

MESSENGER

AUGUST 2020

Not Just a Pep Talk

by Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor



“Don’t lose your hope—and don’t misplace your joy.”

We are all very aware of the fact that there’s been a lot of loss these past four months. Loss of income. Loss of jobs. Loss of peace. Loss of certain freedoms. Loss of church gatherings. Loss of sports and entertainment. The list goes on. But there’s one loss that just might out-do them all: the loss of joy.

Take a moment right now and be aware of your resting face. Think about what the corners of your mouth are doing. Think about the brightness of your eyes. How about your expression? Now ask yourself if that is the basic expression that you carry around with you all day long. Probably so. And for good reason, right? It’s not like you’ve had a lot of reasons to smile and be happy! Oh—and if by chance you ARE smiling ... nobody can see it anyway behind that mask!

I think, in many ways, we all feel entitled to our joylessness. How many of you feel as though the year 2020 is just a lost cause ... and no pep talk is going to change that? Please believe me when I tell you that I totally understand. We’re all in this boat together.

However, it’s at times like this that the Words of Scripture can take on even greater relevance and meaning. I think particularly about the Letter that the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Philippi. The Book of Philippians is widely known as the “book of joy,” which is well and good when all is right in the world. Joy is a great topic when we’re

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already happy. It's not so great, however, when we're feeling entitled to our joylessness and have no interest in happy talk.

I obviously wasn't there in the city of Philippi in the early 60s AD, when the letter to the Philippians was written. But I do know a little bit about the circumstances. We can gather from the rest of the letter that the people in the church loved and respected Paul. They cared deeply about him and collected offerings to support him. Where is Paul when he wrote this letter? Sitting in prison in Rome. And why is Paul in prison? Because Nero is the Emperor of the Roman Empire and he HATES Christians. It's ILLEGAL to be a Christian, a crime punishable by death.

It wasn't just Paul who was struggling and persecuted. Many people in the church were suffering as well, as we see from Philippians 1:29-30: "For to you has been given the privilege not only of trusting him but also of suffering for him. We are in this fight together. You have seen me suffer for him in the past; and I am still in the midst of a great and terrible struggle now, as you know so well."

These people had EVERY REASON to have a bitter and sad resting face! Their situation was far worse than ours. What does Paul say to them? "Hey, why such sad faces? All of this stuff we're going through ... it's a GOOD THING!" Wait, what? C'mon Paul, the last thing we need right now is a pep talk. You're just trying to put lipstick on a pig.

But Paul is serious. He means it. Read Philippians, chapter 1. He talks about how his being in prison is a fantastic opportunity to share his faith with everyone around him—even with all the prison guards. It is giving confidence to believers around the world to overcome fear and encouragement to be even MORE bold.

It's here in Philippians, chapter 1 that Paul uses a word that he repeats six times in this short letter: "**Rejoice!**" Look at Philippians 1:18, "Yes, and I will continue to rejoice." If anyone has good reason to be discouraged, it's Paul.

But that's not what he chooses to dwell on. Instead he focuses on the Upper Story and knows beyond a shadow of a doubt that Jesus is in control and working all things together for good.

Paul actually goes one step further in this first chapter to the Philippians. He basically says, "And even if I die ..." You might be familiar with Philippians 1:21: "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." He is reminding ALL OF US that this world is not all that there is. In fact, this world pales in comparison to the GLORY that awaits all of God's children. "Look up!" Paul is saying. You might feel entitled to your joylessness but you have to realize that there's a lot more going on than meets the eye.

So what is the message for us? Don't lose your hope and don't misplace your joy. This isn't some fading pep talk that runs the risk of going in one ear and out the other. God is at work in ways beyond anything we can see or even imagine. Pull the corners of your mouth up. Find that sparkle in your eye. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you in fresh ways today, believing to the core of your being that God is good, there is much to be joyful about and you are never alone.



Our pastors are available for online or phone meetings to pray and discuss any concerns that are on your heart. Please reach out if you need to talk. Email Molly Shull at mshull@kschurch.org or visit www.kingstreetchurch.com/pastor.

KING STREET CHURCH

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

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

Spiritually Alive in Jesus

Relationally Connected by Jesus

Missionally Engaged for Jesus

Who are you worshiping? Who is your community?

Who are you serving?

Ministry Staff

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Nick Randle, Worship Associate

Tyler Roberts, Media and Production Coordinator

John Shadle, Pastor of Middle School/College Ministries

September 2020 *Messenger* Deadline

Articles and information for the September 2020
issue should be submitted by August 26.

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Board of Administration Meeting Highlights

The Board of Administration met on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 via Zoom video conference call. Chairman Glenn Watson called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. Alexander Rosenbaum opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Following are highlights from that meeting.

Senior Pastor's Update:

Pastor Jody shared that a graveside service for June Brown, who was quite an ambassador for the Lord, was held on Monday, June 8. Live on-line worship services restart on June 21. On July 5, weather permitting and being in the "green" phase, plans are being made to gather at 6:30 p.m. in the baseball field at Greene Township Park. Plans are being made for live worship in the church building in both the Baker Center and the Sanctuary.

