

The Messenger

News and notes for our King Street Church family.

June 2022



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JUNE MESSENGER

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The Need to Breathe

By Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor

OK, so I’ll admit that I was a fan of this past season of American Idol. I thought the show did a good job of identifying the top three singers who made it into the finals, and I would have “been happy” if any of them had won. However, the singer that I found myself pulling for as things went along was Leah—a twenty-year-old from Normal, Illinois. I just really appreciated her growth as the season unfolded, and loved the clarity in her voice (I won’t tell you if she won or not).

Leah was the first to perform in the three hour live finale that concluded by announcing the winner of the entire season. It’s really hard to imagine the pressure that these singers were facing. After Leah sang the opening number, Luke Bryan (one of the judges) said something that I found very interesting. He said that minutes earlier, just as he was about to walk out on stage, he saw Leah (backstage, behind the huge stage props)—literally lying on her back on the hard floor. He asked her why she was doing this. And before she could even answer, I knew in my spirit exactly what she would say. Leah was just trying to slow everything down and center herself. She knew that the next three hours were going to be a total blur, and she just needed to catch her breath—which is precisely what she told Luke.

There is something about that situation that really spoke to me.

We ALL have a need to breathe. We all have the deep need, from time to time, to slow everything down and process the speed at which things are happening all around us.

I want you to think with me for a minute about these past couple of years. In March of 2020, we learned that this virus called “Covid-19”

was starting to spread pretty quickly. We didn't know exactly what this might mean, but WE NEVER IN OUR WILDEST IMAGINATIONS BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD QUITE LITERALLY BRING THE ENTIRE WORLD TO A COMPLETE STANDSTILL—BASICALLY OVERNIGHT. It is impossible to overstate how dramatic all of this was. Everything closed. Don't breathe the air. Don't touch anything. Don't go out of your home. A death counter constantly scrolling on the bottom of the TV screen. No toilet paper. The list goes on and on.

And now, twenty-six months later, we know that this virus was and is real. Covid preyed on the medically vulnerable. Thankfully, most of us got pretty sick—but not deathly sick. Not everyone was so fortunate. I am willing to bet that each and every one of us know someone who died, and Covid played at least some sort of a role. My sister died of bone cancer—but she wasn't able to get in to see a doctor for a correct diagnosis for several months because of Covid. My 99-year-old mother basically died of old age—but there is no doubt that Covid took the wind completely out of her sails.

Our world has changed DRAMATICALLY these past twenty-six months. We all know this. But my question is: Have you really taken the time to truly grieve and lament all that has been lost? Have you taken the time to catch your breath and process all of this? We are living in a far more divided world than we ever have before—I said early on in the pandemic that we haven't seen this kind of division in our country since the Civil War. People are taking sides on EVERYTHING. There is no “gracious middle” anymore.

There's a good chance that you're harboring some anger and deep frustration. There's a good chance you have a completely different view of some people than you did just a couple years ago. There's a good chance many of you are lonelier than you've ever been in your entire life. The list goes on and on.

I think many of us need to slow down and do something that the Bible calls lamenting. Lament is actually a form of praise and prayer—with the intent of drawing close to God in times of great suffering and pain. In many ways, lamenting is a wonderful gift to the children of God. The mere fact we are able to approach God in lament is a sign of intimacy and hope! Perhaps the best definition of lamenting is “a prayer of pain that leads to trust.” Lament is the wailing of the heart before a God who hears, who listens, and who responds to our cries.

Almost half of the 150 Psalms in the Bible are laments. This should tell us that lamenting is an important part of the human experience. It's not a sign of weakness—it's a sign of trust. We desperately need to express to God our anguish and pain, and then find hope and comfort in the truths of His faithful character and promises.

Instead of charging forward as if everything is OK, I want to encourage you to do something along the lines of what Leah did right before she took the stage on American Idol. Slow down. Catch your breath. And more than that—go before the God of the Universe and pour your heart out to Him. Confess your sin to Him. Admit your anger or frustration. Ask for His healing. Cast all of your cares upon Him, because He truly cares for you.

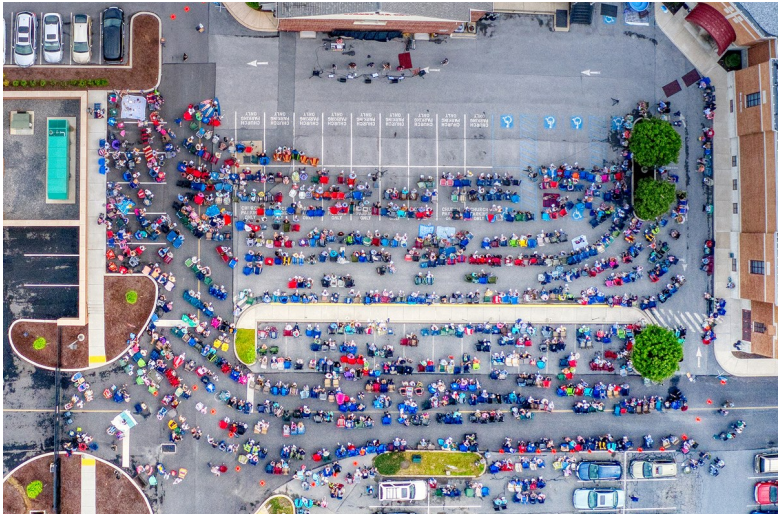
Celebrating Life Together!



