

MESSENGER

JANUARY 2021

Never Losing Sight of Our Mission

by Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor



“We must never lose sight of our mission! God is working in ways beyond what we can see with our eyes.”

For most of my life—really ever since I can remember—I have enjoyed watching sports on TV. My favorites have been football and basketball, particularly college sports. The college bowl season and March madness are a highlight for me. But I also enjoy a good nap during golf tournaments and the Olympics are must-see TV for me.

I’ve noticed a trend in recent years. They’ve started putting a microphone on the coaches and occasionally letting us viewers have a listen to what they are saying to their teams. Sometimes we get to listen in on what the coach says to the team during a timeout. Other times we get to hear the pregame speech before the team heads out to take the field or the court.

I’m always interested in what great coaches say to their teams. If it’s during a time-out in the middle of the game, the coach is typically drawing up a specific play that they want run or a person on the other team that they need to pay close attention to. But when we listen in to what the coach has to say before the game, the emphasis is almost always on the bigger picture. They are reminding the team what their mission is and what it is they set out to accomplish even before the season began.

A great coach will often say something like: “This is what we’ve been working for all season long! This is why we pushed ourselves during all of those preseason drills and lifted all of those weights in the off season. We didn’t come here simply to compete. We came

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here to win! If we work together as a team, and give our very best effort on every play, we can accomplish all of the goals that we set out to accomplish before this season even began!"

Great coaches never lose sight of the mission. They have an inspiring way of emphasizing the bigger picture. They remind the team of the incredible difference it makes when we set

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goals, and then give our all to accomplish those goals together. They fill the players' minds with words that will continue to ring in their ears as they are in the heat of competition. "You've got this!" "You can do this!" "Don't give up!" "Give it all you've got!"

I think the reason that I enjoy eavesdropping on great coaches so much is because I know the incredible difference it makes in my own life when I remain focused on the mission or the UPPER STORY. Each and every one of us know how challenging it can be to overcome disappointment and defeat. Oftentimes, life can feel like we're taking two steps forward, only to take three steps back. Discouragement can be a terrible enemy.

This is exactly why Jesus said to us all in John 14:1, "Don't let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me." Jesus knew that after He ascended into heaven, His disciples would be overcome with grief and discouragement. But He didn't want them to lose heart. He wanted them to remember that they were never alone and that God the Father had called them to a much larger mission.

The last words that Jesus spoke to His disciples in Matthew 28 were: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I

am with you always, to the very end of the age." There it is! The mission! Go and make disciples of ALL nations—ALL people.

Hey Church—WE have been given this very same mission. The work that Jesus called His disciples to accomplish is still being accomplished THROUGH US. Which is precisely why our mission at King Street Church is to "Engage and bless our community with the Gospel." This phrase is a constant reminder of the mission that God has given to us.

And I'm so pleased to encourage you with the fact that, in spite of all of the many challenges and seeming setbacks of 2020, this mission continues to be accomplished here at King Street, often in ways that never show up in the headlines or even get talked about.

An example of this took place on Saturday, December 12. One of our King Street ministries is Once More Ministries (OMM). The purpose of OMM is to distribute much-needed supplies to struggling families, many of whom live right here in the heart of Chambersburg in the neighborhoods surrounding our church building. On the morning of the twelfth, 268 families

Don't lose hope! Don't lose faith!

came to our church parking lot to receive help. Three hundred boxes of food were given out, including 300 ten-pound bags of potatoes. Two hundred fifty boxes and bags of toiletries were distributed. By 11:40 a.m., the toiletries were all gone, but we continued to give out the remaining food boxes until everything was distributed!

