# MESSENGER

**MARCH 2020** 

## **Relationally Connected**

by Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor



... let us make every effort to reach out and connect with others.
Take a few extra minutes on Sunday to meet someone new.

We use these two words often at King Street Church.

"Relationally connected."

You find them right in the center of a list of our core values: Spiritually alive in Christ.

**Relationally connected** by Christ.

Missionally engaged for Christ.

When the welcome is given in our five weekend worship services, we are careful to state that one of our values at King Street is to be relationally connected, and because of that we invite guests to fill out a "Connect Card" and everyone to alert us to prayer concerns.

But just because we value relational connection, and talk about it often, doesn't guarantee that it's going to happen.

The truth is, hundreds and hundreds of folks come and go from King Street each and every Sunday and never once make a meaningful connection with another person. Part of this, of course, is human nature. We naturally put up walls, and can be very hesitant to reach out and get to know people we don't already know.

But there are certainly other factors as well. I am convinced that one of these "inhibiting" factors is our building. I can remember the first time I visited King Street Church over four years ago (nobody

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knew that I was visiting the church as a potential candidate for the senior pastor position). I didn't know how to even enter the building! I saw some people entering what I now know to be the Baker Center entrance. But then I saw many others climbing a set of stairs and entering through what appeared to me to be some sort of a back door (what I now know to be the Rotz Foyer entrance). Driving around the building, I had also noticed about six or seven other entrances. There was no obvious front door.

Once I was inside the building (I chose to go in the Rotz Foyer door), things actually got a bit more confusing. I was told to meet someone in the "Contemporary Service" in the "Baker Center"—but I didn't see any signs pointing me to the "Baker Center," nor any indication of a contemporary service. I ventured into the sanctuary before the start of a service, but didn't think this was the Baker Center. Signage didn't mention a Baker Center. The hallway I then ventured down was narrow and challenging to maneuver.

The good news is—I'm an outgoing person, and asked someone for directions. I eventually found the Baker Center, and the rest, as they say, is history. But my experience on that first visit is exactly what first-time guests experience on a weekly basis. Confusing is probably a kind way to put it.

Now that I've been at King Street these past four years, I am also aware of the fact that if you worship in the sanctuary, you might never cross paths or even interact with the folks who attend our Baker Center services—and vice-versa. Once a worship service concludes, it can be difficult to navigate the crowds in our relatively small lobby spaces. Unless you're picking up your kids or getting to a Sunday school class, your move is probably just to exit the building. Our lack of mingling space doesn't invite you to linger and connect with others, especially those who attend a separate service.

Why bring all of this up? The short answer

is that I am committed to doing all I can to help our church family live out our core values. And I firmly believe that the construction of a "Gathering Space," featuring a clear and central entrance situated between our current Baker Center and Rotz Foyer entrances, could go a long way toward helping us to be far more relationally connected as a church family.

This idea has actually been "on the table" for several years. Our Board of Administration has explored numerous options. But in the past number of months the idea of a gathering space that features ample room to mingle, new restrooms and a covered drop off has gained traction. A vote was taken to move forward with drawings that will give us a better idea of what might be possible. I'm excited about the possibilities and will keep you posted on how these ideas progress.

But in the meanwhile, let us make every effort to reach out and connect with others. Take a few extra minutes on Sunday to meet someone new. Express an interest in joining an L3 Discipleship Group and we'll get you connected. It is truly God's heart that we be spiritually alive in Christ, relationally connected by Christ and missionally engaged for Christ.



ninistry that provides toiletries and personal care items to those in need in our community.

## 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 worshiping? Who is your community? Who are you serving?

## **Ministry Staff**

Don Baker, Executive Pastor
Paul Baker, Pastor Emeritus
Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor
Jay Brown, Pastor of Mission and Discipleship
Ron Cook, Minister of Pastoral Care
Stephen Flint, Pastor of Worship and Care
Matt Gish, Pastor of High School Ministries
Dan Gehris, Business Manager
Becky Hann, Director of Children's Ministry
Nathan Hann, Pastor of Contemporary Worship
Adam Keath, Director of Restoration and Recovery
Nick Randle, Worship Associate
Tyler Roberts, Media and Production Coordinator
John Shadle, Pastor of Middle School/College Ministries

## April 2020 Messenger Deadline

Articles and information for the April 2020 issue should be submitted by March 18.

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## Board of Administration Meeting Highlights

The Board of Administration met on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 in the Administrative Office Conference Room. Chairman Glenn Watson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and welcomed new board members Dale Forney, Carolyn Chenaille and Dave Miller. Penny Poorman opened the meeting with devotions. Following are highlights from that meeting.

