

MESSENGER

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A Few of My Favorite Things

by Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor



“Even when I am crushed and at the end of my rope, I can always look up and find hope. God is so good!”

As we make our way through life, we all have a tendency to prefer certain things over others. Eventually, a few of these things might actually rise to the level of being considered a “favorite thing.”

It’s impossible to really explain why our favorites are our favorites. Why is green your favorite color (or blue, or pink, etc.)? I don’t know ... it just is. Why is the number two your favorite number (or five, or thirteen, etc.)? Perhaps you were born on the second day of the month—or you just like the way the number two looks when you write it. Why is pizza your favorite food? Well ... that one’s a no-brainer.

This topic of favorite things can be a nice ice-breaker when meeting new people or when the conversation stalls a bit while sharing a dinner with friends. We can go on for hours discussing our favorite movie, our favorite fruit, our favorite book or our favorite flavor of ice cream. It’s fun to hear how others answer these questions. Rarely are my favorites somebody else’s favorites. In fact, one of the lessons I’ve learned in life is that the things that I like are often the very things others dislike. When I was young, I assumed that, since I liked certain things, other people would most certainly like them as well. NOT TRUE. My opinions and personal preferences are NOT the center of the galaxy.

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Having said all of this, I thought that I would share with you a few of my favorite things. More specifically, I will share with you a few of my favorites as they relate to the Bible.

If you've been around King Street for very long and have heard some of my sermons, there's a good chance that you already know a few of these. I'm not shy about declaring what some of my favorites are.

For starters my favorite prayer in the Bible comes from 2 Chronicles 20:12. It's a prayer that King Jehoshaphat prays on the steps of the temple in Jerusalem when he learns that

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three nations have joined together, uniting their armies to launch a concerted attack on Jerusalem and Judah. The king learns of this when the armies are literally 40 miles away and will soon be upon Jerusalem. There is nothing he can do to stop them. So King Jehoshaphat calls for everyone in the nation to fast and pray and gather together in Jerusalem to seek the Lord. It's at this point that Jehoshaphat prays these desperate words: "God, I don't know what to do, but my eyes are on you!" To be honest ... I feel this way pretty much every day and am so grateful to have the words of this prayer in helping me express my own thoughts.

Over the years I keep coming back to Psalm 34 as my very favorite psalm. I memorized the first three verses of this psalm when I was in high school. These verses talk about choosing to praise God no matter what, even when things in my life aren't going the way I want them to go. The psalm, written by King David after God rescued him from the hands of an enemy king, goes on to extol God for delivering us from all of our fears and celebrating the fact that God surrounds us by His protecting angels. Towards the end of the psalm we find

the wonderful promise that God is close to the brokenhearted and He saves those who are crushed in spirit.

I would say that my very favorite chapter in the entire Bible, though, is the fourth chapter of 2 Corinthians. I want to encourage you to go and read it right now. This chapter, written by the Apostle Paul, is a declaration from start to finish of our eternal hope in the Lord. Even though my body is wasting away (which is what these bodies of ours do, they are NOT built to last in the same way that a jar of clay is not built to last), my soul and spirit are being renewed every single day. I have this treasure of the Holy spirit living INSIDE of me. I might be crushed and persecuted, but I am never abandoned or destroyed. Paul begins and ends this chapter with the words, "Therefore I will not lose heart!" Wow ... we have such HOPE!

I find it interesting that even as I describe some of my favorites to you, I see an interesting connection between all of them. No matter what happens in life, I am never alone. No matter what happens in my lower story life, God is always in control of the upper story. Even when I am crushed and at the end of my rope, I can always look up and find hope. God is so good!

So ... those are a few of my favorites. Don't be shy about sharing with others what some of yours might be!



Sunday, May 9

For the month of May, Communion offerings will go to the Rhodes Grove Campership Fund, which supports KSC students going to RGC this summer.

KING STREET CHURCH

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

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

Spiritually Alive in Jesus

Relationally Connected by Jesus

Missionally Engaged for Jesus

Who are you worshipping? Who is your community?

Who are you serving?

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June 2021 *Messenger* Deadline

Articles and information for the June 2021 issue
should be submitted by May 19.

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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). 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.

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.

