

# The Messenger

News and notes for our King Street Church family.

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## Chosen. Gifted. Sent.

*By Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor*

Over the Christmas break, I watched the first few episodes of season 3 of “The Chosen” with my family. If you’ve not yet watched this series—I highly recommend it. Dallas Jenkins and the other producers have created such a fresh and deeply insightful look into the life and ministry of Jesus brought to life from the pages of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). I find each episode deeply touching.

The most recent episodes have focused on the sending out of the twelve disciples as we read about in Matthew chapter 10. This moment in the life of the disciples was pivotal—and most certainly frightening and overwhelming for them. Up to this point, Jesus had called these men to be His DISCIPLES. This meant that their primary “job” was to follow Jesus. Wherever Jesus went, they would follow behind Him. They were the students—Jesus was the teacher. He was the one calling all the shots, and the disciples were simply responsible to do what they were told and go where Jesus went.

In Matthew chapter 10, however, there is a significant shift. These men go from being Jesus’ DISCIPLES—to being sent out as His APOSTLES. This is a game changer in so many ways. It is one thing to be a student. It’s another thing entirely to be the one who is responsible to teach the class. It’s one thing to follow Jesus in the posture of a disciple. Apostles, however, are “sent out” (the definition of an apostle) to do the work themselves.

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## THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR JODY

I really appreciated how “The Chosen” captured the look on the faces of these men when Jesus called them to be apostles. You could sense that they fully understood what this meant. You could almost feel them thinking: “Wait a minute! I didn’t sign up for this! I joined this group to be with Jesus when He overthrew the Roman government and established a new kingdom!” But you could also sense their excitement in being teamed up with a partner (Jesus sent them out in twos), and going in the power of the Holy Spirit (“Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons”).

It’s impossible not to make the connection to each one of us. Jesus didn’t call us just to be “students” our entire lives—people who sit back and fill our notebooks with words and our minds with information. Jesus called us to “go and make disciples of all nations—baptizing them and teaching them to obey” (Matthew 28). Each of us is saved to serve. We are commissioned to go and live the call. We are chosen, gifted and sent. And the most amazing part is that we do this together—as the body of Christ—and in the power of the Holy Spirit. It is a great responsibility, and an even greater joy!



*Pastor Jody’s “Quote of the Week” is posted each week on Facebook and Instagram @kingstreetchurch.*

*See this and other past sermons — including the recent Advent series “Son of Man, Sent by God” and the current series in Philippians “No Matter What” under the “Watch & Read” tab at [kingstreetchurch.com](https://kingstreetchurch.com).*

## Celebrating Deb Weaver and 42 Years of Service

For over four decades at King Street Church, when students in grades 6-12 arrive for ministry on Wednesday nights, they’ve been greeted with a hot, nutritious meal. They have gathered around green bean casserole, baked mac-n-cheese, and other homemade favorites because of the vision and hard work of one person: Deb Weaver.

For 42 years this faithful woman has served tirelessly behind-the-scenes with our students. She will soon be moving out of the area to live with her daughter. We can’t let her go without honoring her great legacy of service.

## CELEBRATING DEB WEAVER



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When asked how she got involved with Student Ministry, Deb laughs and says, “That’s easy! My daughter Shari and her friend Todd talked me into helping. They were in 8th grade

and the current [volunteer] leaders needed help.” Her first role was a kind of “relationship person” — she interacted with the kids and spent time with them.

Deb describes that at one point she had an international student living with her and it was challenging to make dinner for him in between work and Wednesday night ministry. “I told him, ‘I’m just going to have to cook your dinner at the church.’ That’s how my cooking on Wednesday nights got started. This was back in the old kitchen, before the Baker Center, and there was an old iron stove. I was afraid of that thing. Rodney Mose and Rodney Smith both helped me. I told them, ‘When you guys get the stove going without blowing it up, let me know!’” She laughs at the memory. “The meals just took off from there; some of the other ladies helped and soon we were cooking for everyone.”

“That became my thing,” Deb says. “Food. That seemed to be what the Lord wanted me to do.”

She describes that one night a young kid came up and said, “I just want to thank you for the cooked food, because it’s probably the only evening meal I’ll have this week.” She thought, “Oh my goodness, how many more kids do we have like this?”

Deb explains, “We had kids coming in for Wednesday nights off the street. We didn’t know too much about their home lives. I prayed, ‘Lord, we can’t let kids go without food.’”

Deb admits that she wasn’t a polished cook when she began, but that she learned more and more recipes out of necessity. She learned to be resourceful and “it just worked.”

Deb describes how she was part of the team that first dreamed of the retreat that is now known as Winter Slam. At their peak they fed 500 people. In the summers they took the students to Creation (a pre-cursor event to Summer Sneak).

“Wanda Dice and I went shopping and did the cooking together. It was a learning experience — cooking chicken outside. I’ll never forget it! Wanda and I still laugh about it! But it was for the kids. We did everything for them.”

Over the years they developed an impressive system at Creation. “Oh we had the neatest set-up, a really organized campsite. People would come and take pictures. We had generators, and even a shower. So many people helped.”

She says that when Brian Kramer and Mark Vincenti were pastors in Student Ministries, they



*This photo from 1994 shows Deb among many King Streeters. Can you find her?*



## CELEBRATING DEB WEAVER

added events like the Senior Celebration. She also made cookies for a special fundraiser. “Any time I asked for help, people stepped up. My Sunday School class helped and many others; it was the adults joining together to care for the kids.”

At every point in the story Deb pauses to list off the names of others who were involved: Jeff & Judy Stouffer, Blair & Shirley Clark, Marlene Garland, Ruth Kirkpatrick, John & Carol Dice, Jim Washabaugh, and many others. She grieves that she can’t remember them all.

Suzanne Piper, who has worked with Deb, describes that Deb took personal ownership of the kitchen. She stopped by every week to check inventory, stock supplies, take home rags to wash, and even provided her own utensils so that the kitchen functioned at an optimal level. Suzanne says, “She treated the café like her own home.”

Deb planned her menus from a small book of handwritten recipes, where her careful notes recorded exact quantities of ingredients and reminded her which dishes were most popular. She made sure that kids who could use extra food took leftovers.

Dylan Chenaille, a junior at The Street, says, “Ever since I started in sixth grade, every single week we’ve had a meal— amazing, full-blown meals. I don’t really know that a lot of people think about where they come from. She provides meals for students who don’t get them at home.”

Dylan adds, “I’ve mowed her lawn for 8 years. She always gave me something for my work. She has given me many amazing

things: my first job and money that helped me to buy my first car. She is just an incredible woman.”

Dylan thinks that the delicious meals have drawn in some students who might not otherwise attend. Then they get the opportunity to hear the Gospel. In this way, Deb’s impact goes beyond the valuable aspect of creating community.

