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We Praise the LORD for Pastors Duane and Jeanie Vander Klok!

Several pastors have told me when they moved into the Grandville area as the new pastor of a church, the first pastor to reach out and welcome them to the area was Pastor Duane Vander Klok. When Rev. Ken and Sharon Stults went through an extremely painful time in ministry, Pastors Duane and Jeanie Vander Klok were among the first people to reach out and minister to them. God has blessed Pastors Duane and Jeanie with a Kingdom of God world view. Therefore, it gives me great joy to dedicate this issue of the PastorCare West Michigan Newsletter to honoring and blessing Pastors Duane and Jeanie Vander Klok.



Pastor Duane has been a close friend of mine and we have had a great relationship since he got saved about 40 years ago. He immediately went to Christ For the Nations Institute, where he met Jeannie. They got married and moved to Mexico to work in the mission field. They went to language school and also taught in a Bible School. They got connected with an established Pastor with the Otomie Indians in Ixmiquilpan, Mexico. He had many churches established in the area. Through their relationship, Pastor Duane was able to travel and minister at many of those churches, and be a tremendous blessing to all the people there.



Some years later God put it on their hearts to move back to Grandville Michigan to pastor a large church. Pastor Duane has always had an evangelistic passion for people to get saved. He is still very committed to supporting missions around the world.

I appreciate his belief in people and encouragement for them to pursue the call of God on their lives. He has always been committed to sound, practical, biblical teaching to help people live Godly lives. He has also been very supportive of so many other pastors and churches by giving them counsel as well as teaching at their churches. His leadership and teaching has led thousands to give their lives to the Lord.

Merle Bremer



The one thing that is clear about Pastors Duane and Jeanie is their authentic pursuit of Jesus and His Kingdom. In a world of pretense and mere appearance, Pastors Duane and Jeanie stand as a beacon to safe harbor in Jesus, certainly they are His gift.

*Cordially,
James E. Bartek*



Dear Pastor Duane and Jeanie,

Thank you for your integrity and for always sharing the truth no matter what the "climate" is for those hearing it. I also deeply appreciate that you believe, teach, and encourage Christians to be informed and active citizens— including getting involved in the issues that matter to all they hold dear and supporting those candidates who reflect those principles. You are salt and light in doing so, when many pastors run away.

*Thank you again.
Eileen McNeil*



Thank you for making Res Life the church family it is so that my family can call it our home. We are approaching five years of living in Grand Rapids, after leaving our home church of fifteen years in Pennsylvania finding a new church was not a joyous occasion.

On the recommendation of our landlord we tried Res Life and it turned out to be the only church we ever tried. Five years later I can say a church this size is strong because of the many people that make it strong but it has to start at the head. Our family is blessed that you are obedient to God, faithful to his word, and the head of the church we are honored to call home.

Andonia and Brad Conrad



I've had the privilege of ministering with Pastor Duane for over thirty years. If I had one word to describe him, that word would be commitment.

I appreciate following a leader who is committed to God, to his wife Jeanie, their family, and to people both here and around the world.

Pastor Duane is a leader of leaders and I thank God for his leadership and his commitment to the calling of God on his life to teach the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Tom Smith



Andrea and I have been honored to serve under the mentorship of Pastor Duane and Jeanie Vander Klok for the last 13 years. As a Pastor on staff, I have witnessed his commitment to God everyday at Res Life and in the community. They both love God and love people. One of the greatest attributes of Pastor Duane and Jeanie that I appreciate is their integrity. They both walk out what they preach. Their commitment to the Kingdom is evident in their service in the mission field over the years and the many churches around the world that they've helped plant. Andrea and I thank God for the blessing that Pastor Duane and Jeanie have been in our lives and pray that we can have as big an impact as they have for the Kingdom of God.

Ken and Andrea Reynolds



Hi Pastor Duane & Jeanie,

Just a note to say – “Thank You” for your ministry! I first saw you on TV in Battle Creek, MI, where we use to live. I appreciated your style of Love for all. You showed how a man and wife can be different and yet be as one in reaching out to help others grow in their faith. Or in helping unbelievers by leading them to trust Christ as their savior. I was especially touched that you were not making it about yourselves, but about Christ. Keep up the good work and Thank You for serving Him and helping us all to grow.

*Love,
Mike & Shirley Sofia*

Dear Pastor Duane and Jeanie,

During the first year that my husband and I were attending Resurrection Life, you spoke about speaking out the vision that the Lord had layed on each of our hearts in one of your sermons. For over 15 years, the Lord had been speaking to me about ministering to single moms. Your sermon along with other events in my life was how I knew that I was released to start Cradles of Grace, Pregnancy Life Choices as it has become today. When I came to Pastor David Christian and told him of the Lord's vision for single moms in the church, he told me that you also had a heart for single moms. Consequently, I knew that Resurrection Life was going to be open to discipling this desperate group as well as be a church that speaks out for Life. Thank you for always speaking the truth of the gospel and not reinterpreting it for our times. There are so many times that I am sitting in our services and I say to myself, that I am so grateful to be under the covering of this godly church and teaching and when Jesus comes again, he will find us faithful, because of your leadership. When a single mom comes to Christ through ministry of Cradles of Grace, it is credited to you: thank you.

