

The Messenger

News and notes for our King Street Church family.

May 2022



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Broken Strings

By Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor

I recently ran across the account of a famous violinist who played a concert in one of the great halls of Europe—equivalent to the crowds that a modern rock concert might draw. The story is told of one such night in Paris. As the great violinist appeared on the stage, there was an excited buzz in the audience along with great applause. But as the maestro began to play, a string broke on his exquisite violin. This wasn't something he could hide—it broke with a loud "pop!" What was he going to do?

Well, any concern passed pretty quickly as he picked up the tune on his remaining three strings. Unbelievably, another string snapped, followed moments later by a third string. These kinds of things just don't happen. Now the buzz in the audience was more anxious. Perhaps even closer to disgruntled. These folks paid a steep price for their tickets.

It was right at this moment that the old maestro just raised his hand and called for silence. As the audience became quiet again, he made a simple but enthusiastic announcement: "Ladies and gentlemen, I will give you now a one string concert!" What followed was easily the most amazing musical performance the crowd had ever seen, or would ever see, as the maestro played a rich and flawless melody on one string.

Here's a question to consider: When did the great violinist reveal how great he truly was? Was it when he had all four strings in place and everything was as it should be? Or was it when he had the least to work with—just one string? Here's a second question: When does Jesus, our King and Master, most powerfully demonstrate how much

THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR JODY

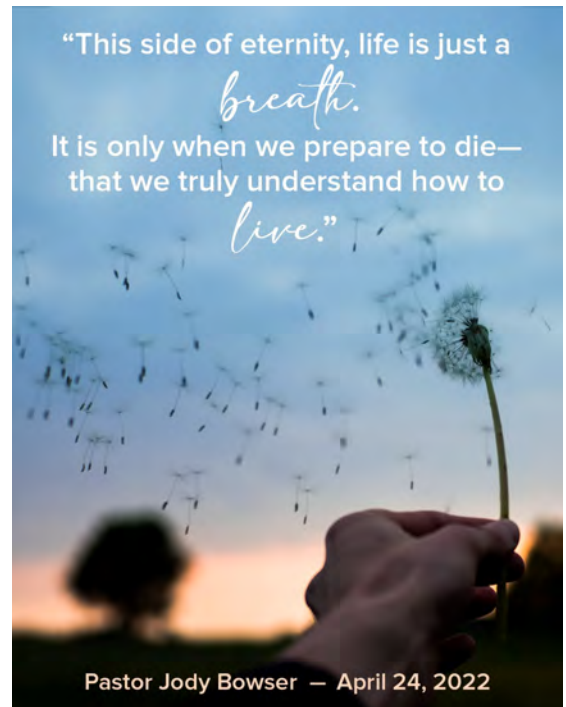
He can do? Is it when we are at our very best and utilizing all of our skill and ability? Or is it when He has the least to work with—when our strings are broken and we have almost nothing left to give? Might I suggest that this is when God does His greatest work.

The Apostle Paul talks about this very thing in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. Years earlier, Paul had been given some spiritual revelations that no man had ever experienced before. It was the kind of stuff that makes a resume look really good. In light of this, Paul says, "To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in the flesh...Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.'"

Paul learned, over time, that he experienced God's power the most when he had nothing left to give. He was able to accomplish far more when the strength and ability wasn't coming from him—but from God. It's because of this that Paul could say, "Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me...For when I am weak, then I am strong." (v. 10)

There is a basic spiritual principle that is always in effect: The less there is of you, the more there is of God. Understanding this can actually make you (like Paul) embrace your hard times—even your hurting times—with a sense of expectancy instead of dread or discouragement. It's not that we like the pain, but we realize what pain can produce. And all through it, we have God's unbreakable promise, "My grace is sufficient for you."

Our weakness means an opportunity for a display of the Lord's strength and His glory. Our struggles create a space to experience God's ability to heal, to intervene, and to carry us. You might be reading this today feeling like you're down to your very last string. Please know that this is the moment when the Maestro is at His very best. He lovingly holds you in His arms and He says, "Ladies and gentlemen, I will give you now a one string concert!" He's about to play something beautiful, something unforgettable, something amazing through your life.



This "Quote of the Week" was from Pastor Jody's message, "Living in the Real World." This was the first sermon in the new series, "Making Sense of the Mess." You can see past sermons under the "Watch & Read" tab at kingstreetchurch.com.

King Street Church News

Commemorative Edition

Monday, April 11, 2022

Chambersburg, PA

DON HAS RETIRED!

**40 YEARS OF
FAITHFUL SERVICE**

**OVER 400 ISSUES
AND 6,000 PAGES**

A PRICELESS LEGACY

**THANK YOU,
DON & MARY!**

*"A faithful man shall abound
with blessings."*

Proverbs 28:20

Pastor Jody says, "Don's many years of sacrifice have been of inestimable value to our church family. His humble spirit and servant's heart are a treasure to us."



Don & Mary's Plans

Don and Mary are excited to plan more frequent trips to see their children and grandchildren in Philadelphia and Kansas. They are also likely to be more present in the pottery studio, another of their vibrant ministries.