March 2021 Board of Administration Meeting Highlights

The Board of Administration met on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 in the KSC Choir Room. Chairman Glenn Watson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Alyssa Heberlig opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Following are highlights from that meeting.

Annual Financial Audit:

Dave Rotz gave his report on the Annual Financial Audit that was conducted by the Audit & Compliance Team. It was reported that the audit team found no errors. The audit team commends the business manager, finance assistant and treasurer on behalf of the congregation and thanked them for their time and talent.

Senior Pastor's Update:

Pastor Jody will be continuing his preaching out of Acts 18. Pastor Jody shared how grateful he is for the sacrificial giving of our church, the impact of Once More Ministries, our online ministry, L3 Groups and the Kidztown Crossing school program. Pastor Jody is praying for peace as we move forward and asking for wisdom for decisions that need to be made. Pray that God will give us courage and unity and help us step out in faith.

Executive Pastor's Update:

Pastor Don shared that partnership classes will be held on April 11, 18 and 25. A baptism class will be held on April 11 with the baptism ceremony on April 25. Four people were baptized on February 28. God is clearly at work in RESET, Alpha and Grief Share on Monday evenings.

Elder Team Update:

Greg West shared that the Elder Team discussed proposing a 24-hour prayer vigil which would probably take place in April. This would be done online and in person. Worship Arts is

being invited to play a role as well.

Co-Mission Reports:

- **Adult Ministries** – Tim Sherald shared that the Adult Ministry Co-Mission plans to have more regular communication with adult ministry leaders through bi-annual meetings. There was discussion about having no adult Sunday school classes on Easter Sunday, but there will be children's Sunday school classes on Easter Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

- **Children's Ministry** – Alexander Rosenbaum reported that Kidztown Crossing will end on March 23. The After School Program will be starting again as a result of Kidztown Crossing ending. VBS is in the planning stages and is scheduled for June 27 through June 30 this year. Alexander stated that they continue to pray for volunteers for this ministry. Children's classes are experiencing growth in their attendance numbers.

- **Finance** – Dan Gehris shared a financial update for February 2021 and YTD financials. February undesignated giving, YTD undesignated giving and February's average weekly giving are all over budget. February operating expenses and YTD operating expenses are both under budget. Dan shared that undesignated giving slightly exceeded budget during the last 12 months of the Covid-19 pandemic.

- **Local Outreach** – Tamy Cook stated that the Once More Ministries distribution went well. This OMM distribution met the needs of 250 families. The Agape English Program attendance is slowly coming back from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and is now close to their pre-Covid-19 attendance numbers in both their computer classes and their literacy classes. Restoration and Recovery has included the Alpha film series on Monday evenings.

- **Missions** – Alyssa Heberlig shared that the Gerlach's are no longer being supported by KSC since they left Thailand in January and moved to the Lancaster, PA area. Cool Shade of Life

Church in Thailand has been growing very steadily and has an opportunity to purchase land to build a new church facility. A motion to pledge a financial gift from KSC towards the purchase of the land carried successfully.

- **Personnel Relations** – Kim Shatzer reported for the PRC. Motions were passed for Camaryn Ellis (KSC intern) to have increased hours up to 20 hours a week, for search committees to be put in place and for the recruitment process to begin in order to replace Fred Shoap (Facilities Custodian) and John Shadle (Pastor of Middle School Student Ministries). Interns were also discussed for the upcoming summer.

- **Property** – Dan Adamson reported that the co-mission has been reviewing security plans for the church. The SMC project is progressing well and is currently coming in under budget. Dan reported that they have a draft request for proposal for the HVAC automation which is being reviewed and amended.

- **Student Ministry** – Penny Poorman shared that Student Ministry experienced the highest attendance last Wednesday and the highest attendance in Sunday school since March of last year. Night of Peeps will be held on March 31. Senior Celebration is scheduled for April 28. A Small Group Night will be held on May 5. A picnic for the Road Crew is scheduled for May 19.

- **Worship Arts** – Carolyn Chenaille shared that the Worship Arts Co-Mission met earlier this month. Nathan Hann updated the co-mission on the upcoming services and online events, including the Maundy Thursday service, the YMCA sponsored Good Friday service and the Stations of the Cross event. PAUSE is on Thursdays at 12 p.m. for worship and prayer.

