MESSENGER

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Is There a Better Word Than *Gathering*?

by Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor



"What we seek is your feedback. The board will be hosting a Town Hall meeting on Sunday, May 2, at 6 p.m. in the Baker Center." Who knew a year ago that the word *gathering* would become taboo? I sure didn't see this coming. I'll be the first to admit that the simple act of being together with other people in the same space was something that I completely took for granted. Never in a million years did it cross my mind that I would second-guess sitting beside other people at a sporting event or being within six feet of someone as I passed by them in a hallway (assuming that I was even sharing a hallway with another person). If you had told me thirteen months ago that I would no longer be greeting people at the door as they left our worship services, I would have called you crazy.

But it all just goes to show how much (rather, how little) that I know. And it's because none of us have ever had to live through the world of a global pandemic. Things changed and escalated so quickly, it left our heads spinning! The world came to a standstill. Schools closed. Businesses closed. Everything was canceled. Streets were deserted. Nothing even moved (or so it seemed).

And here we are, just over a year later, trying to figure out the best way to move forward safely and wisely. I asked our Board of Administration the other night to be praying specifically for four

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things: Wisdom ("God, please show us the best way to move forward"); Pacing ("God, please give us discernment with next steps—without being too slow or too fast"); Courage ("God, give us your strength to seize opportunities and act with boldness as we walk in step with your Spirit"); and Unity ("God, please keep us together").

One of the decisions that our Board of Administration is working through (much discussion and prayer) is the possible construction of an addition to our King Street facilities that for years we have been calling "The Gathering Space."

A little back-story might be helpful. For approximately twenty years, we have had a fund at King Street called "Generation Next Step." The fund was established as a savings account for the construction of some building additions that were being proposed at the time. Much consideration was being given to building a new large sanctuary and renovating our current sanctuary for other uses. As things went on, though, other decisions were made which led to the construction of our Baker Center and Meadows wing. The Generation Next Step (GNS) fund, however, remained and continued to grow. Today, that fund contains 2.7 million dollars—money that is earmarked for building renovation and/or addition.

For the past five years or so, our board has been considering numerous ideas regarding our greatest facility needs and how best to put GNS funds to use. Several needs have constantly "risen to the top": 1) Our need for lobby/gathering space; 2) Our need for a single entrance that services both the sanctuary and the Baker Center; 3) Our need for more bathroom facilities—particularly women's; 4) Our need for a covered vehicle drop-off and better pedestrian flow into the building; 5) Our need to serve people with disabilities with respect to movement within our building.

Prior to the pandemic, we were moving

forward with some architectural drawings that addressed all of these facility needs. Those plans, of course, were put on hold last spring and summer. However, our board decided last fall to move forward with the creation of those drawings—plans which have now been completed. I can tell you that our Board of Administration is unanimously pleased by the way these plans address all of the needs I just articulated.

There are several questions that we now face. Is now the right time to move forward with this construction? Is this the proper use of the GNS funds? If we don't build now, will construction costs continue to rise? How long will the project take? How will construction impact our other ministries?

You have heard me state in previous articles that I believe this is a much-needed addition to our church facilities. Every time I visit a church that has a spacious gathering area (lobby), I think to myself, "Oh my goodness, we would be so blessed at King Street to have a space like this!" But it's not just the lobby space that excites me. It's also the way this project will address these other needs as well. We are blessed to have the funds available and earmarked. I am of the opinion that as we move out of this pandemic (and we WILL move out of this pandemic!), now could be an excellent time to undertake this project. I know that the word gathering isn't the most popular word to use these days—but I really can't think of a better one. I don't believe for a second that the church is done gathering!

What we seek is your feedback. The board will be hosting a Town Hall meeting on Sunday, May 2, at 6 p.m. in the Baker Center. Drawings will be available for the proposed Gathering Space. You'll hear from several of our board members who have been part of this process for several years now. It will be a good time to ask questions and get clear on the purpose and scope of the project. I ask all of you to join me in praying for wisdom, pacing, courage and unity.

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?

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May 2021 Messenger Deadline

Articles and information for the May 2021 issue should be submitted by April 21.

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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



Please remember that masks are required in all common areas (hallways, lobbies and rest rooms). We have two doors which lead directly to the Baker Center so you can enter without wearing a mask. 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, April 11

For the month of April, Communion offerings will go to UB Global Ministries for worldwide missions.

Board of Administration Meeting Highlights

The Board of Administration met on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 in the KSC Choir Room. Chairman Glenn Watson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Carolyn Chenaille opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Following are highlights from that meeting.