Celebrating a Legacy

*By Susanna Allen,
Communications Coordinator*

In this issue of *The Messenger* we are privileged to honor Don Burkholder for his 40 years of service in producing this important document. Don has been retired from his profession as a school teacher for many years, but he has now chosen to retire in just one of his areas of service: editing and designing *The Messenger*. KSC is a church built upon a rich history, and as we enter a new day for our newsletter, it is important to look back and remember its roots.

It all started as a discussion at a Sunday School Executive Committee Meeting in 1982. Chairman Don Burkholder suggested that KSC produce a newsletter to provide news and event information to the Sunday school teachers and leaders. One of the members, Treva Lawyer, suggested that in addition to this newsletter, one be written that would be sent to the whole church. With the support of Pastor Paul Baker, a piece of church history was in the making. Don volunteered to organize it. The articles for the first issues were hand-written on notebook paper or typed and then delivered to Garnet Thrush, a church member who owned a

CELEBRATING A LEGACY

printing business, for the production of the newsletter. The name *The Messenger* was taken from a previous church publication that had been discontinued in 1967. Originally, the newsletter was published four to six times per year until 1992. It then became a monthly publication.

Early on, the booklet was photocopied from paste-ups, and in 1992, Don began producing it on his personal computer. Don's own mother and aunts helped to apply the mailing labels. His wife Mary and many others helped too, some for nearly 25 years. A school teacher, Don often made the post office drop on his lunch hour or during his free period.

In 2009 *The Messenger* entered the digital age. In addition to being available in the lobbies and arriving in the mail to those preferring to receive it that way, we began to email *The Messenger*. At that point we noted that approximately 250 issues, or 315,000 copies, had been printed, collated, stapled, and addressed.

In 2012 we honored Don and Mary for 30 years of faithful service. And now, we have 10 additional years to honor. It is an incredible legacy of service to Christ.

During the COVID-19 shutdown, we were reminded just how vital *The Messenger* is as a printed piece for King Street Church, and it became one of the main ways we communicated with our church family when many were unable to attend in-person.

As the Communications Coordinator here at KSC, I understand more than most what goes into *The Messenger*. Everyone sent Don the pieces – articles, bulleted lists, thank-you notes, events, photos, reports, facts, figures, logos, announcements, updates, and he organized that 1,000 piece jigsaw puzzle into something that made sense, flowed well, fit onto the pages, and looked good. It's hard to work with deadlines, and also challenging to coordinate a large variety of people. Don accomplished all of this, not once, not a dozen times, or 50 times, or even 100 times, but several hundred times over these many years.

We are in a society where the average worker is spending less than 2 years at a job, the average marriage is just 8 years long, and the average attention span is less than 8 seconds long – which is shorter than that of a goldfish – so 40 years of faithful service is nothing short of a treasure.



In 2012 Don was honored for his 30 years of service. Dr. John Beukema said, "The Messenger has been the trusted voice and vehicle of communication for King Street Church. To organize and edit and put into circulation this newsletter month after month is an amazing feat. To do so with excellence for 30 years is extraordinary. Seldom does someone carry out a ministry so well for so long for so little earthly reward."

From Becky Hann: "When I became a staff member of KSC Don made sure I had a good understanding of the teachers and how things ran in the children's Sunday school classes. He and Mary also taught 4th grade Sunday school for a long time. He supported me in my new role of Children's Ministry Director however he could. For that I am extremely grateful. He helped take the lead for the church picnic

which used to be held at Twin Bridge Camp-ground. He has always been a tremendous source of encouragement and help for me over the years. I know many families have been blessed by all the different ministries Don has been and continues to be involved with at King Street Church. I know the Hann family is one of those families. Thank you, Don, for your faithful service!"

Don once told me that he started working on the next *Messenger* the very day after the last ones went out. So over the last 40 years of his life, it hasn't meant a couple of hours here and there, one day a month or something like that. It has been a role that has played into nearly, I would guess, every week of his life in a significant way. And as Dr. John Beukema said in his 2012 comments, "The majority of that time was during your active work life, raising a family, and serving in other ways." I am blessed that I get paid to create things, but Don has given us his time, his art, his creativity, and his heart as an act of worship to God.

It has been an honor and privilege to witness Don's dedication these past 13 years, and to assist him in God's work. Mary's own contribution cannot be discounted. In addition to proof-reading *The Messenger*, she has supported and enabled Don to invest in this time-consuming work.

We know this next season is planned in many ways for rest, and surely more time will be spent with their children and grandchildren, but we are assured that we will still see plenty of Don and Mary. They will continue their pottery ministry and the many other ways that they serve the body of Christ.

This is a couple that is fully committed to Him, and when that is the case, God's adventures will just keep on coming. Thank you, Don and Mary! We appreciate you both!



The church staff celebrated Don and Mary (here with their granddaughter Alex) at a party on Monday, April 11.



New Sermon Series

Pastor Jody has just begun a new sermon series in the book of Ecclesiastes that will continue for the next few months. In describing the series, Pastor Jody says: “We’re all overwhelmed with the magnitude of what is happening in our world. How stressful it is. How quickly things are changing. The turmoil of it all. Ecclesiastes looks at life and says, ‘Yeah, you’re right. This world really can seem like a train wreck.’ And yet. Somewhere from the middle of all of that—God speaks. Not in simple ‘pretend like it doesn’t exist’ answers. The narrator takes us down a long journey into the mess, but (thanks be to God!) that’s not the end of the story. There is hope. There is truth. There are meaningful answers.” Join us to hear what God has to say!

