

MESSENGER

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Looking at Christmas With 2020 Eyes

by Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor



"I believe with all my heart that God is moving in ways far beyond what we can see."

Most of us have become very familiar with the Christmas story. Given the fact that we only have four chapters in the Bible that record the events of the birth of Christ (Mathew 1-2; Luke 1-2), these chapters receive a great deal of focus during Advent season.

This repetition, I think, is a really good thing. Familiarity can be very comforting. It's like visiting an old friend. Take, for example, Luke 2:8-9 as read from the King James Version: "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid."

What do you think of when you hear this? Perhaps you think of family Christmas celebrations in your home or candlelight Christmas Eve services. I think of Linus. There stood Linus (of Charlie Brown fame) alone on the stage, in the spotlight, holding his blanket and sucking his thumb, and in the most innocent and childlike voice, reciting Luke chapter 2 in answer to Charlie's question: "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?"



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Familiarity, however, can also cause us to miss or gloss over some very important details. We can hear something so many times that we simply take for granted that was how things were. This, I think, is true of numerous aspects of the Christmas narrative.

Caesar Augustus was the emperor of the Roman empire at the time of the birth of Christ. But he was thought to be more than that, really. If you can imagine—churches were being built in cities all over the Roman world (which was basically the entire civilized world with a recorded history) that literally worshipped Caesar as god. Let that sink in. You went to church, bowed down and sang worship songs to Caesar Augustus.

We read in Luke 2:1 that “In those days, there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.” Not this country or that country—but the entire world! Every countable person on earth was REQUIRED to travel to their ancestral home to be entered into the Roman worldwide database, and PAY EXORBITANT sums of money. (I can promise you that it was enough to make you steaming mad.) How’s that for government interference in the holiday season!

Mary, nine months pregnant with her first child, had to travel over a hundred miles with no medical care and no plans whatsoever as to how to handle a delivery. We often think of her on a donkey, but it’s probable that she walked the entire way. She had to do this with a man she wasn’t even married to because the baby she was obviously carrying was thought to be his. Her parents weren’t with her because they didn’t have the same ancestral home as Joseph. It’s also highly likely that Mary was in her middle-teens and Joseph wasn’t much older.

When Joseph and Mary finally got to a place they knew nothing about, they find that the place is overrun with people and there is absolutely no place for them to even spend

the night. That was the precise time when Mary went into labor. The BEST they could find was an obscure, dark, smelly lambing cave with nothing more than a feeding trough for animals.

Don’t forget that this was all because a wicked, greedy, emperor was FORCING every person on the face of the earth to go places they didn’t want to go to give away enormous sums of money that they couldn’t afford to give. Do you suppose there might have been just a little frustration in the air?

So here we are in 2020. I find it really interesting how I’ve always viewed the term 20/20. I’ve thought of it as meaning “perfect vision.” It doesn’t actually mean “perfect.” It means that you are able to read the eighth row down on the Snellen Eye Chart from a distance of 20 feet. Twenty feet in your right eye. Twenty feet in your left eye. Some people can do a little better than that (by reading rows 9 and 10), most do a little worse.

I suppose that for all of us who have now lived through most of this past year (a new year is right around the corner!)—we’ll now think of something far different than “perfect vision” when we hear the numbers “twenty-twenty.” The words that will come to my mind will be “difficult,” “Covid,” “quarantine” and “politics.” So much has changed in such a short time. So much that makes me sad.

My encouragement, though, is that by looking at Christmas through 2020 eyes, we might see some of the realities that we’ve never seen before. For those people who were living in that year of Christ’s birth (for all intents and purposes—it was the year “Zero”), they probably would have used words like “difficult,” “taxes,” “wretched Caesar” and “census.” But unbeknownst to most, God was working in MIGHTY ways! The Lower Story was hard—but the Upper Story was being accomplished in unbelievable ways.

I believe with all my heart that God is moving in ways far beyond what we can

KING STREET CHURCH

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

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

Spiritually Alive in Jesus

Relationally Connected by Jesus

Missionally Engaged for Jesus

Who are you worshiping? Who is your community?

Who are you serving?

Ministry Staff

Don Baker, Executive Pastor

Paul Baker, Pastor Emeritus

Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor

Jay Brown, Pastor of Mission and Discipleship

Ron Cook, Minister of Pastoral Care

Stephen Flint, Pastor of Worship and Care

Matt Gish, Pastor of High School Ministries

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Becky Hann, Director of Children's Ministry

Nathan Hann, Pastor of Contemporary Worship

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January 2021 *Messenger* Deadline

**Articles and information for the January 2021
issue should be submitted by December 23.**

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see. As C.S. Lewis said in the *Chronicles of Narnia*—"Aslan is on the move." Study the Christmas story this year with 2020 eyes. See how incredibly difficult things would have been for those living it in real time. Then see how God was breaking into this dark and difficult world in new and powerful ways. But, I would ask, do more than that. Believe with all YOUR heart that God is doing the same thing today.

