

# MESSENGER

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## 12 Traits of Churches Doing Well During the Pandemic

by Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor



**“We may not  
always know what  
to do, but our eyes  
are on the Lord!”**

I recently read a very interesting article by a well-known Christian author, writer and researcher by the name of Thom Rainer. I’ve borrowed the title of this article from the piece that he wrote. I’m fully aware that articles such as this aren’t the “gospel truth”—you take the good with the bad. That being said, I was very interested to see how King Street Church matched up with his findings with respect to churches that have come through this past year and a half in a healthy way.

Thom Rainer introduces his article by stating: “I looked at the data and anecdotal information of churches that are doing well during the pandemic. While these churches still have an attendance below pre-covid days (we’re about 25% below pre-covid attendance), they are beginning to grow, gain a new momentum and see possibilities other church leaders perhaps have not seen.”

After examining data and traits of healthy churches, Rainer identified these twelve recurring themes (in bold). Here they are in no particular order—along with a few of my (Pastor Jody) thoughts:

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**1. They are faithfully preaching and teaching the Bible.** Even though this item sounds like a no-brainer, healthy churches are making certain that Bible preaching and teaching is a high priority. This is an absolute priority for us at King Street! God's Word is our true compass and guide in these challenging times.

**2. They are increasing their evangelistic efforts.** Our mission here at King Street is to engage and bless our community with the Gospel. This most certainly includes actively sharing our faith with others around us. Please join me in praying that we see more than a hundred people give their lives to Christ this year. We've seen dozens make this decision—but there is much work to be done.

**3. They are providing hope and encouragement during the pandemic.** Our focus this fall is the HOPE that we have in Christ. Thanks be to God—we have a Savior who has NOT abandoned us—and He is truly working for our good amid these trying times. Hope has a Name, and His name is Jesus!

**4. They are staying away from political fighting.** You're not going to hear about politics here at King Street. Politics are all about taking sides and it is our fervent prayer that the Lord will give us a unified heart and spirit as we serve together. We are keeping our focus on Christ and His work—and we commit to praying for those whom the Lord has placed over us.

**5. They are re-evaluating their staffing structure.** This isn't something that you hear about in our Sunday services, but behind the scenes we have been working very hard to fine-tune our organizational chart and staffing structure. God has so abundantly blessed us with an amazing staff and we want to put everyone in the best place possible to maximize our gifting and effectiveness.

**6. They are seeking to adopt or foster churches.** The point that Rainer makes here is that healthy churches are actively seeking to help other churches. Sometimes the type

of help is providing resources and people for a season, which he calls church fostering. On other occasions some churches will formally adopt a church into their family and make them a campus of their church. This isn't something that we have actively pursued, but it's definitely something that we can give more thought and prayer to moving forward.

**7. They are redoubling their efforts on welcome ministries.** Yes! Come and see what God can do through you! It has been a tremendous blessing to see dozens of people volunteer to serve in many of our various ministries these past months and we would love to see you step forward to serve if you haven't already.

**8. They are giving focused attention to their groups and small group structure.** Are you in an L3 group or a Sunday school class? It is SO IMPORTANT in our walk as a disciple to be loving others, learning more about Christ and His Word, as well as launching one another to serve.

**9. They are raising the bar of expectations.** I understand that this move seems counterintuitive. If people are becoming less committed to the church, why not accommodate their low commitment? To the contrary, we see the pandemic as an opportunity to raise the bar of expectations in a low-expectation culture.

**10. They are being friends to their communities.** I LOVE the work that our Agape English Ministry is having right here in the heart of Chambersburg. Hundreds of our neighbors, from many different cultures and backgrounds, are being personally blessed in significant ways on a weekly basis. And it doesn't stop there. Our RESET ministry on Monday nights, Once More Ministries, After School Program and many, many other ministries are making a SIGNIFICANT impact on our community for the cause of Christ.

**11. They are creating mini-prayer groups.** Prayer lies at the heart of everything we do here at King Street. We celebrate the fact that

# 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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## November 2021 *Messenger* Deadline

**Articles and information for the November 2021  
issue should be submitted by October 20.**

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prayer is ongoing throughout the life of our congregation. I was blessed a few weeks ago when nearly a hundred people gathered in our parking lot to pray for a young mom who was struggling with Covid pneumonia in the hospital (and thanks be to God—she improved and went home in a way that can only be described as miraculous!).

**12. They are persistent.** Frustration and confusion are certainly a part of our journey during these trying times. But with God's help—we're not going to give up! We know that God will see us through the uncertainty and confusion. We may not always know what to do, but our eyes are on the Lord!

