s OK to eat alone, but company is better.
93. Hawaiian shirts make people smile, especially the person wearing them.
94. The internet has both simplified and complicated our lives.
95. We don’t have to think up things to do for God, just join Him in what He is already doing.
96. Everybody should have an “exit plan”. What am I going to do next?
97. It is possible to get a permit to raise chickens in the City of Overland Park.
98. If you don’t want to arrive wind-blown, don’t buy a convertible.
99. The difference between a street musician and a beggar is whether or not they can play.
100. It is not enough to try harder at our old life, Jesus wants to live His life freely through us.

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## Save the Date...

**Henry Blackaby**, author of **“Experiencing God”** will be in Kansas City on Friday, December 3rd for a luncheon sponsored by the Kansas City Workplace Coalition.

Watch for more information  
and make plans to attend.

Call 913 782-9333 for more information.

## WEEKLY CBMC MEN’S GROUPS

**Monday** 7:00 AM—Tevis Restaurant, 821 SW 6th **Topeka, KS** call Frank Foster, 785-271-1570.

**Tuesday** 6:45 AM—Denny’s Restaurant, 105th & Metcalf, **Overland Park, KS** call Eric Tangen 913 897-4318.

**Tuesday** 6:30 AM—Winsted's, 905 NW 7 Hwy, **Blue Springs, MO** call Dale Walkup 816-229-8700.

**Tuesday** 7:00 AM - **Olathe, KS**, The Next Generation Leaders, call DeWayne Ables 913-636-7373 for location.

**Tuesday**, 6:30 AM—**Kansas City, KS**, Hardees, 8021 State Ave, call Fred Thorp 913-638-3044.

**Wednesday** 6:45 AM—The Gold Bank, **St Joseph, MO** call Dr James Smith 816-424-3858.

**Wednesday** 6:30 AM TGIW- **Olathe, KS**, Souper Salad, 119th & Blackbob, call Rick Boxx 913 642-8778

**Wednesday** 6:30 AM TGIW—**Lee’s Summit, MO** Souper Salad, call Rod Handley 816-525-6339

**Wednesday** 6:45 AM—Mr. Steak, 1501 S Noland Rd, **Independence, MO** call Ron Finke 816-674-4433.

**Wednesday** 12:15 to 1:15, **Downtown KCMO**, Grandma’s Deli, Call Tom Apel, 816-502-4117.

**Wednesday** 7:30 PM - Homer’s Coffee House, 7126 W 80th, **Overland Park, KS**, Call Jim Mathis 913 269-6709.

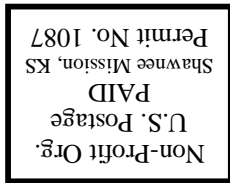
**Thursday** 6:45 AM—Corporate Woods, Building 40, **Overland Park, KS** call Bill Green, 913 599-3580.

**Friday** 6:30 AM—Otto’s Restaurant, 8th & Broadway, **Pittsburg, KS** call Dean Powell, 620-231-6505.

**Friday** 6:30 AM—The Colonel’s Pancake House, **Joplin, MO** call Chuck Thelen, 417-781-3747.

Other groups are forming, so if you are interested in being involved in a small group, call Jim Mathis 913-269-6709.

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# What's Coming Up at Homer's?

Friday - October 15 - Sunny Sundberg & Friends (Christian Alt-country/Rock)  
Saturday - October 16 - Christian Songwriter's Circle [www.kcchristianmusic.com](http://www.kcchristianmusic.com)

Friday - October 22 - Lester Estelle (Christian Jazz) [www.lesterestelle.com](http://www.lesterestelle.com)  
Saturday - October 23 - Mission Blues (Christian Blues) [www.MissionBlues.us](http://www.MissionBlues.us)

Fri - Oct 29 - Transparent Heart (Christian Rock) [www.transparentheart.com](http://www.transparentheart.com)  
Saturday - October 30 - Randy Davenport (Christian Country)

Friday - Nov 5 - Donna Biram (Christian singer/songwriter) [www.donnabiram.com](http://www.donnabiram.com)  
Saturday - November 6 - Electric Prairie (Traditional, Americana, Gospel)

Friday - Nov 12 - Not Forgotten (Christian Praise Band) [www.notforgottenband.com](http://www.notforgottenband.com)  
Saturday - Nov 13 - Second Mile (Christian Rock & Blues) [www.secondmileband.com](http://www.secondmileband.com)

Friday & Saturday - Nov 19 & 20 - Land & Hildebrand (Christian Variety)  
[Www.land-hildebrand.com](http://Www.land-hildebrand.com)

Friday - November 26 - Groovelight (Jazz Rock) [www.Groovelight.com](http://www.Groovelight.com)  
Saturday - November 27 - Mission Blues (Christian Blues) [www.missionblues.us](http://www.missionblues.us)

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