Worship

SERVICE SCHEDULE

In-Person Services:

- 8 a.m. – Sanctuary (Traditional)**
Masks Required
- 9:30 a.m. – Baker Center and Sanctuary (Contemporary)**
Masks Required
- 11 a.m. – Baker Center (Contemporary)**
Masks Optional
- 11 a.m. – Sanctuary (Contemporary)**
Masks Required

Online Services:

**We still offer online services at the
same times on Facebook,
live.kingstreetchurch.com and
through Roku/Apple TV apps.**

Board of Administration Meeting Highlights

The Board of Administration met on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 in Room M7. Chairman Glenn Watson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Mark Willson opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Following are highlights from that meeting.

Senior Pastor's Update:

Pastor Jody was away on study leave and was absent.

Executive Pastor's Update:

Pastor Don shared that our return to five Sunday morning worship services was scheduled for Sunday, October 18. All services except the 11 a.m. Baker service are mask required services. Congratulations to John Shadle on his upcoming transition to his role as Senior Pastor at Prince Street UB Church in Shippensburg. There are nine child dedications scheduled to take place on November 1. Don shared that Adam Keath is excited to announce that RESET is scheduled to begin in the Baker Center on Monday evening, November 2.

Elder Team Report:

Greg West shared that prayer is requested that we remain loving to the entire congregation as we try to stay in the right lane with the continuing COVID crisis. A motion that we open up the church facilities for our church youth basketball teams carried unanimously. Greg will provide feedback as to the success of this request at the next BOA meeting.

Co-Mission Reports:

- **Adult Ministries** – Mark Willson shared that plans are being considered to have adult ministry leaders come to co-mission meetings to share and compare thoughts and ideas. A spring meeting is also being planned for L3 group leaders to come together to share and

compare ideas. The co-mission is encouraging Sunday school leaders to lead with intentionality. Mark is excited that new leaders are starting to emerge.

- **Children's Ministry** – The Children's Ministry Co-Mission met on October 5. Alexander Rosenbaum shared that thirty-five children are attending the Kidztown Crossing school program. On Sunday mornings, due to volunteer limitations and spacing restrictions, only one class for each elementary grade is being held. More volunteers are needed who are willing to teach on a regular basis. A family Christmas celebration will be held on December 2 at the Goldfish Barn. It will be held in two sessions: one from 5:30–6:30 and one from 7:00–8:00.

- **Finance** – Brad Etchberger said that the co-mission was scheduled to meet on Monday, October 19 at 7 p.m. Dan Gehris gave a detailed financial update including September financial results and YTD figures. Dan shared that September undesignated giving was down compared to budget.

- **Local Outreach** – Sharon Bowers joined the meeting this evening in the absence of Tamy Cook. The LOC met on October 6 and enjoyed a ministry partner share. Carl Matice from Rhodes Grove Camp gave a presentation. The KSC Service Central website has been helpful for encouraging volunteers. The LOC will be intentionally discussing ways to encourage more volunteers to step forward. The next scheduled meeting is November 10. This will be the quarterly meeting with our ministry partners.

- **Missions** – The Missions Co-Mission met on September 28. Scott Bert shared that the book *When Helping Hurts* was introduced. Bryan and Emily Gerlach are ending their time with TEAM and relocating to the US, most likely before the end of this year. Bryan intends to continue working on his graduate degree and plans to get a full-time job. The Missions

Co-Mission's 2021 budget was also discussed.

• **Personnel Relations** – Kim Shatzer shared that the staff Christmas luncheon will be held on December 9. The co-mission agreed that staff birthday cards will be continued as a form of staff recognition. A motion to offer Samantha Ray the part time position of Coordinator of Guest Experience carried unanimously.

• **Property** – The Property Co-Mission met on October 5. Dale Forney shared that parking sign installations are ongoing, as is the delivery of new nursery furniture. John Little is continuing to research the Baker Center elevator repair. The Baker Center roof project is approximately 50% complete. The Ushers Manual and Security Plan from 2007 are in review to determine necessary updates. The Student Ministry remodeling project review continues. Quotes and designs are being obtained from Scott Rosenbaum for landscaping for the church parking lot. Planter and fountain removal in the courtyard is ongoing. A quote has been received for the Meadows roof repair. A motion to approve the needed repairs carried unanimously.

• **Worship Arts** – The Worship Arts Co-Mission met on October 5. Carolyn Chenaille opened discussion regarding replacement of the computers in both the Baker Center and the Sanctuary that operate ProPresenter media. A motion to purchase two new iMacs carried unanimously. Carolyn shared that a video similar to the “Christmas at Home” video from a few years ago will be filmed in early November. On December 16 an Outdoor Christmas @ Country Creek event will be held that is family friendly, with a heated tent, Christmas caroling and animals. Youth worship has restarted. On November 22 we are having a Thanks and Praise service with a canned food drive.

Administrative Report:

A discussion was held regarding Chambersburg's 6th Annual Responders Appreciation Day. A motion to approve a financial donation

for 2020 carried unanimously.