# Worship TIMES

## In-Person Services:

- 8 a.m. — Sanctuary (Traditional)
- 9:30 a.m. — Baker Center and Sanctuary (Contemporary)
- 11 a.m. — Sanctuary (United Worship Service)
- 11 a.m. — Baker Center (Contemporary)



## Online Options:

Each Sunday we stream the following  
worship services LIVE:

- 8 a.m. — Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. — Contemporary Worship
- 11 a.m. — United Worship

# August 2021 Board of Administration Meeting Highlights

The Board of Administration met on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 in the KSC Choir Room. Chairman Glenn Watson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Dale Forney opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Following are highlights from that meeting.

## Compensation Committee Report:

Eric Oyer shared the Compensation Committee Report with the board. Eric outlined the recommendations from the Compensation Team for the September 2021–August 2022 timeframe. A motion to approve these recommendations passed unanimously.

## Senior Pastor's Update:

Pastor Jody was away on vacation.

## Executive Pastor's Update:

Pastor Stephen Flint shared that his theme verse is Romans 12:2. Steve prays and asks for prayers regarding wisdom and discernment, and that he can be a calming presence to all in the corporate body, that he can facilitate collaboration and that he can assist the formation of relationships in our KSC community.

## Elder Team Update:

Glenn Watson shared that the Elder Team met on July 21 and spent a great deal of time in prayer over a number of issues including: people with medical conditions, the reorganization of staff, the hiring of our new Middle School Pastor, the August theme of “Come and See”, the August preaching schedule, the Isaiah preaching series coming up in September, and that more people will read the Messenger newsletter.

## Co-Mission Reports:

• **Adult Ministries** – Mark Willson shared that while our church is committed to disciple-

ship through L3 groups, it welcomes courses of study for our church and the community at large. Mark shared news regarding a new ConnectAbility room, creating a welcoming and sensory sensitive space for members of our church that have special needs. There is potential for a women's conference this spring hosted by the leadership of the new Momma Bear Apologetics group.

• **Children's Ministry** – Alexander Rosenbaum shared that applications are coming in for the Kidztown Elementary Coordinator position. A VBS debriefing included: well over \$5000 offering this year with 50% being donated to UB Car's Make Missions and 50% being donated to Habitat for Humanity; 130 lunchboxes were delivered to construction workers; six children prayed to receive Christ and between 250 and 270 attended each night. Promotion Sunday is August 22. Elementary Teacher Training is August 15. The Bookbag Giveaway this year was around 230 bags.

• **Finance** – The Finance Co-Mission met on July 19, 2021 and reviewed the Student Grant Fund. At the meeting Dan Gehris provided an update on the awarded grants. Dan also shared the current financial update. Giving continues to exceed budget. Expenses are under budget. Giving during the first two weeks of August was exceptionally good.

• **Local Outreach** – Tamy Cook shared that the LOC met on August 3. A number of ministries shared updates. Sue Marshall of the Agape English Program shared that a literacy component and a Bible study were added to the program. A smaller computer lab will open to help current students until Thanksgiving. Pray for the challenges that surround sharing the Gospel due to the language barrier.

• **Missions** – Alyssa Heberlig requested prayer for Hannah Black, who left on August 11 for ■ to begin her year of service as an English teacher/missionary with ■. Alyssa met with Dave McBride from OM on August 8.

• **Personnel Relations** – Kim Shatzer thanked Molly Shull for all of her assistance in planning this month's staff picnic. KSC is still looking to fill the Kidztown Elementary Coordinator position being vacated by Michaela Olson.

• **Property** – Dale Forney shared that the Archives Committee will be updating the display cabinet in the basement in September. Jim Goetz reported there is an urgent need for ushers. A motion to approve the cost to renovate the CMC including new flooring and painting of the walls was approved unanimously.

• **Student Ministry** – Penny Poorman shared that August 11 is Sixth Grade Open House and the last Summer Street meeting. August 22 is Move Up Sunday. September 1 is a Road Crew kick off meeting for Wednesday night Street meetings. There is a need especially for female leaders. September 8 is the first Wednesday back for students. September 18 is set aside for Road Crew training.

• **Worship Arts** – Carolyn Chenaille shared there is a need for camera operators. "Come and See" is KSC's theme for August. Musicians are needed. Please pray for electric guitar, bass, keys and drummers. Bringing back a choir and a worship team choir was discussed. Discussion was also held about a Sunday night of worship.

Dale Forney closed the meeting with prayer at 9:38 p.m.