The total number of people that were reached in these households was 1,118 people. You heard that right. Over 1,100 people. More than half of these families speak Spanish or Haitian/Creole as their primary language. Some of these families traveled from St. Thomas, Fayetteville and Shippensburg. Prior to the pandemic, OMM averaged handing out 155

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

Dan Gehris, Business Manager

Becky Hann, Director of Children's Ministry

Nathan Hann, Pastor of Contemporary Worship

Adam Keath, Director of Restoration and Recovery

Nick Randle, Worship Associate

Tyler Roberts, Media and Production Coordinator

February 2021 *Messenger* Deadline

**Articles and information for the February 2021
issue should be submitted by January 20.**

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boxes per distribution. During these past two
“pandemic” distributions, we have seen a 68%
increase!

Here's my point in telling you these things:
We must never lose sight of our mission! God
is working in ways beyond what we can see
with our eyes. Jesus is using each and every
one of us to accomplish His Upper Story work
in this world. It might seem as though we're
taking two steps forward, only to take three
steps back ... but that isn't the case! Don't lose
hope! Don't lose faith! Even in the midst of the
many challenges that we face these days, God is
moving and His mission is being accomplished!

Worship

SERVICE SCHEDULE

In-Person Services:

Masks are now required at all services.

8 a.m. — Sanctuary (Traditional)

**9:30 a.m. — Baker Center and Sanctuary
(Contemporary)**

**11 a.m. — Baker Center and Sanctuary
(Contemporary)**



About Masks:

With the recent increase in COVID-19,
we are requiring that masks be worn in all
services and in all public spaces within the
church. The expectation is that you will keep
the mask on throughout the service.

Thank you for helping us to protect each
other, which ultimately allows us to continue
to meet and worship God together.

Board of Administration Meeting Highlights

The Board of Administration met on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 in the KSC Choir Room. Chairman Glenn Watson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Mary Burkholder opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Following are highlights from that meeting.

Senior Pastor's Update:

Pastor Jody thanked everyone for their prayers and support during the passing of his sister, Becky. Pastor Jody reviewed the church's 10-year vision and the expected results in our community. He also shared that John Shadle is transitioning to Prince Street UB Church as their new Senior Pastor. Ron Cook has returned to work effective November 2, 2020. Pastor Jody requested that we keep praying for unity as a church.

Executive Pastor's Update:

Pastor Don shared that Christmas Eve services have capacity limits which is why we need to have signups. Pastor Don also reviewed the list of nominees for new commission members. Don recognized "Men to Mend" for the work they do in our community. Don shared that we had nine child dedications that were conducted on Sunday, November 1. Pastor Don shared appreciation for Sue Marshall and the Agape English Program for their outreach to our community. Don compared 2019 to 2020 in the following areas: child dedications (30 in 2019, 9 in 2020), baptisms (23 in 2019, 12 in 2020) and new partners (13 in 2019, 22 in 2020). Samantha Ray is on board as our new Coordinator of Guest Experience and is working diligently with our volunteers.

Elder Team Report:

Greg West gave an update on the KSC Basketball Ministry.

Co-Mission Reports:

- **Adult Ministries** – Mark Willson shared that L3 groups are celebrating their one-year anniversary. Pastor Jay and Pastor Adam will be meeting with L3 group leaders soon. Over 400 people are participating in L3 groups.

- **Children's Ministry** – Cheronda Williams shared that a Family Christmas Celebration will be held on December 2 at the Goldfish Barn. The Kidztown Crossing School Program continues its work on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are still looking for volunteers for Sunday school classes at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

- **Finance** – Brad Etchberger shared that the 2021 Budget proposal presented to the Finance Co-Mission by Dan Gehris was approved. Dan then presented the 2021 Budget proposal to the BOA for approval. The motion to accept the 2021 budget carried unanimously. Dan Gehris also presented the October Financial Report to the board. Giving was below budget for October 2020. October Operating Expenses came in under budget. Dan also presented the 2021 Pastors' Housing Allowances for BOA approval. The motion to accept the 2021 Pastors' Housing Allowances carried unanimously.