Sunday, May 15, was a beautiful day for our church family to come together as one family of God and celebrate our Savior in one space, at one time, and with one voice. We definitely enjoyed ourselves as approximately 925 gathered in-person and a few hundred more joined us online. As part of the service, three young adults were baptized, and we shared in "United" style worship which means a blend of traditional hymns like "It Is Well" along with more modern songs like "What a Beautiful Name." Pastor Jody shared a story from his own life about how God saved him from death, but he also addressed how we can trust Him in the face of death. The dark clouds parted over Chambersburg and we were bathed in bright sunshine just in time for lunch. What a wonderful day!



On the following pages are some photos that were taken by one of our gifted volunteer photographers. They successfully capture some of the life in our time together.







Bible Study 101: Come and learn how to be a better student of the Bible and how to submit to its authority. This six-week class led by Bryan and Betsy Bender will help you observe, interpret, and apply the Bible to your life. Starts **Sunday, June 5**, in the Fellowship Room at 11:00 am. Everyone is welcome!

Baptism Class: Here at King Street Church baptism is an important step in the life of a believer both as an act of obedience to God and a chance to declare our faith in Him. Our next baptismal service will be on Sunday, June 26. If you would like to be baptized, or would like to learn more about this step of obedience, attend a class on **Sunday, June 5** in M31/33 at 11:00 am.



Loss of a Spouse Seminar: Do you dread the lonely days and nights? Wonder what to do with your spouse's belongings? Feel like your brain is in a fog? Unsure of how you'll go on? Help is here and hope is possible.

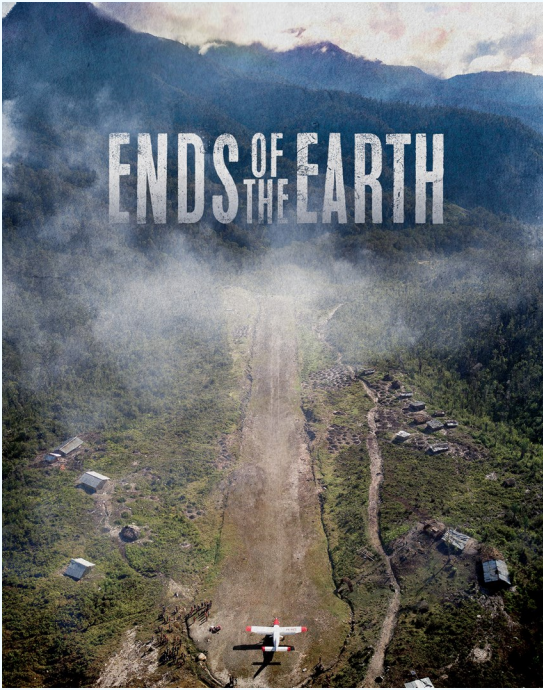
You are invited to a one day seminar hosted by our GriefShare team on **Sunday, June 12** from 2-4 pm in the Choir Room. Pre-register online at griefshare.org/loss/events (enter zip 17201) or call Molly Shull at 717-264-4651. If you have not lost a spouse but know of someone who might benefit from this, please invite them.

PrimeTimer Trip to See David: The PrimeTimers are hosting a trip on **Wednesday, October 19** to see the production of "David" at Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. Contact Frances Humelsine at (717) 263-8633 to reserve your spot for this incredible show.



Summer Street Meetings: Students in grades 6-12 are invited to the Student Ministry Center for games, worship, a message, and ice cream! Our summer meetings begin at 6:30 and end around 8:00 pm at the Ice Cream Station, where parents can pick up the students. The upcoming meetings are **June 8, June 22, July 6, July 27, and August 10**.

Mission Aviation Fellowship Film & Presentation



On Friday, June 17, at 6:00 pm in the Baker Center, our Reflections Sunday school class is hosting a night focused on Mission Aviation Fellowship. We will watch the powerful film, “Ends of the Earth: a Higher Calling, a Radical Faith” which tells the story of MAF pilots around the world. A special guest -- a bush pilot with MAF who is supported by Reflections -- will be with us in-person to share about his own experiences and answer questions. Light refreshments will be served.