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](mailto:mshull@kschurch.org) or visit [www.kingstreetchurch.com/pastor](http://www.kingstreetchurch.com/pastor).



### August 29

Offering (General Fund): \$38,876.46

### September 5

Offering (General Fund): \$52,340.11

### September 12

Offering (General Fund): \$41,424.59

### September 19

Offering (General Fund): \$57,237.81



## October 3

We will celebrate communion on October 3 as part of World Communion Sunday. This month the communion offering will go to UB Global Ministries to be used for missions.



# Farewell Letter from Michaela Olson

I am incredibly thankful for the opportunity to have worked here as the elementary coordinator for the last five years.

While I have held the position of Elementary Coordinator for only five years, I have been doing ministry in the elementary department since 2007. Leading worship with the kids was my start in kidmin. As an elementary coordinator, I have loved getting to know the kids



Michaela Olson

and coming along side parents in raising and guiding their kids. I have loved working with my coworkers to plan various special events. I have also loved getting to know and support those who were a part of our ministry team and invested in encouraging kids and families to pursue Jesus. My favorite part of my position was the ability to use my creativity to design lessons, materials and aids to help ministry team members feel empowered to use their

gifts and resources to engage kids where they are at appropriately, lovingly and respectfully in serving Jesus and our community.

I will miss my community here at King Street Church. I will never forget my 21st birthday. It happened to fall on a Wednesday night. I was interning at that time, but Becky planned a surprise birthday party for me with the kids at church that night for Wednesday night activities. That was one of my favorite birthdays ever! I got to spend the evening with eager, energetic kids and worship God with them. I have tried to stay in touch with kids who I have been doing ministry with since 2007, even as they go into middle school, high school and beyond. I have loved seeing them grow and being able to be a part of their lives. I will also miss Vacation Bible School (VBS). I have been a part of VBS here at KSC in leading worship for about 14 years.

While I mourn this change and leaving this wonderful area of ministry, I am excited for the new elementary coordinator and excited to see what she brings to the elementary ministry of King Street Church. I look forward to being able to attend church with my husband and still stay in contact with families and kids as I am able and they are willing. Beginning in November I hope to begin substitute teaching in the Chambersburg Area School District and look forward to seeing some of the kids from KSC in their schools!

## NEW STAFF ADDITION

We are excited to announce Kristi Davis as our new Elementary Coordinator, starting the beginning of October. We look forward to welcoming Kristi, who brings her passion to serve Christ, children and parents, along with her twelve plus years of experience.



## Thank You Note

KSC,

Thanks to the church family for the prayers and cards I received during my short stay in the hospital.

Clyde Bender



## KSC LIBRARY News

The KSC library is starting to open back up. At this time you are welcome to return any books that you have borrowed. We are currently updating our inventory and check-out process, so we appreciate your patience in waiting just a bit longer to check out new books. We look forward to a full opening soon.



## STREET MEETINGS

From September through April, we meet together each Wednesday night in both the Middle School Area and the Student Ministry Center. These are high energy and engaging meetings. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. for snacks and hanging out with friends. A typical evening includes: games, worship, a message from God's Word and breaking off for a small group discussion (separated by grade and gender).

## CROSS WALK elementary

### KIDZCONNECT

Students in grades 1-5 are invited to bring their friends to KSC on Wednesday evenings for this fun time of learning from God's Word and connecting with others. Doors to the CMC (M229) will open at 6:45 p.m.; pickup is at 8 p.m.



## Once More Ministries Report

### from the OMM Leadership Team

Once More Ministries' (OMM's) September distribution went off without a hitch on Saturday, September 11. It was a beautiful day that brought with it the beauty of human connection. We are touched by the way the Lord, even in the current drive-thru-style distribution model, allows us to connect with people to form much-needed relationships and bridges of trust. That has been the goal of this ministry from the beginning and it's awesome to see how He works through people, not the least bit limited by what we may see as obstacles!

In Mark 6 we read that Jesus fed 5000 with two loaves and five fish. In Mark 8 He fed 4000 with seven loaves and a few small fish. He fed multitudes with what amounted to morsels! Not only that, but there were basketfuls of leftovers after all had eaten their fill! These were crowds that were likely famished. In Mark 8 the concern was that many would collapse from hunger on their way home. Yet through God's provision, all ate and were satisfied!

We know our Lord multiplies our efforts to meet needs! We may not always see it as Mark clearly conveys, but how many times have we seen no practical or mathematical

way that a need can be met (in our own lives or the lives of others), yet that need IS met in unexpected, sometimes creative, ways that can only be explained as "a God thing?"

