

# MESSENGER

JANUARY 2022

## Making All Things New

by Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor



**"Regardless of  
your struggles in  
the past, a better  
day is ahead."**

Imagine you got a call from a telemarketer, and he told you he could make everything new in your life! How would you respond? If you're like me, your "skeptical meter" would jump to the far right on the dial. "Yeah, right," you might reply (if you were being kind). "No one could possibly do that!"

However—what if the Creator and King of the entire universe made you this amazing promise? That's a different story, isn't it? The truth of the matter is that God HAS made this promise. In Revelation 21:5, Jesus said, "Behold, I make all things new. Write this down because these words are true and faithful."

Wow ... what do you make of that? These aren't just empty words or hollow promises. Our Heavenly Father has given us His Word on this. He can transform our broken circumstances and give us a new beginning! In this same passage in Revelation 21, we're told that God will dwell with us (v. 3) and "will wipe away every tear from our eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away" (v. 4).

We serve a God of second chances and fresh starts. With His help,

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we can turn the page on 2021 and every other previous year—making 2022 our best year ever. But how? Is it enough to make New Year’s resolutions? If you’re anything like me, the answer is no. It’s never been enough to simply make a “resolution.” Rarely do these resolutions even see the light of February. I want to encourage you to bring your New Year’s resolutions to the Lord and ask for His strategies and His strength. Whether your goal is to lose weight ... get out of debt ... rekindle romance in your marriage ... or spend more time with your children—you can call upon God for His supernatural help!

**Remember that you are not alone.** If you need some kind of new beginning today, you’re definitely not alone. We should find great comfort in the fact that the Bible tells numerous stories of people who received breakthroughs and turnarounds from God. I especially love the account of the Samaritan woman who had a life-changing encounter with Jesus while drawing water from a well in the town of Sychar (John 4:1-42).

Later in the story, we learn why this woman needed a turnaround. She had already been married five times and she now was living with a man who wasn’t her husband. Yet despite her colorful past, she was about to meet someone who could turn things around and give her a wonderful new future. He could show her a kind of love that no mortal man could provide.

Sadly, because of her past choices, this woman was a social outcast. It’s probably why she came to the well at midday when it would be so hot that no one else would be there. To her surprise, someone was sitting by the well when she arrived. Not a Samaritan, but a Jew. Not a woman, as normally would come to draw water, but a man. And He was *already there*, as if to await her arrival.

It was Jesus and **He met her right where she was.** He knew all about her shame and brokenness, just as He knows about yours and mine. He knew she was working to get water that would soon leave her thirsty again. He

saw behind her self-assured facade and knew she was hungry for spiritual truth. He knew she needed the kind of turnaround that only He could provide. Just as for this Samaritan woman, a new beginning is available to each of us today. It’s time to forget the past and let the Lord fill your heart with a “new song” of praise for His salvation (Psalm 40:3).

One of the intriguing parts of the Samaritan woman’s story is found when she told Jesus, “I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When He comes, He will tell us all things’” (John 4:25). This woman expected the Messiah to come someday. She could even envision a future day when the Messiah would “tell us all things.” Yet she didn’t recognize that her new beginning was at hand. There was no need to wait any longer. The long-awaited Messiah was standing right next to her! To the woman’s amazement, Jesus told her, “I who speak to you am He” (v. 26).

There’s an important lesson here. Perhaps you’ve gotten used to thinking that your turnaround would come at some distant time in the future, if it ever came at all. But Jesus the Messiah is not some faraway person. He’s right there with you, just as He was for the Samaritan woman!

The woman from Samaria was personally transformed by her encounter with Jesus. However, the story doesn’t end there. Her transformation caused a ripple effect that impacted countless other lives as well: “Many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified” (v. 39). This incredible impact was possible because a woman who had made so many mistakes along the way came face to face with Jesus. In the same way, God wants to set you free from any past frustrations this year, giving you a new life of fulfillment, fruitfulness and peace.

As we begin a new year, ask God to give you the breakthrough you’ve been longing for. You may not need the kind of forgiveness and restoration Jesus gave the woman at the well.

# 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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## Ministry Staff

**Jody Bowser**, Senior Pastor

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**Stephen Flint**, Executive Pastor

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## February 2022 *Messenger* Deadline

**Articles and information for the February 2022  
issue should be submitted by January 19.**

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Perhaps you're seeking a financial breakthrough  
... healing in your body ... restoration of your  
marriage ... reconciliation with your children ...  
deliverance from addiction ... or the salvation  
of your loved ones. Whatever your needs may  
be, God wants to turn things around for you  
this year. Regardless of your struggles in the  
past, a better day is ahead. As Jesus told one  
of His disciples, "You will see **greater things**  
than these" (John 1:50).

