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Our Blessed Hope

by Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor



“Our blessed hope comes from knowing and believing deep down in our soul that Jesus is in complete control.”

When reading the pages of the New Testament (first century AD), it is easy to lose sight of the fact that being a follower of Jesus required a great deal of courage in the face of significant persecution. Rome was essentially in control of the entire world. The Roman Empire was unchallenged in authority. The Roman Emperor was not just hailed as a significant political ruler—but it was required of every person to worship him as a god.

If you stood up for Jesus in those days, you could fully expect to get crushed. Think about it. What did the Roman Empire do to Jesus? Crucified Him. What did the Roman Empire do to the Apostle Peter? Crucified him upside down. What did the Roman Empire do to the Apostle Paul? Beheaded him. What did the Roman Empire do to the Apostle John? Boiled him in oil and banished him to a desert island. How about Thomas, Mark, Matthew, Nathaniel, James and the list goes on? All of them martyred because of their faith. Crushed in the massive, global, grinding teeth of the Roman Empire.

This is precisely why Peter, in 1 Peter chapter 4, says this to believers in Christ who lived in what is now modern-day Turkey:

“Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for

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evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.”

I understand that these words of Peter don’t exactly sound like good news. At least not on the surface. What we must do is to take off our “Lower Story” glasses and look at life through an “Upper Story” lens. This isn’t just Peter’s message, it’s the message of the entire Bible. Simply put, our hope doesn’t come from the things of this world. Empires rise and fall.

My encouragement to you today is to look above your Lower Story circumstances, and see the Upper Story HOPE that will flood your heart with peace and joy IN SPITE of whatever struggle you are facing.

Rulers and presidents come and go. Wars, pandemics and natural disasters are the “groans” of a world that is still experiencing the disastrous effects of sin and Satan’s schemes.

We see over and over again in the pages of Scripture that things like persecution and pandemics actually serve a greater and redemptive purpose. They can serve to remind us of the Upper Story. When things are going well in our lives or in our world, we have a tendency to get comfortable and complacent. Don’t hear me wrong, I’m not saying that God doesn’t want us to enjoy life. The greater danger comes when we love this world and the things of this world more than we love Him. This is why the Book of James chapter 1 reminds us that trials are actually GOOD THINGS. They serve to refocus our wandering eyes and idol-seeking hearts.

Which brings me to what I want to say to you today: Lower Story struggles remind us of our Upper Story HOPE!

Hope actually has different dimensions. There’s a kind of hope that gets us through a sleepless night until we see the light of a new day. There’s a kind of hope that comes from

simply doing what’s next, knowing that each step is taking us to new places. There’s hope that reinvigorates our faith when someone reaches out to show us care and compassion. This kind of hope touches us and energizes us on a daily basis.

In addition to this, Scripture points us to a greater, grander, higher, wider, deeper and more satisfying kind of hope. The Apostle Paul gives this kind of hope a name: Our Blessed Hope. He refers to it directly in Titus 2:11-14 ...

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say ‘No’ to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good.

I want to restate what I shared earlier in this article. Our hope doesn’t come from the things of this world. Empires rise and fall. Rulers and presidents come and go. Wars and pandemics and natural disasters are the “groans” of a world that is still experiencing the disastrous effects of sin and Satan’s schemes. Our blessed hope comes from knowing and believing deep down in our soul that Jesus is in complete control and is coming back to this earth to take us home to be with Him.

My encouragement to you today is to look above your Lower Story circumstances, and see the Upper Story HOPE that will flood your heart with peace and joy IN SPITE of whatever struggle you are facing. Turn off the TV for a few minutes. Stop thinking about the news of this world. Confess your fears and struggles to the Lord who loves you. Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

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our community with the Gospel.

We believe that becoming a transformed disciple of Jesus
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Relationally Connected by Jesus

Missionally Engaged for Jesus

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Who are you serving?

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Intimacy and COVID-19

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*A devotional that was presented during
a LIVE Celebrate Recovery meeting
on Monday, April 20.*



How is your intimacy
during COVID-19?

When I ask that ques-
tion, where is the first place
that most of your minds
went to, mine included?
If you were actually here
in front of me right now,
I wonder if anyone would

have the courage to answer out loud! How I
miss being with you all and your often candid
responses to my questions of what God is doing
in the room!

I have been thinking a lot about intimacy
these last few weeks. And no, I'm not talking
about the physical intimacy that our culture has
conditioned us to expect. I am talking about
the kind that we talk together about all the time
... the kind that says, "It is not good for man/
woman to be alone."

True intimacy doesn't conclude with a
physical act, nor is it primarily an emotion.
True intimacy is a way of life that is marked
by openness, transparency and togetherness.
True intimacy walks beside one another in pain
and seeks to protect another from loneliness.

Married or single. Young or old. Confident
or afraid. Divorced or widowed. Addicted or
recovered. The intimacy that is offered by a rela-
tionship with God in Christ and the inclusion
into the family of Jesus is available to all of us
and all of us were designed for it.

It's why we use the language of family:
brother, sister, community, trust, refuge, for-
giveness

It's why church is way, way more than music
and message, or even a testimony.

It's why in our Celebrate Recovery ministry we say things like:

- You are welcome here.
- This is a safe place.
- You are not alone in your struggle.
- Your pain has a purpose.
- Keep coming back.

We say all of these things because we are creating and responding to the need for intimacy; both our individual and communal design for intimacy.