He says, “A meal might seem like a little thing but her amazing mac and cheese is known throughout the whole student ministry. Plenty of people get excited when they smell the mac and cheese!”

Nora Lowman, a senior, says, “I think that Miss Deb has made a really big impact. In all of my years of middle and high school she has always made sure that there is something delicious for the students to eat; even when her own health was an obstacle she didn’t miss a beat. Often she does not take enough credit for all of the work that she does. Her gift of service through food has blessed thousands of students!”

Suzanne Piper describes that one year, Deb’s mother suffered a stroke and she couldn’t cook for the senior celebration.

Suzanne volunteered to take over. She says, “It was probably 20 hours of shopping, preparation, cooking, organizing, and setting up just for that one event. It was a mammoth task! And Deb did it year after year after year. She would always express her sincere appreciation to those who came to help, and passed on all the praise to them, never accepting any accolades for herself.”



*Pastor Matt Gish, Pastor Rob Gunkelman and Lauren Dukehart pray over Deb in December.*



## Welcome Alyssa Heberlig

Suzanne adds, “She is one of the purest people I know, and has a tremendous sense of service, but in a very humble way. It’s been incredible. She is benevolent, caring, and has the biggest heart for others. She doesn’t want any thanks. She extends gratefulness to others for what they do, even when she has put in 90% of the work.”

Deb admits she wasn’t thrilled to hear about this article, as she didn’t want the attention, “I told God, put me in the background. That’s where I want to be, just making sure things get done.”

She remembers that when the new kitchen was installed in the Student Ministry Center, she was surprised and dismayed to see that the sign read “Deb’s Café.” She asked for the sign to be remade without her name and pastors Brian and Mark refused, “We knew you’d object, but the sign stays,” Brian insisted, eager to acknowledge her role.

In fact, Brian Kramer, Pastor of Student Ministries from 1995-2012, says this about Deb: “It’s impossible to estimate the thousands of lives Deb has touched. She has loved students through hospitality and infused the entire team of adults with focus. And she did it all through a physical struggle that was hard for any of us to understand. She clings tightly to Jesus in a way that has benefited the world around her.”

John Shadle, who was a student from 1996-2003 and Pastor of Middle School Student Ministries from 2013-2020 shares: “If there was a picture next to the word ‘servant’, it would be a picture of Deb. Thousands of students have been impacted by her showing and providing a significant need for them.”

In describing her own experience, Deb says, “It was an adventure. It really was. Things didn’t always go perfect, but we did the best we could. Taking care of kids—it was important. It was really a great time, and I’m just so thankful to have been part of it.”

We are thankful for you, dear sister, and humbled by your dedication to God and His people. *Well done* and blessings on this next season of life.



*On November 14, Alyssa Heberlig joined the King Street Church staff as Agape English Ministries Resident. We sat down with Alyssa shortly after she stepped into the role to learn a little more about her.*

**“I understood what it felt like”**

Alyssa's interest in languages began in West Africa in 2012. She was a missionary with Eastern Mennonite Missions, and spent most of her time assimilating into the culture so that she could be involved in discipleship and service. The locals spoke almost no English and Alyssa found she could barely get around. She recognized the great value of language to accomplish the basics of life: to get groceries, make friends, and manage public transportation. Alyssa was blessed to know another missionary family who invested time every day to train her in the culture and teach her vocabulary. She found their help to be invaluable.

Alyssa had attended KSC before going to West Africa, and she continued worshiping here when she returned. She found she had compassion for those who were learning English as a second language and was intrigued when she heard about Agape English Ministry.

At the time, Agape was conducting a single Saturday night class to teach English to anyone who wanted to learn. While the group began small, they quickly grew. Sue Marshall, an early leader and now the Agape Coordinator, assured volunteers that a love for people was more important than teaching experience. Alyssa joined the team.

## STAFF UPDATES

She says, "I understood what it felt like to be confused or anxious. Empathy really helped me to move toward Agape. I had a real connection with the people."

While staying very involved in Agape, Alyssa also joined the Missions Co-Mission, where she has served for over 6 years. She explains, "International missions remains very important to me."

### **"My love for AGAPE motivated me"**

At the beginning of 2022, Alyssa decided to move away from her career in finance and pursue a degree in education. She is now studying English Language Arts and English as a Second Language.

While she did not know exactly where she would land in the education world, Alyssa says, "My love for my time with Agape motivated me to want to do this full-time. Learning more about the community, myself, and my strengths all motivated me to change my career field. But I wasn't sure where it would lead."

Alyssa's desires and God's direction have been in perfect sync with important needs at Agape. The ministry has been rapidly expanding over the last several years. We now serve members of the community during the week as well as Saturday night. Our Bible studies are becoming more popular. The need for more teachers and support staff was becoming increasingly urgent.

The week we wrote this article, 138 people in our community walked into our ministry center to ask for help in learning English. They are 138 unique people with different backgrounds, stories, physical needs, family situations, levels of wounding and spiritual beliefs. We provide them with teaching, compassion, friendship, and practical cultural

advice, right along with Bible verses, Christian songs and opportunities to learn more about Jesus. This is a vision that Alyssa embraces.

When she speaks about the adults who attend Agape, Alyssa radiates with a passion for people. And when the part-time residency opportunity at KSC became available, she was energized.

"I knew immediately I wanted to pursue it," she says. "I'm very excited to continue investing in King Street Church and our community at the same time."

Adam Keath, Director of Restoration and Recovery, will provide oversight to Alyssa's residency. He says, "Alyssa's heart to serve our local immigrant community is so clear in speaking with her and watching her serve. I'm really grateful for the opportunity we have to help support her goals of teaching and loving this community while we gain so much from her gifts and experience."

Her role will include focusing on teaching and lesson planning for classes that meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. She is also involved in volunteer recruitment, equipping, and retention. It's a big job, but Alyssa is ready to dig in.

"I enjoy serving the international community in my hometown," she says. "It's important for me to stay connected to people from all over the world, and I can do that right here in Chambersburg."

We're grateful for you, Alyssa, and your energy to help lead the charge in engaging and blessing our community with the Gospel!

## Farewell to Xavier Schell



*On December 8, Xavier — who had served as a “PRIME” Intern from Huntington University for seven months — said goodbye to the King Street Church staff. He wrote these words in describing his experience with Student Ministries:*

Over the past several months, I have had the extreme privilege of serving as King Street's youth intern. In those months, I have been blessed by meeting the people that attend this church. You guys made me feel so welcomed and loved. Thank you for that. At the beginning of PRIME, I was unsure how it would go. I was away from my fiancée, and I was getting ready to start a new style of ministry. I had never met these students or knew what things looked like. However, very quickly, Matt, Rob, and Lauren helped me develop my understanding of King Street Church and how the youth ministry worked. One of the most challenging aspects of PRIME, at least for me, was being away from my fiancée and managing that long-distance relationship. There were days that just were hard. But by far, the most rewarding part of PRIME was on my last day. When the students and leaders came and told me how good of a job they

thought I had done, that was extremely motivating. Thank you to those students; you guys are amazing!