Table Talk with Pastor Jody

Take 40 minutes in the middle of your busy day to relax, hear a good talk and realize how the best of life features Christ. Join Pastor Jody for our last event for this season on Thursday, May 12 from 12:10-12:50 in the Fellowship Room. We need everyone to register through the link on our website homepage. You can bring your own lunch or request a sandwich (\$5) or salad (\$10) by registering online by noon on Tuesday, May 10.

Summer Camp

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

OUTDOOR SERVICE

One All-Church Time of Worship!

All Church Outdoor Service

On Sunday, May 15 at 10:00 am, we will come together as one large church body to worship God, hear Pastor Jody deliver the Word and celebrate how God is working at King Street Church. This special service will take place in the Baker Center parking lot (bring a chair!) and will replace our normal Sunday schedule. One of our core values is to be relationally connected by Christ. With the hope of connecting as a community, we've invited several food trucks to join us on-site after worship and have ordered bounce houses for the kids. We hope you'll stay for lunch and connect with others. If you wish, bring your own picnic lunch in a cooler! Invite friends or family who might appreciate a "non-church" setting. *These photos are from last year's event.*



FOOD TRUCKS

Uncle Eddie's BBQ
Rollz on Wheelz
Food Adventures
Peculiar Pizza
Antietam Dairy



UPCOMING EVENTS



2022 Graduates

One of our favorite annual traditions is honoring our graduates. High school and undergrad students who wish to be included should send a high resolution digital picture to Lauren Dukehart, ldukehart@kschurch.org. Include details about what school you have graduated from and any future plans. The deadline to submit is May 15; graduation Sunday is June 5.



PrimeTimer Trip to See David

The PrimeTimers will be hosting a trip on Wednesday, October 19 to see the production of “David” at Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. Save the date now and contact Frances Humelsine at (717) 263-8633 to reserve your spot for this incredible show. More details to come.

Child Dedication Classes: A child dedication is a ceremony in which believing parents make a commitment before the Lord to raise that child according to God's Word and God's ways. Our next dedication event will be on Father's Day, June 19. If you wish to participate in this special ceremony, attend a preparation class on either May 8 or 22 in M221 at 11:00 am.



Chambersburg Project: Sunday-Friday, July 10-15 — Grades 7-12

Chambersburg Project is a weeklong local mission opportunity for our students; they will repair and renovate homes for Franklin County residents who have physical and/or financial limitations. Students will work during the day, then join together with other local students in the evening for devotions, guest speakers, and praise and worship. They sleep at a local school in supervised “dorms”; meals are provided. This is one of our highlights of the summer. The cost is \$200; financial aid is available. The deadline to register is June 1. Learn more/sign up at kingstreetchurch.com/project.



QUEST FOR GOD'S GREAT LIGHT!

**Vacation Bible School is
Sunday-Wednesday,
June 26-29, 6:30-8:30 pm**

Our Theme for 2022

This summer's VBS program invites our children to explore the ways God's great light shines in the world, and shows them how they can reflect that light in their own lives. *"Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the LORD'S glory has shone upon you!" (Isaiah 60:1, CEB)*

Participants will:

- Learn about God's creation and strive to care for it
- Be encouraged to trust God even when they are fearful
- Understand how to act on their faith
- Celebrate God's work in their lives
- Be reminded to share God's hope with others in our hurting world

How to Register

- **Volunteers:** We will need people helping behind-the-scenes as well as Crew Leaders to experience VBS with a group of 3-5 kids. Crew leaders are especially vital as they determine how many children we can invite to attend VBS. If you can partner with this in this important ministry, please sign up at kingstreetchurch.com/vbs or in the lobbies, beginning May 8.
- **Supplies:** Another way to help is in providing snack supplies for VBS. Cards will be posted in the lobbies this month. You can also provide an online donation at serve.kingstreetchurch.com (Service Central.) Look for the VBS logo.
- **Kids Registration:** Sign-up for kids aged 4 through the completion of 5th grade will begin May 29. Details will be available in the lobbies or at kingstreetchurch.com/vbs.

Relationally Connected

COMMUNITY NEWS & NOTES



Baptisms

The following people were baptized during our worship services on Sunday, April 24. Read their full testimonies and see the video recap with more photos on [The Hub](#): click the link on our home page at kingstreetchurch.com. Share in the powerful stories of our brothers and sisters in Christ!

- Pamela Beveridge
- Noah Barnhart
- Lydia Crider
- Lauren Dukehart
- Luke Leidy
- Sydney Moore
- Asher Peckman
- Tyler Thomas
- Jordan Yeager

May Communion Offering

This month communion offerings will go to the Rhodes Grove Campership Fund, which supports KSC children and students going to Rhodes Grove Camp this summer.

Giving Report

These offerings are part of the General Fund.