The Lord's multiplying of supplies, effort, love and outreach can be seen in His provision for OMM. He has blessed us with dedicated, unselfish volunteers who love to connect with and serve others for the ultimate goal of reaching others for Christ! Without their investments of love, time and work, this ministry would not be possible.

Likewise, we would also be unable to carry out our mission without KSC and its congregation's faithful donations of supplies. Every donation, large or small, helps us meet the needs of our community.

That also applies to individuals and partnered businesses who donate supplies and food toward distributions. God's handiwork is in every detail to make sure His provision and in turn, His love, are on full display.

The following individuals and businesses blessed our community with the following supplies to make September's distribution more plentiful:

- Maranatha Ministries: 300 food boxes
- Bender's Potato Farm: 300 five-pound bags of potatoes
- Benedict's Produce: 600 each of cucumbers, peppers and squash
- David H. Martin Excavation: Trailer to store prepacked toiletry supply boxes and bags
- Gene and Fern Diller: 200 boxes to pack toiletries
- Ruthie Ludwig and Dollar Tree: 50 reusable grocery bags

### The Numbers

• On Thursday, September 9, after Pastor Jody prayed over our team's efforts, 21 OMM packers packed 200 toiletry boxes and 50 bags and loaded them into the trailer for Saturday's



distribution.

- On Saturday, September 11, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., 25 OMM volunteers distributed toiletries and food to 269 families, which translated to a total of 1,042 people reached!

### The People

Our friends traveled from areas like Chambersburg, St. Thomas, Mercersburg, Fayetteville, Greencastle, Shippensburg, Roxbury and Carlisle.

Languages represented were as follows:

- 130 Spanish
- 94 English
- 45 Haitian/Creole

### The Needs

As we prepare for our next distribution on Saturday, December 11, if you would like to contribute supplies, please bring them to the bins in the Baker Center foyer, the Rotz foyer, or the Sanctuary narthex. Below is the full list of items we regularly collect. Items should be in new, unopened condition.

- Feminine hygiene products
- Laundry detergent and dryer sheets
- Dishwashing (liquid) detergent
- Bar soap
- Men's and women's razors
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Toothbrushes\* (1-4 in a pack)
- Toothpaste
- Men's and women's deodorant
- Individually-wrapped paper towels
- Small 4- to 6-packs of toilet paper
- Facial tissues

\*We are almost halfway to our goal of 1000 toothbrushes for the December distribution. If you can donate toothbrushes, this would make a small extra item we can give to our families just before the holidays.

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 the ministry or volunteering, please reach out to us at [omm@kschurch.org](mailto: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!



Table Talk is a monthly lunch hosted by Pastor Jody. Plan to come on **Thursday, October 14**, from 12:10–12:50 p.m. in our Student Ministry Center. Consider inviting someone to this casual discussion about faith in Christ and the Christian life. **NEW:** We are asking that **everyone** pre-register by the link on our website homepage or by email to Molly Shull ([mshull@kschurch.org](mailto:mshull@kschurch.org)). You can bring your own lunch or you can request a sandwich (\$5) or salad (\$10) if you register before noon on Tuesday, October 12.



On Sunday, September 5, Pastor Jody Bowser began a new sermon series titled, "Hope Has a Name." This exciting series will continue throughout the fall as Jody leads us through the entire book of Isaiah. If you haven't already been attending services in-person or watching online, we encourage you to join us for a vibrant time of worship and study in the Word of God every Sunday morning at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.



Gather with us in the Baker Center on Sunday, October 3 at 7 p.m. for a time of worship and praise together.



## The Alpha Film Series is Coming Back to KSC!

We are really excited to be bringing the Alpha Film Series to RESET starting on Monday, October 11! What does that mean? First of all, RESET is a worship service and support system that has a goal: the lifting up of Jesus as our hope in the mess of this world. At RESET we are building safe environments to be real and to name what's broken. We're not hiding from the challenges we face. We are building upon Jesus as our foundation when everything else is shaking. We are building an authentic community, a family, a place to belong.

Each week as part of the RESET model, we break into different types of groups to discuss various issues, circumstances and challenges in safe environments. So many find this to be a refreshing context to be real without fear of being judged.

The Alpha Film Series will be one of these breakout groups and it's a perfect fit with RESET because it creates a context to explore faith, life and meaning without any pressure to "already know" or "be right" about the ins and out of basic Christianity. It's 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.

