

# The Messenger

News and notes for our King Street Church family.

September 2022



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## Raising My Ebenezer

*By Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor*

What do you know about the word *ebenezer*? I've always thought of it as such an old-fashioned word.

I believe I first heard the word *ebenezer* used in three different contexts when I was a child (way back in the '70's). My father was a Baptist pastor in Columbus, Ohio—and there were times my parents and I would visit other churches in the city. Sometimes my Dad would be called on to preach at a different church, or there would be a city-wide gathering. I can distinctly remember going to a church called Ebenezer Baptist Church in the inner-city of Columbus—and thinking that it just seemed like such an odd name for a church.

The second place that I remember hearing the word *ebenezer* was in the story "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. Ebenezer Scrooge was the lead character in the story—and he wasn't a very nice guy. His name became synonymous with being a mean old miser (even though he experiences a transformation at the end of the story). And the third place I remember the word *ebenezer* was when we would sing the hymn "Come Thou Fount" in church. The beginning of the second verse starts, "Here I raise my Ebenezer, Here by Thy great help I've come." I had no idea what I was singing about. I just found it to be a very odd and old-fashioned word... which in some ways was quite legitimate when you consider the fact that that hymn was written by a man named Robert Robinson in 1758. (I suppose that qualifies as old-fashioned!)

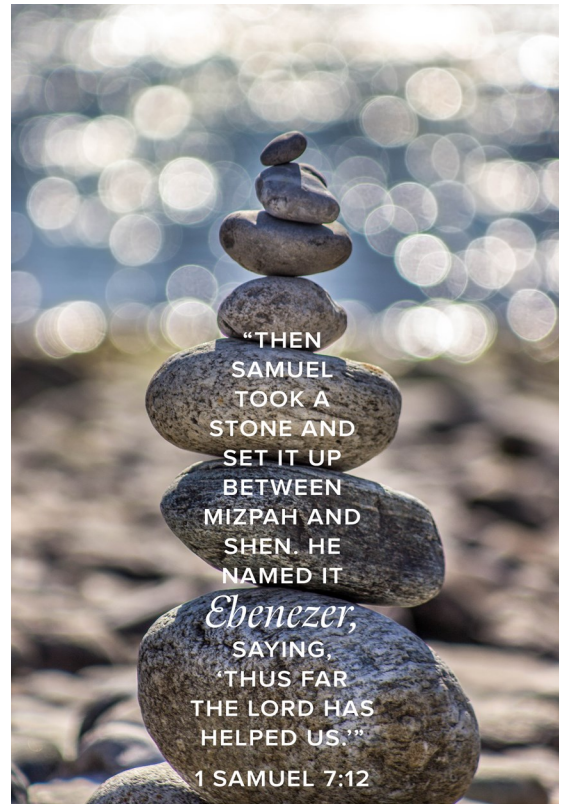
There are times, though, when old-fashioned things—when we truly understand them—carry a much deeper and richer meaning. That is most certainly true about the term *ebenezer*.

The word actually originates in the Bible...the Book of 1 Samuel, chapters four through seven. The nation of Israel has been battling it out with the nation of the Philistines (a common narrative throughout much of the Old Testament). At one point, the Israelites grew so desperate that they took the Ark of the Covenant out of the tabernacle, and carried it onto the front lines of battle—basically as a “good luck charm.” This didn’t go well. God doesn’t work that way...as if we’re somehow in control of what He has to do. The Philistines wound up defeating the Israelites in that particular battle, and taking the Ark back to their own pagan temple. God, in turn, sent a series of plagues on the Philistines (there was an outbreak of “tumors”—causing panic to fall upon them).

Finally, the Israelites sought the help of Samuel the prophet—who in turn pleaded with God to help them. There was a repentant spirit amongst the people, with most Israelites putting away their idols and crying directly to the Lord for help. Samuel offered up sacrifices, which in turn led to God “thundering with a loud thunder against the Philistines and throwing them into such a panic that they were routed before the Israelites.” (1 Samuel 7:10)

It is at this point that Samuel does something very significant in response to the deliverance the Lord had provided: “Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen

(two small towns). He named it Ebenezer, saying ‘Thus far the Lord has helped us.’” (1 Samuel 7:12) This explains why the word *ebenezer* literally means “stone of help.” From that day on, whenever an Israelite would walk past that stone, it would remind them of the fact that God had rescued them and been their deliverer.



I find it very interesting that in Matthew 21:42, Jesus identifies Himself as “the stone that the builders rejected.” We don’t have a big rock that sits out in a field that was placed there by Samuel the prophet. What we DO have is Jesus, who was raised up on a cross for our sin—and who by dying on that

cross defeated death and Satan, and has completely delivered us from all of our sin and failure. Jesus Himself is our *ebenezer*. Jesus is our stone of remembrance. Jesus is the reason that we have victory and deliverance and hope.

I want to encourage you that whatever struggle you might be facing today... Jesus is greater. He is more than able to give us the victory. We need to do precisely what the Israelites did, which is to put away our idols and cry out the Lord for help. We need to believe that God can truly help us—and call to mind the many times in the past when He has been there to pull us through. And ultimately, we need to put our eyes on Jesus who is our one and only true stone of help.



"Our vision at King Street Church is to establish clear and intentional pathways of discipleship development so that all of us will be actively engaged in using our spiritual gifts to live out God's unique call upon our lives."



Pastor Jody Bowser  
August 14, 2022

*Pastor Jody's "Quote of the Week" is posted each week on Facebook and Instagram @kingstreetchurch. See past sermons under the "Watch & Read" tab at [kingstreetchurch.com](https://kingstreetchurch.com).*

## Building a Community for Young Adults

*By Susanna Allen  
Communications Coordinator*

On a Sunday in 2020, a young woman walked into King Street Church for the first time. She was alone and looking for Christ-focused community. She met Bria Zook, a member of our worship team, in one of the lobbies. The visitor asked Bria if we offered a class or group for young adults. We did not offer anything for young adults. That young lady spent a

morning with us, but as far as we know, did not return.