- March 27 **\$44,848.77**
- April 3 **\$58,198.88**
- April 10 **\$55,634.23**
- April 17 **\$55,847.59**
- April 24 **\$37,994.70**

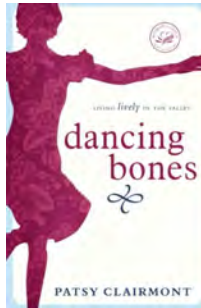
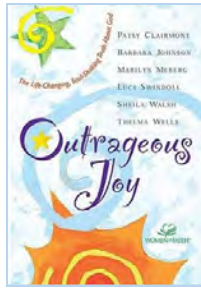
Attendance Report

The following numbers reflect those who attend in-person as well as online. We count each unique IP address that tunes in online, which represents a separate computer, phone, or TV. Our survey indicates that approximately 2 people watch at each address. This is how we reach our online number.

- | | In-Person | Online |
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| • April 3 | 943 | 433 |
| • April 10 | 1,080 | 475 |
| • April 16/17 | 1,591 | 468 |
| • April 24 | 981 | 433 |

Library Update

The library has hundreds of books. With Mother's Day in May we would like to highlight a couple that our ladies may enjoy: *Dancing Bones* by Patsy Clairmont and *Outrageous Joy* by "Women of Faith" authors. Did you know that May is also designated as "Date Your Mate" and "Get Caught Reading" month? There are a number of books on dating and you could get caught reading a novel, a book on Christian living, or fiction. Our church library is located on the lower level of the Baker Center, in room M12.



Now Hiring

KSC is seeking to hire two positions. Visit kingstreetchurch.com/job for application requirements and additional details.

- **Facilities Custodian/Maintenance Technician:** (*full-time, second shift*) Share the responsibilities of providing a clean, safe, and comfortable environment for our church family and community.
- **PreSchool Coordinator:** (*part-time*) Provide administrative leadership for SonShine Park, our preschool ministry, including overseeing volunteers and coordinating Sunday classes.

Thank You!

The family of Margaret Huber wishes to give the Youth and their leaders a big Thank You for washing windows, raking tons of leaves, clearing debris from the front porch roof, and other odd jobs on the morning of March 26.

Margaret's family is referring to an event our Student Ministry team held called Serving Saturday. 30 students in grades 6-12 and 9 adults helped at the homes of local widows. Here are some photos from that day.



THE NEW TESTAMENT



Bible Reading Plan 2022



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Dig deeper! In your personal journal, consider answering these questions as part of your devotional time:

- Identify one FACT that stands out to you from the reading.
- Consider how you REACT to this fact. *What is God saying to you specifically? How do you think or feel about it? Personalize the truth to your own life.*
- What is God calling you to ACT upon? *How can you put God's Word into practice in your own life? What will you do about this truth today?*

Engaging & Blessing

OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE GOSPEL

Serving Our Community at Home

The mission at King Street Church is to engage and bless our community with the Gospel. Sometimes, that community comes to us! Today we focus on some ways of serving internally that directly impact guests. If you would like to serve, click the [Serving](#) link on our homepage, or contact Molly Shull at mshull@kschurch.org.

PRAYER: Prayer Warriors, we need your prayers! This is a vital support role as well. Please be in prayer for:

- Our staff, that they would remain focused on Christ and emotionally encouraged.
- That God would supply our need for ministry helpers.
- For the people in our church family who are suffering with illness, grief, mental health issues, financial concerns, and other trials.
- As the school year comes to a close, pray for our teachers and students.



CURRENT NEEDS

It is our hope that as partners and attenders, we will use our gifts to support our ministries when the call goes out. Friends, these are the areas where we need support now:

Crosswalk KidMin Nursery, Preschool, Elementary | 9:30 and 11:00 Teachers and Helpers | Plant the Word of God in tender young hearts, and enable their parents to worship.

Welcome Team | 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am Services | Be the first to assure guests that we are filled with the love of Jesus, and you are welcome and safe here.

RESET | Childcare, Meals | Support the team that brings hope and healing to a community at KSC that is pursuing abundant life in Christ. We pay our child-care help; we are also seeking groups to provide a simple meal for 40+ people.

OMM Report

*from the Once More Ministry
Leadership Team*

**This KSC ministry
shares the love of Jesus
and builds relationships
by providing toiletries to
those in need in our
community.**



You may recall that March's distribution was moved a few weeks due to winter weather. We were excited to see how the Lord would work through OMM for His Kingdom and especially curious to see if the postponement would result in unexpected opportunities for ministry. Although we may not see all the results of His handiwork, we believe that there can be purpose in details like a snow-induced postponement. God is in every detail and we know He has orchestrated OMM's outreach in ways we can't imagine.

March's distribution saw increased attendance early in the day; we ran out of toiletry supplies around 11 a.m. and food supplies from our partners around 11:15 a.m. We've never run out so early in the day! We can only speculate as to reasons for this; one thought is that funds often run low at the end of the month. Whatever the reasons, the Lord allowed OMM to touch a lot of lives we hadn't met previously. Praise God for that!

We are so grateful to our dedicated volunteers who donated supplies, time, and effort to our mission to bless and serve our community with the Gospel. The Lord has been so faithful to send us the right people at the right time, all with hearts to serve our community friends. Thank you, Team, for all you do to help reach our neighbors for Christ! While numbers do not reflect all the ministry that occurs on a distribution day, they may help you to understand the scope of the people we seek to reach.