Administration Report:

Dan Gehris asked for a motion to be passed for this year's Rhodes Grove Camp scholarships. The motion carried unanimously. Dan also

recommended that the team to oversee the project prioritization process be identified and approved by the board. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Glenn Watson gave an update on the Gathering Space. Glenn suggested having a town hall meeting for the congregation sometime after Easter. This would be an informational time for the congregation to ask questions and then during the May 12 board meeting the Board of Administration would officially vote on the Gathering Space project.



March 28

Offering (General Fund): \$43,576.10

April 4

Offering (General Fund): \$60,316.04

April 11

Offering (General Fund): \$54,549.14

April 18

Offering (General Fund): \$68,781.23

KIDZTOWN CROSSING

at King Street Church

Thank you King Street Church!

Becky Hann

Director of Children's Ministry



Our Kidztown Crossing program has come to an end. We were excited to see all of the children that were part of our program able to return to in-person school in the Chambersburg School District. But, at the same time, we miss seeing all the kids each week. I often find

myself thinking about how they are doing and if they miss us like we miss them.

We could not have accomplished what we did without the prayers and financial support of our church. Thank you to all who prayed, gave and served. We had 37 children when we started our program in August; we finished with 27 at the end of March.

We were able to grow a sweet community. The kids all cared for one another. Kindergarten played with the big fourth and fifth graders. No one was excluded because of age, shape, size or color. All were welcome. That doesn't mean we didn't have some rough days, but we truly saw God's hand in this.

We had 28 people who served in some capacity to help run Kidztown Crossing on a daily basis and that does not include the children's ministry staff who worked in the program as well.

We were all stretched with the technological aspect of online school. Some of us learned more than we wanted to about how to use a Chromebook for school.

A special thanks goes out to the college students and a few high school seniors who came to help with our students. They were a tremendous blessing and I am encouraged by the young people we got to meet. They worked with integrity and purpose. We will miss them as well.

Since our school doors have closed, the children's ministry staff has transitioned back to what we would normally be doing this time of

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year. Jeanie Helman and her team have gotten our After School Program up and running now that kids are back in school. Some of our Kidztown Crossing students are now coming to our After School Program on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

We are "full speed ahead" with VBS for June 27-30. We are busy recruiting volunteers for this special event. Check our church website and Sunday morning announcements to see how you can help with VBS, either by serving at VBS, decorating or helping to fund our VBS snacks.

We have also resumed more regular Sunday morning classes. Not everything is back to the way it was before Covid-19 but we are getting there. If you would like to know how you could get involved and help with our Sunday morning classes, please email me at Bhann@kschurch.org.

Thank you again for the support you always give to the Children's Ministry of King Street. Thank you for investing in our children. We are all working together to point this next generation toward the One who loves them most!

With Heartfelt thanks,
Becky Hann

NEW YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

King Street Church is excited to announce its new young adult ministry,
The Porch.

The Porch exists to gather young adults to connect, support and challenge one another. All young adults are welcome. You do not need to be a regular attender of KSC. The Porch will meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month beginning May 20 from 7–8:30 p.m. in the Student Ministry Center.

For questions or more information, please contact Lauren Dukehart at ldukehart@kschurch.org.



Outdoor Service!

Sunday, May 16 • One service at 10 am (bring a chair)



One of our core values at King Street Church is to be relationally connected by Christ. It's with that in mind that we've planned an all-church worship service outside on Sunday, May 16 at 10:00. We're excited to come together as one large church body to worship God, hear Pastor Jody deliver the Word and celebrate how God is speaking to us. We hope you will bring a chair and join us in the Baker Center parking lot for this very special service, which will replace our normal Sunday schedule. We have invited some food trucks to join us on site after worship and are planning a children's activity, so we encourage you to stay for lunch and connect with others.



Sun-Wed, June 27-30

This summer our Vacation Bible School is from Sunday, June 27 through Wednesday, June 30, each evening from 6:30–8:45 p.m.

The theme is “Concrete & Cranes: Building on the Love of Jesus.”

VBS is for children from age 4 through completed 5th grade.

