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An Important Lesson From Romans 14

by Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor



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I have been familiar with Romans chapter 14 for many years. I've read it many times, studied it some and taught on it occasionally. But in these past several months, the 14th chapter of Romans has taken on an entirely new level of importance and meaning for me. It's because we are now facing an issue in our world—and in the life of the church—that is very similar to the conflict that the 1st century church in Rome (and around the world) was facing.

I'll tell you a little bit about how things were then. Then we'll think about how things are today.

One of the biggest issues facing the 1st century church was the question of what to do with all of the Old Testament laws. Christianity had its roots and foundations in Judaism. Just like the apostles, many Jews were putting their faith in Jesus. In Matthew 5:17, Jesus said, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." Without getting into too much detail, let's just say that there was A LOT OF DISAGREEMENT in the early church as to what this actually meant. Do I keep the Old Testament laws? Do I NOT keep them? Do I pick and choose?

Paul wrote his letter to the Romans in 57AD. Eight years earlier, in 49AD, Emperor Claudius had expelled all of the Jews from Rome.

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Some of these Jews were followers of Christ who were forced to scatter to various places all over the Roman Empire. But in 54AD, Claudius died and the ban on Jews living in Rome was lifted—which meant that many of these Jewish believers streamed back into Rome and began worshipping once again in the church with other believers. This resulted in a tremendous amount of conflict.

Beginning in Romans 12, Paul has one central message for the church in Rome—LOVE EACH OTHER! Yes, there's plenty to disagree about. Yes, everyone has their own opinion and point of view. But all of that takes a back seat to the UNITY that we have in Jesus. Paul says things like: "Love must be sincere.... Be

My motive needs to be building the faith of those around me—which is exactly how Jesus lived.

devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.... Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another" (Romans 12:9-16). In other words, issues that aren't central to our salvation are secondary. The way that we love each other and remain unified is primary.

Which brings us to Romans chapter 14 and questions surrounding "disputable matters." There were some (Paul calls them "the strong") who saw themselves as completely free in Christ and they couldn't stand any of the rules (e.g. what to eat, how to treat certain days, etc.). There were others (Paul calls them "the weak") that thought it was important to maintain some of the rules (perhaps for themselves—or perhaps as a witness to others). Here's what we need to understand: These two points of view were dividing the church. The way fellow Christians were treating each other wasn't good. It wasn't

motivated by the kind of other-centered love (agape love) that Jesus modeled for us.

Are you seeing it? Are the lights going on for you? We are faced with a similar situation today. I'm going to be really blunt. Those who take a non-mask-wearing stance are "the strong" in the way Paul talks about it. Mask-wearers are "the weak." When you replace the issue of dietary restrictions with the issue of mask-wearing, this is how Romans 14:2-4 & 13-15 reads:

"One person's faith allows them to go without a mask, but another, whose faith seems weak in the eyes of the non-mask-wearer, chooses to wear a mask. The one who opposes masks must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who wears the mask must not judge the one who doesn't, for God has accepted them. Who are you to judge another child of God?... Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.... If your brother or sister is distressed because of your particular stance on mask-wearing, you are no longer acting in love. Do not allow your particular point of view to destroy someone for who Christ died."

Make no mistake about it—this is not easy stuff to navigate! No matter which way we turn, we are staring potential divisions in the face. Divisions over politics. Divisions over racial tensions. Divisions over schooling. And as I discuss here, divisions over mask wearing. I've never seen anything like it in my lifetime.

Which is why what God has to say to us in **Romans 14 and 15** is so very important for us today. Take a minute or two right now and read it. We have to depend on the power of the Holy Spirit to enable us to respond in love toward those with whom we don't see eye to eye. We need to stop passing judgement on each other (14:13). If a fellow brother or sister in Christ is distressed because of my views on mask wearing, I need to check myself (14:15). I need to **MAKE EVERY EFFORT** to do what

KING STREET CHURCH

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

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

Spiritually Alive in Jesus

Relationally Connected by Jesus

Missionally Engaged for Jesus

Who are you worshipping? Who is your community?

Who are you serving?

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Articles and information for the November 2020
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leads to peace and mutual edification (14:19).
My motive needs to be building the faith of
those around me—which is exactly how Jesus
lived (15:2-3).

