

# The Messenger

News and notes for our King Street Church family.

May/June 2023

Pastor Jody Bowser  
and his wife Caryn.

## Mercy and Truth

*By Susanna Allen, Communications Coordinator*

On April 10, 2023, Pastor Jody Bowser submitted a letter of resignation to our Elders, Board of Administration, and to us, the people of King Street Church. In that letter he called his time here at King Street “an honor and a joy that goes beyond words.”

He went on to say, “I love King Street Church. I love the people. I love the heart. I love the mission. I have loved standing in the pulpit nearly every Sunday these many years and opening the Word of God together (which has included more than a few maps!). To tell you that I’m leaving is deeply emotional, and bitter in many ways.

“The sweet is in seeing how the Lord is opening new doors of ministry in Greenville, South Carolina. It is no secret how much Caryn and I love being with our family. Summit Church in Greenville has called me to join their team as the campus pastor of their Cherrydale congregation. Three of my children attend this church—and my daughter-in-law is the worship leader. It is an opportunity that we simply can’t pass up.”

On November 1, 2015, Pastor Jody shared his first message here at King Street Church: “Matters of the Heart: Beginning with the End in Mind,” from Acts 20:13-38. This passage focused on Paul’s farewell speech to the elders in Ephesus. On that first Sunday Pastor Jody said, “As we move forward, I also want to begin with the end in mind.” Pastor Jody had a vision for us to

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## MERCY AND TRUTH

be a church that focused on mercy and truth. He said we would demonstrate love for the lost, hurting and wounded; and proclaim the Gospel of Christ.

2016 began with an ambitious year-long series that did just that, The Gospel from Genesis to Revelation, and our first all-church Bible Reading Plan. That Easter, he preached the Rescued series, and we shared video testimonies of lives that were transformed by the love of Christ. On Easter weekend we passed out stones of remembrance stamped with a Rescued logo that many members of the pottery ministry made by hand. In May, Pastor Jody initiated the creation of a new church directory.

In January of 2017 he began the Transformation series. In February, we hosted our very first Night to Shine. That Easter we also held our first Maundy Thursday service. This was definitely a year of firsts, because in June we held our first Bless Week and Bless Fest. It was the first time our senior pastor allowed himself to be repeatedly dunked, and definitely the first time he put on a chicken suit and did the limbo!

The next few years were filled with more memorable events and moments for our church... the Transformation Art Exhibit, Samaritan's Auction, *Forgotten God* church-wide Sunday school class, the Compassion Experience, trips to Haiti and Russia, many student trips and events, and for our children, both Ties and Tiaras and the Mother Son Roundup. When the parking lots were limited by the Courthouse construction, we handed out donuts in the parking lots to inspire people to park further away. Some of the standout sermon series include "Life in His Name," "The Believer's Guide to the Galaxy," and "Bet the Farm on Discipleship." We launched Celebrate Recovery (now called RESET), a



new website, Table Talk, and L3 Groups. Each activity, each class, and each event came with the goal of demonstrating love for the lost, hurting and wounded, and proclaiming the Gospel of Christ. Each was for the sake of mercy and truth.

Then COVID. On March 12 we sent out a Weekend Preview email that assured the church that despite the coronavirus, everything was fine and we would be having services as usual on Sunday. One week later, with strict mandates in place, we had to send an entirely different message. We assured our family that “we are the church” wherever we are, but that we’d made that heartbreaking decision to close. We met online for 15 weeks and regathered in a triumphant outdoor celebration on July 5.

There were a lot of moments in 2020 that were hard. Talk about firsts... we were navigating a world of church that was never meant to be. But it was also a season where we banded together in worshiping and serving in a whole new way. By God’s grace, we are blessed to be a church congregation that survived COVID.

The ministry of KSC continued... with the 24 hour prayer vigil, RLAM Conference, the “Jesus is Greater” series, our annual outdoor worship services, church picnics, Generosity Project, the Night of Worship during IceFest, exponential growth with the Agape English ministry, True Girl Conference, and many, many other moments of God at work. During Pastor Jody’s tenure 19 of our current staff members were hired.

This chronicle is not just about listing a history or detailing accomplishments. It’s not only about Pastor Jody, who we are honoring. It’s about telling our story, as a church. We are a team. One body, as Corinthians says. This is how God made us. He designed us as a family. Pastor Jody has led us, and it’s been together that we have forged forward in mercy and in truth.

Pastor Jody and his physical family are moving on now, but he leaves behind a legacy of leading us to demonstrate love for the lost, hurting, and



wounded, and proclaiming the Gospel of Christ. He leaves behind a legacy of mercy and truth.

Our pastor has been one with an infectious enthusiasm, a genuine love for people, and a passion to preach the Word of God.

Pastor Jody challenged us every week to “go live the call” and regularly reminded us to look to Jesus in the midst of our struggles. His frequent references to the Upper Story built a culture of looking beyond our temporary circumstances to see God’s eternal work in our lives. We will not soon forget his love of maps, or his favorite prayer from 2 Chronicles 20:12, “Lord, we do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you.”

Pastor Jody closed his resignation letter with these words: “I love you, and will miss you. We’ve journeyed together through unprecedented times these past few years. And through it all—we’ve continued to live the call. And even when we don’t know what to do, we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.”

We thank you, Pastor Jody, for all you have given and invested here. We thank you for 7 1/2 years of your life and ministry. We thank you for your prayers, counseling, coaching, and encouraging words. We thank



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you for bringing God's message to us faithfully, week after week.

In his last message on Sunday, April 30, Pastor Jody challenged us, not unlike many times before, "There is work to be done at KSC— keep your eyes on Jesus!" Then he prayed:

**"God I thank you for this family of mine right here at King Street. Thank you for what you're doing here. Lord Jesus, you already have it in your mind and in your heart who's going to continue to lead King Street into even brighter days. Thank you, Jesus.**

**This isn't about us; it's about You. We are Your bride, Your church, and we rest in You. We trust You."**

We will continue to pray God's blessing upon Pastor Jody and Caryn in the days and weeks ahead, knowing that the thread of serving Jesus keeps us connected. They are embarking on a new adventure with Jesus, and so are we.

Just as Pastor Jody is following God's new calling to South Carolina, so we remain ready to follow God's plan for King Street Church.



It is with a firm belief in God's sovereign vision for His people that we anticipate the mighty ways He will work in our church family in the months and years to come, writing a continuing story of mercy and truth that will exceed our expectations.

As Ephesians 3:20 says, "Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think."



*(Right, on April 30, Nathan Hann, Pastor of Contemporary Worship, prays over Pastor Jody and Caryn. After the service our church family said goodbye.)*





# The Next Step at King Street Church

KSC is led by a Board of Administration, Co-Missions, and Elders. They, along with our pastors, are meeting to plan next steps regarding the leadership of our congregation. We are blessed with a strong team of pastors and they will share the responsibility of preaching in the weeks ahead. Our denomination bishop Todd Fettes is also coming to speak. Please join us in prayer for all those involved in making decisions for our church family and for the pastors as they assume more responsibility in this interim period. We appreciate your partnership and support during this critical time in the life of our church.

## God-at-Work through the After School Program

*By Jeanie Helman, Children's Ministry Outreach Coordinator*

By the time you read this report our After School Program will have ended for this school year. We recently hosted a banquet for our families and honored four graduating students (5th graders going on to 6th grade). It was a privilege to speak a blessing over each student and give them a Bible. On Monday, April 24th we hosted a carnival in the gym for the students and had a bounce house and other games for them to play.



