

# MESSENGER

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## Grieving Our Losses; Celebrating Our Gains

by Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor



**“It is truly an opportunity to slow down, and genuinely appreciate the things that really matter.”**

We are now several weeks into the drastic changes that the coronavirus has wrought in our lives. If you're anything like me, the reality of all of this is finally settling in.

Let me first of all say that as I write this Messenger article, my family and I are in good health. Thanks be to God. However, the numbers of those infected continues to rise globally as well as right here in our community. Just a few days ago I learned that a friend from my college days who was recovering from a kidney transplant (in Indiana) contracted Covid-19—and sadly his body was unable to fight off the virus. One of the “numbers” now has a name for me: Jeff.

Our first concern in all of this is doing everything we can to remain healthy. Secondly, our hearts and prayers are with those who are struggling with the virus. We also keep at the very top of our prayer list all of the medical workers on the front lines of fighting back the effects of this illness. We pray for the Lord's shield of protection over their bodies and for wisdom and stamina as they, quite literally, are saving many lives.

As I have been making the appropriate changes to “socially distance” myself from everyone but my family, I have found it quite interesting the various “stages” that my mind, heart and spirit have gone through.

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The more I've thought about it, the more I realize that I have quite literally been going through the "Five Stages of Grief" developed by psychiatrist Elisabeth Kubler-Ross back in 1969.

**Shock and Denial.** I think the initial reaction for all of us was some form of denial. I couldn't believe that rumors were floating around that people were being prohibited from gathering in groups of fifty or more. I had been in other parts of the world where I could envision "drastic measures" like this being enacted. But NO WAY here in Pennsylvania!

**Anger.** This phase, anger, has lasted for probably the better part of a couple of weeks—and my anger made the rounds. I would go from being upset with the media—to being frustrated with whatever politician or governor was stiffening the restrictions—to being a bit upset over the ridiculous run on toilet paper—to ultimately being mad at the devil. I can't say I've fully moved beyond frustration, but I do believe that I began ....

**Bargaining.** "OK...so I see the importance of severely limiting my interactions with others. I see what happened in Italy, and want to flatten the curve. But what if I'm really really careful, and wash my hands constantly, and carry a bottle of hand sanitizer? Perhaps then I could still ...."

**Depression.** Finally realizing the inevitable. I really can't do any of the things I normally do. I have to figure out how to use this previously "heard of but never used Zoom application," and wish I had the foresight to buy stock in this company about a month ago. And finally ...."

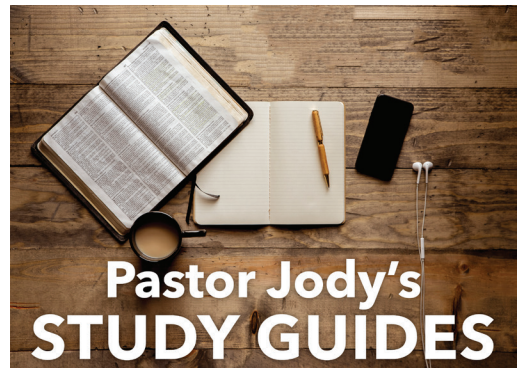
**Acceptance.** Not only is this really happening, and I believe necessary—but this might not be over in a couple of weeks. And maybe, just maybe, the Lord might actually have some significant lessons He wants me to learn through all of this. Perhaps I've gotten into the rut of being far more self-focused than I realized, and this is a divine opportunity to slow down (Psalm 46:10) and take a much-needed inven-

tory of my life and my priorities.

Let me state again that there are many who need our prayers. In fact, please join our King Street "movement" of stopping to pray every day at 4:12 p.m. We are posting a video on Facebook (as well as our church website) at 4:12 p.m. each day, calling us to a unified time of prayer for the many needs that are being faced in the midst of this pandemic.

But even more than that, I want to encourage us to see this time as a blessing. Satan might mean all of this to incite fear and hopelessness, but the Lord can redeem this time for good. It is truly an opportunity to slow down and genuinely appreciate the things that really matter. Perhaps when all of this is over-and-done with, we might have a new outlook on all of the things we don't really need, and how much we actually DO have. And most of all—to appreciate the JOY of connecting with each other face to face, handshake to handshake, and hug to hug.

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# 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?

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## May 2020 Messenger Deadline

**Articles and information for the May 2020 issue should be submitted by April 22.**

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Weekend Preview email  
sent out on March 26, 2020.*

The church office and the church building have been closed for five days now, but despite the darkened hallways and quiet offices, a lot of church has been happening.

On Sunday we enjoyed three vibrant worship services. You came! You came, and sang, and prayed, and worshiped God! More than 1,650 different households plugged into our online services, which is easily 3,000 people and probably a good bit more. What an encouragement! Several Sunday school classes connected online. Parents downloaded resources provided by our Children's Ministries so they could explore the curriculum as a family. It was all proof positive that the body of Christ is not bound to a building.

On Monday the "Lead Team" staff met via the online video-conferencing platform called Zoom. For two hours we laughed together, prayed together, lamented the hard times that our community is experiencing and asked ourselves, "What can we do to creatively serve the Kingdom during this time?" We shared a unified spirit and confidence in God's plan for the days ahead.

Celebrate Recovery was held LIVE on Facebook on Monday night and 40 people came. Afterwards we broke into two Zoom support groups—one for men and one for women—and participants shared their joys and struggles. For many, it was a much-needed boost of support. One of the most common comments was, “It’s so good to see you!”

Our Student Ministry has remained active, holding Zoom meetings with students on Wednesday nights and posting creative videos and games. Pastor Ron Cook, our Minister of Pastoral Care, has been vigilant to connect with

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### ***The virus continues, but the people of God march on as well.***

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shut-ins and vulnerable seniors—he has been making phone calls to check in, and has helped several learn how to watch online.