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**The Alpha Film Series will run for about 12 weeks, and while it's designed to be taken as a whole, each session is worthwhile on its own. So even if you can't make a full commitment, don't let that scare you off from giving it a try.**

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We're pretty sure the RESET community with Alpha as a breakout opportunity will bless a lot of people even coming from very different places. If you have any questions about whether this may be right for you or just want to know more about it, you can get in touch with Pastor Adam Keath ([akeath@kschurch.org](mailto:akeath@kschurch.org)) or Molly Shull ([mshull@kschurch.org](mailto:mshull@kschurch.org)), find out more info at [kingstreetchurch.com/reset](http://kingstreetchurch.com/reset) or take a sneak peak by searching Alpha Film Series on YouTube.

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 Student Ministry Center (downstairs in the Baker Center) at 6:30, followed by breakout and support groups at 7:30. Childcare is available each week.

# OCTOBER 2021

SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY
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WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
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6 7:00 p.m. KidzConnect (CMC) 7:00 p.m. Street Meeting (SMC)		7 7:00 p.m. The Porch Meeting (SMC)		8		9	
13 PrimeTimers bus trip to Sight and Sound to see "Queen Esther" 7:00 p.m. KidzConnect (CMC) 7:00 p.m. Street Meeting (SMC)		14 12:10 p.m. Table Talk (SMC)		15		16	
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*"To love him*

*with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength,  
and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important  
than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."* Mark 12:33, NIV

FULL OF TALENT

In Matthew 25:14-30, the master rewards servants who use their gifts instead of hiding them. What talents has God given you?



What you need:

- Construction paper (2 sheets)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Gold crayon or pen
- Black pen

What you do:

1. Fold one sheet of paper in half lengthwise. Trace your hand and lower arm so your arm touches the folded edge. Cut out the arm and hand, keeping the folded edge uncut.
2. Glue the folded hand to the other sheet of paper.
3. In gold, draw five coins in the hand. In black, write the skills and gifts God has given you.
4. Open the fold and draw 10 gold coins in the two open hands. In black, write how you can use your skills and gifts to help others and honor God.



MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Jesus tells a parable about faithful servants who multiply their master's money. How does the master respond?

Directions: Solve the math problems. Find the letters that match the answers and write them in order to complete Matthew 25:21, NIV.

1. 5 x 3 =	6. 6 x 6 =
2. 7 x 4 =	7. 9 x 3 =
3. 4 x 6 =	8. 3 x 8 =
4. 2 x 10 =	9. 10 x 4 =
5. 9 x 5 =	10. 11 x 8 =

KEY

A = 28	J = 50	S = 88
B = 35	K = 21	T = 45
C = 14	L = 63	U = 64
D = 25	M = 15	V = 32
E = 33	N = 24	W = 80
F = 72	O = 77	X = 56
G = 40	P = 54	Y = 20
H = 36	Q = 9	Z = 48
I = 27	R = 16	

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things;

I will put you in charge of \_\_\_\_\_.

Come and share your master's happiness!"

MATTHEW 25:21, NIV

Answer: 15, 28, 28, 24, 20, 45, 36, 27, 24, 40, 88, many things



# PACK A SHOEBOX!



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Many folks look forward to our annual partnership with Operation Christmas Child, providing filled shoeboxes to children in need around the world. Not only do the children receive school supplies, personal care items and toys, but they are given a booklet which introduces them to the Good News of the Gospel in their own language. This year you have a variety of ways in which to participate in this project:

1. Starting October 17, you can pick up pre-wrapped, empty shoeboxes from one of our lobbies. Fill the boxes according to the guidelines listed inside and return your boxes

to the lobbies by November 14.

2. Visit the Shoebox Supply House located at 709 Marden Avenue in Shippensburg. They offer a variety of discounted items that are OCC-approved. You can either purchase items to supplement your boxes or can fill boxes right there at the warehouse. They are open limited hours; visit their Facebook page for details.

3. Build a Shoebox ONLINE option: King Street Church now has our own page for keeping track of how many folks in our church use the Build a Shoebox option. The address is: [kingstreetchurch.com/occ](http://kingstreetchurch.com/occ).