(This was during the same time that the cconvo's were happening) On that day a seed was planted... a hope that we could offer more for young adults like the visitor. In the next year a few possible ideas were considered, and in March 2020 – yes, just days before the COVID-induced shutdown – a new young adult Sunday School class was planned. That was put on hold during the pandemic, and ultimately never materialized. But a deeper conversation continued between three of our own young adults. *(continued on next page)*

## FOCUS ON THE PORCH



In the fall of 2020 the team of four began to meet with Pastor Jay Brown to develop a plan: Bryton Zook, Bria Zook, Lauren Dukehart, and Austin Rosenbaum.

Lauren says, “When young adults leave the education system there is really a lack

of community that they were used to the last four years, whether that is high school or college. In most church instances, there really isn’t a place for them to go where they are in a similar life stage.”

For college students, the change may also include moving home from another state, and the adjustment is even more jarring. This is a season when there are expectations to pursue your dreams, make life-altering choices, and navigate new jobs and relationships. The pressure is intense, and it can be difficult to maintain one’s faith in the middle of it.

Bryton says, “The Porch is important because I have seen, over the years, the gap in church ministry for young adults in between graduating high school and starting a family of their own.”

Together, the group planned and prayed about developing a ministry for Young Adults called The Porch. Three core values emerged that go hand in hand with KSC’s core values:

1. *Being an open and inviting community of faith through relational connectedness.*
2. *Being rooted in God the Father’s Word in the Bible, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as we learn, grow, and pray to be spiritually alive through the power of the Holy Spirit.*
3. *Being missionally engaged as we serve the local community and the church together as disciples of Jesus.*



*These images show the range of Porch gatherings, which include meetings, social events, and opportunities to serve the community.*



*This photo is from the first gathering.*

In the spring of 2021, they launched The Porch. The first gathering was planned for May 20.

Bryton remembers that Pastor Jay cautioned the team to keep their expectations low for their initial attendance because it can be very challenging to begin a new ministry. He encouraged them that even 10 participants would be a success.

“I knew it was a long shot but I still felt like 25 people was a realistic expectation,” Bryton admits. “And then the first night came, and 29 people came out, and it was really exciting!”

It wasn’t a fluke either. The fellowship continued to grow. Now, more than a year later, is not uncommon for 30-40 young adults to attend their meetings. It was clear that there was a desire for this type of connection.

Lauren notes that about half of their meetings are filled with a dedicated core group, and about half is a constantly fluctuating crowd. She says, “It’s exciting to get to meet so many different people and see so many different faces, and to know that there is a hunger for community.”

## MISSION

The Porch Young Adult Ministry exists to gather young adults to connect, support, and challenge one another. We come from different backgrounds and life experiences, but what we share is a desire to build authentic community and grow in our faith and affection for Jesus Christ (Phil. 2:1-11).

## GATHERINGS

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in the Student Ministry Center from 7-9:00 pm. At these gatherings, we seek to build relationships, share life together, and gain practical and applicable insight from God’s Word to apply to our lives. Small groups meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.

## COMMUNITY

We also have opportunities to build deeper community in gender-specific discipleship groups on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. In addition to community, the main focus of these groups is to dig into God’s Word and study other Bible-centered books and devotionals that will help us to become more equipped disciples of Jesus Christ!

## SERVING

We present opportunities for young adults to volunteer their time in Jesus’ name. Here are some ways to SERVE: volunteer at KSC, in the local community, and international missions. Also, we will hold serving events throughout the year that are great opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ in the local community, build relationships, and sharpen our focus on seeing God’s Kingdom active and growing in the world.

[kingstreetchurch.com/youngadult](http://kingstreetchurch.com/youngadult)

## FOCUS ON THE PORCH

Bryton says, “It’s been encouraging that other local young adults have also had this desire of faith community. I was a small group leader with one group of guys from 6th grade through graduation. And now it’s great to see those guys come to The Porch and stay connected through the summer and when they’re home from college. I am now excited to see the fruits of this ministry being able to fill the gap that we recognized.”

While they play games, enjoy snacks, and have plenty of time to talk, the leadership team have been committed to keeping Christ central. They have pursued biblically-focused studies. These have included Mental Wellness, a series on Adulting, and the Book of James (from Right Now Media.)

A series on worship culminated with an amazing night of worship together. Don Baker presented one message on sanctification, and a very popular series was one on how to build healthy relationships. For one of the messages in that series, the team invited three couples connected to KSC to share about their own experiences.

Lauren says, “It was special for everyone to see the different perspectives of the three couples and to hear that they have had struggles as well as seasons of blessing.”

The Porch has hosted several recreational activities, including volleyball at Norlo Park, mini golf at Cluggy’s, a few game and trivia nights, a fall party and Christmas party, and worship and testimony outreach.

Their serving opportunities have been just as well-attended. They gardened at NETwork Ministries, and have regularly hauled supplies to prepare for Once More Ministry distributions.

A notable event was when The Porch teamed up with InterVarsity at Wilson College to offer a worship night. One of the leaders of InterVarsity – Emma Lowman – attends both KSC and The





Porch, and she was looking to create a night that would bolster their weekly group. A night of worship with a live band would draw in more students. The night ended up being a great success.

Most recently, The Porch took a team to landscape at Monarch's Way. This ministry to young women is flipping a home that they will sell to raise money for their work. The Porch hoped to make a dent in the landscaping needs, but they ended up completely transforming the grounds.

Just last month, the Porch began small groups on the second and fourth weeks of the month. These groups grew out of increased hunger for relationship. The leaders for the small groups have come from within The Porch family.

Lauren says, "It's nice as a leader to be able to participate and give others an opportunity to step into a leadership role."