Senior Pastor's Update:

Pastor Jody shared appreciation for John Little and the KSC Maintenance Team for their continued hard work. Pastor Jody asked that if you lead someone to Christ, or know of someone who did, please let him know so that we can celebrate that. Please be in prayer that our 2021 goal of 100 people coming to know Christ through our ministries and members will be accomplished. Pastor Jody gave praise as to how God is working in ways far beyond what we see through our online ministries.

Executive Pastor's Update:

Pastor Don shared that there are four baptisms coming up. Once More Ministries will be having a distribution on March 13. We will be holding Partnership Classes on April 11, 18, and 25. These classes will be the first held since February of last year.

Elder Team Report:

Greg West shared that the Elder Team is looking to put tools in place to judge how we are progressing in our quest to make disciples. They will be focusing on our 10-year vision, looking to the future to determine how best to help staff and become more visible to the congregation.

Co-Mission Reports:

• Adult Ministries — The Adult Ministries Co-Mission met on January 20. Much of the discussion centered around how they could best serve the church. Mark Willson shared that

they are planning to continue to reach out to Sunday school leaders at least twice each year. L3 Groups were also discussed, including the planning of an in-person meeting in May for L3 Group leaders. Mark shared that the co-mission is hoping to have quarterly meetings like the LOC does and invite Sunday school leaders to come and share their thoughts and concerns.

- •Children's Ministry The Children's Ministry staff is focusing on recognizing and encouraging volunteers. There is a need for some new flooring and painting in the CMC. VBS is being planned for this year and will use the same curriculum that was planned for last year. Greg West shared that the number of children signed up for children's classes is going up. There is still a great need for volunteers. Please be in prayer for this need.
- Finance Brad Etchberger shared that the Annual Financial Audit went very well and that the Finance Co-Mission will be meeting in February. Dan Gehris presented a six-year financial overview. Dan also shared that January 2021 got off to a very good start financially. Undesignated giving came in over budget. Our average weekly giving came in over budget and was better than January 2020. Operating expenses for January were under budget. January cash and designated fund balances are up from last month and the investment fund balance is down slightly.
- Local Outreach Tamy Cook shared that the Restoration and Recovery ministry has seen a good start to 2021. A lot of that is due to the expanding vision of RESET having more ways to meet various needs than we did before under the Celebrate Recovery umbrella on Monday nights. Support groups for life issues, chemical dependency (men) and anxiety/depression (women) are still available. Parents of Prodigals meets twice a month, a marriage support group for prayer and encouragement will begin in March and the Alpha Film Series (which is aimed at non-believers and young believers) will

also begin in March. Grief Share is coming off hiatus and is also planning to have hybrid meetings on Monday nights. Our Adoption & Foster Family support system is being reviewed and will hopefully start up again in March. Please pray for additional leaders to join the RESET Leadership Team. If you know of someone in your circle who would benefit from this important ministry or any of its situational branches, please invite them to join or contact Adam Keath.

- Missions The Missions Co-Mission met on January 25. Alyssa Heberlig shared that Cool Shade of Life Church in Thailand has an opportunity to purchase land to build a new church facility. The church is outgrowing its current location. The co-mission is discussing a donation toward the purchase of the land and will bring it to the BOA for approval in March. There currently is not a Barnabas team for Thailand; this may resurface in the future.
- **Personnel Relations** Kim Shatzer shared that the staff picnic has been tentatively scheduled for August this year.
- **Property** The Property Co-Mission met on February 1. Dale Forney shared that the Children's Department Security Plan was reviewed. Nursery replacement furniture delivery is anticipated in March. The Children's Department is looking to replace some carpet squares and vinyl, plus have painting done in the Nursery area. The SMC renovation is progressing. Proposals for automation upgrades should be received sometime in March. Pastor Don suggested that a list of requested projects be developed according to priority.
- **Student Ministry** The Student Ministry Co-Mission met via Zoom on February 3. Because of the construction in the SMC, the students are meeting in the Middle School area and the Baker Center. The students continue to meet as a combined group at both 9:30 a.m. and 11a.m. on Sunday mornings. Penny Poorman shared that Small Group Night is February 17.

Senior Celebration will be either April 28 or May 5. Details will be forthcoming regarding Summer Sneak (June 16-20) and the Chambersburg Project (July 11-16).

• Worship Arts — Carolyn Chenaille shared that we will have a hybrid service for Ash Wednesday, February 17. The co-mission is looking ahead to planning a Maundy Thursday Service and Stations of the Cross. The co-mission is also looking into an upgrade of the Baker Center sound system.

Administration Report:

Dan Gehris shared that we had four estate contributions in January.

New Business:

Regarding the Gathering Space paperwork, Glenn Watson advised that it was filed with the borough on February 2 and is expected to be approved by borough council on February 22.