Each day we are reaching thousands of people on Facebook. We are meeting as church at 4:12 to pray; we are sharing prayer requests within our body and we are waiting expectantly for God to work in our midst. Each day Chick-fil-A is handing out about 85 meals to families in need at the KSC Ministry Center.

This week many have planned for future days of ministry. Back-burner projects have been pulled out. Our maintenance staff has not missed a beat, carefully disinfecting our spaces and taking good care of our facilities. We have stopped into the office to finish paperwork, collect files and to say hello in the halls at a safe distance. We have met in twos and threes to plan, dream and re-imagine. The pastors are reaching out to other churches and collaborating with men and women of like-minded faith. We have talked to you, the body of Christ, and, most importantly, have sought God in these new opportunities for solitude.

Reports have come in that you, too, are keeping busy. You are making beauty from the ashes of normal weekly schedules by filling it

with spontaneous baking, art projects, hikes and secret missions to deliver food and cheer to those in need. L3 groups have connected online to share their fears, pressures and adventures. You are looking out for one another and bearing each other’s burdens as we are commanded in Galatians 6:2. You are being the church.

We are still finding our way, aren’t we? We are learning new methods of doing and being and coping. And we are forging a new path.

Sunday is coming, and we can’t wait. Once again we will meet “together” on this first day of the week to demonstrate our faith in God as His disciples and to worship Him. This Sunday— just like always—we will offer thanks and pray, we will give back to God, we will hear His message through Pastor Jody and we will consider it our greatest honor to do all of that with each other. Please join us online this Sunday. The virus continues, but the people of God march on as well.

## **Board of Administration Meeting Highlights**

The Board of Administration met on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 in the Administrative Office Conference Room. Chairman Glenn Watson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Carolyn Chenaille opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Following are highlights from that meeting.

### **Senior Pastor’s Update:**

Pastor Jody opened by asking the question, “If each member of an orchestra was playing using different sheets of music, what would the outcome sound like?” It would be annoying and not sound beautiful. The same holds true of our church mission, values and vision. Pastor Jay was leading a group of new L3 leaders and asked the question, “What is our mission?” Only one person in the group could articulate what our mission is. Pastor Jody handed out the Mis-

sional Life Marks card, which was previously made available to the entire congregation and compared it to a sheet of music. Our Mission is “to engage and bless our community with the Gospel.” A great example of this occurred on the Friday night of our recent community Ice Fest, when we opened the doors of our church to our community and invited them in to hear the gospel and share with us in worship.

He reminded us of our core values: Spiritually Alive in Christ, Relationally Connected by Christ and Missionally Engaged for Christ. We should know and be able to share our Life Marks: Love, Sacrifice, Obedience, Prayer, Scripture, Celebration, Community, Truth, Forgiveness, Accountability, Edify, Ministry, Mission, Gospel and Witness.

Pastor Jody has set a 2020 goal that King Street Church will be a part of seeing 100 people coming to Christ. He reminded us of our ten-year goal of shifting and developing clear and intentional pathways of discipleship and leading people to determine their calling and develop their gifts.

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

Pastor Don Baker shared that five people will be baptized on the last Sunday of February in the Baker Center and the first Sunday of March in the Sanctuary. Partnership classes will take place on March 8, 15 and 22. Be in prayer that people who attend the classes will become engaged. John Shadle, Jay Brown and Adam Keath are working to develop a Young Adult Ministry for people between the ages of 22 and 30. Don shared that there are close to 250 people in that age bracket who attend King Street Church.

Celebrate Recovery and Agape English ministries are seeing lives changed and transformed. Don gave kudos to Sue Marshall for her unwavering commitment and devotion to the Agape English Ministry. God is at work in Celebrate Recovery as well, healing brokenness in those who attend.

### **Board of Elders Update:**

Greg West shared that the elders met in January. The meeting was focused on praying for individual people. There are no action items.

### **Co-Mission Reports:**

• **Adult Ministries** – Mark Willson shared that the Night to Shine event had 131 guests. LIFT Ministry is hosting the Festival of Tables on March 28. PrimeTimers, which was started about two decades ago, meets monthly. They serve as an important community, particularly to the many widowed ladies who participate. The Chronicles Sunday School Class is in need of a teacher/leaders as theirs are stepping down and forming an L3 group. A praise is that the Vertical Vision Class has moved to a larger classroom to accommodate their growth.

• **Children's Ministry** – Alexander Rosenbaum shared that when the Children's Ministry Co-Mission met this month a praise was shared that the new preschool worship hour is going well. Cheronda Williams has agreed to be the vice-chairperson of the Children's Ministry Co-Mission. Daddy-Daughter Date Night is scheduled for Friday, March 13 at 5:30 p.m. and has the theme “An Enchanted Evening” using Isaiah 62 as the scripture highlight. Volunteers are being sought for this event.

Research is being done seeking Bible school curriculums with good music. VBS will be held the week of June 28. The Red Cross Baby Sitting Training was rescheduled for February 15. The Wednesday Night program shift is going well. Twenty-five new After School and Agape English kids are coming on Wednesday nights now. The average attendance on Wednesday nights is between 60 and 70 children in grades 1–5.

• **Finance** – Brad Etchberger shared that the Finance Co-Mission met on January 27. The co-mission's next meeting is scheduled for April 20. Dan Gehris gave an overview of the 2019 Annual Financial Report including a five-

year comparison (2015-2019). Dan also went over the January 2020 Financial Report. We had a strong start to 2020 in January. Dan also discussed the variances on the January 2020 Financial Report.

• **Local Outreach** – In the absence of a Local Outreach Co-Mission representative, Pastor Don shared that at their quarterly meeting, 13 partner ministries attended. Mark Willson and Dale Forney also attended. A dialogue was had regarding networking which shows a high level of intimacy and sharing in how each of these ministries connects with and supports our community. The ministries broke into small groups to pray for one another. This was a wonderful evening of sharing and connecting.

