

The Messenger

News and notes for our King Street Church family.

September/October 2023

The Stories Jesus Told, and Other Sermons

By Susanna Allen, Communications Coordinator

Everyone likes a good story, and our God is a God of story. He gave us the Bible—an incredible, beautiful, completely true story of His redemption for all mankind. When Jesus walked the earth, He used simple stories to teach, as Matthew 13:34 attests: “Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable.”

These are just a few of the reasons that we are going to explore a mini sermon series this September called **“The Stories Jesus Told: Finding Ourselves in the Parables of Christ.”**

Steve Flint, Executive Pastor, says, “I’m excited about the parables. Jesus told



stories to teach deeper spiritual truths. He said, *He who has ears to hear, let him hear!* [Matthew 11:15]. That’s how Jesus taught people, and those who really listened understood the depth of teaching; they learned how to live like Him through these stories.”

Adam Keath, Director of Restoration and Recovery, says, “Everyone knows what it’s like to get lost in a really good book or a movie. I remember how gratifying it was to see a story come alive for my children. What is it that keeps us from seeing the Bible in this way?”

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FALL SERMON SERIES'

He explains, "Jesus used story, so as we study the parables, not only are we focusing on Christ, but we are seeing how He exemplifies Father God, who is a story-God. We will be able to see ourselves as many of the different characters."

Adam further states, "We will take a brief look at how Jesus used story to teach, and correct, and we believe that His intent is that we would get lost in them in the same way that we might get lost in a really good book. It is our desire to see these passages of Scripture in a way that connects with us deeply, that envelopes us."

"Facts, theologies, doctrines, while completely important and necessary, aren't topics around which we are able to feel God with us," Adam says. "We pursue them with our intellect, but in a story, we are more likely to feel God with us, because we feel these messages with our heart and soul."

Jay Brown, Pastor of Mission and Discipleship, supports that perspective when he says, "The parables fire up our imagination and get us wrestling with the real-life implications of what it means to go after Him in ways that straightforward 'statements' of truth don't."

Jay continues, "In the parables, we learn to see the dynamics at work in the Kingdom of Heaven from a fresh perspective. Often, the characters in the stories surprise us and the outcome is unexpected - showing that the Kingdom of God frequently works in ways that aren't normal to our natural way of thinking."

We asked Pastor Jay, what does it mean to 'find ourselves' in the parables? He explained, "When you take the place of a character in a parable and *look out*, you begin to understand the richness of the setting and evaluate the possible responses that you might have. Then when similar situations occur in real life, you might put yourself in the context of the story again, and ask, *now what is the response that Jesus is looking for here?*"

Rob Gunkelman, Pastor of Student Ministries, says that he appreciates the simplicity of the parables. "Jesus taught in a simple way so that the common man could understand spiritual truth. I'm a simple person myself so I appreciate that."

Steve concludes his thoughts by saying, "The parables are just as applicable today as they were in Jesus' day. You know, people love great storytellers. I think the people loved Jesus. It was the religious lawmakers, and those bent on their own pride, they couldn't hear Jesus through the stories. Those who couldn't were bent on their own evil ways. For those who have ears to hear, let them hear. Hopefully, if you have ears to hear, God will say something to you."

The next series will be a study of Colossians.



SPECIAL SUNDAYS

October 1: World Communion Sunday/
Night of Hymns

October 15: Guest Pastor Mark Vincenti

October 29: Family Sunday/Kids Choir
Performance

November 5: Orphan Sunday/ Child
Dedications

November TBA: Focus on Malawi

This will be a longer, in-depth series that will take us through October and November, right up to advent.

Pastor Rob states, “In modern-day Christianity, we tend to add things to the Gospel, and that’s a problem. Paul saw that the church in Colossae began with a true faith, but now they were allowing other things to come in. For them, it wasn’t all about Jesus anymore. We are going to learn that Christ is enough. What better way to come into Christmas and the season of advent than to be reminded that it’s Christ and what He accomplished is enough, not what we add to it in our attempts to please Him!”

Pastor Steve considers the richness of the text when he says, “There is incredible theology in Colossians, rich teaching to help us know the Son of God and the Trinity. I love it. It’s Christ-centered, and we need that so vitally today. We can so easily drift away from the Lord if we are not rooted in Christ.”