Executive Pastor's Update:

Don Baker reported that our interns are in place: two Children's Ministry, one Local Outreach, and one Prime. Dixie Cantrell and Dan Gehris are working together to schedule volunteers to assist in the regathering. A recent Agape distribution served close to 100 families.

Elder Team Report:

Greg West stated that the Elder Team met last week via Zoom to have a discussion on regathering. In order to ensure a safe environment for students who are returning this fall, Huntington University is planning to set up tents to feed students outside the dining halls. Sherilyn Emberton, President of Huntington University, sent a request out to UB churches asking them to consider helping fund the purchase of large tents for the university's use. A motion unanimously passed to help Huntington University purchase one tent.

Co-Mission Reports:

- **Adult Ministries** – Mark Willson reported that the Adult Ministries Co-Mission did not meet this past month. Mark and Tim Sherald met with a few people from the co-mission to discuss how to incorporate more leaders for sharing, connecting and prayer.

- **Children's Ministry** – Alexander Rosenbaum shared that the two summer interns, Brienna Williams and Hannah Black, started this week and are working closely with Becky Hann. Discussions on updating nursery furniture continue with Suzanne Piper. A parent survey was conducted regarding plans for reopening and returning. Plans are in the works to offer Tuesday and Wednesday signups for elementary kids.

- **Finance** – Dan Gehris shared that our operating income is only slightly down. Our operating expenses were under budget in May. Even though income was down, thanks to very low expenses, May showed a net gain.

- **Local Outreach** – Tamy Cook indicated that LOC members contacted our local ministry partners offering help and prayers. To volunteer or find information on our Bless Project, check out serve.kingstreetchurch.com. Tyler, Susanna and Marsha are doing step-by-step videos to assist our ministry partners in entering volunteer opportunities. Sign up to serve on the website. Ben Raber from Network Ministries expressed appreciation for monies donated that assisted 45 families and 250 individuals.

- **Missions** – Scott Bert shared that a video was produced that highlights the work being done in Haiti. OM in Asia ministers to remote, unreached groups and expressed a need for funds to support traveling disciple makers who navigate mountains to share the gospel. A motion to provide financial support for salaries and supplies unanimously passed.

- **Personnel Relations** – Kim Shatzer shared that Bryce Mentzer has returned to King Street

Church and is assisting in the Media and Production Department.

- **Property** – Dale Forney shared under old business that the parking sign installation is on hold until a permit is obtained. The Nursery furniture replacement research done by Suzanne Piper, Lisa Todino and Becky Hann was very successful. A motion to approve the replacement of the nursery furniture unanimously passed. The old furniture is to be donated. Our 14 year-old carpet cleaning machine is not currently operational and was replaced. The co-mission is looking into having the old machine repaired to use as a backup. Four bidders are interested in submitting bids for the Baker Center Roof replacement. There are also leaks in the Meadows Center roof. A proposal to repair the leaks is requested to be included with the replacement bids. Shrubs were removed along Montgomery Avenue and mulch was installed. More information will follow regarding the installation of shrubs at the parking lots along Main Street, King Street, and Second Street.

- **Student Ministry** – Penny Poorman shared that “The Street” Zoom meetings ended last week. Road crews are being encouraged to get together with students. The college group met in John Shadle’s back yard on June 7. The Student Ministry staff delivered gifts to graduating seniors.

- **Worship Arts** – Carolyn Chenaille has been in touch with Nate Hann, Steve Flint and Tyler Roberts to discuss the handling of transitioning back to in-person meetings and how the co-mission can help in that process. Our Prime intern, Celeste Kanka, is staying with the Flints. Tyler Roberts is seeking volunteers for Saturday night services.

Administrative Report:

Dan Gehris shared that our new IT support partner (Elect IT Solutions) continues to serve us very well. May marked our third round of

quarterly check-ins with our staff and we will be preparing for annual performance reviews in August. Four new interns have started: Camaryn Ellis – LOC; Hannah Black – Children's Ministry; Brieonna Williams – Children's Ministry; and Celeste Kanka – Worship Arts – Prime Intern from Huntington. Dan shared that he is working closely with Dixie Cantrell to get volunteers ready for the July 11 start-up of worship services at the church building.

New Business

The last of the concept drawings for the Gathering Space have been received. Glenn Watson will review and schedule a Building Committee meeting within the next month, and should be ready to report back to the BOA in August.

Alexander Rosenbaum closed the meeting with prayer at 9:03 p.m.

(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.)



June 28

Offering (General Fund): \$34,131.61

July 5

Offering (General Fund): \$45,424.64

July 12

Offering (General Fund): \$64,461.26

July 19

Offering (General Fund): \$53,948.83



We are back!

Celebrate Recovery is excited to be together again!

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12 step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain or addiction of any kind. We all have hurts, hang-ups and habits. Our symptoms may differ, but we are all in need of healing. Everyone is welcome at Celebrate Recovery, for a wide range of recovery issues. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place, where people feel free to seek authentic healing and confidentiality is highly valued.