## **Senior Pastor's Update:**

Pastor Jody shared enthusiasm about the statistical report of ministry impact for 2019. A video and poster that were created provide a wonderful snapshot for congregants to see what is happening throughout the ministries of the church, including numerous facts and figures. Pastor Jody shared that there were 61 new people of faith that we know of in 2019, or an average of five people per month who are meeting Jesus. This is a great reason to celebrate! Pastor Jody has set a goal to see that number rise to one hundred in 2020 or eight per month. He gave kudos to the Board of Administration for their leadership, involvement, service and generosity. As leadership goes, so goes the Church. Pastor Jody commented on the uptick in attendance at the end of 2019; we were hovering between 1370 and 1400 each week and there were 2100 people in attendance at our six Christmas Eve services. He thanked Pastor Steve and Susanne Flint for sharing their story, a wonderful testimony to God's handiwork.

As of this writing, we have approximately 500 people signed up and engaged in L3 groups with new people stepping forward weekly. He prays that 2020 will not be just a year of discipleship, but a year of disciple making and requested prayer for L3 groups and the reshuffling that is occurring to be sure that people are

feeling like they fit.

### **Executive Pastor's Update:**

Don Baker shared that all of the proceeds collected during the Christmas Eve services are being given to the Franklin County Jail Ministries. He asked for prayer for Dave Miller, a new board member, who fell and hurt his back. Our ministry center is being used frequently by a number of ministries and community partners including Agape English, Young Life and our Pottery Ministry. Baptism classes are scheduled for February 2 and 9, with baptisms occurring on February 23.

## **Board of Elders Update:**

Greg West shared that the Elders did not meet in December. Communication and prayer have been ongoing through the use of emails.

## **Co-Mission Reports:**

- Adult Ministries The Adult Ministries Co-Mission met on January 6. Jay Brown, Adam Keath and Molly Shull are being kept in prayer for the tremendous response to L3 groups and the coordination required. Mark Willson shared that a friend in an L3 group shared excitement and enthusiasm. There is potential for L3 groups to have a huge cultural impact on King Street Church and the surrounding community.
- **Finance** Brad Etchberger shared that the Finance Co-Mission did not meet in December; a meeting is scheduled for late January. Dan Gehris discussed variances on the financial summary. There were also two capital expenses that occurred in December.
- Missions John Schaffer reported that the Co-Mission has not met in January. Scott Bert is working on the selection of a Vice-Chairperson. A missions trip to Thailand is scheduled from March 5–14. Eight people are scheduled to make the trip.
- **Personnel Relations** Kim Shatzer shared that the PRC did not meet yet in January. The

- staff luncheon held in December at the Loft was enjoyed by all. A motion that Lauren Dukehart, who previously served at King Street Church as an intern, be hired for the Student Ministry Administrative Assistant carried unanimously.
- **Property** The co-mission met January 6. Dale Forney reported the following information. The old boiler has not been removed yet. The new parking lot on Second Street is complete; invoice should be received shortly. A new electrical service has been installed at 42 N. 2nd Street. The co-mission continues to look at sample chairs for the Baker Center. Dan Adamson has accepted the position of Assistant Property Co-Mission Chairperson. The co-mission welcomes Rick Sanders and Scott Rosenbaum as new members of the co-mission. The co-mission is looking into options to recess a permanent baptismal well in the sanctuary. The co-mission will be looking into the cost to connect HVAC equipment and thermostats to an iPad device.
- Student Ministry The Student Ministry Co-Mission met on January 6. The co-mission welcomed Joel Van Kampen and Samantha Ray as new members. The co-mission is working to develop a partner ministry matrix that would include contact information and open opportunities for students and leaders to reference. The Road Crew Christmas Party on December 11 was enjoyed by all. Baby John Isaac Shadle made his appearance on January 4. The first Street Meeting for 2020 is scheduled for January 15 and Winter Slam will be held February 7–9. Several items were mentioned regarding God at work.
- Worship Arts Carolyn Chenaille shared that the co-mission has not met. Glenn requested that a vice-chair be selected. Don Baker shared that a worship event is planned in conjunction with Ice Fest for Friday, January 31 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

## **Administrative Report:**

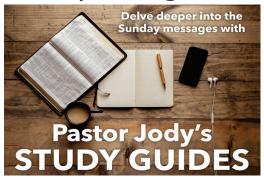
Dan Gehris provided several handouts, some of which included the 2020 Board and Co-Mission Members, the 2020 Board of Administration Contact List and the 2020 King Street Organizational Chart. A motion to accept the 2020 Financial Resolution carried unanimously. A motion to accept the "2020 Financial Support Personnel Resolution" carried unanimously.