And it's the last seven words of **Romans 15:13** that we find the key to all of this: "**By the power of the Holy Spirit.**" There it is. The bottom line. Having this kind of love for each other isn't just hard—it's impossible. None of us are wired to put other people ahead of ourselves. But it's in times like these that the Holy Spirit does what we are incapable of doing. The God of hope fills us with all peace and joy as we trust in Him, so that we might overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Worship TIMES

Our Sunday worship schedule now
offers four masks-required services:

8 a.m. – Traditional Service –
Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. – Contemporary Service –
Baker Center

9:30 a.m. – Contemporary Service –
Sanctuary

11 a.m. – Contemporary Service –
Baker Center

Our Saturday evening outdoor service
will continue through October 24. Our
services are also available ONLINE at
8 a.m. (traditional) and 9:30 a.m. (con-
temporary).

Board of Administration Meeting Highlights

The Board of Administration met on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 in the Fellowship Room. Chairman Glenn Watson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Dale Forney opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Following are highlights from that meeting.

Compensation Committee Update:

Eric Oyer shared several recommendations for Board of Administration approval. Included in the recommendations was no general pay increase for staff in 2021. All motions to accept these changes carried unanimously.

Senior Pastor's Update:

Pastor Jody shared that he has been blessed to hear the ways that God is moving; He is in control, sovereign and good. We need to live our lives one day at a time, remaining flexible and being able to change at a moment's notice. We need to be responsive as well. Sunday morning services are slowly increasing in attendance. Our Kid's Ministry has reopened at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. Online attendance continues to be strong. We need to stay responsive, flexible and out in front.

Executive Pastor's Update:

Don Baker reported that several thousand eggs have been donated by Pete & Jenny's Eggs for distribution to those in need. Pastor Don presented a request from our Children's Ministry Team to provide a safe place for children to complete online learning for at least the first nine weeks of the school year and to hire up to 10 mentors to oversee the educational process. The desire is to provide a ministry in our building for up to 50 children in grades K-5 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Offering this ministry is an extension of our mission to "Engage and Bless our Community with the

Gospel." A motion to move ahead with the ministry plan carried unanimously.

Elder Team Report:

Greg West shared that the Elder Team planned to meet on Wednesday, August 19. The Elder Team and the Finance Co-Mission discussed giving gifts of \$12,500 each to six churches in the area who are in financial need. The six churches consisted of three downtown Chambersburg churches and three UB sister churches. A motion to give gifts to the six churches carried.

Co-Mission Reports:

- **Adult Ministries** – Mark Willson shared that the Adult Ministries Co-Mission did not meet this month. Pastor Jay is excited that our L3 Groups are meeting and making connections. Sunday school classes are meeting both online and at off-site locations.

- **Children's Ministry** – Alexander Rosenbaum shared that the Children's Ministry Co-Mission met on August 4. Sunday, August 9 marked the opening for 9:30 a.m. Kid's Ministry classes. Families have from Sunday through Tuesday each week to sign up their children in order to allow staff to prepare volunteers and group children appropriately. Greg West requested that when opportunities arise, we let people know there is a need in Children's Ministry, especially for volunteers at the 11 a.m. hour.

- **Finance** – Dan Gehris reported that Darren Grove from Merrill Lynch shared that the Generation Next Step and Endowment Investment funds are in good shape. Randy Martin from LPL Financial reported that the Student Grant Fund was also doing very well. The Finance Commission unanimously approved all student grant applications this year. Our YTD undesignated income is currently under budget. YTD Operating Expenses are under budget, which is very good.

- **Local Outreach** – Tamy Cook shared that the

LOC met on August 4. Susanna Allen advised them that our Service Central site is working well and volunteers are finding it easy to sign up. The meeting on August 4 was the LOC's quarterly ministry partnership meeting.

- **Missions** – Scott Bert shared that the Missions Co-Mission will be meeting later in the month. More church members and volunteers are coming out and becoming involved in Haiti. Distributions are being done in Thailand with positive responses. A meeting was held with a missionary that was home from Malawi. The co-mission would like to form a Malawi Barnabas Team.

- **Personnel Relations** – Kim Shatzer thanked Dan Gehris for excellence in handling the transition from PATH Administrators to our current in-house method of handling reimbursements. The implementation of the Performance Review process, which was revised last year, is working very well.