You are welcome at Celebrate Recovery
Mondays, Baker Center Entrance
6:30–8:30 p.m. for Worship and Open
Share Groups
Come early to connect!

Focused on FRAMEWORK

**“The God of heaven will help
us succeed. We, his servants,
will start rebuilding this wall.”
Nehemiah 2:20**



In the past few weeks church staff has met and talked about ways to expand our internal church ministry. Pastor Jody said, “We will put the framework back in place, much like you would when building a house and then we can add rooms as we are able.”

We are not the first people of God to seek to rebuild within the kingdom of God. In Scripture, Nehemiah is best known for rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem. When Nehemiah learned the wall lay in ruins, he wept, but he didn’t let the story end with his grief. He then fasted, prayed, petitioned leadership to undertake the project and ultimately rallied the people of God to rebuild the wall.

Praise God, we are not in ruins at King Street Church, not by a long shot! But some of our structure has been broken down during the pandemic and we are ready to build it up once again. Some of our plans are on the next column and following pages.

“New” Worship Times

Starting Sunday, August 9, we will begin a return to our former schedule, offering two services:

**8:00 a.m. – Traditional Service in
the Sanctuary**

**9:30 a.m. – Contemporary Service
in the Baker Center**

We are excited to know that by reducing the number of total services, we will see fuller venues (while still maintaining social distancing). At this time, we expect these indoor services will still be masks-required. We will add an 11 a.m. service when our numbers increase.

Yes, we will still offer an outdoor, masks-optional worship service on Saturday night at 7 p.m. in the Ministry Center parking lot. Online services will also be available at 8:00 (traditional) and 9:30 (contemporary).



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CROSS WALK

kid min at ksc

Starting Sunday, August 9, our Cross-walk Kids Ministry will offer one hour of classes at 9:30 a.m. for our children in Nursery through 5th Grade. We will ask parents to register their children for this hour so that we can plan. Visit kingstreetchurch.com/kids to register a child. We will ask families to wear masks in the hallways. We will social distance in the classrooms, so children will be permitted to remove their masks if they so desire.

Thanks to those who have volunteered to “carry the fire” and serve alongside our staff. If you are willing to help but didn’t sign up yet, please visit Children’s Ministry at Service Central for that opportunity.



We are grateful for the response to our call for support for the Back-2-School Backpack Giveaway planned for **Thursday, August 6**. We have received almost half of the money and school supplies we need to provide book bags to families in need in our community. We would love to have your help to bless students in this way.

You can send your donation check to the church office (56 N. Second St, Chambersburg, PA 17201) or you can donate online through our new Service Central page (<https://serve.kingstreetchurch.com/opportunities/donate-to-fill-a-backpack/>).

WEEKDAY BUILDING USAGE DURING GREEN PHASE

WHO: Participants of all ages are invited to gather in the church building:

- In groups not to exceed 250 total persons
- Who are healthy and not presenting with a fever or other symptoms of illness

WHY: Participants are invited to gather for specific reasons:

- **YES!** We encourage gathering for Bible studies, meetings, fellowship and ministry planning and preparation.
- **NO, NOT YET:** At this time, we prefer to limit recreational activities/sports and personal social events such as birthday parties.
- **CASE-BY-CASE BASIS:** We will consider specific requests for meals/food. In general, we will not be able to approve buffet-style meals with food sharing.

HOW: Participants can apply to use a room through these procedures:

- If your request is for a recurring activity that was previously approved via a Facilities Request Form, contact the church office: info@kschurch.org, or (717) 264-4651.
- If your request is new, complete a Facilities Request Form. Follow the instructions provided.
- Participants are asked to use supplies provided to wipe down the surfaces that they touch while using the room. Safe practices including wearing masks, applying sanitizer and observing 6' social distancing guidelines are recommended.

Connecting with



OPEN HOUSE FOR INCOMING 6TH GRADERS Wednesday, August 12 6–6:45 p.m. in the SMC

Incoming 6th graders and their parents are invited to take a tour of the SMC, meet our staff and see what it's like to be a student at KSC. Afterwards, plan to stay for the Summer Street Meeting.



Summer Street Meeting Wednesday, August 12 from 7–8:30 p.m. in the SMC

Be sure to follow us on FB and IG to get the latest news for middle school and high school students: @thestreetsm on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/thestreetsm/> and Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/thestreetsm/>.



On Saturday, August 29, we plan to hold a baptismal service during our outdoor worship service. In Matthew 28:19, Jesus commands, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" Water baptism is a visible outward symbol of an invisible, inward transformation. It is a moment that says, "I'm all in." If you are a follower of Jesus and would like to express your faith in this public way, please contact Molly Shull at mshull@kschurch.org, or call the church office at (717) 264-4651.



On Saturday/Sunday, August 8/9, we plan to remember Christ's sacrifice through communion. Individually-packaged elements will be served. For those joining us online, you can prepare your own elements and participate at home.

For the month of August, Communion offerings will go to the KSC After School Program, which provides assistance to our elementary outreach ministry.