It's not just about sex. Our culture says it is. But in God's economy, it's about a lifestyle of giving and receiving trust (or at least learning to) and choosing to be in authentic relationship with others and with God.

Especially when we look at our areas of need, our addictions, our sin or the sin that has been done to us, we see this all over the place in Scripture. Let's just see one place together right now, Psalm 32:3-5,7:

When I kept silent my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the iniquity of my sin You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

What do you see here? I think we see a relationship that leads to intimacy:

When I kept silent (when I hid my true self).

My bones wasted away through my groaning all day long (I knew it even in my body; I was consumed with my pain and guilt all day long.).

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me (I felt the distance my sin and my hiding had created; instead of peace, I felt heaviness.).

My strength was dried up as by the heat of summer (My hiding was exhausting! I had nothing left. It felt like there was no water and

no escape.).

I acknowledged my sin to you and I did not cover my iniquity (I decided to trust you and stop hiding the real me.).

I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord" (I chose to do what I knew was right. I followed through.).

And you forgave the iniquity of my sin (You overcame the distance between you and me because of sin. You released the heaviness of what I had done and simply loved me.).

It's very interesting to me that the Psalmist here basically comes out of hiding, hiding



behind his own self, his own desires, his own shame, his own fear and then enters a new hiding place. Do you see this in v. 7?

You (God) are my (new) hiding place! Basically, "I won't stand behind my mask anymore or my many failed attempts to control my life with this thing or that thing. I will stand behind you, God!"

He's moving from one hiding place: self (which brings physical defeat, emotional heaviness and discomfort) to another: God (who brings protection, deliverance and restoration).

This is just one picture of the intimacy that God desires for us and has designed us for ... a lifestyle of openness, transparency and trust with him. This one, of course, is a picture of intimacy with him, but our brothers and sisters in Christ serve as an extension of his grace and care. We are also designed for intimacy with each other.

It's ironic to be talking about this right now, isn't it? Many of you may not have left your home today. If you did, you likely wore a literal

mask. You have been forced (albeit for good reason) into a hiding of sorts. We are being told that to be safe is to be alone (and that is true right now ... I just want you to see the irony ... I'm not suggesting that we shouldn't be following the guidelines in place right now). Friendships, maybe family, have been altered in some pretty undesirable ways. You may feel anything BUT intimacy right now.

Well, ironic I know, but even more so an important time to consider it then. Your need for healing, recovery, grace and restoration does not take a break for a pandemic. If anything, it requires even more intentionality than before! Even though you are alone in some new ways, you are still not meant to do this alone.

I want to give you three DON'Ts to consider as this global crisis continues to unfold:

1) Don't hide from God. He knows. Confess your sin to him; your need to him. Share your loneliness with him; your pain, your fear with him. Let him be your hiding place.

How? Be intentional to read His word. Always ask the Holy Spirit for help when you do this. Maybe pick a Psalm or start reading



in the book of John. Pause when something strikes you: something you like, something you don't, something that confuses you, something you would love to share with another. Direct your thoughts and questions to God. That's what prayer is.

Some quick tips to help read the Bible: Observe, Interpret, Apply. Simply:

Observe: What does it say?

Interpret: What does it mean?

Apply: What does it mean for me?

Remember you are building intimate relationship with God in His word. You are NOT completing an academic task here. Just spend time with him!

2) Don't hide from others. That might not look the same as it did a few weeks ago, but what CAN it look like in your context?

- Can you set up intentional times for electronic communication with a trusted friend?

- Can you find online support groups to help you in different areas of need in your life?

- Can you be intentional about strengthening relationships in the places where you can be right now? Work? Neighborhood? What is it for you?

- Can you reflect on how intentional, healthy relationships have helped build you up in the past and pray for continued motivation to pursue them in a new context?

3) Don't just default back to old patterns as soon as you can. So many things have been turned on their heads. We all so badly want to get back to normal. But, is the old normal the best normal? When we are free to return to normal, what new rhythms and commitments can you establish that will build intimacy in your relationship with God and others? What new rhythms and commitments will aid in your healing and recovery?

In mentioning a lot of things in a few brief paragraphs, I absolutely do not want to come across like a single article can build true intimacy into your life or mine. It is hard work. It is the long game.

The joy, the pain, the journey, the struggle, the victory and the time ... is all part of it. The point is not so much to "get fixed." The point is to take every thought, every temptation, every circumstance and ask, "Where is my God in this?"

In doing this in the company of others, you and I will be growing in intimacy, and by doing

so our faith will grow and we will find fulfillment in living how we were created to live.

In closing, I would like to share two powerful thoughts on intimacy from Pastor Eugene Peterson:

“This world is no friend to grace. Seeking for intimacy at any level—with God or with

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persons—is not a venture that gets the support of many people. Intimacy is not good for business. It is inefficient, it lacks ‘glamour.’”

My thought and prayer: May we be inefficient and unglamorous then!

And finally, from Pastor Peterson,

“The lonely isolation of the solitary person must be invaded. Life, to be meaningful, must be joined: intimacy is a requirement of wholeness.”

My question: How can you intentionally build intimacy into your life while social distancing is the norm and necessity? It’s the challenge and question of our day! Please know that all of us at KSC are praying for you!

Board of Administration Meeting Highlights

The Board of Administration met on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 in the Administrative Office Conference Room. Chairman Glenn Watson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Scott Bert opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Following are highlights from that meeting.