#### **New Business:**

Glenn Watson shared that a report from Brechbill & Helman and associated architects regarding the Gathering Space will be shared at the February 12 Board meeting.

(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.)

## Delve deeper into the Sunday messages with



Each week Pastor Jody writes questions and thoughts that aid in deeper study of the Sunday morning message. Download them for personal study or in your Sunday school class/small group. You can find the guides on our website, www.kingstreetchurch.com under "Watch & Read"; they are available every Friday afternoon. Paper copies are also available in the lobbies. (These were formerly called "Sermon Notes.")



## Sunday, March 22 4–6 p.m.

(Enter through Baker Center doors.)

This year King Street Church will again offer an interactive church family experience during the Lenten season leading up to Easter. The desire to provide this activity is born out of Christ's request to His disciples to "stay here and keep watch with me" (Matthew 26:38). A few people also witnessed His suffering from the foot of the cross. Walking and praying through the stations of the cross is one way we can keep vigil with Christ during the Easter season.

This year the journey will take place downstairs on our lower level; doors will open at 4 p.m., but you can come whenever you choose through 6 p.m. This "open house" format will allow participants to proceed at their own pace. It is our prayer that as we take time to experience the last days of Jesus, we will open our hearts to a more vivid realization of how He suffered, which in turn will heighten our excitement for the celebration of His resurrection on Easter morning.

## Leadership Spotlight: Dale Forney

by Rose Zook

Dale Forney began his tenure as Chairman of the Property Co-Mission in January of this year. He and his wife, Donna, have been attending KSC since December 2007 and have been married for 38 years. They have been blessed with three children: Derek and his wife live in Denver, and are expecting their first child;



Dale and Donna Forney

Danae, who lives here in Chambersburg; and Danielle, who was tragically killed in a car accident in 2006 shortly after graduating from Messiah College with honors.

Dale was born and raised in Millersburg. His mother was a believer and his father accepted Christ shortly before his passing. One Sunday evening when Dale was about to enter 7th grade, Rock Royer (the head football coach of

the US Naval Academy) was speaking at Killinger Grove. Along with several of his friends, Dale accepted Christ that evening. He began attending an evangelical church that helped him grow spiritually.

As the Property Co-Mission Chairperson, Dale leads his team in developing building program requirements, scopes of work, requests of quotations and turning those elements into cost-effective spending plans. He communicates action issues to the Board of Administration and makes recommendations on those action issues, primarily concerning the physical plant. Dale's greatest joy is developing creative, cost effective solutions that meet and exceed expectations. As he progresses through his first year as Property Co-Mission Chairperson, Dale will be focusing on gaining understanding into what is required to lead the co-mission and evaluating and setting goals for the future.

Dale has a very active life. He works in York at Royal Square Development and Construction as a design-build specialist and carries out preplanning of construction projects. He volunteers as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board in Greene Township and is the Board Chairperson for Habitat for Humanity of Franklin County.

Dale and Donna are members of the Forward Focus Sunday School Class. He serves as a communion server, volunteers in Sole Hope and Habitat for Humanity. When meals were being served on Wednesday evenings, they assisted in the kitchen. In their free time Dale and Donna love to go boating, primarily at Raystown Lake. Dale relaxes while creating stained glass art and smoking all kinds of meat in his pellet smoker. He looks forward to the future and is blessed to be a part of developing effective processes and policies that will enable the Property Co-Mission to be good stewards in making our facilities comfortable and effective in reaching people for Christ.

## **2020 KSC BIBLE READING PLAN**

It's not too late to join us as we read through the Gospels together this year. We are still in the book of Matthew. The new list for March is below and is available on the Information Walls in the lobbies. You can also receive the daily reading electronically via text or email:

- 1. Sign up for daily emails at kingstreetchurch.com/bible.
- 2. Text "daily" to 717-401-7777 to get daily text readings.



#### **MARCH**

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1	REST	□ 12	Matthew 20:1-16	□ 23	Matthew 22:1-14
2	Matthew 17:1-13	□ 13	Matthew 20:17-28	□ 24	Matthew 22:15-22
3	Matthew 17:14-21	□ 14	Matthew 20:29-34	□ 25	Matthew 22:23-33
4	Matthew 17:22-27	□ 15	REST	□ 26	Matthew 22:34-46
5	Matthew 18:1-6	□ 16	Matthew 21:1-11	□ 27	Matthew 23:1-12
6	Matthew 18:7-14	□ 17	Matthew 21:12-17	□ 28	Matthew 23:13-32
7	Matthew 18:15-20	□ 18	Matthew 21:18-22	□ 29	REST
8	REST	□ 19	Matthew 21:23-27	□ 30	Matthew 23:33-39
9	Matthew 18:21-35	□ 20	Matthew 21:28-32	□ 31	Matthew 24:1-14
10	Matthew 19:1-12	□ 21	Matthew 21:33-46		
11	Matthew 19:13-30	□ 22	REST		