As for living in Chambersburg...I HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE. This town is beautiful, and the mountains are stunning. I love it here. The key lesson that I've taken away from this internship is that I can do it now. The staff here have been so encouraging in my walk of pursuing ministry as a full-time job. If you are thinking about interning at a church, do it right here. At King Street, you will be surrounded by people who genuinely care for you and want to push you to improve. As for my future plans, I will be heading back home to get married and finish my last semester of school. I will graduate in April from Huntington University with a double major in Youth Ministry and Christian Ministries. After that, I will hopefully find a church and be able to serve as their youth pastor!

I would just like to thank you for being so loving, caring, and compassionate to me over the past several months.



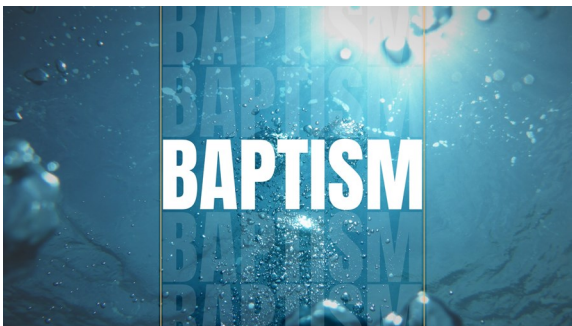
*Left, Xavier teaches a lesson. Right, he serves on a missions trip.*

## Welcome Darren Hahn!

We are so grateful to announce that Darren Hahn has accepted the position of Facilities Custodian and has already begun working in his new role. Darren brings a wide variety of experience to the job.

We are excited to have Darren join us and thankful to God for providing him to us. Darren lives in Mercersburg with his wife, Brenda. Please be praying for Darren and his family as he makes this transition in his life. We will share more about him in our next issue of [The Messenger](#).





## Baptism Class

Baptism is an important step in the life of a believer. Our next baptismal service will be on February 26. If you would like to be baptized, or would like to learn more, attend a class on **Sunday, February 5** at 11:00 am in M31.

## Adoption & Foster Care Support Group

This group provides encouragement for those in the adoptive or foster care journey, no matter where you are in the process. The group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6 pm in M27: **January 17** and **February 21**. Childcare and dinner are provided. Questions, contact Bethany Hanft at [adoption@kschurch.org](mailto:adoption@kschurch.org).

**Remember, you can always keep updated on our latest events at [kingstreetchurch.com/today](http://kingstreetchurch.com/today).**

## GriefShare Begins February 6

If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, this can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. The group will meet from February 6–May 1 downstairs in M27. You are encouraged to join us on any week. Sessions are self-contained. To register, contact Molly Shull at (717) 264-4651 or email [mshull@kschurch.org](mailto:mshull@kschurch.org).

## "If My People" Prayer Group

Join a team here at KSC that is committed to praying for revival in our families, our church, community, nation, and world. You're invited to a prayer opportunity on the second Monday of every month (**January 9** and **February 13**) at 7:30 pm in M21. Come early at 6:30 pm and join RESET for worship.

## LUNCH LESSONS *with Pastor Jody*



### Lunch Lessons

You're invited to Lunch Lessons with Pastor Jody on **Thursday, January 12** and **Thursday, February 9** from 12-1:00 pm in the Middle School Area (M16, downstairs). Take a break. Bring a friend. Come and join Pastor Jody for a discussion about the book of Revelation. So that we can plan seating space and materials, **everyone must pre-register by noon on the Monday before the luncheon**. You can bring your own lunch or purchase a wrap sandwich (\$5). See the link on our homepage or contact Molly Shull at (717) 264-4651/ [mshull@kschurch.org](mailto:mshull@kschurch.org).

### Men's Bible Study

The Band of Brothers will begin meeting again on **Wednesday, January 11**. They will start the new year with a 4 week study on leadership called **Leadership for the 99%** by Clay Scroggins. Learn more at [kingstreetchurch.com/men](http://kingstreetchurch.com/men).

### Women's Bible Studies

We have two upcoming Bible studies for women; learn more at [kingstreetchurch.com/women](http://kingstreetchurch.com/women).

- On Wednesday nights, a group of women led by Caryn Bowser, Karen Martin, and Lori Kauffman will study **The Miracles of Jesus** beginning **January 11** at 7:00 pm in M28.
- Ladies 16 and up are invited to **An Inductive Study of Philippians** with Eloisa Rice on Monday nights beginning **January 23**. Space is limited. Pre-register at the link above.



### PrimeTimers Potluck Lunch:

**Wednesday, February 1**, noon in the Baker Center: Meat and place settings will be provided; bring a covered dish to share. No fee, but donations will be accepted. Rob Gunkelman, KSC's Pastor of Middle School Ministries, will be speaking. Reserve your spot by calling Frances Humelsine at 717-263-8633; sign up by January 25. Looking forward to seeing you!

### Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, when we prepare our hearts for Easter. This year our Ash Wednesday service is on **Wednesday, February 22**. The service will include music, prayer, confession, and the imposition of ashes. Join us at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.



*"Miracles of Jesus" is a Right Now Media series that features author Jennie Allen.*

**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.

**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.



**Winter Slam:** Our Winter Slam retreat is Friday-Sunday, February 3-5. This annual event is always a highlight of the year, and includes winter sports, food, games, worship with a live band, and spiritual teaching. Get more information and register at [kingstreetchurch.com/winterslam](http://kingstreetchurch.com/winterslam). The deadline to register is January 18.

## Summer Missions Projects

**Chambersburg Project:** July 9-14. This annual missions opportunity for students in grades 6-12 involves making home repairs for local families. Plan now to participate!

**High School Mission Trip to Guatemala:** Applications and info packets are available in the SMC Welcome Window. Applications are due January 29. Spots are limited, so don't wait! Tentative dates are July 7-16. Questions, contact Lauren Dukehart at [ldukehart@kschurch.org](mailto:ldukehart@kschurch.org).

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# THE STREET

## Student Ministry



**NIGHT to Shine**  
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**Night to Shine:** Night to Shine is a prom-style event for our friends with special needs that will be held Friday, **February 10**. It will take over 300 volunteers to bring this night to life! We are still in need of buddies. If you can help, sign up through the address below. *(The event is fully booked for guests.)*

[nighttoshine2023.com](http://nighttoshine2023.com)



# 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! If you aren't already part of Kids Choir, the new session begins **Sunday, February 5**, at 11:00 am in the Choir Room. If you plan to participate, email Jenn Roberts [jenn.roberts@gmail.com](mailto:jenn.roberts@gmail.com).

