

The Messenger

News and notes for our King Street Church family.

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JULY MESSENGER

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The Way of Love

By Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor

I don’t want to get too “heavy” in these monthly Messenger articles. Having said that, I do want to help us think biblically—and encourage us to live in a way that Scripture calls us to live. And to be clear, what the Bible calls us to do is very often not what our culture is telling us—or not what our emotions are telling us—or even at times not what makes sense to us.

Look no further than the “Sermon on the Mount” in Matthew chapters 5-7. In these three chapters, Jesus makes statement after statement that COMPLETELY goes against the grain of what our world is telling us we ought to do. For example...what should you do if someone treats you in a way that seems unfair? What if they speak to you in demeaning ways? What if someone looks down on you in complete arrogance, and expects you to do things that they ought to be doing for themselves? What if someone literally strikes you or physically assaults you? My goodness—how we ought to respond to these things is a no brainer, right?! Strike back. Get even. Rise up. Take things into your own hands.

But that’s not what Jesus said. In Matthew 5:38-42 we read: “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.” Jesus goes on in the next few verses to tell us to LOVE our enemies, and

actually PRAY for those who persecute (or behave in ways that we don't agree with).

I mentioned a moment ago that I don't want to get too "heavy." That's true—but there is something that I believe we would do well to think about. About 170 years ago, back in the middle 1800's, a man named Karl Marx (joined by Friedrich Engels) wrote some books that outlined a new way of thinking. The super simplified version of his philosophy (now called Marxism) was that we can no longer be happy with just THINKING about the many inequalities in our world, we have to TRANSFORM them. He divided the world into two groups—the owners (he called them the "bourgeoisie"), and the workers (which he called the "proletariat"). He made clear in this worldview that the only possible solution to whatever inequalities that existed (think "haves" and "have-nots") was for the have-nots (the workers) to create as much chaos as possible (riots, uprisings, revolutions, etc.) to eventually OVERTHROW the "haves" (the owners, wealthy, those in power, etc.). You create chaos, you lead a revolution, and then completely overthrow those in power. There is no middle ground—no understanding—no submitting to those in authority.

I don't think I'm overstating it to say that the 1900's were a century dominated globally by Marxist worldview (think communism). Places like Russia, China, North Korea and Cambodia underwent communist revolutions (based on Marxist beliefs) that directly resulted in the deaths of over 100 million people (No kidding. Let that sink in.) When the Soviet Union fell back in 1991, it was widely viewed that Marxism as a predominant way of thinking

died with it. Sadly, that's not what happened. But instead of "attaching" itself to economic groupings (the owners and the workers; the haves and the have-nots), Marxism attached itself to other ways of grouping people (such as race, skin color, gender, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, etc.). The ultimate goal of Marxism remains the same: chaos, revolution, overthrow.

Why do I take this brief "deep dive" into Marxism? First of all, I believe that these are things we need to be aware of and think about. The Marxist worldview is all around us—and we can't just bury our heads in the sand and ignore it. But the more important reason I want to shed light on these things is because they COMPLETELY GO AGAINST THE WAY THAT JESUS CALLS US TO LIVE.

There are many things in this world that don't make sense to us. The world is full of situations that just don't seem right (which is precisely the point of our current sermon series in Ecclesiastes). The question is—how are we to respond? Are we to strike back, get even, rise up and take things into our own hands? No.

Jesus was crystal clear regarding our response. He told us not to be surprised if the world hates us because of our faith and Christ-like life (1 John 3:13). The prophets were misunderstood, hated, and many lost their lives. Jesus was misunderstood, hated, and lost His life. As we abide in Christ (live our lives in love with Him), the fruit of God's Spirit—kindness, patience, mercy, joy, love—will be obvious in how we think and respond. Our lives will shine like stars in the midst of a dark and angry world—and Jesus will be all the more attractive.

Meet Our Summer Interns!

It's an important tradition at King Street Church to help train young adults to serve God in ministry. We are so blessed to have three interns this summer who are both professionally skilled and eager to commit their time to God. We can't say that their summer "vacation" will all be fun and games, but we do hope their time will be rich in experience.



Anna Shaffer, Media & Production

Anna is serving in a variety of areas of media and production as part of her unpaid internship, which will fulfill service hours. She and Blake, listed below with the Creative Arts Internship, will both be running equipment behind-the-scenes during our worship services and will be helping to tell stories of God at work through special video presentations.

"My name is Anna Schaffer and I will be a junior at Liberty University this fall. My future is a blank canvas waiting to be filled with God's plans for my life. I would like to be doing something in the film industry, but who knows what God has in store for my life.