## PRAYER LIST UPDATE Winter 2020

#### **SHUT-INS**

Alice Alpaugh Donald Baer **Betty Barnhart** John & Nancy Bayko Anna Best June Brown Paul Carlin Jean Cramer Jack Davis Jean Dice Rhoda Eckman Bernice Etter Ira & Grace Foust Jean Fox Kathrvn Gabler **Helen Gamby** Richard & Betty Gift Glenn & Faye Golden Patricia Goulding George Herbert Georgianna & Warren Hoffeditz Harold & Verna Hoover Lois Horst **Betty Houck** Margaret Jenkins Ralph Johnston Jr. Edna Keller Patricia Kramer **Dorothy Leedy Betty Lesher Beulah Mahon** 

Earl & Almeta McClain Bonita Mearkle Frances Mills Marlene Mohn Beatrice Over **Janet Perry** Gail Rines Louise Schuyler Helen Shew Marian Small **Evelyn Stiffler** Olive Stinson Jay Stoner **George Straley Donald Strike** Catherine Thomas Isabel Thompson **Dorene Timmons** Allen & Barbara Twigg Ronald Walters Samuel Wengert Phyllis Wishard Joan Wolfgang **Betty Yeager** 

### **COLLEGE STUDENTS**

Donna Yeager

Ryan Althoff Isabel Beard Ethan Bert Eufemia (Izzy) Bilbao Hannah Black Mitchell Bowser

Timber Brookens Weston Brunner John Byers Samantha Cantrell Kathrvn Chenaille **Christian Cooper** Kendra Dietrich Lauren Diller Lauren Dukehart Colin Ebv Makenna Flint Faith Frank Jacob Gayman Miranda Gratkowski Vanessa Gratkowski Marina Hastings Cota Heckman Tucker Heckman Madison Hock **Evan Jones Hunter Kindlin Tobin King Ezekiel Knepper Emily Koontz** Brooke Kuhns Andrew Leeper Micah Lehman Kayla MacAskill Chase Martin Christian Martin Christiana Martin Ivanna Martin **Colby Maun** 

**Carter McCleary** Garrett McCleary Rianon McKee Elary Mede Levi Mentzer James Merkle Jenna Miller Hannah Moats Luke Myers **Taylor Nealy Taylor Neller** Alexandra Poe Collin Presser Sarah Grace Rav Cameron Roseman Coby Roseman Jericho Satyawan Nathan Schaffer **Kelly Shank Brooke Stevens** Brooke Stoneham Jake Werner Travis West Kara Wiley Brieonna Williams **Ashley Winters** Kendyl Witmer Noelle Zeigler Patrick Zook

#### **ACTIVE MILITARY**

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Once More Ministries' next distribution day is March 14 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. It is always an incredible time as we serve our community. This is only possible through your generosity and love for our neighbors. Thank you for all your donations and prayers. Please continue to pray that this ministry may grow and flourish.

If you would like to donate toiletries, there are bins in the library. The bins are occasionally checked and emptied as needed by a volunteer.

Our inventory is in need of replenishment, which includes:

- Toilet paper (individual rolls or small package)
- Paper towels (individually wrapped)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Laundry detergent
- Fabric softener
- Bar soap
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Razors
- Shampoo
- Conditioner

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. —2. Corinthians 9:12

All Praise and Glory to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,

-OMM



PRESENTED BY SHOW HOPE

## On Saturday, April 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Baker Center

we are going to be highlighting the key takeaways from great research and experience in working with kids that come from hard places and have trauma in their past. This is a life-changing approach to loving kids and youth for any caregiver, parent, teacher, ministry worker or counselor. Registration is FREE and we want to invite ANYONE who has a heart (or a job!) to work with kids. If you would like to know more or RSVP, contact Pastor Adam Keath at akeath@kschurch.org.



If you would like to become a partner of King Street Church or just learn more about what that means, plan to attend all three membership classes on the dates and times listed above.



## **DADDY DAUGHTER EVENT**

You are cordially invited to an unforgettable evening of dinner, prayer and music at King Street Church on Friday, March 13 from 6 to 8 p.m.

This special evening is for girls ages 2 through 8th grade and their fathers or father-like figures who attend King Street Church. Cost is \$5 per daughter.

RSVP at kingstreetchurch.com/daddydaughter by March 6.