Wherever you may be in your life today,  
recognize Jesus' presence and power right there  
with you. In Him, you're a "new creation," and  
"**all** things have become new" (2 Corinthians  
5:17)!

# 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**

# November 2021 Board of Administration Meeting Highlights

The Board of Administration met on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 in the KSC Choir Room. Chairman Glenn Watson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Ken Adams opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Following are highlights from that meeting.

## Senior Pastor's Update:

Pastor Jody expressed appreciation for the hard work of the Nominating Committee. Eight children were dedicated on Sunday, November 7. Sunday morning in-person attendance has increased and on-line participation remains strong. Agape Ministry continues to grow. A discipleship group for men has recently started among the Agape attendees. The 2021 Advent theme will be, "Step into the Story." In January 2022, a new sermon series from Hebrews will begin with the theme "Jesus is Greater." Pastor Jody shared his objectives for the upcoming year.

## Elder Team Update:

Greg West shared that the elders met during October and spent most of the meeting praying for members of the congregation. They also discussed the future direction of the church as described in Pastor Jody's objectives.

## Co-Mission Reports:

- **Children's Ministry** – Alexander Rosenbaum stated that a Christmas event will be held November 18 at Rhodes Grove.

- **Finance** – Dan Gehris shared that October undesignated giving was over budget. Operating expenses for October came in under budget. Giving has averaged above budget over the past year. We are very grateful for the generosity of those attending KSC. Brad Etchberger pre-

sented the 2022 KSC Budget Proposal. After much discussion among the board members, the 2022 budget was approved.

- **Local Outreach** – Sharon Bowers stated that Agape numbers are increasing. The meals that are being offered at RESET are having a positive impact.

- **Missions** – Alyssa Heberlig shared that all missions gifts that were approved have been distributed. Communication is ongoing regarding a subcommittee of the Missions Co-Mission that would be focused on maintaining contact and assessing the needs in Haiti.

- **Personnel Relations** – Kim Shatzer stated that Debbie Watson announced her retirement to be effective as of January 31, 2022.

- **Property** – Dale Forney shared they are reviewing a plan to maximize funds for refurbishing the nursery. Building automation work starts in December. Security plans are being reviewed. The Decorating Committee is working with the Library Committee to plan a new layout. The middle school hallway will receive a refresh along with some improvements to closets in the SMC.

- **Student Ministry** – Penny Poorman stated the "5th Quarter" event was great. The fall Street Ministry season will be closing out on December 1 with a Christmas party.

- **Worship Arts** – Carolyn Chenaille shared that the "Thanks and Praise Hymn Sing" will be held November 21. The Christmas video has been completed and the Worship Team is preparing for holiday events.



## Sunday, January 9

Communion offerings will go to KSC's After School Program.



# Hebrews

# JESUS IS GRE>TER



## **New Message Series – *Hebrews: Jesus Is Greater***

I am so excited to begin 2022 with a Sunday sermon series in the Book of Hebrews!

Several have asked me, “Why Hebrews?” I have several reasons. The first is that we’ve spent the past four months looking at the Old Testament Book of Isaiah. Every page of Isaiah looks FORWARD to the coming of Jesus, which is why the sermon series was titled, “Hope has a Name.” Seven hundred years before Jesus came to this earth, Isaiah gave us prophecy after prophecy telling us EXACTLY what His coming would look like and why it had to be. The Book of Hebrews is, in many ways, the other “bookend” of the life of Christ. Isaiah looked FORWARD and predicted the coming of Christ—Hebrews LOOKS BACK on the life of Christ and explains with great clarity how Jesus perfectly fulfilled every single Old Testament prophecy.

Another reason to study Hebrews has to do with our desperate need for hope and assurance. This series is entitled “Jesus is Greater.” Over and over again in Hebrews the author shows us how Jesus is better. He’s better than angels. He’s better than Moses. His blood is better than the blood of animals. He is a better high priest than any earthly priest. He’s better than our fears, better than our doubts and better than all of our wildest expectations. If there has ever been a time to hear this message, that time is NOW!

Join me starting January 2 as we begin this exciting journey together!