I wanted to intern at KSC because I thought it would be a great opportunity to get experience in filming and editing in a controlled Christian environment. I have loved getting to know other staff members and getting to do the things I hope to do in my future. I want to serve God through KSC with my abilities. I want to gain knowledge and experience that will prepare me for my career.

KSC is made up of truly amazing dedicated people who don't get enough credit for all of their hard work. God is working here and I am happy to be a part of it, even if just for a summer."

Blake Rhoades, Creative Arts Internship

Blake has attended King Street Church for over 10 years and has spent much time participating in ministry here. He is a Senior at the University of Pittsburg. His goal is to work for an advertising company to make commercials

and ads, and do freelance videography and photography work. Blake pursued the internship at King Street because, he says, "It not only enhances my technical skills, but it does something to glorify God and His kingdom." *(continued on next page)*

Blake says, “The amazing people I have the opportunity to work with have already left an impression on me. Also, something that has stood out to me is how involved KSC is with its partner ministries.”

As the summer continues, Blake says, “I hope to accomplish new and improved skills in all areas of my field of study, from technical skills to organizational skills.”

Just last week Blake had an exciting announcement to make at our Monday All-Staff meeting: he has just become engaged to Emma Bert, his long-time girlfriend and another King Street member.



Xavier Schell, Prime Intern with Student Ministries

The Prime internship is an intensive 7-month immersion into ministry as a capstone to their education at Huntington University (which is the school connected to our United Brethren in Christ denomination).



“My name is Xavier Schell and I attend Huntington University which is in Indiana. I am actually from Huntington as well. I will be a senior. I am getting married in December and then will be finishing my last semester of college. After that, I plan on working for a church in youth ministry and walking through that journey with my soon-to-be wife.

I wanted to pursue my internship at King Street because of the amazing ministries that this church offers and how God is working through them. A church like King Street is a new experience for me, but the first characteristic I noticed about King Street is how kind and caring the people are that attend, and how willing they are to serve. I look forward to my time here, as I learn from Matt, Rob, and Lauren how they do youth ministry and how my time here can help me as I follow my calling into youth ministry.”

Coming Soon

KSC IN ACTION!

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, August 28. If you would like to be baptized, or would like to learn more about this step of obedience, attend a class on **Sunday, August 7** in M31 at 11:00 am.

The Porch: The Porch exists to gather young adults to connect, support, and challenge one another. They meet on the first/third Thursdays of the month at 7:00 pm in the Student Ministry Center. This month they are meeting **July 7 and 21**. They are currently studying the book of James.



UB Golf Tournament: This annual tournament will be on Friday, September 16 at Greencastle Greens Golf Club. Tee times are 7:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and the cost is \$70/person (register and pay by 9/9). A meal and prizes are included. Pick up a registration form at the church office. Questions, email Bobby Culler at bobbyc@mtp-church.org.

THE STREET

Student Ministry

Summer Street Meetings: Students in grades 6-12 are invited to the SMC 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 meetings are **July 6, July 27, and August 10**.

Pray for Our Students: We ask that you be in prayer for our staff and students as they engage in these upcoming opportunities. Pray also for the students, that they would serve the Lord and others well and that they would be receptive to God's work in their lives.

- **Chambersburg Project:** July 10-15: Students will renovate and repair homes for local residents-in-need.
- **Kentucky Missions Trip:** July 17-23: Students will travel to Kentucky, to assist with tornado recovery and local projects.

Middle School Open Gym: Students in grades 6-8 are invited for games and pizza on **Friday, July 8** from 5-7:30 pm in the Baker Center. Bring a friend and join us there!



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.

We will not meet on Monday, July 4, but will enjoy our **Summer Picnic** on **July 11!** We'll meet at Chambersburg Memorial Park at 6:30 pm; dinner will be provided. Everyone is invited; come and meet others from RESET!

Help Needed: We need childcare helpers to care for a small group of kids twice a month. There is a stipend available for those who serve; teens are welcome to apply. Contact Molly: mshull@kschurch.org.



Welcome Back PrimeTimers — and welcome to new friends who would like to join us! PrimeTimers was started as a Senior Citizen group by George and Peg Herbert, but all adults are welcome! In the past, we have had activities such as day and overnight trips, special meals, holiday events and more. We hope that our September Picnic will be a time to renew old friendships and build new ones. Feel free to come check us out and bring new ideas with you for making PrimeTimers even better. This is an informal group with no membership required.

