

MESSENGER

DECEMBER 2019

Finding Your Way Home

by Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor



I can say with
absolute confidence
that we are NEVER
so lost that we can't
find our way home to
God.

It's a story that sadly gets played out time after time after time. Words are spoken that can never be taken back. Tempers flare. Bridges are burned. Relationships are broken.

I'm not just talking about casual friendships or mere acquaintances. I'm talking about family. I'm talking about parents and children, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives. I'm talking about home.

Jesus told this story two thousand years ago. He spoke of a son, a father and a brother. He spoke of selfishness and short sightedness and hurtful words spoken in haste. He spoke about heartbreak, separation and arrogance. You can read it yourself in Luke 15.

The heart and moral of the story has far more to do with love than hate. It has far more to do with hope than disappointment. The sin and the selfishness is the human story, the lower story. The grace and reconciliation is the upper story. That's God's message, God's Word, to the world. It's Christmas. It's Jesus.

The world is full of prodigals—lonely prodigals, heartbroken and hopeless prodigals. Our community is full of prodigals. Fact is, you may be a prodigal. It might not be obvious on the outside. You may



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not look the part. But deep down inside you know your own heart. If you slow down long enough to be brutally honest, you may well have to face the truth that, just like the younger son in Jesus' story, you've been on the treadmill long enough. All the things you thought would bring you fulfillment have turned out to be soap bubbles popping in your hand.

I don't know this for a fact, but I think there can actually come a point when, for some, home becomes a distant memory. When I say "home" here, I'm not talking about a house or a memorized address from our childhood. I'm talking about a place of peace deep within our soul—a place of warmth, safety and unconditional love. You try to remember the last time you felt completely loved just the way you are and you can't.

Is this you? Am I describing you?

If so, I have some really good news! You ARE loved—more than you know. God loves you so much that He sent His only Son to lay His life down for you. Trusting in Him not only opens the door to God's unlimited and unconditional forgiveness, but it opens the door to home.

It is NEVER too late to go home. Just ask the prodigal son in the Luke 15 story. That's when the story turns completely around. This is true in both an earthly sense, as well as a spiritual sense. I can say with absolute confidence that we are NEVER so lost that we can't find our way home to God. We read in Isaiah 59 that God's arm is never so short that He cannot save, nor His ear so deaf that He cannot hear. The Father's eyes are always scanning the horizon for us. His arms are open wide.

Christmas is all about Immanuel—God with us. It's the upper story of God's unfailing and never-ending love for us. Christmas is God coming all the way to us, so that He can bring us all the way back to Him. Christmas is *finding your way home*. The door is open ... the light is on ... the Father is waiting.

Children's Ministries Report

by Becky Hann

Director of Children's Ministry



This summer, the Children's Ministry department met to discuss how our area of the church was living out the mission statement of the church, "To Engage and Bless our Community with the Gospel." It was during that discussion we felt

the need to talk through our children's ministry mission statement. We wanted to see how we could become more aligned with the church's over-arching mission and our ten-year vision for King Street Church.

The mission statement that we came up with is, "KSC Children's Ministry exists to connect children with God and others for a lifetime of following Jesus and serving their community."

We will accomplish this mission statement by:

- Providing an environment where children feel welcomed, safe and known.
- Teaching biblical truths and application to create a foundation in the Gospel.
- Providing opportunities for service and evangelism.
- Helping children learn about and encouraging them in their unique giftedness.
- Offering biblically based resources for parents to use as they guide their children.

This coming year, 2020, we will begin to make some minor adjustments to the programs we offer for the children on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

In SonShine Park, our preschool department, during our 11:00 hour on Sunday mornings, we will introduce a worship time for the children called Wee Worship. The purpose of

KING STREET CHURCH

Mission Statement: Engaging and blessing our community with the Gospel.

We believe that becoming a transformed disciple of Jesus involves three core values:

Spiritually Alive in Jesus

Relationally Connected by Jesus

Missionally Engaged for Jesus

Who are you worshipping? Who is your community?

Who are you serving?

Ministry Staff

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Paul Baker, Pastor Emeritus

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January 2020 Messenger Deadline

Articles and information for the January 2020 issue should be submitted by December 18.

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Wee Worship is to bring a larger group of preschool children together to review the morning lesson and to worship God together in song and motion. Our goal is to help the children experience and to begin to understand what a worship service is like (preschool style).

During the 11:00 hour in KidzTown, our elementary department, we will be offering elective classes for the children who have faith

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questions or would like to go deeper in their faith journey. The classes will be offered periodically throughout the year and will last from four to eight weeks, depending on the topic. We are currently working on curriculum for these classes. We will be looking for adults who have a desire to see elementary children grow deeper in their faith by walking this journey with them and leading the classes. We will advertise when classes will be offered so families can plan for their children to be involved.