• **Missions** – The Missions Co-Mission met January 27. Scott Bert shared that John Schaffer was appointed as the vice-chairperson. There are several upcoming trips. A trip to Thailand is scheduled for early March. Seven KSC members will visit the Gerlachs, and connect with Cool Shade of Life and other various ministries while in Thailand. During the summer of 2020, two teams will visit Orphan's Tree in Russia to run two camps, one on sports and Christian character and the other on adjusting to life after graduating from the orphanage (which will be focused on females). The Barnabas Team would like to take a small group for an exploratory trip to Haiti in the spring, if the situation there continues to improve. A teaching trip and a construction team trip may follow. Bryce Mentzer is serving with YWAM/Circuit Riders full time for about eight months. Ron Cook led a team to Jamaica to continue working on the roof and other small projects; the trip was a success.

• **Personnel Relations** – Kim Shatzer shared that the Student Ministry Administrative Assistant position has been filled. The staff picnic has been scheduled for May 20. A motion that we accept a student from Huntington University as a full-time intern through the Prime program

was approved. The student will serve from June through December.

• **Property** – Dale Forney discussed the ongoing issues with the man lift. After research, John Little has moved his focus from the controller bus cable to a possible problem with a rear wheel motor. The selection of new chairs for the Baker Center continues; a proposal will be forthcoming. The parking lot signage previously approved by the BOA is being installed within the next two to three weeks. Estimates for SMC renovations are being reviewed in order to develop a complete scope of work and costs; more information will be forthcoming. HVAC controls for the building automation are being researched and reviewed; a proposal and recommendation from the co-mission will be brought to the BOA for action when completed.

• **Student Ministry** – The Student Ministry Co-Mission met on February 3. Penny Poorman shared a praise that Lauren Dukehart will serve as the new Student Ministry Administrative Assistant. Seventy-eight students were registered for Winter Slam! Austin Rosenbaum has agreed to serve as vice-chairperson of the co-mission. March 4 is scheduled for Small Group Night. The Chambersburg Project is scheduled for July 12–17. A trip to Mexico (for High School Students) will be from July 3 through July 12.

• **Worship Arts** – Carolyn Chenaille shared that the Worship Arts Co-Mission met on January 13 and again on February 3. Andrea Mowen was selected to serve as Worship Arts vice-chairperson. Two hundred sixty people attended the Ice Fest Night of Worship. The 8 a.m. service is in need of someone to run Pro-Presenter. Electric guitar and bass players are also needed in some of the services. A number of events are scheduled in February and March, including Worship Choir on February 16 and 23; Worship Team Night on February 23; Ash Wednesday Service at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary on February

26; Communion Sunday on March 8; Journey to the Cross on March 22 (need artistic people to help design the spaces/stations and volunteers to be at each station); and the Maundy Thursday Service on April 9.

### **Administrative Report:**

Dan Gehris provided several handouts. He will be renewing our PA Tax Exemption Certificate which expires on March 3 and will then be valid for another five years. Dan discussed the AED situation. A discussion was held about the appropriate number and locations. A motion that we purchase a total of four (two in the main church building, one in the Administration Building and one in the Ministry Center) was approved. Four bequests/estates charitable donations have been received over the past month.

Don Baker reported that the library closing sign has been removed. A motion that we assign the Adult Ministries Co-Mission to be the oversight group for the library was approved. Our annual church financial audit is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, February 19 from 6–8 p.m. Glenn Watson brought the BOA up-to-date with the progress that is being made regarding the Gathering Space.

### **New Business:**

Following the board meeting Dan Gehris contacted Glenn Watson with a proposal to purchase a portable baptistery for the church. Glenn requested an email vote on the proposal from the BOA. The voting was opened at 6:30 p.m. on February 14 and closed at 8 a.m. on February 17. A motion to purchase a portable baptistery was approved. Dan will proceed with the purchase.

(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.)



The following were baptized on February 23 (Baker Center) and March 1 (Sanctuary):

2/23	3/1
David Carroll	Daniel Black
Emily Long	
April Brake	
Courtney Devine	



Celebrate Recovery is going LIVE every Monday night! Join us on Facebook at Celebrate Recovery at King Street Church at 7 p.m. for music, encouragement and more! Directly following the LIVE portion, we will offer Zoom meetings for both men and women. The coronavirus is NOT going to keep us from supporting each other in our recovery journeys!



## HOLY WEEK BIBLE READINGS

During these difficult times we need Jesus more than ever! As we look forward to Easter Sunday, let us prepare our hearts together by focusing on Jesus during the last week of His life. We realize many of you are already reading verses from Matthew during your daily Bible reading. We encourage you, in addition, to read these full chapters, and meditate on these critical days in the life of Christ this week:

- Palm Sunday: Matthew 21
- Monday: Matthew 22
- Tuesday: Matthew 23
- Wednesday: Matthew 24-25
- Thursday: Matthew 26
- Good Friday: Matthew 27
- Saturday: Psalm 22
- Easter Sunday: Matthew 28

## MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

- Thursday, April 9, at 7:00 pm

- Online: Facebook and [www.king-streetchurch.tv](http://www.king-streetchurch.tv), and through our channels on Roku and Apple TV

On Thursday, April 9, you are invited to join us online for a Maundy Thursday Communion Service. Pastor Jody will be leading us in Scripture, a responsive reading, prayer and the sharing of elements.

We ask that you prepare the elements in advance; you can use chunks of bread or crackers and juice of any kind. Set these elements in the room where you plan to worship. We encourage you to choose a special dish or cloth as part of your display; consider lighting a candle. These suggestions are to help in creating a sacred moment as we take communion together.