A request that potential new board member, Tamy Cook, be approved to replace Dave Miller as the Local Outreach Co-Mission Chairperson passed unanimously.

Senior Pastor’s Update:

Pastor Jody Bowser gave recognition to Pastor Jay Brown, who is the primary lead for coordinating our L3 groups. He has been working through a matrix with Adam Keath to carefully plug in over 500 people in our first round of L3 group creation. Jody shared that in addition to the L3 groups, Jay has also been on the front lines of other things going on at the church. Pastor Jody discussed the coronavirus and the impact on church happenings. The lead team will be in prayer as the situation unfolds and decisions have to be made that affect our congregation.

As of the board meeting on March 11, decisions have already been made that there will be no Communion on Sundays in April. He stressed that we should use common sense, prayer and trust as we move forward, and when making decisions, to always remember that the church exists to support its people.

Executive Pastor’s Update:

Pastor Don Baker stated that there are currently 22 people taking the Partnership Class. He shared that the Worship Arts Co-Mission spent a Monday evening at a Celebrate Recovery service and requested prayer for continued blessings arising out of the CR ministry. A report coming out of Philadelphia on NPR shared a powerful story about a family that Sue Marshall works with through our Agape Ministry program.

The plan, as of this report, is to have six services on Easter Sunday plus a service on Saturday evening, using the same schedule as last year. A job description for King Street Church Deacons (created March 4, 2020) was distributed. The deacons are taking a look at their basic requirements and looking for others to become involved—especially some younger people.

Board of Elders Update:

Greg West shared that the elders met in February. Time was devoted to prayer requests. Some discussion was had regarding Pastor Jody's exponential group. Glenn Watson gave the Elder Team an update on progress with the Gathering Space plans.

Co-Mission Reports:

- **Adult Ministries** – Mark Willson shared that the AMC met on February 25. The co-mission continues to reach out to and support Sunday school classes. The library structuring is being determined by the four volunteer team members. They will be researching the appropriate types of books and cataloging them. L3 Group support is being discussed by Jay Brown and Mark Willson.

- **Children's Ministry** – Alexander Rosenbaum stated that the co-mission did not meet in March. Daddy-Daughter Date Night is scheduled for Friday, March 13, with 185 signed up to attend as of this writing. The co-mission is looking at updates in the kindergarten room and six nursery rooms. The VBS theme has been selected : *Concrete and Cranes*. Volunteers are needed for Sunday mornings during the 9:30 Sunday school hour; 11:00 group leaders are also needed. There are two college students interested in summer internships.

- **Finance** – Brad Etchberger shared that the Finance Co-Mission did not meet. Endowments are safe in long-term investments. Dan Gehris distributed Finance Updates. We had a terrific January and February regarding income. March is already very strong in giving and expenses are down.

- **Local Outreach** – The Local Outreach Co-Mission met on March 3. Tamy Cook has accepted the role as chairperson; Yvonne Poznaniak and Deb MacAskill will serve as note-takers; a treasurer is no longer needed. Bless Week will be held from June 7 to 12.

Kick-off ideas were discussed at the co-mission meeting including bags for local children and homeless and nursing home visits. The co-mission would like to see new ministries that could branch off from the fifty-three L3 groups that have been formed. The Celebrate Recovery Ministry will be a part of the Local Outreach Co-Mission.

- **Missions** – The Missions Co-Mission met on February 24. Scott Bert shared that the Thailand trip has been postponed and will hopefully be rescheduled for later this year. Honorariums were approved for the Reecks and the LeBlancs. Scott discussed a dacha (a country house) adjacent to one of the homes owned by Orphan's Tree in Russia that has come up for sale. It was not budgeted by Orphan's Tree, but was an opportunity they did not want to pass up. A motion that we approve a special gift to purchase the adjacent real estate carried unanimously.

- **Personnel Relations** – Kim Shatzer shared that the KSC staff picnic is scheduled for May 20 in Shippensburg. The Creative Arts Associate position is currently filled by an intern. Other intern positions will be reviewed as resumes and requests come in.

- **Property** – The Property Co-Mission met on March 2. Dale Forney had the following to report: boiler removal is 90% completed; the parking sign posts have been received and we are waiting on the completion of a land-use permit; the scissors lift will be examined at the JLG facility in Hagerstown to determine the possibility of repair; Don Clapper contacted the county regarding the inadequate street sweep and was told that it would be addressed; an update was provided regarding the Gathering Space project; the co-mission is still gathering information on the replacement of Baker Center chairs; purchase of HVAC automation controls is still being researched; discussion is continuing on the safety policy. Several new business items included: Dale is looking

into mitigating potential costs regarding our church elevator; the Property Co-Mission job description is being reviewed; the Children's Department has requested updates on three rooms and the request is being reviewed.

• **Student Ministry** – The co-mission met on March 2. Penny Poorman shared her excitement in how God moved in the hearts of our students at the Winter Slam event in February. Two first-time decisions were made to follow Christ; seventeen students re-committed their lives to Christ; at least six students are interested in baptism. March 22 is the application due date for the Mexico Missions Trip (July 3-12). Night-O-Peeps is scheduled for April 8; Senior Celebration is scheduled for April 29; May 6 is Group Night—the last “regular” Street Meeting of the school year. Matt Gish presented information regarding a potential remodel project in the SMC.