This year has been a true blessing. Honestly, I cannot remember a better group of children to

work with. They came excited, eager to learn (most of the time) and cooperated in the activities we had planned. They were respectful of each other and the leaders (most of the time) and helped each other. Our expectations are RCK (respect, cooperation and kindness). We don't always see it play out as it did this year. This was a true blessing from God.

So, what were some of the things we did?

- We had weekly Bible lessons
- We tutored (did homework, read and played educational games)
- We shared dinner together
- We played in the gym and had a snack together

We also had many life lessons...here are just some of the things that the kids experienced:

- "The Art of Story Telling" class
- Made thank you gifts for their parents (photo and trivet)
- Workshops on how to manage big feelings

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- Made string eggs
- Cooking class
- Sewing classes
- Gardening class
- Crafts

## THEN WE HAD A BIG GOD MOMENT!



Around Easter I was preparing for a Monday Bible class, and couldn't find the lesson I had planned on doing. When it was not to be found, I began looking for another. I settled on an Easter lesson that used an experiment as an attention-getter. Little did I know what God had planned. The experiment called for a peeled hard boiled egg, an old time glass milk jar and fire. As the children watched, we talked about how the egg was too big to go into the milk jar. We were going to use science to do what seemed impossible. I lit the paper and tried to get it in the milk jug. I couldn't get it in because it was burning my hand. The paper was thrown on the

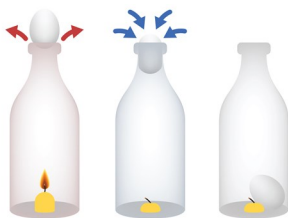


table and it was quite the attention getter. We were glad we didn't set the fire alarm off and tried again.

This time it was successful and the egg was sucked into the jar. We learned that by using science we were able to do the impossible and likened it to how Jesus did the impossible by

dying on the cross for our sins and coming back alive on Easter. That was the introduction to the lesson we never got to. The children started asking questions after question. Finally one little girl asked the question every Bible teacher longs for... "How do you become a Christian?" After addressing that question, nine children prayed to receive Christ. It was amazing!!!

God was up to something for sure... the Holy Spirit took over that lesson and brought nine little ones to God. What a privilege it was to witness and be a part of the process. God is good!

We end this program year with hearts full of gratitude and thanksgiving that we get to be a part of what God is doing in this world. We are always looking for people who enjoy working with kids; and would like to help them to be successful in school and in life, by knowing Jesus. Let me know if you are someone who would like to help or learn more about helping ([jhelman@kchurch.org](mailto:jhelman@kchurch.org)).

## Appreciating Ron Cook: Pastor on the Move!

*By Sharon Bowers, Chair of Local Outreach Co-Mission*

The King Street Board recently recognized Pastor Ron Cook with a custom cycling jersey and gift certificate to his favorite bike shop. Pastor Ron definitely lives the call. He has been such a blessing to our church family. The word that comes to mind is “stamina;” he shares God’s love with a driving passion.

Every week he can be found in the hospitals visiting the sick, providing communion to shut-ins, comforting families after the loss of a loved one, conducting funeral services, and participating in Sunday morning worship services. On Monday nights, Pastor Ron often stops into RESET so that he can sit down and visit with the community there (and maybe enjoy a cookie!) Even when encouraged to enjoy a more relaxed schedule, our Minister of Pastoral Care refuses to slow down.

Pastor Ron is tech-savvy and personally installed many Roku devices in the homes of shut-ins so



that they can watch services remotely. He is always willing to go the extra mile to help a member of our church family. His coworkers greatly admire him. Pastor Ron is an amazing individual and an inspiration to us all!

The Board wanted to show their appreciation to Pastor Ron for his above-and-beyond dedication. It is well-known that Ron is usually up well before sunrise so that he can begin his day with prayer and a bike ride, so a gift was chosen that supports his hobby of cycling. Keep on the look-out for Pastor Ron on his bicycle in his new jersey. Maybe sometime we could ride along with him but honestly I’m not sure we could keep up! Thank you Pastor Ron. You are loved and appreciated by your King Street Church family! (A huge shout out to Tyler Roberts for his support in designing and ordering the shirt!)





## STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome Dylan Chenaille

*By Susanna Allen, Communications Coordinator*



We are excited to announce that **Dylan Chenaille** has been hired as Creative Arts Associate.

The mission of this role is: to harness the power of telling the story, particularly via video, of what

God is doing in and through the people of King Street Church in our mission of engaging and blessing our community with the Gospel.

We have been seeking to fill this position for over a year, so we are so glad to have found such a qualified applicant in Dylan.

Dylan is the son of Bill and Carolyn Chenaille, very active members of our church family. Bill serves on Sunday mornings with our Media Team as a video switcher. Carolyn has served in Worship Arts for many years, and chairs the Worship Arts Co-Mission. Dylan's sister Kat plays keys on the worship team and his brother Jonathan played bass before joining the Air Force.

Bill is co-owner of the Academy for Media Production, so Dylan grew up around the skills, but it wasn't until he graduated from the Photo and Video program in February that his interest for media production deepened.

"One day we were shooting a music video," Dylan says, "and just being able to hold the camera in my hand and shoot the footage was very, very fun."

Dylan has been attending KSC since he was 2 years old. With the Creative Arts position, he saw an opportunity to combine the skills of recording video with serving the church.

"I love coming to church," he explains. "I have really loved listening to Pastor Jody."

Dylan has already been volunteering in Media & Production for several years at King Street. He serves on the production team for Student Ministries and has been working with camera and as a switcher on Sunday mornings for at least two years.

This helped Tyler Roberts, Director of Media & Production, to feel confident that Dylan was a great choice for the job.

Tyler says, "It is exciting to see a committed volunteer move to using their skills to serve and tell the stories of what God is doing at King Street."

### Summer Internships

Provide support to ministry areas while receiving hands-on training. We are accepting applicants for Worship Ministry, Children's Ministry and Student Ministry. See details on our website at [kingstreetchurch.com/job](http://kingstreetchurch.com/job).  
(30 hours/10 weeks)

# ALL CHURCH OUTDOOR SERVICE

## All-Church Outdoor Service

On **Sunday, May 21**, at 10:00 am, we will come together as one large church body to celebrate God's work in our lives, both individually and as a church family. We expect to hear testimonies of faith and see more than a dozen young people baptized. We have five food trucks coming for the meal afterwards; it's going to be a beautiful time of extended worship, thanking God for His goodness, spending quality time together, and looking forward to the future. This special service will take place in the Baker Center parking lot (bring a chair!) and will replace our normal Sunday schedule. We hope you'll stay for lunch and connect with others. If you wish, bring your own picnic lunch in a cooler! Invite friends or family who might appreciate a "non-church" setting. *These photos are from last year.*

**FOOD TRUCKS:** Peculiar Pizza, Uncle Eddie's BBQ, Creekview Food Co, Food Adventures, Antietam Dairy



## Stay in the Loop!

**WEEKEND PREVIEW EMAIL:** Our weekly church email usually highlights a key event or ministry, or offers unique information. If you would like to receive it, sign up through the link on the homepage at [kingstreetchurch.com](http://kingstreetchurch.com), or text keyword PREVIEW to (717) 401-7777. You can also call the church office at (717) 264-4651.