The word “maundy” is an abbreviated form of the Latin word “mandatum,” which means command, or mandate. When Jesus was sharing the Last Supper with His disciples He told them, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another” (John 13:34).

We celebrate Maundy Thursday to remember the Last Supper, to reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus and to meditate on this commandment to love and serve others.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS: A Virtual Journey

- Friday, April 10, from 12-3 p.m.  
(join within this time frame)

On Good Friday we will keep vigil with Christ through a virtual version of “Stations of the Cross,” developed by Ruth Haley Barton at Transforming Center.

The prayer service will be offered on the podcast, “Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership.” A downloadable PDF, “An Invitation to Offer Christ” will offer Scripture, prayers and

songs for each part of Christ's journey. The 12 stations include moments such as Jesus Takes Up His Cross, Jesus Falls for the First Time, Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus to Carry His Cross, and Jesus Dies Upon the Cross.

As we participate in this spiritual experience, absorbing – as much as possible – what our Lord endured on our behalf, it is our hope that it will increase our devotion to Him and heighten our excitement for His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

We hope you will set aside a time to participate in the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Watch for more information and the additional web links coming soon.

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## EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

- Sunday, April 12, at 8 a.m.  
(Traditional),  
9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
(Contemporary)
- Online: Facebook and [www.kingstreetchurch.tv](http://www.kingstreetchurch.tv), and through our channels on Roku and Apple TV

Let's celebrate the resurrection of Jesus together! We may not be in the same room when we worship the Lord this Easter, but that won't keep us from raising a collective Hallelujah! in His name!

We will sing, pray, and hear a special message from Pastor Jody from Acts 4:12, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

The coronavirus may cause us to change our usual manner of meeting, but – PRAISE GOD! – it cannot change the incredible truth that Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day! We will not forget His victory this April 12.



Once More Ministries toiletry distribution for March 14 was canceled due to the coronavirus. We pray that everyone remains healthy and free from this outbreak.

Since this distribution was canceled, OMM will be able to increase our inventory in preparation for the June 13 distribution. We pray that our shelves will be full and the volunteers ready to welcome our community with the Gospel and toiletries at this next event.

Your prayers and donations are crucial for the success of this ministry. Thank you for everything you do to bring joy to our brothers and sisters.

*Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. —Romans 12:9-10*

**Thank you for your  
continued support.**

All praise and Glory to Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and Savior.

—OMM

# Spotlight on Staff: Sue Brown

by Rose Zook

Sue Brown joined the King Street team on November 18, 2019, and is currently serving as our Receptionist. Sue originally hails from Wilbraham, Massachusetts (a suburb of Springfield), where she grew up in a Christian home, the youngest of three children. She and her family were very active in a local church, both attending and serving. Sue remembers accepting Christ as her Savior when she was a child.



Sue Brown

As our receptionist, Sue helps keep the office on track by answering and directing phone calls, greeting visitors who come in to the church office, keeping the church calendar up to date, printing worship folders and Messengers and other things as needed. She keeps busy assisting others with office tasks that need to be completed. Sue enjoys her position and the

opportunities that she has to interact with other King Street staff members and those who stop by. She makes every effort to do everything she can to ensure that the office runs smoothly and that there aren't too many "bumps" in the road.

Sue graduated from Wheaton College in Illinois. Several years later, she met her husband, Jay Brown, in Illinois on a singles group camping trip. They moved to Chambersburg from Chicago three and one half years ago when Jay accepted the position of Pastor of Mission and Discipleship here at King Street.

Sue and Jay are the parents of two teen-age boys. Josh is sixteen (a new driver!) and is a junior. As he determines what he wants to do after high school, Sue and Jay are focusing on supporting him and praying over the steps he takes as he makes the decisions that will direct

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his future. Their younger son is Zach, who is fourteen and enjoys being involved in dramatic productions, both in school and in the community. Both boys are active in church activities, including participating on the Student Worship Team, singing, playing instruments and assisting with lighting.

Sue and Jay attend the Feet to Faith Sunday School Class, and Sue is also an active volunteer in our King Street nursery and in Once More Ministries. In her spare time Sue enjoys crafting. Most recently, she has enjoyed going to paint nights where she can learn to paint step-by-step and take a painting home that same evening. She watches HGTV, loves to play games and especially treasures the time that she gets to spend with her family. When you see Sue, please say hi and welcome her to the King Street team.



## STAY CONNECTED

The church office and building may be closed, but King Street Church -- as a ministry -- is very much open and active!

We may need to keep some distance between ourselves physically, but that doesn't mean we cannot connect in many other ways! We would love to hear from you! You can always email the church at [info@kschurch.org](mailto:info@kschurch.org). Yes, we are monitoring those incoming messages. You can also text at any time. We recently started a new "Prayer Wall" where you can pray for others and offer your own requests.

Every day at 4:12 on Facebook, a staff member leads in prayer. Also check out daily posts on Facebook and Instagram. A few times a month, we send out a Weekend Preview email with church-wide email updates. Sign up by giving your email address to **Susanna Allen** at [sallen@kschurch.org](mailto:sallen@kschurch.org).

Here is a reminder of the many ways we can stay in touch:

**WEBSITE:** [www.kingstreetchurch.com/hub](http://www.kingstreetchurch.com/hub)

**FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM:** King Street Church (you can also send a direct

message through either of these social media platforms)

**PRAYER WALL:** [www.kingstreetchurch.com/prayer](http://www.kingstreetchurch.com/prayer)

**SERVICE CENTRAL:** [www.kingstreetchurch.com/servicecentral](http://www.kingstreetchurch.com/servicecentral)

**TEXT:** (717) 401-7777

**EMAIL:** [info@kschurch.org](mailto:info@kschurch.org)

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

Of course, one of the most critical ways to stay connected to each other, and especially to God, is through our Sunday worship services. During these times, staff members are available to chat and it's exciting to see people commenting from all over the area and even across the country!