Mark Willson closed the meeting with prayer at 9:38 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

October 25

Offering (General Fund): \$48,381.80

November 1

Offering (General Fund): \$61,513.67

November 8

Offering (General Fund): \$48,737.43

November 15

Offering (General Fund): \$47,335.56



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Offering Envelopes

from the KSC Finance Co-Mission

December is here again and we need to remind you of one more item to put on your "To Do" list. You will need to pick up your Church Contribution Envelopes.

Distribution tables will be set up in the Rotz Foyer (beside the Sanctuary) beginning Sunday, December 6. If you contribute using church envelopes, please stop and pick up the box with your name. If you do not currently have envelopes and would like to receive them, please call the church office (717-264-4651) and we will have a box prepared and set out for you. If you are contributing electronically or no longer require envelopes, please advise the church office so we can keep an accurate count of envelopes needed.

If you are contributing by check or cash, we encourage you to use contribution envelopes even if you choose not to show the dollar amounts or your name on the envelope. These envelopes assist the office in recording your contributions.

We also offer electronic and text contribution options. You can visit our website to learn more about these options.

Remember, contributions are tax deductible, and you will receive a receipt for recorded annual contributions over \$250. For other amounts you can request a receipt from the church office.

In January contribution statements will be emailed to donors with email addresses on file. If you are unsure if we have your correct email address, please contact the church office. Printed statements will be mailed to donors without email addresses.

Your contributions continue to support King Street Church's effort as a thriving church to "Engage and bless our community with the Gospel."

As you scurry through this holiday season, please be reminded of the reason that we celebrate this season, the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. All the members of the Finance Co-Mission would like to wish our entire church family the very best during the holiday season. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Year End Giving

Your year-end tithes, offerings and gifts **MUST BE RECEIVED** or, if mailing, post-marked by 12/31/2020 in order to qualify and be credited to your 2020 contribution records as a tax-deductible donation.



RESET is a worship service and support system that meets on **Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Baker Center**. RESET offers a safe place to tear down the obstacles that keep us from abundant life in Christ and to find community for that journey. To learn more about participating in and helping at RESET, visit kingstreetchurch.com/reset for details.

Once More Ministries Report

Once More Ministries is gearing up to reach many families again during our next distribution day on Saturday, December 12, from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. We are planning to do the same “drive-thru” process as in September to allow us to supply our neighbors with needed items while keeping everyone involved safe from any inadvertent spreading of illness. While this COVID-style process will not allow us to have our usual prayer groups, we pray that the Gospel is able to penetrate the hearts of those who don’t yet know the Lord through a simple act of love.

With Thanksgiving behind us and as we look forward to the Christmas season, we are mindful that this time of year, although joyful because of the birth of Christ, may be challenging for many in our community who may have lost family, friends, livelihoods, homes, health and the list goes on. With this in mind, please keep our friends in the community and volunteers in prayer.

Certainly all of us have been stretched in one way or another these past months, but it serves us well to remember that He is in control. He is not surprised by or fearful of the challenges we face and is always present even in an uncertain world. May we remember to look at things from an “upper-story” perspective, to see that the Lord is certainly working ... in many ways we see, but probably in many more ways that we do not! “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous hand” (Isaiah 41:10 NIV).

The Lord works through willing hearts who love Him. If you would like to serve with OMM, there are multiple times and ways you can do so in the days leading up to and on distribution day itself. It takes no special skills except a love for people. If you would like more information about the ministry or volunteering, please reach out to us at omm@kschurch.org. This email

account is monitored weekly, so please don’t be discouraged if you don’t receive an immediate response. Rest assured, we will reach out to you soon!

If you would like to contribute supplies to OMM, below are a few items of which we are always in need:

- Dishwashing (liquid) detergent
- Toothpaste
- Men’s and women’s razors
- Laundry detergent
- Dryer sheets
- Shampoo
- Conditioner

We hope you have a blessed Christmas!

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)



Monday, December 14 is the deadline to dedicate a Christmas poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one (\$10). You can pick up a form in the lobby, sign up at the church office at 56 N. Second St. or pay online at kingstreetchurch.com/poinsettia.

NIGHT *to Shine*

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Virtual Night to Shine: Friday, February 12, 2021

Night to Shine WILL be happening in 2021, but it will look a little different this time around and we wanted to fill you in.

If you've never heard of Night to Shine, it's a worldwide movement for people with special needs (aged 14 and older), held simultaneously on one night all around the world. It is a celebration of God's love — an unforgettable experience that highlights the value of life. It is a night when all guests are kings and queens of the prom, and most importantly, it is a night for Christ to shine!

Due to the global circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the safety of every honored guest with special needs as a top priority, Night to Shine 2021 will be a virtual experience. The unique virtual event will be complete with all of the treasured prom elements, such as every guest will get to enjoy music, dancing, prom favors, messages from special guests, all leading up to the moment when each guest is crowned king or queen of the prom.