Contact Frances Humelsine at (717) 263-8633 for more information or to reserve your spot for any PrimeTimer events.

Welcome Back Picnic
Wednesday, September 7
12 noon at Memorial Park

Bring a wrapped White Elephant gift, your ideas for future activities, and a lawn chair, if you would prefer to not sit on the picnic benches. Cost is \$8/person and the registration deadline is August 24.

“David” at Sight & Sound
Wednesday, October 19
via Bollman Bus Lines

We will depart promptly at 8:00 am; the show starts at 11:00. After the show, we will share a meal at Hershey Farms and then return to Chambersburg. The cost is \$125. Final payment and cancellation date is September 7.

Relationally Connected

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & NOTES

A Living Tribute

*From the Disciples Class representative
Jim Goetz*

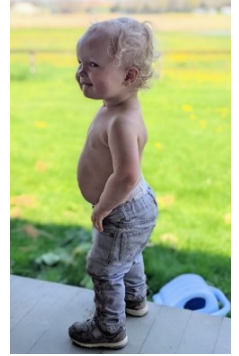
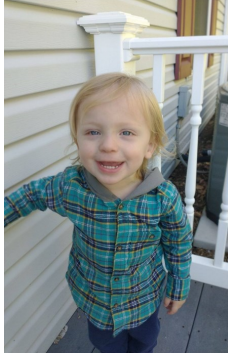
Last summer, the Borough of Chambersburg approached King Street Church with a request that we plant a tree to fulfill an understanding we had with them. The church had removed some trees during the renovations to the new office and the Boro had requested that at some point we plant a replacement tree. Also last summer, our Sunday school class lost two members within several days of each other, a husband and wife. The class wanted to remember and honor this couple as well as another lost class member, and we thought of planting a tree. We were able to fulfill this desire and also satisfy the church's commitment to the Boro. In March Rosenbaum Landscaping planted this dogwood tree at the church office. Below is the dedication as written by the class:



**The dogwood tree planted in front of the King Street Church Administration Building is dedicated by the Disciples Sunday School Class in loving memory of our dear friends and classmates Earl and Almeta McClain and Robert Mills. Each of them entered into Heaven to the sound of Jesus' gentle voice saying, "Well done my good and faithful servants." (Matthew 25:21)
Date Planted – March 30, 2022**

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & NOTES

Child Dedications: On Sunday, June 19 (Father's Day!), we celebrated child dedications during our 9:30 and 11:00 am worship services. Six families stood on the stage with their little ones and committed to "bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). Please pray for the Barnhart, Crawford, Davenport, Oliver, Randle and Riegsecker families, that they would be encouraged and strengthened in their desire to raise their children to love the Lord and for God's guidance in their lives.



Baptisms: The following people were baptized during our worship service on Sunday, June 26. Read their full testimonies and see the video recap on [The Hub](#): click the link on our home page at kingstreetchurch.com. Share in the powerful stories of our brother and sister in Christ!

Bethany Crider and Blake Rhoades



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. Our survey indicates that approximately two people watch at each address.

	In-Person	Online
• May 29	790	398
• June 5	807	419
• June 12	851	422
• June 19	898	365

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 annual grants to regular attenders and members who are enrolled in an accredited undergraduate program. We are accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year; download the application at kingstreetchurch.com/grants. Except for incoming freshmen, applicants are 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.

Giving Report

These offerings are part of the General Fund.

• May 29	\$41,776.27
• June 5	\$61,544.04
• June 12	\$48,666.61
• June 19	\$53,060.83

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.

July Communion Offering

This month communion offerings will go to the Student Grant Fund, which provides a yearly financial gift to KSC college students.

**On Monday,
July 4, the
Church Office
will be closed
and RESET
will not meet
that evening.**



God at Work

THROUGH KSC LEADERSHIP

May Board Highlights

The Board of Administration of King Street Church met on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 in the Choir Room. Glenn Watson, Chairman of the Board of Administration, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

SENIOR PASTOR REPORT

Pastor Jody discussed spiritual gifts and that one of our goals is to make disciples so that everyone knows who they are in Christ, what their spiritual gifts are and how they're living them out. Pastor Jody's next Table Talk event is scheduled for May 12. This Sunday is our outdoor unified service. On Memorial Day weekend, during our worship services, we will pause to lament and acknowledge all the losses we have suffered recently and over these past couple of years.