**TEXT UPDATES:** Our text recipients get a link to the worship folder on Sundays, and up to one other highlight a week. Get on the list by texting keyword TODAY to (717) 401-7777.



## ***“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 (**May 8** and **June 12**) at 7:30 pm in M21. Come early at 6:30 pm and join RESET for worship.

## **Student Grant Info**

King Street’s Student Grant Program provides an annual grant to regular attenders and members who are enrolled in an accredited undergraduate program. We are accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year; download the application at [kingstreetchurch.com/grants](http://kingstreetchurch.com/grants) (complete both pages.) Except for incoming freshmen, applicants are also required to provide a copy of grades from your last school semester. We do not require an official transcript; a copy or legible screenshot of your grades is fine. The deadline to submit an application is **Monday, July 17**.

**You can always see the latest events at [kingstreetchurch.com/today](http://kingstreetchurch.com/today).**

**If you would like to receive the weekly announcements — and news of our latest events — via text, get on the list by texting “today” to (717) 401-7777.**

## **KSC Golf League**

The KSC Golf League meets on Monday nights at Conocodell Golf Course. Tee time is 5:30 pm. The fee is \$10 for walkers and \$15 for riders. The league is open to anyone; bring a friend or neighbor. A weekly format will be passed out. Questions, call Jim Byers at (717)372-9742 or email [jsbyers7@yahoo.com](mailto:jsbyers7@yahoo.com).

## **Mother’s Day Anthem**

We are looking for men who love to sing to join together in singing an anthem on Mother’s Day at the 8:00 service. Ron Eshleman will be directing this special tribute to our mothers. The rehearsal is on **Tuesday, May 9** at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Any man is invited!

## **Adoption/Foster Care Support**

This group provides encouragement for those in the adoptive or foster care journey, no matter where you are in the process. Our next support group meeting is on **Tuesday, May 16** at 6 pm in M27. Childcare and dinner provided. Questions, email Bethany Hanft at [adoption@kschurch.org](mailto:adoption@kschurch.org).

## **Memorial Day**

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 29, and RESET will not meet.







## 2023 Graduates

One of our favorite traditions is honoring our graduates. High school and undergrad students who wish to be included should forward a digital picture (*preferably a senior photo/high quality image*) to Lauren Dukehart, Student Ministries Administrative Assistant: [ldukehart@kschurch.org](mailto:ldukehart@kschurch.org). Include details about what school you have graduated from and any future plans. The deadline to submit is **May 14**; Graduation Sunday is **June 4**.



## Loss of a Spouse Seminar

Do you dread the lonely days and nights? Wonder what to do with your spouse's belongings? Feel like your brain is in a fog? Get help and hope at the one day seminar hosted by our GriefShare team on **Sunday, June 11** from 2-4 pm in M27. Pre-register online at [griefshare.org/loss/events](https://griefshare.org/loss/events) (enter zip 17201) or call the church office at (717) 264- 4651. If you have not lost a spouse but know of someone who might benefit from this, please invite them.



## Women's Ascension Day Remembrance Brunch

On **Thursday, May 18**, our ladies are invited to an Ascension Day Remembrance Brunch beginning at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. Ascension Day celebrates when Jesus ascended to heaven on the fortieth day after His resurrection. This time of remembrance and celebration, hosted by ladies in our church family, is open to all women in our community. We will begin with worship, followed by brunch and a devotional from Sally Wadel. So that we can adequately plan for the brunch, we ask that you please register by Thursday, May 11 at [kingstreetchurch.com/ascension](https://kingstreetchurch.com/ascension).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

# CROSS WALK

kid min at ksc

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

**Child Dedication:** Child dedication is an opportunity for parents to commit publicly to raising their children in the love and nurture of the Lord. Preparation classes will be held on **Sundays, June 4 and 11** (attend

one class) at 11:00 am in M221. Dedications will take place during worship services on Sunday, July 16. If you are interested in learning more about child dedication, or wish to attend a class, email Heidi Roseman, Children's Ministry Administrative Assistant, at [hroseman@kschurch.org](mailto:hroseman@kschurch.org).



## Rhodes Grove Camp

Offering Christ-centered experiences that reveal  
our place in God's story

Summer Camps • Family Camps • Retreats

Summer Camp can be one of the most exciting and life-changing experiences in a child's life. King Street Church partners with Rhodes Grove Camp to offer a high-quality camp experience for children in grades 2-12. We will pay a portion of camp fees for kids who regularly attend KSC. Visit [kingstreetchurch.com/camp](http://kingstreetchurch.com/camp) for more information.

May is a fundraising month for Rhodes Grove Camp. There are a few ways to support this ministry:

- **Eat Potatoes for Dinner:** Saturday, May 20, 4:30-7 pm, at Rhodes Grove Camp's Meadows Conference Center Dining Area. Enjoy a full potato bar, side salad, desserts and drinks as you fellowship with the Rhodes Grove family. Donations will be accepted to help in the funding of 2023 Summer Camps. Call Vicki at (717) 375-4162 to RSVP by May 14.



- **Donate Through the Giving Catalog:** Click the QR code at left to visit.



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is **Sun-Wed, June 25-28.**

Every day, kids are bombarded with lies about who they are, who God is, and where their salvation comes from. Thankfully, God has given his children armor to wear in this battle between truth and lies, light and darkness, good and evil. This VBS will be a place where kids will learn how they can be part of God's kingdom through salvation in his Son and will be equipped with the armor of God to become Keepers of the Kingdom and stand strong in today's battle for truth.



## Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth

**Registration for volunteers is now open and registration for children will open later in May.**

### HELP US PREPARE FOR VBS:

- **Paint & Create Day:** Monday, May 8 from 9 am—3 pm in the Children's Ministry Center (CMC.) Lunch will be provided; come and go as you are able.
- **Paint & Create Night:** Wednesday, May 10 from 6:30—8:30 pm in the CMC.
- **Decoration Week:** Wednesday and Thursday, June 21 and 22 from 9 am to 4 pm. We will be decorating the classrooms, hallways, and the Sanctuary. Come however long you might be able to help. Lunch will be provided.



**JOIN THE TEAM:** It takes a huge team to bring VBS to life! We especially need Crew Leaders who are willing to journey through VBS with groups of 3-5 children. You would complete crafts, play games, eat snacks, and listen to stories with your group, and help them to have a good time. Crew leaders directly impact how many children we can invite. See the forms in the lobbies or visit Service Central ([serve.kingstreetchurch.com](http://serve.kingstreetchurch.com)) to see all the roles we need to fill.

- Serve as a **Crew Leader**
- **Volunteer** for other roles
- **Donate Snacks:** You can pick up a snack card in the lobbies soon or donate online at any time at [serve.kingstreetchurch.com](http://serve.kingstreetchurch.com)



## STUDENT MINISTRY

### Wednesday Night Street Meetings:

We will wrap up this year's weekly Street Meetings with a special tribute to our Seniors on **May 17**. Come and hear how God has worked in their lives and what each one is planning to do next.



### 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.

**Summer Street Meetings:** These are always a great way to keep in touch over the summer months. We usually start out in the SMC for games, worship and sharing from God's Word, and often end our times at the Ice Cream Station. Summer Street will be held on these Wednesdays: **June 7, June 21, July 26** and **August 9**.

