

The Messenger

News and notes for our King Street Church family.

October 2022



Fashioned for a Purpose

By Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor

Way back in my college days, I majored in Human Relations. This meant that a majority of my classes fell into one of three basic fields of study: psychology (the study of the human mind and its functions, especially those affecting behavior), sociology (the study of human societies and patterns of social relationships within culture) and anthropology (the systematic study of humanity). I happened to attend a Christian university, which meant that I also had the opportunity to take Bible classes—which is how I used the vast majority of my elective classes. In fact, I took so many Bible classes that by my senior year, I realized that I could pick up a second major in Religion & Philosophy. There was just one catch... it meant that I had to take two philosophy classes (something that I had been avoiding).

I'm not quite certain the reason I was avoiding philosophy. I think it was partly due to the fact that I had heard that it was tough to get a good grade from the professor. I suppose the other reason was that I knew that studying philosophy would make me think a little harder than I wanted to. Up to that point in my life, I never considered myself a very introspective person. But—if I wanted the double major, there was no way around philosophy. So I jumped in.

The short story is that I enjoyed these two classes far more than I thought that I would (even though I didn't succeed in getting an A in either course). I can tell you that some 40 years later, I still remember many of the concepts that we covered. One of those concepts is what is known as the teleological argument for the existence of God (can

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you see why I wanted to avoid philosophy!?) It's actually not nearly as difficult as it sounds. The basic premise is that the world around us exhibits an intelligent purpose that is obvious in everything that we see. The world of nature, for example, is full of design, complexity, and order—leading to the logical conclusion that it is impossible for it to exist by mere chance.

The best way to illustrate this concept is in imagining yourself hiking in the deep, dark jungles of the Amazon rain forest—in a specific place where you can know with nearly absolute certainty that no human being has ever been before. And as you're hacking your way through the dense trees and foliage, you look down and see a stunning, shiny, and intricately fashioned wrist watch just lying on the ground...and it's keeping perfect time! As you stand there holding that watch, you're racking your brain trying to figure out how in the world that watch got there. Had someone else been hiking there recently? No way. The only explanation you can possibly come up with is that somehow, somehow, someone had dropped that watch from a plane (or hot air balloon? or rocket ship?)—and it just happened to end up right in your path.

Now for the deeper question—why is this the only possible conclusion that you can come to? It's because the existence of something as intricately designed as a wristwatch DEMANDS our belief that the watch had a designer. In other words, it is absolutely impossible that the watch came into existence as the result of the random collision of molecules and atoms taking place over

millions and billions of years. There is just no way—no matter how much time you give it. The existence of intricate design requires the existence of an intelligent designer.

If this is true for a wristwatch—how much more is it true for each one of us! It is utterly and absolutely impossible for something as complex and magnificent as the human body (and mind and soul) to have “evolved” over billions of years as the result of some “big bang” and the random collision of molecules and atoms. We exist because God created us. Our exquisite complexity demands our belief in a vastly more intelligent creator.

More than that, God created and fashioned each and every one of us for a unique and eternal purpose. Our Heavenly Father knit us together in our mother's womb (Psalm 139), and we are God's handiwork—created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10). God's purpose and plan is to adopt us into His family, and involve us in His purpose to build His kingdom and carry the Gospel (the good news of our redemption) to the ends of the earth and the dark corners of our community.

Every single person matters to God. He knows our hurts, and cares about every single detail of every life. In His sovereign plan, He has purposed to involve each of us (His adopted children...those who love Him, receive His Spirit, and have taken His name) in His plan to love the hurting and save the lost. This is what it means to “live the call.”

Every day of our lives is ordained by God. Every relationship is an opportunity to shine light and point the way. Nothing is random or outside of His divine working. Through our daily lives we give access to everyone around

us to see who Jesus is—know how Jesus loves—and hear what Christ has done. The Great Designer has designed each of us, and we are fashioned for a purpose.



Pastor Jody’s “Quote of the Week” is posted each week on Facebook and Instagram @kingstrectchurch. This image at left was his quote from the message, “Standing Firm in the Faith” on Sunday, September 18.

See this and other past Sermons — including the current Corinthians-focused series “A Passion for God’s People” under the “Watch & Read” tab at kingstrectchurch.com.

Precious in His Sight: Focus on the After School Program

*By Susanna Allen
Communications Coordinator*

A Problem

The year was 2002 and the Coyle Free Library had a problem.

When the elementary school located adjacent to their parking lot let their children out for the day, some of their students with parents at work had no one to receive them at home. They flooded into the nearby library to hang out. These young people weren’t so much interested in reading or studying as they were

in talking and laughing. It was disruptive to the atmosphere and required staff to monitor them.

Yes, the Coyle Free Library had a problem, and as they glanced around at their neighbors, they saw one who might offer a solution. That’s when we received a letter from the library which explained the situation and boldly asked, was there something the church could do with these children?