Tim Tebow, founder of the Tim Tebow Foundation, says, "The reason Night to Shine is so special to me is because all the boys, all of the girls, that the rest of the world has forgotten, that so many times we haven't clapped for, we haven't cheered for, we haven't loved. This is

the night where we get to bring them together and say, 'you matter, we love you and we are throwing this awesome party because that's how special you are.' This is why we knew we couldn't cancel Night to Shine 2021. Our heart is always to love and encourage and it's never to put anyone at risk and that is why we are confident in our decision to celebrate Night to Shine 2021 as a fully virtual experience."

What to Expect in 2021:

DRIVE THROUGH:

Guests will be invited to visit the Antrim Brethren in Christ Church parking lot on the night of the event, to have their photo taken and to receive a gift bag containing a meal for the guest and one friend/buddy, special surprises, flowers and a crown/tiara. Guests should stay in their car and not get out during the drive-through.

- Guests with last name A through M:
5:30–6:15 p.m.
- Guests with last name N through Z:
6:15–7 p.m.

ONLINE SIMULCAST:

The guest can then return home and watch the online simulcast. The simulcast will include dancing, special guests, a message from Tim Tebow and a crowning ceremony. We invite family and friends to photograph the guest throughout the evening and upload those photos to a photo share site.

Notes: *We will not be offering a Ladies Boutique or Men's Shoppe this year. Our event will be limited to 200 guests.*

Register at nighttoshine2021.com.

Volunteering with Night to Shine:

We will need a number of volunteers to help with the event:

- Photographers to take pictures of our guests in the drive-thru line
- Greeters/paparazzi to cheer for our guests when they drive by
- Helpers to pack up the meals and distribute the gift bags
- Traffic directors
- Tech team to communicate and assist guests who are unsure how to access and broadcast the simulcast

Register to serve at
nighttoshine2021.com.

Email Jim Roberts at robertsj@gmail.com
with questions.



Christmas Eve services will be held at 3, 5, and 7 p.m. in both the Sanctuary and the Baker Center. Seating in both venues will be limited and registration will be required (starting in December). At this time, the 7 p.m. services in the Baker Center and the Sanctuary will be mask-optional. For registration and any updates regarding service time changes or COVID-related changes, visit: kingstreetchurch.com/christmas.

DECEMBER 2020 BIBLE READING PLAN

Following Jesus: A Journey Through the Gospels

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CHURCH OFFICE



HOLIDAY



Schedule

In celebration of the holidays,
the church office will be closed on:

December 24 and 25

December 31 and January 1



Sunday, December 13

For the month of December,
Communion offerings will go to
KSC's Agape English Ministry.

Christmas at COUNTRY CREEK

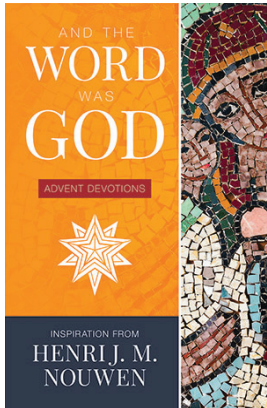
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

4–7:30 p.m. • Free! • 3794 Etter Rd., Chambersburg

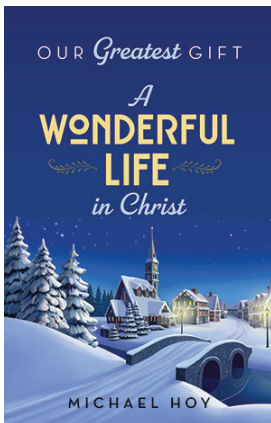
King Street Church will be hosting a special event at Country Creek Produce Farm. We are planning that the evening will include refreshments, interactive activities for the whole family and a short service with singing and a message from Pastor Jody Bowser. This event is free; no registration is required. Watch for more details coming soon!

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Advent begins on November 29 and King Street Church is happy to offer two different devotionals to help our church family in preparing their hearts for Christmas.



- “And the Word Was God”—Featuring daily scriptural inspiration, accompanied by the writings of Henri J.M. Nouwen, a theological master, this gem of a spiritual resource guides you through Advent with hope, faith, joy and peace.



- “Our Greatest Gift: A Wonderful Life in Christ” – Rediscover the joy and blessings of daily life with this devotional booklet centered around the beloved film, *It's a Wonderful Life*. Rooted in God's Word, each daily Advent devotion

includes a scripture passage and reflection richly interwoven with scenes from the classic movie, along with a brief prayer. This devotional booklet is designed to remind us that amid whatever challenges, heartbreak or troubles we face, we can find comfort and joy rejoicing in Jesus.

Printed copies are available in the lobbies or you can stop by the church office to pick one up. We will be offering email and texted devotionals of one of these options. Get more information and sign up at kingstreetchurch.com/advent or by texting advent to (717) 401-7777.