**KidzConnect:** Wednesday nights are about building relationships and learning how to live out our faith. Our next session for students in grades 1-5 begins on **Wednesday, January 18**. We meet each Wednesday evening 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, contact Kristi Davis at [kdavis@kschurch.org](mailto:kdavis@kschurch.org), or visit [serve.kingstreetchurch.com](http://serve.kingstreetchurch.com).



King Street Church is hosting a True Girl Pajama Party on **Saturday, February 11**, at 6:30 pm in the Baker Center. Space is limited! Learn more/get your tickets: [kingstreetchurch.com/pjparty](http://kingstreetchurch.com/pjparty)

It's a night that could change your tween girl's life! It's clear that we can't wait until our girls are teenagers to help them understand the importance of knowing the difference between God's Truth and the lies that surround them in the world. Full of live music, a fashion show, mother daughter connection time and practical teaching, the "True Girl Pajama Party Tour" is a night of clear Biblical truth wrapped in a package tween girls will never forget! This event helps girls aged 7-12 connect with God's Word while they connect with their mom – a powerful combo in helping them thrive in their faith.





# God at Work

## THROUGH KSC LEADERSHIP

### October Board Highlights

The Board of Administration of King Street Church met Wednesday, October 12, 2022 in the Large Conference Room in the KSC Administration Building. Glenn Watson, Chairman of the Board of Administration, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Mark Willson opened the meeting in prayer.

Glenn Watson advised that on October 5, 2022 a request was put forth to send \$5,000 for disaster relief to Samaritan's Purse as a response to the devastation experienced by the Florida coast caused from Hurricane Ian. The email vote was unanimously approved.

Glenn Watson advised the Project Priority Team met on September 29, 2022 and distributed a copy of the Project Priority List to each Board member. Glenn Watson gave details for each of the items listed, the costs associated with each project and the approximate timeline for completion. The motion to approve the Capital Project Priority List was approved unanimously.

### SENIOR PASTOR REPORT

Pastor Jody shared that Lunch Lessons (formerly known as "Table Talk") is going very well. Operation Christmas Child is being kicked off this Sunday, October 16. We have a goal of giving 2,000 filled OCC boxes this year. On Sunday, October 30, we will celebrate "Family Sunday" with a focus on the families of King Street Church. Pastor Jody quoted passages from

his April, June, July and October Messenger articles about living our lives in a way to give access to lost people to know who Jesus is.

### EXECUTIVE PASTOR REPORT

Pastor Steve shared that he is grateful for the 9 new partners of KSC that will be introduced on October 23. Pastor Steve appreciates Aaron Smith and the PRC for allowing him to host Bill and Heidi Dittmar for the Strength Finder Training. He looks forward to helping each staff member implement what they learned about blending their strengths with their spiritual gifts and using the training with those they work with and in all their relationships.

### ELDERS TEAM REPORT

Greg West advised the elders are resuming a former practice in spending more time shepherding the entire staff. This gives each staff member an opportunity to communicate with an elder, express their opinions on things and to ask for support and prayer.

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Dan Gehris advised that he wanted to go over the co-mission roster needs for 2023 with each chairperson this evening. The co-mission chairs shared the number of spots needing to be filled on their co-mission for the 2023 calendar year. Nomination Committee members will be Ken Adams, Andrea Adams, Steve Flint and Greg West. Dan advised that all budget proposals have been received.

## CO-MISSION REPORTS *(alpha order)*

**Adult Ministry** – Mark Willson advised that the Adult Ministry Co-Mission is working on a way for people to identify their spiritual gifts within their L3 Group. For those L3 Groups who have completed the DFD studies, there are books recommended by Pastor Jay. The Adult Ministry Co-Mission will host the Spring L3 Group Leaders Meeting.

**Children's Ministry** – Alexander Rosenbaum reported back on a previous inquiry regarding Children's Ministry attendance; pre-Covid as compared to now. In February 2020, at both 9:30 and 11:00 am, the attendance was in the low 200's and now, the weekly average is between 170-180.

**Finance** – Brad Etchberger reported the Finance Co-Mission will meet on Tuesday, October 18 to discuss the 2023 Budget which will then be presented to the Board of Administration on Wednesday, November 9. Brad shared that the co-mission's goal is to balance the overall church budget over the next two years. Dan Gehris shared his financial update including September 2022 financial results and 2022 YTD figures.

**Local Outreach** – Sharon Bowers shared that Sharon Roberts is the new vice-chairperson of the Local Outreach Co-Mission. The next LOC Quarterly Meeting with all LOC ministry partners is scheduled for November. Sharon shared that the LOC was very grateful to receive a bequest earlier this year and the LOC decided to give several financial gifts to local ministry partners as a result.

**Missions** – Alyssa Heberlig thanked the church for its generosity in support of missions and advised that additional funds were sent to Haiti in support of their continuing recovery. Last Tuesday, the founder of "Rays of Hope" in Malawi visited with some members of the Mission Co-Mission and the Barnabas Team. We will be hosting George Steiner, President of Orphan's Tree, on Sunday, October 30. Orphan's Tree is one of our partner ministries in Russia.

**Personnel Relations** – Aaron Smith shared that the staff Christmas Party will be held on December 8. We are still recruiting for the 1st shift custodial position. Aaron shared that Becky Hann reported they are managing without the Preschool Coordinator position being filled by utilizing volunteers. The PRC has approved an Associate Opinion Survey. Aaron presented a motion regarding a part-time residency position in conjunction with our Agape English Ministry. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Property** – Dale Forney shared that the second floor hallway renovations in the Children's Department will resume in November. Work is progressing with the Ministry Center renovations. The design for the courtyard paver replacement project was approved with the pavers to be laid in the shape of a cross. The middle school and hallway restoration project is scheduled to be completed by the end of October and includes installation of wood trim, the sound booth, countertops and five cabinets.

**Student Ministry** – Nathan Rosenberger shared that on Saturday, September 24, KSC hosted the National Day of Volunteer Youth Leader Training. The All-Nighter Event is scheduled for October 28. Small group nights were held on September 5 and October 2. There are plans to hold a Serve Saturday event in November and the Students' Christmas Party is scheduled for December 7.

**Worship Arts** – Carolyn Chenaille shared the Night of Worship was a great success. Carolyn also shared with the Board that we had some equipment failure on Sunday, October 2. The failure was regarding the broadcast/playback of the sermon message from one venue to the other and the need to replace the component that is used to accomplish that process.

Mark Willson closed the meeting by asking all to join him in reciting the Lord's prayer at 9:23pm.



## November Board Highlights

The Board of Administration of King Street Church met Wednesday, November 9, 2022 in the Fellowship Room of King Street Church. Glenn Watson, Chairman of the Board of Administration, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Andrea Adams opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

## SENIOR PASTOR REPORT

Pastor Jody began his report by announcing he has a new granddaughter, Evelyn Jane. We are currently involved in three church-wide initiatives: Operation Christmas Child, 2000 Tables and the Generosity Project. Pastor Jody shared the participation of Family Sunday with 11 baptisms, 5 children dedicated and over 1,000 in attendance. Pastor Jody shared that we are so privileged to be involved in so many lives with our mission to “engage and bless our community with the gospel.”