February 21

Offering (General Fund): \$72,578.87

February 28

Offering (General Fund): \$52,156.37

March 7

Offering (General Fund): \$61,679.56

March 14

Offering (General Fund): \$51,094.40

March 21

Offering (General Fund): \$51,766.07

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AT KING STREET CHURCH

We are excited to celebrate Christ's resurrection with you this Easter! Our Easter service schedule will include several activities and services, both in-person and online.

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 1, at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary and online

YMCA Community Good Friday Service

Friday, April 2, at 7 a.m. in the KSC Sanctuary

Stations of the Cross:

A Virtual Journey
Good Friday, April 2, at the time of your choosing.

• Easter In-Person Services Saturday

• 6 p.m. Sanctuary, Masks Optional

Sunday

6:45 a.m. Sanctuary, Masks Required
8 a.m. Sanctuary, Masks Required
9:30 a.m. Baker Center and Sanctuary Masks Required

• 11 a.m. Sanctuary, Masks Required

• 11 a.m. Baker Center, Masks optional during this service while in

the gym

CrossWalk KidMin

will also be offering nursery and children's programs for infants through 5th grade at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Registration is required.

Easter Online Services

These services are available at: live.kingstreetchurch.com, on Facebook, on YouTube, or through Roku/Apple TV apps.

• 8 a.m. (Traditional)

• 9:30 a.m. (Contemporary)

Rebroadcasts:

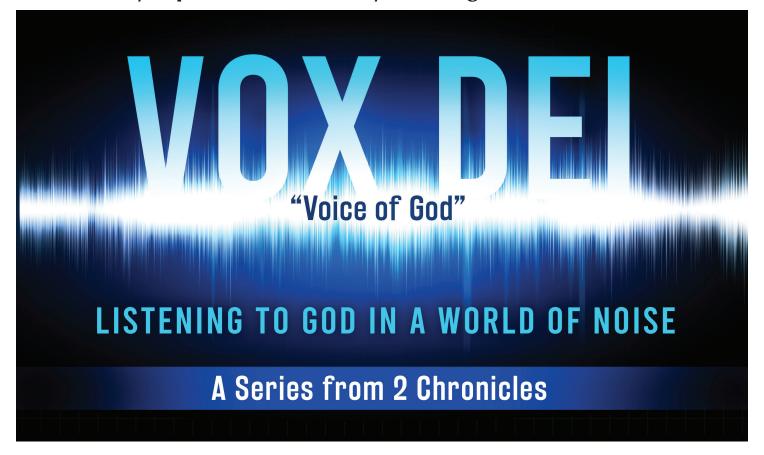
11 a.m. (Contemporary)
1 p.m. (Traditional)

Visit https://kingstreetchurch.com/easter/for additional information on all events.

He is Risen!

The resurrection changed everything! Our Savior is ALIVE, and through Him we have salvation from sin and death. We hope you will choose to celebrate Easter all week long.

On Sunday, April 11, Pastor Jody will begin a new sermon series:



No matter what is happening in our Lower Story world, God is never left without a voice. He is always speaking. Not only is God's Word a constant lamp to our feet and light to our path, God also raises up men and women to speak for Him in the midst of our darkness. We see this truth vividly illustrated in the Old Testament books of Samuel, Kings and Chronicles. The nation of Judah was on a 400-year slide away from God and His Upper Story plan. The vast majority of the kings and leaders refused to honor God. However, during the lifetime of every king, God raised up a voice—a prophet who would courageously speak the truth. This series, entitled "Vox Dei" (Latin for "Voice of God"), is a study of several of these kings and messages that God not only had for them—but for us as well. The question remains the same: How do we listen to God in a world of noise?

PAST@RAL **CARE**

If you are in the hospital or would like to request a visit or prayer, please call the church office at (717) 264-4651 or email Molly Shull at mshull@kschurch.org.

CHAMBERSBURG COLD WEATHER DROP-IN SHELTER

The shelter will be closing on April 1. A big thank you goes to those who served as volunteers and food preparers during this past shelter season.

Staff Update: Fred Shoap Is Retiring

by Susanna Allen Communications Coordinator

"It is with mixed emotions that I announce the retirement of Fred Shoap, Facilities Custodian, effective April 29, 2021. On one hand, we are saddened to lose such a valuable member of the KSC ministry team but, on the other hand, we are grateful for Fred's faithful service and we are thrilled that he will now have the opportunity to enjoy retirement with Sue.

We give thanks to God for Fred's significant ministry impact in keeping our church building clean, safe and welcoming over the past nine years and we pray God's blessing upon Fred as he enters into a new season of life and ministry for the Lord. Please express your appreciation for Fred and his service when you see him and please be in prayer as we seek to fill this important opening."

