

MESSENGER

FEBRUARY 2021

Together Again

by Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor



“For many years here at King Street, we have been talking about the need for more gathering space.”

I was meeting with a couple several weeks ago. During the meeting, the woman described for me her history with King Street Church. She told me that she began attending King Street as a child—but stopped coming for a significant period of time during her late teens and twenties. Several years ago, through the invitation of a friend, she came back to church and began attending regularly once again.

She went on to recount that on one of the first weeks that she was back in church, I (Pastor Jody) gave an invitation for anyone who sensed the Lord speaking to their heart in some specific way to come down to the front during the closing worship song—and I would simply like to give them a hug to celebrate with them whatever decision they were making. It was a joy to hear this woman describe how she had done that and how the Lord has continued to work in her heart.

What really struck me about that memory, though, was the fact that there was a “once upon a time” when I invited people to come down front FOR A HUG! Can you imagine? Talk about a long time ago in a place far, far away! It almost seems like a fairy tale that we were able to have that kind of personal interaction—without fear of spreading a virus. It’s crazy to think how this past year has changed all of that.

I hope you’re like me in dreaming of a day when we will once again have this kind of connection and interaction with each other. Sure, I

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believe that we will continue with some of the positive and common sense practices such as washing our hands far more often, staying at home if we're feeling ill or "sense something coming on," and the deep cleaning of shared surfaces. However, I am so looking forward to the time when so many of the protocols that we've put into place to stem the spread of this virus will no longer be needed.

It is with this in mind that I write this article.

For many years here at King Street, we have been talking about the need for more gathering space. The Lord has certainly blessed us with excellent facilities. We love our sanctuary and are so thankful that twenty years ago or so there was the foresight to construct our Baker Center. It has been so good these past few months to see kids, students and adults returning to spaces that for many years have been teeming with activity.

There have been several things, though, that our facility has lacked. We need additional restroom space, particularly for our women. We lack a more centralized entrance, which would be such a huge help in connecting with others in our church family, especially those who worship in the space that we're not in. It would be a real blessing to have a covered drop-off as we enter and exit the building, which would be so very welcomed especially in poor weather. Wheelchair accessibility is a real issue as it can be quite difficult to navigate the various floors and levels in our building. Our lobby and gathering spaces are woefully small. There simply isn't adequate space to linger and carry on a conversation. We do our best and make do, but the reality is that very little time is spent catching up with others as we come and go.

With all of this in mind, our Board of Administration recently voted to approve moving forward with the creation of a set of architectural drawings for a new 5,000 square foot Gathering Space addition that would connect our current Baker Center entrance

with the Rotz Foyer entrance. This would be a spacious two-story gathering area, creating a natural flow both to our Sanctuary as well as our Baker Center. It would possibly include a covered drop-off area for vehicles, a covered walkway along the back of the Sanctuary for pedestrian traffic, new restrooms, inviting seating areas, a welcome center and space for coffee and refreshments.

The obvious and immediate question that all of this poses is: Why are we talking about this in the midst of a global pandemic, when our average weekly attendance is basically half of what it was a year ago?

I have several answers to that question. First, I don't think ANY OF US want things to remain where they are right now. I know it will take some time, but I truly hope and pray that most of those who are engaging with us online will return to gathering in-person as health and safety concerns allow. Secondly, I believe that now might be an excellent time to go through the pains of construction—while our numbers are down a bit. Thirdly, we have funds set aside for this very purpose. Fourth, this project addresses all of the needs that I previously mentioned.

To be clear, the decision has been made to move forward with architectural drawings. Those drawings should be completed by late March or April. As those drawings are completed, we will make them available to be viewed by the larger church body. The decision will then be made as to whether we move forward with construction. We value your prayers as we diligently seek the Lord's will with this project.

HOW ARE YOU DOING?

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

KING STREET CHURCH

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

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

Spiritually Alive in Jesus

Relationally Connected by Jesus

Missionally Engaged for Jesus

Who are you worshipping? 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

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Tyler Roberts, Media and Production Coordinator

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Articles and information for the March 2021
issue should be submitted by February 17.

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Worship

SERVICE TIMES

In-Person Services:

8 a.m. – Sanctuary (Traditional)

Masks Required

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

Masks Required

11 a.m. – Sanctuary (Contemporary)

Masks Required

11 a.m. – Baker Center (Contemporary)

Masks Optional This Service Only



About Masks:

Please remember that masks are required
in all common areas (hallways, lobbies and
rest rooms). For mask-required services, 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.



Sunday, February 14

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

Board of Administration Meeting Highlights

The Board of Administration met on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 in the KSC Choir Room. Chairman Glenn Watson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Jim Byers opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Following are highlights from that meeting.