An Opportunity

Becky Hann, Director of Children’s Ministries, saw the opportunity. *(continued on next page)*

FOCUS ON THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

A seed had been planted, and with the help of trusted volunteers including Ann Vincenti, Brenda Yeager, Sue Washabaugh, and others, the After School Program (ASP) at KSC grew into a reality. In those early days Jeanie Helman – now our Children’s Outreach Coordinator – was just a volunteer herself, but a few years later Jeanie was formally hired to lead the growing ministry.

We started with just one day a week which quickly grew to two. The routine then was much like it is today. When the kids arrive there is a time of play, then a snack. We teach a Bible lesson on Mondays and offer a life lesson on Tuesdays. This might be something like a demonstration of a musical instrument, a cooking class, or a visit from someone who shares about a profession. Jeanie says some highlights have related to animals, including presentations from a reptile specialist and 4-H Club. Then volunteers will sit with the kids one-on-one and help them complete their homework. This is a privilege that most of the children would not otherwise have, but which greatly helps them excel in school.

Jeanie says the experiences have helped to stretch the children. She recalls one little boy being nervous about a visit to a nursing home to play bingo with the residents.

“It was just a new experience for him, something he had never done before. After it was over he told me what a great time he had. It may have even opened his eyes to a skill that he had, to interact with older people. That is kind of our goal we have with life lessons, to help the children to experience new things and broaden their perspective of opportunities.”

The mission of the After School Program has always been to build a relationship of trust with

the students; it is the “engage” piece in our church mission. This trust has led to feeding into the lives of the children and their families in ways that go far beyond the few hours of formal ministry. This is where the blessing really happens.

A Safe Harbor

Jeanie has referred some families to the Deacons to be considered for one-time assistance in times of financial crisis. Volunteers have invited the children to their homes on the weekends for enriching experiences or to celebrate their birthdays. Some of the children come from very hard situations, and we’ve been a safe harbor in their tumultuous lives.

Just this past week Jeanie shared a meal with one young woman whose kids attended the After-School Program. She developed friendships with the volunteers, and through these relationships learned about salvation and accepted Christ as her Savior. She is now a leader in ministry at another local church and her entire family follows Jesus. When asked about her testimony she explains that God led her to faith in Him through the After School Program at King Street Church.

Jeanie herself fed into one family in a big way, helping one mom to care for her kids after a terrible car accident. It is an experience that has been very rewarding for her and her husband.

“We meet people at different places in their walk, often when they are going through really hard things,” Jeanie explains. “King Street is a place where they can come for spiritual guidance and support.”

She recalls another story from this past year’s Christmas party. She was “just having fun” with one of the families, taking photos of the mom and

MISSION VERSE — PSALM 72:12-14

“He will rescue the poor when they cry to him; he will help the oppressed, who have no one to defend them. He feels pity for the weak and the needy, and he will rescue them. He will redeem them from oppression and violence, for their lives are precious to him.”

her children and laughing and joking with them. Then suddenly this mother, who was from Guatemala, got really emotional and broke into tears. “Thank you for loving my family!” she said.

Jeanie explained that the mother was touched because Jeanie and the other volunteers were showing a natural affection for her children — not just a holy love — but were truly enjoying them. She didn’t have any family in the area and to be cherished in that way was a rare gift.

“Those kinds of things impact me,” Jeanie says. “The simple act of appreciating her children for their unique gifts and abilities made such a difference in their mother’s life, and that gave me incredible joy. I get more out of this ministry than I could ever give.”

Sue Washabaugh, another who has served since the beginning, speaks of a student she connected with who lived with a single mom. The mother was diagnosed with cancer and later passed away. Sue and another volunteer walked with this girl through that tragedy. They stayed in touch with her and watched her grow up. They attended her sporting events, and provided advice in high school, and throughout college. Today that young woman is a stable, productive adult who works at Chambersburg hospital. Sue remains in contact to provide spiritual guidance and encouragement.

Jeanie says, “The After-School Program helps us to engage with the unchurched. It’s all about serving our neighborhood children and loving on kids.”

Sue Washabaugh says, “I have thoroughly enjoyed the program. Jeanie does a wonderful job connecting us. There are kids whose parents have started coming to King Street through our relationships. I have found it a really great way to make contacts with kids who come from difficult situations and broken families and really need adult friendship. Other kids have parents who are working so much that they literally don’t have time to help the child with their homework. It’s been so rewarding. I guess that’s why I’m still doing it 21 years later!”

A New Season

There are 100 more stories we could tell about how God is working through the After School Program. We hope members of our church family will be inspired to see the ministry in action for themselves in our new season of ASP which kicks off on **Monday, October 2**. We have some critical spots to fill as we look forward to the Fall. Please know, while some volunteers have made deeper connections with kids, it’s not typical. All that is required to support this ministry is to serve for a few hours a month. Come and help a child with their homework, and show them that they are loved by God. Come and help to prepare a meal, and show by the investment of your time that they are valuable. Come and share a unique skill that will broaden a child’s horizons and inspire them with the possibilities that are waiting for them.