- **Local Outreach** – Tamy Cook shared an update on the quarterly meeting with ministry partners that was held on November 10. Tamy also stated that the LOC recommends delaying any decision on the proposed Gathering Space building project for at least six months to see where everything is at with KSC due to COVID. Brad Etchberger also shared that the Finance Co-Mission also recommends delaying any decision on the proposed Gathering Space building project for at least six months to see where everything is at with KSC due to COVID.

- **Missions** – The Missions Co-Mission submitted one-time gift requests for BOA approval to be sent before the end of 2020. The motion to donate as recommended before December 31 carried unanimously.

• **Property** – Dale Forney shared that the nursery furniture project still has one item on backorder. The Baker Center elevator repair project is waiting for parts to arrive. The Baker Center roof project should be completed next week. Dale is working on the Children's Ministry Security Plan. Dale is also working on the final proposal for the SMC renovation. Landscaping services have been donated for the parking lots. Courtyard work is ongoing. The Meadows roof repairs are to start next month.

• **Student Ministry** – Penny Poorman stated the co-mission is very thankful for the ministry that John Shadle provided during his time at King Street Church. Forty students attended the Street event at Rhodes Grove Camp on October 31. Road Crew training that was held on October 25 had 15 attendees. Wednesday evening attendance is good, averaging 70 students and 30 leaders each week. Sunday morning attendance has been steady. Coming events include Christmas celebrations on December 2 for students and December 9 for leaders.

• **Worship Arts** – Carolyn Chenaille shared that a "Thanks and Praise" service with a canned food drive will take place on November 22. We are filming a Christmas video this year. There will be a Country Creek Christmas event on December 16. This will be an outdoor family event. Christmas Eve services are still in the planning phase.

Administrative Report:

Dan Gehris distributed an updated KSC Organizational Chart of church staff to the BOA.

Mary Burkholder closed the meeting with prayer at 9:05 p.m.

(These highlights are taken from minutes written by Dave Rotz, Acting Recording Secretary for the Board of Administration. Unabridged copies are available at the church office.)



November 22

Offering (General Fund): \$34,851.21

November 29

Offering (General Fund): \$49,315.78

December 6

Offering (General Fund): \$68,721.89

December 13

Offering (General Fund): \$44,133.39

December 20

Offering (General Fund): \$53,900.99



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Upcoming Messages

On January 3, Pastor Jody will be sharing a special story as part of the message, "Go Light Your World." On January 17, he will begin a 12-week sermon series on Paul's second missionary journey. This series, "The Irrepressible Gospel," will focus on Acts 15–18. Pastor Jody says:

"There are some moments in history that completely change the trajectory of the entire world. Paul's second missionary journey, as recorded in Acts 15-18, is one of those moments. God used the Apostle Paul, supported by a small team of others, to expand the Kingdom of God in dramatic ways. The message of the Gospel went forth in great power. The word *irrepressible* is defined as: not able to be controlled or restrained. That is exactly what happened as the Gospel was shared in city after city. In the face of great opposition, the Good News of Jesus Christ couldn't be contained. And it hasn't stopped! The Gospel is STILL being preached and the work of God is STILL being accomplished in this world. Join us in this 12-week sermon series as we explore the trip that changed the world!"



Once More Ministries Report

2020 is behind us and the hope of a new year is upon us! We look forward to seeing how the Lord will work through Once More Ministries in 2021. Our most recent distribution on December 12 was conducted outside just like in September. It was a beautiful and not overly-cold day that lent itself well for an outdoor event. Everything worked so smoothly that it's clear the Lord was present.

Like September's distribution, we saw an increased turnout. During the previous 17 distributions, OMM averaged 155 boxes given. During the past two "pandemic" distributions, OMM has given 250 boxes/bags, which is well over a 60% increase in supplies distributed. We praise the Lord that we have a church that has both the passion and ability to help those in need. God is good, and He is faithful!