Pastor Adam shares that he appreciates recognizing that Colossians was written while Paul was in prison. “While we don’t always equate our own lives with this great suffering, it

can be so valuable to acknowledge that so much of Paul’s writing came to us in the midst of great suffering. With this perspective we are looking forward to what God’s Word has to say as we encounter Paul’s words and heart.”

Pastor Jay says, “Colossians has some of the richest and most awe-inspiring words about Jesus in the whole New Testament. We understand the fullness of the divinity and supremacy of Christ, and that all of that is ours when we belong to Him. We don’t have to seek special knowledge, higher planes of spirituality, or perform any rituals — the full riches of the knowledge of Christ are ours to explore!”

Pastor Ron Cook will be kicking off our series in Colossians on October 1.

“Who better to open up Colossians and provide historical background than our most experienced pastor?” Pastor Steve offers. He takes this opportunity to comment on the arrangement of our team of pastors sharing in rotation.

“There is a richness and strength in the different pastors teaching,” he says. “You can see their different personalities come out in how they preach. There is a united front on the passage of Scripture, but a unique perspective in what they emphasize. It reminds me of the rope of three strands which is not easily broken.”

We look forward to hearing from God through our pastoral team in the weeks ahead, as we wait on God’s man for King Street Church. We hope you come, that you will have “ears to hear,” and that you will receive what God has to say to you.

Seeking the Lord in All Our Ways

By Susanna Allen,
Communications Coordinator

On Thursday, August 10, our 40 Days of Fasting and Prayer came to a close. Our Thursday nights have been special times together. After our first gathering, Pastor Rob Gunkelman said, “I couldn’t help but think of the disciples all praying in the upper room with one accord. When I looked around and saw all the people gathering and praying for KSC, my optimism and excitement grew. God is good and the future is bright!”



One of the primary purposes of this focus was to seek God for His wisdom regarding our next pastor. At our final gathering Steve Flint, Executive Pastor, led the group to pray through obedience-related questions. Then Ron Cook, Minister of Pastoral Care, prayed over the leadership team that is connecting with Chemistry Staffing on this critical matter.

We want to thank everyone who invested the time and energy it required to take part in this spiritual effort.

Many have asked *what is happening* in regards to the search for a new pastor, and the 40 Days of Prayer & Fasting has been a very intentional part of that process. To humble ourselves in confession, to unite before God in obedience, to admit our desperate need for Him, to yield our personal opinions... these steps are not after-thoughts. They are the first, and most important, part of our search process.

Now, we will move forward with Chemistry Staffing, the agency we have chosen to work through in seeking a new pastor.

We are encouraged to know that the co-founder of Chemistry Staffing is not only a former UB pastor, but is close friends with our Bishop Todd Fetters. He cares



about the UB church and is personally excited to help us. Pastor Steve Flint was able to speak to a pastor who was placed in his church through Chemistry Staffing, and is assured that the process is a great experience for both sides.



One of Chemistry Staffing's foundational goals is making sure that they don't find any possible candidates, but that they study the church well enough to find the very best candidates for a healthy, long-term fit. They heavily screen the pastors with whom they work, and have asked us to fill out a detailed questionnaire. They want to know who we are, what our culture and personality is, what kind of leader we are looking for, and much more.

Our leadership team is a collection of people from our Board of Administration, Elders, and Personnel Relations Commission. They have met in the last several weeks to work on the questionnaire, and are hopeful to submit it to Chemistry Staffing in the next few weeks.

A lot of time has been invested at the start of this search process, but once we hand the baton to Chemistry Staffing, we expect things to move forward efficiently. We believe that our work in completing the questionnaire will help to result in candidates that are an excellent fit for us, and we expect to hire a pastor who will be with us for 5+ years.

We are confident in God's plan for our church, and committed to proceeding with wise, measured actions. We thank you for your trust

in our leadership. Together, we look forward to the future, with hopeful expectation for all that God has designed for us!

THE PROCESS

It's a marathon, not a sprint!

Step 1: 40 Days of Prayer & Fasting, to get our hearts and minds focused on Christ as we engage in this important process in the life of our church.

Step 2: Submit the Questionnaire, according to 5 components of a "Chemistry Fit." These include:

Theology: Does this person believe the same as us on both core and secondary issues?

Culture/DNA: Will this person be a good fit for our community, church, and culture?