If you are willing to help, take a test drive, or learn more about ASP, reach out to Jeanie Helman, Children’s Outreach Coordinator at jhelman@kschurch.org.

Coming Soon

KSC IN ACTION!

LUNCH LESSONS *with Pastor Jody*



Lunch Lessons WITH PASTOR JODY

You're invited to Lunch Lessons with Pastor Jody on **Thursday, October 13** 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 ask that **everyone** pre-register, even if you are bringing your own lunch. 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.

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, 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.



Surviving the Holidays

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated?

Our Surviving the Holidays seminar will be offered on **Sunday, November 13** from 2-4:00 pm in the Choir Room (M7) on the lower level. It is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. In the past participants have shared that this event has been incredibly helpful. You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future

To help us plan, register through the link at www.kingstreetchurch.com/today or contact Molly Shull at mshull@kschurch.org.

Night of Worship

Let's connect in praise to our God during our Night of Worship on **Sunday, October 2** at 6:30 pm in the Baker Center. The event will also be live-streamed. Psalm 100:2, "Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs."



SAVE THE DATES!

Family Sunday

We are looking forward to a special morning on **Sunday, October 30**, when we plan to incorporate children and students in all aspects of our worship services including serving, worship, Scripture reading, and more. The Kids Choir will sing and unique elements will be included to appeal to our younger family members. This is an opportunity to worship as a family, to enjoy the gifts of our children and students, and to celebrate the larger family of God that includes every one of us!

Christmas at Country Creek

Our all-church Christmas celebration is planned for **Tuesday, December 13**, at Country Creek Produce Farm. It's going to be another amazing night of fun outdoor winter activities as we anticipate the Savior this Christmas.

Alcoholics Anonymous:

AA is designed for those who have a drinking problem and would like to feel good again. You are invited to come and join the Alcoholics Anonymous ABC's group that meets weekly in the KSC Ministry Center. As always, we keep your business private!

The group meets on Wednesdays from 7—8 pm in room C3 in the Ministry Center. The facility is wheelchair accessible.



Operation Christmas Child

This important annual tradition will begin on **Sunday, October 16** and you'll need to return your boxes to the lobbies by **Sunday, November 13**. See page 22 for more details.



GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.



PrimeTimers is Back!

It may not look exactly as it did before Covid, but we are planning activities periodically in the coming year. We had a great time at our September Picnic, in spite of the rain. Several folks gave us ideas for activities that they would like to attend. All were in agreement to having inside activities as much as possible during the winter months.

Drivers Needed: There is a need for a driver(s) with a CDL license, and a passenger permit to occasionally drive the KSC Mini-bus. We also could use additional drivers for the regular church van (no CDL required). If you can help in either of these ways, [email kscprimetimers@gmail.com](mailto:kscprimetimers@gmail.com).

Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 14

Mark the date for the Christmas Luncheon in the Baker Center at 12 noon. Watch for more details in the November *Messenger*. If you have suggestions for entertainment, please email or see a member of the PrimeTimers leadership team.



Reminders for “DAVID” at SIGHT & SOUND

Registration for this event is closed, but if you are already signed up and paid in full, please note the following information. We will depart on Bollman Bus Lines from the Weis parking lot on Wayne Avenue in Chambersburg at 8 am; arrive early so we can leave on time. The show starts at 11:00. After the show, we will head to Hershey Farms to dine together and then will head back to Chambersburg.

Contact **Francis Humelsine** at (717) 263-8633 to reserve your spot for any events. Make checks payable to "KSC PrimeTimers" and note the name of the event in the memo area. Mail to Frances Humelsine, 408 Benjamin Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

For more information, questions, suggestions, or to be notified of activities, email: kscprimetimers@gmail.com. (Please note that you must contact Francis directly to make reservations for any events; this cannot be done via email.)

CROSS WALK

kid min at ksc

Sunday Morning: We offer ministry for children nursery through grade 5 at 9:30 and 11:00.

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! The Fall session begins on **Sunday, October 2**. For details and a registration form, visit kingstreetchurch.com/kids.

KidzConnect on Wednesday Nights: Wednesday nights are about building relationships and learning how to live out our faith. Elementary students in grades 1-5 meet in the CMC from 7:00—8:00 pm (doors open at 6:45 pm). We'd love to build our team even more — if you can help as a 1st-5th grade small group leader, please contact Becky Hann at bhann@kschurch.org, or visit serve.kingstreetchurch.com.