The Porch: The Porch exists to gather young adults to connect, support, and challenge one another. They meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7:00 pm in the Student Ministry Center. This month they are meeting **June 2** and **23** (fourth week is for June only.) They are currently exploring a study on Relationships.

RESET on Monday Nights: RESET is our worship service and support community that meets on Monday nights at 6:30 pm, downstairs in the Student Ministry Center (come at 6:00 pm for dinner!). Learn more at kingstreetchurch.com/reset. Save the date for our summer picnic on **July 11!** **Help Needed:** we are seeking childcare helpers. There is a stipend available for those who serve and teens are welcome to apply.

PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS

We ask that you be in prayer for our staff and volunteers as they coordinate a thousand details in preparation for a rich summer of ministry. Please also pray for the students, that they would be receptive to God’s work in their lives.

- **Summer Sneak: June 14-18:** This is a retreat for students in grades 8-12 in Cape Henlopen, Delaware.
- **Chambersburg Project: July 10-15:** This is an outreach for students in grades 6-12; they will work on the homes of local residents-in-need.
- **Kentucky Missions Trip: July 17-23:** Students in grades 9-12 will travel to Mayfield, Kentucky, to assist with tornado recovery.



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 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 Participate

- **Volunteers:** We 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 us in this important ministry, please sign up at kingstreetchurch.com/vbs
- **Supplies:** Another way to help is by providing snack supplies for VBS. Cards are posted in the lobbies or you can 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 is now open at kingstreetchurch.com/vbs.

Relationally Connected

COMMUNITY NEWS & NOTES



Baptisms

The following people were baptized during our outdoor worship service on Sunday, May 15. 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!

- **Connor Roseman**
- **Caleb Roseman**
- **Emma Bert**

Giving Report

These offerings are part of the General Fund.

- May 1 **\$52,889.19**
- May 8 **\$55,937.31**
- May 15 **\$28,936.76**
- May 22 **\$61,231.89**

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. The number below is just the unique IPs. This is a correction from what we shared last month. Our survey indicates that approximately two people watch at each address.

- | | In-Person | Online |
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| • May 1 | 834 | 435 |
| • May 8 | 979 | 428 |
| • May 15 | 925 | 449 |
| • May 22 | 920 | 404 |

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES



Name: Where Graduating From • Future Plans

Jarrett Bender: Chambersburg Area High School • Triangle Tech

Rachel Bender: Temple University, Bachelor's in Business Administration

Ethan Bert: Wheaton College, Bachelor's in Philosophy

Jamae Bowser: Shalom Christian Academy • Anderson University for Communications

Mitchell Bowser: Cedarville University, Bachelor's in Worship

Kathryn Chenaille: Wilson College, Bachelor's in Veterinary Nursing

Alexis Fluent: James Buchanan High School • Bloomsburg University for Nursing

Avery Geesaman: Shalom Christian Academy • Shenandoah University for Business and Esports Management

Olivia Hock: James Buchanan High School • Harrisburg Area Community College for Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting

Ashlyn Hollenshead: Chambersburg Area High School • Penn State Mont Alto for Nursing

Wyatt Hubers: Shalom Christian Academy • Full Sail University

Chad Hummer: Penn Foster High School • Working as an EMT/Paramedic

Carolyn Mejia: Chambersburg Area High School • Shippensburg University for Business

Michael Miller: Chambersburg Area High School • Working in Sound Engineering

Jordan Mose: Shalom Christian Academy

Hannah Mussmon: Shalom Christian Academy • Liberty University for Nursing

Cole Myers: Chambersburg Area High School • Messiah University for Engineering

Leah Myers: Shalom Christian Academy • Cedarville University for Math Education

Quinton Ott: Shalom Christian Academy • Liberty University for Aviation

Sam Raudabaugh: Career Magnet School • Shippensburg University for Mechanical Engineering

Joelle Rheam: Chambersburg Area High School • West Chester University for Nutrition

Lydia Rhodes: Homeschool • Shippensburg University for Early Childhood Education

Caleb Roseman: Shalom Christian Academy • Pensacola Christian College for Business

Cameron Roseman: Cedarville University, Bachelor's in Marketing

Sam Sleighter: Career Magnet School • Working as an Electrician with Frank Leshar Electrical Company

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Adin Smith: Shalom Christian Academy • Triangle Tech for Welding

Maekaila Snoke: Franklin Leaning Center • Living each day to its fullest and according to God's purpose for her life

Adam Snyder: Cumberland Valley Christian School • Shippensburg University for Mechanical Engineering

Brooke Stoneham: Penn State University, Bachelor's in Animal Science

Colin Stouffer: Liberty University, Bachelor's in Aviation

Bradley Thomas: Shalom Christian Academy • Messiah University for Nursing

Jake Werner: Penn State University, Bachelor's in Psychology

Kara Wiley: Liberty University, Bachelor's in Nursing and Public Health

Noah Yost: Chambersburg Area High School • Messiah University for Engineering

Library Update: The library is temporarily closed for repairs. We look forward to its reopening in a few weeks.