—Pastor Don Baker

Fred Shoap came to King Street Church in 2012. He had previously owned a finish carpentry business but was looking for a change. He was specifically seeking a maintenance position to fill in the years before his retirement and he found that opportunity at King Street Church.

In the decade before coming to us, Fred had experienced some serious health problems. He needed heart surgery in 2001 and in the course of getting tests for that, doctors discovered that he not only had pancreatic cancer, but that it had already metastasized and there were tumors in his liver and lungs. Such a diagnosis was a death sentence and the doctor called off the heart surgery.

Fred says he was raised in the church but was not walking with God. He said one Saturday morning during this crisis, he heard the Lord speak to him in his heart so clearly that it startled him: "Fred, it's time for you to come

back to me."

Fred responded to God's call and cried out to Him. He recommitted his life to Christ.

Several weeks after receiving the devastating tests, new scans showed that Fred's body was clear of any sign of cancer. Fred knows this was a miracle and in his gratefulness has tried to invest his time in God's work.

Fred and his wife Sue have a special heart for Operation Christmas Child, and for several



Fred Shoap

years they served year-round, filling thousands of boxes, planning fundraiser to pay for packing fees and even working at the Baltimore Distribution Center. They also participated in a live nativity every Christmas in Ortanna, PA, where Fred was in charge of parking for the 6-7,000 people who attended! Fred enjoyed helping to bring Christ's birth to life for the public and he was excited to see that their make-shirt chapel had a long line of people seeking to connect with God through prayer.

Fred and his wife, Sue, live in the beautiful Buchanan Valley in Adams County. They have a daughter, Heidi, and a grandson Cody. They also have a son-in-law Calvin and step grandsons, Devon and Austin. As he looks forward to retirement, Fred looks forward to spending more time with his family. He intends to stay involved in ministry at the church he and Sue attend. He also plans to fish, ride his motorcycle and 4-wheeler, work in his wood shop (Sue is already waiting on a pair of end tables!) and practice his guitar. Fred and Sue like to attend bluegrass festivals. They also hope to get a small camper and travel out west.

"I've got to stay busy," Fred explains, "I can't sit still."

He says he will miss the camaraderie he shares with the other men on the maintenance staff. In speaking of his time at KSC, Fred says, "I was blessed to get this job. It came at the right time in my life, when I needed it. I believe God led me here."

We are grateful for Fred, and our best wishes go with he and Sue and this new season of their lives!



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are currently looking to hire a Facilities Custodian/Maintenance Technician (full-time, day shift). This position is responsible for assuring that all King Street Church facilities offer a clean, safe, in good repair and comfortable environment for all who use them. To view the job description or find details on how to apply, visit kingstreetchurch.com/job.



This past year has been tough on everyone. So many people among us have suffered loss—loss of income, loss of health, loss of personal connection with each other and even loss of life, among others. In response to this deep need for healing, our elder team is initiating a 24-hour prayer vigil Friday-Saturday, April 23-24. The only place that true healing can come from is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Let's come together to seek the Lord for our church family as well as the community. An online sign-up is coming soon.

Once More Ministries Report

from the OMM Leadership Team

OMM had our first distribution of 2021 on March 13 and it went wonderfully! Thank the Lord for a sunny and pleasant March day and for the great turnout from our friends in our community as well as many surrounding communities!

As we continue to see an increased response to our toiletry distributions, we praise the Lord that we are able to connect, even if just for a

ONCE MORE Ministries

moment, with our community in a small way. Something to note, though, is that the increase also suggests increased physical need in our surrounding area. We hope that the

items OMM was able to provide through our church body and local partners will meet many physical needs, but also that, more importantly, our friends see the love of Christ in and through us, and, that in our act of caring, they in turn realize God cares for and loves each one of them! That is our hope! That is our prayer! That is our mission!

A special THANK YOU to our volunteers! The Lord continues to provide the right people

and the right numbers to fulfill the needs for distribution day as well as for preparation leading up to distribution day. Thank you for your heart for people, love and dedication. We couldn't do it without you!

A big THANK YOU to the following businesses and individuals who donated toward the March distribution:

- Maranatha Ministries/Craig Newcomer: 300 food boxes consisting of chicken, hot dogs, eggs, cheese, potatoes, yogurt, apples, milk, and other items
- Bender's Potato Farm/Dave Bender: 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/Ruthie Ludwig: 50 reusable grocery bags
- Sunday school classes: toiletry donations
- Church body: toiletry donations

As we prepare for our next distribution on Saturday, June 12, 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. Following is the full list of items we regularly collect. Items that are in shortest supply are designated with a star (**).