Gathering Space Cost Estimate Discussion:

Glenn Watson reviewed the current 40% Design Development Gathering Space plans. Gregg Thompson from Brechbill and Helman presented the Gathering Space cost estimates totaling \$2.1 million before value engineering savings. Gregg and Glenn discussed the value engineering options available to reduce the cost of the project. Depending on which and how many of the 29 value engineering options that are selected by the Board of Administration (BOA), the projected cost of the project will range between \$1.68 million and \$1.94 million. Gregg Thompson answered questions about the project. Extensive discussion took place.

A motion to approve funding to take the next steps of authorizing the architect to complete the project plans to 100% Construction Documents, submit a Land Development Plan to the Chambersburg Borough for approvals and recording and install the SMC portion of the sprinkler system passed. A motion to prepare drawings with add/deduct alternates included and for Brechbill and Helman to bring 100% pricing to the BOA in April 2021 based on the 100% Construction Documents with Add/Deduct Alternate pricing for select Value Engineering Items, to be reviewed before approval, passed.

Senior Pastor's Update:

Pastor Jody reviewed Monday morning's Core Team meeting. Jody wants to keep a mask optional service open, but with the COVID uptick right now, he is recommending that all

services be mask required until mid-January. Jody also advised that on December 27 the church building will be closed and a Christmas video will be streamed online. A motion to support Pastor Jody's plan for December 27 passed. Upcoming Dates: 12/12 June Brown Memorial services, 12/16 Country Creek Christmas 4:00-7:30 p.m., 12/24 Christmas Eve Services at 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. with signups.

Executive Pastor's Update:

Pastor Don announced the new BOA lay delegates will be Ken Adams and Andrea Adams. The PRC lay delegates will be Eric Oyer, Jim Byers and Rodney Mose. A motion to accept these lay delegate appointments and all new co-mission members for 2021 carried unanimously.

Co-Mission Reports:

• **Children's Ministry** – Alexander Rosenbaum shared that the Kidztown Crossing school program continues to provide classes with 31 students attending. A motion to continue to provide funding for the Kidztown Crossing School Program through the rest of this school year carried unanimously.

• **Finance** – Dan Gehris handed out copies of the Financial Summary Report for November 2020 and a copy of his PowerPoint financial presentation. Dan asked everyone to refer to his handouts for his financial update for the sake of time. November undesignated giving was slightly under budget. November operating expenses came in slightly over budget.

• **Local Outreach** – Tamy Cook reported that six financial gifts to local ministries were made.

• **Missions** – Scott Bert requested funds from the Missions General Fund be given to Frontier Alliance International with a focus on the persecuted church. A motion on this request carried unanimously. A motion to give the KSC Christmas Eve offering to Open Doors International to support the persecuted church

in Syria carried unanimously.

• **Property** – Dale Forney gave a brief review of current projects.

The other co-missions had no action items.

Jim Byers closed the meeting with prayer at 10:25 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.)

2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

From Dan Gehris
Business Manager

While 2020 was indeed a difficult year in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are so very thankful for the faithfulness of God's people in their financial giving here at King Street Church.

Looking back at 2020, we are very grateful that our undesignated giving income was only 1.8% under budget for the entire year. We are also very thankful to all our ministry areas for keeping expenses under budget by 0.4%.

There is no doubt that we have been incredibly blessed over this past year in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. We want to thank everyone for their generous and faithful support of the ministry here at King Street Church!



December 27

Offering (General Fund): \$97,056.51

January 3

Offering (General Fund): \$110,939.68

January 10

Offering (General Fund): \$44,811.31

January 17

Offering (General Fund): \$45,841.34



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ONLINE COMMUNITY

Groups

CONNECT THROUGH VIDEO

You don't have to go very far into the Scripture—"The LORD God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone...'" (Genesis 2:18, NIV)—to discover that God created us to be relational beings like Himself. Romans 12:4-5 (NLT) reminds us, "Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body and we all belong to each other." It is no wonder, then, that we are struggling with the isolation that comes from the pandemic. Here at King Street Church, we feel that it's more important than ever that we stay connected so that we might "bear one another's burdens" (Galatians 6:2, NIV).

Our latest effort to bring people together includes two online groups that will be starting soon. These are not a long term commitment; tune in whenever you wish. Both groups will meet via Zoom and the purpose will be to talk, encourage one another and share in a short devotional time. If you're not involved in another form of community right now, we hope you'll consider these new virtual fellowship opportunities. Learn more at kingstreetchurch.com/online.