Our distribution team included:

- 25 volunteers who packed 200 toiletry boxes and 50 bags and loaded them onto the trailer beforehand
- 30 OMM event volunteers, an officer from the Chambersburg Police, and a WellSpan Community Health Worker
- 10 volunteers to write cards to event attendees

In addition to the 250 bags and boxes of toiletries supplied by our church family and our budget through KSC, these individuals and businesses contributed to make the distribution even more plentiful:

- Gene & Fern Diller: 200 boxes
- David H. Martin Excavating: a trailer to store packed boxes and bags
- Ruthie Ludwig & Weis Grocery: 75 reusable grocery bags
- Bender's Potato Farm: 300 ten-pound bags of potatoes
- Maranatha Ministries: pastries, breads, mac & cheese, and potato chips
- Shalom Christian Academy: 2,022 pounds of canned goods
- PA Department of Health: 526 at-home COVID test kits
- Wilson College Community: 800 toothbrushes
- Covenant Family Dentistry/Adamson Family Dentistry, and Wolter Advanced Dental Care: 200 toothbrushes



A huge **THANK YOU** to **Katie Shank**, KSC member and member of The Porch Young Adult ministry who headed up the March distribution as part of an educational leadership project. She oversaw our planning, supply collection, prepacking, and distribution; she also arranged for Wilson College students to donate toothbrushes for our kiddie bags. It was a massive task, and she did an amazing job!



Our friends traveled from Chambersburg, Mercersburg, Fayetteville, Shippensburg, Mechanicsburg, St. Thomas, Greencastle, and Smithsburg, MD. A total of 268 families, representing 1,068 people, were served, and the languages represented were:

- 96 English (289 family members)
- 115 Spanish (502 family members)
- 56 Haitian/Creole (232 family members)
- 1 Indian (5 family members)

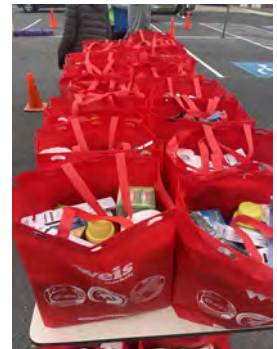
We invite you to partner with us in this important work! We purchase some bulk supplies from the Dollar Tree. Their costs have increased \$.25 per item, and due to the large volume of our orders, our quarterly costs have now risen \$900. The Lord has been faithful in supplying every need; we don't doubt that He will continue in that faithfulness. You may be part of His plan! Would you pray about how you can support OMM? If you would like to donate supplies, it's very affordable through the Dollar Tree or similar retailers. You could



even get creative! Some Sunday school classes support OMM by placing collection tubs in their classrooms. *(Please email us if you decide to do this so we can arrange to collect goods from your classroom.)* We invite your L3, Bible study, or prayer group that would like to take on a service project. We know our readers include some savvy savers and out-of-the-box thinkers. We are so very thankful for each and every donation.

Donated supplies can be placed in the bins at each worship venue. Here are the items we regularly collect. As a reminder, items should be in new, unopened condition.

- Laundry detergent (30-64 oz)
- Dryer sheets
- Feminine hygiene products
- Liquid dish soap
- Toothpaste
- Bar soap
- Razors for men and women
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Deodorant for men and women
- Individually-wrapped paper towels
- Small 4- or 6-packs of toilet paper
- Facial tissues



We provide prayer cards and the plan of salvation in every bag. Our next distribution is on **Saturday, June 11**. If you would like to serve with OMM, there are many ways you can do so, before, during, and after the event.

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

For more information or to volunteer, email omm@kschurch.org; we'll be in touch soon.



God at Work

THROUGH KSC LEADERSHIP

March Board Highlights

The Board of Administration of King Street Church met on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 in the Choir Room. Glenn Watson, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Alyssa Heberlig opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Glenn Watson welcomed Dave Rotz to the Board Meeting to present the results of the Annual Financial Audit. Dave shared that the committee audited the records of the financial reports of the church for calendar year ending December 31, 2021. They found no evidence of errors or omissions. They wish to commend the Treasurer, Business Manager, staff and volunteers for the fine work done this past year.

SENIOR PASTOR REPORT

Pastor Jody stated that his report is wrapped around three areas: Grieving, Raising Up and Coming Together. Pastor Jody shared that we are still in a season of grieving with the passing of many people close to us. In regards to “Raising Up”, Jody shared that he is grateful for the team we have here at KSC. In regards to “Coming Together”, we want to see our King Street Church family come together even more than we already are, a place where people can truly feel free to be honest and open, and

know they will be taken care of. May 15 will be a congregation-wide church service and will focus on celebration. Pastor Jody will be wrapping up the Hebrews series by the end of April and then we’ll enter into a new series in Ecclesiastes.

EXECUTIVE PASTOR REPORT

Steve Flint shared that the Partnership Class this past Sunday went very well. There were 110 people that attended the Ash Wednesday service. The Maundy Thursday Service will be held at 6:00pm on April 14 in the Sanctuary. The Once More Ministries distribution has been rescheduled for March 26 due to inclement weather. After our All Staff Meeting coming up this Monday, March 14, the entire staff will be doing a “Taco Monday” luncheon. It is being sponsored by an anonymous donor so the staff can fellowship together.

ELDER TEAM REPORT

Greg West advised they are working on plans for improving communication between the elders, co-missions and staff. This includes understanding each other’s roles, developing leaderships skills and how the different groups can work more closely together.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Dan Gehris shared the cost of the various camps being offered at Rhodes Grove Camp

this summer and proposed a motion that King Street Church contributions remain the same as they were last year. The motion was unanimously approved.