Pastor Jay says, "From the front-row seat that I've had in seeing The Porch ministry develop, it has been an encouraging privilege to see how God is bringing young adults together to love each other and seek His glory. The leadership

team has been amazing in how they have worked together and created an environment that welcomes everyone and puts them on a path to greater discipleship. We have needed this for a long time - and it's wonderful to see how God is building it and using it!"

The Porch is a glowing example of God at work through King Street Church. This is not just because they are growing or impacting our community in the name of Jesus. It's also because the ministry has come about because four young adults responded to a need within our body of Christ, and they sacrificially dedicated themselves to meeting that need. They saw a gap, they stepped up, and they filled it.





## Lunch Lessons WITH PASTOR JODY

You're invited to Lunch Lessons with Pastor Jody on **Thursday, September 8**, from 12-1:00 pm in the Fellowship Room. Take a break. Bring a friend. Come and join Pastor Jody for a discussion about the book of Revelation. So that we can adequately plan supplies and materials, we are asking that everyone pre-register. If you wish to purchase a Chick-Fil-A sandwich (\$5) or salad (\$10), your registration must be received by noon on the Tuesday before the luncheon.

## Partnership Classes

At King Street Church, we call our members "partners" because they commit to partner in the work that God is doing in and through our church. If you are interested in becoming a partner of KSC, or would like to know more about partnership, plan to attend BOTH classes on **Sunday, September 18 and 25** at 11:00 in M31.

## GriefShare

Griefshare begins on **Monday, September 12** and continues through **December 5**.

We meet at 7:00 pm, downstairs in room M7 (Choir Room.) If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing, isolating time.

GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face the new challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. You don't have to make this journey alone.





## Prayer for Revival

*"God, start a revival in me. Then let it overflow to my family, and then to my church. Lord, let revival overflow from me into our county, our state, and our country. Start a fire that will spread throughout the world, and let it begin in me!"* If you would like to share this prayer, you're invited to a prayer opportunity on **Monday, September 12**, at 7:30 pm in M27.

## RESET and Conquer

RESET is a worship service and support system that lifts up Jesus as our hope in the messiness of life. We meet on Monday nights to grow together and to share in authentic community. We start with worship at 6:30 pm; come early for dinner at 6:00 pm. Open share groups begin at 7:30. Conquer for Men(M2) begins again on **Monday, September 12**.

Conquer is a video and discussion format for men who are looking for freedom from lust, pornography or sexual addiction. It is also a valuable tool for fathers and grand-fathers concerned about how to help their kids and grandkids navigate this issue in our culture. You don't need to register. Just show up on Monday, September 12 and join us in the same safe, confidential space that we share every week at RESET.



## Choir Opportunities

You do not have to be an expert or have experience to be a part of any of these choirs. We hope you will give it a try if you love to serve God through music.

**MASS CHOIR:** Singers of all ages and abilities are invited to join us for our next mass choir! The choir will be singing at all services on Sunday, September 11. The rehearsal is on **Tuesday, September 6**, at 7:00 pm. We ask you to register so we can email you a practice packet in advance. The ability to read music or sing harmony is not necessary! You'll get an audio recording of your part. Questions, contact Bekah at **[bekarmstronglaws@gmail.com](mailto:bekarmstronglaws@gmail.com)** or the church office. Register via the QR code or at **<https://bit.ly/MassChoirKSC>**.



**ADULT CHOIR:** Every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm in M7, starting **September 13**. Choir typically leads at 8:00 and 11:00 services in the Sanctuary. We will sing the first anthem on World Communion Sunday, October 2. Questions, contact Heather at **[hadamson@kschurch.org](mailto:hadamson@kschurch.org)**.

**BELL CHOIR:** Weekly practices begin on **Tuesday, September 6** at 6:00 pm in M9.

## COMING SOON



### UB Annual Golf Tournament

The tournament is **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. Registration forms are available at the church office. Email Bobby Culler at [bobbyc@mtp-church.org](mailto:bobbyc@mtp-church.org) with any questions.

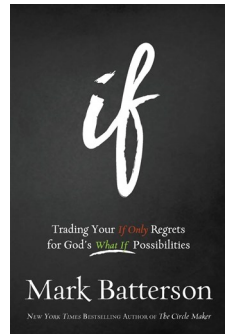
### UB Women's Conference

The United Brethren in Christ Women's Conference is **Friday-Sunday, September 16-18**, in Shipshewana, Indiana. Keynote speaker Lissa Litka will expand on the 2020 conference theme "Together." The cost to attend in-person or online is \$35 (plus hotel if needed). We anticipate a great time of worship, learning and fellowship. See complete details at [www.ubwomen.org](http://www.ubwomen.org).



### Men's Study

Men are invited to participate in the "Band of Brothers" that meets on Wednesday nights beginning **September 14**, at 7:00 pm in room M28. Their next study is Mark Batterson's "IF: Trading Your *If Only* Regrets for God's *What If* Possibilities." This study focuses on Romans 8 and God's promise that we are more than conquerors—now and forever. Learn more at [kingstreetchurch.com/men](http://kingstreetchurch.com/men).



### Ladies' Bible Study

Ladies are invited to join us for a study of Acts facilitated by Brenda Sloane and Deb Baker. Join us for a "Meet and Greet" on **Tuesday, September 13**, at 10 am; we'll hand out the lessons at that time. The study will begin the next week on September 20 at 10 am. To help us plan materials, register at [kingstreetchurch.com/women](http://kingstreetchurch.com/women) or contact Molly Shull at (717) 264-4651. If you would like to come early, some ladies meet for exercise from 9-10 a.m. in the Student Ministry Center. We use exercise bands, balls, and mats that are available at the church.

### Baptism Meeting

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, October 30. If you would like to be baptized, or would like to learn more about this step of obedience, attend a class on **Sunday, October 2** at 11:00 am in M31.