• **Worship Arts** – Carolyn Chenaille thanked those in the co-mission who recently attended the worship hour of Celebrate Recovery. Carolyn asked for prayer as new worship volunteers are stepping up to be trained. New musicians are needed for the contemporary worship services. Celeste Kanka from Huntington University will be joining us in June as a PRIME Intern. The internship will run through December.

Administrative Report:

Dan Gehris shared that the 2020 Annual Finance Audit was held on February 19 and it went very well. Dave Rotz will present a report to the BOA in April or May. A discussion was held regarding King Street's contributions for the 2020 Rhodes Grove Summer Camp costs. A motion that King Street Church contributions for Rhodes Grove campers remain the same as in 2019 carried.

(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.)

Leadership Spotlight: Tamy Cook

by Rose Zook

Tamy Cook began serving as our Local Outreach Co-Mission Chairperson in late February of this year. She was born and raised in Chambersburg and has been attending King Street Church for 54 years. Her parents, John and Carol Dice, began bringing her to church when she was just a few days old. Tamy accepted Jesus into her heart when she was nine in the tabernacle at Rhodes Grove Camp.



Tamy Cook

As our LOC chairperson, Tamy is responsible to conduct the co-mission's monthly meetings, including devotions and report back to the BOA. The LOC oversees more than twenty King Street and Chambersburg community ministries, including providing financial assistance. One ministry is highlighted each month in an effort to provide information

to King Streeters about the ministries and how they can support them and become involved as volunteers. Partner ministries are encouraged to attend quarterly meetings that are held at King Street for the purpose of networking and sharing goals and news.

Bless Week is coordinated by the LOC each year; this year it is planned for June 7 through 12. During this week volunteers are encouraged to participate with a ministry that King Street is in partnership with; this event provides our partner ministries with much needed support and provides wonderful opportunities for us to volunteer.

Tamy shared that a great deal of joy comes from helping people discover volunteer work in which they can find fulfillment and bless people in Jesus' name. Given an infinite amount of money and resources, Tamy would like to see King Street Church continue to partner with its existing ministries and help to ensure that all of their needs, both volunteer and financial, would be met.

Later this year, Tamy will celebrate 31 years of being a Speech/Language Therapist. She received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Bloomsburg University, and *loves* what she does. As this article is being written, we are in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and Tamy shared that she is especially grateful for technology that allows her to connect with her students despite school being closed.

Tamy and Vaughn Cook (a fellow King Streeter) were married on July 4, 2009. Between them they "are incredibly blessed" to have seven grown children and three grandchildren. They are members of the Foundations Sunday School Class. During her time at King Street, Tamy has been involved in serving in the nursery, singing in the adult choir, playing handbells, teaching Sunday school and volunteering with Once More Ministries.

In her spare time, she loves working in her flower garden (although she says that hers will never look as good as her parents!), scrapbook-

ing and bike riding. Her greatest challenge in the year ahead: "I am always learning to trust and obey the Lord 100%! You know, when you sang that song as a child, it seemed so simple – LOL! Walking in complete trust and obeying the Lord 100%! I think that this will continue to be my greatest challenge until I meet Jesus face-to-face."

Attendance & Giving REPORTS



April 5

Attendance Online: 1838 households
Offering (General Fund): \$59,471.77

April 12

Attendance Online: 2327 households
Offering (General Fund): \$66,705.54

April 19

Attendance Online: 1712 households
Offering (General Fund): \$52,755.61

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- Text keyword **GIVE** to (717) 401-7777
- Mail checks to church office: 56 N. 2nd St

Once More Ministries Report

Due to the Covid 19 Virus, Once More Ministry distribution for March was canceled, along with many other ministries and activities at King Street Church.

Please continue to be vigilant to pray that this virus can soon be brought under control and for the safety and well being of all those volunteers and professionals on the front lines during this battle. We are blessed to be able to stay connected by way of Lives-tream, Facebook and the Hub with King Street Church.



Thank you to the Pastoral staff for all the guidance and leadership they have imparted on us all during these unprecedented times. Thank you also to the praise team members and behind the scene volunteers as they prepare us to worship with open hearts, ready to accept His word.

OMM is not sure if we will be able to provide a June distribution at this time. The next distribution day will be announced at a later time. While there may still be some shortages on store shelves, if you are able to purchase or have any extra toiletries or hygiene products, you may want to bless a neighbor or acquaintance with some of them. Let us all be His hands and feet and share what we can spare.

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of the lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

—Hebrews 13:15-16

Thanks be to God!

Bless week

The past few years, King Street Church has enjoyed an incredible time serving our local community during Bless Week. We are still working on forming a complete plan for Bless Week, but it is our great hope that a revised version of it will happen! We will need to have the stay-at-home order lifted before we can proceed, and so as we plan we will continue to consider our state directives as to how we may gather safely. Our thought right now is that we will not have large gatherings like Bless Fest (which has been officially canceled), but that we will be able to complete projects in smaller groups. Please pray for us as we plan and dream for this important church initiative!





STAY CONNECTED

The staff at King Street Church is very eager to stay in touch with you. Our pastors are available to talk with you.

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

WEBSITE: www.kingstreetchurch.com/the-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

TEXT: (717) 401-7777

EMAIL: info@kschurch.org

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. We are offering all three service times:

WEBSITE: Click the "Livestream" button on the upper right corner of the page. You will be directed to www.kingstreetchurch.tv

FACEBOOK: Visit the King Street Church page.