We are seeking to hire paid summer interns for four ministry areas. Positions are for 30 hours a week. **See details and application forms at kingstreetchurch.com/staff.** 

Children's Ministry Outreach Ministry Student Ministry Worship Arts Ministry

## **MARCH 2020**

SUNDAY			MONDAY			TUESDAY
	First Sunday of Lent	1			2	3
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship Services and Intercessor Meetings Sunday School Preschool and Kids Worship, Adult and Youth Sunday School			Exercise Class (SMC) Celebrate Recovery (SMC)		
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Communion, Second Sunday of Lent, Daylight-Saving Time begins  Worship Services and Intercessor Meetings  Sunday School, Spring Partnership Class (M17)  Preschool and Kids Worship, Adult and Youth Sunday School Spring Partnership Class (M17)	8		Exercise Class (SMC) Celebrate Recovery (SMC)	9	10
	Third Sunday of Lent	15		1	6	17
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship Services and Intercessor Meetings	13		Exercise Class (SMC) Celebrate Recovery (SMC)		.,
	Fourth Sunday of Lent	22		2	3	24
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Worship Services and Intercessor Meetings  Sunday School, Spring Partnership Class (M17)  Preschool and Kids Worship, Adult and Youth Sunday School Spring Partnership Class (M17)  Journey to the Cross (lower level)			Exercise Class (SMC) Celebrate Recovery (SMC)		
	Fifth Sunday of Lent	29		3	0	31
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship Services and Intercessor Meetings Sunday School Preschool and Kids Worship, Adult and Youth Sunday School KidzTown Family Worship (CMC)			Exercise Class (SMC) Celebrate Recovery (SMC)		



FEBRUARY 2020								
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<b>APRIL 2020</b>							
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DISTRIBUTION DAY MARCH 14 9 a.m.—12 Noon KSC Ministry Center

## **JUST FOR KIDS**



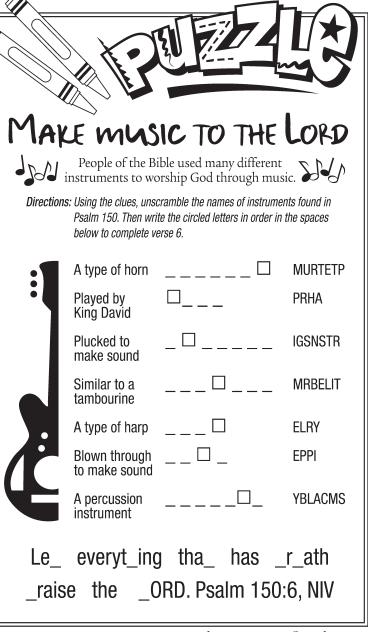
Use your voice and this hand-crafted percussion instrument to make joyful noises to the Lord.

#### What you need:

- Dry beans (about one Tbsp)
- Plastic Easter egg
- 2 plastic spoons
- Masking tape
- Markers and stickers

#### What you do:

- 1. Place the beans inside the egg and snap it closed.
- 2. Set the egg in a spoon and cover it with the second spoon so the spoons are holding the egg.
- 3. Tape the spoons to the egg. Also wrap tape around the spoons from top to bottom to make a shaker handle.
- 4. Decorate your shaker and use it as you sing praises to God.
- 5. Experiment with sounds by filling other eggs with coins, rice, and so on.



Answer: trumpet, harp, strings, timbrel, lyre, pipe, cymbals; Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

## **Memory Care Workshop**

**Managing Behavioral Symptoms** 

Learn the skills you need ... with Jennifer Holcomb

Saturday, March 21, 2020
9 a.m. to 12 p.m., King Street Church
Please register online at www.kingstreetchurch.com
or by calling 717-264-4651

By 2025 the number of people age 65 and older with Alzheimer's disease is estimated to reach 7.1 million. Congregations play a critical role in caring for a person with Alzheimer's disease or another related dementia as well as their family. By learning about the warning signs, the difference between Alzheimer's disease and dementia, visitation tips, how to have difficult conversations and how to support everyone involved, you will become equipped with the skills needed to begin mastering the art of caring. Light refreshments will be provided.

Jennifer Holcomb M.S., NHA, CDP, CDCM, CADDCT works directly with people in varying stages of Alzheimer's disease and other related dementias and currently oversees the Memory Care program at Cross Keys Village. In her role as Director of Memory Support, she and her team offer a variety of education and support groups and provide ongoing consultation to families and those living with a neurocognitive disorder. Jennifer provides memory care education to organizations in the greater community and is the chair for the Dementia Friendly America initiative in New Oxford and Hanover, PA. Due to Jennifer's work in Memory Care she was honored as a Senior Care Hero nominee in 2015, a Forty under 40 award



winner in 2016 and serves on Pennsylvania's Alzheimer's State Plan Task Force. Jennifer was recently added as an adjunct professor at Temple University for Memory Care.