Student Grants: King Street's Student Grant Program provides an annual grant to regular attenders and members who are enrolled in an accredited undergraduate program. We are accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year; visit kingstreetchurch.com/grants to download the application (complete both pages.) Except for incoming freshmen, applicants are also required to provide a copy of grades from your last school semester. We do not require an official transcript; a copy or legible screenshot of your grades is fine. The deadline to submit an application is Monday, July 18.

Now Hiring: For details and application requirements, visit kingstreetchurch.com/job.

- **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.

June Communion Offering

This month communion offerings will go to the Samaritan Fund, which provides financial assistance to KSC members and regular attenders. The fund is overseen by our Deacon Committee. If you are in need or would like to learn more about how to receive help from the Samaritan Fund, contact the church office at (717) 264-4651.



God at Work

THROUGH KSC LEADERSHIP

April Board Highlights

The Board of Administration of King Street Church met on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 in the Choir Room. Glenn Watson, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

SENIOR PASTOR REPORT

Pastor Jody Bowser shared his appreciation for Bekah Laws and her outstanding job of directing the choir. We had a wonderful Palm Sunday celebration with an attendance of 1,080 people. Pastor Jody acknowledged the great job that Camaryn Ellis did a couple of weeks ago from the pulpit. Pastor Jody shared that he had the opportunity and honor to pray at the state capital in Harrisburg at the invitation of PA State Senator Doug Mastriano.

EXECUTIVE PASTOR REPORT

Pastor Steve Flint asked everyone to be in prayer for our Maundy Thursday and Easter services. Pastor Steve distributed the new 2022 KSC Staff Album and asked everyone to remember the staff in their prayers. Pastor Steve also shared the handout about the retirement of Don Burkholder and advised there was a retirement luncheon served on Monday, April 11 to celebrate Don's 40 years of service.

ELDER TEAM REPORT

Greg West advised that the elders met in March and they continued to talk about their role as elders. They spent a lot of time in prayer for the various programs of King Street Church and different people's needs. They are still working on plans for improving communication between the elders, co-missions and staff members.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Dan Gehris explained why there is a need for the church to purchase a new server. Dan recommended we accept the proposal he shared from Elect IT Solutions for a new server and all included equipment and licenses. On a Brad Etchberger/Dale Forney motion to approve the purchase of the new server from Elect IT Solutions as proposed by Dan Gehris, the motion was unanimously approved.

CO-MISSION REPORTS *(alpha order)*

Adult Ministry – Mark Willson advised the “Roar Like a Mother” conference took place with over 40 churches represented. Grief Share has about 24 weekly attendees. The KSC library team continues to work and they are a dedicated, committed group who are passionate about the library. Mark shared that some of our L3 Groups want to explore beyond the DFD curriculum and go deeper in studies. There is a scheduled annual meeting of the L3 leaders in May.

Children's Ministry – Alexander Rosenbaum advised the Children's Ministry Co-Mission plans to meet next month and will continue planning for this year's VBS event.

Finance – Brad Etchberger stated that the next meeting for the Finance Co-Mission is scheduled for April 25. Dan Gehris reviewed March 2022 financials and Q1 2022 financial results. March undesignated giving was under budget but is still over budget YTD. Expenses in March were under budget and are under budget YTD. Dan led the Board in a heartfelt prayer of gratitude to the Lord reminding us all that this is the Lord's ministry and Jesus is working through the generous hearts of KSC.

Local Outreach – Sharon Bowers reported that the LOC met on April 5 and Pastor Adam opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Bev Sollenberger was welcomed to her first LOC meeting as the newest member. Camaryn Ellis led worship at an Intervarsity event at Wilson College. Pastor Adam reported that RESET is doing well and they have 45-60 people participating each week. Once More Ministries had a distribution two weeks ago and their supplies were depleted by 11:00am.

Missions – Alyssa Heberlig advised the Mission Co-Mission agreed to send three monetary gifts to different organizations that are aiding Ukrainians and the co-mission will revisit this again soon to see what the needs are and possibly give again to relief efforts in the Ukraine.

Personnel Relations – Brian Mace reported the PRC had a meeting on April 6. It was the first PRC meeting since Kim Shatzer's passing and there was a time of remembrance

during their meeting. The part-time Pre-School Coordinator position has no current internal candidates. Aaron Smith has accepted the position of PRC Chairman. Brian Mace has accepted the position of PRC Vice Chairman.