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

MAY 2020 BIBLE READING PLAN

Following Jesus: A Journey Through the Gospels

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Mark 2:1-12 | <input type="checkbox"/> 13 Mark 4:35-41 | <input type="checkbox"/> 24 REST |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 REST | <input type="checkbox"/> 14 Mark 5:1-20 | <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Mark 7:24-30 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Mark 2:18-22 | <input type="checkbox"/> 16 Mark 6:1-6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 27 Mark 8:1-13 |
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Celebrate Recovery is going LIVE every Monday night at 7 p.m. and open share groups are meeting via Zoom right afterward.

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.



Special Dates

- National Day of Prayer, May 7, 2020
- Mother's Day, May 10, 2020
- Armed Forces Day, May 16, 2020
- Ascension Day, May 21, 2020
- Memorial Day, May 25, 2020
- Pentecost, May 31, 2020



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).



EMPOWERED TO CONNECT CONFERENCE highlights

Bringing hope and healing to families!

Empowered to Connect Conference:
Now Online!

The Empowered to Connect conference offers practical understanding that helps in building meaningful connections with children from hard places. Due to social gathering limitations, our planned “highlights” event has been canceled, and instead, we are excited to offer an online version to families.

Empowered to Connect is good for anyone who works with children: parents, adoptive families, teachers, social workers, professionals, and ministry volunteers. The

material that will be presented is Trust-Based Relational Intervention Methods® developed by Dr. Karyn Purvis and Dr. David Cross from the Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development at Texas Christian University. Their research seeks to understand how brain development in children from “hard places” affects their behavioral, emotional and physical health. They seek to explain the why behind behaviors in children and help adults to build trust with kids. King Street Church believes the material has the potential to be a game-changer when working with kids who have experienced trauma.

From Pastor Adam Keath: “As both an adoptive parent and a leader in the church, it is my hope that many families and volunteers in children and student ministry will take advantage of this opportunity. It truly is perspective-changing information.”

From Jeanie Helman, Children’s Outreach Coordinator: “This material has been instrumental in helping me understand how trauma affects brain development. I would highly recommend it for anyone who works with kids.”

If you would like to know how you can access the ETC online for FREE, please email Pastor Adam at akeath@kschurch.org.



MAY 7, 2020
THEME:
Pray God’s Glory Across the Earth

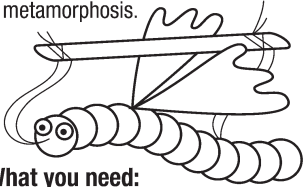
“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”

Habakkuk 2:14

JUST FOR KIDS

CHANGED!

Make this cute puppet to show and tell the amazing story of metamorphosis.



What you need:

- Needle and string
- 12 small pom-poms
- Wooden craft stick
- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Coffee filter
- Markers

What you do:

1. Sew pom-poms together to make a caterpillar body. Tie off that string.
2. Thread another string up through the first pom-pom, leaving 12 inches to dangle. Repeat with the ninth pom-pom, leaving two dangling strings.
3. Wrap those strings around opposite ends of the stick, adjusting their length to about 6 inches. Tie in place.
4. Glue on eyes.
5. Flatten the coffee filter and draw a symmetrical design on it. Pleat in the center to create wings.
6. Move the caterpillar puppet by holding the stick. Glue on the wings as you describe the transformation into a butterfly.



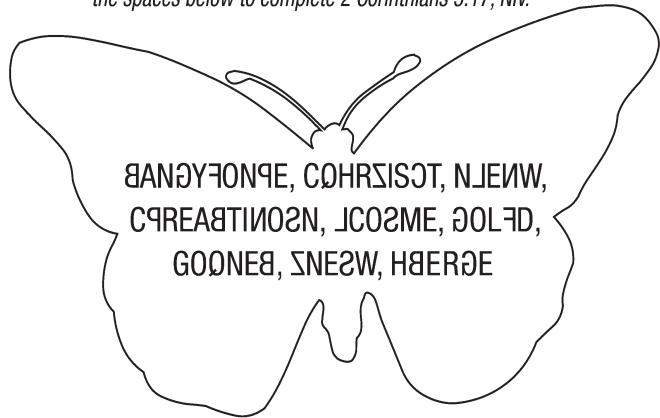
TransformationPOWER



Just as the caterpillar becomes a butterfly,
God transforms us from old to new.



Directions: Cross out the backward letters. Write the remaining letters in order in the spaces below to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.



Therefore, if _____ is in _____,
the _____ has _____:

The _____ has _____,
the _____ is _____!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: anyone, Christ, new, creation, come, old, gone, new, here

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>



Summer Sneak

- Dates: June 17-21, 2020
- Where: Cape Henlopen State Park, Lewes, DE
- Who Can Participate? Grades 8-12
- Cost: \$150 (if registered by May 7)

Join us for five days at the beginning of summer as we sneak away to Cape Henlopen State Park, in Lewes, Delaware from June 17-21. This will be a great way to celebrate getting out of quarantine and letting the stress of the year wash away with the ocean waves. This week could be the highlight of your summer, maybe even your life. We'll be staying in bunkhouses at Cape Henlopen State Park, hit the boardwalk, play some beach games, enjoy campfires, worship and hear teaching from God's Word. This trip is open to current 8-12 grade students. Space is limited, so sign up today! Visit www.kingstreetchurch.com/summer to reserve your spot by May 7 and lock in our lowest price of \$150.