**Summer Sneak:** Our annual getaway is planned for **June 12-16** in Lewes, DE. Students (currently in grades 8-12) will spend time with friends, hit the boardwalk, play games on the beach, enjoy campfires, worship, and hear teaching from God's Word. Register at [kingstreetchurch.com/sneak](http://kingstreetchurch.com/sneak).



### Chambersburg Project — Sun-Fri, July 9-14 — Grades 6-12:

Chambersburg Project is a weeklong local mission opportunity for our students; they will repair and renovate homes for Franklin County residents who have physical and/or financial limitations. Students will work during the day, then join together with other local students in the evening for devotions, guest speakers, and praise and worship. This is one of our highlights of the summer. Learn more and sign up at [kingstreetchurch.com/project](http://kingstreetchurch.com/project).

For questions about any youth events, contact Lauren Dukehart at [ldukehart@kschurch.org](mailto:ldukehart@kschurch.org).  
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# UPDATE ON THE 30 HOUR FAMINE

## Filled Up by a Famine

*By Susanna Allen, Communications Coordinator*

The 30-Hour Famine was held on Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22, and 20 middle school students participated. Rob Gunkelman, Pastor of Middle School Student Ministries, felt that the challenging nature of the famine had the potential to develop spiritual maturity.

Lauren Dukehart, Student Ministries Admin Assistant, says, “We were hoping the students would see outside of themselves and learn not take what they have for granted.”

Students were encouraged to share a link for World Vision for child sponsorships. Over \$2,500 was raised, far exceeding expectations.

On Friday night the group watched videos that followed the life of a young girl in Niger. Students were able to see how various aspects of her life—like her shelter, food, and access to water—compared to their own.

Later Rob led in a time of confession, prayer, study on what the Bible has to say about fasting, and 10 minutes of silence so the students could hear from the Lord. Lauren notes that the students really loved that part.

On Saturday the group went to Rhodes Grove Camp where they cleaned up brush/trees, tidied the fire pit area, and loaded wood. Then they mulched at two CROSS homes. While waiting on rain to clear, the team played games and made crafts with the residents.

Later they rested around a campfire at Cowan’s Gap, where they shared how they were impacted by the experience. Many students said they would do it again.



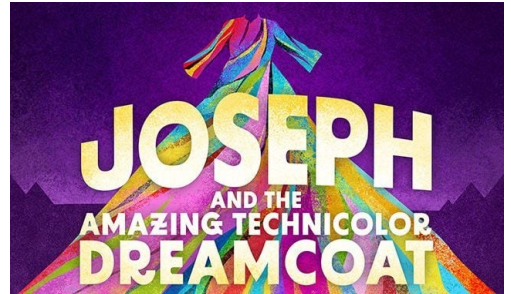
Annette Smith, a parent helper, shared, “I was so impressed with the kids participation in this event. They were interested in learning and ‘all in’ on the activities. Rob did a great job explaining fasting and it’s importance...as well as relating it to understanding those that live in hunger. Even as an adult, I learned through the activities, journaling, and the ‘listening prayer.’ I’m so thankful that we are a church that teaches these exercises and precepts to our kids.”

Finally it was time to break the fast with a pizza party! They ordered from three local shops; you will have to ask a Middle School student about the famine in order to find out which is the best pizza in Chambersburg.

# PRIMETIMERS SENIOR ADULTS

The Senior Adult Ministry at King Street Church, known as The PrimeTimers, is a growing ministry that provides Christ-centered activities addressing the spiritual, social, physical and educational needs of men and women in the “second half of life.”

Event flyers with more information are posted on the Information Walls in the lobbies.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date/Day	Event	Cost Per Person	More Information
No Events in May			
<b>Wednesday, June 21</b>  <i>Final Payment is due May 21*</i>	Mini-Bus/Van Trip to Tour Millersburg Museum, Train Station, and Millersburg Ferry	\$20.00  Cost includes transportation and tours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depart at 8:30 am from Weis Market</li> <li>• Tour Millersburg Museum and Train Station</li> <li>• Lunch on your own at Williams French Fries (Preview the menu at <a href="http://www.williams-catering.com/WFFMenu.pdf">www.williams-catering.com/WFFMenu.pdf</a>)</li> <li>• Ride the Millersburg Ferry after lunch</li> </ul>
No Events in July			
<b>Wednesday, August 2</b>  <i>Final Payment is due June 19*</i>	Mini-Bus/Van Trip to Shenandoah Theater: “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”	\$45.00  Cost includes transportation and show	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depart at 10 am from Weis Market (please arrive a little early)</li> <li>• Lunch on your own at Apple Blossom Mall food court plus shopping time at the mall (Winchester)</li> <li>• Performance time: 2:30 at Shenandoah Summer Music Theater</li> </ul>

\*Contact Frances Humelsine (717- 263-8633) with questions and mail payment to her at 408 Benjamin Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

See the March/April Messenger (available online at [kingstreetchurch.com/Messenger](http://kingstreetchurch.com/Messenger)) for an overview of the Picnic at Green Township Park on September 13 and the Trip to American Music Theater on November 8. The complete PrimeTimer’s schedule is available online at [kingstreetchurch.com/primetimers](http://kingstreetchurch.com/primetimers).



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY



**The Porch:** The Porch young adult ministry meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7:00 pm in the Student Ministry Center. Small groups connect on the second and fourth Thursdays; guys meet in the SMC and girls meet in Team Central. Learn more about The Porch at [kingstreetchurch.com/youngadult](http://kingstreetchurch.com/youngadult).

**RESET:** RESET is a worship service and support system that has as a goal the lifting up of Jesus as our hope in the mess. At RESET, we build safe places to be real and to name what's broken. We believe Jesus is our foundation when everything else is shaking. We offer an authentic community, a family, a place to belong. (*Note, RESET will not meet on Monday, May 29, Memorial Day.*)

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:

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- 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
- Co-ed Parents' Group (bi-weekly)

**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 Thursdays from 7—8 pm in room C3 in the Ministry Center. The facility is wheelchair accessible.



**Men's Choir:** All men (ages 2-102!) are invited to join a community choir that will sing at the Fellowship Service and Cookout on July 9, at Norlo Park. **Ron Eshleman** is the director and **Phil Shuman** the accompanist. Questions, call Gary Mills at (717) 709-0047. Practices are at 1:00 pm (you don't have to attend them all):



- **Saturday, June 10** (Unity in Christ Church, 4301 Philadelphia Ave)
- **Saturday, June 17** (Brethren Life Center, 260 South Fourth St, use the Elm Ave parking lot entrance)
- **Saturday, June 24** (John Wesley AME Church, 155 West Catherine St.)

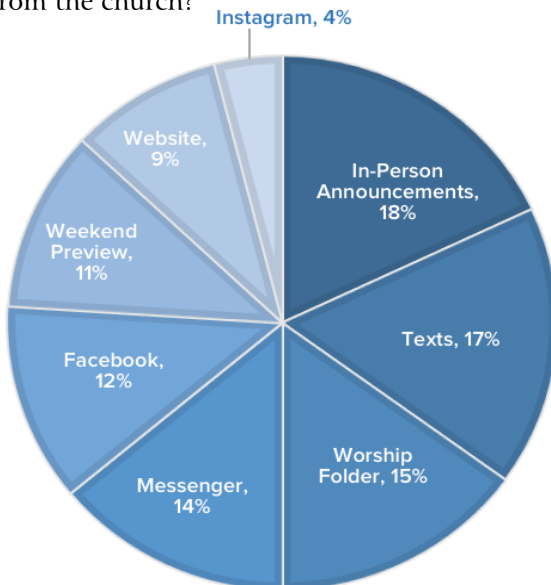
## An Update on the Survey

By Susanna Allen, Communications Coordinator

In February we invited our church family to fill out a Communications Survey so that we might improve the ways that we share information.