Property – Dale Forney shared the landscaping around the 2nd Street parking lot has been completed. We have requested cost estimates for a sink to be installed in the Connectability Room. The plexiglass sneeze-guard installation at Deb's Café has been completed. A white dogwood tree has been planted in front of the church office which was donated by the Disciples Sunday School Class in memory of Earl & Almeta McClain and Bob Mills. All tree trimming has been completed.

Student Ministry – Penny Poorman shared the middle school boys went to see a Hershey Bears hockey game and a group of middle school girls also went to Hershey. Road Crew training was held on March 6. "Serve Saturday" was a huge success. Tonight is the "Night of Peeps" event. Small Group Night is scheduled for April 27 and Senior Celebration is on May 4. The Road Crew picnic is scheduled for May 11. Ten students registered for the upcoming Kentucky Mission Trip. The Chambersburg Project registration is now open and there is an ice-skating event planned for May.

Worship Arts – Carolyn Chenaille shared there were 50 individuals in the mass choir. Carolyn is going to recommend we have a mass choir event quarterly because there was so much interest.

Sharon Bowers closed in prayer at 8:54pm.

Engaging & Blessing

OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE GOSPEL

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.



Mark your calendars: our next quarterly distribution is **Saturday, June 11**. Please pray for a day filled with Christ's love, overflowing onto our neighbors, and that His love will show in everything we do!

Several people have asked how the name, Once More Ministries, came about. Stephanie Storts, who founded the ministry, describes it this way: "It's actually just the idea of grace – that we're all given one more chance. Actually, we're all given millions of chances!" Simple but true concept. Grace is richly given to each of us. As Once More Ministries' volunteers, we simply want to reflect the grace that's been extended to us back to our neighbors.

If you would like to **serve** with OMM, there are multiple times and ways you can help!

- Thursday, June 9: Help pre-pack boxes to prepare them for distribution.
- Saturday, June 11 (Distribution Day): Work in various positions – greet, distribute items to our friends, direct traffic, or share

Christ with the recipients as they wait their turn to pick up goods.

- The month or so following distribution day: Write very short thank-you messages in cards and mail them to recipients. You will be provided cards/envelopes, postage, preprinted mailing labels, and contact cards. All you need to provide are your thoughts and a pen to write them!

If you would like to **contribute supplies**, please bring them to the bins located in each of the lobbies. Here is the list of items we regularly collect:

- Laundry detergent (30-64 oz)
- Dryer sheets
- Dishwashing (liquid) detergent
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Razors: Men's and women's
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Bar soap
- Deodorant: Men's and women's
- Paper towels: Individually-wrapped
- Toilet paper: Small 4- to 6-packs
- Facial tissues

A love for people is the only real skill that is needed!

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

After School Update

By Jeanie Helman,
Children's Outreach
Coordinator

God blessed us with another year of After School with our neighborhood children. We served 19 children. We had 12 returning students and 7 new students. We have been providing a safe place for our neighborhood's children after school for 20 years. It has been a wonderful blessing to serve in this way. Each Monday and Tuesday we transport kids in grades 1-5 from Benjamin Chambers Elementary School to the church for recreation, snack, Bible or Life Lesson, tutoring and dinner. The tutoring and meals are provided by volunteers. We had 30 adult and youth volunteers serving this year. Our program has ended for this school year, but here are some of the things we got to do together.

- Rock painting
- Learn who God says we are
- Lessons on prayer, creation and the 23rd Psalm
- Make Thankful Turkeys
- Fill Operation Christmas Child Boxes
- Make washcloth puppies
- Visit Mikey's Mini Donuts
- Christmas scavenger hunt
- Grow academically
- Personal hygiene classes



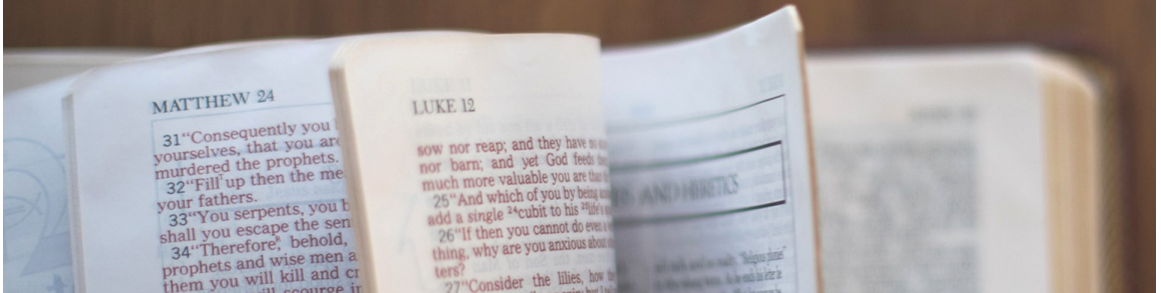
- Cooking class
- Mosaic craft
- Picture frames
- Emotional health lessons
- Sponsor kids for Good News Camp
- End of year carnival
- Graduate 3 fifth graders
- Opportunities to build relationship
- And most importantly – **several children prayed to receive Christ as their Savior!**

Please pray for us as we do several outings with the children this summer. Pray too that they choose to go to VBS. Pray mostly for their safety this summer and that they will remember who God says they are (beautiful, forgiven, made in His image, masterpiece, etc.).