Pastor Jody

# Meet Andrea Hartman, Our New Finance Assistant

By Susanna Allen  
Communications Coordinator

We are excited to announce that Andrea Hartman will be joining our staff as our new Finance Assistant, effective January 4. We look forward to Andrea joining our staff team and are glad that she will have time to receive valuable training from Debbie Watson before she retires at the end of January. Please be praying for both of these women, as they begin new seasons in their lives, that God's hand of blessing would be upon them.



Andrea Hartman

Here is a little bit about Andrea:

Andrea grew up in a Christian home, where attending and serving at church were a priority. She opened her heart to God at a young age. When she was just five, she asked Jesus to save her from her sins and live in her heart forever.

Andrea was blessed with friendships with other believers throughout middle and high school. She says, "Those friendships, along with church teachers and youth leaders, challenged me and helped me to make my faith my own."

Andrea has attended King Street Church since the fifth grade, so 25 years! She says, "I have served in music and worship ministry for much of that time."

Andrea has been playing the piano since the age of six. Her father served with music at their church and she followed in his footsteps. Now Andrea serves here at King Street in many services and most recently with some of our special Christmas events. While she may be recognized for her musical abilities, she says, "Math... being analytical, it's just how my brain works. I'm a nerd; give me numbers!"

Andrea graduated from Grove City College in 2009 with a degree in Mathematics and Secondary Education. After a year-long substitute position, she changed career paths and started working at Rhodes Grove Camp as an administrative assistant and bookkeeper. Rhodes Grove had been a part of Andrea's life for several years previously, as she worked there in the kitchen and as a summer camp counselor throughout high school and college. Recently she has worked there year-round, handling the finances and summer camp registrations for the past 11 years, a job she has enjoyed.

Our church has contributed to Andrea's life in another big way. She says, "I actually met my husband at King Street, too. He had started attending while I was away at college. When I came home for Easter break my sophomore year, I noticed him and had to find out who he was."

Justin and Andrea have been married for 12 years and have three children. Michael and Olivia (twins) are 7, and Emma is 5.

A fun fact about Andrea is that Debbie's oldest daughter is married to her brother! So Andrea has been in contact with Debbie a good bit over the years and has heard a lot about

her work here at King Street. In fact, she even thought ... wow, I would love to work in that position if Debbie were ever to retire. And so, the stage was set when Debbie did indeed decide to make that step last month.

Andrea says, "When I heard Debbie's news, I knew immediately that I wanted to apply for the Finance Assistant position. It's something that I've been wanting for a long time."

The opportunity came as her children are at an age that Andrea feels she is ready to take on more hours. "God allowed this to come together at just the right time."

We asked Dan Gehris, our Business Manager, how he feels about Andrea being hired for the Finance Assistant position, and he said:

"God at work. Seeing God at work in all He is doing through King Street Church continues to amaze me each and every day in my position here. What a blessing it is to be a part of this amazing ministry and to see what God is doing through each and every person who is part of our church family! When Andrea Hartman submitted her resume for the Finance Assistant position, it started another amazing 'God at work' experience here at King Street Church. We prayed for God to fill this open position with exactly the right person for the job, in His time and according to His will. God wasted no time in answering that prayer. Not only does Andrea bring a strong financial background with incredible experience to this position, but Andrea has been doing essentially the same type of financial work that our Finance Assistant position does for the past 11 years at Rhodes Grove Camp and she has been doing it with over-the-top excellence the entire time. Andrea comes to us with such highly rated professional references from literally everyone I have spoken to, words of affirmation like I have never heard before when doing professional references. They have all spoken very highly of both Andrea's professional skills and her amazing Christ-like character. Andrea also

brings with her a four-year college degree in mathematics which will be put to good use here in her new position as Finance Assistant. She is someone who clearly performs her work with incredible excellence and reflects Christ in her life in ways that inspire and encourage others beyond words. A powerful example indeed and we are so very grateful to see yet another way God is at work here at King Street Church."

Amen, Dan! Andrea is ready to begin on January 4 and we are surely ready as well. She says, "I am excited to use another set of skills to serve the ministry of King Street Church!"



