Scott's Thoughts

"Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope," (Romans 5:3-4 ESV)

Two frogs fell into a can of cream, Or so I've heard it told. The sides of the can were shiny and steep. The cream was deep and cold. "Oh, what's the use?" croaked number one. "Tis fate, no help's around. Good-bye, my friend! "Good-bye, sad world." And weeping still, he drowned.

But number two, of sterner stuff, Dog-paddled in surprise. Then while he wiped his creamy face, And dried his creamy eyes. "I'll swim awhile at least," he said, Or so I've heard he said; "It really wouldn't help the world, If one more frog were dead." An hour or two he kicked and swam, Not once he stopped to mutter, But kicked and kicked and swam and kicked, Then hopped out, via butter!

We have no way to count the number of hours we've spent on one little project as we've slowly been working to "Live Stream" our service. The original request came because several of our members were shut-in and seldom able to attend services. So we were excited when a church in Illinois upgraded their equipment and generously gave us their old system. We were ready to plug it in and play!

Not so! When we looked at the boxes of equipment, it was a little overwhelming because we had no idea how it all connected together. The first step was to mount the cameras. Believe it or not that was the easiest step of the whole project. We ran cables, but didn't know what to do with them.

It took several phone calls to figure out where to plug everything in. At this point, we realized each of the cameras needed a second cable in order to operate correctly.

Finally! All cameras were working and we had control of them, then we needed to know how to get the video and audio into the computer. It seems no computer comes equipped with the interface needed to make this happen so the search began. Several people in town tried to assist me but it was failure after failure. Finally, we found a device that would get the video into the computer, but not the audio. Thankfully, it didn't take long to get the audio into the computer. Next we needed to get it back out of the computer onto the internet but had to find the software to do it. Trouble is the software speaks a foreign language: Bit rates, fps, resolution, on and on and on. We finally found someone that helped us make sense of all this. The last step was to connect to the net and stream.

We approached the first streaming day with excitement until we found out the ones downloading the stream were interrupted repeatedly which made the stream useless. After some adjustments in the software, we started the second week hopeful. But it was not to be. Today our hosting company made some adjustments on their end. We did a trial stream for an hour with no problems so at 11:00 a.m. this Sunday, May 31, we will try again. Go to newkirkcoc.org and click on "Live Stream." Scroll down and click on the arrow.

Hope This Sunday will be butter!

Thanks for listening and keep on shining

—Scott