- **Property** – Dale Forney shared that the Property Co-Mission met on August 3. The carpet-cleaning machine was replaced; all carpets are now clean. Parking lot signs are being addressed. Bids were received for the Baker Center roof replacement. A landscaping design will be provided for plants, flowers, shrubs, additional mulch and subsurface mitigation to hopefully be completed this fall. The leaky fountains and root bound trees in the courtyard will be removed.

- **Student Ministry** – Penny Poorman shared that the co-mission met on August 3 and reviewed summer activities. There were three Summer Street Meetings. On August 7 seven seniors were celebrated at the Senior Celebration Dinner. On August 12 the 6th Grade Open House is being hosted. Wednesday Night Street Meetings will begin for middle and high school students on September 9. Sunday school classes for students will probably begin when adult classes are back in session.

- **Worship Arts** – Carolyn Chenaille shared that

the co-mission met on August 8 to share and catch up. The co-mission is seeking a volunteer Online Service Coordinator/Facilitator and volunteers to serve as online hosts for online worship services.

Administrative Report:

Dan Gehris reported that we had 53 total campers at Rhodes Grove this year with KSC financial support. We received several Bequest and Estate checks the past two months.

New Business

Glenn Watson shared that there was a building committee meeting on July 28. Concept drawings for the proposed Gathering Space were shared. The Core Team will review and provide feedback.

Dale Forney closed the meeting with prayer at 9:36 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.)

Giving REPORT

August 30

Offering (General Fund): \$36,741.87

September 6

Offering (General Fund): \$53,736.25

September 13

Offering (General Fund): \$41,081.70

September 20

Offering (General Fund): \$57,998.08



Communities for *Loving, Learning, and Launching*

NEW L3 GROUPS

Here at King Street Church, we believe that L3 groups are the primary discipleship pathway to accomplishing our vision to engage and bless our community with the Gospel and to become a church family where everyone is purposefully using their spiritual gifts to live out God's call on their lives. Each group is designed

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to include 6-12 people who would meet twice a month and share life in three important ways: **LOVING** one another, **LEARNING** together and **LAUNCHING** into ministry.

By late March when the pandemic hit and our church family was plunged into isolation, more than 500 people

were already plugged into L3 groups. During the most difficult days of the stay-at-home order, we praise God that a large portion of our church family was connected, praying for each other, encouraging each other and bearing one another's burdens.

We are ready for a new round of L3 groups. When placing each person in a group, we look at things like season of life, family situation, geographic location, personal interests and more. Pastor Jay Brown, our Pastor of Mission and Discipleship, is involved in the placement process. He describes, "We've heard from people who expected an academic experience – mostly book and Bible study – but were surprised and pleased, by the warm, personal community that developed very quickly."

To sign up for a group, visit kingstreetchurch.com/groups or text L3 to 717-401-7777. If you have any questions, contact Molly Shull, Pastoral Administrator, at mshull@kschurch.org.



What a joy to be able to have Once More Ministries' first distribution since December 2019! While things looked a little different from our typical distributions, the mission was still the same—to engage and bless our community with the Gospel.

We changed our distribution process (hopefully, only temporarily) from the traditional walk-in style to a drive-up style to allow for COVID-safe social distancing. This new process had a lot of moving parts and introduced some new challenges, some expected, some unexpected, but the Lord showed up and provided for every technical need so that the whole process ran more smoothly than we could have imagined.

While the process looked a little different, we were able to bless more families than ever. That's a big praise! Although we weren't able to enter into a time of personal prayer with our friends, we were able to obtain names and addresses from families so that each household can receive a card of encouragement that will also allow them to reply back with specific prayer requests. In addition to the normal supplies received through OMM, families were also able to obtain gallons of milk, which we hope was an added blessing.

Thank you to all the volunteers for your willingness to help us navigate the challenges of these unusual times. Your love for our community, the Lord and the Gospel was truly evident.

If you have a heart to serve, OMM is in need of additional hands to serve in a few different

capacities, whether it be in preparation leading up to quarterly distributions or in assisting with Saturday distributions. No experience is needed. We will happily train you. If you would like more information about opportunities to serve with OMM, please contact us at omm@kschurch.org. We monitor this email weekly, so don't be discouraged if we don't respond immediately. Rest assured we will definitely reach out to you.