Child Dedications: Child dedication is an opportunity for parents to commit publicly to raising their children in the love and nurture of the Lord. Our next dedication will be Sunday, November 6. If you wish to participate, attend a preparation class on **Sunday, October 9** or **Sunday, October 23** at 11 am in M221. If you have questions, contact Becky Hann, Director of Children's Ministries, at bhann@kschurch.org.



Street Meetings: Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings for games, worship, a message, and small groups. Doors open at 6:45 and we end at 8:30 pm. High School meets in the SMC; Middle School is meeting in the Baker gym while the MS area is being renovated.

THE STREET

Student Ministry

GPS Sunday School: Students in grades 6-8 meet at 9:30 and grades 9-12 meet at 11:00 am for GPS Sunday School. During the alternate hours, students are encouraged to attend worship or serve in a ministry area.



The All-Nighter is Back!

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in a fun filled evening of inflatables, games, food, and more. Be on the lookout for more information on how to sign up. Please email Lauren with any questions (ldukehart@kschurch.org).



God at Work

THROUGH KSC LEADERSHIP

August Board Highlights

The Board of Administration of King Street Church met Wednesday, August 10, 2022 in the Choir Room. Glenn Watson, Chairman of the Board of Administration, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

SENIOR PASTOR REPORT

Pastor Jody expressed his appreciation to all those that serve on the Board. Pastor Jody shared the positive feedback that he has received regarding the sermon series on Ecclesiastes. We are now moving into the series on 1st and 2nd Corinthians. This Sunday, we will be hosting a 1-day Ministry Fair event entitled, “God’s Purpose—My Place” in the courtyard to encourage people to get involved in the different outreaches and areas of service here at KSC.

EXECUTIVE PASTOR REPORT

Pastor Steve expressed appreciation for the due diligence of the Compensation Committee and all the work they have accomplished. Pastor Steve advised that Nancy Fritz passed away last week and that she began the Prayer Room Ministry. August 28 is Baptism Sunday. Partnership classes are scheduled for September 18 and 25.

ELDERS TEAM REPORT

Greg West advised the Elders met in July and they have been working on an initiative to improve communication between the elders, the staff and the Board of Administration. This was the focus of the entire meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Dan Gehris shared that 44 student grants were given out this year through the KSC Student Grant Program. A total of 51 children/youth attended Rhodes Grove Camp this summer with KSC giving \$6,470 in camper grants.

CO-MISSION REPORTS *(alpha order)*

Adult Ministry – Mark Willson advised that “The Porch” ministry is going strong this summer with attendance averaging 35 young adults. They also had a good launch last month of new discipleship groups, one for men and one for women. We have about 450 people involved in an L3 Group at KSC which is just more than half of the church.

Compensation – Eric Oyer presented the Annual Compensation Report and the recommendations of the Compensation Committee for 2022-2023. On an Alexander Rosenbaum/Carolyn Chenaille motion to accept all recommendations, the motion was unanimously approved.

Children's Ministry – Alexander Rosenbaum advised one of the initiatives for Children's Ministry is to reconnect with young adults and high school students to help/serve in Children's Ministry. They would also like to offer a 4-6 week parenting class with topics that came out of the "Roar Like A Mother" event. On August 15 there will be a training for volunteers to review the KSC Safety Plan. August 21 is Promotion Sunday. The Preschool Coordinator position is still open.

Finance – Brad Etchberger advised the Finance Co-Mission met on July 28 and Darren Grove of Merrill Lynch was present to give an update on our investment accounts. Dan Gehris shared his July 2022 and YTD financial update with the Board. Undesignated income for July 2022 was under budget. YTD undesignated income is under budget by \$62,710. Expenses were under budget in July which helped our bottom line.

Local Outreach – Sharon Bowers advised the Local Outreach Quarterly Meeting took place on August 2 with nine of our local ministry partners in attendance. The group expressed appreciation not only for the funds KSC provides to them, but also for the opportunity to meet together. The next Local Outreach Quarterly Meeting will be on November 1.

Missions – John Schaffer shared that we had a visiting missionary from Mission Aviation Fellowship who presented the "To the Ends of the Earth" video on June 17. Construction and repairs to homes damaged during the 2021 Haiti earthquake continue to

go well but approximately 100 homes still need repairs.

Personnel Relations – Aaron Smith advised that the KSC Staff Picnic is planned for Wednesday, August 17.

Property – Dale Forney advised that additional members are still needed for the Décor Committee. The library project has been completed and the library is now open. Installation of new parking lot signs is scheduled for September 17. The KSC Security Plan revisions are being reviewed.

Student Ministry – Nathan Rosenberger advised bi-weekly summer Street meetings have gone very well. The Chambersburg Project was a success with over 30 students/staff completing 40 different projects for local residents. The Kentucky missions trip was a huge success. Upcoming events include a trip to the Museum of the Bible on August 13, Promotion Sunday on August 21, a Road Crew meeting on August 31 and the first Wednesday night Street Meeting will be on September 7.