CO-MISSION REPORTS *(alpha order)*

Adult Ministry – Mark Willson announced two new co-mission members, Ralph Todino and Karen Martin. Mark gave a report on the Night to Shine event and shared appreciation to all those who worked so diligently to make this year's NTS event a great success. The "Roar Like a Mother" conference has over 300 registrations representing over 40 churches. Plans are being made for the library to become more of a multi-faceted environment.

Children's Ministry – Alexander Rosenbaum advised the Children's Ministry is looking for a Pre-School Coordinator and a summer intern. They are planning for this year's Vacation Bible School. VBS will start on Sunday, June 26 and end on Wednesday, June 29. They are looking for VBS teachers, helpers, snack prep crew, volunteers to help set up decorations and props, and someone who is able to help translate the lessons into Spanish for any Spanish-speaking children at VBS.

Finance – Brad Etchberger advised that Neil Rotz is their new vice-chairperson. Dan Gehris reviewed February 2022 financials. February undesignated giving came in over budget. Undesignated giving YTD is over budget as well. February expenses came in under budget. Expenses YTD are under budget as well. We are very grateful for the generous hearts of the KSC family and praise God for His goodness.

Local Outreach – Sharon Bowers reported that the Franklin County Jail Ministry has great support from both the Warden and Deputy Warden. Fruitbelt

Farmworkers reports a strong receptiveness to the Gospel. Once More Ministries has a distribution scheduled for March 26. Agape English continues to see increases in numbers each week. RESET continues to grow as well.

Missions – Alyssa Heberlig advised that John Schaffer is their new vice-chairperson. John Smith joined their co-mission meeting to share an update on Orphan's Tree. Alyssa stated there is going to be a meeting this spring to discuss plans for Haiti reconstruction.

Personnel Relations – Aaron Smith advised the PRC has been discussing the current open positions (custodial and preschool coordinator). We are in a holding pattern with the potential Spanish speaking pastor role.

Property – Dale Forney shared that there is work being done on a new design for the library and pricing is underway. HVAC building automation has been completed. The Middle School area and hallway work is being discussed. The painting has been completed in the nursery. The co-mission is also discussing a request to add a sink in the Connectability Room.

Student Ministry – Penny Poorman advised the Student Ministry Co-Mission did not meet since our last Board Meeting and had no updates.

Worship Arts – Carolyn Chenaille advised that two college students have applied for the Creative Arts internships. Solotech is still planning for the second week in July for their Baker Center sound system install. Prayer requests include more volunteers for worship at RESET, confidence for student worship leaders, more people to join the Adult Choir and for the worship staff as they discern all the opportunities available and that they would properly pace themselves.

Alyssa Heberlig closed in prayer at 9:10 pm.

Missionally Engaged

AROUND THE WORLD

Russia Ministry Update

April 2022, this update is from one of our ministry partners that serves orphan “grads” who have been released from government care and are trying to live on their own.

We are now approaching two months of this unimaginable war. As a ministry and as individual staff members, we feel the ramifications of it in so many ways. However, our Russian staff is committed to continuing our outreach regardless of these most difficult circumstances. Here are some quick updates:

At this time, we are aware of one of our program participants who has been killed during the war. Zhenya was a newer member of our family program in ■ as he and his wife Oksana had a baby girl this past December. Our staff is supporting and working closely with Oksana as she grieves the loss of her husband. Your prayers for her and the baby are appreciated.

Inflation has started hitting the budgets of our older orphans. The rising cost of food and shortages of medicines are acutely being felt. Meanwhile, the expected drop in the value of the ruble has not been as drastic as predicted as the Russian Central Bank continues to prop up its value.

As you may be aware, many Russians are limited to what their paranoid government tells them

for their knowledge of the war. The vast majority of our orphans fall into this category. Despite the tension and stress, ministry continues! We are providing support for young families, the peer-to-peer mentorship is thriving, life-skill seminars are assisting orphans in their transition to independent living, and staff are sharing the good news of this Easter season. On our last Zoom call with partners, it was announced that the ■ Ministry Center received a Volunteer of the Year award from the city of ■. Volunteering by orphans continues in all our regions and we are especially pleased with the start of this meaningful activity in ■.

In closing, a short story. In 1995 I was visiting the ■ Orphanage and was told a lady was waiting outside to meet me. She was probably in her 70's and had that weathered look of someone who had lived a hard life. She wanted to meet an American for the first time and ask questions to confirm some things she had heard. It was a fantastic visit and as she was leaving she said to me, “I remember all the times we were told about how terrible Americans and the West were. But I remember during WWII when Americans sent wheat to Russia and I even received a blanket from Americans. So when I was told by our government how Americans were our enemy, I never believed them.”

I share that story from 27 years ago as it appears we are replaying that exact scenario.

The current Russian government is saying the same things and many people believe what they are told. I feel it is important that today we consider those we work with, and cover them with “blankets” of love and care. Thank you again for your continued, faithful prayers. ~ G.

The below image shows Pastor Jay during a visit to this Russian ministry a few years ago.



K&R

April 2, 2022, In ■, a country we cannot disclose for their safety.

“He is risen! He is risen indeed!”