A special THANK YOU to our volunteers, who made the day possible. We realize these are uncertain times but that you chose to spend your morning blessing our community with love amidst the challenges.

Also, a big THANK YOU to the following businesses and individuals who donated toward the December distribution:

- Maranatha Ministries: 300 food boxes consisting of meatballs, hot dogs, eggs, cheese, potatoes, carrots, onions, yogurt, apples and milk
- Bender's Potato Farm: 300 ten-pound

bags of potatoes

- David H. Martin Excavation: Trailer to store prepacked toiletry supply boxes and bags
- Gene and Fern Diller: 200 boxes to pack toiletries
- Weis Market: 50 reusable grocery bags

We are preparing for our next distribution on Saturday, March 13. If you would like to contribute supplies, please bring them to the bins in the Baker Center foyer, the Rotz foyer or the Sanctuary Narthex. Below is the full list of items we regularly collect. Items should be in new, unopened condition.

- Feminine hygiene products
- Laundry detergent & dryer sheets
- Dishwashing (liquid) detergent
- Toothpaste
- Men's and women's razors
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Bar soap
- Men's and women's deodorant
- Individually-wrapped paper towels
- Small 4- to 6-packs of toilet paper
- Facial tissues

If you would like to serve with OMM, there are multiple times and ways you can serve in the days leading up to distribution day as well as on distribution day itself. It takes no special skill, 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 pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

—Isaiah 58:10 (ESV)

We pray you have a blessed and happy 2021!
OMM Leadership Team

After School Update

by Jeanie Helman

Children's Ministry Outreach Coordinator



Thank you to all who supported and donated to the After School Program this year. Unfortunately, we have not been able to resume the program due to virtual and hybrid learning that resulted from the pandemic we find ourselves in. The

good news is that many of those children are taking advantage of the school program we are running for those who need help with their virtual learning. More good news ... due to your generosity, we will be able to provide a nice gift for our families for Christmas.



Photo of some After School Program students taken last winter

If school is not in person on a daily basis, we will be unable to resume our program. Please keep our families in your prayers as many have entry level jobs and are greatly impacted by these present circumstances. Your prayers for us are greatly appreciated too, as we make decisions regarding the ministry. Above is a picture from last winter. Thank you again for your support! May God bless you richly.



Are your kids curious about baptism or interested in getting baptized? Then this class is for them! Our Children's Ministry Department will be offering a three-week baptism class at 11 a.m. for kids 12 years old and younger. We encourage kids to attend this class if they are interested in getting baptized. (Please note that this class is not offered every time we have baptism.) This class will be January 24 and 31 and February 7 in M221. Kids will need to attend each meeting as classes build on each other. If you are interested or have any questions, please email Michaela at molson@kschurch.org.



RESET ON MONDAY NIGHTS!

RESET is a worship service and support system that meets on Monday evenings 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.

Reading Through the Bible in 2021



One of our core values at King Street Church is to be **spiritually alive in Christ**. In coordination with this value, we commit to the Word of God: "I am a student of the Bible and submit myself to its authority in my life." We consider passages such as Isaiah 55:10-11, 2 Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 4:12 and we make a daily plan to read, study, apply and meditate on God's Word (time, place, passage, response, etc).

The last several years we have participated in a Bible Reading Plan together as a church body. This year we will be reading through the whole Bible, which will be accompanied by a short daily devotional written by Michael Alcorn, Pastor Jody's friend. **The plan will begin on Sunday, January 3**, and is offered several ways:

- Receive daily **EMAILS** to your inbox that include that day's Scripture passage and devotional: Sign

up at **bible.kingstreetchurch.com**.

- Receive daily **TEXTS** to your device with a link to the Scripture and devotional: Text keyword "**DAILY**" to **(717) 401-7777**.
- Use a paper **SCHEDULE**, available in the lobbies.

All those who have already signed up will be included in the new plan. If you are not already participating, visit bible.kingstreetchurch.com to sign up for a new year of study in the Word of God.