EXECUTIVE PASTOR REPORT

Pastor Steve shared there will be 3 baptisms this Sunday at the outdoor unified service. Pastor Steve continues to update job descriptions and various policies/procedures. Pastor Steve will be leading the staff through Strengths Finder 2.0 which will help continue to build a strong, Christ-centered team culture to accomplish what God wants us to do here at KSC.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Dan Gehris provided an update on the new server that the Board approved last Board Meeting. Dan shared that we worked through Dell (rather than Elect IT) and that Dell customized a new server for \$2,000 less than what we were quoted from Elect IT.

CO-MISSION REPORTS *(alpha order)*

Adult Ministry – Mark Willson shared that Adult Ministries continued their efforts to connect with L3 leaders individually and they are in preparation for hosting L3 leaders next Wednesday. We hope that our church will encourage all L3 groups that haven't already taken the spiritual gifts assessment to go ahead and complete it.

Children's Ministry – Alexander Rosenbaum shared that VBS is scheduled for June 26-29 and is based on the theme, "Discovery on Adventure Island". Alexander shared that recommitment emails went out to ask if volunteers will sign up for another year to teach. The After School Program came to an end a couple of weeks ago and the Wednesday night activities have also ended for the summer. The Preschool Coordinator position is still open.

Finance – Brad Etchberger reported the Finance Co-Mission met on April 25 and the discussion revolved mainly around the giving budget. Dan Gehris gave a financial report regarding April 2022 and 2022 YTD figures. Dan shared that he will begin reporting on worship service attendance figures. In-person worship attendance is currently averaging 883 this year. Dan shared that we did miss meeting our undesignated giving budget in April. Undesignated giving YTD is still over budget. Expenses in April and YTD are under budget.

Missions – Alyssa Heberlig shared the Haiti Barnabas Team discussed opportunities for increasing sponsorships of students at the Arcahaie school. The team desires to communicate with our KSC family to raise awareness regarding these needed sponsorships. The Reflections Sunday School class is hosting a visit from a missionary with MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship), on Friday, June 17 at 6:00pm. Alyssa also shared Roger and Marilyn Reeck remain very active after their official retirement at the end of 2021.

Personnel Relations – Aaron Smith reported the 2nd shift custodial position and the preschool coordinator position are both still open. Dates are being considered to schedule the next manager training session and Pastor Steve is working on completing the update of all job descriptions. The Staff Picnic will be held on Wednesday, August 17.

Property – Dale Dale Forney advised that the Building Automation VPN has been put in

place and is working well. Courtyard paver replacement is on-going. Tree trimming and fertilizing has been completed by Cumberland Valley Tree Service. Dale distributed a proposed “Duties of Décor Committee” document as a formal policy and procedure to facilitate any changes, redesign or enhancements inside the church.

Student Ministry – Penny Poorman shared we had 3 student ministry baptisms this year. We are planning events over the summer break like ice skating, park hang-outs, bonfires and open gyms. Last week we held our Senior Celebration. We are looking forward to our annual Summer Sneak beach trip scheduled for June 14-18, the Chambersburg Project is scheduled for July 10-15 and the Kentucky Mission Trip is scheduled for July 17-23. We are also excited to welcome our Prime Intern, Xavier Schell, from Huntington University.

Worship Arts – Carolyn Chenaille advised both the bell choir and the kids’ choir have wrapped up and are taking a break for the summer. The adult choir will finish up on Sunday, May 22. Student Worship is also finishing up and there is a real need for more student musicians. We are excited to welcome Blake Rhoades and Anna Schaffer to the Media & Production Team for the summer. The rest of the installation of the new Baker Center audio system has been postponed until August due to shipping delays.

Aaron Smith closed in prayer at 9:15pm.

Engaging & Blessing

OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE GOSPEL

OMM Report

From the Once More Ministry Leadership Team

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.”
Colossians 3:23-24 (NLT)

Our latest distribution took place on June 11. While we had to contend with a little rain, we're so thankful that it didn't dampen the warm and bright smiles of our friends and neighbors! What a blessing it was to be able to connect with them again! The Lord's presence was in every detail as always, and we're so thankful for His providence.

This distribution met the needs of 250 families, representing 946 people and several language groups. Families came from Chambersburg, Biglerville, Waynesboro, Shippensburg, Scotland, Fayetteville, Greencastle, and Mechanicsburg.

We would like to thank our very dedicated **volunteers**, without whom the day would not have been possible! The Lord blesses us every distribution with very servant-hearted and unselfish individuals who love to connect with and serve our community, and we are so thankful to Him and to them!