Some of the classes we will be offering are:

- What is a Christian? (for kids who are searching and have questions about faith in Christ)
- I'm a Christian Now! (for new believers)
- I Want to Get Baptized (starting in January 2020, kids who are interested in getting baptized will need to take this class to be part of church baptism)

Our elementary programming (grades 1-5) on Wednesday evenings, called KidzConnect, will start again on Wednesday, January 8. Doors will open at 6:45 in the Children's Ministry Center. On the first night back we will have a special event called Winter White Out. Kids can invite friends for an evening of games focused

on snow, fun and God's love for us.

Our goal for this coming year will be to encourage our church kids to invite their friends, who may not know who Jesus is, to come on Wednesday evenings so they can learn together about the things of God. We will be learning about who God is, who Jesus is, who

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we are and how to respond to the Gospel. We want to encourage and help our elementary kids feel comfortable sharing their faith with their friends and peers who may be part of their lives through school, sports or the community they live in. We will also be inviting kids who are involved with other ministries within our church, such as our Agape English students and our After School Program friends.

The ministry staff is looking forward to helping our elementary kids see that God can use them where they are right now. They have a voice. If they are a follower of Jesus, they have something to share that can be life changing for another child. Our prayer is that God allows us to help facilitate what He wants to do in them.

If you would like to know more about this important ministry and how you can get involved by sharing your time and faith story with a group of children, please reach out to me: bhann@kschurch.org.

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Board of Administration Meeting Highlights

The Board of Administration met on Wednesday, October 9, 2019, in the Administrative Office Conference Room. Chairman Glenn Watson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Mark Willson opened the meeting with devotions. Following are highlights from that meeting:

Senior Pastor's Update:

Pastor Jody shared his excitement about some of our ministries. CR just celebrated its foundational year. Many lives are being changed in the Agape English Program—thank you Sue Marshall. Some other ministries that are blessing and engaging include the After School program, Once More Ministries, Circles, Local Outreach, the basketball teams and many others. Pastor Jody is seeing signs that people are starting to live out the mission that is shared in the recently distributed booklet. Adam Keath is heading up a task force for "Parking Lot to Partnership" to greet, assimilate and move people to partnership. He requested prayer for Rev. Paul Baker who is recovering at Penn Hall.

Executive Pastor's Update:

Don Baker spoke of Dan and Heather Adamson and how they are witnessing through tragedy. He expressed thanks to the deacons for their ministry at KSC. Four people entered into partnership on October 13. Chris Farley is manning a table at AppleFest on October 19. October 27 will be a Baptism Sunday. November 3 will be Child Dedications. November 17 is the Thanks & Praise Service at 4 p.m. December 8 is the Christmas Program at 4 and 6 p.m.

Board of Elders Update

Greg West shared that the elders met two weeks ago. A motion that a donation be made to the Bahamas to support Samaritan's Purse

for hurricane relief was approved. This will be put out to the congregation to join in and contribute for two weeks on October 20 and 29.

Co-Mission Reports:

• **Adult Ministries** – The L3 Leadership Training was discussed. Some L3 groups have formed and it is hoped that as Pastor Jody preaches about the L3 groups in November, more groups will form. Sunday school teacher support letters are being mailed and will be followed up with a personal contact by the end of October. A quarterly connection is planned.

• **Children's Ministry** – The Family Campfire was held at Rhodes Grove on October 5. Good things about the evening were heard. The After School Program is resuming. A Kid's Ministry Christmas Party is being planned in-house and will have a Nativity theme. The Preschool Worship hour will begin on Sundays in January. Kid's Ministry will host a Red Cross babysitting training sometime in January. A Spring Daddy-Daughter Date Night is being planned. Bible school is also being discussed. There will be a shift in the Wednesday night Kid's Ministry program to broaden the reach into the downtown community, including the After School and Agape English children.

• **Finance** – Dan Gehris and Ken Adams met with Merrill Lynch last week and reviewed the Endowment Fund and Generation Next Step Fund. The staff has been advised that their 2020 budget requests must be handed in by the end of this week. The contract for the organ upgrade has been signed and the work will be scheduled for the near future. Ken covered the September Financial Summary. The YTD income is below the budgeted amount. September expenses were slightly over budget. YTD weekly giving is running below budget. The next finance meeting will be on October 21 when the 2020 budget requests will be reviewed.

• **Local Outreach** – Tom Knepper reported that the Local Outreach Co-Mission met on

October 8. Bless Week was discussed. The meal food company presented us with a certificate, plaque and stickers as a thank you for working with them to provide meals. Tom presented the items to Glenn Watson. Budget allocations for benevolence were discussed.

• **Missions** – Nate Powles submitted a support request for a long-term assignment working in college ministry with the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) at Penn State Altoona. Bryan and Emily Gerlach are in the US through the end of 2019. They shared updates on their previous and new ministry roles and also some updates on Cool Shade of Life Church. An honorarium was approved for Emily Schoenleber. A non-commissioned trip support was approved for Katie Shank for a missions trip to the Dominican Republic through Wilson College.

• **Personnel Relations** – Kim Shatzer reported that the co-mission is testing the idea of "digital meetings." The Performance Review process is being retooled. The staff Christmas luncheon has been planned.