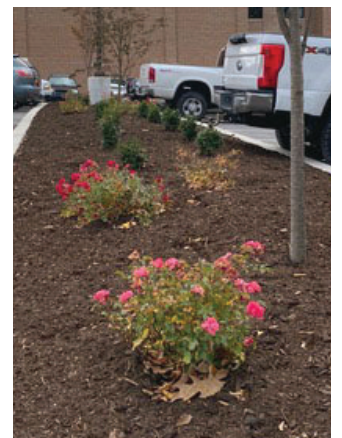
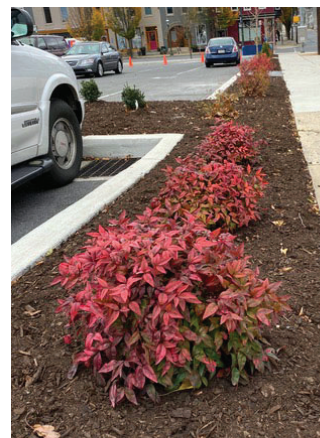
CLASSES

If you are interested in being baptized at one of our services on Sunday, December 27, or in learning more about baptism, email Molly Shull at mshull@kschurch.org.

Thank You!



We would like to thank Rosembaum Landscaping for the beautification project that they have completed in our parking lot. What a huge improvement they have made! We praise God for their vision and generosity in enriching our facilities.



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<div>9</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div>	<div>12</div> <div>1:00 p.m. June Brown Memorial Service Sanctuary</div>
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<div>23</div>	<div>Christmas Eve 24</div> <div>3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Services in Sanctuary and Baker Center</div>	<div>Christmas Day 25</div>	<div>26</div>
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JUST FOR KIDS

LET IT snow!

Create a winter wonderland with this fun craft.



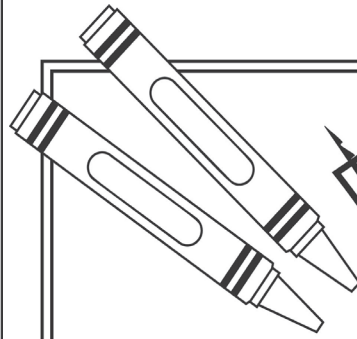
What you need:

- Glass jar with lid but no label
- Laminated photo (that will fit in the jar)
- Small plastic Christmas trinkets
- Hot or waterproof glue
- Container with spout
- 1 cup distilled water
- 3 tsp. glycerin
- Glitter



What you do:

1. Unscrew lid and flip jar upside down. Glue the photo and trinkets to the inside of the lid, standing upright.
2. In a container, mix water and glycerin. Pour the mixture into the jar, leaving space at the top.
3. Spoon in some glitter.
4. When glue is dry, attach the decorated lid tightly. Shake the jar to see “snow” swirl and settle.



PUZZLE

WHITE AS SNOW

Jesus, our Savior, came to earth to purify sinners.

Directions: Figure out which path through the puzzle is correct. Choose one to try, starting at the first picture under the “Path” box. Follow each picture’s directional cues to see if the words make sense when placed in order in the blanks below. If not, try a different path until you figure out the Bible verse.



PATH 1	PATH 2	PATH 3	PATH 4	PATH 5	PATH 6
for	give	come	together	around	after
self	into	settle	eternal	thanks	forgive
God	LORD	says	without	Christ	warmth
love	sins	scarlet	other	light	praise
red	star	white	snow	winter	peace



“_____ now, let us _____ the matter,” _____ the
 _____. “Though your _____ are like _____,
 they shall be as _____ as _____”

ISAIAH 1:18, NIV

Answer: Path 3: come, settle, says, LORD, sins, scarlet, white, snow



CHRISTMAS AT HOME

Watch for announcements regarding a special video presentation that our worship team has created for you and your family to watch online during the holidays. The recording will be available Christmas week and includes songs and carols with members of our worship team and a short message from Pastor Jody Bowser.

KSC STUDENT MINISTRY EVENTS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 2ND
WEAR YOUR UGLY CHRISTMAS
SWEATER



The Street Student Ministry will be having their annual Christmas party on Wednesday, December 2 from 7-8:30 p.m. All students in grades 6-12 are welcome. Wear an ugly Christmas sweater for our contest!



The Street Student Ministry will be back for their New Year Kickoff on Wednesday, January 6 from 7-8:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6:45. Join us for food, games, a message and small group time. All students in grades 6-12 are welcome.



Grateful in November

In November we expressed our thanks for just a few of the many ways that God has worked in our midst in 2020. Here are the areas we focused on:

November 1: RESET

We praise God for allowing us to launch RESET, a new worship service and support system that meets on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Baker Center.

November 8: Media & Production and Online Church Community

The coronavirus pandemic has brought many unexpected challenges to our year. We praise God that our Media & Production ministry was able to rise to the challenge of offering more worship services online, as well as assisting other ministries in going virtual. We are also grateful to our loyal online community who continues to engage weekly; every person who worships with us remains a vital part of our church family.

November 15: Kidztown Crossing

In August our Children's Ministry launched Kidztown Crossing to meet the needs of CASD kids whose parents are working during the day. We welcomed more than 40 kids into our building to help them complete their online learning and to share God's Word with them. We praise God for this vision, for the hard work of our Children's Ministry staff, and for this opportunity to engage and bless our community with the Gospel.