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 & conditioner
- Bar soap
- Men's and women's deodorant ★
- Individually-wrapped paper towels
- Small 4- to 6-packs of toilet paper
- Facial tissues

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)

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!



We are pleased to offer two online community groups. 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
 Tuesday, April 13 and April 27,
 at 6:30 p.m.

This ladies' group meets the second and fourth weeks of the month and is facilitated by Marsha Spangler.

 Walking Together | Men and Women

Wednesday, April 7 and April 21, at 7 p.m.

This mixed group meets on the first and third weeks of the month and is facilitated by Jay Brown, Pastor of Mission and Discipleship.

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY

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	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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JUST FOR KIDS



SUNRISE SURPRISE

The hidden surprise in these sweet rolls hints at the reason behind Easter's joy.

What you need:

- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 10 uncooked frozen rolls, thawed
- 10 large marshmallows
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ cup melted butter
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- Adult help

What you do:

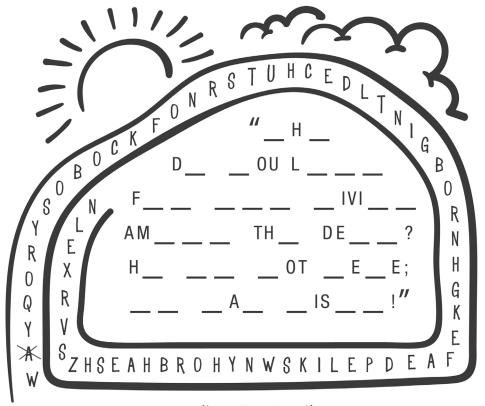
- Grease a round baking dish. Sprinkle pecans on the bottom.
- 2. Flatten each roll. Place a marshmallow in the center, wrap dough around it and pinch edges together.
- 3. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Dip each roll into melted butter and coat with cinnamon-sugar. Place in pan, seam side down.
- 4. Sprinkle brown sugar and remaining butter over rolls. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise 30 minutes.
- 5. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown, about 30 minutes. Cool in pan.
- 6. As you bite into a roll, you'll see the marshmallow has melted, leaving an empty center just like Jesus' empty tomb!



EASTER MORNING messace

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has





ALPHA FILM SERIES

The Alpha Film Series continues as one of our breakout groups each Monday night at RESET. Alpha is a perfect landing spot for people who may be on the fence about Jesus, newer in their faith, or have been around a while but want to focus in on the basics of faith and be free to ask questions and wrestle with difficulties. It's a perfect place to invite a friend, whether they're part of KSC or not!

NEW: MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUPPORT

We're excited to begin building a new community of support, encouragement and accountability for married couples! RESET will soon be offering a time to do life with other couples who are looking to grow in their marriages. In addition to having a time to worship together (childcare provided!), we'll be sharing our stories, responding to God's Word, praying for one another and learning from one another. No commitment is required. Watch for dates coming soon.

Our Monday night schedule begins with worship in the Baker Center at 6:30, followed by breakout and support groups at 7:30. Childcare is available each week. 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 RESET, visit kingstreetchurch.com/reset or email Pastor Adam (akeath@kschurch.org).



The following people were baptized during the worship services on Sunday, February 28:

Owen Book Bethany Feltman Jenna Weyandt Rick Weyandt



If you are interested in being baptized or would like to know more about baptism, plan to attend the Baptism Class held on Sunday, April 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the Connection Hub. You can also email Molly Shull (mshull@kschurch.org) with any questions. Baptism will take place during the services on Sunday, April 25.

Summer at Rhodes Grove Camp!

Rhodes Grove Camp provides a Christ-focused summer camp experience for kids in grades 2-12. The church will pay a portion of the fees for regular attendees for one week of camp. Get details at kingstreetchurch.com/camp.



TOWN HALL MEETING

We invite our church family to a meeting on Sunday, May 2, at 6 p.m. in the Baker Center. We have been planning a construction project, a "gathering space" which will connect our Rotz and Baker Center lobbies. We would love to share about this project with you and receive your feedback.

OUTDOOR SERVICE

Save the date for an all-church outdoor Sunday service planned for Sunday, May 16, at 10 a.m.

BLESS DAY!

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting an abbreviated version of Bless Week this year on Saturday, June 12. Bless Day is our chance to put our faith into action by serving alongside of our local ministry partners to engage and bless our community with the Gospel. Service activities will be offered in the morning from 9 a.m.—12 noon. Later in the day we will come together for a time of worship.