# CROSS WALK

kid min at ksc

**Check-In for Visiting Families:** If you invite a family with children to attend KSC, please note that check-in for visiting kids is completed right in the lobbies at the Welcome Centers.

**Sunday Morning:** If you missed Promotion Sunday, remember to check your child's tag for their new class assignment. We have moved up for the new year!

**Kids Choir:** Kids Choir offers children in grades 1-5 a chance to learn more about music and worship, and use their energy to sing and move to the glory of God! We are looking forward to resuming very soon. Watch the weekly Worship Folder for more details.

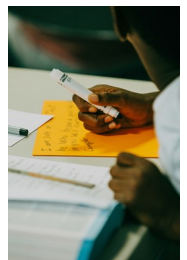


## Worship Time is Back!

We are excited that for the first time since the pandemic, our KidMin team will be bringing back a time of communal worship. First through fifth graders will wrap up their 9:30 hour in the Children's Ministry Center by singing and praising God together. Those who stay for a second hour of ministry at 11:00 am will remain in the CMC. We hope that this time will provide another way for our parents and teachers to connect. Parents, keep in mind that you may drop your kids off at their classroom but pick them up in the CMC.

**Wednesday Night Ministry:** We look forward to beginning Wednesday Night ministry in **mid-September**. Right now we are building our team — if you can help as a 1st-5th grade small group leader, please contact Becky Hann at [bhann@kschurch.org](mailto:bhann@kschurch.org), or visit [serve.kingstreetchurch.com](http://serve.kingstreetchurch.com).

**Child Dedications:** Watch the Worship Folder in late September for announcements regarding upcoming a child dedication meeting. We expect to have a service in early November.



COMING SOON

# THE STREET

## Student Ministry

**Street Kick-Off:** Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a new year of The Street on **Wednesday, September 7** for games, worship, a message, and small groups. Doors open at 6:45 and we end at 8:30 pm.

**GPS Sunday School:** Students in grades 6-12 meet at 9:30 and 11:00 am for GPS Sunday School. Beginning **Sunday, September 11**, we will have a change in our Sunday morning format. The following explanation is from an email that Rob Gunkelman, Pastor of Middle School Student Ministries, and Matt Gish, Pastor of High School Student Ministries sent to families in August; visit [kingstreetchurch.com/students](http://kingstreetchurch.com/students) for a link to the whole letter and additional details.

*For several months we have been evaluating our Sunday School time to make sure that we make the very best use of these hours. We have considered a variety of options, looked at other church models, evaluated the unique needs of our students, and sought God's leading at every step of the way. We are now confident in moving forward with a plan that we believe will help our students to engage more personally with their faith and the Bible lessons that we share with them... Our goal is to equip our students to be a light for Jesus in an ever-darkening world. We feel that these changes will allow the students to build and develop a stronger biblical world view so that they can impact their community with the Gospel.*

- 9:30 am: **Middle School Sunday School** (High School Serving/Worship)
- 11:00 am: **High School Sunday School** (Middle School Serving/Worship)





Welcome back  
**PrimeTimers!**  
Mark your  
calendars:

## Welcome PrimeTimers and New Friends!

The PrimeTimers group was started as a Senior Citizen group by George and Peg Herbert; any adults are welcome to join us. We have enjoyed activities such as overnight trips, day trips, pot lucks, theater events, special dinners, holiday events, picnics, breakfasts, tours and more. Our September Picnic will be a time to renew old friendships and build new ones. You're invited 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. ~The PrimeTimers Committee: *Carol and John Dice, Barb and Mike Snider, Peg Herbert*

## WELCOME BACK PICNIC on Wednesday, September 7:

The picnic begins at 12 noon at Memorial Park; please arrive a little before noon so that we can start promptly. Bring a white elephant give to exchange (optional), ideas for future Prime-Timer activities to jumpstart our calendar, and a lawn chair if you would rather not sit on the picnic table benches the entire time. If you have not signed up yet, there are a few spots left; feel free to call the number below to sign up.

## “DAVID” at SIGHT & SOUND on Wednesday, October 19:

**Details:** We'll travel via Bollman Bus Lines to see “David” at Sight and Sound in Ronks, PA (near Lancaster.) After the show, we will head to Hershey Farms to have a great meal and then head back to Chambersburg.

**Meeting Location:** We'll depart from/return to the Weis parking lot on Wayne Ave, Chbg. We'll leave right at 8:00 a.m. (arrive early so we can leave on time). The show starts at 11:00.

**Cost:** The cost is \$125.

**Deadline:** Final payment and cancellation date is Thursday, September 1.

Contact **Francis Humelsine** at (717) 263-8633 for more information or to reserve your spot for any PrimeTimer events. Also use their email address: [kscprimetimers@gmail.com](mailto:kscprimetimers@gmail.com). Make checks payable to "KSC PrimeTimers" and note the name of the event on the memo area and mail to Frances Humelsine, 408 Benjamin Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

# God at Work

## THROUGH KSC LEADERSHIP



### Celebrating 25 Years with Becky Hann

On August 11, Becky Hann celebrated 25 years of ministry here at King Street Church as Director of Children's Ministries. We couldn't let this milestone pass without letting Becky know how much we appreciate her investment in our Crosswalk Kid's Ministry. We are not just speaking about an investment of time or resources, but of her heart and her passion for Jesus.

Becky and Paul began attending in 1987 when they moved to Chambersburg. Becky says she began serving almost immediately. She sang in the choir and served in the nursery and preschool areas.

When asked why she took on the role of Director of Children's Ministries, Becky describes understanding the responsibility of influencing our next generation. "And I'm going to blame the rest of it on Ron Cook!" she jokes.

At the time, **Ron Cook**, Minister of Pastoral Care, was our Director of Christian Education, and his oversight included children and adult ministries. He helped to recruit volunteers. By his own admission, he saw promise in the young mother.