• **Property** – Jim Goetz reported the following agenda items. The Land Use Permit for the signage at Main and King Streets is back and has been sent to Baer Sign. The heating system replacement in the Education Wing—work is ongoing to replace the boiler with various heating sources. All utilities at 18 North Second Street have been disconnected and service to the Graham Building has been rerouted. Fencing has been installed. We have 18 trees that need to be trimmed and some that need fertilized.

• **Student Ministry** – Penny Poorman noted that a Youth Ministry Simulcast Training was held on September 21 with 94 attendees (some from other churches). Basketball is starting with the first open gym. On October 25 a Totally 80's All Nighter will be held. Wyatt Stevens, a Road Crew member, will be sharing his story.

In November, the co-mission will be discussing more tangible ways to engage and bless.

• **Worship Arts** – The carillon repair was discussed. Don Moen will be giving a concert at 6 p.m. on October 27. The encouragement cards project continues. Chuck Schussler and Steve Flint led a discussion on the proposal for sanctuary repair and updates to house lights, projectors and motorized blinds. Steve Flint requested prayer for special events and worship leaders.

Administrative Report:

A motion to donate to the First Responder Appreciation Day, which is sponsored by the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce carried. The Core Team has looked over a proposal to change our web streaming service provider.

(These highlights are taken from minutes written by Rose Zook, Recording Secretary for the Board of Administration. Unabridged copies are available at the church office. Board meetings are open to members of King Street Church.)



Sunday, December 8
4 and 6 p.m. • Baker Center

This year's Christmas celebration is hosted by a multi-generational worship choir and worship band. Pastor Jody will share a message; lights and video elements will create a multi-media experience as we rediscover the wonder of Christ's coming to earth. No tickets; seating will be limited. Childcare will not be provided for this family event.



Offering Envelopes and Year End Giving

from the KSC Finance Co-Mission

December is here again and we need to remind you of one more item to put on your "To Do" list. You will need to pick up your church contribution envelopes.

The Finance Co-Mission will set up our distribution tables in the Rotz Foyer (beside the sanctuary) beginning Sunday, December 8. If you contribute using church envelopes or have requested envelopes, please stop and pick up the box with your name. If you do not currently have envelopes and would like to receive them, please call the church office (717-264-4651) and we will have a box prepared and set out for you.

If you are contributing by check or cash, we encourage you to use contribution envelopes even if you choose not to show the dollar amounts or your name on the envelope. These envelopes assist the office in recording your contributions.

We also offer electronic and text contribution options. You can visit our website to learn more about these options.

Remember, contributions are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt for recorded annual contributions over \$250. For other amounts you can request a receipt from the church office.

In January contribution statements will be

emailed to donors with email addresses on file. If you are unsure if we have your correct email address, please contact the church office. Printed statements will be sent to those donors without email addresses and by request.

Your contributions continue to support King Street Church's effort as a thriving church to "Engage and bless our community with the Gospel." If you are contributing electronically or no longer require envelopes, please advise the church office so we can keep an accurate count of envelopes needed.

As you scurry through this holiday season, please be reminded of the reason that we celebrate this season, the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. All the members of the Finance Co-Mission would like to wish our entire church family the very best during the holiday season. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

A Reminder

Your year-end tithes, offerings and gifts **MUST BE RECEIVED** or, if mailing, post-marked by 12/31/2019 in order to qualify and be credited to your 2019 contribution records as a tax-deductible donation.



December 8, 2019

Orphan/Adoption Care

The offering will support KSC families seeking adoption.



The next distribution day for Once More Ministries will be December 14 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. As we reminisce about the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, it is with joyful hearts that we are able to share the Gospel with so many of our neighbors. Through your generosity these neighbors will also benefit greatly as they receive a box of toiletries.

We are a toiletry ministry providing necessities to anyone that needs them. But our main objective is to share the Gospel with everyone we encounter. We pray that everyone feels the presence of Jesus as we show them His love and that His spirit enters their hearts.

If you have a relative, neighbor or friend that would benefit from this ministry, please inform them of the distribution day and time.

Please keep this ministry in your prayers, that we may be able to reach as many of our neighbors as possible.

All of your donations are greatly appreciated, Thank you!

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good work, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

—Ephesians 2:10

Thanks be to God!
OMM



Celebrate Recovery Christmas Party

Monday, December 23

6:30 p.m.

Baker Center (Lower Level)

Celebrate Recovery is a community of people with hurts, habits and hang-ups. That includes everything from anxiety and depression, to compulsive tendencies and chemical dependency. CR is a safe place to seek God's help with personal issues that keep us from abundant life in Christ. Our Christmas celebration is open to everyone and is a great time to be together.

CHURCH OFFICE



HOLIDAY



Schedule

In celebration of the holidays,
the church office will be closed on
Tuesday, December 24 and
Wednesday, December 25.

KSC ADVENT DEVOTIONAL



We are excited to offer a custom King Street Church devotional this Christmas season with daily readings and meditations by Pastor Jody.