- **Connecting for a Christlike Purpose** | Women Only
Begins Tuesday, January 26, at 6:30 p.m.
This ladies' group will be facilitated by Marsha Spangler
(second and fourth weeks of the month)
- **Walking Together** | Men and Women
Begins Wednesday, February 3, at 7 p.m.
This mixed group will be facilitated by Jay Brown, Pastor of Mission and Discipleship
(first and third weeks of the month)



Once More Ministries Report

from the OMM Leadership Team

2021 is officially in full swing and OMM is looking forward to our next distribution; however, before we get into that, the leadership of OMM would like to take just a moment to say “THANK YOU” to all who have supported us through donations, volunteering and prayer throughout 2020! It was a year that presented the world with a lot of new challenges, but here in our little corner of the world at OMM, it presented us with a lot of new opportunities to show the love of Christ to many in the community whom we may not have had the opportunity to otherwise reach. Your prayers, donations and volunteerism helped to make that possible.

OMM's next distribution will be on Saturday, March 13, and we expect a large turnout again for the first distribution of the new year. We plan to conduct the distribution in the same drive-through style as the last two distributions. Please pray for our friends in the community—that not only their physical needs will be met but, most importantly, that their spiritual needs will be met and that the love of Christ will be apparent and abundantly shown through everyone involved!

As we prepare for our next distribution, 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 that are in shortest supply are designated below with a star (★). Items should be in new, unopened condition.

- Feminine hygiene products
- Laundry detergent and 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 either in the days leading up to distribution day or on distribution day itself. It takes no special skill except for 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 do not receive an immediate response. Rest assured, we will reach out soon.

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, “He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

—2 Cor. 9:8-11 ESV

RESET

@ King Street Church

RESET ON MONDAY NIGHTS!

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.

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, anger or fear from the world swirling around us. Maybe it’s a situational issue like a wayward child, a challenging season in marriage or being stuck after a divorce. Maybe it’s related to an addiction or abuse.

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

Our goal is to lift 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.

Each evening includes a service with LIVE worship, Bible teaching, testimonies and

more. Then we offer a series of groups for men and women which cover topics such as anxiety. Learn more about participating in and helping at RESET, visit kingstreetchurch.com/reset for details.

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



2020 Contribution Statements

Annual statements for recorded contributions totaling over \$250.00 will be sent out by the end of January. Statements will be emailed to donors at the email addresses on file (please check your spam folder). For donors without email addresses, and by request, statements will be sent in the mail. With recent delays in mail deliveries, please allow several weeks for receipt. If you have questions or would like to request a statement for a lesser amount, contact Debbie Watson, Finance Assistant, at 717-264-4651, ext. 223.

CHAMBERSBURG Cold Weather Drop-In Shelter

The Chambersburg Cold Weather Drop-In Shelter provides a warm, safe and clean environment for those who are homeless and have no options for shelter during the cold inclement months of the year. They are open from December to April and depend on volunteers to provide extra hands to assist the Shelter Manager. In the past KSC Sunday school classes have assisted on Wednesday evenings.

We are still looking for classes or individuals to assist on the first and fourth Wednesdays of the month. The 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. period is usually divided into 2 segments: 7–9 p.m. and 9 p.m.–midnight. For more details or to volunteer, see the information at serve.kingstreetchurch.com.

BAPTISM CLASSES

If you are interested in being baptized, attend one baptism class on February 7 at 10:30 a.m. in the Connection Hub. The baptismal service will be held on Sunday, February 28. For more details, or for more information, email Molly Shull (mshull@kschurch.org).

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
- **Radio:** WIKZ (95.1 FM), WCHA (800 AM), WHAG (1410AM), WDLP (96.7 FM), WCRH (90.5 FM) and WAYZ (104.7 FM)
- **Church Voicemail:** 264-4651, 264-1132, 264-4907

Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday is February 17. We are planning an in-person service at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, which will be livestreamed as well. Watch for details coming soon.

Silver SAINTS

from Ron Cook
Minister of Pastoral Care



At the beginning of the COVID pandemic, we at King Street Church wanted to be intentional about reaching out to our seniors. So, for several months, a team of 12 individuals regularly contacted those 80 years of age and older. I received positive comments and feedback from both those contacting, as well as those who were the recipients. However, when I had my heart attack and subsequent by-pass surgery, that stopped since I was not able to manage that project.

For many past years those who were homebound or shut-in were contacted monthly by individuals via visits, cards or telephone calls. After COVID came it was only by cards or phone calls. These individuals were referred to as “shut-in” persons. There were numerous individuals, including myself, who did not like referring to these individuals as “shut-ins.” However, we had no other distinction. Since my return in Novem-

ber as your Minister of Pastoral Care, I have thought about reconnecting with those of you who are age 80 and above (I myself will be in that category in a few weeks).