Personality: Does this person play well with others? Are they likeable?

Skills: Does this person have the talents and abilities that we need to do a good job?

Chemistry: Will this person fit on our team? Do we want to do life and ministry together?

Step 3: Chemistry Staffing will review our questionnaire and prepare a profile and job posting, and will screen applicants through their process.

Step 4: When a candidate is identified, Chemistry Staffing will present them to our leadership team (including Bishop Todd Feters). Then we will conduct a series of interviews with them.

God at Work in Guatemala

By Susanna Allen, Communications Coordinator

Lauren Dukhart, Associate Director for Students and Young Adults, says that the team was strong from the very beginning. The students who applied to go to Guatemala to serve with Eagles Nest International weren't just looking for a fun adventure, or a chance to travel; they were united with a single-minded heart to serve. That determination was put to the test on day one, when the team was asked to move two tons of large rocks up a hill so that they could be used to build a security wall around the ministry. This was an important project, and the team understood it. For hours they passed rocks from one to another along a human chain — the method they were instructed to use — until some of the students began to use wheel-barrows and different stations (some loading, some unloading, some building, etc) in what turned out to be a more effective method.



"There were so many rocks, and they were so very heavy," Lauren says, shaking her head at the memory, "but it was so neat to see how the students used their different skills and abilities to complete the task. Each of them had a chance to shine at some point."

A number of the students had never flown on a plane or been out of the country. Lauren confirms, "It was a really amazing experience for them, and took them outside of their normal lives. It was also a special trip for us to



share with Matt and Aimee [Gish], and I think it helped the students to feel closure.”

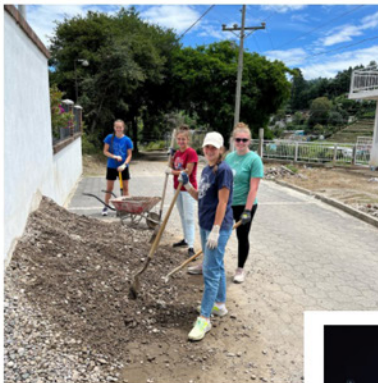
Witnessing the ministry of Eagle’s Nest — who “provide physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual care to abandoned, abused, and neglected children” (from eaglesnestint.org)— was also a deeply impactful experience. The students interacted with many of the children and enjoyed the instruction of the leaders.

But the greatest impact of all, Lauren says, came from the community that the students shared with each other.

“They really bonded, and that’s especially valuable because it’s something you can bring home with you,” Lauren says. “Now they are doing a Bible study together.”

Every night the team had both personal devotions and a corporate time of discussion. On the last night, Pastor Matt asked the students questions like, *what has God been teaching you? how have you been impacted?*

Lauren says that the Holy Spirit began to move in a mighty way. She says it’s impossible to adequately describe the close spiritual fellowship that they enjoyed in those moments. The students began to share tender and vulnerable things. One revealed that he had been resisting a call to ministry because



he had been afraid, but said he was now ready to accept that calling from God. Many began to pour their hearts out, shedding tears, and supporting one another.

Spontaneously, one student declared, “I want to be baptized!” Several others stated the same desire and without any hesitation, a baptismal service was conducted (see photo below).

“It is one of the most unique ministry experiences of my life,” Lauren says. “I’ve never seen the Holy Spirit move in that way.”

We may plan mission trips with the hope of being a blessing to those we visit, and doubtless, our students accomplished that! But the real praise here is that God used this trip to so dramatically challenge them as well. *Thank you, Lord!* And thanks to all who supported our students in this life-changing experience.



Chambersburg Project Update

This summer, from July 9-14, our students served our community with Chambersburg Project. This annual KSC tradition — in which we've participated for 23 years — allows us to partner with other local churches to renovate and repair homes for Franklin County residents in need.

Rob Gunkelman, Pastor of Student Ministries, says it was an amazing experience for the 17 students who participated.



"They were able to see how other people in Franklin County live," Rob says. "It broadened their world view, and showed them first-hand how much need there is locally."

Rob adds, "I think Chambersburg Project helped our students to understand that you don't have to be super skilled to make a difference for the Lord. You just have to be willing to work hard, and you can literally change somebody's life."



We are grateful to the three adults from King Street who helped teach our students during the week!