APRIL 2021 SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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

CROSS | Cumberland Vista

Cards of Encouragement 10 Openings

CROSS | Grace Home

Cards of Encouragement 10 Openings

CROSS | Griffith House

Cards of Encouragement 10 Openings

DiscipleMakers

Pray for College Ministry at Shippensburg University 248 Openings

Monarch's Way

General Indoor Maintenance Projects 4 Openings

NETwork Ministries

Assist CASD Students with School 40 Openings

Shook Home Retirement Community

Cards of Encouragement 9 Openings

Sweet Grace Ministries

Baby Bracelets (Pick up kits at the Sweet Grace Office) 10 Openings

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 14 Openings

RESET

Group Facilitator 14 Openings

RESET

Leadership Team 7 Openings

Sanitizers

12 Openings

Seaters

15 Openings

Video Camera Operator

5 Openings

Worship Team Auditions

Vocal and/or Instrumental 18 Openings

Partner in the mission of King Street Church Spring Partnership Classes Attend all 3 sessions: April 11, 18 and 25 at 10:45 a.m. in the Choir Room (M7).

At King Street Church, we use the word partnership instead of membership, because we partner alongside each other in the ministry of engaging and blessing our community with the Gospel. If you would like to know more about what that means, attend the series of partnership classes or email Molly Shull. Those who wish to become partners need to attend all three classes on the dates and times listed above.



We are so excited to invite you back to VBS this year! At this year's VBS, we will discover that Jesus' love provides a foundation that will last. When the storms of life come, we need the ONE who will be with us to the end of time. We hope you will join us through service and attendance at this special event!

2 Chronicles 32-33



APRIL 2021 BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Kings 13-16 1 Chronicles 21-24 16 2 1 Chronicles 25-29 1 Kings 17-19 17 3 1 Kings 20-22 18 2 Chronicles 1-3 4 2 Kings 1-4 19 2 Chronicles 4-6 5 2 Kings 5-7 20 2 Chronicles 7-8 6 2 Kings 8-10 21 2 Chronicles 9 7 22 2 Kings 11-14 2 Chronicles 10-12 8 2 Kings 15-17 23 2 Chronicles 13-16 9 24 2 Kings 18-20 2 Chronicles 17-19 10 25 2 Chronicles 20-21 2 Kings 21-25 1 Chronicles 1-4 2 Chronicles 22-24 11 26 12 1 Chronicles 5-9 П 27 2 Chronicles 25-26 13 28 1 Chronicles 10-13 2 Chronicles 27-28 14 1 Chronicles 14-17 29 2 Chronicles 29-31

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1 Chronicles 18-20

Questes of the Week

"There's a question that I suspect all of us ask on a daily basis: 'Will someone please tell me how to get out of this mess that I'm in?' It's the honest cry of an overwhelmed heart. And thanks be to God, there is an answer to this question. The answer is trust Christ. Call out to Jesus and ask for His help. He's always there. He really cares. And He can help you through whatever mess you find yourself in."

Pastor Jody Bowser, February 21



"God never promises us that we won't suffer. He never says that we won't experience pain and even unbearable loss. What He does say is that He is the King of Kings. And that He will be with us in the midst of our storms and struggles."

Pastor Jody Bowser, February 28



"The Word of God is Truth. From beginning to end. Creation. Genesis. Adam and Eve. Everything we see happening in the world today. All of it. We can trust every word."

Pastor Jody Bowser, March 7



"Lord, I believe right now that you are my shepherd. I lack nothing. You stand ready to provide me with everything I need. You make me lie down in peaceful pastures. You lead me beside quiet waters ... which is exactly what I need right now. I ask you, Lord please refresh my soul. Thank you for being an ever-present Savior, guiding me along the right paths through the power and strength of your Name. Even when I walk through the darkest valley, yes, even when I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I know that I don't have to be afraid. It's because you are with me. Your shepherd's rod protects me. I am so confident in your pro-

tection that I can literally sit and have dinner right in front of my enemies and not experience any fear. Please, Lord, anoint my head with the oil of your Spirit right now. Fill my cup until it overflows. Your goodness is my shield. Your love is my rear-guard ... every single day of my life. And more than all of this, Lord—after this life is over—know beyond a shadow of a doubt that I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

[From Psalm 23]

Pastor Jody Bowser, March 14



"River crossed ... bridge forgotten. How many times does God work on our behalf and we fail to recognize it or thank Him? Take a moment right now just to say, 'Thank you, Lord!"

Pastor Jody Bowser, March 21



One of our favorite annual traditions is honoring our graduates. High school and undergrad students who wish to be included should forward a digital picture/scanned image to Lauren Dukehart, Student Ministry Admin: Idukehart@kschurch.org. Include details about what school you have graduated from and any future plans. The deadline to submit is May 16; graduation Sunday is June 6.



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KIDS' ONLINE CLASSES

CrossWalk KidMin now offers an online class for grades 1-5 at 11 a.m. on Sundays. Message your online Sunday host or contact CrossWalk Kids on Facebook for the details.