JANUARY 2021 BIBLE READING PLAN

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JANUARY 2021

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

DECEMBER 2020

FEBRUARY 2021

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		New Year's Day 1	2
Epiphany 6 7:00 p.m. Street Meeting	7	8	9
13 7:00 p.m. Street Meeting	14	15	Religious Freedom Day 16
Inauguration Day 20 7:00 p.m. Street Meeting	21	22	23
27 7:00 p.m. Street Meeting	28	29	30


 and make disciples of all nations ...
 Matthew 28:19, NIV

JUST FOR KIDS

A COLORFUL body

Melt crayons to show how the body of Christ works together.



What you need:

- Crayons
- Metal baking sheet
- Adult help
- Metal gingerbread man cookie cutter

What you do:

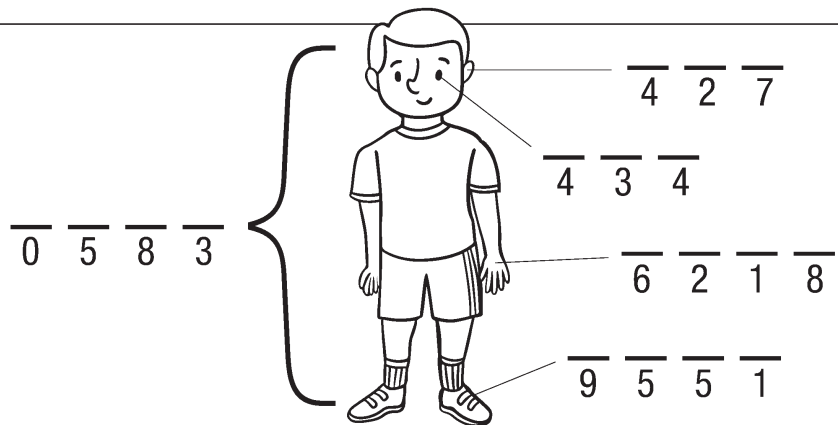
1. Remove labels and break crayons into 1-inch pieces.
2. Scatter pieces on the baking sheet, about two layers thick.
3. Bake for 10 minutes at 350 degrees until melted. Allow to cool 15 minutes.
4. When melted crayons are the consistency of playdough, press the cookie cutter through them (while still on pan).
5. Cool the pan in freezer for 15 minutes until crayons are hardened.
6. Remove from pan and break apart the shapes.



WORKING IN UNISON

Just as body parts work in unison, the church — the body of Christ — is to work together for God's purposes.

Directions: Fill in the letters for each body part. Add up each part's number total, and use those totals to complete the Bible passage.



Now if the 20 should say, "Because I am not a 17, I do not belong to the 16," ... And if the 13 should say, "Because I am not an 11, I do not belong to the 16," it would not for that reason stop being part of the 16. If the whole 16 were an 11, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole 16 were an 13, where would the sense of smell be? ... As it is, there are many parts, but one 16.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:15-17, 20, NIV

Answer: body = 16, eye = 11, ear = 13, hand = 13, foot = 20

NEW PARTNER



Engaging and blessing our community with the Gospel!

Brett Morley will be recognized as a new partner on January 17 during the 9:30 Baker Service.



ONLINE SERVICES

We still offer online services at the same times on Facebook, live.kingstreetchurch.com and through Roku/Apple TV apps. Roku users, please download the new streaming channel, called "King Street Church - New." This updated channel contains much more content than before; you can see special services and archived sermons.



NIGHT TO SHINE 2021

This year's event for people with special needs is February 12, 2021. In light of the coronavirus, the Tim Tebow Foundation has chosen to provide Night to Shine as a virtual event. Each guest will be invited to a drive-through experience where they will be photographed and will receive a gift bag full of surprises to enjoy while tuning into a one hour simulcast at home. Registration for guests and volunteers is now open 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. Questions, email Jim Roberts at robertsj@gmail.com.