*Due to the unknown length of social gathering bans, we will not be collecting any registration costs at this time.

Quotes of the Week

"In the midst of the chaos of this world ... we have great hope!
God is on His throne.
Jesus is coming back.
His Kingdom is eternal."

**Pastor Jody Bowser,
March 29, 2020**



"Jesus is the king of all nations and all rulers. In spite of present circumstances, He will win in the end!"

**Pastor Jody Bowser,
April 5, 2020**



"Easter isn't about religion.
It's about a resurrection.
An Event.
And it's an invitation.
To believe.
To be made alive."

**Pastor Jody Bowser
Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020**



"Father, we stand here today to close the past and open a new chapter in our lives. We stand here on our own behalf, and on the behalf of others, to repent. To ask for your forgiveness, and confess the sins that have so easily entangled us. We pledge our lives to you, to walk in your ways and experience all your blessings forever."

**Pastor Jody Bowser
April 19, 2020**

**We must
WAIT
but God still
WORKS**



**How and where are
you seeing Him?**

We would love to hear how you are seeing God at work in your life, and in the lives of your friends, family, and neighbors. Next month we plan to offer a feature in the Messenger, "God at Work!" Please send your stories and photos! Show us your family in action. Show us how you have served others, and how they have served you. Show us an inspiring moment from your home time together.

What is God teaching you?

What is a creative solution you have developed mid-quarantine?

How has your heart been encouraged?

The sky is the limit on this project, so if in doubt, please go ahead and submit what you have. We will include as many as we have the room to publish. We may include some on Facebook if we have enough. Let's inspire one another with how God is working in our lives!

Send to Susanna Allen: sallen@kschurch.org. You can also submit through Facebook Messenger.

PRIMETIMERS UPDATES

Please check the online worship folder and the website for schedule changes or cancellations due to COVID-19. If you have questions, please call Frances Hummelsine.

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*

- **Wednesday, July 1**
- CANCELED



Annual Summer Picnic

- **Wednesday, July 8**
- 12 Noon in the Baker Center
- Cost: \$10
- Pottery program with Don Burkholder
- More details in the June *Messenger*

August

Lunch and a Movie

- **Tuesday, August 11**
- 12 p.m.—Lunch in the Fellowship Room
- 1 p.m.—Movie (TBA)
- Cost: \$10

September

Minibus Trip to Raystown Lake

- **Wednesday, September 9**

- To sign up, make checks payable to KSC Prime-Timers and mail to Frances Hummelsine, 408 Benjamin Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201.
- Deposits at time of sign up: Day trip—\$10; Overnight Trip—\$50.
- Call Frances Hummelsine 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.



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**



MISSIONS NEWS

Thailand Praise

In the three photos below members of the congregation for Cool Shade of Life Church in Thailand are distributing bags of food to families in need in their community. King Street Church supports Bryan and Emily Gerlach in Chiang Mai. About two weeks ago they shared



with Pastor Jay Brown their desire to minister to families who were hungry as food resources are restricted by the pandemic. Our Missions Co-Mission provided \$1,600 for this cause,



funds that had been set aside for the trip to Thailand which had to be canceled. Now the Cool Shade of Life Church has been able to minister in a mighty way. They hope—through demonstrating uncommon love in the midst of this crisis—to open doors for sharing the

Gospel.

We may be separated from Thailand by 8,371 miles, two oceans, the continent of Africa, and travel restrictions, but we share the same Jesus, the same heart for His Church and the same desire to draw people to Him!



Nate Powles

April 3, 2020

(Serving at Penn State Altoona with Coalition for Christian Outreach)

Well Then...

Where the heck do I start with this? So much has happened since I last wrote to you all, but you probably knew that to some extent already. I just came back from a walk before starting this. It had just been raining here in Altoona, but the sun started to peak out before fully shining on what had been a dreary morning and afternoon. I know this analogy is probably very much overdone especially during this time, but it was a much-needed reminder of the season we are in right now. It looks super bleak right now with quarantine and stay-at-home orders and potentially friends and family falling victim to this virus, but God is still in control, He still reigns and this will not be forever. His promises are true and He is the sun in the midst of this hurricane on steroids. That is honestly the fact that is keeping me sane at home 24/7. So take heart, friends. We will come out on the other side of this.

Memphis and COVID-19

Before we left for Tennessee, things with the virus were starting to pick up and several other spring break trips at Penn State were canceled. Our trip was still given the green light so we left as scheduled, praying everything would go as planned and we wouldn't be touched by the virus or the chaos it brought with it.



Memphis offered so many great experiences and so many different service opportunities, like the Urban Bicycle Food Ministry. We were able to take bikes down one of the main streets in downtown Memphis and hand out burritos, drinks and toiletries to the homeless community along the way. The consistent volunteers and leaders were obviously super invested in the people we met, as they were able to pick up conversation with them and knew almost all by name. Powerful experience to see how invested Memphians were in their city and communities and “the least of these.”

We were clear of any effects of the coronavirus until midweek, when ministries and businesses around Memphis started to close down in anticipation. We were unable to work with a couple ministries because they were not going ahead with their programming at that point. But every activity we were able to take part in until that moment was super beneficial and impactful. Our students were able to help

young students in a multinational afterschool tutoring program, renovate a house and old church in an impoverished community and even have roles in a community center's recreation of South Korea for school classes in the area to experience.