Pastors Jody Bowser, Don Baker, Steve Flint and I, along with Molly Shull, have discussed this on several occasions. On Monday, January 18, we made the decision to discard the distinction “Shut-ins” and coin the name “Silver Saints” for everyone age 80 and above. This will include those who formerly were called “Shut-ins” as well as the larger group. By the way, the King Street Church family includes almost 200 persons who are age 80 and above!

Starting in February you will be contacted by someone either via mail or phone call just to let you know that we care for you. Please note that being designated as a Silver Saint does not mean that you are homebound or shut-in. Some of you may be highly active at home, in the community or at church. In this time of increased isolation during the pandemic, we just want to be intentional to say to our senior family members, “We love you and think that you are very important to God and to us!”



from Tyler Roberts
Media and Production Coordinator



When the pandemic hit and we closed our doors, we became a church that was used to being gathered to worship, to being scattered in worship. We can now see that God has been working even when we haven't been

able to see it.

Last March we wanted to continue to remain connected as a church as we were scattered in our communities. King Street Church was prepared with past investments in video systems and over eight years of livestream experience that allowed us to quickly transition to online-only services. While this was a response to an urgent need, being online has also opened doors to new people to attend King Street. We have now welcomed people in person who first worshiped with us online.

The media team is often asked if we know how many worship online. While it is tricky to exactly say, we do have a pretty good idea. To measure our online reach our teams use the most conservative measure of online worshipers, unique IP. An IP is an address that identifies a device on the internet. Each household produces their own IP — almost

like a digital fingerprint — and on our end, we can see those addresses.

Nationally, churches find that on average there are between 2-4 people per a unique IP address. Our traditional worship service is streamed at 8:00 a.m. each Sunday and rebroadcast at 1:00 p.m. On average we have approximately 356 unique IPs or approximately 710 online worshippers each week. Our contemporary service is broadcast at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday and rebroadcast at 11:00 a.m. In 2020 we averaged 509 unique IPs or approximately 1017 online worshippers for our contemporary service. This

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means that we estimate more than 1700 people watch our services online every week.

Our media team has continued to build tools that enhance home worship. This includes a new Roku app that provides an upgraded livestream and access to archived media. The Roku app allows rewatching of weekly services, sermons, special services, Pastor Jody's Mid-week Connection video and much more. To find the new app search "King Street Church – New" in the "Streaming Channels" search on Roku. We also have an enhanced Apple TV app that can be found in the app store on the Apple TV.

In-person fellowship and community is important, but we are grateful that we have technology that can help people stay connected even if they can't attend in person. While seating can be limited in a room, the online platform gives unlimited potential to our growth and reach. We look forward to seeing what God does in 2021!

FEBRUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
 <i>Be kind to one another.</i> <small>EPHESIANS 4:32, ESV</small>	1 6:30 p.m. RESET (Baker Center)	2
7 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Services (Baker Center and Sanctuary) Crosswalk Kids Ministry Classes, Nursery through 5th Grade GPS (Student Ministry Center) 10:30 a.m. Baptism Class (Connection Hub) 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Services (Baker Center and Sanctuary) Crosswalk Kids Ministry Classes, Nursery through 5th Grade	8 6:30 p.m. RESET (Baker Center)	9 6:30 p.m. "Connecting for a Christlike Purpose" (Zoom Meeting)
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 7:00 p.m. Street Meeting (Baker Gym) 7:00 p.m. "Walking Together" (Zoom Meeting)	4 12:00 p.m. "Pause" (KSC Facebook Page, YouTube and king- streetchurch. com/pause)	5	6
10 7:00 p.m. Street Meeting (Baker Gym)	11 12:00 p.m. "Pause" (KSC Facebook Page, YouTube and king- streetchurch. com/pause)	12 4:00 p.m. Night to Shine 2021	13
Ash Wednesday 17 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday In-Person Service (Sanctuary) 7:00 p.m. Street Meeting (Baker Gym) 7:00 p.m. "Walking Together" (Zoom Meeting)	18 12:00 p.m. "Pause" (KSC Facebook Page, YouTube and king- streetchurch. com/pause)	19	20
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JUST FOR KIDS

Loving embraces

Express your love and friendship with handcrafted bracelets.



What you need:

- Adult help
- Bowl of boiling water
- Wide wooden craft sticks
- Glass cup
- Markers, paint or decorative tape

What you do:

1. Pour about 3 cups of boiling water into a bowl. Soak sticks in the water about 30 minutes.
2. Remove sticks and slowly, gently bend them into a curve.
3. To maintain the shape, place curved sticks inside a glass cup overnight to dry completely.
4. Remove and decorate the bracelets, which make fun Valentine's Day gifts.