## EXECUTIVE PASTOR REPORT

Pastor Steve reported on the baptisms of young children and the child dedications plus the privilege of reading the names of those who have passed and gone on to be with the Lord these past 12 months. The Hymn Sing was attended with about 40 people in the sanctuary and more attending online. Pastor Steve was happy to announce Alyssa Herberlig accepted the position of Agape English Ministries Residency.

## ELDERS TEAM REPORT

Greg West advised the elders began work on their 2023 Initiative, a focus on communication. This includes emphasis on improving communication between themselves, staff/pastors, co-missions and the Board of Administration. They are beginning the process with the elders and staff and will be working on this initiative throughout 2023.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Dan Gehris thanked everyone for the co-mission descriptions as they were due today. Dan shared that he will be presenting the 2023 pastoral housing allowances and the 2023 financial resolutions for approval at the next Board of Administration meeting on December 14.

## CO-MISSION REPORTS *(alpha order)*

**Adult Ministry** – Tim Sherald reported the Adult Ministry Co-Mission held a meeting with the Adult Ministry leaders on Wednesday, October 19. Updates from Pastor Jay Brown included the Fall Leaders’ meetings that are scheduled for November 20 and 29. The Porch ministry continues to have strong attendance and they are forming their own discipleship program. ConnectABILITY has consistent attendance and is engaging several special needs families on various issues.

**Children’s Ministry** – Cheronda Williams reported the Children’s Ministry Co-Mission is already discussing VBS for 2023. The children’s ministry distributed 550 bookbags this year to families. The co-mission discussed having a Parent Conference Weekend sometime next year. The Christmas event is scheduled for December 1 for children in grades 3-5 and the theme is “How the Grinch Found Christmas.” The co-mission also discussed a possible new curriculum from Wonder Ink.

**Finance** – Brad Etchberger shared that the Finance Co-Mission met and reviewed the 2023 Budget proposal. Dan Gehris handed out and explained the budget documents that

he shared with the board members. Dan explained the increases and decreases in the proposed 2023 Budget as listed in the handout. Brad made a motion that the Finance Co-Mission recommends the Board of Administration approve the proposed 2023 Budget. The motion was approved by the Board.

**Local Outreach** – Sharon Roberts shared that Once More Ministries is addressing a huge need in our community. However, only 20% of the OMM items distributed is coming from the bins/boxes placed throughout the church and the other 80% is being purchased by KSC. Sharon also reported that the Ministry Partners met on Saturday, November 1. The 2023 Night to Shine event will be on February 10. Registration has already reached capacity (130 special needs participants) but we still need volunteers.

**Missions** – Alyssa Heberlig shared that we continue to support hurricane recovery and rebuilding efforts in Haiti. We have been supporting Hannah Black as she serves in Cambodia and she is back home for a visit. Glenn Watson thanked Alyssa for serving as Chairperson of the Missions Co-Mission and wished her well in her new position in the Agape English Ministries Residency program. John Schaffer has agreed to assume the chairperson responsibilities for the next few months.

**Personnel Relations** – Aaron Smith shared an update on the Associate Opinion Survey and reviewed the results/responses of the survey. Aaron shared that 29 employees completed the survey. Aaron will meet with Pastor Steve to discuss the survey results, then meet with the department managers and then the staff as a whole. Once that process is completed, Aaron's goal is to discuss the broad overview of the results with the Board of Administration at our next Board Meeting in December.

**Property** – Dale Forney advised the 2nd floor hallway carpet project in the Children's Department is scheduled to restart in January 2023 after the Middle School project is completed. Repairs and upgrades to our fire alarm system were completed on November 3. The middle school space and hallway project is scheduled to be completed by end of 2022. The Property Co-Mission has received and reviewed the latest update to the Security Plan and will be scheduling a review with the staff.

**Student Ministry** – Nathan Rosenberger advised the "All Nighter" event was well attended and went great. The Small Group Night took place on Wednesday, November 2. Serve Saturday will take place on November 19. Worship Night is planned for November 30 for the high school students and the middle school students are going to a Hershey Bears game on December 4. The Christmas Party for students is scheduled for December 7 and the Road Crew Christmas Party is December 14.

**Worship Arts** – Carolyn Chenaille advised the Christmas recording is scheduled for the weekend of November 18 and the mass choir is singing on November 19. Our Christmas Concert will be on December 11. Christmas at Country Creek is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13 and we are planning just one service for Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day). A motion to approve the network upgrade project was approved with a unanimous vote.

Andrea Adams closed the meeting in prayer at 9:14 pm.

**PLEASE NOTE: Copies of the Board Highlights are also placed on the Information Walls in the lobbies, should you wish to read them in-between Messengers.**

# Relationally Connected

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & NOTES

### Attendance Report

Our online numbers stand for each unique IP address, each representing about two people.

	In-Person	Online
• November 13	886	383
• November 20	868	501
• November 27	761	456
• December 4	919	394
• December 11	875	504
• December 18	949	466
• Christmas Eve	1,366	266
• December 25	211	244
• January 1, 2023	697	Not Avail.

### Giving Report

These offerings are part of the General Fund.

• November 13	\$41,941.19
• November 20	\$58,252.10
• November 27	\$39,550.70
• December 4	\$59,582.27
• December 11	\$54,841.68
• December 18	\$96,684.00
• Christmas Eve	(see page 18)
• December 25	\$68,376.31
• January 1, 2023	\$93,413.55

### Communion Offerings

- January: **KSC After School Program**, providing homework help and a warm meal to local elementary students
- February: **Once More Ministries**, to assist as they meet the needs of our community

### Now Hiring

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

### New Partners

Partners (members) walk with Christ and pledge to join the church community by embracing its mission, engaging in its ministry, contributing to its finances, and submitting to its authority. In December we welcomed new partners: **Jim and Kathy Gilbert**

### Library News

Did you know that we have a library that offers a variety of media and resources for all ages? From board books and easy readers for children, to recent Christian fiction novels and Christian Living books for teens and adults, we offer something for everyone!

The library is located on the lower level in M12 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 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](mailto:mshull@kschurch.org).



## Deacons Report

The Samaritans Fund (administered by the Deacons and supported by your giving) provided over \$85,000 to church families and KSC connected community organizations this year. Our ministry has been richly blessed by your generous giving to touch many lives.

The deacons team is comprised of Ken and Carol Adams, Mike Plum, Deb Baker, John Dice, Ruth Kirkpatrick, Mary Turner and Suzanne Piper. Ron Baker serves as an advisor. Adam Keath is our staff connection. We serve under the Local Outreach Commission.