Printed copies are available in the lobbies.





An Introduction

L3 Groups grew out of our focus on a new 10 Year Vision, which is:

In the next ten years, King Street Church will create and establish clear and intentional pathways of discipleship development to equip the church for engaging and blessing our community with the Gospel. We will shift our emphasis to become a church family where everyone is purposefully using their spiritual gifts to live out God's call on their lives.

At its heart, our 10 Year Vision is a call to a deeper walk with Christ. We are convinced that the primary discipleship pathway for accomplishing our 10 Year Vision is L3 Groups.

L3 Groups are discipleship communities of 6-12 people who meet at least twice a month for the purpose of sharing life together in three ways: **LOVING** one another, **LEARNING** together and **LAUNCHING** ministry as we encourage one another in our spiritual gifts.

• **Loving:** In John 13:34-35 Jesus says, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples."

• **Learning:** In John 8:31-32 Jesus says, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my

disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

• **Launching:** In John 20:21 Jesus says, "As the Father has sent me, I send you."

We clearly discern the call of Jesus to His followers to give priority to building community, growing together and spurring one another on toward love and good deeds. To live out this vision at King Street Church, we commit to active participation in an L3 Group.

Additional information on L3 Groups, a Question and Answer file and an Interest Form can be found at the following website:
<https://kingstreetchurch.com/the-hub/>.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 3, 5, and 7 p.m.

Sanctuary and Baker Center

Services will be held at the same time in both the Sanctuary and the Baker Center. The style of service will differ by location. In the Baker Center our Worship Team and band will offer contemporary versions of classic carols. In the Sanctuary we will enjoy a traditional experience at 3 p.m. and a blended style at 5 and 7 p.m. ALL services will feature Christmas candles and a message from Pastor Jody Bowser. Childcare will be offered for ages 3 and under at 3 and 5 p.m. Please register your child(ren) online.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Interns for Summer 2020

Visit kingstreetchurch.com/staff

These opportunities are designed to enrich the candidates with on-the-job education and experience, while providing support and encouragement for our ministries. Internships are for 10 weeks, 30 hours a week at minimum wage. Below is a listing of current intern opportunities for 2020. **See full details and application requirements online at kingstreetchurch.com/staff.**

Children's Ministry: one in summer and one in fall

Student Ministry: two in summer • Worship Ministry: two in summer

Outreach Ministry: one in summer primarily with Sue Marshall, Agape English Ministries Coordinator, also with CR and other local ministries

NEW PARTNERS



*Engaging and blessing our
community with the Gospel!*

Megan and Joel Van Kampen
were recognized October 13.

Donna and Richard Heckman
were recognized on November 17.

—Now— HIRING

Coordinator of Volunteers
and

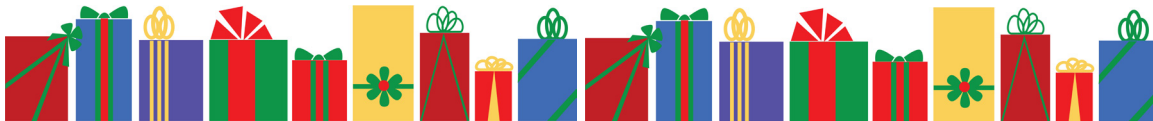
Student Ministry Administrator

King Street Church is seeking to hire
two part-time, paid positions.

See full details and application
requirements at
kingstreetchurch.com/staff.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
First Sunday of Advent 1 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12 Noon: Baptism Classes (Connection Hub) 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services and Intercessor Meetings 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Preschool and Kids Worship, Adult and Youth Sunday School	2 9:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SMC) 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (SMC)	3
Communion, Second Sunday of Advent 8 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12 Noon: Baptism Classes (Connection Hub) 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services and Intercessor Meetings 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Preschool and Kids Worship, Adult and Youth Sunday School 4:00 p.m. "Hope for Everyone: A Christmas Celebration" (Baker Center) 6:00 p.m. "Hope for Everyone: A Christmas Celebration" (Baker Center)	9 Deadline to dedicate a Christmas poinsettia 9:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SMC) 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (SMC)	10
Third Sunday of Advent 15 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services and Intercessor Meetings 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Welcome Reception for Newcomers (Connection Hub) 11:00 a.m. Preschool and Kids Worship, Adult and Youth Sunday School 12:10 p.m. Welcome Reception for Newcomers (Connection Hub)	16 9:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SMC) 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (SMC)	17
Fourth Sunday of Advent 22 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services and Intercessor Meetings 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Preschool and Kids Worship, Adult and Youth Sunday School	23 9:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SMC) 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery Christmas Party (Baker Center, Lower Level)	Christmas Eve 24 3:00 p.m. Candlelight Services 5:00 p.m. Candlelight Services 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Services
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Family Christmas Party (Sanctuary) 7:00 p.m. Ugly Sweater Christmas Party (SMC) 7:00 p.m. Adult Elective Classes</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Exercise Class, (SMC)</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>11</p> <p>12:00 p.m. PrimeTimers Christmas Luncheon (Kauffman Ruritan Club and Community Center) 7:00 p.m. Adult Elective Classes</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Exercise Class, (SMC)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Once More Ministries Distribution (KSMC)</p>
<p>18</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Adult Elective Classes</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Buds of Promise Sunday School Class Christmas Banquet (Fellowship Room)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Exercise Class, (SMC)</p>	<p>First Day of Winter 21</p>
<p>Christmas Day 25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Exercise Class, (SMC)</p>	<p>28</p>

