

Dear Family & Friends,

We trust this letter finds you doing well and enjoying all this holiday season has to offer. It's been such a great year full of growth & blessing with the McMaster Fam! You can read in depth about each member of our family in our October 2023 newsletter, but some highlights from 2023 included:

- Both of our older kiddos making the decision to be baptized & having our first baptisms as pastors at The Family Room
- The Food Pantry almost doubling in the number of people served, going from an average of 150 to over 250 total people in household served each month
- Hosting prayer training weekends & leading small group
- Family vacation to Branson in March 2023
- Opportunity to go to a conference in TX & Men's Retreat

We are looking forward to another year and so excited for the adventure that awaits us! Some of our personal/ministry goals looking ahead to 2024 are:

Linger Longer - Spiritual Direction / Retreats / Marriage Coaching / Classes / LLC

Both of us are trained Spiritual Directors with a heart to come alongside others, teaching them how to "Linger longer in the long and loving gaze of God", to recognize His "presence in everyday life & to operate out of God's lavish love & unique design for us. We launched our practice roughly 3 years ago, but were blessed with the special addition of Everly to the family which required a bit more of our time. :) We are now at a place to get it going again and would like to expand our services to include more retreats, classes and marriage coaching as well as establishing it an LLC.

The Family Room - Discipleship / Community Classes / Rental

Our goals for The Family Room in 2024 include discipleship and small groups. We'd also like to offer classes that meet some of the practical needs of our neighborhood in Keystone and Food Pantry participants. One thing we're excited about in April 2024, is a resource fair of nonprofit organizations that offer assistance & teaching on destiny. We believe community collaboration within our city is vital in being the church He's called us to be. We'll also continue to rent our facilities, utilizing the building God has given us for His glory. Pray that the Lord will give us creative ideas to help The Family Room become more self-sustaining financially and to be a hub for our community where people find life and freedom.



Personal Goals

We are loving our roles as lead pastors at The Family Room! We wish we could share with you every story & encounter we've had this year (let's grab a coffee sometime & chat!) but the truth is, some of the biggest growth has been in us personally. We've been learning to walk more fully in who God has called us to be. Some days, it's overwhelming with all there is to do, but the Lord in His calming presence reminds us, 'You don't have to do everything. Are you just willing to give me your 'yes' in this particular area?' It's always been a step at a time for us and that continues to be proved over and over again. Some of our personal goals for 2024 are:

- Get Prepare & Enrich Certified (marriage coaching)
- Pay off medical debt
- Get Ministry & Personal Coaching
- Grow in our writing, preaching & communication skills

We share all this with you all for a couple reasons:

1. It makes it real! Getting goals from head to paper, and then from paper to reality, takes intentionality and accountability.
2. Please consider partnering with us prayerfully, financially and collaboratively.
 - **Prayer** - We know firsthand that the need for prayer covering makes all the difference in the world. Each one of you hears God and has the ability to speak into our lives...and many of you have. It's an absolute treasure when that happens and to know that we're not alone!
 - **Financially** - If you would like to support us financially, you can visit our website at www.lingerlonger.life and click on the 'give' button or send a check to The Family Room (8333 Fort Street, Omaha, NE 68134) and mark 'McMasters' in the memo line. Financial gifts are tax deductible. Also, if you would like to sponsor any of the things mentioned above please contact us and we can get you that information!
 - **Collaboratively** - Please spread the word! In the next few months, we will be making space for more Spiritual Directees in person and online. and engaging more with social media. We would love it if you comment and share to help us spread the word. To find out more about Spiritual Direction, please visit our website. We would also love the opportunity to meet and partner with local ministries/businesses with the same heart to minister to the community...if you know someone who may be a good fit for what we're doing, please send them our way!

We hope your holidays together are rich with laughter and memories. Our family's prayer and theme verse for 2024 is Ephesians 3:14-21, and that is our prayer for you as well... *'that you may know how WIDE and LONG and HIGH and DEEP is the love of Christ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge that you may be FILLED to the measure of ALL the FULLNESS of God.'*

Love,
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