### **November 21**

Offering (General Fund): \$60,740.77

### **November 28**

Offering (General Fund): \$33,444.86

### **December 5**

Offering (General Fund): \$87,437.42

### **December 12**

Offering (General Fund): \$65,620.49

### **December 19**

Offering (General Fund): \$98,047.77





## Happy 2022 from Once More Ministries!

from the OMM Leadership Team

OMM had its last quarterly distribution of 2021 on Saturday, December 11. The Lord blessed us from the forecasted rain as it held out until the distribution was done. It sounds like a small thing — rain. It's just weather after all. But we were concerned about the way it could potentially hinder us from being able to carry out our mission effectively. Come to think of it, since this outdoor, drive-through COVID-style distribution process started in September 2020, we haven't had rain to contend with ... not even once. That speaks of God's desire to pave the way ahead for His children as we carry out His mission — not OMM's specifically or exclusively, but anyone who is acting as the hands and feet of the Lord.

That certainly doesn't mean there won't be difficulties, rain being the least of those that mission workers of all kinds face, but it does mean He sees the obstacles ahead before we face them. He knows which ones to remove to prevent hindrances to His goals and which ones will allow us to grow in Him. Then He arranges events and people accordingly, with the ultimate good of those who love Him in the forefront. It takes very strategic maneuvering to place various people and events in the right places and orders to affect the "upper story" (as Pastor

Jody says) in a way that will have the impact that He desires. Obstacles and challenges, while they're not what we want, teach us to trust the Lord and His timing. Waiting is something a lot of us find difficult. We want answers to prayer now! We want healing now! We want resolution to problems now! But learning comes in the wait.

*Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.*

James 1:2-6 (NIV)

### Our Volunteers and Partners

OMM would like to thank our wonderful and dedicated volunteers and friends who donate supplies, time and effort for their faithfulness and love for our community! We are so blessed to have you and couldn't do it without you.

In addition to the 250 bags and boxes of toiletries supplied by King Street Church and its congregation members, the following individuals and businesses contributed the following supplies to make December's distribution more plentiful:

- Maranatha Ministries
- 360 dozen fresh brown cage-free eggs
- 300 bags spaghetti, elbow macaroni, and macaroni and cheese
- 280 bags of canned vegetables
- 300 bags of snack foods including potato chips, cheese curls, popcorn, Oreos, and peanuts
- Bender's Potato Farm: 280 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
- Ruthie Ludwig and Dollar Tree: 50 reusable grocery bags

### The Numbers

On Thursday, December 9, 19 OMM packers packed 200 toiletry boxes and 50 bags and the Porch Ministry volunteers loaded them onto the trailer for Saturday's distribution.

On Saturday, December 11, from 9 – 12 p.m., 21 OMM volunteers distributed toiletries and food to 257 families, which translated to a total of 1,047 people reached!

### The People

Our friends traveled from areas like Chambersburg, Mercersburg, Fayetteville and Shipensburg. Languages represented were as follows:

- 109 Spanish
- 89 English
- 59 Haitian/Creole

To compare those numbers with September's distribution, we had 130, 94 and 45, respectively, so we saw roughly a 30% increase in Haitian/Creole speakers and a decrease in Spanish and English speakers.

### Christmas Extras

• Toothbrushes: We were thrilled to be able to offer toothbrushes for the December distribution as sort of a small Christmas bonus. The leadership's initial goal was to get 500 toothbrushes, or two per box or bag. Realizing we serve a BIG God, we challenged the congregation to double that number to 1000. The final count came in at 1060!

• Gift cards: The KSC leadership team wanted to bless our OMM's friends, so they asked the congregation to raise enough funds to bless 250 families with a \$10 Walmart gift card, or \$2500 total. Again, we serve a BIG

God, evidenced by the fact that \$3,250 was donated—enough for a \$13 gift card for 250 families, who were not aware of this Christmas extra. Gift cards will be mailed out with the normal post-distribution thank-you cards OMM volunteers personally write. We pray these gift cards bless our families!

Thank you, King Street Church congregation, for your steadfast support of OMM and our neighbors! We are humbled by your generosity, care for the community and reaching others for Christ!

### The Needs

As we prepare for our next distribution on Saturday, March 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. Below is the list of items we regularly collect. Items should be in new, unopened condition.

- Feminine hygiene products
- Laundry detergent
- Dryer sheets
- Individually-wrapped paper towels
- Facial tissues
- Toilet paper
- Dishwashing (liquid) detergent
- Bar soap
- Toothpaste
- Men's and women's deodorant
- Men's and women's razors
- Shampoo and conditioner

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!