Backpack Giveaway

The first week of August, our **After-School Ministry** gave away **over 300** backpacks to children in need, and provided 60 more to two organizations who serve community families. Many of the children who were blessed participate in our Agape English Ministry and After-School Program. Thank you to all who made it possible for us to fulfill our mission to engage and bless our community with the Gospel in this tangible way. We received enough gifts to cover over 80% of our expenses, and saw a great turnout of volunteers who helped at the distribution. Praise the Lord!



Each child received a bracelet that said "God Loves You". Tamy Cook said she told each child that when they wear this bracelet to school, to remember that God loves them and goes with them everywhere they go.



Coming Soon

KSC IN ACTION!



GriefShare is a support group for those who have lost a loved one. Find help and healing among those who understand your grief on Monday nights at 7:00 pm, beginning **Monday, September 11**, downstairs in room M27. Our Surviving the Holidays seminar, will be held on **Sunday, November 12** from 2-4:00 pm. Past participants have found this event to be helpful.

Newcomers Luncheon: On **Sunday, September 17**, we are hosting a lunch for those who are new to KSC. We would love to meet anyone who has begun attending our church within the last 6 months. Staff members will be available to answer questions, and Steve Flint, Executive Pastor, will share about King Street and how to get connected. So that we may plan the meal, please sign up at kingstreetchurch.com/luncheon by Tuesday, September 12.

Orphan Care & Adoption: This group provides encouragement for those in the adoptive or foster care journey. They meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6 pm in M27: **September 19** and **October 17**. Childcare and dinner are provided.

Night of Hymns: On **Sunday, October 1**, we will enjoy a time of praise together by singing some of our favorite hymns of the faith. Join us at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

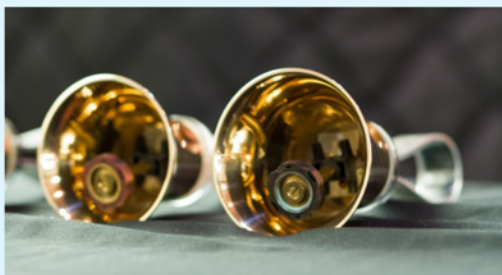


UB Golf Tournament: This year's UB Golf Tournament is on **Friday, September 15** at Greencastle Greens Golf Club. There are two start times and a noon meal will be provided. Pick up a registration form in any of the lobbies; deadline to register is September 9. Questions, email Bobby Culler: bobbyc@mtp-church.org.

Partnership Classes: We call our members "partners" because they commit to partner in the work that God is doing through our church. Our next partnership class will meet on **Sunday, October 22**, after services (meeting will include lunch). If you are interested in becoming a partner of KSC, please fill out the form by October 16 at kingstreetchurch.com/partner.

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

Adult Choir: Do you love to sing praises to God? Does music speak to your heart? Maybe KSC choir is for you! The fall choir season will start on **Tuesday, September 5**, at 7:00 pm in M7. All ages and levels of ability are welcome. Our desire is simply to glorify our Lord. Please come and try it out! The choir will first sing in the 8 and 11:00 am worship services on September 17. Call or text Liz Brown with questions: (717) 816-1368.



Handbell Choir: Our Handbell Choir will start the fall season on **Tuesday, September 12**, at 6:00 pm in the Choir Room (M7). We invite you to join us that night if you are interested in worshipping our Savior with bells. This awesome team of ringers support and encourage one another throughout the year. We plan to play 3-4 times between October and the end of December.

If you have questions, contact Andrea Mowen at ajmowen@comcast.net.

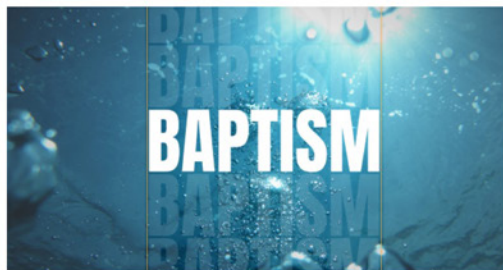
Kids Choir: Kids Choir offers children in grades 1-5 a chance to learn more about music and worship, and use their energy to sing and move to the glory of God! Kids choir is planning to begin rehearsals on **Sunday, October 1**, at 11:00 am.

***"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 (**September 11** and **October 9**) at 7:30 pm in M21. Come early at 6:30 pm and join RESET for worship.