We were pleased that 140 people filled out the survey. This was an excellent sampling of our congregation. An impressive 83% of those indicated that they attend worship services in-person almost every Sunday, and 81% said they have been part of KSC for more than 5 years. In fact, 38% had been invested for more than 20 years! This let us know that the answers provided were from a committed group of people.

Here are the results from just one question: how do you prefer to receive information from the church?



The comments section was especially helpful; a few of those comments include:

- It would be helpful if there was a church family calendar that listed the seven days of the week with the church events.
- We need to hear more about missions and other initiatives our church is undertaking locally and around the world.
- I didn't know there was a Weekend Preview email!
- It would be nice to know what adult Sunday school classes are available, where they're located in the church and what they're studying.
- I really appreciate the Messenger; it helps to stay connected with all areas of the church while providing information regarding missions and events.

We are already responding to this feedback. We have contacted our website provider regarding updates, including a revised 7-day calendar. We plan to use texting as a more intentional way to let people know about events and ministries (interesting fact: the greatest response to the survey was through a link that we texted; the second greatest response was through the Weekend Preview email). There is a listing of current adult Sunday School classes on page 30, and on our website under the "Connect" tab. See the blue box on page 9 to sign up for the Weekend Preview email or text list. This is just the beginning of the ways we will seek to do better in sharing information with you.

Please don't be shy about giving feedback about this area or any other. You can always email me at [sallen@kschurch.org](mailto:sallen@kschurch.org).



# God at Work

## THROUGH KSC LEADERSHIP

### February Board Highlights

The Board of Administration of King Street Church met Wednesday, February 8, 2023 in the Fellowship Room in the main church building. Glenn Watson, Chairman of the Board of Administration, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Sharon Bowers opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

### SENIOR PASTOR REPORT

In Pastor Jody's absence, Glenn Watson read a letter from Franklin Graham thanking King Street Church for our donation to Samaritan's Purse. The KSC family donated \$12,198.83 for Ukrainian Relief during the Christmas Eve services.

### EXECUTIVE PASTOR REPORT

Pastor Steve Flint made a request to the Board to set aside February 22 to attend the Ash Wednesday service at 6:00pm. He announced that February 26 will be our next scheduled baptismal services. Pastor Steve led a time of prayer for the countries of Turkey and Syria in light of the recent earthquakes. Prayer for the Cowan and Musick families was given as they both recently lost family members.

### ELDERS TEAM REPORT

Greg West shared that Crider's United Brethren Church is in need of financial assistance to help with the cost of getting the roof on their church building replaced. The Board of Elders voted to bring this proposal to the Board for approval. The Board approved the motion with a unanimous vote.

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

**Adult Ministry** – Mark Willson reported the Adult Ministry Co-Mission welcomed new members Scott Keller, Randal Hall and Eran Haupt. The 2023 L3 Leader's Meeting theme is, "Identify, Understand and Employ Spiritual Gifts in God's Kingdom". The Women's Bible Study began a 7 week study on the Miracles of Jesus. Night to Shine will be held on February 10 at Antrim BIC. There is a possibility of KSC hosting another women's conference in 2024. A Couple-To-Couple Mentoring Program has begun under the direction of Pastor Rob.

**Children's Ministry** – Alexander Rosenbaum reported that the Children's Ministry staff attended a Children's Pastors Conference. The True Girl Pajama Party is scheduled for February 11, 2023. Also in February, the Children's Ministry Co-Mission is having a volunteer appreciation event. A new curriculum for preschoolers will start the first week of March. Planning has begun for the 2023 VBS event. VBS will be held from June 25-28, 2023 with the theme, "Armor of God."

**Finance** – Brad Etchberger provided copies of the January 2023 Financial Summary and reviewed it with everyone. January giving/income exceeded budget and operating expenses and January came in under budget. Overall, Brad shared that our budget is strong.



**Local Outreach** – Sharon Bowers shared that of the 19 local ministries we support, 16 were represented at the last LOC meeting. Little Daisy's Closet was invited to come and tell about their ministry. Our Agape English Program has more than doubled their sessions in the past year. The Local Outreach Co-Mission discussed the possibility of making a video to educate our church family about our local outreach ministry here at King Street Church.

**Missions** – John Schaffer reported that during their last co-mission meeting, they were updated on current missionaries that our church supports. Discussion about needing more members on the Missions Co-Mission was also held.

**Property** – Gregg Thompson reported the Archives Committee discussed putting together a visual timeline to coordinate with an upcoming church anniversary. The emergency lighting project is 60% completed. Gregg Thompson made a motion to re-caulk windows, lintel work and power washing the steeple. The motion was approved unanimously. There is now an official Security Committee.

**Student Ministry** – Nathan Rosenberger shared that Eddie Lowman agreed to be the Vice Chairman of the Student Ministry Co-Mission. Small Group Night was held on February 1. The Winter Slam event was held from February 3-5 with 78 KSC students and staff attending. The Guatemala Missions Trip is scheduled for July 7-16 with on-going interviews with 18 students. Rob Gunkelman is planning a 30-Hour Famine event and an "end of the year retreat" for 8th graders. Matt Gish plans to do another "Worship Night" on March 29.

## March Board Highlights

The Board of Administration of King Street Church met on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 in the Fellowship Room of the main church building. Glenn Watson, Chairman of the Board of Administration, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. John Schaffer opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

Dave Rotz (Chairman of the Audit & Compliance Committee) reported on the Annual Financial Audit that the Audit & Compliance Committee conducted for fiscal year ending December 31, 2022. The Audit & Compliance Committee commend the Treasurer, Business Manager, staff and volunteers for their fine work during the past year and thank them for the gifts of their time and talent.

## SENIOR PASTOR REPORT

Pastor Jody Bowser shared that Nick Randle has received his provisional license for the pastorate in the United Brethren Denomination. We had a very meaningful Ash Wednesday Service with a 50% increase in attendance over last year. Pastor Jody said the Lunch Lessons series on Revelation continues to be well attended. He praised those involved with creating our Messenger Newsletter with such excellence

## EXECUTIVE PASTOR REPORT

Pastor Steve Flint shared that he is looking forward to the March 19 and 26 Partnership Classes. Pastor Steve shared that Becky Hann is doing some continuing education and Nathan Hann is working on his certification in Spiritual Direction. A communications survey will be coming out soon seeking feedback on how our church family receives news about church activities.

## ELDER TEAM REPORT

Greg West shared that the Elder Team has been continuing their discussion on the vision of the church. The elders will meet again with the staff about this subject. Greg also shared that Don Baker, Senior Pastor of Crider's UB Church, expressed his heartfelt thanks to KSC for the donation to assist in the roof replacement on the Crider church building.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Dan Gehris reviewed the 2023 Rhodes Grove summer camp rates and for King Street Church to pay 50% of those fees again this year for KSC children and teens who would be attending. On a Mary Burkholder/Carolyn Chenaille motion for King Street Church to cover 50% of the fees again this year for King Street Church campers, the motion was approved unanimously.