- Three young ladies from the 6th Grade Street Group assembled and taped boxes and pre-packed toiletry bags.
- OMM packers prepacked toiletry boxes and volunteers from The Porch loaded them into the box truck in preparation for Saturday's distribution.
- On Saturday, volunteers from Maranatha Food Pantry and OMM distributed 250 boxes and bags of toiletries, 300 boxes of food, and 300 five-pound bags of potatoes.

A shout-out to the following **businesses and individuals** who donated supplies.

- Maranatha Ministries: In addition to a box truck to store the prepacked boxes, they also provided 300 food boxes containing fresh produce, boxed and canned food items, and candy bars.
- Bender's Potato Farm: 300 five-pound bags of potatoes
- Gene and Fern Diller: 200 boxes to pack toiletries
- Ruthie Ludwig and Dollar Tree: 50 reusable grocery bags
- KSC Church and Congregation: 250 boxes of toiletries

You may recall that OMM has experienced a \$900 quarterly cost increase in purchasing certain toiletries that we aren't able to collect through donations. This is due to Dollar

Tree's 25% increase in prices. Would you prayerfully consider how you might help us to defray this significant increase? If you would like to **contribute supplies**, please bring them to the bins located in each of the lobbies. You can find a complete list of items on Service Central (serve.kingstreetchurch.com).

If you would like to serve with OMM, there are multiple dates/times and ways you can do that. **All it requires is a love for people.**



To ask a question or to volunteer, email omm@kschurch.org; we'll be in touch with you soon.



By Jeanie Helman, Children's Outreach Coordinator

As I write this, it is the first day of summer! We are busy prepping for VBS and I am thinking ahead and realizing that we need to prepare again for our annual Back to School Event. We have already advertised the event through the June OMM distribution and will continue to reach out through local agencies who serve our target audience. The event will take place on Thursday, August 4 with a preparation day on Tuesday, August 2.

We are again asking for monetary donations to fill the book bags we will be giving away. You can contribute via cash or check (designated for BTS Event) or online through our Service Central site (serve.kingstreetchurch.com). We plan to have around 500 book bags available for distribution.

If you would like to volunteer for either (or both!) August 2 and 4, you can register online at Service Central (serve.kingstreetchurch.com).

Thank you in advance for your contribution, whether it be monetary, preparation or distribution. It truly is a very joyous occasion as we help our neighborhood children get ready for school.

CROSS Inc

Walk for Love



Saturday, July 23 • Goal: \$30,000

CROSS Inc (Christian Residential Opportunities and Social Services) is a ministry partner of King Street Church. This 8th annual Walk for Love is our opportunity to support CROSS so that they will be able to continue to provide quality care for their adult residents with developmental disabilities at their three homes: Grace Home, Griffith House and Cumberland Vista. The

dedicated teams in these homes provide a loving, nurturing environment that glorifies God and recognizes His image in every one of the precious individuals that they serve.



During the Walk for Love, the 22 adult special needs residents will be walking around the indoor track at Messiah College as many times as they can during a one-hour period. We are asking sponsors to contribute a gift based on their participation. If you would like to join us, registration is from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. and the walk will be from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. All gifts are tax deductible.

SPONSOR'S DONATION FORM

Name: _____ Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ I am enclosing a donation of: ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100

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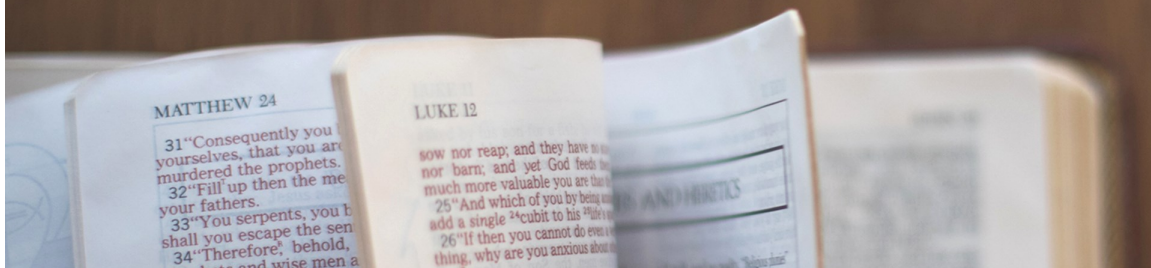
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THE NEW TESTAMENT



Bible Reading Plan 2022



King Street Church reads a portion of the Bible together as a church family every year. In 2022, we are reading through the New Testament. It is always a good time to join. To receive the readings to your email inbox or via text to your device, sign up at bible.kingstreetchurch.com.