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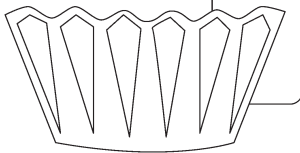
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JUST FOR KIDS

Light the way

Make some Christmas candles to remember Jesus, the Light of the world.

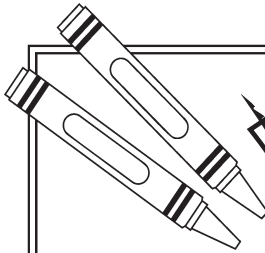


What you need:

- Unlined white notecards
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Yellow tissue paper
- Mini muffin liners
- Clothespins

What you do:

1. Roll a notecard from side to side into a "candle" tube. Secure with glue.
2. Insert a piece of tissue paper "flame" in one end.
3. Glue the other end to a muffin liner. Then glue the liner to a clothespin.
4. Repeat to make many paper candles. Pin them to the branches of a Christmas tree.



PUZZLE

Symbols of the season

Many traditional decorations convey the meaning of Christmas.

Directions: Use the picture clues to the right to complete the words. Then write the boxed letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV.



shepherd's staff

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2 CORINTHIANS 9:15, NIV

Answer: candy cane, evergreen, star, holly & berries, bell, wreath; Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV

ENGAGING AND BLESSING OUR COMMUNITY

The list below is a sampling of ministries in which our members are involved.
Consider giving of your time and resources this Christmas.

Agape English Program

The dedicated teachers who lead our Agape classes reach out to our neighbors with a vital skill and the unconditional love of Christ. For Christmas they would like to give each family a thick hooded sweatshirt with the Agape logo. This was a gift three years ago and many of the recipients still wear their sweatshirts as a vital part of their winter wardrobe. The new ones will cost \$30 each. Mark your gift for "Agape Christmas" and submit to our church office; checks should be made payable to King Street Church. If you prefer to donate time, join in on a Saturday from 5–6:30 p.m. in the Ministry Center to help tutor or provide childcare.

CROSS, Inc

CROSS operates three care homes for 12 on community donations for 40% of their budget. Donate paper products, non-perishable food, snacks for lunches, freezer bags (quart and gallon) or gift cards to Walmart, Sheetz or Giant. Every little bit helps the bottom line! Drop off at the church office or mail to 712 Pinola Rd, Shippensburg, PA 17257.

Cold Weather Shelter

Many homeless people rely on the shelter for survival in the winter. All of their funding comes from donations. They are in need of oatmeal, coffee, body soap, paper towels, paper products, plasticware and deodorant. They are fundraising to purchase a commercial refrigerator. Drop off or mail your gift: 195 Loudon St, Chambersburg.

NETwork Ministries

NETwork Ministries strives to share the love of Christ with the most vulnerable children in our community. They are looking for people to sponsor Christmas gifts (\$30) for their students. Mail to NETwork Ministries; PO Box 442; Chambersburg, PA 17201 (mark: Christmas).

Once More Ministries

OMM is an outreach ministry of King Street Church that serves people in need in our community by giving out boxes of toiletries and cleaning supplies. They are accepting items for their distribution on December 14. They especially need toilet paper (small packs), paper towels (individually wrapped), laundry detergent, fabric softener, dish soap, hand soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tissues, deodorant and feminine products. Please drop off these items in the church (downstairs in our library).

Sweet Grace Ministries

Sweet Grace seeks to offer support and hope to those who have endured miscarriage, stillbirth or neonatal death. They place bags and baskets of encouraging gifts in their 11 partner hospitals and mail them throughout the US. Sponsor a miscarriage bag for \$10, a mini-basket for \$95, a large basket for \$150, or contribute to the rent (\$250 or \$500). Drop off at 77 Horst Avenue.

She's Somebody's Daughter

SSD seeks to create communities that honor women, by educating the general public on issues related to pornography, sexual abuse and trafficking. They request \$25 gift cards to Amazon, Wal-Mart, Target or Giant that would be given to community families or used for supplies. Drop off at the church office.