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

**Adult Ministry** – Mark Willson shared that the Adult Ministry Co-Mission met on February 15, 2023 with leaders of various adult ministries of KSC attending the meeting (Prime Timers, Women's, Men to Mend, Band of Brothers, Pottery and The Porch). Mark related instances where these groups are making connections with people inside and outside of King Street Church.

**Finance** – Brad Etchberger reported that Dave Rotz shared the results of the Annual Financial Audit at the last Finance Co-Mission Meeting. Dan Gehris gave a financial update to the Board reviewing February 2023 financial results and 2023 YTD financial figures.

**Local Outreach** – Sharon Bowers reported on several organizations that the LOC is supporting. Some members of the LOC visited CROSS. There are more people coming to RESET on Monday evenings. The Agape English Program classes continue to grow in attendance.

**Missions** – John Schaffer reported on missionary gifts that were given. There will be support available to the Student Ministry Trip to Guatemala in 2023. The Missions Co-Mission is still looking for new members.

**Personnel Relations** – Aaron Smith presented the results of the Staff Opinion Survey.

**Property** – Gregg Thompson shared the courtyard paver project will begin in May. The emergency lighting project is 70% complete. There will be line painting done in the parking lots. Glenn Watson discussed the Décor and Security Committees reporting to the Property Co-Mission.

**Student Ministry** – Nathan Rosenberger reported that a Prayer Night will be held on March 29. The mission trip to Guatemala has 18 students and 4 adults signed up so far. The 30 Hour Famine event will be held on April 21. An "End of School Year" event is being planned. Nathan also shared that Pastor Rob obtained his CDL license.

**Worship Arts** – Carolyn Chenaille stated the choirs have begun their Spring Season. The KSC mass choir will sing at the end of March. There will be a Family Service at the end of April. There is a need for student musicians. KSC will be a worship leader at our national conference. There is a "Team Appreciation Night" being planned.

**PLEASE NOTE: Copies of the Board Highlights are 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
• March 5	940	394
• March 12	890	420
• March 19	968	401
• March 26	943	428
• April 2	969	404
• April 8 & 9	1,613	380
• April 16	1,018	405
• April 23	1,053	424
• April 30	1,104	<i>Not available</i>

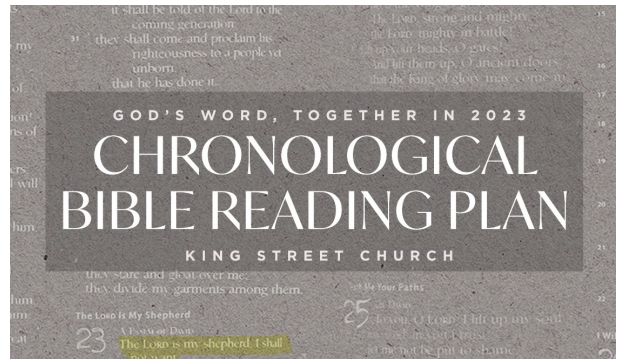
### Giving Report

These offerings are part of the General Fund.

• March 5	\$60,534.56
• March 12	\$46,347.08
• March 19	\$62,102.91
• March 26	\$36,610.00
• April 2	\$49,437.00
• April 8 & 9	\$56,137.40
• April 16	\$37,022.00
• April 23	\$55,358.77
• April 30	\$39,572.87

### Communion Offerings

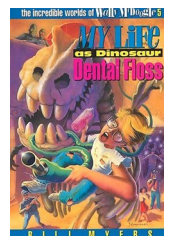
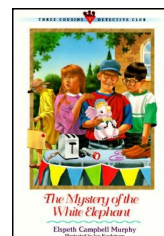
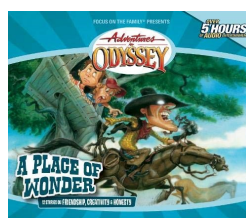
- May: **Rhodes Grove Camp Fund**, providing assistance for KSC children and teens attending Summer Camp.
- June: **Student Grant Fund** to financially support KSC college students.



**Bible Reading Plan:** Sign up for daily **EMAILS** at [bible.kingstreetchurch.com](http://bible.kingstreetchurch.com). Receive daily **TEXTS** to your device by texting keyword **DAILY** to (717) 401-7777. You can get a paper **SCHEDULE** in the lobbies or call the church office to receive one by mail: (717) 264-4651.

### Church Library

Need a good book for the beach? Ideas for your child's summer reading program? An audio cd for the road trip? KSC has a library stocked with great choices! The library is located downstairs inM12 and is open on Sundays from 7:30 am-1 pm, Monday to Thursday 8am-4pm, and Fridays 8am-12 noon.





# Baptism—Grayson Hultin

On Sunday, April 23, Grayson Hultin was baptized. This is an except of his testimony; the full testimonies of all those baptized at KSC are posted on The Hub at [kingstreetchurch.com/the-hub](http://kingstreetchurch.com/the-hub) along with their baptism videos.

*“...one day in February (2021) when I was nine, my life changed forever. My twin brother, Garrett, woke up not feeling well and I had to go to school without him that day. I didn’t know that that morning was the last time I would see him conscious and awake. He went to the hospital and the doctors couldn’t make him better. When my parents told me he was going to go be with Jesus, I felt like I was going to die. I didn’t understand why God didn’t make him better. It was the worst thing that ever happened to me in my life. My mom and dad and I were all really sad and it was a confusing time. Something that was really comforting, though, was the way a lot of people showed care and kindness to our family. It made me*



*feel God’s love for us and makes me want to show that love to other people who are hurting. After losing Garrett, my family and I also started to read a lot about Heaven and what it will be like. It made me feel better to know that Garrett is safe and happy there. It’s still really hard not to have him here these last two years. I miss him a lot, but I know because I trust in Jesus that I will see him again in Heaven.”*

## Baptisms at the Outdoor Service

At our Outdoor Service on May 21, we expect to celebrate more than a dozen baptisms. Most will be middle and high school students. We anticipate an inspiring time in hearing the testimonies of the candidates and witnessing their steps of faith.

### New Partners

Here at King Street Church, we call our members “partners” because we partner together in the work God has called us to as a church body. On May 7 the following people will be introduced as new partners:

8:00 Sanctuary     **Kendra Carver**

9:30 Sanctuary     **Sandy & Bill McHugh**

11:00 Sanctuary     **Alice & Dave MacArthur**

9:30 Baker     **Lyndsey & Jason Frey  
Miranda & Burt Heckman  
Lydia & Tony Peckman  
Donna Sites**

# Engaging & Blessing

## OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE GOSPEL



### Once More Ministries Update

OMM's first distribution of 2023 was on **Saturday, March 11**. It was a cold day, but our hearts were warmed by the smiles on our friends' faces and their words of kindness and thankfulness!

Our distributions are meant to run from 9–12 on the second Saturday of March, June, September, and December; but we often run out of supplies early. In March we increased our inventory. Even so, this distribution was

like no other in terms of volume! To provide context, here is how we queue vehicles before we open.

Vehicles wait in a line in the main KSC parking lot. Once we open, we move the line from the KSC lot over to the Ministry Center (MC) parking lot across the street. Then two lanes of traffic travel through the distribution lines. Once the volume reduces, vehicles are able to drive directly into the MC lot, without a waiting line.