## FESTIVAL OF TABLES

These Are a Few of Our Favorite Things!

## Saturday, March 28 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Baker Center Bring a dessert, appetizer, or snack to share

What is your passion? What brings you joy? Celebrate your favorite thing when you decorate a table for this event! A Festival of Tables is a women's event where each table is decorated in a unique way, but according to the same theme. See more details on how to hostess a table or to attend at kingstreetchurch.com/festival.

## Welcome RECEPTION

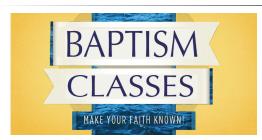
If you are new to the church, we invite you to a brief reception on

## Sunday, March 15 at 10:40 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. in the Connection Hub,

located in our Central Hallway. You can meet staff and church members and other people who are new. It's a great way to connect with people here at King Street Church.

## KidzTown FAMILY WORSHIP

At Family Worship this month, families will be learning together about Jesus's teachings about giving. Join your elementary child in this hands-on family learning experience on March 29 at 11 a.m. in the CMC!



The next opportunity to be baptized will be on April 26 or May 3. If you wish to participate in this important act of obedience, plan to attend a preparation meeting on Sunday, April 5 at 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m. or 12 noon in the Connection Hub.



Thank you so much for expressions of sympathy following our father's death. Your thoughtful words, cards, emails of condolences and especially your prayers helped to get us through this difficult time.

Don and Mary Burkholder Rodney and Janet Heberlig



On Friday, February 7, King Street Church hosted NTS at Antrim Brethren in Christ Church. We had nearly 150 guests and it was a wonderful evening for all! Thank you to the over 300 volunteers from KSC, Antrim BIC and our community who served our guests beforehand and during the event. To see the recap video and a link to more photos, visit The Hub on our website (kingstreetchurch.com).















## PRIMETIMERS UPDATES

#### March

#### **Potluck Luncheon**

- Wednesday, March 11
- 12:00 Noon in the Baker Center
- Donation
- · Meat and place settings provided
- · Bring a covered dish to share
- Master Gardeners will be speaking about small gardens

### **Memory Care Workshop**

- Saturday, March 21
- 9 a.m. in the Baker Center
- · Led by Jennifer Holcomb
- Register online at www.kingstreetchurch. com or by calling (717) 264-4651
- See page 15 for additional information

## **April**

## Breakfast at 30 West

- Wednesday, April 8
- 9 a.m. at the restaurant
- · Sign up by Wednesday, April 3

## May

## Bollman Bus Overnight Trip to Philadelphia and Bucks County

- May 13-14
- Departure time: 7 a.m. from Weis Market
- · Sign up as soon as possible
- Final payment and cancellation date: April 2
- Deposit: \$50 at time of sign up

### **Trip Highlights:**

- Historic Philadelphia Tour with Step On Guide which includes the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall
- One Liberty Observation Deck
- Washington Crossing Historical Park Tour
- · Pearl S. Buck House Guided Tour
- Byers Choice Carolers

#### Package Includes:

- Dinner at City Tavern Restaurant in Philadelphia on Wednesday
- Overnight stay at Holiday Inn Express with breakfast
- · Lunch at Plumsteadville Inn in Bucks County.
- Price per person: Single: \$585, Double: \$495, Triple: \$460, Quad: \$445
- Baggage handling and gratuities for all meals and step on guides is included.







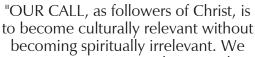
- To sign up, make checks payable to KSC Prime-Timers and mail to Frances Humelsine, 408 Benjamin Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201.
- Deposits at time of sign up: Day trip \$10;
   Overnight Trip \$50.
- Call Frances Humelsine at 717-263-8633 for more information.
- Cancellation Policy: The final sign up/final 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.

## Questes 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.

"Imagine the heartache that would be eliminated if people simply did what they said they would do."

> Pastor Jody Bowser, January 26, 2020



becoming spiritually irrelevant. We must maintain a God-centered worldview so that, ultimately, the world can view our God."

Pastor Jody Bowser, February 2, 2020

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"I'm fairly certain that most people believe that prayer is important. But there's a big difference between believing that prayer is important—and believing that it's ESSENTIAL."

> Pastor Jody Bowser February 9, 2020

"God's people can be confident that the Lord is with them—no matter what fire we might find ourselves in."