Our next quarterly distribution will be Saturday, December 12, 2020. We ask for prayer for a smooth distribution, but most importantly, that we would be the willing and loving hands of the Lord that allow His will to be the ultimate achievement, whether we touch one person's life or 1001 lives.

With the Lord, challenges can become opportunities to stretch beyond ourselves, to take us out of our comfort zones, to require us to look up instead of within and, in turn, to grow in the Lord. These times have certainly been challenging. May they serve to reinforce the need to look to the Lord for strength and guidance and to fix our eyes on the upper story of the Gospel as it plays out through ministry so that we don't focus on the lower-story challenges.

—OMM Leadership Team



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KSC STUDENT MINISTRY EVENTS



GPS Sunday School

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

Middle School Area

We're so excited to be gathering back with students on a regular basis. While it may look different, we have a lot of fun in store for this year and can't wait to see how God works.



The Street at

Saturday, October 31

10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Students will spend a day at Rhodes Grove Camp playing games and spending time with each other. Parents can keep an eye out on our social media pages, as well as on the church website and the digital worship folder for details on how to register.



We now have even more online options for viewing our worship services. Live streaming of the worship services will occur at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 9:30 a.m. (contemporary). Additionally, you can now view a rebroadcast of each service: 11 a.m. rebroadcast of the contemporary service and 1 p.m. rebroadcast of the traditional service. This is a great way to share the service with a friend!

OCTOBER 2020 BIBLE READING PLAN

Following Jesus: A Journey Through the Gospels

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Luke 21:1-9 | <input type="checkbox"/> 12 Luke 23:1-12 | <input type="checkbox"/> 23 John 1:19-34 |
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RESET

@ King Street Church

Jesus tells us in John 10:10 that, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly.” We can all point to personal or circumstantial attacks from our common “thief” that seek to steal abundant life away from us. Maybe it’s an emotional issue like anxiety or anger. Maybe it’s a situational issue like a wayward child, a challenging season in marriage, or being stuck after a divorce. Maybe it’s fear from the world swirling around us. Maybe it’s related to an addiction or abuse. Our enemy’s toolbox can seem unending.

We all get stuck or have setbacks as we seek to follow Jesus. Some of us have a new area where we want to grow. Some of us feel like we’ve been trying to heal forever and hope can feel dimin-

ished. But when Jesus offers abundant life, he is offering it for the here and now. He has come and kingdom life is available today!

While our enemy’s toolbox can seem full, we are not left without hope. Jesus offers us the cross and the community!

RESET is a worship service and support system that has a goal of lifting up Jesus as our hope in the mess. At RESET, we are building safe environments to be real and to name what’s broken. We are building upon Jesus as our foundation when everything else is shaking. We are building an authentic community, a family, a place to belong.

Abundant life comes in doing life together. For real. With Jesus. Join us at RESET!

We are hopeful to launch in early November. Watch for more details coming soon. RESET will include a wider variety of groups, and we are currently looking for facilitators. If you would like more information, contact Adam Keath, Director of Restoration and Recovery, at akeath@kschurch.org.



King Street Church is looking for childcare helpers! We have MULTIPLE ministries praying for willing servants to care for our young people. Full details are at serve.kingstreetchurch.com.

• **SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:30 a.m.:**

Crosswalk Kids Ministry is filling up every week. In fact, we have had to close down the registration early because we just don't have enough help. We could welcome more families back to church if we could open more rooms for our kids.

• **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS, 7:00 p.m.:**

The Street Student Ministries is seeking help to care for 3-5 children so that their parents can serve our students. Your help empowers other servants to mentor our teenagers.

• **MONDAY NIGHTS, 6:30 p.m.:**

RESET is coming soon! We are planning new ministry for Monday nights that will provide healing and support for our church family. We are asking the Lord for childcare helpers to watch the children of participants.

Child Dedications

committing our children to the Lord



Child dedication is an opportunity for parents to commit publicly to raising their children in the love and nurture of the Lord. **The next dedication will be on November 1.**

If you wish to participate in this special ceremony, **attend one prep class on either October 4 or 11 in the Fellowship Room at 11 a.m.**



Our next baptism event will be held the weekend of **October 24-25**. Video taping of testimonies will be done on October 4 and 11. If you are interested in participating, contact mshull@kschurch.org.