## A Not-So-Silent Night at Country Creek

What an amazing time we had together on Wednesday, December 15, at Country Creek! Approximately 1,100 people gathered together to eat donuts, sing, see the lights, take pictures and just enjoy one another! We saw people from all walks of life and from all of our service times, laughing and interacting with our staff and many guests from our community. At the close of the evening, Pastor Jody shared a poignant story that illustrated why Jesus came to earth as a baby—why God allowed Himself to be wrapped in skin and be born in a stable. Eyes glowed bright with reflected candlelight as they heard the truth that Jesus yearned to lead us to salvation. Then many hundreds of voices joined together for "Silent Night." In the photos below you will see images of the live nativity (featuring three members of our staff -- can you identify them?) as well as a photo of the Kids Choir, who did an amazing job.



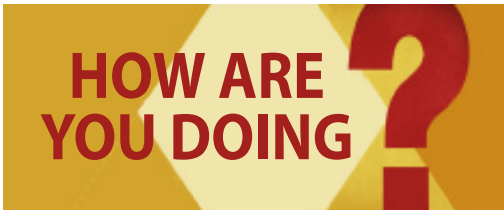


## CLASSES

Our next baptism service will be held on Sunday, February 27. If you are interested in being baptized or in learning more about baptism, plan to attend a baptism class on **Sunday, February 6** in M31/33 or email Molly Shull at [mshull@kschurch.org](mailto:mshull@kschurch.org).



KidzConnect for grades 1-5 will return on Wednesday, January 5 from 7- 8 p.m. Doors to the CMC open at 6:45 p.m. We are looking forward to seeing your children then!



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).

## WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

The absolutely easiest way to know if we have a cancellation is to visit our homepage, and IF we have any type of cancellation, a special "alert banner" will scroll across the top of the page. You can also go to: <https://kingstreetchurch.com/about/winter-weather/>.

### SUNDAY SERVICES

The decision to cancel morning worship services is always made by 7 a.m. We are conservative in our decisions and are not inclined to close our doors unless the weather is severe.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

If Chambersburg Area Schools are closed for bad weather, or if the district is dismissed early in the afternoon, then all Wednesday evening activities are CANCELLED. If schools start late in the morning, this will not affect evening classes.

### Announcements can also be found:

- **Facebook:** Our page is under King Street Church
- **Radio:** WIKZ (95.1 FM), WCHA (800 AM), WHAG (1410AM), WDLF (96.7 FM), WCRH (90.5 FM) and WAYZ (104.7 FM)
- **Church Voicemail:** 264-4651, 264-1132, 264-4907

# JANUARY 2022

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>FOR I SHALL AGAIN PRAISE HIM, MY HELP AND MY GOD. PSALM 42:11, NRSV</i></p>			New Year's Day <b>1</b>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>7:00 p.m. KidzConnect (CMC) 7:00 p.m. The Street New Year Kickoff (SMC)</p>	<p><b>Epiphany 6</b></p> <p>7:00 p.m. The Porch Meeting (SMC)</p>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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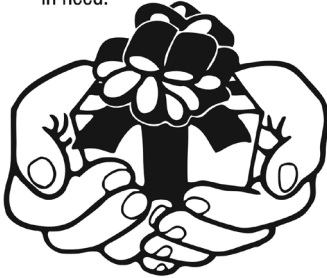
*"With God all things are possible."*  
 MATTHEW 19:26



# JUST FOR KIDS

## Golden GIVING

Live out Jesus' golden rule by preparing gift bags for people in need.



### What you need:

- Gallon-size zip bags
- New socks
- Hand warmers
- Bus fare or tokens
- Bottled water
- Nonperishable food
- Toiletries and first-aid items
- Paper and markers

### What you do:

1. Gather supplies, using the ideas above. Fill bags to make care packages.
2. Write notes or draw pictures for recipients, placing one in each bag.
3. Zip bags and keep them in a vehicle to distribute. Or deliver them right away to people in need (or to sick or homebound people, nursing home residents, a homeless shelter and so on).
4. Pray that God will use your gifts to help and encourage each recipient.



## A measure of love

Jesus says one golden rule sums up the law.

*Directions: Match the word parts from the ruler to the incomplete words in the first three Bible verses. Then add the bolded letters (in order) to Matthew 7:12 to complete that verse.*

Do not seek **re**\_\_\_\_\_ or bear a grudge against anyone among your \_\_\_\_\_ople, but **love** your **neig**\_\_\_\_\_ as yourself.

LEVITICUS 19:18, NIV

Learn to do **right**; seek jus\_\_\_\_\_. **Defend** the \_\_\_\_\_pressed. Take up the cause of the \_\_\_\_\_less; plead the \_\_\_\_\_e of the widow.