**Buds of Promise
Sunday School Class
Christmas Banquet**

Thursday, December 19

12 Noon

Fellowship Room

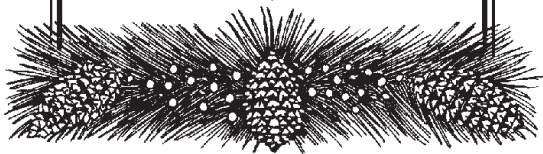
Entertainment: Roy Rife

Rosenberry's Catering:

Ham, Ham w/Pineapple,

Roast Turkey

Price: \$14.00



Night to Shine is a prom-style event for our friends with special needs, which will be held on Friday, February 7, 2020. It will take over 300 volunteers to bring this night to life! If you can help, visit nighttoshine2020.com. Guest registration is full. Let's make sure our NTS guests look their best—for the ladies: evening dresses, capes and jewelry, for the gentlemen: suits, dress shirts and bow ties. Please leave donations on the coat racks outside the Sanctuary and the Baker Center. We need them by early January.



Wednesday, December 4

6:15 p.m. • Sanctuary

Crosswalk Children's Ministries is offering an annual Christmas party for our KSC families who have kids participating in preschool and elementary programs. This year's event is called "A Night in Bethlehem" and will feature an interactive town with activities for the whole family! The doors will open at 6 p.m. on December 4. Get full details and sign up by December 1 at kingstreechurch.com/party.



Monday, December 9 is the deadline to dedicate a Christmas poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one (\$10). Pick up a form in the lobby.

A graphic with a yellow background and a blue banner at the top. The text 'BAPTISM' is on a white banner, and 'CLASSES' is on a white banner below it. At the bottom, a blue banner says 'MAKE YOUR FAITH KNOWN!'.

BAPTISM CLASSES

MAKE YOUR FAITH KNOWN!

The next opportunity to be baptized is Sunday, December 29. If you wish to participate in this important act of obedience, plan to attend one prep meeting on Sunday, December 1 or Sunday, December 8, at 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m. or 12 noon in the Connection Hub (located in the main hallway).

A graphic with a dark green background. A large, circular wreath made of blue and white tinsel is in the center. Red and green Christmas ornaments and candy canes are scattered around the wreath. The text 'Ugly Sweater Christmas Party' is in red, and '12/4/19' is in red below it. At the bottom, 'THE STREET' is written in white with yellow and black horizontal lines above the word 'STREET'.

Ugly Sweater Christmas Party 12/4/19

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Ugly Sweater Christmas Party for Students

Wednesday, December 4 at 7 p.m.
Student Ministry Center

The Street Student Ministries invites all those in grades 6-12 to find an ugly sweater and attend the annual Christmas party on December 4. We'll enjoy good food, play games, sing Christmas worship songs, hear a message from Arica Poorman and award awesome prizes for the best ugly sweaters.

BAPTISMS

The following individuals were baptized during services on October 27:

Faith Cary Maura Stubbs
Jaylin Tross Kayla Tross
Selina Zook



RED CROSS Babysitting Class

For KSC students aged 11–17
Saturday, January 18 (all-day class)

Children's Ministry Center

Get details/sign up at
kingstreetchurch.com/babysitting,

Bible Reading Plan 2019

King Street Church

"Jesus answered,
"It is written:
"Man shall not live on
bread alone, but on
every word
that comes from
the mouth of God."
MATTHEW 4:4

DECEMBER

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PRIMETIMERS UPDATES



December

Christmas Luncheon

- **Wednesday, December 11**
- 12:00 Noon (Arrive a little early.)
- Kauffman Ruritan Club and Community Center, 7289 Ruritan Drive, Chambersburg
- Due date/cancellation date was Wednesday, November 20
- Directions to the Kauffman Ruritan Club: Go south on Route 11 out of Chambersburg. Turn left at Antrim Brethren in Christ Church onto Kauffman Road. Go under the railroad underpass and keep to the left at the Y in the road. Turn left at the first intersection (do not go over top of I-81) onto Angle Road, go 1000 yards, turn left onto Kauffman St and then left onto Ruritan Dr.

January 2020

Information Meeting and Potluck Lunch

- **Wednesday, January 8**
- Eat at 12:00 Noon in the Baker Center

- Come and learn about our activities for 2020
- Cost: Donation
- Meat and place settings provided
- Bring a covered dish to share
- The 2020 schedule will be handed out at the meeting
- Sign ups and deposits/payments for 2020 activities will be accepted that day
- If you are new to Prime Timers, be sure to come to this meeting to receive the schedule for the coming year and sign up for activities (first come, first served). If you can't make it to the meeting, copies of the schedule will be on the various information walls after the January meeting and in the February Messenger.

February

Potluck Lunch

- **Wednesday, February 12**
- 12:00 Noon in the Baker Center

March

Potluck Lunch

- **Wednesday, March 11**
- 12:00 Noon in the Baker Center

- To sign up, make checks payable to KSC Prime-Timers and mail to Frances Humelsine, 408 Benjamin Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201.
- Deposits at time of sign up: Day trip – \$10; Overnight Trip – \$50.
- Call Frances Humelsine at 717-263-8633 for more information.
- Cancellation Policy: The final sign up/final payment date and cancellation date are all the same date. There is NO refund of deposits or final payments after this date. If you have to cancel after this date, you will need to find a replacement unless there is a waiting list.