New! Text to Connect

(717) 401-7777

Ask for prayer... text **PRAY**

Give an offering... text **GIVE**

New to KSC... text **NEW**

Plug in... text **NEXT**

OCTOBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
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SEPTEMBER 2020						
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NOVEMBER 2020						
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World Communion Sunday 4 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Services in the Baker Center and Sanctuary 9:30 a.m. Crosswalk Kids Ministry Classes (Nursery through 5th Grade) 9:30 a.m. GPS Student Ministry 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Baker Center 11:00 a.m. Child Dedication Preparation Class, Fellowship Room	5	6
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Reformation Sunday 25 Baptisms during worship services 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Services in the Baker Center and Sanctuary 9:30 a.m. Crosswalk Kids Ministry Classes (Nursery through 5th Grade) 9:30 a.m. GPS Student Ministry 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Baker Center	26	27



WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	Communion 3 6:00 p.m. Outdoor Worship Service Ministry Center Parking Lot
7 7:00 p.m. The Street Meeting	8	9	10 6:00 p.m. Outdoor Worship Service Ministry Center Parking Lot
14 7:00 p.m. The Street Meeting	15	16	17 5:00 p.m. 7th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Emily Schoenleber 6:00 p.m. Outdoor Worship Service Ministry Center Parking Lot
21 7:00 p.m. The Street Meeting	22	23	24 6:00 p.m. Outdoor Worship Service with Baptisms Ministry Center Parking Lot
28 7:00 p.m. The Street Meeting	29	30	31 10:00 a.m. The Street at Rhodes Grove Camp

JUST FOR KIDS

SEED impressions

Create autumn-themed artwork using items from plants.



What you need:

- Seed pods, nuts, pine cones
- Mixing bowl
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup warm water
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Go on a nature walk and collect seeds with interesting textures.
2. In the bowl, mix flour and salt. Gradually add water. On a table, knead the dough. (If too dry, add more water; if too sticky, add more flour.)
3. Flatten a ball of dough and stamp impressions in it with the seeds.
4. If desired, bake for several hours at 150 degrees until dry and hard. Or, to reuse dough, store in an airtight container up to 6 months.



A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.

WORD BANK: sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water _____
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant _____
3. To plant _____
4. Sharp part of a plant _____
5. What is harvested. _____
6. To dry up and shrivel _____
7. Person who plants _____
8. The earth a plant grows in. _____

"But the _____₂ falling on good _____₈ refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a _____₅, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was _____₃ n."

M A T T H E W 13:23, N I V

Answer: root, seed, soil, wither, farmer, soil, seed, soil, crop, sow

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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.

In accordance with CDC guidelines and PA Dept. of Health, we will be serving dinner while socially distancing. All meals will be served in single serve carry out boxes. This includes spaghetti, salad, desserts. We will be sitting socially distanced, but please feel free to sit with who you come with. We thank you in advance for wearing your masks to and from the dinner. Curb side and to-go orders are available. Please text or call Tamy Cook at (717) 658-4097.



Emily has been serving on staff with Circuit Riders, a division of Youth with a Mission (YWAM). She is now based in Huntington Beach, California.

Quotes of the Week

"Don't be deceived, thinking we don't need other believers or the church. We need each other."

**Pastor Jody Bowser,
August 30, 2020**



"Don't be deceived. There are people who will try to confuse the daylights out of you with their opinions, and false beliefs, and 'fine sounding arguments!' Our only hope is in Jesus."

**Pastor Jody Bowser,
September 5 and 6, 2020**



"We need to ask God to distress us more about the people around us that are lost."

**Pastor Jay Brown
September 12 and 13, 2020**



"We live in a world that loves to chase after shadows. We are surrounded, day in and day out, with messages that sound so real and so right. But they're as real as a bubble that pops the moment you touch it. What is real, and true, and eternal is the Gospel. Jesus is our head. The Kingdom of God is here. Christ is our only hope."

**Pastor Jody Bowser
September 19 and 20, 2020**



On **Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4**, we plan to remember Christ's sacrifice through communion. Individually-packaged elements will be served. For the month of October, communion offerings will go to UB Global Ministries. The thank offering will go to the United Brethren Headquarters for missions.