ISAIAH 1:17, NIV

He has shown **you**, O mortal, what is go\_\_\_\_. ...

To act **justly** and to **love** me\_\_\_\_\_ and to walk \_\_\_\_\_ly with your God.

MICAH 6:8, NIV

—	father_____
—	pe_____
—	_____venge
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So in \_\_\_\_\_ything, do to ot \_\_\_\_\_ what you would \_\_\_\_\_ve them d \_\_\_\_\_ to you, for this s \_\_\_\_\_ms up the \_\_\_\_\_w and the Proph \_\_\_\_\_s.

MATTHEW 7:12, NIV

Answer: revenge, people, neighbor, justice, oppressed, fatherless, case, good, mercy, humbly, everything, others, have, do, sums, Law, Prophets





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.

We meet at 7 p.m. in the Student Ministry Center on the first and third Thursdays of each month. At these meetings, we seek to build relationships, share life together, and gain practical and applicable insight from God's Word to apply to our lives.

Visit [kingstreetchurch.com/youngadult](http://kingstreetchurch.com/youngadult) for more information.

## CHAMBERSBURG Cold Weather Drop-In Shelter

The Chambersburg Cold Weather Drop-in Shelter operates from 7 p.m. in the evening to 8 a.m. the following morning from December 1 to April 1. In past years King Street Church has supplied volunteers and food each Wednesday evening during the stated time period. If you feel the Lord is leading you to this type of ministry, please call John Comerer at 717-372-3725. Volunteers usually serve from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. or 9:30 p.m. to midnight.



## GRIEF SHARE BEGINS MONDAY, FEB 7

This 13 week 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 from February 7– May 2, 2022. Register online at [www.griefshare.org/groups/142279](http://www.griefshare.org/groups/142279) or email Molly Shull @ [mshull@kschurch.org](mailto:mshull@kschurch.org).



## JANUARY 2022 SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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

### **Chambersburg Cold Weather Drop-In Shelter**

50 Openings

### **CROSS | Cumberland Vista**

Cards of Encouragement

9 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

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Open Build Days

100 Openings

### **Night to Shine: Event Volunteers**

73 Openings

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

Two Men (and a Truck)

2 Needed

### **Shook Home Retirement Community**

Cards of Encouragement

6 Openings

### **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

#### **Night to Shine: Pre-Event Volunteers**

15 Openings

#### **Once More Ministries**

Community Giveaway

Supplies

#### **Once More Ministries**

Community Giveaway Thank

You Cards

47 Openings

#### **Online Service Host**

8 Openings

#### **RESET**

Childcare

4 Openings

#### **RESET**

Meal Team

9 Needed

#### **RESET**

Support Group Facilitator

4 Openings

#### **RESET**

Leadership Team

3 Openings

#### **RESET**

Support Crew

3 Openings

#### **Video Camera Operator**

5 Openings

#### **Welcome Team—**

**8:00 Service**

4 Needed

#### **Welcome Team—**

**9:30 Services**

27 Needed

#### **Welcome Team—**

**11:00 Services**

34 Needed

#### **Worship Team**

Worship Team Audition

16 Openings

# *The* NEW TESTAMENT

## 2022 BIBLE READING PLAN

Pastor Jody has announced that we will focus on the New Testament for our Bible Reading Plan in 2022. We last studied the New Testament as a church family in 2018. If you are not already reading the Bible as part of our annual reading plan, we hope you will plan to join us in 2022. We are challenged throughout the Scriptures to rely on the precious truths found therein; one such verse is Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword ..." We believe that studying the Bible is critical to our growth as followers of Jesus. Sign up at [bible.kingstreetchurch.com](http://bible.kingstreetchurch.com) (the 2021 plan will roll into 2022).

### JANUARY 2022 BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

For our first day in the new year, we are going to read a passage which reminds us of the importance of studying the Word of God. The rest of the year, we will read through the New Testament.

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# THE STREET

## NEW YEAR KICKOFF

Wednesday, January 5th

The Street will kick back off for the new year on January 5! All students in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. for food and fellowship and our program runs from 7-8:30 p.m.