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?*

Missionally Engaged

AROUND THE WORLD

Emily Schoenleber

April 2022, serving
with FAI in Kentucky

Resurrection Sunday

In order to have a resurrection, there must first be a death. The resurrection of Jesus is glorious on so many levels. But it was only able to happen because He willingly gave His life and chose death, so that we would know life. Those days He spent in the tomb would have been excruciating for His friends and followers; for them in that moment, all hope for their future had been lost, and they were mourning a dear friend, brother, and teacher.



death as I do now. Because we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we can celebrate the resurrection of those we love who have also died and are now with Him. There is so much

joy and comfort in that reality. But this past Easter Sunday, my heart was heavy. Tears filled my eyes and I felt a sting in my heart as we sang, “for the souls of all who’d come to the Father are restored” in worship that morning. I am so thankful God that my sweet brother is with Him; finally free, finally at peace, and finally confident in the truth that the Lord really does loves him. For me though, on this side of eternity, I still find myself living in some kind of tension. The belief and confidence that my brother is alive simultaneously comes with the reminder that he died and he’s not here. One is glorious, and one is unexplainably painful.

My spirit knows the truth and the reality that Ryan is the most alive he’s ever been. But my mind can’t quite grasp it and my heart is still breaking. There are still some days when the grief hits and I feel like I can’t breathe. I was reminded a few days ago of a song I listened to many times in those early weeks after Ryan died,

*“I will exalt You, You are my God.
My Hiding Place, my Safe Refuge,
my Treasure, Lord, You are...
Because You’re with me, I will not fear.”*

I know I’m not the only one walking through grief right now. I know some of your stories and the loved ones you’ve lost in recent weeks, months, and years. It’s a hard journey to wrestle and live in the tension of these realities; the in between of this evil age and the next age of complete restoration. You are so brave to

continue to get up each day and take one more step forward. The Lord understands, and He knows our little, finite human minds can't comprehend the mysteries and glories of the resurrection in fullness. This is a good time for us to practice Proverbs 3:5. To trust Him with our whole hearts, not depending on our own understanding. My prayer for you, on the good days and the days when you can't hardly breathe, is that you would experience the presence of the God who promises that He is near to the brokenhearted. That as you trust in Him, you would experience peace that truly passes all understanding. Peace that will guard your heart and mind.

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.'" Revelation 21:3-4

A Time in California

Some friends of mine got married a couple of weeks ago in Huntington Beach, so I took the opportunity to go visit and spend some time with my church and Circuit Rider families. It was such a refreshing time to be back with community that I know and love, and who have journeyed with me for the past few years.

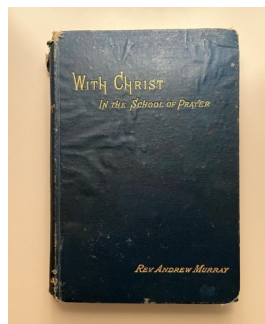
I soaked up a lot of sun and time with dear friends. It was so good for my soul. I also spent time with my favorite little munchkins :) Most of you would remember that in 2020 I lived with a Circuit Rider family who had a little toddler and were expecting twins, and then I helped take care of them during their first few months. Well, those little twins are now toddlers! Ben and Ada are walking and learning to talk, and they will be TWO YEARS

OLD this September. Their older brother, Azariah had his fourth birthday while I was in town and I loved that I was able to be at his birthday party to celebrate!

I know the communities I have in California will always be family; I will always have a seat at the table there and it will always be home. That's why it was so hard for me to leave and say goodbye to. It was interesting being back though, because as much as I love it, I felt the Lord confirm again in my spirit that I was supposed to move. I'm not assigned to California in this season, and I need to be obedient. By the time my trip was ending, I was ready to get back to my new home in Kentucky. I was excited to continue to build home and settle in and find community there.

A Legacy and an Invitation

Anna Best is one of those people I've just



always known. She was a faithful member of my home church and I grew up knowing Anna had been a missionary in Africa for the majority of her life. I always remember seeing Anna in the little prayer room in the main

hallway of our church. As a little girl, I remember Anna stopping to talk with my mom at church and she'd look down at me and say that she'd been praying for me since the day I was born. She'd continue to tell me that when I'd run into her over the years as I got older.