AUGUST 2020 BIBLE READING PLAN

Following Jesus: A Journey Through the Gospels

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AUGUST 2020 SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Visit <https://serve.kingstreetchurch.com> for more information.

CROSS | Cumberland Vista

Cards of Encouragement
9 Openings

CROSS | Grace Home

Cards of Encouragement
6 Openings

CROSS | Griffith House

Cards of Encouragement
6 Openings

Good News Club

Creek Time Repairs
2 Openings

Good News Club

Provide Cookies
8 Openings

Good News Club

Tractor Ride Driver
4 Openings

Grace Home

Power Washing
2 Openings

Joy El Camps and Retreats

Maintenance Helpers
10 Openings

Monarch's Way

Refinish Exterior Doors
5 Openings

Monarch's Way

Window Washing
10 Openings

Pregnancy Ministries, Inc.

Clean our Chambersburg
Center
1 Opening

Shook Home Retirement-Community

Cards of Encouragement
13 Openings

Sweet Grace Ministries

Make Cards
1 Opening

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King Street Church

Back-2-School Event

Backpack Givaway
Preparation
2 Openings
Event Volunteers
(3:30–5 p.m.), 9 Openings

(4:30–6 p.m., 8 Openings
(5:30–7 p.m.), 11 Openings

Celebrate Recovery

Open Share Group Leader
10 Openings

Crosswalk Elementary

Elementary Volunteers
15 Openings

Crosswalk Nursery

Nursery Volunteers
15 Openings

Crosswalk Pre-School

Pre-School Volunteers
15 Openings

Media and Lyrics Operator

5 Openings

Online Service Host

8 Openings

Video Camera Operator

5 Openings

WAYS to GIVE



Automatic
Deductions



Contribute
Online



Text
to Give



Mail
a Check

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

Stay Connected!

WEBSITE: www.kingstreetchurch.com/the-hub

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PRAYER WALL: www.kingstreetchurch.com/prayer