As kids explore a world of concrete and cranes, rivets and rebar, bulldozers and backhoes, they will learn to build their faith on Jesus as they uncover the truth that He who began a good work will be faithful to carry it on to completion!

Volunteers: We’re looking forward to hosting Vacation Bible School! This is an important ministry and we need lots of help. We will need people helping behind-the-scenes as well as leading a crew of 3-5 children. If you are able to partner with us in this important minis-

try, please sign up in the lobbies, go to Service Central (serve.kingstreetchurch.com) or visit kingstreetchurch.com/vbs.

Supplies: We have appreciated past help with providing snack supplies for VBS. Watch for the cards to be posted in the lobbies this month. NEW THIS YEAR: You can help by providing an online donation through Service Central (serve.kingstreetchurch.com). Look for the VBS logo.

Registration: Sign-up for kids will be coming in May. Watch for more details on our VBS page (kingstreetchurch.com/vbs).



We are currently seeking to hire a full-time Pastor of Middle School Student Ministries as well as a Creative Arts intern.

• **Pastor of Middle School Student Ministries** (*full-time*). The Pastor of Middle School Student Ministries will provide vision and leadership for a Christ-centered ministry in our middle school student community. KSC's middle school student ministry is teeming with potential for growth. We are looking for a relational leader who loves Jesus and students and is ready to hit the ground running! King Street Church is located in downtown Chambersburg but also ministers to students from numerous middle schools

across several school districts. A successful candidate will come on board with a Pastor of Senior High Student Ministries and a core team of intergenerational volunteer leaders.

• **Creative Arts Summer Internship:** (*part-time, June-August*). Stories are a powerful way to communicate a message. Jesus often used stories in his teaching ministry on earth. The King Street Worship Arts Ministry has been using stories and in particular video storytelling to show what God is doing in and through the people at King Street Church.

The Media and Production Ministry has a history of developing and growing people who want to serve in ministry with their creative and technical skills. The intern would have the opportunity to grow skills in live video production and film production. They would have an opportunity to creatively tell stories through video of what God is doing in and through King Street Church.

For the full job descriptions and application requirements for either of these positions, visit kingstreetchurch.com/jobs.



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 Administrative Assistant: ldukehart@kschurch.org. Include details about what school you have graduated from and any future plans. The deadline for submission is May 16 with graduation being observed on June 6.



Once More Ministries Report

from the OMM Leadership Team

Summer is just around the corner and Once More Ministries is gearing up for our next distribution on Saturday, June 12. We pray for a great turnout and tremendous outreach to our community and, most importantly, the Lord's hand in all we do to reach others for Him. Please pray that the physical and spiritual needs of our friends in the community will be met and that the OMM team will be the hands and feet of Christ, whose love we desire to reflect. Pleasant weather wouldn't hurt either!

If you would like to contribute supplies for our next distribution, 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 (★). Please note that we added a new item in red at the bottom of the list. Items should be in new, unopened condition.

- Feminine hygiene products
- Laundry detergent & dryer sheets
- Dishwashing (liquid) detergent
- Toothpaste ★
- Men's and women's razors
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Bar soap
- Men's and women's deodorant ★

- Individually-wrapped paper towels
- Small 4- to 6-packs of toilet paper
- Facial tissues
- **Single and 2-pack toothbrushes ★**

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. **Remember: It takes only one special skill for all of the tasks—a love for people.**

If you would like more information about OMM 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 soon.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

~1 Peter 4:20 (NIV)



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

Hear about the proposed Gathering Space building project.



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.

Child Dedication Classes



Child dedication is an opportunity for parents to commit publicly to raising their children in the love and nurture of the Lord. The next dedication will be on Father's Day, June 20. If you wish to participate in this special ceremony, attend one prep class on either May 2 or 23 in the Fellowship Room at 11 a.m.

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| WEDNESDAY | | THURSDAY | | FRIDAY | | SATURDAY | |
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| 7:00 p.m. Street Meeting (Baker Gym) | | | | | | | |
| 12 | | Ascension Day 13 | | 14 | | 15 | |
| 7:00 p.m. Street Meeting (Baker Gym) | | | | | | | |
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JUST FOR KIDS

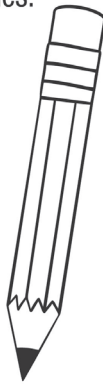


WHERE IN THE WORLD?