That's the normal process. This time, well before 8 am, many more vehicles than usual lined up in the KSC parking lot in anticipation of our 9 am opening. As the opening approached, the line continued to grow so quickly, that the line of waiting cars even extended into King Street. We had to bring more cars into the MC parking lot so that there weren't any traffic hazards!

As we opened and the lines started moving, the busyness continued with no break until around 10:45, forcing us to continue to use the KSC parking lot as a queue for a large portion of the distribution. People came as quickly as we were moving them through!

Friends, that's never happened before! We've never seen so many people that early, nor have we filled our MC parking lot with vehicles waiting while simultaneously having KSC parking lot full. This time, even with 25 additional boxes, we still ran out of toiletries and food by 11:15 am!

This may seem like a lot of detail that could have just been summarized by, "We saw an unprecedented increase in traffic!" But we wanted to paint a picture for you. Those lines were filled with people. They weren't just vehicles. They were people with needs, people who have experienced trials...people...families! They're also our friends and they are the purpose for what we do!

**Our Volunteers & Partners:** We absolutely have the best volunteers and partners we could ask for! We could do none of this without your unselfish dedication to share the love of Christ with our

neighbors! This is why we do what we do! Thank you for all you do for our community and, most importantly, for being the hands and feet of Christ!

- 12 OMM volunteers with 4 trucks met to pick up and unload the supplies
- 19 OMM packers prepared 275 toiletry boxes/bags, and 6 volunteers from The Porch loaded them into the truck in preparation for Saturday's distribution
- 22 OMM volunteers and 6 Maranatha Food Pantry volunteers distributed supplies

In addition to the 275 boxes/bags of toiletries supplied by King Street Church and congregation members, the following individuals and businesses contributed to make our distribution plentiful:

- Bender's Potatoes: 300 five- and ten-pound bags of potatoes
- Maranatha Ministries: 300 bags of tuna, beans, green beans, soup, and 2 bottles of flavored water; 300 bags of applesauce, fruit cups, Fruit Roll-Ups, Sweet 'N Low, and gummy snacks; and 50 boxes of produce
- Gene and Fern Diller: 200 boxes for toiletries
- Ruthie Ludwig and Dollar Tree: 50 reusable grocery bags
- Pastor Rentas, from a local Spanish church: 230 bottles of cleaning solution
- Loretta Tharp of Shoebox Supply House: 700 foam egg carton mattress pads, 400 of which were distributed to OMM families

## Our Friends

Besides here in Chambersburg, families traveled from other areas like Fayetteville, St. Thomas, Shippensburg, and even Durham, NC, representing 1,014 people (or 275 families). Languages represented in terms of families: 135 Spanish, 78 English, 59 Haitian/Creole, 3 Arabic

## Contact Us

For more information about OMM, please email us at [omm@kschurch.org](mailto:omm@kschurch.org). This email account is monitored weekly, so we will reach out to you soon!

**These are the items we collect. 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. On each bin, you can now find a shopping list of these items.**

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



# Missionally Engaged

## AROUND THE WORLD

**HB**

*April 2023, teaching English overseas in ■.*

### **It Only Takes 5 Seconds**

This month, I'd like to share with you a few different instances in which I've seen the Father working through different relationships and events in ■ since I've been back for the new school year.

My teammate Alyssa and I have been frequenting a small, family-owned, bubble tea shop for the past year. Last school year the owners and their family generally kept to themselves, but this past month their children have really been warming up to us! We'll play with whatever Alyssa and I can find in our backpacks, color or paint our nails. It's been so sweet to see this relationship grow after very little interactions or interest during my first year in ■.

One afternoon at school one of my 6th graders unexpectedly came up to me during class and said, "Share the [good news]." It was a very random and unprompted comment, but I was happy to take this opportunity the Father had provided to talk about the Good News. We were then able to have a short conversation about where he'd heard this from and about his cousin who is half-likeminded (I'm not sure what he meant by this, but will definitely follow up in the

future) and he confidently told me that it only takes 5 seconds to share the Good News.

Later that same day, a student in my other class showed me a toy he built into the shape of a cross. We talked briefly about what the cross represents before starting class.

Even though the ■ New Year isn't officially until April 14th, students have already begun celebrating this past week. Their favorite way to celebrate is with baby powder fights in the hallways of the school! Nothing directly related to the Father came out of these powder fights, but it was a welcome opportunity to connect with the students as people and truly enjoy them outside of the formal classroom setting.

The Father is moving in ■! None of these interactions were incredibly long or explicitly sharing the Good News, but to me these moments show that there is growth happening in ■. That growth could happen through the growing of a relationship, of curiosity, or of trust between my teammates and the people around us. Reflecting on all of these interactions, my mind goes back to my student saying, "It only takes 5 seconds to share the [Good News]." Although it may take a little more than 5 seconds (at least for me) to share the Good News, it can take less than 5 seconds for the power of Father to make an impact in the lives of His beloved people! How amazing

that we serve a Father who doesn't need us to complete His work, but chooses to invite us to take part in it! I'm so grateful to be able to take part in these moments of growth, whether I see the impact for 5 seconds or for a lifetime!

### **Praises:**

- Praise for all the ways the Father is working in the hearts & minds of people!
- We have two weeks off of school coming up in April. I'm grateful for the break and the opportunity to rest for a little while.

### **Lifts:**

- That the Father would continue to work in ■ and that my teammates and I would have open eyes to see and seize the opportunities He provides to be a light for Him.
- For the hearts of the students and families here in the province that they would be softened and open to hearing and accepting the Good News.

## **B&S P**

*March 2023, serving in Nebraska*

### **Mourning and Rejoicing**

- We sat in a funeral of yet another teenager who gave up hope, leaving behind broken-hearted friends, family, teachers and coaches.
- Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria caused eyes to watch and pray, waiting for God to send hope and help, begging God to allow them to find all those still alive under the rubble. It was amazing to watch for days and cheer as babies and adults alike were pulled from the rubble.
- Brokenness and addictions were confessed, wondering how long it will take for God to restore what sin has damaged.
- We were temporarily cut off from the dear ones we tried to help and love on for so long.

### **But God...**

Our Valentines outreach dinner brought three ladies from our English class to an Arabic church service, so now all five of the most faithful students this year have attended the church for at least one outreach party. They are hearing His Word! Children from M and Y families who attend the Kids Bible Club are now coming to Arabic church/Awana and memorizing God's Word. A teen in the youth group recently expressed that she wants to pursue being a Christian. The soil is tough, but God is tougher!

The mom who cut us off softened, and she is communicating more. We missed a call from her last week after we sent a "feeler" text; we called back and left a message. God is still at work.

Our son, T, made his faith in Jesus public by getting baptized this week. What a joy!

### **Please pray:**

- That God would work in our hearts as He has placed us in others' lives to walk through dark places with them, for freedom from addictions, for healing and restoration
- For understanding for the children learning Scripture for the first time
- Open hearts for those who continue to hear the Gospel and Bible stories
- God's supplication of needs and financial support
- Wisdom as parents and that God would continue to draw J and T even closer to Himself
- God's working of peace in the families at Arabic church.

We would not want to be here with out prayer warriors like yourselves. Thank you for partnering with us!