Baptism:

Here at King Street baptism is an important step in the life of a believer both as an act of obedience to God and a chance to declare our faith in Him. Our next baptismal service will be **Sunday, October 22**. If you would like to be baptized, or learn more about this step of obedience, email Heather Adamson at hadamson@kschurch.org.

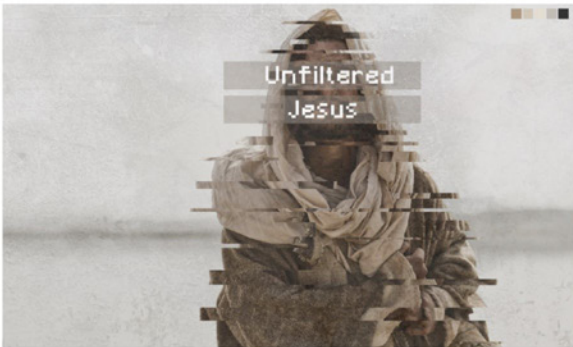


Worship
the LORD with
gladness;
come before him with
joyful songs.
Psalm 100:2

STUDIES FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Ladies' Morning Study

Ladies, join us as we study **1 Samuel**. We look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday, September 12**, at 10:00 am in M31 for a "Meet and Greet" and to receive the lessons, which will be provided (just bring your Bible!) The study will begin the next week on September 19 at 10 am. In order for us to have enough materials available, please register at kingstreetchurch.com/women or contact the office at (717) 264- 4651.



Men's Study

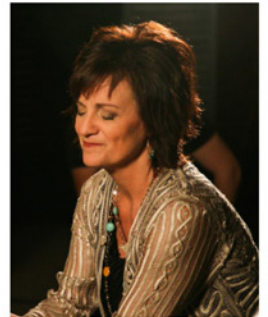
Men are invited to participate in our men's group, "Band of Brothers" that meets on Wednesdays beginning **September 6**, at 7:00 pm in room M27. Their next study is **Unfiltered Jesus** by Drew Karschner. Right Now Media describes: "In this series, we'll look at Jesus's unfiltered character and unwavering commitment to follow the will of the Father. Filmed on location in Israel, we'll experience Jesus' life of dependence, faith, denial, obedience, love, and pursuit of people. The end goal is that we too may reflect the life of Jesus unfiltered." Learn more and see a trailer at kingstreetchurch.com/men.



Ladies' Evening Study

Ladies, you are invited to join **The Joy of Seeking God First** on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm in M28, beginning **September 6**. We are excited to say that the author, Anita Keagy, will be with us IN PERSON on September 6 to share with us on our first night of the study!

On joyshop.org, we learn that, "In 1975 Anita Keagy made the painful decision to give a child up for adoption. The subsequent search for that child led not only to a joyful reunion with her daughter but to a profound discovery about how God seeks his own children and longs to reveal his true nature to them through His Word. You will be challenged to live out in a practical way Jesus' command to "Seek first the kingdom of God." A dynamic presenter, Anita Keagy shares six inspiring 40-minute sessions, recorded before a live audience, to equip you with simple tools and an easy-to-use plan to help you make daily time in God's Word a natural part of your life."



Save the date!

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WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

March 16, 2024, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

This one-day event is brought to you by King Street Church, Antrim Church, Grand Point Church, Mission Hill Church and Bethel Church. The event will be at Antrim Church. It is designed to encourage and equip women toward a strong Biblical worldview and a deep love for God's Word. All women ages 16 and up are invited!

Our Keynote Speaker is New York Times Bestselling author of "Another Gospel," **Alisa Childers**, who also wrote "Live Your Truth and Other Lies: Exposing Popular Deceptions That Make Us Anxious, Exhausted and Self-Obsessed." The Plenary Speaker is Bible teacher, **Eloisa Rice**, from King Street Church. She will talk about the importance of Bible literacy in the lives of Christian women today.