Over the last few weeks, our online services have been a beautiful time of praise, prayer, and studying God's Word. Pastor Jody's series on Daniel will continue through April. We are offering all three service times:

**[www.kingstreetchurch.tv](http://www.kingstreetchurch.tv)**

**WEBSITE:** Click the "Livestream" button on the upper right corner of the page.

**FACEBOOK:** Visit the King Street Church page.

**APPLE TV/ROKU Devices:** Search for and add the King Street Church channel.

The church staff has a great heart to minister to our church body during this time. Please reach out if we can be an encouragement or support as we face the coronavirus together.

# Samaritan's Purse: Recruiting Medical Professionals for Coronavirus Response

## An Update from Samaritan's Purse

As the coronavirus crisis continues, most of the news is not encouraging. We thought you would enjoy this excerpt from a news update on the Samaritan's Purse website, [samaritanpulse.org](http://samaritanpulse.org).



Samaritan's Purse has opened a 68-bed Emergency Field Hospital in New York's Central Park to provide critical care for people seriously ill with the coronavirus. It is staffed by 72 doctors, nurses and other healthcare specialists. They are receiving COVID-19 patients from their partner in the city, Mount Sinai Health System. The ministry has been running a similar medical facility outside of Milan, Italy since March 20.

"People are dying from the coronavirus, hospitals are out of beds, and the medical staff are overwhelmed," said Franklin Graham, President of Samaritan's Purse. "We are deploying our Emergency Field Hospital to New York to help carry this burden. This is what Samaritan's Purse does—we respond in the middle of crises to help people in Jesus' Name. Please pray for our teams and for everyone around the world affected by the virus."

In New York City, the epicenter of the U.S. outbreak, hundreds are dying daily in the city from the virus, and tens of thousands of cases have been reported across its five boroughs. As a nation, the United States now has the highest number of active COVID-19 cases in the world, with a total of more than 200,000.

Please pray for these medical teams serving in New York City and Cremona, Italy and for the patients who will be treated at both facilities. Pray also that this pandemic will soon come to an end. Until that time, Samaritan's Purse will be serving in Jesus' Name to bring comfort and the hope of Christ to hurting people.

### WAYS to GIVE

**Automatic Deductions**

**Contribute Online**

**Text to Give**

**Mail a Check**

- Visit [www.kingstreetchurch.com/give](http://www.kingstreetchurch.com/give)
- Text keyword **GIVE** to (717) 401-7777
- Mail checks to church office: 56 N. 2nd St

# APRIL

## Special Dates

- Holy Week, April 5-12, 2020
- Palm/Passion Sunday, April 5, 2020
- Maundy Thursday, April 9, 2020
- Good Friday, April 10, 2020
- Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020
- Administrative Professionals Day, April 22, 2020

## Attendance & Giving REPORTS



Since we have not had a worship folder for the last few weeks, we have not had a chance to announce our attendance and offering reports.

### March 15

Attendance In-Person: 621

Attendance Online: 921 households

Offering (General Fund): \$36,426.87

### March 22

Attendance Online: 1653 households

Offering (General Fund): \$15,046.82

### March 29

Attendance Online: 1632 households

Offering (General Fund): \$37,794.18



There is still time to sign up for Summer Camp! Rhodes Grove Camp has extended their “early bird” deadline until May 1. King Street Church pays a portion of the fees for partners and regular attenders. Get full details, download the Rhodes Grove camp brochure and see payment information at [kingstreetchurch.com/camp](http://kingstreetchurch.com/camp).

## Showing Love and Support to Our Local Healthcare Workers

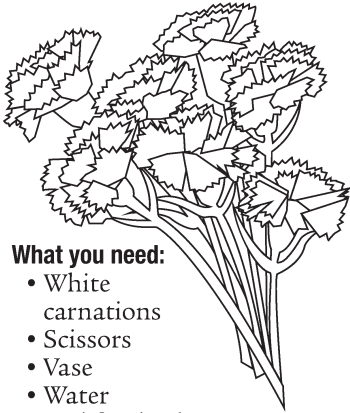
The leadership and board of King Street Church is happy to announce that after much prayer and discussion, we have found a way to bless our local hospital staff during this health crisis. One day each week over the next five weeks, we will pay the costs so that staff may receive food free from the hospital's Micro Market, up to a grand total of \$15,000. A sign on the counter will let the staff know of our gift. This is one

way that we can engage and bless our community—those on the front lines who are working hard to save lives. This act of love is an outgrowth of the Gospel's work in our lives, to do good deeds, just as the Lord commanded us at the Last Supper in John 13:34, “Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” Please give generously if you are able, to allow us to continue carrying out our mission even now as we battle COVID-19.

# JUST FOR KIDS

## Scripture AND NATURE

Conduct a simple experiment to illustrate Easter's meaning.



### What you need:

- White carnations
- Scissors
- Vase
- Water
- Red food coloring
- Bible

### What you do:

1. Cut the carnation stems (at an angle) to about 8 inches long.
2. Fill the vase halfway with water. Add 10 drops of food coloring. (More may be needed to darken the water.)
3. Add the cut flowers and observe what happens to the petals over time.
4. Discuss how this is like Jesus' work on the cross. Read 1 Peter 2:22-24 (NIV) and reflect on what his death means for us.
5. To learn more about this experiment, research capillary action.



## Picturing the *Lord's Supper*

Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples as a symbol of the new covenant.



*Directions: Use the picture clues to fill in key words from Luke 22:19-20, NIV.*



And he took \_\_\_\_\_, gave \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it, and gave



it to them, saying, "This is my \_\_\_\_\_ given for you; do this in



\_\_\_\_\_ of me." In the same way, after the supper he



took the cup, saying, "This \_\_\_\_\_ is the new \_\_\_\_\_ in my



blood, which is \_\_\_\_\_ out for you."