# Malawi Updates

*King Street Church sent \$10,000 to our Malawi ministry partners, Rays of Hope and Namikango Mission, following the devastating cyclone that impacted the country twice in 5 weeks.*

## Cyclone Freddy

Cyclone Freddy has now been classified as the longest-lived tropical cyclone ever recorded. As well, it set a new record as the most energetic storm to date. After initially impacting the nations of Mozambique, Madagascar and Malawi, Freddy re-organized and then wrapped around and hit those areas for a second time. According to Wikipedia, “Hardest-hit was Malawi where incessant rains caused catastrophic flash floods, with Blantyre suffering the brunt of it. The nation's power grid was crippled, with its hydroelectric dam rendered inoperable. Food security was of particular concern, with millions...left at risk. The storm struck during a widespread cholera outbreak in Mozambique and Malawi as well; severe flooding worsened the epidemic.”

## Our Ministry Partners

Two of our ministry partners in Malawi — Rays of Hope and Namikango Mission — were particularly impacted by Cyclone Freddy. KSC quickly sent funds to each organization, to help provide immediate food and shelter relief to the many families who were flooded out of their homes or suffered other damage.

## Rays of Hope

*On April 18, Fred Ailes, leader for the KSC Malawi Barnabas Team, received an email from Willie Mpasuka, Executive Director of Rays of Hope. The photos and note were provided by Mr. Mpasuka,*

Thank you so much for coming through to support us when we were hit by Cyclone

Freddy. Your financial support came just at the right time and has saved lives, fed people, and restored the dignity they once lost through this calamity. We served over 800 households, at least 1700 people in Chilomoni, Machinjiri and Lunzu - areas in Blantyre where we do our work. Schools have now reopened, and we have committed to provide food stuff packages once a week to 1000 students for the next two months to ensure that they are back on their feet.



I hope this continues to be on your prayer list until our communities are fully back on their feet. I will keep you in the loop. God bless you!





## Namikango Ministries

*From Fred Ailes, leader of the KSC Malawi Barnabas Team*

Namikango Ministries, based in the Thondwe, Zomba province, Malawi is one of our Barnabas Team partners. Their goal is to encourage African Communities through Christ-centered empowerment. Their work includes helping develop church leadership; establishing an active Disciple Training Institute; building an agriculture conservation program; operating a successful self-sustaining coffee farm and roastery; teaching and fostering economic independence through the Village Savings and Loan Program; operating a successful medical and maternity clinic; and working on a program to empower women for success.

Namikango is connected to over 1,500 churches in Malawi. A major part of their ministry is to walk with men and women in these congregations towards deeper spiritual growth and a greater understanding of unity and grace that are at the core of the Gospel message. Their small Christian Journey Groups are intentionally disciplined over the course of several years to equip and partner with those in their village churches seeking to embark upon their own faith journeys.

The Discipleship Training Institute is the newest Namikango educational initiative aimed at providing a theological education to church leaders through a discipleship model. It is the foundational block for Namikango's Christ-led educational programs. The DTI is a three year program, with the first class of 18 beginning in 2021, that takes place on Namikango's main campus using both new buildings and mission current facilities. Students, along with their spouses and children, live on the campus. The students, and their spouses, take thirty-two courses that focus on four themes: spiritual leadership, biblical theology, community

development, and personal identity. These intensive classes will give the students a solid biblical foundation and develop their leadership skills for future church growth and development. At its heart the DTI program is a dedicated effort to have all the students become active disciples of Jesus. This is an exciting program that will carry the Gospel forward and if you would like to help sponsor a student you can do so at: [Namikango Mission.org](https://NamikangoMission.org).

Malawi consistently ranks among the top ten poorest countries in the world. In addition, 80 percent of the population live in rural areas and do not have access to financial services. Enter the Village Savings and Loan Program where individuals form financial groups to combine their meager savings and then make loans to each other. Over time the increase in the groups savings grow and provide working capital for loans which stimulate individual success and community development. Namikango Ministry provides training on basic financial practices and on how to set up a successfully managed program. All of the funds to get started come from the villagers participating in the program. This has been a highly successful program with 65 trainers busily working throughout the country.

The spiritual, educational, and economic development of women in Malawi has long been neglected and led to the development of Women's Development Groups in 2018. These groups have produced a remarkable transformation in the lives of many of the women participating in them. Mrs. Kapanda of Mafuwa Church of Christ states:

*I used to be a shy woman and couldn't get along with fellow women at church because I did not know that women can have a ministry at church apart from going to church on Sunday. But the Namikango Women's Development Ministry has empowered me. I am now a changed woman. I am able to pray on*

*my own, pray for my family, lead a prayer on hymn/song, read the Bible, or teach the Word of God at meetings.*

Additionally, she participated in the ministry's agriculture program and now plants and harvest orange sweet potatoes to help sustain her family and sell on the market. Women from 53 churches have now been trained in growing, harvesting, and using orange sweet potatoes to help offset hunger in a land where hunger is an everyday reality.

Another successful agricultural program is found within the context of the Namikango Coffee Farm and Roastery. After selling their first crop in 2018, they now provided coffee to over 10 cafes and multiple families on a weekly basis. Due to the demand, Namikango has now

partnered with local area farmers, who struggled to make ends meet, in a cooperative effort to meet demand and provide them with a living income.

Finally, their medical clinic is the leading clinic where almost 100 babies a month are born in a safe nurturing environment. At the request of the government they now operate an out-patient clinic which sees 200 patients each week. The clinic provides much-needed classes on HIV protection in a country where AIDS continues to take a heavy toll on younger lives.

They are grateful to King Street for all of our prayer and financial support. We on the Barnabas Team are grateful for team member Alyssa Herberling who is our liaison with this growing Malawi-based ministry.

**Adult Sunday School:** Sunday School classes are a great place to plug-in, make friends, become accountable, and share life with others. Below is a list of our current classes. All of our classes welcome couples and singles unless otherwise noted. Specific studies are not listed, as that information can change as often as every 4-6 weeks.

### 9:30 AM:

**Buds of Promise** – M121, Fellowship Room – seniors; *Darlene Sord*

**Chronicles** – Ministry Center, C8 – middle-aged; *Rhonda Wang*

**Disciples** – M9 – middle-aged to senior; *Lowell Martin*

**Foundations** – M28 – seniors, some younger; *Beverly Hatcher and Bob Jones*

**Good Samaritan** – B3 – seniors; *Kirk Davis*

**Joy Class** – M21 – middle-aged and younger; *Jody West*

**New Life** – M215 – seniors; *Clair Hostetter and Clarence Lowman*

**Reflections** – M27 – middle-aged to senior; *Dave Rotz*

**Truth Seekers** – M4 – middle-aged to senior; *Ron Baker*

### 11:00 AM:

**Feet to Faith** – M27 – 40s to senior; *Aaron Smith*

**New Journeys** – M28 – young couples / engaged; *Alex & Rachel Davies*

**Solomon's Porch** – M9 – mixed ages; *Justin Sollenberger*

**Tell Me Something I Don't Know** – M19 – middle-aged, smaller group; *Rick Shadle*

**Vertical Vision** – M1 – 40s; *Andrea Adams*

**Walk in the Word** – M2 – middle-aged, a few seniors; *Dave Miller*



# 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:

- 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 [receptionist@kschurch.org](mailto:receptionist@kschurch.org).

### Messenger Deadline

Articles and information for the July/August 2023 issue should be submitted by **June 14** 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
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PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

NLT

