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*"Christ caring for People  
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Greetings and Blessings,

Autumn Blessings. A season of new beginnings. School resumes, Temperatures moderate, Days shorten. It won't be long before the glorious colours of leaves changing is here. Autumn has always been one of my favorite seasons, (along with winter purity, spring vitality and summer warmth), I've always believed that we who live in a climate where the seasons change ought to be especially grateful. Now I still enjoy these changes though more through the picture frame that is my window than directly.

I am reminded that, "The Lord has made everything for his own purposes." (Proverbs 16:4 NLT) and that, "Everything comes from God alone. Everything lives by his power, and everything is for his glory." (Romans 11:36 Living Bible) How blessed we are that God's purpose made us for a relationship of love with Him. And then he established all the rest of creation so that every part is there to perfectly provide for life's needs. He gave us the task, beginning with our first ancestors, Adam and Eve, to care for and take care of this garden called creation. Unfortunately we haven't always been such good caretakers. The amazing truth is however that when we can simply avoid doing damage, God's natural garden has marvelous regenerative abilities. If we stop polluting, nature heals. The same is often true of our own bodies. If only we could learn how NOT to do harm. (Isn't it ironic that part of a doctor's hippocratic oath is to "do no harm.")

In the words of Rick Warren ([A Purpose Driven Life](#)), "Where is the glory of God? Just look around! Everything created by God reflects his glory in some way. We see it everywhere, from the smallest microscopic form of life to the Milky Way, from sunsets and stars to storms and seasons. Creation reveals our Creator's glory." As the Bible says, "The heavens declare the glory of God." (Psalm 19:1)

So, in this season of new beginnings, with God's glory revealed all around us and within us, let's lift heart and mind and soul to praise and to give Him thanks for things present and things to come. May this fall truly be a season of new worship for all who connect with Him, especially through the Knox family. May you find blessing abounding this week and love, strength and peace overflowing each day.

In Jesus name and to His glory.

Amen.

(Rev.) John McGurrin