Alisa Childers



Eloisa Rice

Conference goals include:

- ✦ to **highlight the sufficiency of Christ** as we battle fear, anxiety, discontentment and discouragement
- ✦ to **equip women** with tools for identifying and resisting unbiblical philosophies in our culture
- ✦ to **encourage and empower women** to desire sound theology
- ✦ to **foster deep connections/relationships** within the community and local bodies

Registration opens November 1. Sign up for updates on our conference page:

kingstreetchurch.com/conference

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

CROSS WALK kid min at ksc

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

Wednesday Night Ministry: We look forward to beginning again on **Wednesday, September 13**. Doors to the CMC open at 6:45 pm and we end at 8:00 pm. Right now we are building our team — if you can help as a K-5th

grade small group leader, please contact Becky Hann at bhann@kschurch.org, or visit serve.kingstreetchurch.com.

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



Come Take a Test Drive! Have you ever wondered what it is like to serve in the Nursery on Sundays? Or teach a preschool Bible lesson? We invite you to schedule a visit to a KidMin ministry area and experience how our volunteers impact the next generation for Jesus, *no strings attached*! All of our ministry areas are in need of more helpers as we enter the new season. Contact Becky Hann, Director of Children's Ministry: bhann@kschurch.org or call 717-264-4651 x202 or visit serve.kingstreetchurch.com to see opportunities.

Stay in the Loop!

You can always see the latest events at 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.

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, 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.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

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

THE STREET Student Ministry

Street Kick-Off: Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a new season of The Street on **Wednesday, September 6**. We'll have games, worship, a message, and small groups. We have a new start time this year: 6:30 pm! Doors open at 6:00 to hang out in the Baker Center Gym. The evening will end at 8:30 pm.



Fall Events:

- **RENEWAL RETREAT:** Our female students are invited to a Renewal Retreat, **Friday-Saturday, September 8-9**. The purpose is to empower students to realize that some of the things that make them feel “weird” are exactly the way God created them, and He can use these things in their lives if they let Him. We will also discuss how to deal with issues such as anxiety, depression, failure, and rejection. Register at kingstreetchurch.com/renewal.
- **HOCKEY GAME:** Students in grades 6-12 are invited to go to a Hershey Bears Hockey Game on **Sunday, October 15**. Mark your calendars; more details are coming soon.
- **BASKETBALL LEAGUE:** Boys in grades 9-12 who are interested in playing on the King Street basketball team are invited to come out to our Open Gym Nights on **Thursdays, October 12/19/26** from 5:30-7:30 pm in the Baker Center gym.

For questions about any youth events, contact Lauren Dukehart at ldukehart@kschurch.org.
Follow thestreetsm on Facebook or Instagram.

PRIMETIMERS SENIOR ADULTS

Our Senior Adult Ministry, 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.” Learn more at kingstreetchurch.com/primetimers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date/Day	Event	Cost Each	More Information
Wednesday, September 13 <i>Final Payment/ Cancellation: September 1</i>	Picnic at Green Township Park Pavilion # 2	\$10.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will eat at 12:00 noon. Please arrive a little early. • Bring a lawn chair if desired. • Please bring ideas/information for Prime Timer events for 2024, written out if possible. You had great ideas for 2023!
No Events in October			
Wednesday, November 8 <i>Final Payment/ Cancellation: October 4</i>	Bollman Day Trip to the American Music Theater Christmas Show: “The First Noel”	\$135 Cost includes show, lunch, transportation & gratuities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depart at 7:30 am from Weis Market (please arrive a little early) • Show starts at 10:30 am • Lunch at 1:30 pm at Yoders Restaurant, New Holland
Wednesday, December 13	Christmas Luncheon	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noon in the Baker Center • Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, coleslaw, assorted pies, hot and cold drinks.

Other Information

1. Packets and forms are available in each lobby.
2. Make check payable to KSC PrimeTimers and note for which events you are paying. If mailing, send to Frances Humelsine, 408 Benjamin Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201. Include a note with your name, address, phone number, e-mail (*if you check it often*), check amount, date, and for which event(s) you are paying.
3. Questions or to sign up: call Frances Humelsine at (717) 263-8633
4. Deposits due at time of sign up: Day trip, \$10; Overnight Trip, \$50. You are not officially signed up until your deposit is received.
5. Cancellations: If you need to cancel, call Frances immediately as there may be a waiting list. If you cancel AFTER the “Final Payment/ Cancellation” date, and we do not have a waiting list, you will need to find a replacement. If you have an emergency that day, please call early so we don’t wait for you.
6. For overnight trips, if you desire trip insurance, you will need to acquire it on your own. There are AAA brochures available. To qualify, you must sign up for insurance immediately after signing up for a trip.
7. PrimeTimer updates are included in worship folders and in each Messenger (www.kingstreetchurch.com).
8. All trips depart from Weis parking lot on Wayne Avenue in Chambersburg.