> Pastor Jody Bowser February 16, 2020





Jeff Bleijerveld is the Director of UB Global; he oversees the international efforts of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ for both Canada and the United States. Recently Jeff contacted Pastor Jody to thank King Street Church for our generous contributions to their missions efforts in 2019. UB Global supports 50 different staff people in 18 countries and also raises funds for special projects. They have an operating budget of over a million dollars, and their records reflect that King Street Church—and also our Sunday school classes—gave \$28,383 to UB Global in 2019! This made up 2.5% of their entire budget for the year! Jeff also thanks KSC "for your prayers and all the ways that you encourage us." Praise the Lord for a church body that is committed to spreading the Gospel around the world!

## EXCERPTS FROM RECENT COMMUNICATIONS

## KK

January 26, 2020

### (Serving in Asia with Operation Mobilization)

One week ago a friend and I returned from fourteen days in a village near the border of ... This was my first time back since 2017 and how I have carried the valley and my friends there in prayer for many years, often with tears! It was a special time of seeing our prayers answered as well as visiting shepherds, leaders, and lamas of the community.

#### 11,000 feet high in January

Two days before we were to begin our hike down it snowed around eighteen inches. We had one house left to visit and we were not about to let the snow keep us back from going. Giggling the whole time, we tied plastic pillow cover cases around our shoes, zipped up our



jackets, put on our gloves, sunscreen and sun glasses. We began walking up the hill for thirty minutes in the direction we heard the man's house to be. This man was the head lama of the community.

When we reached the village we had an idea of where he lived but we were not sure the

exact house. When we walked up to the area the man ended up being outside of his house with his yaks. What a win!

We were welcomed in to his home and drank tea together. He was filled with thankfulness for the gift and sincerely said he will read all of it.

Join me in praying for this man and 19 others (we sowed seed among) as they read, listen and study the life of Jesus and the testimonies of the disciples. May they fall in love with the only One worthy of worship and wholehearted devotion! Thank you for funding, praying and joining me in this work. I am so thankful we get to do it together.

## **Emily and Bryan Gerlach**

January 31, 2020

## (Serving in Thailand with TEAM Global Missions) Back in Chiang Mai!!

Well, we made it back safe and sound! At first it was very strange feeling at home but not settled. We have gradually been finding our routine and are feeling much more stable



Emily, Jameson, Bryan and Eden Gerlach

now and already getting too busy. We have been battling illness (sinus and ear infections) which makes the transition more difficult and are still dealing with that, so please keep our health in your prayers. We are very thankful that we have found a new house helper to work with us. She will be a great Thai teacher to our kids and enable Emily to have some time free to pursue ministry. Jameson started at a new preschool and really liked his first day. The whole family has really enjoyed getting out for walks in our neighborhood in the warm weather. Pray that we can survive the yucky pollution though.

#### **Praises:**

- We're Back Home!
- We are feeling more and more settled.
- Bryan is back to work!

#### **Prayers:**

- Jameson starting at a new preschool.
- Emily back to ministry.
- Upcoming TEAM conference!

## Karli Frelin

February 13, 2020

## (Serving in Chiang Mai, Thailand with Campus Outreach International)

The last few weeks God has been teaching me lots about what it looks like to fully and truly depend on Him in every aspect of my life. I can do nothing apart from Jesus. I cannot be a good friend, teammate, roommate or staff person if the Spirit is not working in and through me. Continue reading to see what the Lord is doing in Chiang Mai and how you can be praying over these things....

Our one teacher, Khruu Nut, graduated and moved back to her home province a few weeks ago. We still are learning from Khruu Ben and we got a new teacher, Khruu Ang. Learning a new language is quite difficult and not knowing our friends' native tongue can be quite discouraging. We want to be able to share about Jesus in their language! Please pray for my team as we continue to learn the Thai language. For me, can you ask God to help me remember the vocab words that we learn in class?

The air quality in Chiang Mai can be quite bad from farmers burning fields and Thailand has 33 confirmed cases of the coronavirus. Therefore, we have been wearing masks most of the time to protect us from air pollution and germs. Please pray for the Lord to send rain to clean the air and for families who are struggling with deaths from the coronavirus.



This is Sairung (center). I spend most of my Wednesday mornings running with her, and after, Madison usually helps her with English. There is a huge language barrier, so I spend most of our run praying for her. Sairung has recently been coming to the Bible studies Campus Outreach hosts for CMU students. Please pray that the Word of God would pierce her heart and she would love learning about who God is.

In the mornings I enjoy going on runs. There have been a few mornings recently where I have seen people give offerings to monks and the monks pray over the people giving the offerings. Seeing this absolutely breaks my heart! These people do not know the truth about who Jesus is and His love for them. Please join me in praying for the people of Thailand. Ask God to send laborers and pray that Thai people would hear the Good News of Christ, repent and believe in Him!

We love Jang and May. The Lord has allowed our relationship with them to deepen and we have been able to have some spiritual conversations with them. This makes me so excited! Please continue to pray that they would be attracted to the aroma of Christ and would feel His love when we get to hang out with them.