**LUKE 22:19-20, NIV**

Answer: bread, thanks, broke, body, remembrance, cup, covenant, poured

# KSC STUDENT MINISTRY EVENTS



JOIN US WEDNESDAY

## *The Street on Zoom*

6th-12th graders, join us  
Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm  
on Zoom at this web address:  
<https://zoom.us/j/7919408726>



## APRIL 2020 BIBLE READING PLAN

### Following Jesus: A Journey Through the Gospels

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## Quotes of the Week

"According to the Apostle Paul, the words of Scripture have literally come from the mind and breath of God."

**Pastor Jay Brown,  
February 23, 2020**



"It's a good thing to repent. To turn toward God. To look up. It's a good thing to praise God. Because everything He does is right."

**Pastor Jody Bowser,  
March 1, 2020**



"Jesus is King and He is in complete control. He is coming back soon, as a thief in the night. Be ready. Open your heart to Him. Trust in Him to save you."

**Pastor Jody Bowser  
March 8, 2020**



"The only way for the idol to be removed from your heart is allowing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to truly come in and confront it."

**Pastor John Shadle  
March 15, 2020**



"Never forget that God watched over and protected Daniel in the lion's den—and He is doing the same thing for us."

**Pastor Jody Bowser  
March 22, 2020**



## A Belated Thank You

This thank you is late, but very heart felt. A huge thank you to everyone who supported this year's Night to Shine. We had enough volunteers and each one served well. I am so pleased with the evening and how everything went. A special thank you to the team that worked together to provide the leadership. I know the countless hours you gave to tend to the details, make personal contacts, field phone calls and a myriad of other things. You did it for the guests and not for a "pat on the back."

I am especially proud to partner with a church that values those who are too often overlooked. Thank you King Street leadership for seeing through the eyes of Jesus and being moved with compassion to support an event like this. Your support encouraged us through the process.

Our guests are still talking about Night to Shine and carrying their pictures to work with them to show their co-workers and friends. And of course they are asking me when they can sign up for next year.

Thank you .... thank you .... thank you.

— Jim Roberts



The New Life Sunday School Class is taking a bus trip to the **Sight and Sound Theatre** in Lancaster to see



on **Wed., September 16.**

**The cost is \$110,**  
which includes the show  
and dinner at



in the Eden Resort and  
Conference Center.

There will also be time for  
shopping at Kitchen Kettle Shops.

**Contact Clair or Diane  
Hostetter (717) 267-0332**



## **7th ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER**

for Emily Schoenleber

**Saturday, June 20, 2020  
5 – 7 p.m.**

Emily will share about her  
experiences at 6 p.m.



Emily has been serving on staff  
with Circuit Riders, a division of  
Youth with a Mission (YWAM).



# PRIMETIMERS UPDATES

## April

### Breakfast at 30 West

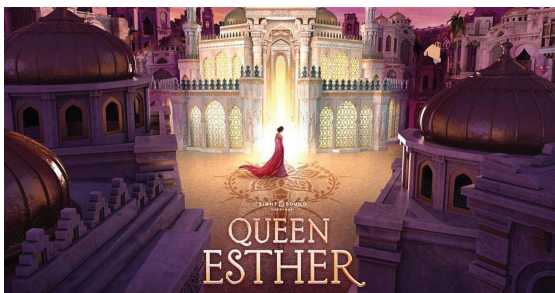
- Wednesday, April 8
- CANCELED

## May

### Bollman Bus Overnight Trip to Philadelphia and Bucks County

- May 13–14
- CANCELED

## June



### Bollman Bus Day Trip to Lancaster to Sight and Sound *Queen Esther*

- June 10
- Cost: \$114
- Departure Time: 7:30 a.m. from Weis Market (Stopping midway—any food purchases will be at your own expense)
- Final payment and cancellation date: April 29
- Show time is 11 a.m. This is followed by a meal at Good and Plenty Restaurant at 2:15 p.m. Fee includes show, transportation, gratuities for driver and meal after the show.

## July



### Minibus/Van Trip to Shenandoah Theater *Hello Dolly*

- July 1
- Cost: \$40
- Final payment and cancellation date: May 30
- Departure time: 10:30 a.m. from Weis Market
- Lunch will be at your own expense
- Show time will be at 2:30 p.m.



### Annual Summer Picnic

- July 8
  - Details to be announced
- 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.



## Emily and Bryan Gerlach

February 29, 2020

(Serving in Thailand with TEAM Global Missions)

This update is a bit different for us. There is a lot of fear and uncertainty swirling around us here in Chiang Mai and we would appreciate your prayers against it. We aren't particularly discouraged right now, but we certainly do not want to become so. We can't thank you enough for the prayers and support.

### Fighting Fear

There are many things that cause stress in life and we have several in particular that are currently impacting us. The coronavirus is making a huge impact in Asia and globally right now. There is a lot of fear surrounding this disease and, in fact, King Street Church had to cancel the team that they were going to send to us in March. They did this because they would likely be quarantined upon returning to the US. The pollution in Chiang Mai usually gets really bad March–May, but this year it started in January and has been getting worse week by week. This makes being outside hazardous, especially for the kids, and puts a damper on our normal activities. Finally, we have been asked to take in a young girl to foster temporarily while she is on Thai “summer break” during April and May. This is a big decision as it will greatly affect our family life. Please pray for us as we fight the fear and trust in the Lord!

### Praises:

- Currently healthy!
- Jameson likes school!
- TEAM conference was encouraging!

### Prayers:

- Transition at FCF
- Foster child decision
- Continued health

### Family Connection Foundation

Bryan's team is losing their most senior member, the head of HR, this month. NokNoi is getting married to an American and moving to Kansas. Please pray for the team as they transition.