Sunday, October 4 is World Communion Sunday. On this date we will be united with Christians throughout the world as we remember Christ's sacrifice.



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.

PRIMETIMERS UPDATES

October

Minibus Trip to Mercersburg

- CANCELED

November

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

- CANCELED (by the venue)

December

Christmas Luncheon

- CANCELED

All PrimeTimers events have been canceled until further notice.

Please continue to watch the Messenger and the Sunday worship folder each month for news on any activities that will be started.

REFUNDS:

Refunds will be sent out shortly. If you do not receive your refund, it may be because you failed to provide an address.

Please contact the PT Treasurer, Frances Humelsine at 717-263-8633 concerning any refunds.

**KSC PRIME TIMERS
NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:**

kscprimetimers@gmail.com

In an effort to have more communication with our PT folks, we have created an email just for the PrimeTimers.

To be added to our email list, please send an email to kscprimetimers@gmail.com and be sure to give us your full name in case it is not in your email address.

You may also leave a voice mail with your name and email address by calling Barb Snider at 717-372-8064 or Carol Dice at 717-263-4647.

FUTURE EVENTS:

We regret that we have had to cancel so many events this year. However, we are hopeful that we will be able to provide events in the near future!

If you have any suggestions for future events, please email them to kscprimetimers@gmail.com.

The Prime Timers Committee



OCTOBER 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
4 Openings

Habitat for Humanity of Franklin County

Habitat Faith Builders
4 Openings

Monarch's Way

General Indoor Maintenance Projects
6 Openings

Monarch's Way

Window Washing
10 Openings

Network Ministries

Assist CASD Students with School
40 Openings

Pregnancy Ministries, Inc.

Sort Clothing
1 Opening

Shook Home Retirement-Community

Cards of Encouragement
12 Openings

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King Street Church

Crosswalk Elementary

Elementary Volunteers
15 Openings

Crosswalk Nursery

Nursery Volunteers
14 Openings

Crosswalk Pre-School

Pre-School Volunteers
15 Openings

Media and Lyrics Operator

5 Openings

Online Service Host

8 Openings

Greeters

20 Openings

RESET

RESET Childcare and Support Team
15 Openings

RESET

RESET Group Facilitator
15 Openings

RESET

RESET Leadership Team
8 Openings

Sanitizers

12 Openings

Seaters

15 Openings

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Help at the Fundraiser
10 Openings

The Street

Child Care for The Street
Youth Meetings
6 Openings

Video Camera Operator

5 Openings

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Many folks look forward to our annual partnership with Operation Christmas Child, providing filled shoeboxes to children in need around the world. Not only do the children receive school supplies, personal care items and toys, but they are given a booklet which introduces them to the Good News of the Gospel in their own language. This year you have a variety of ways in which to participate in this project:

1. Starting October 11, you can pick up pre-wrapped, empty shoeboxes from one of our lobbies. Fill the boxes according to the guidelines listed inside and return your

boxes to the lobbies by November 15.

2. Visit the Shoebox Supply House located at 208 Lurgan Avenue in Shippensburg. They offer a variety of discounted items that are OCC-approved. You can either purchase items to supplement your boxes or can fill boxes right there at the warehouse. They are open limited hours; visit their Facebook page for details.

3. Build a Shoebox ONLINE option: King Street Church now has our own page for keeping track of how many folks in our church use the Build a Shoebox option. The address is: kingstreetchurch.com/occ.



Emily Schoenleber

September 2, 2020

(Serving with Circuit Riders in Huntington Beach, California)

More Than We Could Ask or Imagine

Last month I mentioned that I took over the job of registrar for our online leadership training school, 21 Project. We had plans to facilitate these training schools in multiple nations this summer but slowly began canceling them as covid continued to progress. We decided to open up an online version of the



21 Project training given through Zoom meetings. Last month I mentioned that we had 386 students register. Of those, there were 25 nations represented from every continent. Our biggest prayer going into this school was that there would be no "Zoom barrier."

We asked God that even from living rooms and bedrooms, students would feel connected to one another and encounter God. As always, He far exceeds our hopes and expectations. From day one, the testimonies were rolling through of encounter, healing and more. We even opened virtual prayer rooms where all of us as staff could pray over each of the students.