## **Emily Schoenleber**

February 16, 2020

(Serving with Circuit Riders in Huntington Beach, California)

#### **Tour Update**

Hey everyone, hope this email finds you all well and enjoying the current season of life. Tour is just chugging along for us as we've now been out for about four and a half weeks and have been in seven nations so far. Our time in Mainland Europe was absolutely incredible—we worked with some amazing university



Emily (back row, third from left) with members of her European "Carry the Love" team in front of the Eiffel Tower.

students, local movements and churches. My favorite part of tour isn't usually the events we run or the trainings we facilitate—it's the conversations with people, hearing their hearts, and developing friendships that I enjoy the

most. Don't get me wrong, I love the gatherings and worship times, but there's something about connecting with people one on one that's such a precious thing to me.

At our last stop in Mainland Europe, we were in Prague, Czech Republic. This country was definitely one of my favorite parts of tour last year and it was so special to return and see friends we had met the previous year. I even got to see a girl who was in the track I staffed at 21 Project in Harpenden. It was so lovely to see her again and catch up! One of our nights in Prague was focused on evangelism training and we all partnered up at the beginning of the night, so we could have someone to practice with when we took breaks from teaching. I found a girl called Ester and she is so sweet. We're almost the same age and her heart is so beautiful. She shared about her heart to just go to different places and learn to speak English well so she can communicate in different countries. I got to hear a lot of her testimony as well. It's moments like those where it's just so cool to think about the fact we literally grew up in different countries, different cultures, spoke different languages, but we left that night feeling like such close friends. The Kingdom is such a beautiful thing!

#### Whanau in Europe

If you've been following my journey for a while, you might remember that whanau is the Maori word for family. Something that is so special being in this part of the world is seeing so many friends that I spent months or years with while I was living in New Zealand. The photo to the right wasn't actually taken by the baby. This was such a sweet surprise for me when our team was in Augsburg, Germany! When we were on the flight to Germany, I asked God for gifts and surprises in Germany and asked for Him to send me a friend. I wasn't expecting to see the Dietrich family, oddly enough. (For those who don't know, I actually have family at home in Pennsylvania with the

same last name.) I knew Tobi and Annika when we were all in New Zealand and a few months after I moved to the US, they moved back to Germany to have their sweet baby girl. I sent them a message when I was in Germany saying I was in their country, just a few hours from where they live.

They responded by asking what city I was in. Tobi and Annika then told me they had actually moved to that same city about eight months



The Dietrich Family

before! We were only about 20 minutes apart. So the next day I got to go over to their home, have lunch and make friends with little Louisa. It was definitely a surprise for sure. The Lord so loves to hear about the little things on our hearts. Ask Him for specific things and watch Him answer!

## Are You Ready To Be Poured Out As an Offering?

I think one of the biggest things the Lord has been teaching me is truly being willing to "go anywhere, do anything." It's a phrase we say often, but when it comes down to it, am I really willing to do anything the Lord asks? Am I willing to do the jobs that are behind the scenes and often go unnoticed? As I was asking these questions and taking time to sit with the Lord, I opened the daily devotion from Oswald Chambers and it was quite fitting:

"If I am being poured out as a drink offering

on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all" —Philippians 2:17.

"Are you willing to sacrifice yourself for the work of another believer—to pour out your life sacrificially for the ministry and faith of others? Or do you say, "I am not willing to be poured out right now, and I don't want God to tell me how to serve Him. I want to choose the place of my own sacrifice. And I want to have certain people watching me and saying, 'Well done'. It is one thing to follow God's way of service if you are regarded as a hero, but quite another thing if the road marked out for you by God requires becoming a *doormat* under other people's feet. God's purpose may be to teach you to say, *I know* how to be abased... (Philippians 4:12). Are you ready to be sacrificed like that? Are you ready to be less than a mere drop in the bucket— to be so totally insignificant that no one remembers you even if they think of those you served? Are you willing to give and be poured out until you are used up and exhausted—not seeking to be ministered to, but to minister? Some saints cannot do menial work while maintaining a saintly attitude, because they feel such service is beneath their dignity."

### **One Last Thing**

If you have time, check out this article that our friend Yasmin was interviewed for! Yas is such an amazing communicator and shares about how God has been moving on the university campuses. This is such an incredible article: http://www.charismamag.com/spirit/revival/44132-yasmin-pierce-holy-spirit-radically-transforming-college-campuses-nation-wide.

Since the Messenger is online and available everywhere, precautions are necessary when sharing about missionaries serving in Muslim countries or other restricted areas. In order not to jeopardize our missionaries working in very challenging places, names and locations are excluded from some updates.