**February 4-6, 2022**

**\$125**  
(not including Saturday activities)

**An amazing mid-winter retreat for you and your friends**

Allan Scott Band

Brian Kramer

Winter Slam is an incredible winter weekend retreat for students in grades 6-12 that has been taking place for over 30 years. Join with friends for games, lots of food, hangout time and winter activities. Registration is due by January 19. The cost is \$125 plus activity fees. Sibling discounts and financial assistance are available. Students can register at [kingstreetchurch.com/slam](http://kingstreetchurch.com/slam).



# Table talk

**HAVE LUNCH.  
BRING A FRIEND.  
BEGIN A CONVERSATION.**

**Thursday, January 13**

**12:10–12:50 p.m.**

**Franklin County Visitor's Center  
15 S. Main St., Chambersburg**

Table Talk is a monthly lunch hosted by Pastor Jody. Consider inviting someone to this casual discussion about faith in Christ and the Christian life. We are asking that *everyone* pre-register by the link on our website or by email to Molly Shull (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, January 11.

## WAYS to GIVE

**Pay Online with a Credit Card:** CLICK to make a one-time payment, or to set up recurring gifts from your credit card.

**Automatic Deductions:** The church office can arrange for recurring deductions from your checking or savings account. Download the form (PDF) and submit to the church office.

**Text to Give:** Just text the keyword GIVE to our church text line, (717) 401-7777. You will be prompted to enter an amount. The first time you contribute, you will be asked to provide your payment information.

**Giving Envelopes:** We can provide you with personalized giving envelopes to use on Sunday mornings. Normally we order envelopes for the upcoming year in October. If you would be interested in getting your own envelopes, call the church office at 717-264-4651 or email our Finance Assistant, Deb Watson, at [dwatson@kschurch.org](mailto:dwatson@kschurch.org).

**Giving Boxes:** On Sunday mornings, offering boxes are located at the entrances to each of our worship venues.

**Send to the KSC Office:** You may mail your check or offering envelope to 56 N. Second St, Chambersburg PA 17201. Or you can drop off your gift during office hours: M–Th, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to noon.



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# Quotes of the Week

"Whatever your life is now ... in Christ you are immeasurably rich in what will be."

**Pastor Jody Bowser**  
**November 21, 2021**



"We are not saved only to an individual, transactional, get-out-of-jail-free salvation. We are saved also to a corporate, communal, relational, messy go-tell-it-on-the-mountain salvation."

**Pastor Adam Keath**  
**November 28, 2021**



"Christmas is about an Upper Story that we are all a part of."

**Pastor Jody Bowser**  
**December 5, 2021**



"Mary, Joseph and the Magi made the choice to trust God and believe that He had a perfect plan—even in the face of anxiety and confusion. In each case, the result was great joy!"

**Pastor Jody Bowser**  
**December 12, 2021**



"Peace on earth isn't possible without God. True peace is the presence of the Holy Spirit living within us, enabling us to live in fellowship with God."

**Pastor Jody Bowser**  
**December 19, 2021**

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## PRIMETIMERS UPDATE

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**OCTOBER 19, 2022**  
**Sight & Sound Theatre**



**Contact Frances Humelsine**  
**at 717-263-8633 to make your**  
**reservations.**

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## 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](mailto:mshull@kschurch.org).



## NIGHT TO SHINE 2022

This year's event for people with special needs is **February 11, 2022**—and we can still use your help. Although this will again be a virtual event, each guest will be invited to a Shine-Thru Parade where they will be photographed while in their vehicle, will be greeted by cheering paparazzi and will receive a meal for them and a guest, as well as a gift bag full of surprises. Once they return home, they can tune into the simulcast which will include dancing, special guests, a message from Tim Tebow and a crowning ceremony.

We still need many volunteers to help with the event:

- Volunteers and seamstresses to help at the Ladies' Boutique and Men's Shoppe on Saturday, January 15. (Also looking for ladies' evening wear in size 14 or larger.)
- Sign and Poster Artists (to be done from home beforehand).
- Paparazzi to cheer for our guests when they drive by—GREAT FOR FAMILIES!
- Decorators to create a special Shine-Thru Parade area.
- Parking Attendants and Car Escorts the night of the event.
- Folks to help with check-in and meal distribution at the Shine-Thru Parade.

Registration for guests and volunteers is now open at **[nighttoshine2022.com](http://nighttoshine2022.com)**.



## Update From Namikango Mission

November 24, 2021

(by Ben Hayes, Executive Director)

Over the past few years but especially in 2021, there has been an unprecedented multiplication in the ministry at Namikango that has left us both in awe of God and in need of additional resources!

So, let's recount just what has happened ...