Jesus commands us to be his witnesses. This craft is a reminder to reach out to all our “circles.”

What you need:

- 5 bowls or cups (assorted sizes)
- Construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Brad fastener
- Crayons or markers



What you do:

1. Place the bowls and cups upside down, each on a different color of paper. Trace around the circles and cut them out.
2. With a pencil, pierce a small hole atop each circle. Layer circles on each other from largest to smallest, aligning the holes. Insert the brad through all layers.
3. Starting in the center, label the circles *my house, my city, my state, my country, the world*. Draw a picture on each one.
4. Pray, asking Jesus how you can spread his message.



A lasting promise

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus speaks a final promise to the disciples.

Directions: Use the picture clues to find the letters. Then write that word below to complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

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Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

“But you will receive _____ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

ACTS 1:8, NIV

Bless Day

Bless Day is coming on Saturday, June 12. Bless Day is our chance to put our faith into action by serving alongside 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. Here are some of the current opportunities, but more will be added. Visit Service Central (serve.kingstreetchurch.com) to see the most recent lists and to sign up. We expect a few more opportunities, but we already have these:

- Bring your work gloves and a bucket to take care of some outside chores for **Pregnancy Ministries**.
- **Sweet Grace** is looking for volunteers to clean up some landscaping, assemble Christmas cards and make tiny bracelets.
- Enjoy time in God's creation while assisting **Joy El Camps & Retreats** with tasks like weeding, painting, cleaning and organizing.
- **House of Grace** is looking forward to using their outside spaces for client activities. Help clean up and prepare these areas.
- Campers will arrive at **Good News Camp** on June 14. Help prepare the camp for their arrival. In addition there are other tasks you can do throughout the summer (even some from home).



KSC SERVICE CENTRAL

MAY AND BLESS DAY 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

Good News Camp

Bless Day: Getting the Camp
Ready, 15 Openings

Good News Camp

Camp Volunteers
32 Openings

Good News Camp

Cookies and Snacks for
Camping, 40 Openings

Good News Camp

Support Camp from Home
10 Openings

House of Grace

Bless Day: Landscaping
20 Openings

Joy-El Camps and Retreats

Bless Day: Clean-Up
20 Openings

Monarch's Way

General Indoor Maintenance
Projects, 4 Openings

Pregnancy Ministries, Inc.

Bless Day: Cleaning and
Gardening, 4 Openings

Pregnancy Ministries, Inc.

Cleaning Team, 1 Opening

Pregnancy Ministries, Inc.

Walk for Life, June 5, 2021
50 Openings

Shook Home Retirement Community

Cards of Encouragement
9 Openings

Sweet Grace Ministries

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

Sweet Grace Ministries

Bless Day: Bracelet Making
10 Openings

Sweet Grace Ministries

Bless Day: Christmas Card
Making, 6 Openings

Sweet Grace Ministries

Bless Day: Yard Work
8 Openings

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King Street Church

Crosswalk Elementary

Elementary Volunteers
15 Openings

Crosswalk Nursery

Nursery Volunteers
14 Openings

Crosswalk Pre-School

Pre-School Volunteers
14 Openings

Media and Lyrics Operator

5 Openings

Once More Ministries

Supplies for Community
Giveaway, 100 Openings

Once More Ministries

Thank You Cards
50 Openings

Online Service Host

8 Openings

RESET

Childcare and Support Team
14 Openings

RESET

Group Facilitator
14 Openings

RESET

Leadership Team, 7 Openings

Vacation Bible School

Crew Leaders, 92 Openings

Vacation Bible School

Support Volunteers
94 Openings

Video Camera Operator

5 Openings

Welcome Team

20 Openings

Worship Team Auditions

16 Openings



PASTORAL 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.

CROSS WALK

kid min at ksc

KIDS' ONLINE CLASSES

CrossWalk KidMin now offers a hybrid class for grades 1-5 at 11 a.m. on Sundays. Join LIVE with other kids in the CMC for the KidzWorship hour. Message your online Sunday host or contact CrossWalk Kids on Facebook for the details.