Since 2004, this ministry has provided over \$1,410,000 to help people in financial distress. Samaritan Fund application forms are available in the church office, foyers and some Sunday School classes. Please speak to any deacon, Ron Baker or Adam Keath if you have any questions.

## Baptisms

On January 1, we celebrated as **Kendra Carver** and **Tommy Horst** were baptized. Read their testimonies and see the video recap by clicking The Hub tab at [kingstreetchurch.com](http://kingstreetchurch.com).



## Winter Weather

**Sunday Services & Special Events:** The decision to cancel worship services is made by 7:00 a.m. We are conservative in our decisions and are not inclined to close unless the weather is severe. If you feel unsafe about travelling, please choose to watch online.

**Wednesday Night Activities:** If Chambersburg Area Schools are closed for bad weather, or if the district is dismissed early in the afternoon, then our evening activities are **CANCELLED**. If schools start late in the morning, this will not affect evening activities.

### Where to Find Information:

- **Homepage Alert:** If we have any type of cancellation, an “alert banner” with the information will appear across the top of our homepage at [kingstreetchurch.com](http://kingstreetchurch.com).
- **Facebook:** Our page is under King Street Church
- **Radio:** WIKZ (95.1 FM), WCHA (800 AM), WHAG (1410 AM), WDLP (96.7 FM), WCRH (90.5 FM), and WAYZ (104.7)
- **Church Voicemail:** 717-264-4651


## MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES

## 2022 Giving Statements

Annual statements for recorded contributions totaling over \$250.00 will be sent out by the end of January. Statements will be emailed to donors with email addresses on file. If you are unsure if we have your correct email address, please contact the church office. For donors without email addresses, and by request, printed statements will be sent via US Mail. If you have questions or would like to request a statement for amounts under \$250.00, contact Andrea Hartman, Finance Assistant, at (717) 264-4651, ext. 223.

# Christmas Eve Offering

We are pleased to announce that our Christmas Eve offering total is **\$36,346.50**. This offering will be split between three partners to help with the incredible physical, medical, and spiritual needs in the ongoing war in Ukraine: **World Relief, Samaritan's Purse, and Operation Mobilization**. Jay Brown, Pastor of Mission and Discipleship, says, "The outpouring of support from King Street for the suffering people of Ukraine is just amazing! Your generosity will serve the needs of many who are fleeing, hurting, hungry, and under fire. In that darkness they will know the love of Jesus firsthand. Thank you for your sacrificial giving in Jesus' Name!"

A photograph showing a woman in a grey shirt feeding a young child with a spoon. They are sitting on a patterned blanket on the floor. In the background, there are other people and supplies, suggesting a refugee camp or a humanitarian aid distribution center.

...to give my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they also lost.

you, O Lord, do not be far off!  
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

...er my soul from the sword,  
my precious life from the power of  
the dog!

...save me from the mouth of the lion!  
I have rescued me from the horns of  
the wild oxen!

...all tell of your name to my brothers,  
in the midst of the congregation I will  
praise you.

...who fear the Lord, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him  
and stand in awe of him, all you  
offspring of Israel!

...he has not despised or abhorred  
an affliction of the afflicted.

...he has not hidden his face from him  
in distress, when he cried to him.

...you comes my praise in the great  
congregation.

...sows I will perform before those

...richly shall serve him,  
it shall be told of the Lord to the  
coming generation.

21 they shall come and proclaim his  
righteousness to a people yet  
unborn,  
that he has done it.

GOD'S WORD, TOGETHER IN 2023

# CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE READING PLAN

KING STREET CHURCH

The Lord Is My Shepherd

23 A Psalm of David.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall  
not want.

...is this King of glory,  
The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle,  
Lift up your heads, O gates,  
and lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

...I will bless the Lord

26 O Lord,  
A Psalm of David.

...My eyes are ever toward the Lord,  
for he will pluck my feet out of  
net.

26 Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.

27 The troubles of the heart are  
bring me out of my distresses.

28 Consider my affliction and my  
and forget all my sins.

29 Consider how many are my foes,  
and with what violent hand  
they hate me.

30 Ob-guard my soul, and deliver me,  
let me not be put to shame, for  
I take refuge in you.

31 My integrity and uprightness  
pieces me,  
for I wait for you.

32 Redeem Israel, O God,  
out of all his troubles.

# 2023 Bible Reading Plan

One of our core values at King Street Church is to be spiritually alive in Christ. In 2023, we plan to read the Chronological Bible as a church family. This version arranges the Scriptures so that we are reading the content and absorbing the events in the order that they occurred in history. The plan is offered several ways.

- Receive daily **EMAILS** of that day's Scripture: sign up at [bible.kingstreetchurch.com](http://bible.kingstreetchurch.com).
- Receive daily **TEXTS** to your device: Text keyword **DAILY** to (717) 401-7777
- Use a paper **SCHEDULE**, available in the lobbies. We are happy to mail you a copy; call the church office at (717) 264-4651.

## RESET: Let's Grow Together in 2023

We all get stuck or have setbacks as we seek to follow Jesus. Some of us have a new area where we want to grow. Some of us feel like we've been trying to heal forever and hope can feel diminished. Some of us are simply looking for an authentic experience of God's presence. When Jesus offers abundant life, he is offering it for the here and now. We are not without hope. Jesus offer us the cross and the community!

# RESET

@ King Street Church

RESET is a worship service and support system that has a goal the lifting up of Jesus as our hope in the mess. At RESET, we are building safe places to be real and to name what's broken. We believe Jesus is our foundation when everything else is shaking. We are building an authentic community, a family, a place to belong. It's a new year, and a great time to RESET!

We meet on Monday nights at 6:30 pm in the Student Ministry Center; come early for dinner at 6:00 pm. Small groups meet after our large group time. Each meets weekly unless otherwise noted. They include:

- Women's Mixed Issues
- Women's Anxiety & Depression (*1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays*)
- Women's Grief Support (*2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays*)
- Men's Chemical Dependency
- Men's Mixed Issues
- Men's Grief Support



**GRIEFSHARE:** GriefShare, a support group for those who have lost a loved one, meets on Monday nights at 7:00 pm. Their next season of ministry begins on February 6 in M27.

**CHILDCARE HELPERS NEEDED:** We are in need of helpers to care for a few children on Monday nights during RESET, from 6:15 – 8:30 pm. A stipend is available. Contact Molly Shull at 717-264-4651 or [mshull@kschurch.org](mailto:mshull@kschurch.org).

**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.





# Engaging & Blessing

## OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE GOSPEL

### OMM Update

Happy 2023 from Once More Ministries! We held the last distribution of 2022 on Saturday, December 10. It was a cold day but a great many people from our community stopped by for a little extra help to make ends meet. We saw an increase in traffic for this distribution over third quarter 2022 as well as December 2021.

### Our Volunteers and Partners

Without our dedicated volunteers and friends—who donate supplies, time, and effort—none of this would be possible. Thank you, friends, for your faithfulness and love for our community! We are so blessed to have you by our side!