PUZZLE

A famous friendship

In the Bible, Ruth and Naomi are known for their loving friendship.

Directions: Using the key, fill in the blanks to see what Ruth says to Naomi.

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RUTH 1:16, NIV



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Answer: "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." Ruth 1:16, NIV



From Dan Gehris
Business Manager

Did you know that King Street Church pays approximately 2.5% in fees when people give using their credit card? In 2020, this meant we paid over \$13,000 in credit card fees.



Another way you can give to King Street Church is through the "Automated Contributions" program and it doesn't cost the church anything.



The program deducts your church contribution automatically from your checking or savings account each month and there are no fees to King Street Church. If you would like to know more about this program, please visit <https://kingstreetchurch.com/give/ways-to-give> and click on the link under "Automatic Deductions".



As always, thank you so very much for your generous and faithful support of the ministry here at King Street Church!



NIGHT TO SHINE 2021

On February 12 we will be hosting a Virtual Night to Shine event for our friends with special needs. We have over 100 registered guests who are eagerly anticipating this year's Drive-Through Experience and then the simulcast from the Tim Tebow Foundation that they will enjoy at home. Please pray that our guests will feel loved and valued even with this virtual format.

- **ATTEND:** Guests will attend a drive-through line (held in the Antrim Brethren in Christ Church parking lot) where "paparazzi" will cheer for their vehicle. Each guest will receive a fun bag of food, gifts and their tiara/crown. They will continue the party at home while watching the one-hour simulcast program, which will include a crowning ceremony, music, special guests and more! We have just a few more spaces for guests; register to participate at **nighttoshine2021.com**.

- **SERVE:** We are in need of more people to serve at the drive-through portion of the night, especially to cheer as part of the paparazzi. If you already have your security clearances and are willing to take part in this amazing event, visit **serve.kingstreetchurch.com** and look for Night to Shine.

Quotes of the Week

"It has always been about LIGHT. It has always been about bringing the LIGHT of Christ into the darkest and most hopeless places in this world. And it still is."

Pastor Jody Bowser, January 3



"The more of myself that I know, and the more I learn to trust that God is for me, with me and in love with me, the more of myself I can and will surrender to him."

Pastor Adam Keath, January 10



"As we head into this week, remember that we live in a world where God is busy making good on His promises."

Pastor Jody Bowser, January 17

Pause

to pray. to praise. to connect.

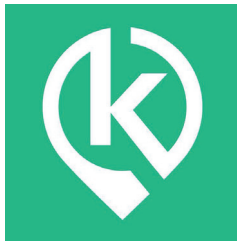
During February our pastors and staff will go live on Facebook on Thursdays at noon to pray for you, share Scripture, sing a worship song and connect. You can participate in Pause on our Facebook page, YouTube or on our church website at kingstreetchurch.com/pause. You can offer your prayer requests in the comments *during* the prayer time, or — if you would rather your request be kept anonymous — you can text PRAY to our text line before each Pause: (717) 401-7777. Let's take a Pause in our day to pray for each other, to praise God together and to connect.

KING STREET CHURCH

READ THE
Bible in
2021

FEBRUARY 2021 BIBLE READING PLAN

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SERVICE CENTRAL

FEBRUARY 2021 SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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

Chambersburg Cold Weather

Drop-In Shelter

Wed. P.M. Volunteers,
First and Fourth Weeks
10 Openings

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

Monarch's Way

General Indoor Maintenance
Projects
4 Openings

NETwork Ministries

Assist CASD Students with
School
40 Openings

Night to Shine

Night to Shine Paparazzi

Night to Shine

Night to Shine Photographer

Night to Shine

Night to Shine Traffic
Directors

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

Greeters

20 Openings

Media and Lyrics Operator

5 Openings

Once More Ministries

Supplies for OMM
100 Openings

Online Service Host

8 Openings

RESET

Childcare and Support Team
15 Openings

RESET

Group Facilitator
14 Openings

RESET

Leadership Team
8 Openings

Sanitizers

12 Openings

Seaters

1 Opening

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



Emily Schoenleber

January 1, 2021

(Presently in conversation with Frontier Alliance International)

Jesus, I am Resting

Well, everyone, here we are! Welcome to 2021! As much as New Year's is always a celebration, I think for many people this year it was just as much a sigh of relief. I think for once the entire human population would agree. We have been longing for the dawn of a new year for a very long time and we're finally here. What now?

Jesus, I am resting, resting, in the joy of what Thou art . . .

Turning back, Nicoll could not help exclaiming, 'How can you whistle, when our friends are in such danger?'

'Would you have me anxious and troubled?' was the long-remembered answer. 'That would not help them, and would certainly incapacitate me for my work. I have just to roll the burden on the Lord.'