I was continually blown away that it felt like we were in the same room as we prayed. All of us were feeling the presence of God in our rooms, all over the world. He is not contained by our circumstances. He hasn't changed. He is continually breaking our boxes and showing Himself faithful. It's such a privilege to be part of this family!



Staff training and planning being conducted at a local park.

Staff Training - Sermon on the Mount Style

This past week our entire staff team gathered together for the first time since March (or maybe before that). We recently had about 60 new staff move back to Huntington Beach and join our family. Due to continued covid restrictions in California, we found a space at a local park where we could sit with our houses, social distance and still gather together.

It was such a wonderful time being together again and diving into training and plans for the upcoming year. I'm really enjoying getting to know some of the new staff and continuing to

help Madi and Caleb with Azariah.

This week we've begun meeting in our circles (departments). I am in the training circle for this fall, meaning I'll be helping with our Discipleship Training School, mentoring a couple of girls and being a support to the house leaders. I haven't staffed a Discipleship Training School since early 2017 and I am SO excited to be in this world again.

Brave Love Accelerator

Tomorrow is a very exciting day—we are launching an online eight week course for women all over the world. Over 1000 women from 33 nations have registered and will be part of this online training course. During the next eight weeks I will be leading a small group of girls each Wednesday.

The message of Brave Love has personally changed my life since I first heard it in 2017. Over the years we have seen it dramatically shift the lives of women as they become activated in their God-given callings. Some of you may remember that I was in New Zealand in 2018 and helped the team in Auckland officially launch Brave Love NZ. The team in NZ will actually be helping facilitate this course as well, so I am very excited for this.

A Glimpse into Life in Huntington Beach

Last August a team of us were in Harpenden, England running the first ever 21 Project in the UK. It really was such a special time for all of us who had the privilege of being part of the school. The day after 21 Project ended a few of us went into London for tea to celebrate our friend Mattie's birthday. The morning of her birthday this year, we gathered again to recreate the tea in London. I made scones and jam and we got her a beautiful tea pot.

In the evening more of us gathered at a local park to continue the celebrations around a charcuterie board. It's always fun to gather with friends and celebrate the ones you love. I am so thankful for this sweet circle of friends the Lord has given me here in California.

Karli Frelin

August 31, 2020

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

New Life in Christ

It is so hard to believe that most of my team and I have been in Thailand for one year already. Last weekend Christian and I were able to reflect on some of the things God has been teaching us over the last year. One of the big things we learned is how to depend on Him in absolutely everything.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).

Continue reading to see how the Lord is changing the hearts of Chiang Mai University students....



Meet Phai, the guy in the middle (pronounced *Pie*). He is a third year science major and has been involved in the ministry for the last few years. Some staff guys met him when he was a freshman at CMU. Over the past few months Phai has been coming to every event, from Bible studies to summer camp and he has attended church with us every week. A few days ago, P'Pbaan and Earth (our Thai staff) sat down with him and asked him questions. He said he was ready to become a Christian

and prayed to receive Christ as his Lord and Savior. Becoming a Christian is not easy here. He will probably lose friends and could bring shame to his family, but he believes its worth the cost to follow Christ. Praise God for a new brother in Christ!

I really am so thankful to God for Seven and Fang. Last update, I shared with you about how we were going to begin studying the Bible with these girls. They both seem to be really moved by the Gospel, but they are having a hard time believing that God is real. Please pray that God would remove blinders from their eyes and give them belief that God is real and that He sent His only Son to die for Seven and Fang.



Chompuu, Pupae and Madison participating in a Bible study.

Madison, P'Pbaan, and I started doing a Bible study with Chompuu and Pupae. We have just done it one time, so please pray that they would continue to be interested in doing this Bible study with us once their midterms are over.

Please pray for Mai and Kik. Madison and I have invested in this relationship a lot. We have been building trust and have spent much time with these girls. I am pretty discouraged because they do not seem to be interested in learning more about who God is. However, I know God can do absolutely anything, so please pray that these girls would have a change of heart and desire to learn more about God. Please pray that the Lord would show them His love through Madison and I.