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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

Malawi Barnabas Team

Cornerstone Ministries Executive Director, Danneck Faylina, provided us with these program updates from his team's work in the Salima area.

The After-School Program which has been in existence since 2013 for students from grades 4-7 currently enrolls over 200 students. Through tutoring, many students who were once labeled as failures have shown great improvement with the majority successfully moving onto the next grade level. Parents continually share with Danneck how the program is literally changing the lives of their children. Recently, Mr. Tionge Matangula, After School Program Director, introduced lessons on coping with mental health issues due to an increase in youth suicide along with drug and alcohol abuse over the past two years. This rise is in direct correlation to the



COVID pandemic. The introduction of this initiative has helped stem the tide of hopelessness among the youth of their community. They ask for us to pray for the success of this program and for the energy and resources to touch as many lives as possible.

In addition to their focus on academic and behavioral issues, Cornerstone continues to provide nutritious meals for the students for the After School Program, (200+) and the High School (300). Many of the students come from extremely poor families who cannot afford to provide for their children, and King Street Church has been a key supporter for this program. The availability of food has not only helped the students achieve better grades, but has reduced the stress and anxiety levels of parents who worry constantly about feeding their children. The effects of COVID were multiplied by the impact of two strong cyclones





which has affected crop production in addition to destroying homes. Cornerstone has begun operating a Farm/Sustainability Program and had hoped to harvest a lot of maize and soy beans, but the cyclones drastically reduced the yield and food insecurity has once again become an issue. Thanks to the continued generous support of the KSC congregation, the Missions Co-Mission was able to send a gift of \$5,000 in late May, so that Cornerstone could find other sources of maize to feed the children before prices became too high. On a positive note, Cornerstones' goat raising venture has been successful. They have 60 healthy goats on their farm and they continue to multiply. These animals will be used to provide meat for the students, supplementing their diet of maize.

Cornerstone High School has begun construction of a dormitory for girls. Many girls, due to the demands of home and the cultural emphasis and pressure of them to marry and start families at a young age, have only sporadic school attendance. Having the girls stay on campus helps reduce the cultural and family pressures, allowing them to focus on their studies. They also participate in the Girls Empowerment Program, giving them a positive view for their future in their village and in Malawi. They hope to open the dormitory in September of this year and ask

prayers for the students, staff and for a speedy completion of the project.

Danneck writes: "I would like to thank God for His faithfulness towards His people and all the achievements registered since the beginning of the year. In a world where everything is not certain, we are always assured of His faithfulness, love and grace in spite of so many challenges standing in our way. We are so thankful to God that through your prayers and support we are able to see the light of hope."

Emily Schoenleber

May 2022, serving with FAI in Kentucky

The Send

After a pretty cold winter, I am loving the flowers, sunshine, and the ability to drive with my windows down! My housemate has been out of town the past couple of weeks so I've been taking care of our buddy Paddy, and we've been having a great time :) I was traveling a bit this month- was able to go home for Mother's Day weekend to see my family (and see a lot friends from King Street!) which was so refreshing for me. I also drove out to Kansas City, MO, for about week to go to the Send. Some of you may remember the stadium gathering in Orlando I was part of a

few years ago. This gathering in Kansas City was originally supposed to happen in 2020, but had been postponed a few times until now. It was a really remarkable week and so special to see it finally happen.



The Send happened on a Saturday at Arrowhead Stadium where tens of thousands of people gathered. It's all about activating and mobilizing every believer into their missional calling. No one is exempt from Jesus' command to "go and make disciples". People are encouraged to engage in their neighborhoods, in high schools, colleges, through foster care & adoption, or going to the nations.

Writing & Curating Content

Since officially joining Frontier Alliance International in January, it was a bit of a slow start in figuring out how/where I could serve. But the Lord is faithful (as always) and especially in the last week or two, I've really been getting into a weekly schedule and rhythm with my new jobs and assignments. I mentioned in my last update that I was going to begin to help write content for social media and send out weekly emails. The girl on our communications team who oversees social media usually sends me a handful of photos or topics and then I'm responsible for writing a paragraph or two that communicates FAI's heart/values around that specific topic. It's really fun for me to be able to use writing in such a simple, practical way. I'm looking forward to doing this more!

FAI Publishing

Even before I joined FAI, I really valued everything they do through publishing. FAI Publishing is a division of Frontier Alliance International that seeks to resource those who have the gospel, while reaching those who don't. In addition to engaging and reaching the unreached, FAI also desires to equip and resource the body of Christ. One of the ways they do this is through releasing weekly articles.