KING STREET CHURCH



MAY 2021 BIBLE READING PLAN

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RESET is a worship service and support system. It's a perfect place to invite a friend, whether they're part of KSC or not! 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 king-streetchurch.com/reset.



ALPHA FILM SERIES

The Alpha Film Series continues as one of our breakout groups each Monday night at RESET.

Quotes of the Week

The Last Words of Jesus

- 1 "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34)
- 2 "Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)
- 3 "He said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.'" (John 19:26-27)
- 4 "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46)
- 5 "I thirst." (John 19:28)
- 6 "It is finished." (John 19:30)
- 7 "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" (Luke 23:46)

Pastor Don Baker, March 28



"God makes all things new by using the parts of our lives that have gone through the fire. He wants to use whatever struggle and grief and pain you are experiencing today to create something brand new."

Pastor Jody Bowser, April 4



"The question is not, 'Is God still speaking?' The question is, 'Are we listening?'"

Pastor Jody Bowser, April 11



"There are so many times when everything inside of us is screaming to reject the Lord's voice of conviction. What we must never forget is that repentance is our only pathway to God."

Pastor Jody Bowser, April 18



Emily Schoenleber

April 2, 2021

(Plans to head overseas are now delayed.)

"Emmaus Online" Update

Hello everyone! I mentioned in my last update that I was about to begin a course with Frontier Alliance International called "Emmaus Online." It has been amazing so far! We are just finishing up week five and I am so enjoying being in a setting of learning again.

During the first four weeks we spent walking through the Road to Emmaus story in Luke 24. We were exploring the importance of being disciples who carry a "burning heart" through life. Whether in full time work or ministry, whether a twentysomething or a ninetysomething, we want to be in love with the Man from Nazareth and set on obeying His words.

In the first week Jeff, one of our course directors, quoted a commentator observing the disciples whom Jesus appeared to on the road to Emmaus: "I take it as characteristic of the Lord that in the glory of His resurrection life He gave Himself with such fullness of disclosure to these undistinguished men He still reveals Himself to lowly hearts. Here is the Saviour for the common man. Here is the Lord who does not spurn the humble."

I just love that. Then Jeff said something along the lines of, "I find it deeply encouraging that the Lord would spend this much time

with these two guys. It gives me hope that He would spend time with me." And isn't that so true? Jesus could have appeared and gone straight to Pilate like "Boom! I'm back!" But He chose to spend hours walking miles with two disciples, one of which we don't even know his name. Wow!

Red Team/Blue Team Culture

I mentioned that we have just finished up week five of "Emmaus online." Dalton and Anna Thomas were the ones who did our sessions this past week on "Apostolic Foundations." In the first session we talked about John 15, fruit and joy. We talked about how Jesus doesn't measure faithfulness by busyness or achievement—He measures it by fruitfulness. By our fruitfulness we prove to be disciples.

We then talked about obstacles we face that can kill the fruit and joy in our lives. The first was envy—desiring after something God has not ordained for us to have and sometimes getting frustrated when we see other people who have it. Envy is so subtle and it creeps in, plants seeds and many things grow from it. We also talked about ego. Dalton said this: "We are free to fully serve when the mission is more important than our ego." Dalton and his family live in Israel and they shared with us that the IDF (Israel Defense Force) does this thing called "Red Team/Blue Team" and it's a culture they've adopted within Frontier Alliance International.

It's Blue Team's job to figure out "the how" of a plan or mission, work on the logistics, etc. and then they present it to the Red Team. It's Red Team's job to listen to the plan, tell Blue Team why it'll fail and what will work better because their highest goal is the success of the mission. So it's this idea of having a culture where any idea you have is disconnected from your identity. We want to work and function in a way that our highest goal is the success of the task before us, not the preservation of our pride.

Roger and Marilyn Reeck

March 24, 2021

(Based in Honduras with Wycliffe Bible Translators)

Coddling

We would like to announce the arrival of our new granddaughter: Nayeli Joy Garza, who was born on March 1 to our youngest daughter, Elisa and husband Matt. Her two year old sister, Rosalie, is thrilled with her baby sister and can't stop kissing her.