Day and night that was his secret, 'just to roll the burden on the Lord'. Frequently those who were wakeful in the little house at Chinkiang might hear, at two or three o'clock in the morning, the soft refrain of that favourite hymn. [Taylor had learned that, for him, only one life was possible - that of resting and rejoicing in the Lord under all circumstances, while He dealt with the difficulties inward and outward, great and small.]

Excerpt from J. Hudson Taylor: *God's Man in China*

If we learned anything in 2020, we learned that life as we know it can be turned upside down pretty fast. Everything we thought was dependable and solid can crumble before our eyes and leave us filled with anxiety and uncertainty.

We also learned that there is no way we can prepare as we'd like for every curve ball a year will throw at us. The unexpected will undoubtedly come and try as we ought, we cannot anticipate or avoid it.

But hope is not lost. Perhaps one of the greatest gifts the Lord gave us in 2020 was exposing the sandy hills we mistook for solid foundations. In His kindness the Lord re-established our foundations and ripped every false comfort and idol out of our hearts so that we can stand firm and sure in the days ahead.

Our hope is not in the year on a calendar; it does not rest on the shoulders of earthly government or our bank accounts. Our hope is only found in the Man from Nazareth.

Here's what we can do: choose a life of resting and rejoicing in the Lord no matter the circumstances. Wherever we find ourselves in 2021, let us be found in Him. Let us tarry with Him and abide in Him that we may know Him.

Just as the old hymn says: "Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace."

Snapshots from December

By the start of last month, things had slowed down quite a bit for our Circuit Rider community in California. The DTS had already gone home for Christmas break, all the teams that had been out traveling had returned, and with covid restrictions, we still couldn't really gather. But our tour leaders have still been working hard planning for this upcoming tour. Our community also celebrated the adoption of a little guy named Parker, who a family in Circuit Riders have been fostering since he was a couple of weeks old. The day of his adoption was also his second birthday.

I continued to be part of weekly prayer meetings at my church which, as I've said before are one of my highlights and a community I am so thankful for. I also continued to help Madi take care of the kiddos and the twins turned three months old on December 10. I celebrated my 24th birthday on December 13 and had such

a great day with friends! They love me so well.

Mid December I packed up and came home to Pennsylvania for Christmas and even though it was freezing, I was pretty excited that I came home to snow on the ground :). I've been enjoying the time to slow down and spend with family!



Emily with family members over Christmas

What's Next and Prayer Points

I mentioned in my previous newsletter that as I was finishing with Circuit Riders in December, the direction I felt from the Lord was to begin to shift and relocate to work on the frontier—amongst unreached and unengaged people groups.

I am so excited for this next step! Currently I'm still waiting for some specific answers (delayed due to covid) but the goal is to start the transition and ship out as soon as covid allows. I don't want to share too many details until things are confirmed, but please reach out if you would like to hear more about what this next step will look like.

In the meantime I will be heading back to California mid-January so I can still be part of my church community there as well as still be around my Circuit Rider family, even though I'm not officially on staff anymore. As much as I

love Pennsylvania and being with family, I really felt God leading me to spend a bit more time in California before I leave. But don't worry, I plan to come back to Pennsylvania for a bit before I head overseas again.

I am so thankful for your continued commitment to pray with me. Here's some specific ways you can join me in prayer:

- That plans would be able to be made and dates would be finalized
- That the Lord would continue to connect me with key people and build friendships and relationships with individuals, teams and ministries
- That this year would be one where I continue to grow in prayer, devotion and love for the Word

As always, THANK YOU for journeying with me. Don't be a stranger, reach out and say hi. Let me know how you're doing, what you're up to these days and how I can pray for you.



Update from Emily, January 6, 2021

Happy New Year! I hope you all are doing well and had a wonderful time celebrating Christmas and the start of 2021!

I wanted to update you on what my plans are looking like for 2021. I am so grateful to each of you for your constant support through prayer, finances and encouragement. There are not enough words to say how much I appreciate it and how blessed I am! THANK YOU!

Thank you for your prayers over the past couple of months as I have been seeking the Lord for direction for this coming year. As many of you know or have heard, my plan was to move back to New Zealand this month, after having finished my commitment to Circuit Riders in December. Due to covid and the closure of NZ's borders for the foreseeable future, I went back to the drawing board with the Lord to see what I should do.

I mentioned in a previous newsletter that

the Lord has really been reminding me of my heart and desire to work amongst unreached and unengaged people groups and nations. I haven't given a lot of detail in my monthly updates yet because things are still yet to be confirmed due to some delays because of covid. I'm waiting to not "officially" share more details with people until I actually have them, but wanted to keep each of you in the loop and ask for your continued prayers.