November 22: Generosity in Giving

In the midst of all the challenges brought on by COVID this year, KSC leadership made a faith commitment early on to continue to live out our mission of engaging and blessing our community and also our core value of being missionally engaged. In addition to the numerous hands-on ministry efforts, we have also been able to give over \$400,000 (just from our church budget—not including Sunday school class giving) to local ministry partners, special giving (six local churches, support for hospital workers, KidzTown Crossing, etc.) and international missions. Although our overall income is down 5% for 2020, our overall missional giving is up significantly over previous years!



On December 6 at 4 p.m. we will offer an online-only Advent concert which will feature your favorite Christmas carols and special instrumental guests. The service will be broadcast on Facebook, at live.kingstreetchurch.com, and through the KSC apps on Roku and Apple TV. We will share in Christ-centered instrumental music, sing carols "together," and hear Advent/Christmas scriptures to remind us today that God is with us. We pray that this event will be inspiring to all and help us to ready our hearts for Jesus to enter. Just as He came long ago, He is coming again!

JUNE BROWN MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, December 12 • 1 p.m. • Sanctuary



June L. Brown, age 89, of Chambersburg, Pa., passed away on Thursday, June 4, 2020. She served 35 years as a United Brethren missionary in Sierra Leone.

You can read June Brown's obituary on the Geisel Funeral home website. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to UB Global, 302 Lake St., Huntington, IN 46750. Designate "Sierra Leone Hospital" on the memo line. Contributions can also be made to the King Street Church Joy Class, 56 North Second St., Chambersburg, PA 17201.

Below is a summary of June's story as told in *All for Christ, Volume 2*, by Steve Dennie.

"June Brown grew up in Pennsylvania. She accepted Christ at age eight, and at age 15 sensed God calling her to the mission field. She enrolled at Huntington College in 1948, but left to spend four years in the Women's Air Force. While stationed in San Antonio, Texas, she taught math and science

classes, and played on the base softball and basketball teams, both of which won the Women's Air Force World Championship. She returned to Huntington College in 1954, graduated in 1956, and became a public schoolteacher in Rockford, Ill. But the call to missions remained. In 1957, she began 35 years as a United Brethren missionary in Sierra Leone.

June's missionary service included six years as a teacher at Centennial Secondary School, followed by 29 years at Bump High School, where she taught math and Bible. She also served stints as boarding home manager, bookstore clerk and acting principal, and could ably step in when the school needed an electrician, plumber, or diesel mechanic.

During her furlough in 1966, June returned to Huntington College to teach physical education and coach basketball, volleyball, and tennis. In 1985, June took on the role of Director of Missionary Affairs. She remained in Sierra Leone until 1992, when all missionaries were evacuated from the country because of a military coup. She took the opportunity to retire from missionary service. June returned to her hometown of Chambersburg, Pa., and to her home church, King Street.

During Commencement services on May 18, 1993, Huntington College recognized her with the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. The citation began:

'June L. Brown has built a life of excellence everywhere she has invested her talent and energy. In education, in service to country, and in missions, she has always held to the highest standards in her personal life and professional endeavors.'"



DECEMBER 2020 SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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

CROSS | Cumberland Vista

Cards of Encouragement
8 Openings

CROSS | Grace Home

Cards of Encouragement
5 Openings

CROSS | Griffith House

Cards of Encouragement
3 Openings

DiscipleMakers

Pray for College Ministry at
Shippensburg University
249 Openings

NETwork Ministries

Assist CASD Students with
School
40 Openings

Night to Shine

Night to Shine Meal/Gift Bag
Team
6 Openings

Night to Shine

Night to Shine Paparazzi
12 Openings

Night to Shine

Night to Shine Photographer
6 Openings

Night to Shine

Night to Shine Traffic
Directors
8 Openings

Shook Home Retirement Community

Cards of Encouragement
11 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
14 Openings

Media and Lyrics Operator

5 Openings

Once More Ministries

Supplies for OMM
100 Openings

Online Service Host

8 Openings

RESET

RESET Childcare and Support
Team
15 Openings

RESET

RESET Group Facilitator
14 Openings

RESET

RESET Leadership Team
8 Openings

The Street

Child Care for The Street
Youth Meetings
4 Openings

Video Camera Operator

5 Openings

Worship Team Auditions

Vocal and/or Instrumental
19 Openings

STAFF UPDATES



We are excited to welcome Samantha Ray back to our church staff as the Coordinator of Guest Experience. Please pray for Samantha as she seeks to recruit people to serve as greeters, ushers and in other areas of Welcome Ministries.



We are also happy to announce that our Student Ministry Administrative Assistant, Lauren Dukehart, has accepted the invitation to assume more student ministry leadership alongside Pastor Matt Gish. Please pray for Lauren as she transitions into more direct ministry engagement with students, parents and Road Crew.

PRIMETIMERS UPDATES

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 Prime-Timers. To be added to our email list, please send an email to kscprimetimers@gmail.com and be sure to give us your full name, phone number and address to update our records. Please put your name in the subject line.