Worship Arts – Carolyn Chenaille advised the Worship Arts Co-Mission met on August 1 and they discussed dress code, modesty and the commitment form the team signed when they first joined. They also discussed the spiritual discipline book for the worship team and ideas for encouraging spiritual growth within the team. The Baker Sound System installation has been moved to the week of August 29.

Carolyn Chenaille closed the meeting in prayer at 9:45pm.

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
• Aug 28	881	399
• Sept 4	815	395
• Sept 11	856	413
• Sept 18	808	416
• Sept 25	871	431

Giving Report

These offerings are part of the General Fund.

• Aug 28	\$46,452.85
• Sept 4	\$56,978.54
• Sept 11	\$55,192.46
• Sept 18	\$58,354.19
• Sept 25	\$37,232.92

Now Hiring

Visit 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 KSC in our mission of engaging and blessing our community with the Gospel.

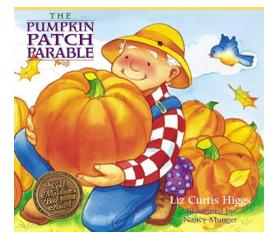
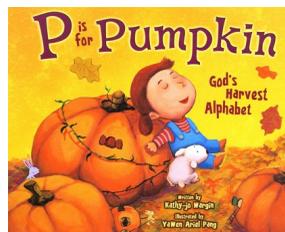
Communion Offering

In October, communion offerings will go to **Once More Ministries**, a KSC ministry which gives out free toiletries to the community four times a year.

Library News

Did you know that we have a library that offers a variety of media and resources for all ages? The library is located on the lower level in M11 and is open on Sundays from 7:30 am-1 pm, as well as from 8am-4pm Monday to Thursday and 8am-12 noon on Fridays.

In addition to materials that can be signed out for loan, the library also has many free devotionals that do not need to be returned.



Support Emily

See details about the Spaghetti Fundraiser for Emily Schoenleber on page 19!

In the Hospital?

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

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?*

Engaging & Blessing

OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE GOSPEL

OMM Update

Once More Ministries (OMM) is a ministry of King Street Church. We had our Fall distribution on Saturday, September 10. It was a beautiful day, and the Lord's hands were at work throughout the day!



We saw an influx of walk-ups at the beginning of the day as they lined up before we opened at 9 am — more walk-ups waiting than we typically see all day! We weren't prepared for this as we tried to move them through while being mindful that there was a line of cars, many of which had been waiting up to an hour. Everything went well once we got our bearings, and were able to adjust to the change in our usual "flow."

More walk-ups = more opportunities to connect with our community!

Later we became grateful for the additional walk-ups as it allows us more connection with people, something we have longed for since COVID limited our interactions.

Our Volunteers

"Thank you" doesn't fully convey our heartfelt gratitude for our faithful, servant-hearted volunteers. They work hard to bless our friends with food, supplies, and, most importantly, the love of Christ! The Lord blesses every distribution with dedicated and unselfish people who connect with and serve our community with love and

kindness, and we are so blessed to have them!

- **Wednesday, September 7:** 3 young ladies from the Street Student Ministries assembled and taped 200 boxes in preparation for Thursday's toiletry pre-packing and also pre-packed 50 toiletry bags for Saturday's distribution.
- **Thursday, September 9:** 19 OMM packers prepacked 200 toiletry boxes. Also, 6 Porch Ministry volunteers loaded them into the box truck in preparation for Saturday's distribution.
- **Saturday, September 10,** from 9:00 -- 11:30 am: Maranatha Food Pantry and 19 OMM volunteers distributed 250 boxes and bags of toiletries, 300 boxes of food, as well as 320 five-pound bags of potatoes.

Food and Toiletries

The following individuals and businesses blessed our community with the following supplies to make September's distribution more plentiful:

- **Maranatha Ministries:**
 - 300 fresh vegetable boxes
 - 320 double boxes of Cheerios
 - Box truck to store prepacked toiletry supplies
- **Bender's Potato Farm:** 340 five-pound bags of potatoes
- **Gene and Fern Diller:** 200 boxes
- **Ruthie Ludwig and Dollar Tree:** 50 reusable grocery bags
- **KSC Church and Congregation:** 250 boxes of toiletries

Our Friends

Families traveled from areas like Chambersburg, Fayetteville, Waynesboro, Shippensburg, St. Thomas, Harrisburg, and even Newton, Mississippi, representing 948 people! Languages represented were as follows: 124 Spanish, 72 English, and 54 Haitian/Creole.

Our Needs

You may recall that OMM has experienced a \$900 quarterly cost increase in purchasing toiletries we aren't able to collect through donations due to rising costs. Would you prayerfully consider how you might help us to defray this significant increase?