I have been in conversation with one of the members of a missions organization called Frontier Alliance International. Since its establishment in 2011, they have had teams living and working in strategic locations within the 10/40 window, working to reach the people who still have no witness of Jesus among them.

The really cool connection with FAI is that I first learned about them when I was living in New Zealand. The couple that founded FAI and a lot of the founding team members were all part of the same community I was in. I just arrived about three years after they all left, but I remember hearing a lot about them from my pastor and other friends in our community.

So I have submitted an application to an intensive with one of their teams on the ground overseas. Originally this intensive was supposed to start in February, but it had to be postponed until spring due to covid and they are still finalizing dates. All that to say, nothing is confirmed yet, this is just the little step I've taken so far and I'm currently waiting to hear back from their team.

Overall, my hope would be to go over and do this intensive come spring and from there stay on with FAI in a long term capacity. I would love your continued prayers for the right door in the right time to be opened, and that even with all the current complications with covid, the Lord would show us ways to continue moving forward!

Thank you all so much! It is such a blessing to have an incredible support system like you all!

B and SP

December 31, 2020

(Serving in Lincoln, Nebraska with Christar)

Please Continue Fighting

"Stacy" shared that she has had continued dreams of Jesus. She asked her husband again about going to church. She even told her parents that she wanted to follow Jesus! That is HUGE. It "sounds" like she has believed in her heart but is not ready to confess with her mouth yet to not disrespect her husband. Would you please pray that God would give her the courage to trust God for her husband and/or that "Eddy" would have dreams or *something* to cause him to consider Jesus seriously?

Great News

The Sabeen couple from Arabic church that recently reconciled have professed with their mouths, at whatever level of their understanding, that they have decided to follow Jesus. A couple other newer attenders of the Arabic church have also made recent decisions to follow Christ. Rejoice with us!

THANK YOU for standing with us this year through prayer and/or giving to the ministry here in Lincoln of working amongst the least-reached for His glory. We are so grateful! We hope your Christmas was blessed and that your new year will be filled with His hope!

Prayer Requests:

1. 2021 would be filled with JESUS
2. Home (to buy) search continues—wisdom and provision
3. B sees a gastroenterologist today for some ongoing problems. Pray for wisdom for doctors.
4. Growth and peace for a family at Arabic church riddled with conflicts
5. Praise—seeing faces with joy upon delivering and mailing gift baskets from the Arabic church and gifts from the children's clubs
6. Wisdom and grace as we pour into others' lives

Emily and Bryan Gerlach

December 29, 2020

(Serving in Thailand with TEAM Global Missions)

**Merry Christmas, Happy New Year
and Farewell!**

It's impossible to recount all the ways that the Lord has blessed us throughout our journey in Thailand. On this side of heaven, we won't even know how God used our obedient stumbling, bumbling and striving for His glory. Several take-aways from our adventures are to keep stumbling, bumbling and abiding in Christ and relationships are the most important things in our lives. First, our relationship with the Lord, and secondly, our relationships with those around us. What an honor it has been to be used by the Lord as we were constantly humbled and blessed by our experiences and community in Thailand! We are forever changed and we thank you for being such an integral part of our support system throughout this journey.

We know that God is still at work through the various local churches, organizations and missionaries loving on the people there. Please continue to lift up the Cool Shade of Life Church as they continue to serve diligently and raise funds for land and a new church building. We ask that you also remember the Family Connection Foundation as they serve the marginalized and at-risk throughout the country.

This will be our last official update as missionaries (what?!), but we would love to stay in touch, so here are some ways that you can contact us:

Bryan—Email: bryan.s.gerlach@gmail.com,
Phone: 717-719-2556;

Emily—Email: gerlachemilyb@gmail.com,
Phone: 717-719-2672.

We will be moving into our temporary housing this coming week and then into our new home in the spring. Our new address

(starting March 2021) will be: 2106 Temple Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603. We would love to see you there!

Praises:

- God continues to work in Thailand and we praise Him for the journey
- God has prepared a new mission for us in Lancaster, PA
- Safe travels, health, and a wonderful Christmas time with Emily's family in Alabama.

Prayers:

- For the Thai church to be able to purchase their new land
- For the leaders of the Thai church and our fellow workers at FCF, as well as the missionaries there
- For health, safety and peace for our family amidst all of these transitions

Karli Frelin

January 10, 2021

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

Family and Friends

Happy New Year! I hope you all were able to have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year despite all the craziness happening in our world. In the midst of many hardships and trials that are happening around us, it has been such a gift to see God work. I am fighting to believe that God is in control of all things and does not leave or forsake us. Please let me know how I can be praying for you.