## OCTOBER 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  
9 Openings

### **CROSS | Griffith House**

Cards of Encouragement  
10 Openings

### **DiscipleMakers**

Pray for College Ministry at  
Shippensburg University  
246 Openings

### **Pregnancy Ministries, Inc.**

Cleaning Team  
1 Opening

### **Pregnancy Ministries, Inc.**

Two Men (and a Truck)  
2 Openings

### **Shook Home Retirement Community**

Cards of Encouragement  
7 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  
13 Openings

#### **Media and Lyrics Operator**

5 Openings

#### **Once More Ministries**

Supplies for Community  
Giveaway  
98 Openings

#### **Once More Ministries**

Thank You Cards  
47 Openings

#### **Online Service Host**

8 Openings

### **RESET**

Childcare  
4 Openings

### **RESET**

Support Group Facilitator  
4 Openings

### **RESET**

Leadership Team  
3 Openings

### **RESET**

Support Crew  
3 Openings

### **THE STREET**

Child Care for The Steet Youth  
Meetings  
4 Openings

### **Video Camera Operator**

5 Openings

### **Worship Team Auditions**

16 Openings





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](mailto:mshull@kschurch.org).



This month The Porch meets on Thursdays, **October 7 and 21**, in the Student Ministry Center. The Porch exists to gather young adults to connect, support and challenge one another. All young adults are welcome, whether or not you attend King Street. For more info: [kingstreetchurch.com/youngadult](http://kingstreetchurch.com/youngadult).



## OCTOBER 2021 BIBLE READING PLAN

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# 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. Our next dedication will be Sunday, November 7. If you wish to participate, attend a preparation class on Sunday, October 10 or Sunday, October 24 at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. If you have questions, contact Becky Hann, Director of Children's Ministries, at [bhann@kschurch.org](mailto:bhann@kschurch.org).

## BAPTISM CLASSES

MAKE YOUR FAITH KNOWN!

Baptism will be held on Sunday, October 31. If you would like to participate in this act of obedience or would like to learn more about baptism, attend a baptism class on October 3 at 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m. or noon in the Connection Hub.



This faith-based support group is for those suffering the loss of a loved one. It is led by those who have also experienced loss. The group will run on Monday nights until December 6. They meet at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room (M7).

## PRIMETIMERS UPDATE

**OCTOBER 13, 2021**

Bollman Bus Trip to Lancaster  
to Sight & Sound Theatre



Good 'n Plenty Restaurant  
for the afternoon meal

**Price \$125.00**

If interested, call Frances Humelsine  
at 717-263-8633.

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# Quotes of the Week

"Make it your goal and passion to walk a pathway of discipleship development purposefully using your spiritual gifts to live out God's specific and unique call on your life!"

**Pastor Jody Bowser**

**August 29, 2021**



"On the surface, we can be tempted to think that everything is OK. The economy is chugging along. It's business as usual in many ways. But underneath it all—we are a world that desperately needs the hope that only Jesus can give."

**Pastor Jody Bowser**

**September 5, 2021**



"Hope has a name! Healing begins with a right understanding of who God is."

**Pastor Jody Bowser**

**September 12, 2021**



"Lord, I am really struggling with \_\_\_\_\_. It has me tied up in knots. I don't know what to do. But right now, Lord, I'm putting my eyes on you. I'm asking for your help. And I'm believing to the core of my being that you will help me. That you will shine your light on my path."

**Pastor Jody Bowser**

**September 19, 2021**

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## **K and RW**

**September 9, 2021**

**(Ministering to specific people groups around the world)**

Thank you for your prayers for our trip to ■. We had smooth travels, despite the extra Covid testing and documentation needed for entry into ■ and back into the USA. Our focus was helping a team that serves in a ■ town and we were impressed again with the challenges of pioneer work in a small ■ city. We met multiple times with team members, helping them process and bring before the Lord recent difficult team events.

Also, we worked on solutions to fill a crucial role left empty with the exit of a key team member. We are thankful we got to know these precious workers more deeply and support them through a hardship. We ask you to continue to pray that the team of three women and one new family will see God at work to bring healing and hope.

Meanwhile, across the border in ■, children were attending virtual camp, either in their homes or at their local church. A total of 175 children learned memory verses through song, crafted animals for Noah's ark, searched for clues in a treasure hunt and most importantly, learned of God's faithfulness to His promises.

At the end of camp week, nine children professed faith in Jesus. The leaders report that dozens of kids prayed that their faith would

be strong and they would be good witnesses, many of them weeping as they prayed. “This week was like sweet medicine for the children after such a heavy pandemic.”

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Now that fall is here, activities in Grand Rapids are picking up. A group of us are praying about door-to-door visits in an apartment complex that houses many ■ immigrants. Pray with us that God will work and that we will find open hearts.

- Pray for God’s grace to be seen in our mothers’ health struggles.

- We plan to be a “friendship family” to a few ■ students studying in local colleges. Pray with us that ■ students will sign up for this program which will give them close contact with those who follow Jesus.