Quotes of the Week

Each week we post a "Quote of the Week" on the KSC's Facebook and Instagram accounts. This quote is most often taken from the Sunday sermon or Pastor Jody will choose a Scripture verse or quote from another author. Be blessed as you consider these important words of wisdom.

"Life is a struggle.
God is with you."

Pastor Jody Bowser, October 27, 2019



"Lately I've seen a change in my desire to really try to LIVE more of a Christian life, instead of just saying I'm a Christian—and then being one person inside the church, and another person outside of it."

Josh Reynolds

Chosen by Pastor Jody as the
November 3 Quote of the Week



"... you can't love others in the body of Christ if you don't know them and allow them to know you."

Pastor Jody Bowser, November 10, 2019



"Jesus poured His life into 12 people who were faithful, available, teachable, sendable and obedient (FATSO!)—and by God's help they changed the world."

Pastor Jody Bowser, November 17, 2019



MISSIONS NEWS

The Crisis in Haiti

by Rodney Mose

Leader of the Haiti Barnabas Team

Hope is the word that means so much to us the Haitian people. We learn to stay strong and be resilient through prayer and through our faith in our Heavenly Father. King Street brings the Good News which is the Word of God, and King Street brings hope from the smaller things you do, like feeding the little ones, to the greatest things you have ever done, which is changing lives throughout the world with the Word of God!

—Pastor Senel

Brought Together by God

In 2012 under the direction of the leadership of King Street Church, we began a relationship with the United Brethren Church of Arcahaie. They are one of 18 United Brethren in Christ churches in Haiti. In the past seven years this fruitful partnership has produced a new church, a water depot and a school. The school has grown from 80 students to 259 students with grades from preschool through the ninth grade. King Street Church families sponsor 103 students in Haiti, a nursing student and a student in theology school. There is a full picture display of the numerous accomplishments that have been completed in the hallway between the sanctuary and the Rotz foyer. We invite you to take a few minutes to become familiar with the work that the Haiti Barnabas Team and our Haitian partners have accomplished. It is

truly a work of the Lord. As Pastor Massillon has said many times, “Only God could bring a team from Pennsylvania and Haiti together as brothers and sisters and work so well together.”

With the construction completed in Arcahaie, the King Street Barnabas Team has been fulfilling the pastors’ request for teaching and training. Haitian teachers do not receive formal training. A team of King Street teachers has been working with the teachers at the school to provide “solid instruction techniques” as well as teaching skills specific to each grade. Our teams have also conducted health, family and



Photo of Rodney Mose and a Haitian friend taken during happier times.

leadership seminars. Last November eye exams were done for every student in the school. We have enjoyed visiting Haiti two to three times each year and were scheduled to conduct adult eye exams this fall. We have also begun exploring the possibility of beginning a new partnership in Laurent with Pastor Senel. In fact we have already helped him replace the roof of his church which was damaged in the hurricane. A plan was also coming together to sponsor students in technical trades.

Desperate Situation

However, in 2019 we have not been able to send a team to Haiti because of the political unrest and protest. The crisis in Haiti is so severe that schools were not able to open in September and are still not open. Most businesses are either closed or open very little. Many of the roads are blocked; gasoline, food, medical services and medicine are in short supply. The cost of rice has doubled and corn meal has tripled; inflation is out of control. It is difficult for us to imagine it, but millions of people are literally on the brink of starvation.

In an article published in the New York Times (Kirk Semple, 10/20/2019), the author quotes a local as saying, “There is no hope in this country ... there’s no life anymore.” Fortunately, our brothers and sisters in Haiti find their hope in the Lord. Even so, they are struggling. I would like to share with you just a few of the comments I have received from some of our partners.

1. Ludlene oversees the Child Sponsorship Program. She says, “Unfortunately my family and I cannot go outside because of roadblocks and it’s unsafe—they rob and rape so we stay at home. Sometimes they give you a day without protest, so on those days my father takes the opportunity to buy some food and medicine. It’s difficult for me to find my medicine and I am suffering.” Ludlene has a tumor near her brain that is not cancer, but requires medication.

2. Kim from Mission of Grace reports, “It’s unsafe and the schools have not been able to start. Finding food is an on-going project and the costs have more than doubled.” She has a child who needed to see a doctor and it took several days to find enough gasoline to make the trip.

3. Pastor Massillon, U.B. Church in Arcahaie, reported, “Arcahaie is locked down, as are most major cities.” He is feeding the children every Saturday, but there is a great need for basic necessities like food, water, medicine and medical assistance. He says “I want to cry out to all my friends in the U.S. because I am in

need for so many things now, especially food.”

4. Pastor Senel from the U.B. Church in Laurent has expressed concerns because thieves are now breaking into private houses and churches and law enforcement is so weak. He requested funds to close in the end of the church to ensure security. The Missions Co-Mission here at King Street sent him the funds to do so. Pastor Senel says “Hope is the word that means so much to us, the Haitian people. We learn to stay strong and be resilient through prayer and through our faith in our Heavenly Father. King Street brings the Good News which is the Word of God, and King Street brings hope from the smaller things you do, like feeding the little ones, to the greatest things you have ever done, which is changing lives throughout the world with the Word of God.”