As we prepare for our next distribution on Saturday, December 10, if you would like to contribute supplies, please place them in the bins in the church lobbies. Following is the full list of items we regularly collect. 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 and conditioner
- Deodorant
- Paper towels: individually-wrapped
- Toilet paper: small 4- to 6-packs
- Facial tissues
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste

Serving

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. *This email is monitored weekly; we'll be in touch with you soon.*

Thank You!



Family Care Services sends a huge THANK YOU to all the children who participated in VBS and donated their money to help other kids! The funds will directly support children in foster care who receive services to prepare them for adoption and permanency. As we work with each child, they will be provided with a bag of supplies to create life books and activities that will help them better understand the uncertainties of their situation and future. All of us at Family Care Services are extremely grateful for your generosity and willingness to serve foster children in our community! Thank you for blessing us!

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

Missionally Engaged

AROUND THE WORLD

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

In mid-August, my team and I celebrated having spent a full year in ■! Although I certainly have a lot more to learn about ■, I wanted to take what I've learned and done this year and answer some questions about life in ■. I'll be able to answer questions in person relatively soon, but I figured there are some FAQs that I can answer right now. My hope is that these questions help you to feel more connected to my day-to-day life in ■ and could serve as conversation starters for anyone who wants to ask questions beyond the usual "How is ■?" once we have the opportunity to see one another in person.

What grade do you teach?

Currently, I'm teaching grades 5 and 6. I have 3 classes total with 15-20 students per class. Student ages range from 10-13 years old.

How many hours do you teach?

I teach from 1-4pm every weekday, totaling 15 hours per week.

What do you do when you're not teaching?

Usually I use non-teaching time to lesson plan, study ■, spend time with teammates, run errands in town, and do CR in the community.

Where do you live?

I live in a house on a little-known, minimally-funded resort built by the same man who opened the school. My teammates and I are very fortunate to live in a house with running water, air conditioning, and (usually) wifi and electricity. Sometimes our house has issues with things like plumbing, power outages, a leaky roof, snakes, and critters in the attic, but we are blessed to have a house so close to the school and maintenance workers on the resort who are so willing to help when we have a problem.

What do you eat?

In the province, I usually eat some form of chicken, rice, and vegetables. The market in town has a huge variety of fresh fruits and vegetables! In the city, I tend to eat out or order food to get a wider variety of foods besides my typical meals in the province.

How do you get food?

I buy food at the market and at a small convenience store. Both are about a 15 minute drive from my house. For any foods that aren't available in the province (mostly meat and dairy products), my teammates and I make monthly trips to ■ and get groceries to bring back with us.

How are relationships within the team?

I'm very grateful for each of my teammates and the unique skills we all bring to the team. We

all work well together and value investing in relationships with one another. My teammates and I live, work, travel, and study the Word together. So much of our lives are intertwined that it's sometimes hard for us to be seen as individuals. Lately, we've been learning how to take time apart as individuals so that we can have a better appreciation for our team as a whole. Similar to a family, we need to have space from each other so that we can love and serve one another well.

How do you travel?

For shorter trips in town or school, I drive a moto (also called a motorbike - a smaller version of a motorcycle). If the team is traveling to ■ or another town, we book a private van driver to transport us to our destination and back.

What is the weather like?

Right now we're in the middle of the rainy season. We'll have rain showers just about every afternoon and temperatures generally range from high 80s to mid 90s. In the hot season, the weather is less rainy and temps average around 100 degrees. In the cool season, there is very little rain at all and temperatures range from mid 70s to mid 80s.

When are you coming back to the US?

My flight is booked to land in the US on November 8th and I'll come back to ■ on December 19th. I'm looking forward to a break from teaching and time to reconnect with friends and family.

Praises:

- Our relationship with the school has been really strong. It's beginning to feel more like we are working together for a common goal.
- We have two new teammates on team ■! Jackson and Lauren arrived this month and

are teaching university students in the city. Although they're not too close to the province, it's always a blessing to have new faces and fresh energy on team!

- There are two months left of teaching until our break for the school year. My teammates and I have been consistently teaching at ■ since the beginning of November last year and are all looking forward to a break from school.

Requests:

- Two of my students transferred schools this month. I miss having them in my class and I am burdened for their souls. Please lift that they transition well to their new schools and the Father places a like minded presence in their lives.
- My new language class has been going well! Please lift that I find the time and motivation to study outside of class hours, especially knowing a final exam is coming in early October.
- Please lift for contentment in the coming months as we wrap up the school year and prepare to leave for America. It's tempting to be counting down the days, but I want to be present with my students and the community in these last months.

Thank you so much for your continued support of this work through lifting, giving, reading/responding to emails, and all the other ways you show care and support!

Emily Schoenleber

September, serving with FAI in Kentucky

Life These Days

One of my consistent prayer requests since I've moved here is that the Lord would give me

friends and community. He has been answering that prayer! On the Fourth of July, I met my friend Haley. We're almost the same age and just hit off so quickly. The first time we hung out, we spent almost four hours together!