- The Afghan refugees who fled from Kabul and other areas are now either in the long wait to find a country that will accept them or are beginning the transition to a new home. Pray that God’s people will be faithful in reaching out in welcome. Pray for nations to have resources such as affordable housing to provide for these who have left everything behind.

## **HB**

### **August 27, 2021**

#### **(On a short term mission trip to ■)**

This month has brought about so many transitions along with the many different emotions that come with change. Upon leaving the states on August 11th and arriving in ■ late on the 12th, we were immediately taken to our hotel rooms to begin our 14 day quarantine. We were released from quarantine on the 26th. I have appreciated the rest and deepening of team relationships and valuable training quarantine has provided, but I’m very grateful to finally see something other than the walls of my hotel room!

One of the biggest and most unexpected

changes of this month came about a few days before we arrived in ■. We learned that due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in ■, the provincial school my team and I will be teaching in is temporarily closed until there is a decrease in COVID-19 cases. By the looks of things, we likely will not be able to get into ■ and start teaching until December or January. This news came as a shock to my entire team, as we were expecting to start teaching immediately after quarantine. This change of plans came with many questions such as, “What will we do while we wait for schools to reopen?” “Why am I even in ■ if I can’t fulfill the purpose for which I came?” The Father has so graciously brought answers to many of my doubts and questions about the next few months as my team and I remain in ■ and I want to share some of these answers with all of you:

### **What will we be doing?**

Starting in early September my teammates and I will be serving workers of the like-minded organization ■ by providing homeschooling help to the children of two different families employed by this organization. Homeschooling will take place throughout the majority of each weekday, similar to a traditional school setting, and will provide the children’s parents the opportunity to devote more time to their service to the people of ■ without having to divide their time between work and helping their children with school. This is a time in which my team and I can fill a need of these families while also pouring into young learners.

Even though I am not teaching in the province right away, I will still remain connected to my students at ■ through creating and sending review worksheets to them weekly to help them continue to practice English while schools are closed. This isn’t the only type of connection I wish to have with my students, but I am grateful that we can be connected in some way and I am lifting for each of them in this time of separation.



With the province being 2.5 hours away from ■, it can be difficult to form bonds with team members through only monthly weekend visits. As the majority of team ■ is based in ■, this extended time in the city will allow us to form stronger relationships with the rest of our team. While in the city, we will have more opportunities to be in community with our city teammates and grow closer as a whole team.

My team and I will also be continuing our pursuit of learning ■. Each of us are taking regular classes to improve our language skills to better communicate with the ■ people and serve our students well.

### **What purpose is there to staying in ■?**

Although I am deeply saddened knowing that I won't be able to meet my students for another few months, I am encouraged by the fact that none of this is a surprise to the Father. This is not His backup plan. He has divinely orchestrated that my team and I be in ■ for this specific season, living and serving in the city. I don't understand why this was part of His plan, but I know His fingerprints are all over these changes. I am here because this is where the Father has me in this moment, and I trust His plans are greater than my own. My circumstances may have changed, but my purpose for being here has not. As stated by a teammate, "The Father does not call us to a place, He calls us to Himself." No matter where I am, He has called me to know Him and make Him known to those around me.

### **Lifting Requests:**

- A swift adjustment for my team and I as we navigate culture shock.
- My students at ■: They are facing so much change and uncertainty in their lives with the COVID situation in ■. Please lift for protection for them and that the Father would open their hearts to Him.
- Contentment in this unexpected transition and trust in the Father's plan for myself and my team.

## **Report from the Namikango Mission**

September 4, 2021

**(Namikango is one of our mission partners in Malawi.)**

### **The Ntonda Primary School**

It's 8 a.m. and the air around the school already feels warm; the season is changing. Classrooms are packed with students as the term finishes, bodies eager to move and run, except for 152 students. These are the Class 8 candidates, preparing to take the exams that will qualify them to complete their primary education, as well as to potentially enter high school (secondary school).

In Malawi secondary education is optional, available only to those selected based on their scores from the Class 8 Exam, and to those who can afford it or are offered an opportunity at a scholarship. Primary school education is very important since it could be the only educational opportunity a student experiences and it is the gateway to those who would like to pursue further education.

The government provides the school with teachers and a limited amount of supplies. Namikango helps with other school buildings and the Bible Club and the parents provide additional support and services. The role of each of these players is crucial, in particular the involvement of the parents in the community. The school has a School Management Committee, which is equivalent to a PTA. The committee is made up of parents who represent the interests of all the parents and they are the connection from the school to the community. While the majority of the students are on their winter break, capable parents chosen by this committee are working hard to repair cracks and do other small maintenance repairs on the school building.

