

# A Note from Clinton...

## “Goings and Comings”

Dear Members & Friends:

In Psalm 121, the psalmist assures us that God is our Keeper. As we look up from our lives in times of challenge and change, God helps us. God never sleeps on the job! He who keeps you will not slumber...the Lord will keep your goings and comings from this time on and forevermore.

Recently Knox has been doing a lot of “coming and going.” During June, 155 souls came to Cedar Rapids, Recovering Hope at the River. Kids are coming-of-age. Senior highs are going to college. Parents are being changed by the power of the gospel as they “learn, grow and serve.”

And then there was Crocodile Dock! Nearly 180 kids coming in to our facility, coming alive in Christ through the joy of His Spirit. Little people can learn and grow, too! Little hands can serve.

Then it was time for Sisseton. A different sort of going: Suburbia and inner city; all ages; all races. But only one Lord. Dakota children from America’s heartland coming to Bible School in droves. Love was given. And love received...

Now we must look to God in another coming-and-going: the departure of Chanon Ross, our Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, along with Shannon and Noah, his beautiful wife and son. Chanon has served among us magnificently for six years. We have learned and grown much from his ministry. He is one of the foremost youth ministers in the Presbyterian Church and because of that, God is calling him to use his gifts and experience to build up youth ministries church wide. This he will do with distinction through Princeton Theological Seminary’s Institute for Youth Ministry. As Knox has been blessed through the coming of Chanon, so Chanon will go to bless other youth ministers through what has been learned and accomplished at Knox.

Chanon’s last day on staff will be Sunday, July 12. On that Sunday, we will thankfully celebrate Chanon’s six years of service among us and surround his family with our love, our blessings and our prayers.

True love always means knowing when to hold on to someone, and when to let go. But God remains the Keeper of us all.

*The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
He will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in  
From this time on and forevermore.*

Blessings on you, Chanon, Shannon and Noah...  
God keep you,  
Godspeed!