B and SP

February 22, 2021

(Serving in Lincoln, Nebraska with Christar)

Big Exam

"Inez" is a Yezidi who trained as a cosmetologist in Iraq before moving to the USA. After failing the government competency test last year, we had to re-do the whole application process including new documents. Finally being granted permission, after studying for months, she will take this tomorrow. She desperately wants to be able to work to help support her family and provide enough income to bring her

parents over from Iraq. Please pray with us!

Witchcraft

One of the girls in our Arabic church has pulled away and has become more rebellious. The last time she came, she confessed to her Awana leader that she didn't think she would be going to Heaven or was a real Christian. She could say everything necessary to be a Christian, but she confessed in tears that she had gotten caught up in witchcraft ("White Magic") with all the spells and mess to go along with it. Her mom, who recently decided to follow Jesus, is also concerned. Please pray that God would break the ties that bind "Flower's" heart.

Praises:

- 1. Two interns from Liberty University are in town and have been thrown into different cultural situations and are enjoying hanging with our church teen boys.
- 2. The mom of the new family at church had a safe delivery of twin girls (same family as #4 in prayer requests).
- 3. *B*'s extensive tests showed something that will have to be handled with some drastic (for us) dietary changes but no signs of anything

more serious yet.

- 4. God protected *S*'s mom and dad through COVID-19. Except for being exhausted, they have recovered well and thank all of you for your prayers.
- 6. *B* is grateful to have heard from so many of you for his 50th birthday. Thanks for your cards, prayers and encouragement!

Prayer Requests:

- 1. Continued joy and growth for the believers at Arabic church and those who join us virtually.
- 2. Continued softening of the teens' hearts from Arabic church and wisdom for those working with them.
- 3. Health of a new family at Arabic church riddled with conflicts, not to mention that the dad and mom don't have a common language or religious background ... many problems. Pray for wisdom with how to proceed in especially one situation.
- 4. Wisdom and grace as we pour into others' lives on a regular basis. Pray for one dear friend to find freedom from addiction.
- 5. Home (to buy) search—wisdom and provision.
- 6. "River" is working with a real doctor to get her health back on track. Pray her family will see the errancy of the other "fake" doctor who is using spiritually dark methods to diagnose, etc. Pray as "River" will have decisions to make upon returning to Lincoln.
- 7. As our conference on the East Coast for Christar is once again going to be virtual this summer, pray for wisdom in planning our summer ministry schedule.
- 8. Pray for the baby of a Yezidi friend (former student) whose baby has a benign tumor behind his eye.
- 9. "Minnie," a Bosnian bus paraeducator, who is hearing the Gospel and reading Scripture for the very first time through our dear sister who drives the bus. Pray for wisdom for her and openness for "Minnie."

K and RW

February 23, 2021

(Ministering to specific people groups around the world)

"Final" Answer From ■

K's lawyer informed him that the highest level in the ■ Court System has ruled on the entry ban K was given in June of 2019. The courts are keeping K's code/entry ban in place. Their reasoning is that K's religious rights were not violated (He was not prevented from practicing or propagating his faith while in ■) and the government has done nothing illegal in their procedures in his case. Church leaders in are sensing more tightening of restrictions on residency. We are thankful that although borders can close, God's Word is not chained (2. Tim. 2:9). As these doors for residential ministry are closing, ■ brothers are planning ways to continue training of ■ believers.

This past week *K* met with some by Zoom to talk about setting up an internet-based theological library. The library will include many articles that have been published in the quarterly theological journal our team has produced for the past 18 years. We are so thankful that resources can have a wider audience!

Ministry Update

K will be teaching ■ speakers in a Bulgarian Bible School the first week of March. Through the wonders of technology, he will teach for five days. Technology cannot change time differences though, so his teaching time will start at 2 a.m. each day. Pray for good stamina and for effective teaching as the students' educational backgrounds has been limited. Pray most of all that students will grow in correct understanding of God.

R is preparing curriculum for the 2021 ■ children's camp. Pray for creativity and clarity as she writes on the life of Noah.

Roger and Marilyn Reeck

February 21, 2021

(Based in Honduras with Wycliffe Bible Translators)

A week ago it started snowing here in San Antonio and temperatures went down to the single digits. We lost electricity and water, so the following afternoon our daughter came to take us to her house which never lost power or water. We made it through the week and are back home now. The weather has changed and we had a beautiful sunny day today.

We are still in San Antonio, TX. Our youngest daughter is expecting a baby this week. We will stay helping her for a few days and then return to Honduras. It is now exactly a year since we left there thinking we would be gone for just a few weeks!