In addition to the 250 bags and boxes of toiletries supplied by King Street and our congregation, the following individuals and businesses contributed supplies to make December's distribution plentiful:

- Maranatha Ministries
  - 300 boxes of fruits/vegetables: carrots, celery, sweet potatoes, and apples
  - 300 bags of mac-n-cheese, sugar, and coffee
  - 200 multi-pack bags of chips
  - 175 loaves of bread
  - 108 dozen eggs
  - 2 box trucks for packed toiletry storage
- Bender's Potato Farm: 300 (5-pound) bags of potatoes
- Gene and Fern Diller: 200 boxes for packing
- Ruthie Ludwig and Dollar Tree: 50 reusable grocery bags
- KSC Generosity Project gift: 720 toothbrushes

### The Numbers

- On Thursday, 12/8, 19 OMM packers prepared 200 toiletry boxes and 50 bags, and 6 Porch Ministry volunteers loaded them onto trucks for Saturday's distribution.
- On Saturday, 12/10, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., 17 OMM volunteers and 6 Maranatha Food Pantry volunteers, as well as a bilingual Chambersburg Police Officer, distributed toiletries and food to over 275 families, which translated to 1,083 people reached!

### The People

We continue to see increasing need in our community. The last few quarters, vehicles have lined up in the church parking lot an hour in advance of opening time. Normally, we see a break in traffic about an hour in, allowing us to catch our breath and grab a drink or snack; in December the flow never stopped until after we ran out of supplies! Since there was no break in traffic, we ran out of both toiletries and food around 11:00 a.m., well ahead of our goal to stay open until noon. Besides Chambersburg, families also came from Fayetteville, St. Thomas, and Shippensburg. Here are the numbers:

# of People Reached	Families Reached	Language
618	141	Spanish
247	81	English
195	49	Haitian/Creole
15	2	Arabic
8	2	Other

**These are the items we collect for our distributions. Bins are located in the Baker Center lobby, the Rotz Foyer, and the Sanctuary Narthex.**  
**Please note that items should be in new, unopened condition.**

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



## Christmas Extras

**TOOTHBRUSHES:** Last Christmas, we were thrilled to provide toothbrushes as an extra gift. We wanted to be able to meet the same goal of 1,000 again this year. Thank you to all who made this possible! A special thank you to those who contributed to the KSC Generosity Project, whose gift of 720 helped to get us to our goal!

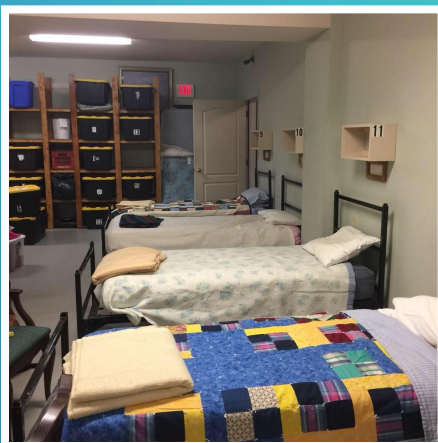
**GIFT CARDS:** The KSC leadership team wanted to bless our 30 volunteers with \$25 gift certificates to a local business, so we chose Hat's Heroes. We were so thankful to be able to recognize our generous volunteers in a tangible way!

## Serving

There are multiple ways you can serve with OMM, both in the days leading up to our distribution as well as on the day itself. *It takes only one skill for all of the tasks -- a love for people.* If you would like more information about the ministry or volunteering, please reach out to us at [omm@kschurch.org](mailto:omm@kschurch.org). *This email account is monitored weekly; we will respond soon.*

Thank you, King Street Church congregation, for your steadfast support of OMM and our neighbors! We are humbled by your generosity, care for the community, and desire to reach others for Christ!

## Chambersburg Cold Weather Drop-In Shelter



The shelter will remain open until **March 31**. In previous years, King Street Church has provided volunteers and food each Wednesday evening from December through March. This has proven to be a great ministry to the homeless in the Chambersburg area. If you are interested in volunteering and/or providing food, call John Comerer at (717) 372-3725 or sign up online for this and other serving opportunities at: [serve.kingstreetchurch.com](http://serve.kingstreetchurch.com)



Our community is being blessed by your ideas and your giving! We received **\$6,439.35 total**. So far, \$3,584.77 has been distributed to these recipients:

#### Local UB Pastor and Family

We provided gas gift cards to help alleviate financial pressures felt by this family; one of their children has significant medical, physical, and learning needs.

#### Epic Quest for Jesus Motorcycle Ministries

We purchased 96 sets of thermal underwear and socks which will be distributed to local homeless men and women with help from the ministry of KSC member Jimmy Rice.

#### Agape English Ministry

We provided furniture, games, and art supplies to revitalize the children's area so that it is a safe, dynamic space for the many kids who use it.

#### Cold Weather Drop-In Shelter

We provided a financial gift to support this vital local ministry.

#### Blessing Boxes

We purchased groceries that were distributed to six local blessing boxes.



#### Once More Ministries

We bought 720 toothbrushes to allow every person to have one in the December Christmas distribution.



#### Franklin County Volunteer Fire Department

We purchased 2 pallets of bottled water for those who serve. The Volunteer Fire Dept counts on donations for their water.



#### STILL PLANNED:

Based on additional recommendations by our church family, we intend to provide Generosity Project gifts to:

**Ben Chambers Elementary School**  
(provide coffee and donuts to teachers)

**Monarch's Way**

**Salvation Army**

**St. Thomas Food Bank**

**Sweet Grace Ministries**



# Missionally Engaged

## AROUND THE WORLD

### Malawi Ministry Update

*December 2022, from Namikango Mission*

#### Annual Namikango Staff Retreat

Our annual staff retreat took place November 17-18 at Venice Lodge in Monkey-Bay, Mangochi. The theme of the retreat centered around Christian Leadership. Thirty-nine members of the Namikango staff – including Clinic operations, Ntonda Primary School, Ministry leaders and Junior staff – were in attendance. The retreat was a large success. On behalf of all Namikango staff who participated we are thankful for your support toward this event.

#### Planting a New Congregation

Some of our staff team traveled to Central Malawi for evangelism. God led us in planting a new congregation in the Ntcheu District, located in the central region of Malawi.



Namikango worked together with local brethren in the district to preach the Gospel in villages where no active church was present. After

a few days of working together, several gladly received the invitation of the Gospel and were baptized into Christ.

#### 2023 Planning Meetings

As we come to the close of the year, the Namikango leadership has decided to hold planning and budgeting meetings for activities of the next fiscal year. Every department at Namikango Mission will list their business objectives for 2023, including the details of how they plan to maintain these goals on a month-to-month basis. It is the Advisory Committee's role to determine and execute budget goals to maintain donor confidence and enhance employee morale and trust.