Ron says, "She had begun to work with kids at the time, and I saw that she was gifted in working with children. I asked her to consider leadership on Wednesday nights."

Ron explains that he knew Becky's father, who was a pastor and evangelist. He describes a time when he spoke at a Rhodes Grove annual camp meeting, and six young men committed their lives to Christ for full-time Christian ministry. "He just had a great personality, and a heart for people, and that flowed over into Becky."

The church was growing and Pastor Pat Jones felt that there should be someone assigned to oversee children. Ron encouraged Becky to pursue the leadership opportunity, and in 1997, Becky became our first full-time Director of Children's Ministries.

Becky says, "I'm grateful that the church gave a mom of three kids the opportunity to do ministry here for all these years. To be honest I never imagined I'd be here for this long!"

**Marsha Spangler** remembers in those early years that Becky's youngest child, Nathan, would come to work with her and sleep under her desk if the day went long. Now that little boy is our Pastor of Contemporary Worship.

**Nathan** says, "I am so thankful and proud of my mom. Twenty-five years is a long time to be in ministry these days especially at one church. The kids ministry has grown and so has her leadership responsibility but it's never been about those things for her. It's always been about introducing kids to Jesus and helping them to forever follow Him. It's been about equipping teachers to raise the next generation, praying with families, showing up early and staying late. It's been about crafts, lessons and providing groceries to families in need. Her heart for the Lord and the humility in which she works is such a blessing. God has used her to make deep and lasting impact into kids and families. It's a gift watching her live out her calling."

**Jeanie Helman**, Children's Ministry Outreach Coordinator, shares: "I have served with Becky for over 23 years. What a blessing. I knew when I met her and started working with her as a volunteer that she was someone I would have a special relationship with and I have not been disappointed. I am grateful to her for supporting me, helping me and pushing me to be a better leader. She has my back and lets me know when I need to do better. She has been a blessing to me over the years, yes... but more importantly to the children and families we minister to. She makes herself available to others, no matter how busy she is. She has a clear vision for the ministry we do and cares deeply for the spiritual development of children. We are blessed to have her as a boss, a friend, a leader, coworker and sister-in-Christ. I pray God's richest blessings upon Becky! I am grateful to her for helping me be a better leader and for not giving up on me!"

**Lisa Todino**, Nursery Coordinator, says, "I have so much respect for Becky! She's taught me so much in the years I've been fortunate to work with her. She is a model of integrity, wisdom and faith. She is so real and genuine and our families and her staff are so blessed to have her! She is a welcoming face in our hallways Sunday mornings and her knowledge of all things kid min is vast. Becky is always striving to improve and keep things fresh as we move forward."

**Steve Flint**, Executive Pastor, shares, "There are a number of traits I appreciate about Becky but the one I appreciate the most is how she prays! She puts her whole heart into her prayers and I know she is praying for the needs all around her. I praise God for her prayerful leadership!"

As Becky reflects on her time at King Street, she thinks of our leadership.

"For me, the one thing that I'm most grateful for is the support that the church has given to me and the children's department," she says. "It's so encouraging. Whenever the ministry has needed something, I have asked and they've done their best to accommodate me."

Becky continues, "There have been challenging seasons over the years, but on the other side of those times, I've been able to see how good and faithful that God has been."

When asked about the highlight of her time at King Street, Becky is thoughtful, and then explains, "For me, it still amazes me that every Sunday, we have anywhere from 50-60 people showing up — and these are volunteers, people who aren't getting paid to do this — but they choose to get up on a Sunday morning so that they share the Gospel with kids. It blows my mind that they are here at 9:15, ready to serve and love on our children. I never take that for granted. The joy that they demonstrate is a joy for me. Seeing their faithfulness, *that* is my highlight."

# Relationally Connected

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & NOTES

### Attendance Report

Note: our online numbers stand for each unique IP address that tunes in, each representing about two people.

	In-Person	Online
• July 31	779	446
• Aug 7	890	442
• Aug 14	867	432
• Aug 21	783	TBD

### Giving Report

These offerings are part of the General Fund.

• July 31	\$48,736.64
• Aug 7	\$58,346.49
• Aug 14	\$50,271.77
• Aug 21	\$53,911.27

### Now Hiring

Visit [kingstreetchurch.com/job](http://kingstreetchurch.com/job) for details and application requirements.

- **Facilities Custodian/Maintenance Technician** (*full-time, first shift*) who will share the responsibilities of providing a clean, safe, and comfortable environment.
- **Creative Arts Associate** (*part-time*) To leverage the power of telling the story, particularly via video, of what God is doing in and through the people of King Street Church in our mission of engaging and blessing our community with the Gospel.

### Library Update

The KSC Library is open again! Be sure to stop by room M12 (on the lower level) to see all that we offer for adults and kids.

### Communion Offering:

In September, communion offerings will go to the **Agape Program**, a KSC ministry which offers English classes for our community.



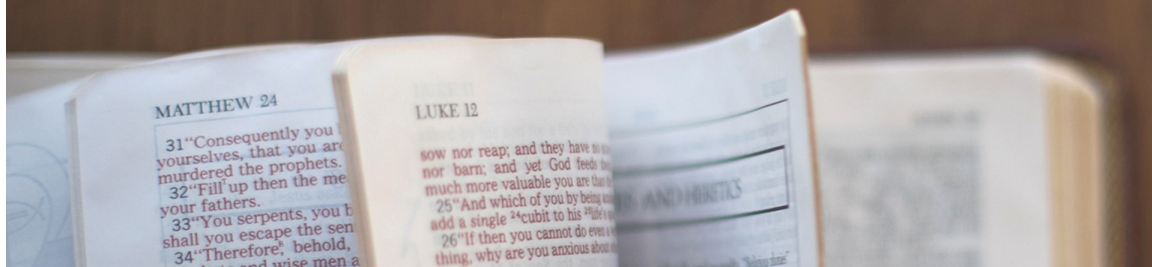
Doris Byers, who has been a member of King Street Church since 1957, recently celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. If you would like to send Doris a card, her address is:

*Penn Hall - Room 321, 1425  
Philadelphia Ave,  
Chambersburg PA. 17201*

# 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](http://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?*

# Engaging & Blessing

## OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE GOSPEL

### OMM

Our next quarterly distribution is coming up soon: **Saturday, September 10**. We are still in need of supplies. Place your contribution in the bins in the lobbies. Items should be in new, unopened condition.