These words are meaningful far beyond the typical Easter morning greeting. We may view the words “He is risen” as a celebratory or a theological statement, but these words speak hope into our lives and the burdens which weigh on our thoughts and emotions. We have certainty of Christ's power in salvation and over death. This not only secures us in eternity but re-defines the way we view our days and years. Christ's risen life is ours! We know the living God; His glory shines in the darkness.

Friendship Center

Thank you for your prayers for the work at the Friendship Center. We've spent more time with their programs these past months. For the Friday evening gatherings R is preparing children's

activities that focus on building character traits. Here are some of the things the children have said in conversations with her:

- “My face always looks sad. That is just its natural state, and I can't help it.”
- “I'm seven right now. When I am nine I will get to wear the hijab!” (*Muslim head covering*)
- “What is hell like?”

R and her helpers have opportunity to give the children direction, comfort and perhaps most importantly, to establish that we who know Jesus are people of hope and love them. We believe we are planting seeds that the Lord will use in the future. Please pray that long term the children will seek to know Jesus.

In addition, we had the wonderful surprise of meeting an extended family of Syrian refugees who speak Turkish! This family spent 8 years in Turkey while wading through the long stringent process of finding a new country to live in. Already we have had opportunity to share with them our hope in Jesus. The family members who know Turkish best are now starting jobs, so pray for more opportunities to meet with them.

Travel to ■

Lord willing, this month we will travel to ■ to meet with our workers who minister there. We are thankful to have this chance to meet with everyone. Five of the twelve fellow workers have arrived in the last two years and are still in that uncomfortable time of adjustment to a new place and culture. Pray that in our time together the workers will be encouraged, renewed and trained in fruitful service. Also, in flying to that region we will need to navigate Covid restrictions that are still in place. We would appreciate your prayers that travel plans will work out smoothly. Our trip is from April 26-May 5.

Ramadan

Today, April 2, the Muslim month of fasting begins. This is not the easiest time to witness as religious fervor is at a high point. Also, many Muslims re-arrange their schedules to sleep during the day, making visits difficult. But this month is a great opportunity for us who know the living God to pray. **Ask** God to shine the light of the Gospel brightly in the Muslim world, **pray** that Muslims will be convicted of their sin and their inability to please God through their works and fasting.

HB

April 7, 2022, On a short-term mission trip to ■, a country we cannot disclose for the missionary's safety.

Hello friends and family! Although the changes in weather that come with the spring season aren't something I'm currently experiencing in ■, my teammates and I have been no stranger to change this month.

Starting in March, my teammates and I have experienced more schedule changes in our school and are now teaching grades K-8 instead of grades 4-8. Personally, my schedule has not been impacted too much by these changes, but the increase of grade levels has had quite the impact on my teammates' schedules. Adjusting to the changes has been difficult for our team as a whole, but I can see the Father working in this season through growing our patience with one another and helping us learn how to serve one another better.

Along the lines of teaching, my 6th grade class will soon be starting a unit on daily routines and I would love to involve all of you in this unit through creating a PowerPoint or short



video about a day in your life! This doesn't have to be anything elaborate. Simpler is generally better for my students and their English levels. The KSC church office has an example of what the PPT could look like. They can also put you in touch with me if you're interested in doing this or have any questions.

As some of you may already know, I've committed to a second year of teaching in ■! I and the rest of my teammates (who have also committed to serving in ■ for another year) are so excited to see what the Father will do in the coming year in the life of our team!

A question that often follows my second year commitment is: When will you be visiting the States? A few weeks ago, we received our school schedule for the academic school year and learned our school year will end in November of this year. So, I will be visiting in November and December of this year when my school is on their break.

My 5th graders are so full of energy and excitement! One of the benefits of my teammates and I having different teaching schedules is that we can now serve in one another's classrooms by providing specialized small group instruction for students who need extra interventions in English.

This month, my teammates and I took a weekend to visit the beautiful temples in the city of ■. This trip was a great experience for my teammates and I to learn more about the culture of ■ and experience some of the traditions that people value so highly. Witnessing the grandeur of ■ was a very valuable learning experience and I'm so grateful to have had the opportunity to learn more about the culture of ■ and to have a change of scenery.

The architecture and history of ■ is truly incredible! The ■ people are so proud of ■! Thank you all so much for the Christmas cards! This month I got two packages of Christmas cards from all of you. You are all so kind and I appreciate your thoughtfulness and well-wishes. It was such a fun surprise to receive Christmas cards from all of you! I think of you often and hope you are all doing well. If you have any updates from your own life that you'd like to share, please reply and share them with me!

Thank you so much for your continued support and encouragement! I'm so excited to see what the Father will do in the year to come!

Prayer Points

- Please lift for patience with the school as schedule changes continue to come up and that my teammates and I can support each other well through these changes.
- Our short term team of teachers is coming in May! Please lift up these six new teammates as they prepare to come to ■.
- We will have a two week break from classes in early April. Please lift for safety as we travel to the city for team events and for a time of refreshment and renewal.

Roger & Marilyn Reeck

*April 17, 2022,
Officially retired,
but still serving
with Wycliffe Bible
Translators.*



Tiago, the Little Boy Preacher

A small teenage boy stopped by our small apartment in Africa to give us a gift of honey. His clothes and a wobbly old bike let me know how difficult his life was.