JANUARY 2021 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
10 Openings

Night to Shine

Night to Shine Paparazzi
100 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
8 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

Video Camera Operator

5 Openings

Worship Team Auditions

Vocal and/or Instrumental
19 Openings

Quotes of the Week

"It's not enough to know the right stuff about God. We have to live out our love for God and our love for others in our everyday lives, in the midst of very difficult situations."

Pastor Jody Bowser, November 22



This week, Pastor Jody points us to this hopeful statement of Jeremiah from Lamentations 3:19-23: "I remember my affliction and my wandering. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

November 29



"Evil wins when we don't truly love. Let this sink in. Evil wins when we don't truly love. Evil is the absence of good. So, this Advent season, may we refocus from the mess of 2020. Let's overcome evil with good by truly loving others."

Pastor Matt Gish, December 6



"I take heart knowing that if God himself can break into an ordinary world, He can step into mine."

Pastor Jody Bowser, December 13



"Make a conscious decision to trust God in every area of your life. Every day."

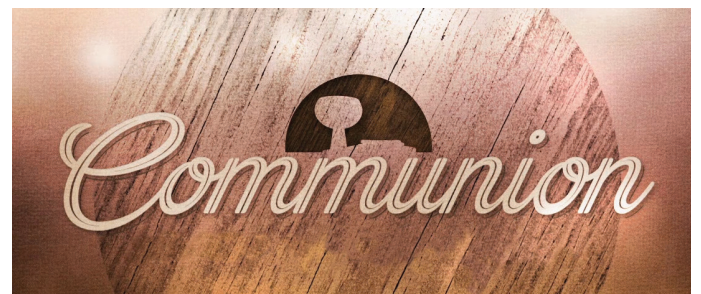
Pastor Jody Bowser, December 20

WINTER WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Go to: <https://kingstreetchurch.com/about/winter-weather/>

In addition to this web page, announcements can also be found:

- **KSC Homepage Alert:** The absolute easiest way to know if we have a cancellation is to visit our homepage, and IF we have any type of cancellation, a special "alert banner" will scroll across the top of the page.
- **Facebook:** Our page is under King Street Church
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Sunday, January 10

For the month of January, Communion offerings will go to KSC's After School Program.



Emily and Bryan Gerlach

November 30, 2020

(Ending their service in Thailand with TEAM Global Missions)

Farewell, Thailand

Well, this is it. We have cleaned out our house, packed, sold or shipped everything from our lives here, and we are saying our last good-byes before getting on the plane on December 1.



"Goodbye, church family"

It has been a very busy and emotional few weeks for us here. We have worked diligently at saying goodbyes to the places and the people that we love even though it's sometimes harder to feel those emotions. It has been such a gift to realize that God has been working tremendously both in and through us these past seven years, as we reminisce and reflect on all of the ways we have been blessed and been able to bless others. It

has truly shaped us and we cannot wait to see how God will use these lessons and experiences in our future.

We are now beginning a season of being uprooted, which will present its own unique challenges. We are very excited that we are buying a home in Lancaster, PA, sight-unseen by us, but vouched for by Bryan's parents. We won't be into that home until sometime in March, so the next few months we will be staying with family as we transition our lives back to the US. We will spend December with



Emily, Edan, Jameson and Bryan Gerlach

Emily's parents in AL and we are so excited to be able to do Christmas with them this year! In January, Bryan will be transitioning from part-time to full-time with HOPE International. At that point we will be in PA trying to get our bearings in a new city.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for walking with us on this journey. If we have learned anything, it is to trust in God's faithfulness. He goes before us, watches our back, keeps us rooted and blesses more abundantly that we can even know. We will miss Thailand ... and we are so excited for this new chapter.