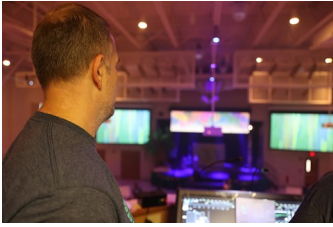
- Laundry detergent (30-64 oz)
- Dryer sheets
- Dishwashing (liquid) detergent
- Bar soap
- Razors: men's and women's
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Deodorant: men's and women's
- Paper towels: individually-wrapped
- Toilet paper: small 4- to 6-packs
- Facial tissues
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toothbrushes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

**Contribute Your Time:** If you would like to serve with OMM, there are multiple times and ways you can serve beforehand, on distribution day itself, as well as afterwards. All you need is a love for people! To ask a question or to volunteer, email [omm@kschurch.org](mailto:omm@kschurch.org). This email is monitored weekly; we'll be in touch with you soon.



### Giveaway Update

The first week of August, our After-School Ministry gave away over 300 back packs to children in need, and provided 200 more to four organizations who serve community families. Thank you to all who helped make it possible for us to fulfill our mission to engage and bless our community with the Gospel in this tangible way. We received enough gifts to cover over 80% of our expenses, and saw a great turnout of volunteers who helped at the distribution. Praise the Lord!



## CROSS Inc. Friendship Banquet

**Saturday, September 27**  
**6:30 pm — KSC Baker Center**  
**RSVP (717) 530-1788**

CROSS Inc. is a partner ministry of KSC that serves people with special needs. You're invited to the annual banquet to see how God is working through CROSS and in the lives of their residents. There is no charge; a free will offering will be taken.

## GOD'S PURPOSE — MY PLACE

### Let's find where you fit!

Here at KSC, you're invited to connect more deeply to God, His people, and His work through the church. Use a card at the Welcome Centers in the lobbies or click the link on our homepage at [kingstreetchurch.com](http://kingstreetchurch.com) to express your interest in:

**MEDIA:** Camera operator, audio engineer, lyrics and media operator, lighting operator, producer

**WELCOME:** Coffee coordinators, ushers, lobby hosts

**WORSHIP:** Many opportunities available!

**CHILDREN:** Sunday teachers/helpers at 9:30 and 11:00, Elementary small group leaders for Wednesday evenings.

**STUDENTS:** Sunday School teachers, 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys group leader and food team helpers (Wed nights), basketball ministry coaches, childcare helpers to watch group leaders' kids

**AGAPE ENGLISH:** Conversation facilitators, computer lab monitors, literacy teachers, hospitality, babysitters (Saturday pm)

**KSCConnectABILITY:** Helpers for those with special needs who attend on Sunday (9:30 am)

Our mission at King Street Church is to engage and bless our community with the Gospel. There are always more ways to serve our church and ministry partners through our Service Central page. Examples: Join the Prayer Team for Disciplemakers, provide meals for RESET, or serve with Good News Club.

[serve.kingstreetchurch.com](http://serve.kingstreetchurch.com)

# Missionally Engaged

## AROUND THE WORLD

### Church in Arcahaie

*From Rodney Mose, Leader of the Haiti Barnabas Team*

#### Haiti Sponsorship Program

A new school year will begin next week in Haiti and I thought it would be good to bring to you a greeting from Pastor Massillon, and update on the Child Sponsorship Program.

When KSC began the Sponsorship Program in January 2014, the school had 150 students. KSC began working with CH Global to begin a Child Sponsorship Program and KSC families sponsored 102 children. The school was located in very primitive facilities, with grades kindergarten through 6th grades. Pastor Massillon acknowledges that without those sponsorship commitments the school would have closed.

Since then a new church and school buildings have been built and classes are now offered for kindergarten through 11th grades. Next year there are plans to add the 12th grade. So as we think about the ratio of sponsored children in 2014 we sponsored 102 out of 150 total students. Now here in 2022, we are sponsoring just 92 of the 365 total students. It causes us to ask the question, would there be families at KSC who may be interested in sponsoring a child in Haiti?

Prior to this current time of unrest, the Haiti Barnabas Team conducted yearly teacher training seminars to enhance quality of teaching. The King Street Missions Co-Mission continues to support a school meal program. The combination of these elements of support has increased the quality of education at the Arcahaie School. *(These photos show Rodney and Pastor Jody during visits to Haiti.)*

The Haiti Barnabas Team, with the support of Pastor Jody, has invited Pastor Mark Wallace

to visit KSC on September 18 to talk about our partnership with Christian Horizons Global and their ministries. Mark is the Executive Director of International Partnerships for CH Global and a United Brethren Pastor.



KSC has worked with Mark since 2013 when we began the work in Haiti.

We ask that the KSC congregation continue to pray for our partners in Haiti. Our Haitian friends have always stated that the key for Haiti's future is education, and that starts with the children. Since the Sponsorship Program is a major source of funding for the school, on September 18 the Haiti Barnabas Team would like to offer the opportunity to sponsor a child to anyone who feels led to do so.



## HB

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

Hello friends and family,

Looking back on the month of July, I can't think of any one specific event or story to share with all of you, so I'll share several smaller updates from different areas of my life.