## **The Ntonda Bible Club**

In response to social distancing measures, the Bible Club has been split into three sections instead of meeting at one time: Infant (Grades 1-2), Junior (Grades 3-4) and Senior (Grades 5-8). Out of these meetings, there are always students who show a particular interest in understanding the Bible more and will even come after school to ask more questions.

In particular students find the miracles of Jesus compelling and they often ask questions to understand better. For example, how is it that Jesus walked on water but Peter sank? Though the questions differ from student to student, the Bible Club is a unique opportunity for students to become personally connected with faith-filled leaders and learn about the Love of Christ, no matter their religious background.

## **Karli Frelin**

September 10, 2021

**(Just completed her mission term in Chiang Mai, Thailand with Campus Outreach International)**

The last month or so was filled with many different emotions. Some really happy and exciting moments, some really sad moments about leaving people and a culture that I have come to love, and some really scary and fearful moments. During the last several weeks, I have learned to see the goodness of God in a totally new way.

The Lord has been really kind in letting my team and I eat many meals with many students, share encouraging words about the Gospel to them, laugh with students and also cry with students. Most of the month of August was spent wrapping up our time in Thailand and saying goodbye to many people we love. Please pray for the believing students to continue to walk with God and to desire to be discipled by older believers. Also, please pray for our Thai friends who have yet to trust in Jesus. Pray that

the Lord would reveal Himself to our friends who don't know Him.



Karli and some students enjoying a Korean Barbecue

The picture above is a picture of some students and some of my teammates eating “muu kra ta” or “Korean Barbecue.” Thai students LOVE to go to all you can eat Korean Barbecue places. You basically get a bunch of raw meat and vegetables and then cook it at the table in front of you. This night, some students prepared for us to eat muu kra ta at our teammate Carrie’s house. It definitely is a Thai experience... If you ever get a chance to go to Thailand, you definitely need to go to an all you can eat muu kra ta place!

A few weeks ago, a few students were able to get baptized. Praise the Lord! This was such a beautiful picture of how Christ was brought from death to life and how we can partake in that as well! Please pray for the Thai people who were baptized. Pray they would walk with God daily for the rest of their lives.



Karli with two students who were recently baptized.

Saying goodbye to sweet Fang... This one was probably one of my hardest goodbyes! She was such an encouragement to me and my walk with God over the last eight months and especially over the last few weeks. Fang read Psalm 23 over me in Thai and in English, when it was really hard for me to concentrate on reading God's Word.



Karli saying goodbye to Fang.

### **Personal Update**

On August 23rd I had to go to the hospital because I was experiencing some numbness in my hand and it went into my mouth. I have experienced some episodes similar to this a few times before. I had to get a bunch of tests

done, and it turns out that I have two bleeding cavernomas in my brain. My sister has been seeing doctors for over 10 years due to the same issue and my dad has had bleeding in his brain in the past as well. While this diagnosis was very new news to me, bleeding cavernomas are very familiar to my family. This was a bit of a gift, because I think I would have totally been freaking out if my family and I haven't experienced similar situations to this one in the past.

I was able to get home safely and see a neurosurgeon on Wednesday. The Lord has been so kind to me and has shown me that he cares so deeply about the small details. From my appointment on Wednesday, we are going to wait to get another MRI done in December and keep an eye on the lesions. For those who have known, thank you so very much for praying. Please continue to pray for healing. Pray that the bleeding would stop. Please pray for wisdom when entering into my next appointment in December. Also, please pray for my sister Katie's lesions and for healing for her as well.

This last week has been a whirlwind to say the least. We arrived in America on Monday, I had an appointment in NC on Wednesday and I am currently visiting family in PA right now. Over the next two weeks or so, I will be spending time with family, friends and teammates. We have Thailand debrief at the end of September. Please pray for my transition back to America and debriefing at the end of the month. Ask the Lord to help my team and I process through the last two years.

I look forward to meeting up with some of you after we get back from debrief. I will try to be in contact with you to set up a time to get together.

Thank you all so much for sacrificing so much for the Gospel to be shared in Thailand over the last several years. I'm thankful the Lord gave me the privilege to go and I want to thank each of you for praying for me and supporting me.





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*Say to those  
who have an  
anxious heart.*

**'BE STRONG; FEAR NOT'**

*Isaiah 35:4, E8V*