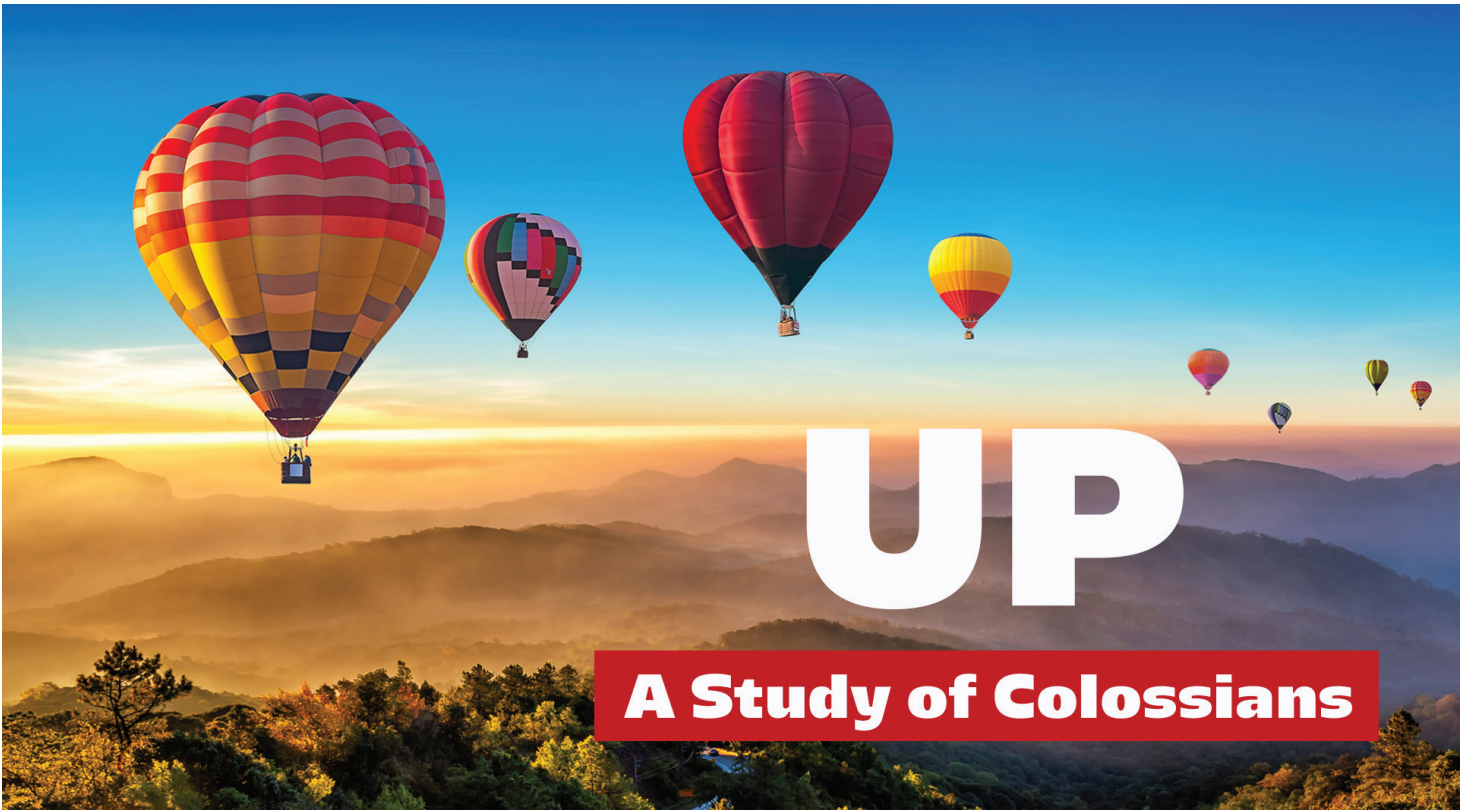
TEXT: (717) 401-7777

EMAIL: info@kschurch.org

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



A NEW SERIES WITH PASTOR JODY



A Study of Colossians

Colossians 3:2: "Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is."

AUGUST 2020

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REJOICE in the Lord always: and again I say, **Rejoice.**
 Philippians 4:4, KJV

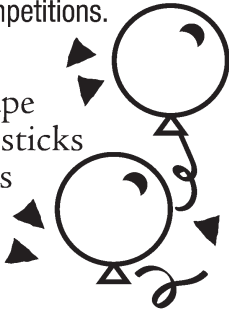
JUST FOR KIDS

GREAT SUMMER GAMES

Though this year's Summer Olympics were postponed, you can host friendly neighborhood competitions.

What you need:

- Masking tape
- Large craft sticks
- Paper plates
- Balloons
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Green construction paper
- Craft glue



What you do:

Balloon Badminton: Make rackets by taping a stick "handle" to each plate. Blow up and tie a balloon. Use the rackets to pass the balloon back and forth, without letting it touch the floor.

Rhythmic Routines: Using tape, firmly attach one end of a 4-foot ribbon to a craft stick. Display style and skill by waving it around. Try choreographing a routine to a praise song.

Champion Crown: Cut a large hole out of the center of a paper plate. Cut 2-inch ovals from green paper. Glue those "leaves" to the ring as garland. Crown a winner of each game!



Compete for the crown



The apostle Paul compares the Christian life to running a race for an imperishable crown.



Directions: From the starting line through the finish line, circle every third letter. Then place the circled letters in order in the blanks below to complete 1 Corinthians 9:24-25, NIV.

START

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FINISH

"Do you not know that in a _____ all the runners run, but only one gets the _____? _____ in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who _____ in the _____ goes into strict _____. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a _____ that will last forever."

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-25, NIV

Answer: race, prize, run, competes, games, training, crown

Quotes of the Week

"Doing easy is easy. It's when we do hard that we must absolutely depend on the grace and strength of God."

**Pastor Jody Bowser,
June 28, 2020**



"In 1980 a young man from Rwanda was forced by his tribe to either renounce Christ or face certain death. He refused to renounce Christ, and he was killed on the spot. The night before he had written the following commitment which was later found in his room: 'I am part of the Fellowship of the Unashamed. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I am a disciple of Christ Jesus. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still'"

Pastor Jody Bowser shared this powerful quote in his sermon, "No Compromise," on July 5, 2020



"When the church looks like the world, you have a sick church. When the church acts like the world, you have a powerless church. When the church believes like the world, you have an unfaithful church."

**Pastor Jody Bowser
July 12, 2020**



"There are many things that churches can emphasize. But our focus must always be the Word of God (Jesus!), the Gospel and a passion to reach lost souls."

**Pastor Jody Bowser
July 19, 2020**



7th ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

for Emily Schoenleber
has been rescheduled for

**Saturday,
October 17, 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

Please check the online worship folder:
kingstreetchurch.com/the-hub/digital-worship-folder-2/

and the website:

kingstreetchurch.com/connect/seniors/
for schedule changes or cancellations
due to COVID-19.

If you have questions or for a refund,
please call Frances Hummelsine.

August

Lunch and a Movie

- CANCELED

September



Minibus Trip to Raystown Lake for lunch followed by a cruise on the lake

- **Wednesday, September 9**
- Cost: \$42
- Depart at 10 a.m. from Weis Market
- Lunch from noon to 1 p.m.
- Cruise from 1–2 p.m.
- Deadline to sign up: Wed., August 12

October

Minibus Trip to Mercersburg

- **Wednesday, October 21**
- Tour of Mercer-Vu Farm
- Program at Charles Brechbill Environmental Center
- Cost: \$20
- Lunch catered by Romeo's
- Deadline to sign up: Wed., Sept. 23

November

Bollman Bus Day Trip to American Music Theater in Lancaster to see *Deck the Halls*

- **Wednesday, November 11**
- Cost: \$107
- Included in cost: Transportation, Shady Maple Restaurant lunch buffet at noon, Show at 3 p.m., Gratuities for meal and bus driver
- ***Just a few seats left***

December

Christmas Luncheon

- **Wednesday, December 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.

UNITED BRETHREN



GOLF TOURNAMENT



Friday, September 11 • Greencastle Greens Golf Club

7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Shotgun Start

A noon meal will be provided. There will be prizes for different flights. Doughnuts and coffee available for the morning group. Also, a card including a MULLIGAN, THROW and POWERBALL will be available for \$10.