The Reecks with Rosalie and Nayeli

In the Zapotec language Nayeli means “beloved one.” Though there were some difficulties during birth, mom and baby are doing fine. We praise God for such a sweet little addition to our family. We are trying to get in all the coddling and cuddling we can.

Moving

In a few days we return to Honduras, finally! We left the middle of February 2020 for a few weeks and the time to return has not been right until now. We are excited that we are finally moving back and will be with the people that we minister with and our wonderful friends again. Right after we arrive Roger will be advising an Indian language group on the translation of the book of Genesis.

Zooming

Roger just finished three weeks of checking the translation for the Sonike language of Guinea Bissau by Zoom. They were able to check two hard books—Galatians and 1 Corinthians. Roger praises the Lord that even though he had to be up early to start the sessions at 5 a.m. and his pain level was high, he was able to make it through to the end of the proposed work session. God is so good!

Praise

Puinave and Curripaco Trauma Healing facilitators in Venezuela, who were trained in 2019, have now finished leading the required two sessions using the necessary lessons. We will be leading an advanced training by Zoom in May. Pray for Juan as he takes care of all of the logistics to make this happen.

Prayer

The week after Easter, Roger will be checking the translation of the book of Genesis for the Mayagna language project in Honduras. Pray for a time of blessing and reduced pain level.

Karli Frelin

March 28, 2021

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

Family and Friends

I am so so thankful for each of you and am praying for you. I know this season has been difficult for many, so please reach out to me if you want me to pray for anything specifically. As I send this update, I am praying 2 Thessalonians 3:5 over you, “May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.”

Please continue praying for Bam and Thip. They have recently started coming to church with us! Thip said she wanted to talk to her family about becoming a Christian! Bam said that she still is not 100% sure if she believes

in Christ or life after death. I am sad, because they are about to go home for the summer and are not joining our summer program. Please pray for the Lord to continue to pursue them during their time at home.



Bam, Thip and Fang

Please pray for Fang. Pray she would thirst for the Lord daily and continue reading her Bible. Pray she would love God with all her heart.

This month, we did a baking night with the girls we know, and spent a lot of time in March asking girls if they wanted to join our



Baking Night

summer program (CODP). The CODP will be mid-April through mid-May. Our team found internship opportunities through businesses in Chiang Mai. In the mornings we will try to

read the Bible with students. During the day students will go to their internships and in the evenings we will have personal development talks or spiritual development talks. The goal is to grow our Christian students in their walk with God and teach people who don't know about Christ more about His character. Please pray for the CODP. Pray for God to be glorified and for disciples to be made.



Karli and Kruu Nai

This is Kruu Nai. Rachael and I study Thai with her. Right now, we are reading through the Jesus Storybook Bible and practicing how to read. Please pray that these stories would pierce her heart.



P'Pbaan and P'Mai's Wedding

Last weekend, P'Pbaan and P'Mai got married! P'Pbaan is our Thai staff woman at CMU. She and P'Mai were dating 10 years before they got married. Please pray for their marriage. Ask God to sanctify them and for God to be honored throughout their marriage.

Last week, my team and I went to the beach to get out of the smoke in Chaing Mai (every year from about February–April the air quality gets really bad where we live), plan for CODP and rest a little bit while the students started their finals. Please pray that we would continue to plan well and prepare well for the CODP.

Personal Prayer Request

I am still praying and asking for wisdom on what to do after my time in Thailand. Please pray for the Lord to give me clarity and guide my steps.

K and RW

March 2021

(Ministering to specific people groups around the world)

Ramadan: The Month of Fasting

Muslims around the world will begin their yearly time of fasting on April 13. Devout Muslims will fast during the daylight hours for the 30 days until May 12. Ramadan is a time many Christians focus on prayer for Muslims. Global Gates is offering a digital guide to pray through the days of Ramadan. This year the prayer focus is on Muslims living in North America.

Grand Rapids Ministry

The West Michigan Friendship Center is a gathering spot where Muslims can meet Christians. Many of the activities were stopped due to the pandemic. But *R* has been able to meet several times a month with Sahar from Sudan. We are praying for Sahar to learn to drive as her husband's disability is increasing; soon she will need to be the bread winner for her family. As the Friendship Center transitions to hold activities again, pray for God's direction in which activities to pursue.