5. Michel works for CH Global and serves as our interpreter and our primary source of communication. He has echoed all the comments above and states that he does not see a quick resolution to the political unrest and protest. Many hospitals have closed or have limited services because of fuel shortages to run their generators. One hospital with a morgue is not fit to be used.

CH Global’s staff has been able to distribute the sponsorship funds to 75-80% of the child sponsorship families. The ones that have not received their funds will receive their funding as soon as it is safe to travel to their locations. The teachers at the Arcahaie school have been receiving one half of their monthly salary during the school closure, which is great news because we have an investment in training those teachers and would like to sustain them during the crisis.

A Call to Prayer

The unrest and protest could not have come at a worse time. Rick Sanders and I attended the Haiti Annual Conference and were very excited to hear their plans for the future. This past August the Haiti Mission Field took the

first steps to become a United Brethren Conference. They had their first election, selected a leadership team and began working on a Constitution. Pastor Supreme was elected as President, Pastor Massillon as Vice-President and Pastor Senel as a member of the Leadership Team. They had great plans to begin a training program for the Haitian pastors, develop a conference-wide Sunday school program and enforce new leadership standards.

At this time the Haiti Barnabas Team would ask the King Street congregation to support the children and our partners in Haiti with your prayers. I would encourage the KSC family to call your representatives in Congress and the White House to express your concerns and ask, “What are we doing about the humanitarian crisis in Haiti?” The United Brethren in Christ denomination has 18 churches in Haiti and I am sure each one covets your prayers. We have canceled three work trips in Haiti this year, but are praying and looking forward to what God has in store for 2020.

Emily and Bryan Gerlach

November 19, 2019

(Serving in Thailand with TEAM Global Missions)

This month has been very busy as we continue to meet with supporting churches. We also said goodbye to Bryan’s grandpa, Thomas Piper, who went to be with the Lord the day after Bryan’s birthday.

Holidays Approaching

As the weather gets cooler and the days get shorter, we are bundling up (brrr!) and beginning to look forward to spending the holidays with family this year. This month we feel ourselves switching gears as our return to Thailand approaches (January 5).

We are encouraged by the response we have received from current, new and potential supporters! We are happy to announce that we

have gained five new monthly supporters this month and have received other generous one time gifts. We thank you and we continue to trust that God will provide for our financial needs in His perfect timing.

Praises

- We have gained several new monthly supporters and received other generous donations over this past month! Thank you!
- Friends have offered to babysit to help us in this busy time.
- We are looking forward to the holidays with family this year.

Prayers

- We are nearing our financial goal, but we still have a bit left to raise to be 100% funded by January.
- Sleep and health for the whole family—kids have had trouble sleeping well lately, partly due to having colds.
- Emily traveling to AL to visit her mom (Nov 22-26). Please pray for her travels and for Bryan and the kids in her absence.

B and SP

October 29, 2019

(Serving in Lincoln, Nebraska with Christar)

Let's Praise:

- We have a new baby born in the Arab church, safely born last Monday. By God's timing, *T* had off school and was able to go with *S* to watch the two boys while Mom and Dad were at the hospital.
- God meets our daily needs.
- *J*'s excitement after sharing more about God and the Bible with one of his closest school friends.
- Great visits with two Muslim families and reconnecting with one another.
- Getting to share the Gospel with a friend at FoodNet.

- The churches and individuals who are praying fervently and giving generously to Christar.

- A call "out of the blue" from a pastor friend in MD to encourage us and assure us of their prayers.

Please Pray

- Sunday: One family that was at Arabic Church for a while left today, the mom with her four boys, to go to Michigan with the intentions of marrying again. Pray for their protection and that God would do miracles in each of the boys' lives.

- Monday: *J*'s light for Jesus is shining enough at school that a boy in one class thought it necessary to walk up to him and tell him how Satan was the king and Jesus the enemy, etc. He shared more of his life in two sentences and ultimately revealed his lostness. Please PRAY for that child's heart. (This was not the last incident.) Please PRAY for continued tenacity and spiritual protection of both *J* and *T* at school.

- Tuesday: Pray that "Zach" from Foodnet would settle things with Christ so he can KNOW that he has salvation this week.

- Wednesday: Pray we would continue growing closer to Christ and keep Him first in our home.

- Thursday: Pray for visits that need to take place with several families soon, these all M'im families.

- Friday: Pray for continued grace as *B* is on chaplain duty occasionally (one shift yielded three deaths, two being suicides).

- Saturday: The unrest in the Middle East affects our families greatly as many still have family scattered throughout the ME. Please pray that their pain would drive them to Christ.

- Everyday: Colossians 1:10- "... so that [we] may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way; bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God"



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*Let us
now go even unto
Bethlehem,*

and see this thing which is come to pass.

LUKE 2:15, KJV