

2020 — Ministry Explosion...and Challenges...

Dear friends and family,

In December 2019, the Flessner family stepped out and walked in 100% faith. FCF in Logan, Utah started meeting as iFCF in Ogden, Utah. We prayed for the LORD to establish the church and congregation, and for Him to bring us people who would help us build a core team. We wanted to do church God's way and in His timing.



iFCF Christmas party—Dec 6, 2020

In January 2020, we **painted the new facility**.

In February 2020, with the blessed help from a friend, we **created the new iFCF website**.

Visit our website to learn more about what we do and to see our photos.

On **February 9, 2020**, we held iFCF's **dedication service**. Since then, every Sunday, the Flessner family drove 53 miles one-way to have the Sunday 3 PM church service. Since **March 2020, COVID-19 pandemic hit Utah**. People were required to wear mask in public. In-person church services were limited to 25 people per service. Social distancing was mandated in Ogden. Social/public gatherings were to be limited. Since **April 10, 2020**, iFCF services were recorded and broadcasted **live on FaceBook**. (Services from April—July 2020 were streamed live from the "Ronald Flessner" private page. Individuals have to befriend him on Facebook to watch the services. Since July 27, 2020, iFCF Sunday services were streamed to the general public. We have been getting a consistent range of 37-92 local and international online views. Our live services are available for viewing at <https://www.facebook.com/pastorsronandkarenflessner/>. Throughout these live services, we had multiple struggles with the lighting, sound, equipment and technology during the numerous live streams. We had to live and learn...and be challenged.) Since **May 2020**, the LORD gradually added **10 people were added** to our number. Since **July 2020**, iFCF started an in-person and online (via Zoom) **intensive Bible study** on the topic, "**Wrestling in Prayer**". To date, we have participants from **Utah** (Ogden, Logan, Bountiful & St. George), **Arizona, California and Michigan**. This study is still on-going. If you are interested, please contact PastorKaren@ifcfogden.org for the Bible study material. Since July 2020, residents of Utah, Wyoming and Tennessee have sought Pastor Karen for on-going **Pastoral counseling** sessions. (These individuals are not her mental health clients.) On December 6, 2020, iFCF held a **Christmas party** on site. 9 people attended. On December 24, 2020, iFCF held a **Christmas Eve service** on site. 6 people were present and 79 online views. On December 31, 2020, iFCF held a **New Year's Eve service** from home in Logan. 4 people were present and 53 online views.

COVID-19 in 2020 has not slowed us down nor hampered our activities.

It kept us very busy and expanded out ministry outreach.

We continue to thank you for your faithfulness in and obedience to the LORD. We greatly need and appreciate your friendship, daily prayers and monthly support. God bless you and your family.

His servants in Utah,
Revs. Ron & Karen Flessner

"The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion —, to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor." Isaiah 61:1-3

The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Matthew 9:37

iFCF needs co-laborers:

- worship teams
- pastoral team
- board members

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2020 National Day of Prayer

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the State of Utah Capitol building was closed to the public. This closure hampered NDP-UT's annual activities and events usually held inside the building. Nevertheless, Pastor Ron was able to forge forward with the following activities:

- Participated in the daily 8 AM **Psalm 91 Prayer call** with the National Day Mountain States (Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona)
- Participated in the nationwide live telecasted annual National Day of Prayer event on May 7, 2020 at home
- Participated in the various Night-Watchman prayer calls
- On December 12, 2020, NDP-UT held the annual "Christmas Carols at the State Capitol" event at the iFCF church site. This event was recorded live and posted on FaceBook (<https://www.facebook.com/pastorsronandkarenflessner/>). This event had 92 online views.

Flessner family update

Ron: He worked part-time for Hobby Lobby in Riverdale, UT for about a year. Hobby Lobby closed for a few months due to COVID-19. Many employees, Ron included, were laid off. He got hired part-time at the Smith's Marketplace in Logan. He worked there from April to December 2020. He loved greeting the customers and helping them have a good experience at the store. He also loved getting a good work-out (and getting paid for it). In mid-December, he began transitioning to his new full-time position as the "Billing and Office Manager" for Bright Hope Christian Counseling Center in Ogden. He continues to wear many hats— Senior Pastor, NDP-UT State Coordinator, Billing & Office Manager, Husband & Father. He keeps himself very busy.

Karen: She continues to work with individuals and families struggling with crisis, anxiety and mental illness in Ogden. She continues to be heavily involved with the ministry and outreach efforts at iFCF. On December 2, 2020, she opened her own mental health private practice— Bright Hope Christian Counseling Center, PLLC. Visit <https://bhccc.org/> for more information about this practice.

Billy: He is currently a Sophomore at Dixie State University. The COVID-19 pandemic affected his classes, studies and part-time jobs. Most of his classes have gone online. He is trying to adjust to the unpredictable changes and trying to regain a sense of balance and normal in his new stage in life.

Contact Information & Location

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2909 Washington Blvd, Suite 105,
Ogden UT 84401

3:00—4:30 PM

Sunday Worship services

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