I've been reading this book that I got from Anna's apartment when she moved to an assisted living home a few months ago. I have been savoring it; it's so good. I know it served her well and I cherish that I have her copy of such a profound book. Anna's funeral service

was today. It felt right to honor a woman who truly gave the best years of her life to the Lord. She was 29 when she moved to Africa as a missionary nurse and church planter in 1951. She served in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Morocco, Senegal, and the Central African Republic. Anna returned to the US at the age of 71.

I have no doubt that Anna's prayers are part of the reason I found myself entering the mission field over seven years ago, after having just turned eighteen. I never directly heard all those prayers she prayed, but the Lord sure did. And He's honoring them.

Anna ran her race and ran it well. She was a true pioneer, intercessor, and laid-down lover. What a celebration it must've been when she finally crossed the finish line. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints".

FAI and Life in Kentucky

Emmaus Online, the FAI course that I do the admin work for, just started their second module (out of five) for the year. It's really fun getting to know and interact with the students and leaders. We have a zoom call every two weeks with as many of the students who can get on. We call them Bonfire calls, like we're symbolically gathering around for a fireside chat. We had a Bonfire call last night and it is just so encouraging to hear from the students and what the Lord is stirring in their hearts! It's such a joy for me to be involved.

In the next couple of weeks, I'll also start helping develop the written content for our social media channels and weekly emails. I really do enjoy writing and I'm looking forward to doing it more often. Pray that I learn what I need to learn and that the Lord would give me the words to write in each specific situation. With every month that passes, I recognize I'm

more settled into Kentucky than I was the month before, but in the day to day it is still slow moving and feels hard sometimes. Pray that the Lord would bring friends into my life that I can walk with in this season.

Pray that I would find and settle in to a local church family in Kentucky. Pray that our FAI family would continue to get to know each other and go deeper in our relationships with each other. Pray that the Lord would supernaturally bind us together in love and give us ideas how to make each individual feel seen, loved, and honored.

Thank you all so much for your prayers and support. I am so grateful.

HB

May 1, 2022, On a short-term mission trip to ■, a country we cannot disclose for the missionary's safety.

A big event in ■ during the month of April is the New Year. While the holiday is recognized as being celebrated for three days, many people begin celebrating much sooner. Our school closed for two weeks during the holiday so that people could prepare to

celebrate the new year. The ■ people celebrate the new year by traveling to their home provinces, visiting temples, and gathering together with family for parties, games, and meals. It's also tradition for



people to spray one another with water guns and have “powder fights” where people smear baby powder on each other’s faces.

Although we weren’t involved in any water or powder fights, my teammates and I still enjoyed some time traveling and being with other teammates over the break. We were able to take a trip to a nearby province and go to ■ to spend time with our city teammates over Easter. My teammates and I enjoyed the break but are glad to be back in the province once again.

Praises

- Relationships with people in the province are continuing to grow as my teammates and I have deeper conversations with students and people in the community.
- Our short term team is arriving in the province at the end of May! In about a month, we will have six new faces in the province.
- School admin have expressed interest in working with us in our effort to teach small groups and help students who have lower English levels.

Prayer Points

- Lift for more opportunities for deeper conversations with students and community members and clear opportunities from the Father to share the Good News.
- Please be lifting as we make preparations for the short term team as they prepare to come to ■.
- We’re in the middle of hot season. Please lift for health, safety, and hydration among myself and my teammates as heat combined with humidity can cause daily temperatures as high as 106 degrees.

B&SP

April 27, 2022, Serving in Lincoln, NE, with Charstar

God does not waste our... pain!

Thanks for praying for B while he was in CT. He was able to return to Lincoln after four weeks without us, in time for the boys' spring break and thus a few family days. He was exhausted and work remained, but God has allowed all the legal paper matters to continue long distance. God also provided friends and family to help so he was not alone much at all. Please pray for wisdom sifting through the rest of the legal matters. Happily, he was able to touch base with four out of five of our partnering churches and some individual partners while there. Since his return, he has been open about sharing his pain but also the power of Christ's forgiveness in his life that has allowed him to forgive his dad. One fire chief in particular wants to get together to chat...may God work!

God does not waste our... French!

Imagine our delight to find that one of our newer attenders of our Ladies' English class and Arabic church speaks rusty French. She taught Arabic and other subjects in a French school for years. She attended the oldest church in Homs, Syria, before the war. The daughter said they consider themselves being Christians since birth. Pray that they each would be challenged to trust Christ personally or grow in their personal relationship with Him.

God does not waste our... love!