I have very exciting news. Fang became a Christian! She has been given a new life in Christ and I want to invite you to praise God with me! Last month I asked you to pray for Fang's salvation and for opportunities to use Christmas as a way to talk to students about Jesus. Thank you for praying over these things. The Lord hears us when we call upon Him. We have been able to read the Bible with her and

have been able to share the Gospel with her several times. A few days before Christmas, Rachael, P'Pbaan and I were able to read Luke 2 with Fang. The fact that Jesus came to us made the Lord feel "touchable" to Fang. She confessed that she is a sinner in need of God's grace through Christ. We love Fang so much. I feel like the Lord will use her in mighty ways. Please join me in praying Ephesians 6:19 over



Fang and Karli

Fang: "and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel." Pray that God would give her boldness when sharing with her friends and family. Rachael and I have also been praying for the Lord to use Fang in order to save her friend Seven. Please pray for Seven's salvation.

Yesterday, Rachael, Mary, and I had Fang, her brother and her mom over for lunch. Last week classes at CMU went online, so Fang's mom came to pick her up to take her to her home province. Over the new year Fang told her mom and her brother that she became a Christian. This is HUGE, because it normally takes Thais some time to tell their families. I am already so encouraged by Fang. Please pray for an opportunity for her to talk to her dad about her becoming a Christian.

We had a Christmas party and the Gospel was clearly presented. We have been able to read about the birth of Jesus with many students this month and many girls seem interested in reading the Bible again. Please pray for more opportunities to read the Bible with students.



University students enjoying a Christmas party

This week Rachael and I will eat lunch with Bam and Thip. Pray the Lord would guide this time and we would be able to ask them if they want to read the Bible with us again.



Building a gingerbread house

Here is a picture of my team and me trying to build a gingerbread house together on Christmas day. We are all currently in an assessment process to help us decide on what to do after our two years are up in Thailand. I personally am willing to come back to Thailand or move back to America. Please pray for wisdom with next steps.

Please pray for Kik and her friends, Mai

and Meow. The Lord has provided a really sweet friendship with these girls and I really want them to know that they can be fulfilled with Christ.

Also, I just want to give you a list of girls that I am personally close to and praying over. Please join me in praying for these girls' salvation: Seven, Bam Thip, Yaya, Lukbat, Pupae, Chompuu, Prae, Da, Mai, Kik, Meow and Oil.

KK

January 19, 2021

(Transitioning out of missions work in Asia to working towards a counseling degree from Denver Seminary.)

In 2014 God started to grow in me a passion for the souls of people living isolated in ■. Seven years later after going and mobilizing others, I sense Him filling my heart with greater vision for what it would look like to live and work amongst the unreached in a sustainable way.

As I reflect on the storyline and the events of the past years, I see God's hand faithfully leading and guiding. I recognize the ways He has uniquely equipped me through my own experiences to come alongside others as they walk through their own stories of hardship and loss. In the past year I have been amazed by God and the ways He created the human mind and body to process and move through great trauma, loss and grief.

In light of this, I have been growing in excitement to learn how to guide individuals and communities to experience glimpses of the wholeness for which Jesus died. I desire to see individuals, national workers, relief workers, INGOs and local communities of Jesus followers built up in resiliency to effectively engage the needs of the dying, broken and distressed with the redemptive power of the gospel.

An amazing opportunity opened up for me to start school at Denver Seminary for my

M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling where I will begin training to become a licensed professional counselor. I hope to use this as a business platform in creative access nations to help facilitate healing and wholeness amongst nationals as well as counsel relief and other international workers.

I will be transitioning out of working for ■ and redirecting my efforts towards my studies. Recently, I have moved to Denver and will be starting classes (in-person) Jan 25.

Prayer Points

- Pray I get into a rhythm and establish roots in community.
- Pray for deep friendships to be built, even perhaps among the unreached here in Denver.
- Pray for wide open space to feel, to process, to heal. Pray I can find a great counselor to connect with on a monthly basis.

Praise Points

- Praise God for the open doors, open hearts and ways the message of the gospel was able to go forth in ■ in 2020.
- Praise God over 30,000 people were able to hear the good news of what Jesus has done in 2020.
- Praise God for 506 new believers and 26 new fellowships formed among the least reached in 2020.

Thank you dear friends for your prayers and partnership in reaching the unreached the past years. I am incredibly grateful for your love for Jesus and desire to make him known where He has not been made known before.

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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THEN YOU
WILL CALL,
AND THE LORD
WILL ANSWER;
YOU WILL CRY
FOR HELP,
AND HE WILL SAY:

HERE AM I.

ISAIAH 58:9, NIV