Please continue to check the Prime Timers section of the KSC website and the Messenger for updates in the future. If you send us your email address, we will email updates to you whenever we have them.

The Prime Timers Committee



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.

Quotes of the Week

"Although it's impossible to measure, we know that prayer changes everything. And it changes us."

Pastor Jody Bowser,
October 25, 2020



"Paul's passion is for the Gospel to go out to the entire world. His prayer isn't for God to 'save lost people.' His prayer is that each of us would seize every opportunity God gives us to share the good news."

Pastor Jody Bowser,
November 1, 2020



"To love like a Samaritan is to intentionally travel on the Jericho Road of Life as ministers of reconciliation and healing."

Pastor Don Baker
November 8, 2020



"We all have a divinely orchestrated part to play in advancing God's kingdom. It always starts right where we are today ... not where we hope to someday be."

Pastor Jody Bowser
November 15, 2020



Emily and Bryan Gerlach

November 1, 2020

(Serving in Thailand with TEAM Global Missions)

Transition Time

We are full speed into transition mode. We have set a leave date of December 2 and are in the process of wrapping up everything here to move out! We have so many cherished memories and dear friends; it has been really sweet reminiscing on our seven years in Thailand. Saying goodbye can be brutal, but all of the sadness just shows us how deep our relationships have grown with our friends in the Thai and missionary communities. The Lord has provided a great leader to step into Bryan's role at the Family Connection Foundation (FCF), has made a way for us to sell almost all of our worldly possessions (pray that we can find a buyer for Emily's car soon) and has confirmed our decision in countless other ways here.

We are also very excited that we have something to transition to Bryan has accepted an offer to work with HOPE International in Lancaster, PA! He will be the new Project Management Specialist for the marketing team and will start full-time on January 4. HOPE's mission is to invest in the dreams of families in the world's underserved communities as we proclaim and live the Gospel. They do this as they share the hope of Christ and provide biblically based training, savings services and loans that restore dignity and break the cycle

of poverty. We are so excited that we have this amazing organization to receive us when we get back to the US. God has really confirmed this direction every step of the way and it is such a blessing to know that we will still be involved in spreading the gospel, even as a part of Bryan's job description.

November is shaping up to be one of the busiest months of our lives, so please keep us in your prayers! We are planning to ship some items back to the US, sell others, and give the rest away. Emily is sorting through all of our possessions and making decisions about every single item, then selling many of them online. We are working to prioritize time with our friends here to say goodbyes. The kids have a bucket-list of things to do before we leave which we are checking off. Jameson is finishing up his preschool time. Bryan is transitioning out of his role at FCF, working on a marketing class for his MBA and will be starting part-time a few hours a week remotely with HOPE to get up to speed there too. Oh, and we are house shopping remotely in the Lancaster area. And that's not even mentioning all of the emotions that go with a move like this. There will be lots of tears I'm sure, from the kids too! Yikes!

So... we would like to ask for your help. Please remember us in your prayers. Pray for peace, wisdom, discernment and healthy emotional processing. Also, we will need to raise approximately \$6000 in November and December for one-time travel and shipping costs, so please consider helping us with that. Beginning in January we will no longer be employed with TEAM, so you can cease your financial giving at that point. But we have some other awesome opportunities for you to continue generously blessing Thailand. Please consider supporting the Cool Shade of Life land purchase project. (Give to CSL) Also, the FCF budget has taken a huge hit this year as a result of the pandemic and we would love to see the foundation on solid footing heading into 2021. (Give to FCF.) If you are looking for local workers or other

missionaries to support in Thailand, please let us know and we can make some excellent recommendations. We want to see the gospel continue spreading!

God has truly blessed us through our time in Thailand more than we could have ever asked or imagined. He has been faithfully guiding us every step of the way and we trust that He will continue to do so. We cannot thank you enough for your love and support through our journey. We hope to be able to connect in person sometime in 2021, if COVID-19 doesn't make it impossible.

Bryan, Emily, Jameson and Eden

Emily Schoenleber

November 1, 2020

(Serving with Circuit Riders in Huntington Beach, California)

October

This last month has mostly just been taking things day by day, week by week. One of my favorite things is being able to meet with my one-on-ones. As I mentioned previously, there are two girls who are currently doing the DTS (Discipleship Training School) that I am mentoring this fall. I meet up with each of them every week or two. It really is such a joy to walk alongside them in this season of their lives. One of the girls is just 18 and reminds me a lot of myself when I just joined YWAM at her age.

The times when we don't have staff meetings or Bible study at the park, you can usually find me at home running around with Azariah or holding one of the twins. I can't say enough how much I appreciate this season! I have also enjoyed being a part of a small prayer meeting my church holds a couple of times a week. We're not meeting in person as a church yet, but we do meet in person for these prayer meetings—it's always such a powerful time, even with a small group of people.