Praises:

- We made it this far
- Bryan is so excited about his new job
- We are buying a house

Prayers:

- For the Thai church to purchase land
- Health for the family

Emily Schoenleber

December 6, 2020

(Serving with Circuit Riders in Huntington Beach, California)

November in Huntington Beach

This last month has been so many things—finishing up the lecture phase of the school we were running, sending our students home for the holidays, prayer meetings with a small group from my church, spending time with friends, Thanksgiving and lots of time with the kiddos! Ben and Ada will be three months old



Emily with Ben and Ada

this coming week and it's been so fun seeing their personalities develop more and watching them learn new things, like smiling! Azariah is such a good big brother to them and he loves talking to them and being around them. It's pretty cute.

Due to new covid restrictions, I stayed in Huntington Beach for Thanksgiving. It was a hard decision, but I was glad I stayed. Thank you to everyone who sent me cards in the mail;

they were so encouraging! I was able to spend Thanksgiving with a family I know from church, which was so lovely. I've also been enjoying being part of a small prayer community at my church and am so grateful that even a small group of us can gather a couple times a week to worship and pray.

Vanuatu, Unreached Nations, and Laid Down Lives

Not even two hundred years ago, missionaries to the islands of Vanuatu were killed and eaten. Years later, John Paton was bothered that no one was going back to the islands. "[Those islands] were baptized with the blood of the martyrs and Christ thereby told the whole Christian world that He claimed these islands as His own." No one else put their hand up, so Paton did.

People opposed his decision, especially worried that he would be killed and eaten like the others. An article came out today about Vanuatu's Head of State calling the nation to pray and I was brought to tears as I remembered the history. Paton was absolutely right and Williams and Harris didn't die for nothing. I have dear friends in that nation who were raised to love the Lord because of the sacrifice of those men. Leaders in Vanuatu now remind their people saying, "Remember our motto, remember what we're built on: In God, we stand." Do you think those who opposed Paton had even the slightest idea that two centuries later the very same nation would be established and built upon faith in the Lord?

How many unreached and unengaged nations in the world today have been baptized already with the blood of martyrs? My guess would be most of them. I can't help but think of regions in the world or isolated islands that are labeled as "don't-go-there-because-you'll-just-get-yourself-killed" and realize we're not in a much different boat than Paton and his buddies. He decided Jesus was well worth his life and that the people of Vanuatu deserved to

hear the Good News. As we look to unreached nations, what do we say? When faced with the reality that millions are dying who have never heard His Name, what is our decision?

“... are we more concerned with the peace and prosperity of our birth nation and personal empire or are we willing to go to dark and difficult places simply to serve them with the name of their Maker? Is it enough for us that Jesus isn’t receiving worship in many nations across the earth, that are His by divine right and inheritance? Does it bother us just enough that He deserves a witness ... that we’ll provide it for them? Is He worth it? Do they deserve it?”

—Stephanie Quick, *To Trace a Rising Sun*

What is Our Response?

Even though I knew this history about Vanuatu, it recently hit me in a different way because I got to thinking about the unreached of today, the millions of people across many nations who have no access to the Gospel. There are millions of people who are dying who have never even heard His Name. I thought about John Chau, the young man who was martyred in 2018 while taking the Gospel to North Sentinel Island. In his last journal entry and letter to his family he wrote, “This is not a pointless thing— the eternal lives of this tribe is at hand and I can’t wait to see them around the throne of God worshiping in their own language as Revelation 7:9-10 states.”

I thought about nations throughout the Middle East, the Himalayas and other places that are currently unreached. And I couldn’t help but think that it is almost like Vanuatu before the missionaries came. So many places that currently don’t know the Lord, but they will. If we believe the words of Jesus, then we know that these people groups and nations will not only receive a Gospel witness, they will one day stand around the throne and worship the Lord.

When I was teenager and first felt a pull to missions, I wanted to go to the unreached.