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. Visit us online at kingstreetchurch.com/youngadult. Through September, we are doing a study in our joint meetings called “Ascend”:



We all want to reach our maximum potential. There is something God put in us that makes us want to strive for excellence. That is no different for our faith. We want to know God deeper and set out on the path Christ has for us. But we need wisdom and guidance of how to navigate this difficult life so we can know God completely. These 6 lessons are about becoming confident in who Christ is and why we can trust Him as we pursue becoming the person we were created to be.

RESET: RESET is a worship service and support system that lifts up Jesus as our hope in the messiness of life. We meet on Monday nights to grow together and share in authentic community with one another, and remove any barriers that keep us from experiencing abundant life in Christ.

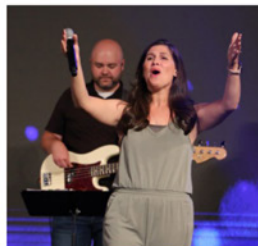
We meet on Monday nights at 6:30 pm in the Student Ministry Center; come early for dinner at 6:00 pm. Small groups meet at 7:30 pm. Each meets weekly unless otherwise noted.

- Women’s Mixed Issues
- Women’s Anxiety & Depression (1st and 3rd Mondays)
- Women’s Grief Support (2nd and 4th Mondays)
- Men’s Mixed Issues
- Men’s Grief Support
- Men’s Chemical Dependency
- Co-ed Parents’ Group (bi-weekly)

Help Needed: We need childcare helpers (teens welcome!) to care for a small group of kids twice a month. There is a stipend available. Contact Courtney: cmdevine1994@gmail.com.

UB NATIONAL CONFERENCE (Fort Wayne, Indiana — July 11-14)

Nathan Hann, Pastor of Contemporary Worship, led worship at the conference with members of our team. Many other KSC pastors and delegates attended.



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
• July 2	813	385
• July 9	746	366
• July 16	822	351
• July 23	825	326
• July 30	864	287
• August 6	794	287
• August 13	845	<i>Not available</i>
• August 20	847	<i>Not available</i>
• August 27	928	<i>Not available</i>

Giving Report

These offerings are part of the General Fund.

• July 2	\$ 47,215.63
• July 9	\$ 55,253.22
• July 16	\$ 35,354.00
• July 23	\$ 50,782.24
• July 30	\$ 35,958.17
• August 6	\$ 56,903.04
• August 13	\$ 49,543.64
• August 20	\$ 49,221.55
• August 27	\$ 33,500.13

In the Hospital? If you would like to request a visit or prayer, call the church office at (717) 264-4651.

Library: Our church library is now accepting donations again.

Bible Reading Plan: This year we are reading the Bible chronologically. Sign up for daily **EMAILS** at 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. It's never too late to join!

Communion Offerings

- **SEPTEMBER:** The offering will go to our **After-School Program**. Every Monday and Tuesday from 4-6 pm during the school year, about 25 children from Ben Chambers Elementary gather at KSC for homework help, a warm meal, and friendly interaction. The team is led by Jeanie Helman, Children's Outreach Coordinator.
- **OCTOBER:** The offering will go to the **Salvation Army**, to support their holiday food needs.



HAPPY LABOR DAY

On Monday, September 4,
the church office will be closed
and RESET will not meet.

WAYS TO SERVE THE KINGDOM AT KSC!

You can contact the leaders listed, or sign up to help at serve.kingstreetchurch.com (there's also a link on our homepage).

Children's Ministry is looking for teachers who are excited about sharing God's Word with kids. If you are someone who loves children, who can say, "*I get to*" pour into young lives, we would love to talk with you and find the right fit for you on our Crosswalk KidMin Team! Email Heidi: hroseman@kschurch.org.

Student Ministry is looking for those ready to invest in the next generation of leaders. We need several volunteers for childcare, security, and leaders for 6th grade boys and girls. Reach out to Pastor Rob, rgunkelman@kschurch.org, or Lauren, ldukehart@kschurch.org.