Unfortunately, Roger has had a lot of pain recently and added to that, he has a lingering headache from COVID-19. In the midst of that, he is excited that tomorrow he will again be doing Bible translation consulting for the Sonike people of Guinea Bissau. He has spent many hours getting prepared for it. Over the last few years he has been mentoring two capable African men to become consultants and they can fill in for him when the pain gets too intense. We really do appreciate your prayers.

Marilyn co-led a virtual Trauma Healing training during the month of January that lasted two weeks. A great group of participants attended from Peru, Colombia, Mexico and the US. They did good with their practice teaching and we know that many will receive God's healing through the healing groups they will lead in the future. Praise the Lord!

We know that many changes have come to your lives also, due to COVID-19 and all that has happened during this last year. In the middle of all of this we have felt God's immense love. We wish that we could sit and talk to each one of you and hear your story.

Emily Schoenleber

March 1, 2021

(Plans to head overseas are now delayed.)

Time to Keep Watch

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. —1 Peter 5:8

Take note who's telling us to be soberminded and watchful. These aren't just tips from a Church father; these are tips from a Church father who was punched in the gut with the reality of being blindsided by sin and how fast it'll take you down. I reckon it's intentional language coming from the guy who was the young, zealous disciple who said, "I don't care if everyone ditches You, I won't!" Even after Jesus says Peter will deny Him before the night is over, Peter's convinced of his own resolve, "I'll stick with You until they kill us both. But there is no way I will ever turn my back on You."

I am so glad Luke gives us some extra words of Jesus we don't get in the other accounts, "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." I love that. Not only that Jesus prays for his buddy, but that He gives him a mandate: Simon, when you make it to the other side of this terrible thing you're gonna walk through, strengthen the others. Help 'em out.

We'd be wise to pay attention and take a lesson from someone who had issues with stubbornness and pride, just like us. Peter was also someone who saw sin destroy the lives of others. He saw Judas, a buddy that he did life with for years, betray Jesus and take his own life in the aftermath. He saw Ananias and Sapphira drop dead because of greed and lies. No doubt there were others. I wonder if he thought about the words God spoke to Cain in Genesis 4, " ... sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you,

but you must rule over it."

When I read Peter's words, I hear the earnest warning of a father, "Trust me, I know it's easy to think it could never happen to you; but it can. The enemy is real and he's out for blood. So for crying out loud, do not be deceived into thinking you're special and somehow exempt from his schemes. Don't fall asleep. Don't switch to auto pilot. Stay awake, keep a clear head, fast and pray." Time to wake up, friends. We've been sleeping for far too long.

The Cutest Parts of My Week

One of my favorite things I get to continue to do is help Madi with her sweet kiddos! It's really crazy to think I've known these twins since before they were born; and I met them when they were just three days old! Their little personalities seem to come out more each day; they love to giggle and have figured out how to roll over. They'll be six months old next week!

Azariah is the best big brother the twins could ask for—he loves them so much! It's so sweet watching how gentle he is with them and how he talks to them. I'm over at their house about two to three times per week.

Emmaus Online

This is exciting! Since my plans to head overseas got delayed, it actually enabled me to be able to take part in this online course through Frontier Alliance International. It just started this week and will end in October. Here's some of the things we'll be diving into during this course:

- Apostolic Foundations: Exploring what is required to steward the message of "Christ and Him crucified."
- Life On Mission: Exploring the central call of every believer to be and to make disciples who make disciples and how to engage your local environment and current/future contexts.
- Spiritual Formation: Equipping institute candidates with the internal fortitude and theological conviction needed to do difficult things.
 - Middle East Studies: A mixture of history,

theology, geopolitics and eschatology.

- Foundations: What biblical truths and core messages and convictions have shaped the FAI family?
- Maranatha: What the history of His cross and hope of His coming mean for your lifestyle and ministry model.

What's Coming and How to Pray

I'm also going to do a little internship/ministry training with my church here. I'll be serving the Prayer & Worship Department as well as volunteering with our youth group.

- Circuit Riders just sent teams out across the country, small teams of about five people to focus on specific cities/areas for the next month or so. Please pray for fruitful times for them and those they minister to; pray for their health and safety.
- Our church here re-opened for the first time a few weeks ago. We're operating under the restrictions set by our governor but it is so good to be back! We really believe the Lord is doing something remarkable in this season and we want to have eyes to see and ears to hear.
- For me as I do Emmaus Online; I'm filled with excitement and expectation. I really believe this will be a key time where the Lord is laying foundations in my life for what's to come.
- As I begin this internship with our church, that I would learn and glean all that the Lord has for me in this season.
- That this year would be one where I continue to grow in prayer, devotion and love for the Word.

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.