Over the years that desire has been somewhat dormant as I have just obeyed the Lord in the next step He put before me. Over the past couple of months, as I’ve been seeking the Lord for what’s next after Circuit Riders, my heart has been burning for the unreached and unengaged nations and people groups. I have been in contact with a frontier missions organization that has teams and workers in a number of different nations working in various contexts. In light of that, I am beginning to shift and aiming to relocate early 2021, as soon as covid allows. More information and details to come, but if you have any questions or want to hear more, please don’t hesitate to reach out.

Join in Prayer and Learn More

- Pray that the Lord will swing wide the right door at the right time
- Learn about the unreached and unengaged peoples of the world and find prayer resources at <https://joshuaproject.net/>
- Health and safety as I travel home for Christmas
- Continue to pray for our Circuit Rider community for health and for all the preparations going into outreach for next year

B and SP

November 30, 2020

(Serving in Lincoln, Nebraska with Christar)

Fighting

We have been quite aware of spiritual warfare happening around us and have been reminded that our most fierce fighting needs to happen on our knees, for our children and for others we love. “Stacy” shared that she has had multiple dreams lately of becoming saved. These prompted her to ask her husband about going to church, which he shot down quickly. Would you please FIGHT with us and pray that her husband, “Eddy,” would also have dreams of Jesus? We sent her a link to J’s baptism which

she said was really special to watch and she took it a step further and watched the sermon. Please pray these Yezidi friends would know they can trust Christ and still be culturally Yezidi.

J's Baptism

Although we were disappointed that our "France Family" friends from Ohio couldn't come as planned due to Covid, we were still thrilled that *J* was able to be baptized on November 1.

Arab Church Encouragement

We praise God that we have a new, seasoned believer attending our fellowship and another newer face is a recent believer. Praise God with us for new sheep. Two other new ones seem to be in the process of believing. Pray for those working with one of our families whose chaotic home life affects their teen rather visibly.

The Iraqi refugee outreach in Lincoln is featured in the new Blessings catalog from Christar. If a group would rather give to a cause than a specific worker, this is a way to do that and bless the ministry here.

Prayer Requests:

1. Creative outreaches as Lincoln is in the red.
2. Struggling families in Arabic church
3. Spiritual protection and growth for our boys
4. "Inez," a Yezidi friend, needs some diplomatic tape cut for permission to try for her cosmetology license.
5. *B's* upcoming visit with a new friend
6. God's leading, provision and peace as we search for a home
7. English class virtual visits
8. *B's* weekly chaplain shift has included some horrible tragedies lately. Pray for his heart and mind as he digests the horrors, and pray for the family members he, through the Holy Spirit, seeks to comfort.

Karli Frelin

December 13, 2020

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

Family and Friends

Christmas is just around the corner, and I am so excited to see how the Lord uses this season to bring honor and glory to His name!

A few weeks ago we celebrated P'Pbaan's birthday with some of the students at CMU. She shared her testimony and it has been such an encouragement to ask the students what they thought about P'Pbaan's life change.

When Christian and I met up with Lukbat, she said that she was interested in reading the Bible with us to learn more about Christianity. Please pray for Lukbat and her friends Chompuee and Pupae. Pray for their hearts to be softened to the Gospel.

It has been hard to get some time with Seven over the last few weeks. However, she is coming to group Bible study tomorrow! Please pray for the Lord to continue to soften her heart and for more opportunities to spend time with her.

Last update, I asked you to pray for the Lord to let me share my life with Fang. Praise God, He has provided many opportunities for Fang and me to share our lives together. We go on multiple walks a week together and are going to start reading the Bible together again since the new semester has started. Fang has a strong desire to know more about God and I am so thankful for this! Please join me in praying for Fang's salvation.

Please pray for our friendship with Da. Mary and I went on a hike with her two weeks ago and we are really excited about deepening a friendship with her. Ask God to provide opportunities to talk about Him together.

Pray for Bam and Thip. They have come to our group Bible study and have said they are interested in reading the Bible.



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