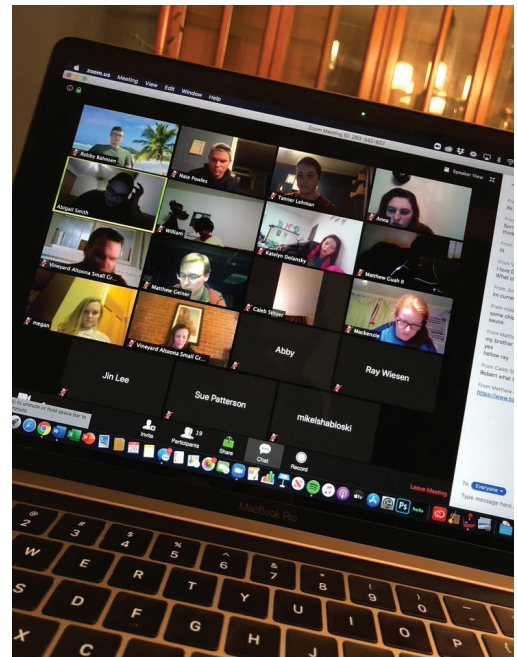
Heather and I saw the four students who came with us have an amazing experience regardless of their initial expectations. God's heart was evident in the people with whom we worked and we witnessed the passion they all had for their city and communities. This was a super high note; but it was on the next-to-last day in Memphis that we heard that Penn State would be closing all its campuses for at least a couple weeks and move to online learning, including Penn State Altoona.

Transitioning from what had been such an amazing trip to the reality we would face when we returned to Altoona was difficult for all of us. We had two seniors on the trip who had internships and were expecting to finish out their college years on campus with their peers, but instead had to figure out how they would still be on course to graduate at the end of the semester.

Needless to say, these few weeks since the dominos quickly started falling have been confusing, sad and even depressing. For me personally, this being my fellows year, I had one full year with these students when I could dedicate all my time to them and I was looking forward to the last several months of community and building relationships. So having to move all that to online communication was not a prospect I looked forward to.

My mantra, regardless of this season, has been that of all the campus ministers I've spoken to across all organizations: The mission isn't canceled. God is not taking time off because we have to adjust our lifestyles. He is still moving and we still have a calling to live out. So despite my hesitations and uncertainties, I have been meeting with a handful of students in groups, restarted Bible studies and created new ways to

interact with students. It has been far from easy, but I know this is important—both to me and to all my students. So keep praying for the work being done with Penn State Altoona students! The work is still being done and the Gospel is still alive and active. Thank you friends. Please feel free to reach out with any prayer requests of your own. I plan on reaching out to many of you during this uncertain time to check in on you and your families. Your spiritual and financial support is so, so appreciated.



The mission doesn't stop. Just because we aren't able to meet in person on campus anymore doesn't mean that we stop meeting in general. We have moved our large-group meetings to video call every week, along with several Bible studies and 1-on-1/group meetings. It sucks that we can't spend time with our students anymore, but it is a big boost and joy that we can still meet and talk with several of them each week over video. God is still working at Penn State Altoona.

K and RW

April 4 and 10, 2020

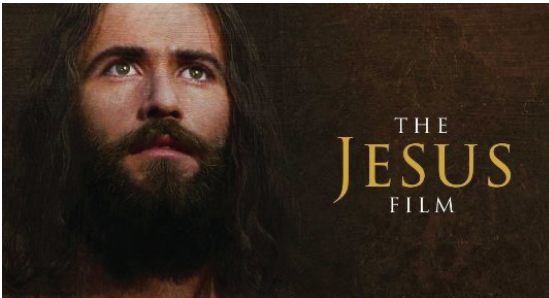
(Ministering to specific people groups around the world)

God is Opening Doors for the Gospel

We received news from ■ yesterday that we could hardly believe. During Easter weekend, *The Jesus Film* will be shown on six regional stations that are secular. God has chosen this time, when the nation of ■ is home-bound, to proclaim the message of salvation through Christ. If you are not familiar with the Jesus film, it is a drama portraying the gospel of Luke.

We hear that during the pandemic many ■ are already asking Christians about our faith. Pray for God to use His Word through film to draw many to our savior.

(The film can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0feZQkHbCkM&t=3s.>)



Please pray for the following:

1. There are many television viewing options in ■. Pray that many ■ will choose to watch this film during at least one of the three times it is shown.

2. Pray that there will not be an outcry or opposition. Public opposition could cause the film showing to be stopped suddenly or the cancellation of the second or third showings.

3. We know believers who were profoundly moved toward Christ after learning about Him from this film. Pray that many ■ will read the

Bible and trust Jesus alone for salvation.

4. Pray for those who will follow-up with the inquirers after the film is shown. Ask that they will be trained and skillful in explaining the gospel clearly and fully. In other words, pray that inquirers will clearly understand their need for salvation from sin and the deity of Christ when they contact churches and Christians they know. Pray that the Holy Spirit will convict many.

5. Pray for a great awakening and searching for God through Jesus Christ in ■ during this time when we all are brought face to face with our own weakness and mortality.

Other News:

Due to coronavirus restrictions, ■ churches are meeting virtually. This has opened up invitations for K to teach and preach to those we know in ■. We are grateful for technology and these opportunities. Pray for believers to be strengthened during this time of spiritual isolation and trial. Pray we would use well these opportunities to teach and disciple.