More Workers Expelled

We wrote that the door is closed for *K* to

return to ■. We know God is in control of all of this, but the loss is still real. Pray for the many foreign Christian workers, 68 at last count, who have been expelled or are not allowed to enter ■. Also remember the churches in ■ as many have lost their pastor and other church leaders. Pray that in this trial ■ believers will grow deeper in Christ and will be bold lights and witnesses for Him.

Family Update

Our youngest son, Matthew, has been working for a PhD in Immunology the past six years. Praise the Lord, he will complete his degree this month! Matthew will continue to work at the same medical laboratory in Phoenix for the foreseeable future. Thank you for praying these past years.

B and SP

April 12, 2021

(Serving in Lincoln, Nebraska with Christar)

Tragedy in the Yezidi community

The hardest thing about having hope is watching the people who don't.

That quote was from a movie about a squirrel with superhero powers, but it exactly described how *S* felt sitting in a room full of Yezidi women who were mourning the tragic death of a sweet student's husband. "Mary" is a mom with two adult children and two younger ones and her husband perished in a horrific automobile crash near Chicago. Watching ladies smack their faces and having a lady leading the official mourning to get everyone riled up and wailing and crying is absolutely culturally normal, but SO heavy. Others told us how the mourning can get much more violent, so we were thankful God spared us that. It was heartbreaking to say the least. Our prayer is that more from this dear community would come to know the Eternal Hope we have in Jesus.

Layers of Grief

In addition to the "normal" deaths *B* sees as a chaplain, we have gotten used to hearing about deaths among closer folks in the last year or so. A list includes a former boss/friend, multiple family members, a list of special friends, ministry partners and Joshua's friend who died by suicide Added to that has been declining health of family members. Plus there are many heartbreaking situations here in Lincoln. It adds up. It has led to a certain level of emotional exhaustion. Please pray for His refreshment in the deepest crevices.

Easter Hope

We are so grateful that though we will be confronted with death and the tragedies in this sinful world until Jesus returns, we know the Hope because of Christ's sacrifice for us. Easter truly was joyous. We praise Him for our eternal HOPE.

Praises

1. God protected us and gave strength during a two week trip to Pennsylvania to help *S*'s parents.
2. An adult in scouting recounted to another leader how *B* gave him a Bible several years ago. Who knows what God is doing!
3. Friends from France and other countries still reach out in love and ask for prayer. These relationships are precious.
4. Watching different non-team men at the Arabic church read Scripture has been a joy!
5. "River" seems to be in a better place spiritually and just got a benign pathology report from a recent surgery!
6. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time with Will and Dylan, two interns from Liberty University. We will be sad for them to leave.
7. We are grateful to serve with a great team here in Nebraska!

Prayer Requests

1. May we act like we know Jesus is the source of our joy and hope.

2. True freedom for a sister pursuing holiness/overcoming addictions and wisdom for all those pouring into her life.

3. Our home search continues. The market is NUTS. Too few houses means houses are going for tens of thousands over asking prices.

4. At least two Yezidi friends (and families) are visiting Iraq. Pray for safety and sweet family reunions.

5. Wisdom planning an early summer trip to help family and other ministry commitments.

6. We recently rekindled a relationship with a M'im contact. Please pray for God's direction.

7. "Minnie," a Bosnian (M'im) Bus Paraeducator, recently heard the Easter story and sees the differences between what's in the Bible and what's in "her religion." Pray for her heart to be open.

8. "Stacy" is still struggling with mental health and still not wanting to profess Christ.

9. One of our troubled families, the one with two cultures, two languages, two world views—and little to no overlap—is still really struggling. Pray for those working with this family and especially for protection of the children.

10. Pray for continued wisdom when *B* is on call as a chaplain. He never knows what he will walk into.

11. "Batman and Robin," as our interns have termed our two Arabic church male teens, each have their own sets of family struggles and coming-of-age issues. Pray that these young men would truly surrender to Jesus and be great leaders of the Arabic church in the future.

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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*For our light and
momentary troubles
we are achieving for us
eternal glory
that far
outweighs
them all.*

2 CORINTHIANS 4:17, NIV