### Cool Shade of Life Church:

CSL is in the middle of their campaign to raise funds for new church land. They have just under one year to raise around \$70,000. Please pray for the Lord to provide!

## K and RW

March 14, 2020

(Ministering to specific people groups around the world)

### Teaching and Training

K was thankful he was able to teach Bible students in ■ by Skype. The teaching time began early here in Michigan to fit ■ time 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Although the class went well, K had difficulty seeing the students through the laptop camera on the other end. This is a disadvantage in long-distance teaching.

We also have helped train new Christar workers recently. Praise the Lord, 29 men and women have taken major steps to serve God overseas.

We had hoped go to Europe in April and May to explore teaching opportunities among ■ churches there. The trip seemed to come together well to also include a training con-

ference for newer Christar workers, a conference with the ■, which *K* leads, and even Bible training for ■ to be held in ■. Currently we are holding these plans with a light hand. Travel to Europe is likely to be hindered in the months ahead.

### Reports from ■

*K* now oversees Christar work in countries near or with a tie to ■.

The ■ New Testament was released last month after decades of translation and testing. Praise the Lord! Please pray for the distribution process and that many ■ would read and come face to face with the Savior! Current coronavirus threats are hindering people movement, which will also affect distribution.

Due to the COVID-19 threat, our workers in the ■ are confined to their local areas. Police are going door to door to have residents sign a paper stating they will not have guests visit their homes. The English school our workers run has been shut down for a month. Weddings and even funeral gatherings are prohibited. So, the avenues workers normally pursue to build relationships and share hope in Christ are curtailed.

Pray for our workers to find creative methods to continue their outreach to friends and neighbors.

### Prayer Requests

- For the Future: A major question in our transition to the USA has been, “Where Shall We Settle?” In the past month we have explored opportunities among ■ peoples in three different cities. We believe *R* will be able to work among immigrants and refugees, as she desires. Thank you for your prayers. We will update you on specifics as this becomes more certain.

- Children’s Camp Preparation: This year *R* and the team will not be able to hold face to face discussions to finalize the camp curriculum. Pray that communication will be effective to produce an effective camp program.

Uncertainty: Worldwide, so many are affected by the COVID-19 virus threat. Pray with us that God’s purposes will go forward, that many ■ will seek Jesus and their believing neighbors and friends will exhibit a confidence in God’s goodness during threatening times.

Andrew Peterson’s song “Is He Worthy?” ministered deeply in our days of confusion after expulsion from ■. Again this week the song speaks to our need in uncertain times.

## Karli Frelin

March 15, 2020

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

### Family & Friends

“Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest” (John 4:35).

This morning I read this verse, and it helped me to understand that many are ready to hear and receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I know this is a very scary time with COVID-19, but what better time than this to share the love of Christ with those who don’t believe. Please pray that Christians around the world would be bold to share the hope that we have with those who do not know the Lord.

As I shared in my last update, the farmers are burning their fields, and the air quality is REALLY bad in Chiang Mai. Yesterday, I saw ashes falling from the sky. Crazy! This evening it rained, so we are praising God for that! Again, please continue to pray for rain to clear the air.

The photo on the right is of Kik and Mai. I really love these girls a lot, and I’ve been hanging out with them since the beginning of the school year. The Lord allowed us to meet at an English class that we have been helping with and He has really been deepening our friendship. Mai’s birthday was last week and

she went to the Buddhist Temple to become a nun for three days. Please pray that she would reflect on this time, feel empty inside and see her need for a Savior. On Friday, P'Pbaan (the Thai staff girl) and I were able to have lunch with Kik and Mai and P'Pbaan shared her testimony with them. They were very interested and were asking many questions. Please pray that Kik and Mai would continue to trust us and we would be able to continue to share with them about who Jesus is.

This month we were able to have a fun girl's night at our house. We ate snacks and desserts, painted nails and did karaoke! Thai people LOVE karaoke. During the girl's night, one



Kik, Mai, P'Pbaan and Karli

of them, Jang, shared with me a little about how she has a broken heart. She later told me she went to a fortune teller to see what her future holds. She said she doesn't really believe what the woman said, but please pray that the Lord would use these conversations to lead us to talk about Him. "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18).

We are planning to have an English Summer Camp in May. It is a three week camp where we will teach English, have fun culture nights, volunteer and have personal development workshops. We pray that this will be an opportunity to deepen relationships and share the Gospel

with those that come. Many of the students who we have invited have said no because of the coronavirus. To be honest, I'm not sure if we will end up having it due to the virus. Please pray for us to seek wisdom from the Lord and for His will to be done with COSC.

## **B and SP**

March 20, 2020

(Serving in Lincoln, Nebraska with Christar)

### **From "Stacy"**

"I thought long and hard about what you told me ... although I feel like I connect more with Christianity, I don't think I can let go of being an yezidi. It's what I've known all my life and it would just feel wrong to leave that religion."

We were saddened to see this response, BUT it is NOT the end. We feel she really wants to trust Jesus personally but feels she shouldn't. God assures us that He will not lose one of His sheep, so if she's to be a child of God, she will be! We sent a response from the Word and from our hearts and it was received well. She also agreed that it is not between us and that we can still hang out, even though I will continue to ask to pray for her when we visit.