Some Final Thoughts

In my last update I mentioned an article from a Church leader in Iran. There have been two follow-up articles released after that and the third one just came out a few days ago. I highly encourage each of you to read this. It brings an incredible perspective from someone who has a deep love for Jesus and a deep love for us. We must be disciples who make disciples.

In mid-October I actually flew home to Pennsylvania for a few days and was really living the dream experiencing fall for the first time since 2014. So thankful for those few days! A massive THANK YOU to my family and all of the volunteers who, again, made the spaghetti dinner possible! Thank you to all who came, who gave and who continue to pray for me. I am so blessed and so thankful!

Continue to pray for us and our community (a few of the students tested positive for Covid and their houses are being quarantined). Thankfully, it hasn't spread and our leaders are being very proactive in keeping everyone safe. Pray also for me. I announced at the spaghetti dinner that I would be finishing up with Circuit Riders in December (this has been the plan since earlier this year). I'm currently seeking the Lord for clarity as we enter into 2021, as to where He would have me.

Karli Frelin

November 7, 2020

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

This month I have tasted and seen that the Lord is good. I am praising Him for being steadfast and never changing. Even when our circumstances and things around us change, our Lord remains the same.

"You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain;

they will all wear out like a garment, like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end" (Hebrews 1:10-12).

Over the last few days through *Becoming a Woman of Prayer* by Cynthia Heald, I have been learning more about what it looks like to be intimate with God in prayer. Women, if you are looking for a Bible study, I strongly recommend this one!

At CMU, the semester is wrapping up and students are taking their finals. I am so thankful for all that God has done in the lives of the students at Chiang Mai University over the last several months. Thank you all for being so faithful to pray and give sacrificially in order to see Thai students reached! It has been so sweet to partner with you all!

Roger and Marilyn Reeck

November 18, 2020

(Based in Honduras with Wycliffe Bible Translators)

Urgent Request

So many of you have been praying and concerned, so we wanted to give you an update.

Roger is now on Day 9 and today is his birthday.

Up until two days ago Roger's symptoms were nausea, headache and body ache, but that on top of his chronic pain has been very difficult. But, the last two nights he began to have respiratory problems. My daughter monitored the oxygen level and it was not consistently low.

Amanda's husband, Amila, was hospitalized on Friday and is on oxygen but not improving.

Roger remains at our daughter Amanda's house. Now Christy and three others of her family are positive and Amanda is also. Two of the children and I are negative and in a separate house.

We are incredibly sad for Honduras and the two hurricanes back to back. A section

of the country is under water. My son-in-law, Rigo, Christy's husband, wants to go back right away but the airport we usually fly into is under several feet of water. This will hamper relief efforts from out of the country.

Pray for Honduras. Pray also for Roger, Amila, Christy and Amanda who are trying to keep things together and make the right decisions. For Roger the next three days are crucial.

K and RW

October 27, 2020

(Ministering to specific people groups around the world)

We've Moved!

We asked you to pray for a house in Grand Rapids and God provided a wonderful home in a great location! We moved in early September to be involved with the West Michigan Friendship Center (see <https://wmfriendship-center.org/>). We enjoy meeting and sharing with families who have come from ■. R has been able to help ■ children with tutoring. She now takes a mother from ■ on a weekly run to the food pantry at a local church. Every week this opens the door to share aspects of our faith. Pray for more opportunities to share with families from ■.

New Possibility

K was asked to consider a new role in Christar: training workers in Bible and theology, specifically, Christar workers sent out from India, Hong Kong, the Philippines and South America. K received good input this past week concerning the training role. Pray for wisdom about whether K should take on this responsibility. (We are open to input you have as well.)

We have been filling various roles during this past year of transition. We now have additional possibilities. It seems time to consider which things to put aside so that we can concentrate

more fully and be more productive in fewer arenas. Pray with us for God's direction in these matters.

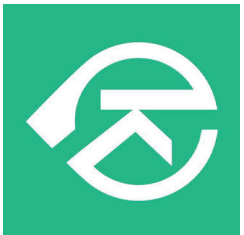
■ Church

■ Church is the ■ fellowship where we served for seven years before K was banned from entering ■. The church is now in a difficult time of transition with major leadership changes. In addition it is hard to keep motivation going due to Covid restrictions on meeting face to face. Pray for good solutions for church leadership and that not one sheep will be lost or wander away during these challenges.

K's Entry Ban Update

At the recommendation of ■ church leaders, last year we opened up a court case to contest K's entry ban to ■. This case has been working its way through the ■ system. So far three court levels have considered the case and all have ruled that the ■ government is within its rights to issue a ban on any foreign citizen they wish. K's actions have not been considered in the hearings. In fact the file about him is sealed and his lawyer has not even had access to it! Within the next three months the ■ Constitutional Court will consider K's case. In the ■ court system this is the final stop. We understand that at this level all files must be opened and considered. Several other workers also have cases before the Constitutional Court. Pray for greater freedom for Christian workers to be established in ■ through a positive court decision. We would love to have an open door to return to ■.

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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ISAIAH 9:6 NRSV