We recently started getting together once a week to have a time of prayer and worship, which has been such a sweet gift! Her birthday was last week and she invited me to her friend's house who was hosting a birthday dinner. It was my first time meeting all her other friends, but it felt like I'd known some of them for years! I'm so thankful to the Lord for these sweet, new friendships.

One of the first times we got together to pray, Haley shared about an Iranian friend of hers who is so open to Jesus and really curious and wants to know more about Jesus. I met her at the birthday party and we all watched the *Sheep Among Wolves* film about the underground church in Iran. She loved it, and told us that she wants to read the Bible and come to church! Please continue to pray for our friend, Sarah, that she would encounter Jesus.

Global Catalytic Ministries

I wanted to share that in addition to my work with FAI, I have also officially started helping out with Global Catalytic Ministries. The *Sheep Among Wolves* film is about GCM and the work they do. GCM exists to transform Muslims worldwide through Jesus Christ by means of disciple making, church planting, and leadership development.

No one can reach Muslims more quickly and effectively than one who has been transformed by Christ, understands the culture, and knows the language. The unique ministry of Global

Catalytic Ministries (GCM) is carried out entirely by nationals and former Muslims—some of whom were even terrorists. All are passionate about bringing the gospel to their fellow countrymen and do so at great personal cost and risk.

Disciple-making is our core strategy. GCM's disciple-making ministry, *Sheep Among Wolves*, is rooted in sound, evangelical doctrine, and obedience to Christ. The methodology goes beyond bringing people to Jesus and bears lasting fruit. Based on Christ's instructions in Matthew 10, this approach is scriptural, relational, and in-depth. We disciple people to Christ, then we disciple them to leadership. The result is obedient disciples who are making more disciples, which results in churches that are constantly reproducing more churches. The strategy can be summarized as love God, love your neighbor, and go make disciples who obey the commands of Christ.

It is my honor and privilege to be able to serve this ministry and the work that God is doing in the underground church in these nations.

Ballads of the Song of Solomon

I'm excited to share about one of FAI's newest projects that has been in process in recent months! My friend and housemate, Stephanie, has been gone most of the summer working on recording this album, *Ballads on the Song of Solomon*.

I wanted to share about this project for a few reasons. First, we need your prayers. A huge prayer request right now is that our videographer, Marc, is from Australia and he's having some issues with getting his visa approval to enter the US. Marc has worked on

almost every film FAI has done and for months we have planned to film for Ballads of the Song of Solomon here in Kentucky at the end of September. So it's really starting to become a time crunch and Marc still hasn't received an answer from US immigration. *Would you pray with us that Marc would have favor with immigration and that his visa would be approved?*

It has been so clear over the recent months that the Lord really does have His hand on this project and He really has opened some incredible doors to make this happen. Filming for the project is scheduled to happen the last week of September. *Please pray for a smooth week of filming, no injuries, and just a really blessed time of fellowship with one another as we work on this project.*

The Song of Solomon is one of those books that's often avoided because people aren't sure what to make of it. But it really is such a beautiful part of Scripture that has so much to unpack. *Pray that this project would be so much more than good songs and pretty videos. Pray that the Lord would continue to breathe on this and that He would have His way.* I'm excited to be around for the week of filming and just to lend a hand wherever needed!

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.

Spaghetti Dinner for Emily Schoenleber

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 9th year supporting God's work through Emily.



B&S P

from two August newsletters, serving with Christar

Urgent Needs Update

- Thank you for praying! There were three people baptized during a special service, for the protection of her family. It was probably one of THE most special days at Arabic church since we "landed" here six years ago
- Thank you for praying! The family of 8 has been safely relocated in a situation better than we could have imagined, and in God's timing, the provision came "just in time." Thanks for praying as there are continued adjustments to new schools and waiting for their next housing arrangements.
- Thank you for praying! Another situation involving abuse is still ongoing, but our team members were able to speak into the lives of the family members. Pray that the person desiring to exit the circumstances would make wise decisions.

While You Were Praying

God protected us during thousands of miles on our journeys to the East coast, north as far as Connecticut, south as far as southern Virginia and back to ■.

It was a delight to touch base with three of our partner churches and some of our delightful friends and ministry partners.

What a joy it was to attend Christar's North American Affinity Group conference, after two years of zoom conferences. It was a gift to learn and be challenged, as well as see co-laboring dear saints.

Thankfully, we were able to spend some time with family members in three states and savor the hugs.

The Summer Bible Club (formerly VBS) back here in ■ was well attended. More children from Syrian families came than ever before, and many heard the Gospel.

Several from the Arabic church confirmed their faith in Jesus as their personal Savior this month!