Jeanie, thank you for showing us how a wife is a partner in ministry and in life. The joy that the two of you share in your marriage is an inspiration to me and to my husband, Roger. Both of you show the love of family and the priority of family, overtly. Roger and I have seven children and two grandchildren and your emphasis on family helps us keep our compass pointed to the Lord first, family second, and ministry third.

Lastly, thank you for the Freedom ministries and music ministries that flourish in Resurrection Life. Both have set me free from bondage, wrong thinking, and strongholds. I know that for my husband, the choir and the family he finds there is what has made him into the godly man and spiritual leader of our home.

May the Lord bless you and keep you and your family.

*Sincerely,
Carol Lubs*



Pastor Duane and Jeanie,

I would just like to add... I would never have guessed that Carol and I could be comfortable and blessed in a church as big as Res Life! Starting with our first visit, to getting an invite to lunch with you, Duane, and then getting a phone call inviting me to a choir rehearsal... this church continues to bless us. I especially want to thank you for the vision that is the choir and Worship Arts! The choir is my “small group” at Res Life and I am blessed every day by the staff and my “choir buddies”!

*Blessings!
Roger Lubs*



Pastor Duane and Jeanie,

Three words that Pastor Duane and Jeanie often talk about, which has made an impact on my life, "get plugged in". When I started attending Res Life in 2009 I thought "this is not where I belong, they don't need me" but I followed the advice of our pastors Duane & Jeanie and got plugged in. I now have been teaching in the nursery dept. for 3 years and realize how much the church does need me and how much I need them.

Thank you Lord, for the hearts and obedience of our pastors Duane and Jeanie.

Sincerely,

Mayra Gracia



Our family has been deeply impacted by Pastor Duane and his pastoral leadership at Resurrection Life. We feel very fortunate to have him as our pastor!

He has created a culture at Res Life that challenges people to be passionate in their pursuit of Christ while also taking the gospel with them to influence the world.

We love Pastor Duane and Jeanie and thank the Lord for their commitment to the Body of Christ!

Greg and Kathy Kelley



Pastor Duane Vander Klok is a true servant of God, a man of integrity with a deep compassion for lost souls.

Duane is one of the most powerful men of God I know and yet he is also one the humblest. He makes everyone feel welcome. He is an original. God threw away the mold when he made Duane. I am proud to be considered his friend.

*Your servant,
Rev. Chico Daniels*



Having been a "regular" at Res Life for over ten years now, I ask myself why have I experienced tremendous growth in my faith and my relationship with Christ? It starts with Pastor Duane. He is the one whose words I hang on. He is the one who shows humility and tells us the stories that we all can relate to. He is the one who shares his imperfections with us. He is the one who stays true to his convictions and scripture.

Certainly he surrounds himself with an incredibly supportive wife and family, a pastoral staff who is excellent, a Praise and Worship staff second to none. That's what a leader does— surrounds himself with motivated top notch folks who get things done in a quality manner. It is with great pleasure that I call myself a member of Resurrection Life Church and I will continue to look forward to Pastor's next sermon and the next.

Dave Murphy



Pastor Duane and Jeanie thank-you for allowing Cradles of Grace to be part of your missionary outreach at resurrection life church. Because of your willingness to allow us to meet with these women and children amazing life transformations are being made a souls won for Christ.

May God continue to use you both in a powerful way!

Alicia Foote



Pastor Duane and Jeanne have created a culture at Res Life where countless men and woman from all walks of life have been able to find, connect to, and live out the heart of God on earth as it is in heaven.

I am so thankful to them for having a marriage worth striving for, and for 3 decades of sacrificial servant leadership that is real, authentic, and transferable to those around them.

Thank you for your rock solid faithfulness to Jesus and to His church for over 30 years and counting.

*Much Love,
Pastor Curt & Lindsay Anes*

Dear Pastors Duane and Jeannie,

I first attended Resurrection Life Church in 1990. I came to Res because I heard it was "full gospel" and was hungry for the life and power I saw in "full gospel" people. Having grown up in a very traditional church, I was skeptical and a bit afraid. My hunger for more of God was greater than my fear and I started attending Res Life. Coming to church and learning under Pastor Duane was amazing. I grew in my walk with God like never before. The Word came alive, my spirit came alive as I learned to take the knowledge I was learning and let it permeate every part of my life. I loved the music of Res Life, the passion for excellence and the life that emanated, not only from the leadership but from the congregation.