Emily and Bryan Gerlach

August 30, 2020

(Serving in Thailand with TEAM Global Missions)

A Note from Emily

We hope this letter finds you well, as many of you are still greatly feeling the effects of the current pandemic. We continue to pray God would be more near to you than ever in your current circumstances. The situation in Thailand continues to improve as the government maintains strict travel restrictions for those coming from other countries. We have many friends and fellow workers who are “stuck” in their passport countries, waiting for things to loosen up so they can come back to Thailand. Please keep them in your prayers.

This month, I returned to the Juvi Center for teen girls and have really enjoyed it. It is life-giving and challenging for me to be a part of this ministry once a week. Many of the girls have been unable to receive visitors for months because of COVID-19. It has been a lonely time for them, which makes our times together that much sweeter. We have been focusing on basic English skills and we often sing worship songs. My heart swelled with both joy and burden as we sang out “I’m trading my sorrows!” This is our prayer for them.

Jameson continues at his Christian preschool two days a week and loves it. This week he also started playing soccer with a U-6 club and is loving that as well. Eden is a very happy almost-two-year-old who loves to do whatever her big brother is doing. We love to see the two of them enjoying time playing together.

We ask for special prayers for my mom (Debbie) who is in a challenging time regarding her health. Please pray for wisdom as she and my dad (Clayton) navigate the path of pursuing a liver transplant for her and manage the complications that come in the meantime. They are both in good spirits and seem to be managing

things well. This situation came fully to our attention while we were in the US at the end of 2019 and has been heavy on our hearts. We ask that you pray for her healing and her approval as a candidate for the transplant.

We also ask for prayers as I have been dealing with chronic tonsillitis on and off since January and may need to get my tonsils out. I also ask that you pray for Bryan as he continues to work hard both at FCF and on his online MBA program, as well as being a daily support to me and the kids.

Roger and Marilyn Reeck

September 1, 2020

(Based in Honduras with Wycliffe Bible Translators)

It is now five months since Covid and “stay at home” orders with all the negative ramifications that have been affecting all of our lives. But in the middle of this, it is exciting to see not only God at work but how creative and resilient people really are. Here are some of these things:

1. It is exciting to see that in remote villages people are still able to connect with other believers through Zoom. They are able to access it on their phones and for the first time in their lives, they are using technology for remote corporate worship and services. Even though we are in San Antonio, TX we “attend” the church services of our church in Honduras on Zoom three times a week.

2. It is exciting that though Roger is not able to travel to Guinea Bissau to check the Bible translations of the language groups that he normally works with, he was able to work with both the Felupe and Sonike translation teams through Zoom. Using that technology he and the teams are able to read the translation on the screen and discuss how to make it a more exact translation.

3. But even more exciting for Roger is to now be working with two new Guinean languages—

Biafada and Pepel. He was apprehensive at first, but it has gone really well. What isn't so pleasant is having to get up at 4 a.m. to start his workday due to the time difference.

4. Another activity that is exciting for Roger is leading three different weekly Bible studies on Zoom. One is for a group of men in Minnesota and another, along with his friend Dave, is for their grandsons in Honduras, Mexico and Minnesota. A third session is for his relatives in Michigan.

5. For Marilyn it has been exciting to keep up with the Trauma Healing teams in Honduras and Venezuela. There is a special lesson related to the trauma associated with COVID and she has facilitated that with many groups through Zoom. Also, our teams have translated that lesson and are using it with small groups in their communities. Marilyn will be involved in a new outreach to Spanish speakers in northern Venezuela and also joining another facilitator to present training on Zoom. Modern technology has helped to make this happen.

6. Excitement is in the air when our friends in Guinea Bissau and Honduras are able to deliver bags of food to the hungry and needy through funds we have been able to send to them. This couldn't happen without special offering and your support of our work.

Prayer Requests

• Pray for the Pepel Bible translators and for their supervisor Cutsau as they translate the book of Esther. This group already has the New Testament translated to their language and are starting the translation of the Old Testament.

• Pray for the continued protection of the translation teams and pastors in Guinea Bissau. Praise God that so far the cases there have been kept low. The government has maintained stay at home orders for half days.

• Pray also for two of our Puinave team members down in the south of Venezuela. They had Covid-like symptoms and are now better. Praise the Lord!



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O Lord,

you are my God;

I WILL EXALT YOU;

I WILL PRAISE
YOUR NAME,

*for you have done
wonderful things.*

ISAIAH 25:1, ESV