"Where are you going on that old bike?" I asked.

"I'm going to the end of the road to teach a Bible class. There are twenty three teens who attend."

"Hey" I said, "if I borrow a bike can I go with you?"

"Sure, but I want to warn you it's pretty far away".

On the way, Tiago told me that the people in that town worshipped the spirits that live in trees, hills, ponds and everywhere in nature. His group of teens were the only true believers in the Supreme God. I was really impressed with this little man of God. So, along with wonderful friends back in the US we helped him get through junior high and high school.

We then sent him to a four year Bible school so that he could become a pastor. He pastored for one year but then said: "I want to be a Bible translator like you! Help me learn English so that I can study further."

We sent him to the Gambia, an English speaking country nearby. After he felt his English had improved he said. "My dream is to study Bible and linguistics in Kenya. Could you help me?"

Well guess what, it is now a reality! A friend in the US has made the finances available for this new venture.

Along the way he married his hometown sweetheart and their first baby was born last month.

Marilyn figured out the logistics— visa, registration, and airplane tickets and now Tiago is ready to go! He leaves on April 21. His wife will join him later in the summer.

Praise God for this wonderful young man and his strong dedication.

*"So continue encouraging each other and building each other up, just like you are doing already."
1 Thessalonians 5:11*

Thank you for being an encouragement to us.

Answered Prayers

- Manjaco Project: Roger had a successful Bible translation check on zoom with the Manjaco language. He was impressed with the quality of their translation. They have greatly improved since last time!
- Mexico: Marilyn had a good trip to the Aztec group in Mexico and they are now translating the Trauma Healing materials.
- Trip: We have been visiting churches in eastern and northern parts of the US acknowledging their years of faithful support to our work. The trip has been a blessing.

Prayer Points

- Tiago's trip and classes in Kenya and the separation from his family.
- Our remaining time in the US before returning to Honduras in July.

ONE MORE STORY OF GOD AT WORK AT KSC!

The Porch young adult ministry is a thriving group at King Street Church that is organized by some of our own young adults. In keeping with our mission and vision, they are very serving-focused. On March 26, led by Katie Shank, they prepared bags to give kids at OMM's distribution, and they also served at the event.



Just a few days later they teamed up with InterVarsity at Wilson College to offer a Night of Worship. They were invited by Emma Lowman, a leader of InterVarsity who attends both KSC and The Porch. She was looking to create a night that would bolster InterVarsity's weekly group, and she knew that live band would draw in more students. At the event they passed out flyers for The Porch and King Street Church. This cooperation helped to promote God's work at both ministries. We praise God for The Porch! All young adults are invited to their meetings on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7 pm in the Student Ministry Center. kingstreetchurch.com/youngadult





King Street Church

Our mission is to engage and bless our community with the Gospel.

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

Spiritually Alive in Jesus

Who are you worshipping?

Relationally Connected by Jesus

Who is your community?

Missionally Engaged for Jesus

Who are you serving?

Ministry Staff:

- Jody Bowser, *Senior Pastor*
- Jay Brown, *Pastor of Mission and Discipleship*
- Ron Cook, *Minister of Pastoral Care*
- Stephen Flint, *Executive Pastor*
- Dan Gehris, *Business Manager*
- Matt Gish, *Pastor of High School Ministries*
- Rob Gunkelman, *Pastor of Middle School Student Ministries*
- Becky Hann, *Director of Children's Ministry*
- Nathan Hann, *Pastor of Contemporary Worship*
- Adam Keath, *Director of Restoration and Recovery*
- Nick Randle, *Worship Arts Associate*
- Tyler Roberts, *Director of Media & Production*
- Susanna Allen, *Communications Coordinator*

Pastoral Care

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

Messenger Deadline: Articles and information for the June 2022 issue should be submitted by May 18 to Susanna Allen, sallen@kschurch.org, or 56 N. 2nd St, Chambersburg PA 17201.

How to Give

Pay Online with a Credit Card: Visit kingstreetchurch.com/give to make a one-time payment, or set up recurring gifts.

- **Automatic Deductions:** The church can arrange for recurring deductions from your checking or savings account. See details on our giving page (noted above.)
- **Text to Give:** Text keyword GIVE to our church text line, (717) 401-7777. You will be prompted to enter an amount, and then your payment information (first time.)
- **Giving Envelopes:** We can provide you with personalized giving envelopes. For more information, call the church office at (717) 264-4651 or email Andrea Hartman at ahartman@kschurch.org.
- **Giving Boxes:** Offering boxes are located at the entrances of our worship venues.
- **Send to the KSC Office:** Mail your check or envelope to 56 N. 2nd St, Chambersburg, PA 17201. You can drop-off your gift during office hours: Monday–Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to noon.

Worship Times

In-Person Services:

- 8 a.m. – Sanctuary (*Traditional*)
- 9:30 a.m. – Baker Center and Sanctuary (*Contemporary*)
- 11 a.m. – Sanctuary (*United*)
- 11 a.m. – Baker Center (*Contemporary*)

Watch Online at kingstreetchurch.com, Roku, Apple TV, or Facebook:

- 8 a.m. – Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship
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Luke 1:45

**"Blessed is she who has
believed that the Lord would fulfill
his promises to her!"**

**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY
to all our women!**