In the five and a half years we have served on the Lincoln team, there have been a handful of families we have invested in and gotten closer to only for them to leave. For many it's because of family living elsewhere and for

others the promise of different weather. This month we found out that S's closest Yezidi friend- the one who had dreams of Jesus, etc.- will be moving to Texas in September. How wonderful to know that God will keep chasing down her heart, but it sure is sad to know there will be no more chats or walks in the park or the wiping of tears face to face. Please pray for her and her family to trust Jesus, "even" in Texas.

Thanks for Praying

- Our son was able to share in our English church about what God taught him regarding forgiveness through his friend taking his own life. It was encouraging to so many to hear how teens go through (what should only be) adult problems and how God can work in the lives of teens, as well.
- Integrating a new M'im lady in our class has gone well. She even found that she lived not far from another student.
- Babies are great excuses to visit friends. A Yazidi family lives close. B and the husband have chatted some, and the wife is a friend since her time in our English class. Please pray we can get our families together soon. Pray for spiritual openness.
- We enjoyed the first Chaplain's banquet *together,* thanks to Jenny, our dear friend and co-laborer. It was a spiritually encouraging night, and it remains interesting how B's involvement opens doors. Pray for God's guidance when he starts taking duty days (no more than one a week) again.

Other Prayer Points

- There is a new bi-monthly Bible study for the men of the Arabic church. Pray they would be encouraged to make church a

priority. Please pray for the teens who seem to be totally disinterested about spiritual things and others who come but are sometimes disrespectful and rude. Pray God would change their hearts and in turn change their families.

- Please pray for wisdom as we seek God's will for the boys' schooling and that He would provide for what He thinks best.

Roger & Marilyn Reeck

May 2022, Officially retired, but still serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Our God is an Awesome God!

We have now been back in the US for 2 months. Recently, we returned from a trip to Idaho, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Maryland on our "Thank You" tour. On the trip, God gave us several experiences that could only come from Him!

Among the churches, was one in Annapolis. The pastors and a church member had invited us to accompany them to the Museum of the Bible in Washington D.C. and they had everything set up ahead of time. We didn't expect the surprise that awaited us. Soon after we arrived, they directed us to a large circular room where all the modern translations of the world are exhibited - from floor to ceiling and all around the room. Half of the room contains translations of Bibles or New Testaments that are in existence in other languages and the other half contains empty cartridges representing those translations that are still lacking.

A team from the museum arrived and removed the Mixtepec Zapotec translation from its cartridge and also the Garifuna Bible and let Roger hold them and then even sign each book!



Roger holding the Garifuna Bible.

It was an incredibly special moment as we realized that the Lord had permitted us to be part of two of the hundreds of translations that exist. Roger sat in a wheelchair in that large room soaking it all in. I, Marilyn, felt strong emotions as I saw the names of translations that our colleagues supervised. I could see the faces of both Indian and missionary translators who had helped to make it happen. It represents many years of hard work and sacrifice.

Finally, a man in an unmarked van, who had been there for quite awhile, came to us and said, "I will take you." As soon as we entered the van Roger asked where he was from and he responded, "Senegal." We proceeded to tell him how we stopped over in Senegal on our trips to Guinea Bissau and the places that we had visited in that country. We mentioned the town of "Zhiguinchor" and he responded: "That is where my wife is from!" He asked what we did in Africa and we told him about our missionary work. When we tried to tip him for the trip he said: "No way. You help my people." When we left the car he gave us a big hug. The amazing thing is that 95% of the people in Senegal are Muslim. God sent us a special angel.

When we entered the hotel they quickly informed us there were no rooms. There was a young couple with a baby in the same predicament and Roger walked up to the mom and asked if he could pray for them. We were then sent to another hotel. By then it was 3 am! At the second hotel we were told that our voucher would not be honored. When we heard the price we decided to return to the airport and sat down to wait for the shuttle. The mother of the baby came over to us and said, "We just paid for your room! You prayed a blessing over my baby and we decided to bless you." God sent a second angel. God is so awesome!

We are now in San Antonio, TX. Marilyn will be travelling to Colombia for Trauma Healing at the beginning of July and after that we will return to Honduras. Thank you for praying for us as we continue to serve the Lord. Truly God is an awesome God!

A few days later we started the return trip to San Antonio. We were to leave from Baltimore early afternoon but once on board we were asked to deplane. We were to fly to Houston where we had a connecting flight but there was bad weather there. Four hours later the plane was finally able to take off. But, by the time we got to Houston, there were no connecting flights to San Antonio. By then it was midnight. They offered us another flight but not until the next evening. Through a special circumstance we were able to get an airline voucher for a hotel so we headed outside to wait for a shuttle but it never appeared. Roger sat in a wheelchair waiting.



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 Student 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 July 2022 issue should be submitted by June 22 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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FATHER TO HIS CHILDREN,
tender and compassionate
TO THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.

Psalms 103:13



Happy Father's Day