### Teaching

Post short-term, my students have been adjusting well to having just me in the classroom again. They really enjoy our station days where they get to rotate around the classroom doing various activities. I really like

station days too as they give me a chance to work with students in smaller groups and really focus on specific areas of growth.

Our current unit is on learning numbers 1-10,000 and shopping conversations. We've been asking questions like "How much is this?" and "How many are there?"

### Students

As I was handing out July exams, one of my most advanced students declared, "I will destroy this!" as I handed him his exam. He did, in fact, "destroy" his exam by getting a nearly perfect score!

My students, and often ■ people as a whole, love to take photos. Recently they found the Snapchat app on my phone and have been taking photos of themselves, their classmates, and me!

### His Team

Our team has now transitioned into new leadership roles. Our former Team Leader (TL) has become a member of the ■ Leadership Team and my teammate Britta is now filling the role of TL as of this past month. Not long ago, a teammate had to stay in the city for over a week due to illness. She is back with us in the province now and we are so grateful to have her back and on the mend!

### Language

This week, I'm starting a new, more intense, 8-week language program. My hope is that this will help my verbal ■ to grow even more! I'm still practicing my reading and writing skills in ■. My teacher, who is like-minded, wants to start reading parts of the Word together in ■ to practice language.

## ■, Our Country

Rainy season is upon us! This looks like many moto drives in the rain, dodging puddles in the market, and making sure I have a poncho on me at all times!

This Sunday, I was able to go to a ■ fellowship with my like-minded language teacher (mentioned above). Although I didn't understand much of the message, I appreciate the friendship I have with my teacher and her willingness to invite me into her fellowship.

## CR

Every Tuesday afternoon around lunchtime, my teammates and I open our home for students to come over and build relationships. We play cards, draw pictures, paint, play ball, and play with Legos.

## Praises

- Relationships with ■ friends and students continue to grow!
- I've been in ■ for almost one year! Praise the Father for all He has done in this past year.
- My laptop audio is fixed! For close to a month my laptop had no sound, but now it's working again.

## Lifts

- I start a new language class this week! Lift that I would have energy and boldness to dig into language learning and practice with people often.
- Please lift that my teammates and I would extend grace to one another as we are adjusting to a transition of leadership roles.
- I'll be back in Pennsylvania in November! Please lift for that time to be restful and

fruitful and that I would plan well for my time in the States even now.

Thanks so much for your continued support!

## Emily Schoenleber

August 2022, serving with FAI in Kentucky

## One Year

*"I just have to roll the burden on the Lord."*

*[Hudson] Taylor had learned that, for him, only one life was possible— that of resting and rejoicing in the Lord under all circumstances, while He dealt with the difficulties inward and outward, great and small."*

*Some pretty sound advice from Hudson Taylor as we enter a new year. Among the many things we learned in 2020, one is that our world can be shaken pretty fast. Everything we thought was dependable and solid can crumble before our eyes and leave us filled with anxiety and uncertainty.*

*We also learned that there is no way we can prepare as we'd like for every curve ball a year will throw at us. The unexpected will undoubtedly come and try as we ought, we cannot anticipate or avoid it. But hope is not lost. Perhaps one of the greatest gifts the Lord gave us in 2020 was exposing the sandy hills we mistook for solid foundations. In His kindness the Lord is re-establishing our foundations and ripping every false comfort and idol out of our hearts so that we can stand firm and sure in the days ahead.*

*Here's what we can do: choose a life of resting & rejoicing in the Lord; no matter the circumstances. Wherever we find ourselves in 2021, let us be found in Him. Let us tarry with Him & abide in Him, that we may know Him.*

*Just as the old hymn says: Keep me ever trusting, ever resting, fill me with Thy grace. Happy New Year."*

As you can tell, those aren't new thoughts or words. I wrote them on New Year's Eve in 2020 as we all (impatiently) waited for 2021 to begin. The Lord is just so kind. He is the best leader. And He really is the Good Shepherd. August 11th marked one year since our family lost my brother, Ryan.

Looking back on things like this move my heart. It's clear how the Lord was fortifying things in me, strengthening foundations so I'd have solid ground to stand on. 2021 held the worst curve ball I never could have imagined. The worst pain and the deepest grief. But this is my testimony: He has been and continues to be all that He promised. And it is still my joy to say I love Him and I am found in Him. May He keep me ever trusting, ever resting, and filled with His grace all my days.

### **Honoring Joy Dawson**

I first heard Joy Dawson's name when I joined YWAM at 18. We heard about her within a few days as we learned about her teaching on prayer and intercession. It ignited my heart for prayer; I had never heard anything like it. It was easy for me to look at Joy's life and her fierce commitment to holiness and fear of Lord and think, "That's a bit extreme, I don't have to take it that far." But in reality, I was deeply convicted by her life and what she taught and I knew there was so much the Holy Spirit was putting His finger on that needed refined in my life.



*Joy Dawson*

FEBRUARY 27, 1926 - JULY 21, 2022

We've lost a lot of moms and dads in the faith in recent years. Moms and dads who have carried deep conviction and incredible authority and anointing in different areas. When Billy Graham died, I remember a spiritual father of mine (who actually died last year) said it's so important for us to pay attention when these moms and dads pass; it's not just honoring their life and what they carried. It's an invitation from the Lord for an entire generation to pick up what they were carrying; take the baton and keep running with it.

Joy knew the Lord. I mean really knew Him. She lived a life of prayer and intercession, obedience to God, holiness, and fear of the Lord. All things our generation desperately need to walk in maturity. I don't want any of those things to die with Joy. I am so thankful for her life and the legacy she left. I'm thankful for the way she continually pointed us all to Jesus. Time to pick up the baton and run our race with it. For this generation.