One of the other things I've recently started doing is formatting and uploading our weekly articles to our publishing website. Typically I receive these articles as a Word or Pages document and then I have to change the formatting to match our website, choose sections to highlight, upload it to the system, and schedule it to post. I really enjoy for this for a couple of reasons, one of which is because I'm a grammar nerd thanks to my ninth grade English teacher (shout-out Mr. Ulmer). I appreciate and value proper grammar and details, which is exactly what I do for article formatting- truly the Lord doesn't waste anything!

But I also really enjoy this because it means I get to read all of the articles before they publish. I wanted to share a recent article because it is so provoking, whether you're 18 or 80. (*Article can be found at: <https://www.faipublishing.org/articles/fathers-mothers>*)

The author of this article starts by sharing about a member of the early church who was a disciple of John the Apostle. When this disciple was standing trial before he was killed and was asked to deny Jesus, his response was, *"For eighty-six years I have been His servant, and He has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who saved me?"*

How is it possible to make it through this life with all of its trials and tribulations and still come to the end and say "He has done me no wrong"? Jim unpacks this question in his article. I'd really encourage you to read it.

Seven Years In

This year is seven years that I've been in full time missions. I've been thinking about how much I've learned, grown, and changed. Sometimes I think about how my life would be different had I gone to college, gotten a "normal" job, and stayed inside my comfort zone. Would life have been easier? In a lot of ways, probably. My life is nothing like what I thought it would be like. But I don't regret it at all. The Lord is so worthy of my life, my love, and my obedience.

He has always been faithful to provide and to lead. He continues to prove Himself as one who is good and kind. It's so important to look back and remember what the Lord has done. All these years the Lord has provided for me, through people like you. It's been so normal for me that I sometimes forget how incredible it is to have a community of people who believe in and support me so that I'm able to work as a full time missionary.

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

HB

June 2022, teaching English overseas in ■, a country we cannot disclose.

A common theme in my own life this month has been relationships. As I continue to spend time with my students, teammates, and people in the community, I can see how valuable

relationships are in feeling like a part of the community here and opening doors for conversations beyond the typical small talk. Today, I want to share with you a few stories and conversations that have happened in the past few months.

During a break between classes, one of my students was looking at the ranking sheet for her class. Our school ranks students every month based on their exam scores and posts the ranking in the front of the class. My student pointed to the highest ranked student and told me he is good at studying. Then, she found her name on the ranking sheet and expressed her disappointment in not having a high ranking, claiming she is not good at studying. This provided an opportunity for me to reassure her by telling her she is a good student, she works hard, and that every student is valuable no matter what their ranking is. Culturally, this isn't something students hear often, and I'm so grateful to have a place in my students' lives where the Father can speak through me and use my interaction to share how He sees each student no matter their academic performance.

Another instance where I've had the opportunity to share the love of the Father with my students is through hosting them at lunchtime. They are very curious about my life and home and will often come over at lunchtime to visit. After creating a plan for child safety, my teammates and I are now able to open our home and host students. This new level of openness can help us to know students on a more personal level and show that we care about them as people outside of the classroom setting.

The growth of these relationships extends into the community as well. One weekend, my teammate and I went to a nearby drink stand to get bubble tea like we often do, and we were able to have some great conversations with the owner of the stand. In the past, we've exchanged casual greetings and had a few short conversations, but never anything this in-depth. This time at the stand, we were able to talk more deeply with the owner about our respective families, work and different beliefs. We shared our beliefs as best we could with our limited ■, and we learned more about what this woman's values and beliefs are. This conversation has helped us to grow closer to this woman, develop a deeper relationship with her, and it has opened doors to deeper conversations in the future.

These three events are so encouraging to me as I see the progress that is happening in ■, and I hope they are encouraging to you as well! The Father is working in this country, and I'm so grateful that all of us are able to play a role in seeing His work unfold. Whether spreading the good news locally or internationally, lifting, or giving support, each of us has a very important and necessary part to play in the work of the Father. For this reason, I want to thank each of you for your support over these past several months. Without you, I wouldn't be able to share these stories of how the Father is working.

K & RW

June 2022, Serving with Christar

Hello from Michigan! As you may know, we postponed our trip to ■ due to K's Covid diagnosis. K recovered quickly, thank the

Lord, and R did not get any symptoms. With the help of technology (Zoom), K led his scheduled session for the ■ worker's conference from our home in Michigan. We now plan to visit the workers in ■ this fall.