COST: \$65 per person (Money must be paid by September 4.)

Please check preference for starting time: ☐ 7:30 a.m. ☐ 1 p.m.

Team Contact Person: _____
(Name, Telephone #, and email)

U.B. Church Representing: _____

Registration Deadline: September 4, 2020

(Other than above checked starting preferences, starting times will be scheduled by postmark)

Players'
Names:

Please make check out to: United Brethren Association

Please send Registration form and money to:
Bobby Culler, 2509 Black Gap Road, Chambersburg, PA 17202

Feel free to email Bobby with any questions you might have
regarding this tournament: bobbyc@mtp-church.org.



Emily and Bryan Gerlach

June 30, 2020

(Serving in Thailand with TEAM Global Missions)

Back to Church!

Corporate worship was able to resume this month at the Cool Shade of Life Church. It was a huge blessing to be back in the same building as everyone, even if we were all wearing masks!

As you know this church is near and dear to our hearts. We would not have been able to remain in Thailand without their love and support, especially when we first arrived. We have mentioned in the past that the church is raising money to purchase land for a building. We want to see them succeed in this endeavor and they cannot do it alone. So, we are asking you to consider donating to this project. By May 2021 they need another \$93,000 (USD) in addition to the \$50,000 that they have already raised.

The land will be used as a center for sending out church members into the local community and throughout Thailand. It will be the light of Christ in the darkness. It will enable the church to better support their pastors and pursue more outreach opportunities. They are passionate about missions within Thailand and are uniquely equipped to take the gospel to the 99% who do not yet know Him. Please, please consider donating as an individual, Sunday school class, small group, or Missions Commission.

Praises:

- Life is slowly opening back up here
- We have had sweet family time recently

Prayers:

- For the Thai church to purchase land
- Continued health for our family

K and RW

July 8, 2020

(Ministering to specific people groups around the world)

Changes All Around

During the unexpected events of the past months we have wondered, "What is God doing?" Praise God, we are not expected to respond to what He has not revealed (Deut. 29:29). Praise God that He is trustworthy! Because He is trustworthy we can focus on our circle of responsibility, leaving the future in His hands (Prov 20:24). Like you, we made plans and many of them were canceled. However, we have seen God open up some different doors for ministry and we ask you to pray with us.

Children's Camp will be Different This Summer

■ children's camps will be held virtually this year. Normally there are four regional camps; this year the campers from all regions will attend the same week of internet camp. This year ■ children from Bulgaria and Northern Cyprus will also participate. Praise God, R completed the workbook, despite a late start. The workbook and activities are mailed to the campers to do at home or in small groups with church friends. Pray that with the new camp format the children will be excited to attend and encouraged to follow Jesus.

Virtual Meetings

Since Covid-19 became part of our lives, churches and teaching ministries in ■ switched

to virtual meetings. K has had weekly opportunities to teach the Bible to ■ through Zoom. We are so thankful there are ■ who decided to use their time in lock-down to study God's Word. Pray that the churches in ■ will be able to return to meeting together face to face. Many church meeting spaces are too small to accommodate social distancing so some churches need to find different venues.

A New Ministry

Praise God with us that we have direction for ministry here in the US. We will be working with Middle Eastern people in Grand Rapids, MI. The West Michigan Friendship Center (see <https://wmfriendshipcenter.org/>) reaches out to the 40,000 ■ in Grand Rapids. They have welcomed us to participate in their gatherings. Pray that we can find a house in Grand Rapids (It is a fast-moving market!) and that God will open doors of ministry to people from the Middle East. We will also continue remote ministry to ■ in ■.

Thank You

Thank you for praying about the *Jesus Film* showing in ■. Organizers later reported that 8.2 million people (10 percent of ■ population!) watched at least a portion of the film. We are asking God to use this to stir up interest in Jesus.

Roger and Marilyn Reeck

July 8, 2020

(Based in Honduras with Wycliffe Bible Translators)

God is at work. Yes, even during Covid!

(Your gifts) are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.

—Philippians 4:18b-19

You are a great blessing and a "fragrant offering" to us and many others. We praise

God for you! Through you, we have been able to reach out to people in Honduras, Venezuela and Guinea Bissau who during this difficult time are having a hard time feeding their families. Thank you for your prayers.

Covid-19 Update

In Honduras the cases so far have not been as high as predicted, but that is due to the strongly restricted activity by the government. People are able to shop, go the bank, etc. only every two weeks. So, no jobs or transportation means great financial needs. But, God is at work through His people. Though we are not there, others are our hands.

In the Garifuna community of Honduras, a large percentage of the men work on cruise ships in order to support their families. Now, they have had to return to their home country and are not receiving any income. Pray that the Lord meets all their needs according to the riches of His glory.

In Guinea Bissau, Africa people are able to circulate every day but only until noon. That means that people are not able to carry on their regular jobs and receive a constant income. Also, it is cashew season, but this year there is no outside market for their cash crop.