Changing up the format of Arabic church has given room for attenders to share more personally. Recently different ones shared about persecution because of them trusting Christ (from various backgrounds) or even attending evangelical churches where they lived. Praise God that they are gaining shared understanding on what it means to follow Christ.

T turned 10 years old on August 2. He started 4th grade and ended up in the same class as his two best friends, both from Believing families. Such an answer to prayer and a delight for him!

J started 10th grade at a Christian school, a big change and a huge blessing. While it is not without its own challenges, it is great to hear him be excited the content of his classes and the ways his teachers share Jesus.

"Harry" attended "Cubs to Lions," a ministry of discipleship for Believers coming from a M. background. He was challenged and encouraged. He is a committed Follower, and it is a blessing for B to spend time with him. For those following us since we were in France,

remember "Sally?" S got birthday greetings via video from her and other dear friends. She is finally going to be able to move into her own safe space soon, after years of waiting.

Other exciting things that cannot be printed are happening, as well, so rejoice with us in faith...!

Prayer Requests

1. Spiritual condition of multiple teen boys- one has gone from atheist to admitting there is a God
2. Arabic church growth, in numbers, maturity and commitment
3. Healing and unity in marriages and rocky family units represented at the Arabic church
4. Hearts prepped for fall Bible clubs and English class which will have Bible as well
5. Wisdom and discernment as parents and continued adjustment to new school rhythms
6. Divine leading of the Holy Spirit to find those that are genuinely spiritually open
7. "Stacy" is overseas with/visiting family and has struggled. Pray she would turn to Jesus!
8. "Ray" is a M who has another BMB (Believer from M'im background) sharing with him, as well. Pray that B can connect with him again soon.
9. "Evan" seems to be wandering away a bit. Pray God will guard him.

THANK YOU for praying during this time. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOU!

K&R W

from August newsletter, serving with Christar

What's New

This summer we found the door to meet with people near our home. We were invited to a picnic in July where we were introduced to over 20 people who live in our general area. One couple lives near us, and we had our first home visit with them. *Pray* for M and E and their young kids, that we might have more times of visiting and opening the gospel to them. They have already visited a church at the invitation of neighbors.

Children's Camps

The children's camps expanded to new provinces this summer. The workbook on Abraham that R and others prepared was used in 6 different camps. The ■ camp director writes this report:

We cannot thank the Lord enough for the increasing number of children's camps in ■. For some children, this summer's camp was the first time they had touched a Bible. Other campers have been affected by war: Twelve children have ■ mothers and relatives. Other campers are refugees from ■. We saw 60 professions of faith.

How wonderful that after the years of pandemic restrictions, the Children's Camp ministry is stronger than ever! The one thing needed to expand the summer camp ministry next year is additional volunteers.

What's Ahead in September

Lord willing, we will be traveling to visit the Christar workers in ■ September 14-25. We hope to encourage them and help them take additional steps toward leadership on the field.

We would love to have your prayers for smooth travel and good health during this trip.

Prayer Requests

1. For open doors to share Jesus with the ■ we now know in ■. Pray that the busyness of their jobs and school will not distract them from spiritual things.
2. Pray for the children who attended ■ children's camp. Ask God that they continue to think about what they have learned. May God use the children's ministry to solidify the future of the ■ church.
3. Pray for the young people we mentor and train for their future ministry among M people. Ask God to equip them in all ways for His service.
4. Pray for our travel to ■ September 14-25. Pray that our visit will encourage the Christar workers who serve there. We would also like to guide the workers toward more field-based leadership.

Thank you so much for your prayers. When we see God work in the hearts of people and in our own hearts, we know that it is because of your faithfulness in praying.



Pack a Shoebox Gift for a Child in Need

We're excited to send shoeboxes around the world to kids in need through a partnership with Operation Christmas Child. The children receive school supplies, personal care items and toys, and are given a booklet which introduces them to the Gospel in their own language. There are several ways to participate:

1. Starting **Sunday, October 16**, pick up pre-wrapped, empty shoeboxes from one of our lobbies. Fill the box according to the guidelines provided inside and return to the lobbies by Sunday, November 13.
2. Visit the **Shoebox Supply House** at 709 Marden Avenue in Shippensburg. They offer discounted items that are OCC-approved. You can purchase items to supplement your boxes or fill boxes right there at the warehouse. They are open limited hours; visit their Facebook page for details.
3. **Build-a-Shoebox Online**: KSC has our own page for keeping track of how many boxes we fill online. Visit kingstreetchurch.com/occ.



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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 November 2022 issue should be submitted by **October 19** 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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“Be patient, then, brothers and sisters,
until the Lord’s coming. See how the
farmer waits for the land to yield its
valuable crop, patiently waiting for
the autumn and spring rains. You too,
be patient and stand firm, because the
Lord’s coming is near.”

JAMES 5:7-8 NIV