#### DTI Students Nearing Graduation

The Namikango campus has become eerily silent as our DTI students have made their way back home. We highly anticipate their return as we complete the final term of course work in February... and then toward the graduation of our first cohort! This is an exciting achievement for all, but none are more thrilled and deserving than our Namikango scholars. They have persisted through a rigorous two-year academic and contemplative program, one of transformation that will undoubtedly bear unmeasurable fruit in the years to come within Malawi.



# B&S P

December 2022, serving in the US with relocated peoples from the Middle East

*"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful." Colossians 3:15*

With Colossians 3:15 in mind, we choose to be thankful for many things:

- The opportunity to sit with a Brother from a ■ background and talk about Jesus.
- Loving friends and a caring team around us while things have been hard, with a series of illnesses and more grief in the family among other things.
- The opportunity to put God's Word in the hands of desiring ones from various backgrounds.
- The joy of staying connected to our safely relocated ■ family and see some still following Jesus.
- Hearing God's name proclaimed in the homes of ■ families during their holidays and His message of hope re-explained with blessings prayed over them.
- The opportunity to explain to ■ and ■ background teens the meaning of true love found in Christ and to see them truly thinking.
- The privilege to walk alongside refugee friends in their grief and pray blessings over them and having J. along for that visit.
- The delight of matching up needs in our refugee community with willing donors in the local church, the latest being a dresser dropped off by an English church friend to one of our ■ English students.
- The knowledge that even when certain ones in the church make decisions we think are unwise, God is sovereign and can use all

things to the good of them who love Him.

- A very international & joyous Thanksgiving outreach meal with the Arabic and Spanish churches together.
- The joy of reconnecting face to face with B's first Christian mentors while in the Navy... Such a gift.
- A Savior, Christ the Lord. The fact that Jesus, knowing what He would face, knowing how He would suffer, knowing how He would be rejected... still chose to leave the splendor of Heaven to come down and endure this life and give His up in our place... TRULY, we are blessed.

## Prayer Requests

- That the peace that Jesus gives would reign in our hearts in the midst of the sorrow.
- That the eyes of our refugee friends would be opened to see their need for Christ.
- Pray that God would supply all our needs, according to His riches in glory, and that our Christar account would finish 2022 in the black.
- Safety in travel for teammates returning from ■ and others traveling in the US.
- More mature families to come to the church plant.
- Peace in the tumultuous homes of the church plant.
- Favor for upcoming citizenship interviews for several friends.
- Wisdom and grace as we shine His light in a dark world.

We wish you a Christmas of renewed hope, knowing He who miraculously came for us continues to hold us in the palm of His hands.

He is our Hope. He is our Joy. He is our salvation. Merry Christmas!

# Haiti Barnabas Team

*Update from Rodney Mose, Team Leader*

I want to wish each of you a BLESSED Christmas and New Year. Each year when Cindee and I celebrate Christmas with our children and their families, I have a word that I share and some thoughts as related to the Christmas story. This year the word was BLESSED. As we pause to think about the environment that our Haitian friends are living in, we are surely BLESSED! However, we can also celebrate that 160 homes in Haiti have been repaired, and the initial funds have been sent to begin to repair two of the three churches damaged during the earthquake.

The Haiti Reconstruction Committee also recommended that we send \$12,500.00 to Mission of Grace toward repairing their school in the Les Caye region, and those funds have been sent! \*



*Mission of  
Grace school in  
Les Caye,  
Haiti*

As we look forward into 2023, there are 65 more homes and the 3 churches to be repaired. I ask for your prayers as we continue to navigate through the process of completing the repairs from the earthquake, and that Haiti is spared of any natural disasters for years to come! The KSC congregation has generously provided the funds to complete this work, PRAISE GOD!

I want to thank each of you for your prayers and support during this past year, and I want to thank you for your prayers and support for our Haitian friends. Their struggles to feed and support their families have been stretched to limits that we cannot imagine, but each time we hear from them they are so grateful for the support they receive from KSC, and the Haiti Barnabas Team.

I spoke with Mark today and he echoed the same thoughts. He also shared that he heard on the Canadian radio that the UN and Canada are discussing how to intervene in the political crisis in Haiti to stabilize the government and bring some level of peace to that country, perhaps with some support from the US. He and I both stated that we can not wait until the day comes that we can visit our Haitian brothers!

I pray that 2023 will be a much more peaceful year both in Haiti and for us, in the US. I ask that you continue to keep Haiti in your prayers, and that we continue to pray for guidance regarding the role of our KSC Barnabas Team in that work. Cindee and I wish each of you health and a BLESSED 2023!

**\* The missions co-mission also designated to send \$12,500 to Compassion International, also in the Les Caye region, to assist in rebuilding area infrastructure.**

## K&R W

December 2022, serving in the US with relocated peoples from the Middle East

### ■ Thanksgiving

On a snowy day in November, we carefully drove to the West ■ Friendship Center. Thanksgiving dinner was planned for ■, but we questioned whether they would attempt to drive in the bad weather. Would any show up? We were pleasantly surprised when 45 ■ came! After eating turkey and the rice dishes that ■ women contributed, a co-worker told the story of the Pilgrims. He highlighted their faith in God despite the difficulties they met in the New World. One ■ man later told how the Pilgrim story touched him. His first year in America has also been difficult.

### December Highlights (■ Friendship Center)

Several events were planned for children, ■ families, and Arabic-speaking women over the holidays.

### December Highlights (in ■)

■ churches are holding a week of Christmas related events. They are praying that 1,000 people will be reached through the music, art, and craft shows that lift up Jesus.

### Prayer Requests

- Pray for the Friendship Center outreaches to women and children. Ask God to use Christian friendships with ■ to draw them to Christ.
- Pray for Christmas caroling to the 20 plus families who have a connection to the Friendship Center. Ask God that they will understand that we rejoice because of Jesus.
- Pray for Christmas outreaches in ■ and ■. May many who don't yet know Jesus hear the good news of our hope in Him.

## Parting Shots!

We enjoyed celebrating Christ's birth with you!



(clockwise from top)  
Crosswalk Grinch  
Party, Christmas at  
Country Creek,  
Flapjacks & Flannels  
with the Porch, Kids  
Choir featured on  
Christmas at Home,  
and the Street Student  
Christmas party







# King Street Church

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

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

**Spiritually Alive in Jesus**

*Who are you worshipping?*

**Relationally Connected by Jesus**

*Who is your community?*

**Missionally Engaged for Jesus**

*Who are you serving?*

## Ministry Staff:

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

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).

## Pastoral Care

**Messenger Deadline:** Articles and information for the March/April 2023 issue should be submitted by **February 15** 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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ISAIAH 43:18-19

FORGET THE FORMER  
THINGS DO NOT  
DWELL ON THE PAST  
SEE, I AM DOING  
*a new thing*

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