Maybe it will never get recognized by people. But that's okay, I'd rather receive a reward from the Lord than from man. I'd much rather be entrusted with more in the Kingdom. This perspective shift is so freeing!

### Afghanistan One Year Later

"The hope of Jesus is spreading like wildfire, even with the constant threat of rape, torture, and murder by the Taliban. A leader in disciple-making ministry in the Middle East, is excited to share that the underground church continues to grow and thrive."

It has been one year since Afghanistan fell to Taliban rule. Just because you're not seeing it on the news anymore doesn't mean everything's okay. Circumstances are still dire. Support the church in Afghanistan. Pray for them. Follow Global Catalytic Ministries for updates directly from underground church leaders, testimonies, and prayer points.

### Thank You

Thank you all so much for continuing to pray for me as I've navigated this transition. There have definitely been some really hard, really lonely times. But I am so thankful to be covered in prayer and encouraged by so many people. I say this all the time, but I really could not be doing what I'm doing without all of you. I am so deeply grateful and cannot say thank you enough for your prayers and support.

Blessings and Maranatha, Emily

**See details of Emily's annual fundraiser on page 26!**

## Russia Ministry Update

*from John Smith, Orphan's Tree*

It's a hard time to be an American mission organization doing work in Russia! Many, if not most, American missions had pulled out of Russia during the pandemic or after the invasion of Ukraine. Orphan's Tree, faithfully supported by King Street Church, continues to minister in Russia. Even during the pandemic, when travel to Russia was not possible, people asked us why we didn't expand our ministry to older orphans to other countries since Russia was "closed." Our answer then, as now, was simple: "We've been called to Russia."

It's been three years since American teams have been able to travel to Russia to minister to older orphans with our Russian staff, prevented first by the global pandemic, then by the invasion of Ukraine. King Street Church had sent three teams to Russia before the pandemic (*see photos*), and we continue to relate to both staff and orphans through Zoom and Telegram.



What has amazed us (but why should a work of God's faithfulness still surprise us?) is that our Russian staff (35 Russians, most under the age of 40) have not only continued our ministry to older orphans, but expanded it during this time! Older orphans (aged 16-30) in Russia are both afraid and confused with all the social turmoil resulting from the invasion of Ukraine. They need the peace and confidence given by the Gospel now more than ever.

We are asking for prayer in three areas for our continued Russian Ministry:

- Safety and security of our staff. There is much anti-American propaganda in the Russian media because of our support of Ukraine. We pray that our staff, who have been known to work with Americans, are not prejudiced against. *Current condition: Praise God - We have not had any issues or fears raised by our Russian staff members. Continue to pray that this will be the case as being long-time friends of Americans is a risk to them during these days.*
- Electronic communication. Zoom, FaceTime, or Text is the lifeline of our ministry to our staff and orphans during this time. There have been some efforts to cut off communication to individuals and organizations outside of Russia. We need to keep communicating with our people there. *Current situation: Praise God, we are able to continue having Zoom calls, emails with attachments, and texting. Our ability to communicate with our staff has gone unimpeded so far.*
- Transfer of funds. Our ministry has been funded by churches, businesses, and

individuals in Russia as well as the United States. However, the current financial situation in Russia has decreased the giving ability of those who have supported us, making American support even more important. We feared that the sanctions imposed by western countries would keep us from being able to support our staff and help our orphans. *Current Situation: Praise God, in early April the U.S. Treasury Department issued a memorandum that groups providing humanitarian assistance could transfer money to Russia. It took jumping through some hoops, but we continue to fund operations and activities on a monthly basis.*

Please continue to pray for our staff and for the orphans they minister to on a daily basis at our four Ministry Centers, located in Vladimir, Ivanovo, Kostroma, and Kirov. And pray that one day soon the door will be opened for us to travel once again to minister to and with our Russian staff, offering orphans practical help and God's hope through Christ.

*(These are Russian staff members at our Ivanovo Center.)*



## Spaghetti Dinner for Emily Shoenleber

Saturday, October 29, 5-7:00 pm

The Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser is an annual tradition at King Street Church. Join us **Saturday, October 29**, from 5-7:00 pm in the Baker Center. Cost is by donation. Carryout will be available. Emily will be speaking at 6:00 pm. This is a great chance to enjoy a delicious meal — Carol Dice will be providing a delicious Italian dinner, as usual — and invest in a young missionary who grew up at our church. This is our 9<sup>th</sup> year supporting God's work through Emily.



**Blessed by Joyce:** On Wednesday, August 24, our own long-time church member and choir participant **Joyce Bless** was honored by Pennsylvania State Representative Rob Kauffman. What a gift for us to see our sister's legacy of service to the community. When given the spotlight, she gave glory to God. The post on Facebook read:



*If you spent much time in the Scotland Community, it's likely that you know the name Mrs. Bless. Mrs. Joyce Bless has served three generations of families at the Scotland Elementary School. Things will be a little different when school starts tomorrow, as she retired in June, after 46 years of service. We learned to know Mrs. Bless when our daughter began at Scotland Elementary School. Mrs. Bless knew how everything at the school was supposed to run and she made it happen every day. She loved her job, the children, and the families! As I visited with her, she shared her perspective on how she did her job came from Colossians 3:23-24, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Thank you Mrs. Bless for your service! Our community is better because of you!*



# 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 worshiping?*

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

**Messenger Deadline:** Articles and information for the October 2022 issue should be submitted by **September 21** to Susanna Allen, [sallen@kschurch.org](mailto:sallen@kschurch.org), or 56 N. 2nd St, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

## How to Give

- **Pay Online with a Credit Card:** Visit [kingstreetchurch.com/give](http://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](mailto: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](http://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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*Please pray  
for those beginning a  
new school year!*

“The Lord himself goes  
before you and will be with  
you; he will never leave you  
nor forsake you.  
Do not be afraid; do not  
be discouraged.”

Deuteronomy 31:8