### **How Covid Affects us Here**

The schools are closed "indefinitely until further notice," so all of us are suddenly homeschooling, like many in this country (world). Our churches are closed for the most part, though a few from the Arabic church may be getting together in small numbers. No English classes, no children's clubs, no Scouts, no home visits unless the visiting and recipients are mutually comfortable. B helped with a food distribution this morning that will have only 10 workers and has to keep all the patrons and the distribution outside. He has still been giving rides and helping with other needs that are one on one, etc. Plus we have been reaching out through texts, phone calls, FB messages and cards. Since

*J* got the flu after our return from Iowa and still has a cough, three of us were already more or less self-quarantined. If *T* catches anything (even a runny nose) from *J* or anyone, he will not be able to have his physical Tuesday at the doctor's office. Tuesday is designated for healthy visits; that would likely put his procedures and tests off to a later date. GOD KNOWS. We are all in this together, but we all have different interpretations/levels of comfort with "social distancing" and need great wisdom. May God shake this nation into seeing Jesus as our only hope for eternal hope.

### **Covid-instigated Blessings**

1. We mentioned a sweet Chaldean family that just moved back to CA. They were in our Arabic church (and our children's clubs). Their elementary-aged girls were able to play in the apartment courtyard with a couple other children last week. When their friends started talking about being afraid about the virus, these two girls started talking to them about Jesus and how He can help with fears and His hope.

2. One of the Sabeen teens we spent lots of time with before he moved to TX continues to grow. (We wrote of him often.) He posted on FB regarding being stressed about his birthday coming up and how the coronavirus might affect it, feeling the burden of the world. He wrote an update later: "God replies to me with, 'Ok, Daniel, choose Me or choose fear and stress. You CANNOT service both!' I replied with, 'Ok God, I choose you and you only and I repent that I feared and have stressed out.' So I had let go of my fears and let go of my stress and immediately I started to feel much better!" So thank God for that! But coronavirus is still spreading! But God is good, He will set those in need of him FREE! Now, what I want y'all to do is read the Bible and pray and if you have felt the same way as me, please focus on 1 Peter 6 and Philippians 4. Thank you!"

PRAISE GOD! Sometimes it takes the FIRES to see the GOLD!

## **Emily Schoenleber**

March 26, 2020

(Serving with Circuit Riders in Huntington Beach, California)

### **A Short Tour Update**

I arrived back to California on March 6, after finishing our last few weeks of tour in the United Kingdom. We spent the majority of the month of February in England but also spent a few days with university students in Scotland and Wales. Good news: God is moving and Jesus is winning! One of my favourite things about Carry the Love is getting to sit and pray with individuals, hear their hearts and see them encouraged and changed. So many stories could be told of people getting freed from fear or anxiety or being filled with faith and passion about something the Lord has spoken to them.

Here's a fun update: from all of our teams in Europe and the US, high schools and universities, over 24,000 students gathered at Carry the Love events during roughly six weeks of tour. Thousands said yes to a lifestyle of faith and obedience to Jesus—wherever it might take them. In addition to that, over 2,000 students responded to the gospel. Praise God! Young people are so hungry for Jesus.

### **Shifting Strategies**

Obviously, we're not the only ones needing to change plans these days. With four or five weeks of Carry the Love tour ahead of us, we had to come up with a different strategy for reaching the universities we haven't been to yet this year. In a nutshell we're hosting two livestream events on April 6 (for the US) and April 8 (for Europe). Over the coming weeks, myself and other tour leaders are mobilizing our students and friends to "gather together" over the livestream for a Carry the Love night.

### **Where am I?**

Yeah, so I'm also in the category of people

who's plans have changed a bit—well, a lot! Some of you may have known I was planning to be flying to New Zealand today, because we were going to be bringing a team of Circuit Riders next month to take part in a tour through NZ's major cities called Kingdom Come. With things changing so rapidly, we decided not to send our team and, due to the lockdown that recently started in New Zealand, the tour is also on pause. But stay tuned, more to come on that.

When I realized I wouldn't be able to enter New Zealand I decided to come home and spend time with my family while I have the chance. It isn't what I was expecting to be doing during this time, but I am so grateful for an opportunity to slow down a bit and be at home! Similar to a lot of others, I'm playing it all by ear in terms of how long I'll spend at home, when I'll head back to the west coast and when I'll go to New Zealand. But I'm not worried, I trust the Lord and I know that He's going to work it all out! For now, I'm going to enjoy this extra time to dive deeper in my relationship with Him.

## Roger and Marilyn Reeck

March 25, 2020

(Based in Honduras with Wycliffe Bible Translators)

### **Be still, and know that I am God**

I know that for all of you, as for us, this is a very difficult time. Your lives have been turned upside down. Your job might be insecure, you suddenly have to homeschool your children, you are very concerned about finances and also for the safety of your loved ones. There are so many uncertainties and fears, but He says: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth" (Psalm 46:10).

It is comforting to have the assurance of His great love and to know that this one is not too big for Him. His Word is sustaining us all during this difficult time (Philippians 4:4-7).

Over the last several years the Lord has

taken us to several countries and we have had the privilege of meeting and knowing so many of His chosen people. Now, we feel a very strong burden for them.

Honduras: There are many cases of coronavirus and the country is under complete shutdown. They do have good hospitals and hospital staff but medical resources are limited.

Guinea Bissau: There are very few hospitals. They are not well staffed and have few medicines, masks, etc.

Venezuela: The hospitals are lacking even the smallest supplies. That includes not even having gloves or soap. The people are already malnourished and have no built up immunity. All we can do is to call out for God's mercies.

We were in Honduras from November to the middle of February. During that time Roger travelled to Brazil and checked the translation of the Yaminahua language. His time was very profitable. In January he was to spend three weeks in Colombia leading a Joshua Translation Workshop but that was cancelled. Another event to take place the end of March was cancelled also.

A few weeks ago we flew to San Antonio and after spending a few days there travelled to Maryland and Pennsylvania to visit churches. While Roger remained in Pennsylvania, Marilyn travelled to a conference in Dallas. On the last day of the conference we both made the decision not to return to Honduras right away so we travelled to and are spending this time with our daughters in San Antonio. The great thing is that we can do our work from anywhere there is internet.

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.



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