We are currently in Pennsylvania where R will care for her mother this month so that caregivers don't have to come into her mother's home. Through April pray for R to produce effective material for the children's camps. The camps may be run virtually. K will return to Michigan in a week or so.

We believe that God works mightily in our times of difficulty. Along with you all, we pray for the pandemic to be stopped in its tracks; may He show His mercy and strength in unmistakable and visible ways! Wouldn't it be a great celebration of Easter to be able to praise God for His overcoming death and sickness caused by this virus! We also pray that God's people will redeem this time for spiritual and practical good: that we might choose to trust Him rather than to fear or worry, that we might choose gratitude for His goodness and grace to us, and that we choose to think of others rather than focusing on ourselves.

Emily and Bryan Gerlach

March 31, 2020

(Serving in Thailand with TEAM Global Missions)

The following are excerpts from a video report shared by Bryan.

Hello everyone.

I wanted to give you a little update on how the Gerlachs are doing. Thailand in general has been very impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, as I am sure you have as well. Right now schools are closed, nonessential businesses are closed, foreigners are no longer permitted to come into the country and flights out of the country are very restricted as well.

So we are here. We do not have any plans to go home, but it just feels a little strange just



Bryan Emily, Eden and Jameson Gerlach

being stuck here. Thankfully we have a great community and network here and good medical care as well. We feel pretty safe and secure. We are all healthy, which is excellent, but we are just at home, practicing social distancing. Like many of you, that has been recommended to us and we are taking that very seriously.

For me work as normal is continuing somewhat. I'm working at home a lot more. But as part of the admin team, there is a lot of communication with volunteers that needs to be going on. I help oversee some of the visa

teams so there is a lot going on with the new visa requirements and work permit requirements and those types of things. Those things are carrying on as normal.

Our church has been canceled on Sundays but we are still trying to meet online as well. In general we have just been loving our neighbors. There is a lot of uncertainty going around. People are losing their jobs and they are not sure if they will be getting an income or not. So we are just trying to love all the people around



Our new normal... wishing we could go out! I know many of you resonate with this feeling. Unfortunately, air quality levels are so bad right now that we can rarely even get out of the house to play in the yard!

us and to be an encouragement and support.

Remember that God is sovereign. He is still on the throne. He knows what is going on. He cares for us, He loves us and He is taking care of our needs. So I encourage you to remember that as well as you walk through these difficult and troubling times, as we are all impacted with the coronavirus.

One thing we wanted to ask of you is to send us your prayer requests. Emily is at home with Jameson and Eden. Jameson is four and Eden is 1½ and it is a lot for them, a lot of energy to get out. Jameson is very rambunctious and Eden is too. One thing we wanted to do as a family is to try to focus some of that energy into positive ways. Emily has been doing a lot of great activities with them. However, we are stuck inside mostly. Not only just at home but

this is the smoky season and hot season in Thailand. Temperatures are above 100° every day and the weather is just not good. We cannot go outside. The air quality index for America is usually green, which is the best. Now in northern Thailand where we live it is either purple or brown, which is the worst. So it is hazardous just to go outside.

We just want people to send us ideas of what we can do with the kids. So if you can connect with Emily on Facebook, that would be great. But also send us your prayer requests for you personally, for your church or your family. We are going to take some time to print them out and spend time in prayer with our kids for you. We can be connected to you that way.

Please do not forget about us as we are over here. We still need your love and support. As I said, it is a strange feeling stuck here. It's been difficult not having play dates with the kids but we are trying just to focus on loving our neighbors. We miss you and love you all dearly. Thank you for your support.

KK

April 4, 2020

(Serving in Asia with ■)

Very Encouraged!

Thank you for your ongoing prayers, encouragement and support for this work in ■. The work is still going strong. We praise God all of our national workers were able to safely reach their focus areas right before the travel restrictions and lockdown began. We praise God they are able to disciple and strengthen the small groups of new believers.

Praise God the two girls I meet with for Discovery Bible Study (DBS) are now leading these times of fellowship in their hostel among six to eight others. Continue to join me in prayer for God to do a mighty work in their lives as they meet and discover more of Jesus together.

Praise God the three week ministry trek my friends and I had planned to go on was pushed back a week and then canceled due to nation-wide lockdown. You might have seen on the news all the tourists/trekkers that were stranded and many embassies busy gathering them.

Praise God for the flight I was able to get out of the country and for my AMAZING family that loaded the fridge in the cabin with fruits, vegetables and chicken. I graduate from my 14 days of quarantine tomorrow. I can't wait to hug my family.

An Amazing Story

One of our area coordinators shared an amazing story with us. *D* is a local leader whom ■ workers disciplined back in 2015. During these lockdown days he has been following up with people via phone and encouraging people to read the Bible, pray and share with neighbors. At the beginning of April, five witch doctor families accepted Jesus through *D*'s ministry. Some came to believe through the healing of sick family members. Other families have been listening to the SD cards and reading the books our workers distributed a while ago. They contacted *D* and asked him more about Jesus. They all accepted Jesus as their Saviour. These five families have 28 members and they have all accepted Jesus. Even though we are in lockdown, the Spirit of God is freely working to save his people through books, audio Bible, SD cards, etc. that were distributed in recent years.

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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JOHN 14:27, NIV