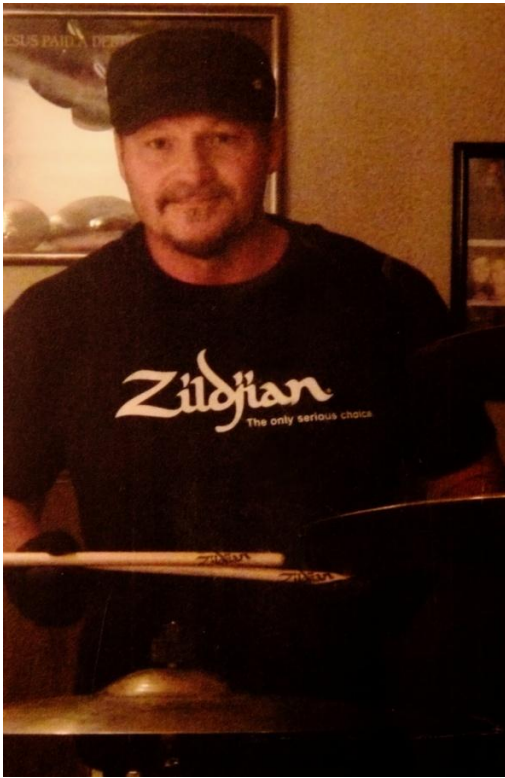
Twenty-five years later and I'm still growing, still thrilled to part of this amazing work of God, still grateful to be under your leadership and thrilled to raise my family in such an amazing church! You both are such Godly examples of steadfast passion for the ministry, of a solid marriage and family life and unending love for your Savior and His Word. Jeannie, I love when you share your stories, your one-liners, your abundant wisdom and I love watching Pastor Duane wait "patiently" for you to finish your story! I love how you share your love for each other.



Duane, while being a gifted teacher and pastor, we are also blessed with your wonderful gift of Leadership. You have built a team of leaders that lead their areas with excellence, with passion for the ministry and with genuine care for their staff and volunteers. You have built an association of churches that supports pastors and leaders and their congregations far beyond our four walls. You have provided a safe and powerful place for families to grow, for lives to be changed, for ministries to be launched.

I honor you for your commitment to the Kingdom, for your commitment to your family, for the vision you have held fast to for all these years, for the excellence you demand, for the ministry you inspire . . .

*Thank you!
Carlene Coone*



Several years ago I became a member of Resurrection Life Church because the Vander Klok's were preaching Biblically sound messages with an emphasis on saving the lost and making disciples. As a member of the Resurrection Life Safety Ministry, I have come to know Jeanie and Duane behind the scenes of the workings of church services. What I have come to realize is the great love that Jeanie and Duane have for the Body of Christ, the respect they show all those around them and the humility they display every day. Even though God has placed them in a giant leadership role, where the message of the Gospel goes out to listeners around the world, they continue to show true love and care for the individuals around them.

In December of 2012 my father passed away and I was humbled to receive a phone call from Jeanie, before I had ever worked closely to her and Duane. It meant a lot to me and it made me realize that even though Resurrection Life Church has a huge membership, the Vander Kloks have surrounded themselves with many Godly pastors and laypeople and together they truly care about every person. Instead of feeling burdened to serve in a church ministry, I am overwhelmed with the honor to serve behind the Vander Klok's solid Christ centered ministry and feel blessed any time I am allowed to serve under them, in any capacity!

With Christ's love and respect,
Tom Brady

About eight years ago I was diagnosed with a terminal illness called Huntington's disease. It is a terrible neurological disease that produces extreme involuntary movements and dementia. There is no medical treatment or cure. My doctor told me within 2-5 years, my symptoms would be significant (most people live 10-20 years after diagnosis). During a healing service, Pastor Duane placed hands on me and said, "Be healed in Jesus name". I have not had a symptom since. My doctor is astounded because I should be in very bad shape right now. Thank you Jesus!

Pastor Duane is also awesome because he preaches the Word of God and does not bow down to societal pressure to omit what is not popular. One of my favorite things he says is (while holding up a Bible), "Who believes what Isaiah 6:3 says?" A few people raise their hand. He continues, "What does it say? I have no idea but if it is in the Word of God it has to be true". Whenever a sermon speaks to my heart, I buy it and listen to it in the car on my way to work each day (I now have enough where they repeat every six months or so). It is amazing to me how many times I've been through some trial at work or at home and it was as though God selected that sermon just for me. This happens weekly (it happened today)!



Resurrection Life Church has a television ministry called "Walking By Faith" that airs Pastor Duane's sermons. The program reaches millions of people and countless numbers have been saved through it. Both my wife and I support this ministry. We see it as our opportunity to promote the "great commission".

Pastor Duane and Jennie are both awesome leaders and Res Life has grown through their tireless love for the church. They have great youth programs, support missions, a food pantry, stand with Israel and many other wonderful ways to spread the gospel.

Best regards,
David L. Haan



We honor and bless Pastors Duane and Jeanie Vander Klok!

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