Roger is back at work!

We have not been able to return to Honduras as was our original plan. We are still in Texas. But, there is still much work to be done.

In June, Roger resumed consulting Bible translation for the Sonike language of Guinea Bissau through the internet. Now, and for several weeks more, he is waking up at 3 or 4 a.m. to consult for the Felupe language. He just finished the book of Romans and is now working on 1 and 2 Corinthians.

Please pray for Roger as he continues his consulting work. He has a painful time sitting at the computer for eight straight hours. Pray also for Marilyn as she continues to produce Trauma Healing materials in Spanish.

God Blesses our Venezuelan Indian Friends in Unusual Ways:

Diana Gets a Boat Ride

Diana is a wonderful young woman who is the Bible translator/supervisor for an Indian group in Venezuela. In order to travel from the city to the Indian area, Diana must travel by river for several hours. She usually buys a large tank of fuel for the boat and makes a deal with a motor boat owner to take her to the Indian area. Back in March she and two other Venezuelan young lady missionaries traveled to the language area to hold a three week translation seminar. Then Covid-19 happened. The Indian translators were not able to arrive for the seminar. They stayed in their home areas planting crops and fishing to provide for their families.

But then Diana was left with a predicament. There was very little fuel available in the country. She only had enough fuel for a one way trip and the boat owners knew they wouldn't be able to secure fuel for the return trip. So, she and the other two young women waited for two months with little to eat other than fish.

Then, one of the Indian translators contacted Diana and said he was able to borrow a motor boat and could take them. He kindly did the trip, but after dropping them off, he had to row the clumsy motor boat for four days in order to return home. What a sacrificial act of love!

Maury Thanks the Lord for Covid-19

Maury is a young Puinave Indian woman from Venezuela. Several years ago she and other members of her family had moved from their village area along the river to a larger town. Last year when we held our two Trauma Healing trainings in that larger town Maury was our logistics person. She also was part of the translation team who translated the materials into her language and was certified as a Trauma Healing facilitator/trainer.

Then in April, Maury sent me a text saying that her family no longer had work and they

were running out of food. Their only recourse was to return to their community on the river. Recently, she sent us an email. This is an excerpt from the letter:

“Our decision to return to our village was a good one. There is an abundance of fish in the river and tropical fruit. Food has not been a problem. But another unexpected blessing has come from our move.

Along with the local pastor I have been able to lead sessions of Trauma Healing. The townspeople are very happy with our presence and the pastor said that he had been feeling burned out and all alone. Actually, the church membership had dwindled so much that the building was not being used.

My dad and I have been able to encourage the pastor and they are now holding services from Tuesday through Sunday. This is a victory! A few days ago 20 young people accepted Jesus as their Savior. I am happy that the Lord took me back to my hometown. May His name be glorified!”

We praise the Lord for how He is at work worldwide during such a difficult time. He has used you!

We know that for many of you, your lives have changed completely and there is so much uncertainty about the future. God's promise is: “And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus” Philip-pians 4:19. At this time it might be difficult for you to trust that promise. But, He also promises to be with us: “I can do all this through him who gives me strength” Phil. 4:13. Thank you Lord for your promises!

Thank you so much for your prayers for us and our national partners in Honduras, Venezuela, Brazil and Guinea Bissau as they try to survive during this difficult time.

We are in San Antonio, TX at the moment. Our daughter, Amanda, is doctoring in the ICU at a local hospital. Our daughter, Christy, is in Honduras working at a mission hospital. Pray for their protection.

Karli Frelin

July 7, 2020

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



Life in Thailand is pretty much going back to normal. The new school year starts TOMORROW and my team and I are pumped to get back to campus!



Online summer camp was a hit! The Lord provided several opportunities to share the Gospel with the students that were on the Zoom calls. Praise God! This is a picture from a few days ago. We were able to have a party with some of the students that joined the online summer camp. Please pray for the Lord to deepen these friendships and for several of these students to be saved!

Please pray

- For creativity and wisdom as we learn how to navigate the social distancing rules that are set up in the cafeterias. It seems like only two people can sit at each table.
- For God to show us which students to

pursue relationships with

- My team and I would continue to develop a deep love for the Thai students that we are spending time with
- For continued favor with Mai and Kik. For the Lord to allow us to read the Bible with them
- For us to continue to persevere through learning Thai

Emily Schoenleber

July 9, 2020

(Serving with Circuit Riders in Huntington Beach, California)

Happy Fourth of July from the Evangeline!

Every time I sit down to write an update, I can hardly believe another month has passed. The past few weeks have especially flown by for me because I have done a bit of traveling. About two weeks ago I flew to Colorado to see some of my good friends from YWAM. Grady and Elizabeth got married. Flying during the pandemic is interesting. Masks have been required in every airport I have been in as well as on the flights. Many shops and restaurants in the airports are closed as well and social distancing is practiced. On the bright side, all the middle seats on the plane remain open!