New Workers

In May and June we turned our focus to training new workers. We taught sessions on Islam to a Christar couple who are preparing to work in ■. We look forward to how God will use this couple. He has a background and interest in Bible/theological training. Many of the workers recently expelled from ■ were Bible teachers, and the need for training in the churches is great.

This month we will help train other workers who soon leave for their fields of service. Our topics are Ministry in Honor and Shame Cultures, Ministering on Multi-Cultural Teams and Maintaining Purity in Ministry. God is answering prayers for more workers for the harvest field!

Children's Camp

R completed workbook pages on the life of Abraham for the ■ children's camp. The camp director writes: "We will be camping face to face with children for the first time since the pandemic. We believe that these camps, which will be held in many parts of ■, will make a great spiritual difference. May the Lord protect our emotional, spiritual and physical health. Please would you deeply pray for protection for both the children and those who serve them. Every year we see that this ministry is a big target in spiritual warfare. We want this year to be a victorious and fruitful camp under the prayer shield formed by your prayers."

Prayer Points

- Pray for effective training & preparation of new workers. Pray that these workers will be used by God to proclaim salvation to many Muslims and other unreached peoples.
- Pray for the children's camp to bear much spiritual fruit. Pray also for its protection.
- Pray for P, who lives in Grand Rapids. P brings up spiritual topics with R each time they meet, but she is misinformed about our faith. Pray for an effective witness to her and that she will be open to look for hope in Jesus.
- Family Update: Our mothers continue to be stable, thank the Lord, although they are declining. We look forward to 5 days with our children and grandchildren in July. Pray for safety in travels as our children come for this time together.

Update from Haiti

From Rodney Mose, on behalf of the KSC Haiti Barnabas team:

On August 14, it will be one year since an earthquake rocked the southwest region of Haiti. The Haiti UB Conference has 4 churches in that region and 253 of those families experienced minor to severe damage to their homes. This event could not have come at a more difficult time for our Haitian friends, as the country has been going through tremendous political and security issues, plus it continues to be a major challenge just to support their families.

We are pleased to share that 80 homes have been repaired, and the third group of 40

homes is nearly completed. KSC is providing funds to repair 10 homes in each of the 4 UB Church congregations at a time. Once a group of 40 homes is repaired and verified, we request funds from the Missions Co-Mission to repair another group. There are still 133 homes to be repaired, in addition to repairing damages to three of the four churches. However, the Haitian Pastors feel that the first priority is to take care of the families.



The Haiti Barnabas Team thanks the congregation for your prayers and support of the work in Haiti. Following is a message to King Street Church from Pastor Supreme (*pictured at left*), President of the Haiti UB Conference.

From Pastor Supreme:

Greetings all,

This is Pastor Supreme speaking, first of all I want to bring greetings to all my KSC brothers and sisters, I am so delighted to write this letter on behalf of the UB southern communities to let you know how appreciative we are to have been able to repair many of our homes that were destroyed by the quake last August.

I know you all dream of the day that it will be possible again to be in Haiti with all your Haitian sisters and brothers, we too want the same thing therefore we pray that the Lord will bring political stability here so that you all can come and continue to work while providing the word of God to the Haitian community.

On 14th August of last year an earthquake struck the southern part of the country and left many in grief as a significant number of homes were wiped out, our UB communities were greatly affected by the disaster, my country which is already being eaten alive by a chronic political crisis was not prepared to deal with a catastrophe such as an earthquake.

Our God is great. He never fails his promise his faithfulness endures forever, I am so thankful that the KSC has been able to provide significant helps with compassion with love through the word of Jesus Christ.

Many homes have been repaired, many families are now happy to still have a shelter over their head, I Pastor Supreme am happy to partner with you all in Christ for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

I look forward to talk to you.
Thank you very much.



Pastor Jody Bowser
June 12, 2022



Pastor Jody Bowser
June 19, 2022

Every week Pastor Jody provides a “Quote of the Week” from his Sunday message which we post on social media. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @kingstreetchurch. You can see past sermons under the “Watch & Read” tab at kingstreetchurch.com.



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 August 2022 issue should be submitted by July 20 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
- 11 a.m. – United Worship



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ISAIAH 43:2 NLT

"When you go through deep waters,
I will be with you.

When you go through rivers of difficulty,
you will not drown.

When you walk through the fire of oppression,
**you will not be burned up; the flames
will not consume you."**

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Unity as a nation and church family.
2. Many who are sick and recovering.
3. Camps and related church partners that are leading ministry this summer.
4. Safety and refreshment for those who are traveling.
5. Pray for the national believers doing discipleship in a SE Asia region where the church is illegal.