- God increased our Namikango staff from 50 to 80 Malawians in the last 10 years.



- 45 farmers were trained that have now trained over 900 farmers in their local communities.

- 30 women were trained in village savings and loan that have launched over 126 groups to help women make a sustainable living.

- Women's ministry was launched to teach biblical health lessons which created six groups with over 1,200 attending on a regular basis.

- New Discipleship Training Institute opened up with the first cohort to train leaders in new methodology in Malawi.

Just like the New Testament church experienced, multiplication and growth can be exciting and challenging. The continued expansion of ministry at Namikango has been exciting, but also challenging, partly coming from the



difficulties of our own world, but also directly because of the impact of the growth of work. As we work toward the vision of transforming African communities by training people and reaching the lost, mission operations increase along with the growth, which is a good problem to have.

You can be a big part of the increase as \$76,000 is needed to meet the growth demand to cover training and operations including the Discipleship Training Institute, \$35,000 for vehicles to help transport more mission supplies and \$100,000 to continue to guide children toward Jesus at Ntonda Primary School. Ntonda has undergone several devastating storms over the last four years and there is a need for a new school building and three homes for staff members. All of this so we can share Jesus and multiply the impact of disciple-making with children in Malawi.

## HB

### December 15, 2021

(On a short term mission trip to ■ )

It's so hard to believe that the school Christmas party was a week and a half ago! The day of the party was filled with games, songs, laughter, shenanigans and cookies! The students had so much fun and I had a great time interacting with my students outside of the formal classroom setting.

The party was a huge success all because of the Father's intervention throughout the entire process. My teammates and I have clearly seen Him working before, during and after the party! In more specific terms here are just a few of the ways we saw the Father working.

#### **Before the Party**

- **Through your generosity:** The party was just an idea in our minds until your support made it a reality. We originally had no money in our budget allotted for a party, so it was through all of you that this event happened! Through the funds we received from your generosity, my teammates and I were able to purchase supplies for cookie decorating, pay for a space to host the party, provide students with small goodie bags and provide lunch for school faculty and other volunteers.

- **Through providing a space for the party:** Our original plan was to have the party in a small restaurant on the grounds of Bronze Lake, but we later found out this space was already being occupied by other guests. For a few days it was questionable if we'd be able to have the party at all. The Father then provided us with the opportunity to have the party in a hotel across the street. We could use the conference room, outside space and a few smaller meeting rooms. This space worked so well for the party and was much better suited to our needs than the restaurant would have been. The Father knew of this need before we even realized it!



- **Through providing volunteers:** With all four grades combined, we have around 200 students ... and there are only four of us. There was no way my teammates and I would be able to manage such an event on our own! Thankfully, the Father provided the help we needed through city teammates traveling to the province to help us and through the school providing faculty volunteers. In total we had about 25 volunteers helping us with the party!



Christmas Party Group Photo

### During

- **Through high student attendance:** So many students attended the party! There was some concern about how to communicate the party to students and wondering if they would even attend, but we had an incredible turnout!

- **Through beautiful weather:** Cool season came just in time for the party. It wasn't too hot and it wasn't rainy, so students could play outside and have more space for active games.

- **Through collaboration with ■ staff and KECC:** Although the party originated as an idea presented by my teammates and me, the school was eager to join in and collaborate with us to make the party a success. It was really cool to see the school administration take some ownership of the party as well, so that it became a KECC party (welcoming and including everyone as a part of KECC) instead of just a party run by the

foreign teachers. The atmosphere of the party and the school's involvement have served to help build relationships with administration and bridge the gap between us and the school administrators.

### After

- **Through lunch with KECC faculty:** After the party, we had lunch with school administration and faculty to spend time getting to know the other teachers and building a foundation for relationships with them. Our conversations over lunch can now be used as a starting point for deepening our relationships with them.

- **Through KECC's interest in the party:** Before the party even ended, school staff were making plans with us regarding next year's Christmas party and have made it very clear they want the party to be an annual tradition! One of the staff members (known for her skepticism of those who are not likeminded) even suggested that we have a pageant next year where the students reenact the birth of the Son!

- **Through building relationships with people at the party:** The party allowed my teammates and me to build relationships with many different people including our students, parents and school faculty. Through these blossoming relationships, my teammates and I hope to continue to grow the connections we made at the party and are asking the Father to help us be intentional in our interactions with the people we met at the party. Thank you all so much for your support and interest in KECC and the things the Father is doing in ■!

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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