I spent close to a week in Colorado. I made it in time for Elizabeth's bridal shower and a group from YWAM stayed at a friend's house a few towns away from where the wedding happened. All the YWAMers at the wedding originally met in New Zealand at one time or another and it was special for everyone to spend some time together. I've known Grady since 2015 and I met Elizabeth in 2018. I actually saw them in February because they both live in Wales now and hosted our Carry the Love stop in Cardiff. Love you so much, Grady and Elizabeth. Can't wait to see where in the world we meet next.

Pictured on the next page is a small group of

Circuit Riders that live at the Evangeline, the big blue house behind us! CR has rented this house for years and it is definitely a sign of home to all of us. I lived here when I first arrived back from Europe in March. It was so refreshing to see everyone after so many months of quarantine. The Evangeline is downtown, so all around us people were setting off fireworks, sparklers, etc. A group of us grabbed bikes and longboards and rode around the night of the 4th watching them all go off. It was really cool, too, because



A small group of Circuit Riders that lives at the Evangeline

a lot of people were sitting outside their houses who had friends over for picnics; it was a sense of community a lot of us haven't seen for awhile.

Looking Towards the Remainder of 2020

Originally we as Circuit Riders were going to be running multiple leadership training schools this summer, but due to COVID, we are only doing one right here in Orange County. Our team has been closely following all the changes with restrictions and guidelines and we are still moving forward to run 21Project the first two weeks of August. We are developing plans to keep everyone safe and healthy.

The same goes for CRX, the Discipleship Training School(DTS) that we run here in Huntington Beach each fall. We are moving forward with hosting this school and will be starting it in mid-September so we can finish late November. I'm excited to be part of the DTS this fall because it's been a few years that I have been directly involved with staffing a DTS! Part of staffing the DTS also means I will have one or two one-on-ones, ladies that I will walk with and disciple during their time in HB. I'm so excited to be able to directly invest in the lives of the students coming this fall!

Helping with the DTS isn't the only thing I'll be doing this fall. At the beginning of August, a few of us on staff with Circuit Riders will be moving into a new house. Over the last year or so, a lot of the younger married couples in Circuit Riders have started renting houses that have become more community houses for CR staff! Depending on the size of the house, anywhere from two to eight staff live in the house with the married couple. There are four of us about to move in with our friends Madi and Caleb and their little boy. They are also expecting twins in September, so I'll be helping them out with the babies too. I am so excited!

Reflecting on a Season at Home

During the early stages of the lockdowns and quarantines, I decided to come back to Pennsylvania to spend time with family. I was home for about three months, which is the longest I've been able to be home since I joined YWAM in 2015. It was everything I didn't know I needed.

Besides just having extended downtime at home with my family and friends, I was home for my first Easter and Mother's Day since 2014. I was also home for Father's Day, which is always a hit or miss. One year, we even had the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Father's Day—my dad is such a trooper.

I am incredibly thankful for this time spent at home to rest and be with family. I'm so blessed that almost all of my family lives in the same town—aunts, uncles, grandparents and cousins! In between the Zoom meetings, calls, and other little things I have been doing for CR, I have enjoyed reading books again, seeing friends from high school and taking time to dive deep and study different things in the Bible. I've also really been enjoying a podcast that is a study on the book of Hebrews, the book that our Prayer&Passion DTS in New Zealand studied every quarter. All in all, this quarantine gave me such a sweet gift of being home that was absolutely unexpected, but I am so thankful.

KK

July 24, 2020

(Serving in Asia with ■)

I wanted to write to update you on the recent passing of my mom on Tuesday, July 14. In light of this I will be taking compassionate leave until the beginning of September to recover and prepare for life and ministry in the Himalayas this coming fall.

In the final weeks of taking care of my mom, I was greatly encouraged by the words of J.C. Ryle in his book, *The Power and Sympathy of Christ*.

"The death of true Christians is 'sleep,' and not annihilation. It is a solemn and miraculous change, no doubt, but not a change to be regarded with alarm. They have nothing to fear for their souls in the change, for their sins are washed away in Christ's blood. The sharpest

sting of death is the sense of unpardoned sin. Christians have nothing to fear for their bodies in the change: they will rise again by and by, refreshed and renewed, after the image of the Lord. The grave itself is a conquered enemy. It must render back its tenants safe and sound, the very moment that Christ calls for them at the last day.

Let us remember these things when those whom we love fall asleep in Christ, or when we ourselves receive our notice to quit this world. Let us call to mind in such an hour, that our great Friend takes thought for our bodies as well as for our souls, and that he will not allow one hair of our heads to perish. Let us never forget that the grave is the place where the Lord himself lay, and that as he rose again triumphant from that cold bed, so also shall all his people. To a mere worldly man death must needs be a terrible thing; but he that has Christian faith may boldly say, as he lays down life, 'I will ... lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety' (Psa. 4:8)."

I pray that these words may be an encouragement to you in the losses you have faced or will face. In these times of uncertainty, may we remember the words of Jesus to his disciples in John 16:33, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Let us continue to press on in these days through remembering the death, burial, resurrection, ascension and promised return of our Lord. To God be the glory.

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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"TAKE
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IT IS I.

DO NOT
BE AFRAID."

MATTHEW 14:27