Media & Production is looking for audio engineers, lyrics operators, lighting people and camera operators. Training is provided; no previous experience is necessary. Work behind the scenes to ensure that our worship services run smoothly. Contact Tyler, troberts@kschurch.org.

KSCConnectAbility is our team that provides care for kids with special needs on Sunday mornings so that their parents can enjoy worship. They need helpers at 9:30 am. Contact Pastor Jay, jbrown@kschurch.org.

Agape is our ministry that provides English classes for anyone who wants to learn. This ministry is growing and there are many ways to help. Contact Sue, smarshall@kschurch.org.

Our **Security Team** supports safety on Sunday mornings, and is available to help in the case of an emergency. They are currently building their crew. Contact Andy, 70fury@comcast.net.

RESET is our healing and recovery ministry that meets on Monday nights. We are looking for a variety of helpers: meal team, childcare, group leaders, etc. Contact Pastor Adam, akeath@kschurch.org.

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

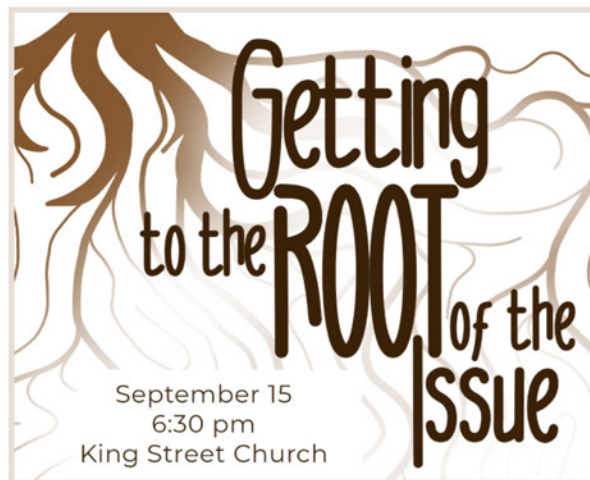
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Engaging & Blessing

OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE GOSPEL

She's Somebody's Daughter Banquet

She's Somebody's Daughter is one of our local partner ministries. They create communities that honor women. SSD offers presentations to educate the general public about the issues related to pornography, sex trafficking and sexual abuse. On **Friday, September 15**, they are holding an evening themed: "Getting to the Root of the Issue". The evening will be held here in the King Street Church Baker Center at 6:30 pm and will include dinner, an awareness panel, and a basket raffle. Get tickets at shessomebodysdaughter.org/root.



House of Grace Fundraiser



The House of Grace is selling mums on **Saturday, September 16**, from 8 am—12 noon, in our church parking lot on the corner of King and Main Streets. This Christ-centered ministry provides life skills, education, and mentoring to ladies from many different backgrounds. Their skilled staff and volunteers provide free services in a safe and nurturing environment to meet the practical and spiritual needs of their clients. Come and buy a mum and help support this important ministry!

CROSS Inc. Friendship Banquet

CROSS Inc. is a partner ministry of KSC that serves people with special needs. You're invited to the annual banquet to see how God is working through CROSS and in the lives of their residents. The event is **Tuesday, September 26**, at 6:30 pm in the King Street Church Baker Center. RSVP (717) 530-1788. There is no charge; a free will offering will be taken.

Once More Ministries Update

Our OMM ministry shares the love of Jesus and builds relationships by providing toiletries to those in need in our community. They collect toiletry donations year-round in bins located in the church lobbies, and hand them out at quarterly distributions. We have seen a huge increase in people coming for supplies; there is great need right now in our community. Jim Washabaugh leads the dedicated team of volunteers. For more information or to inquire about volunteering, email omm@kschurch.org.

UPCOMING DISTRIBUTIONS:

Saturdays, September 9 and December 9
9:00 am—12:00 pm or until supplies are exhausted.

These are the items we collect. Bins are located in each lobby. Please note that items should be in new, unopened condition. On each bin, you can find a list of these items.

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



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.

Missionally Engaged

AROUND THE WORLD

K&R W

August 2023

Praise Rises Again

■ was the city most destroyed by the February earthquake. The effort to remove the rubble is slow. But at the relief center there are many signs of life. Last Sunday, worship services began at the relief center. We praise God for the new family of His people He is drawing together out of the recent destruction. Thank you to so many who pray and have contributed funds for Earthquake Relief. God is using these efforts for physical and spiritual good in the lives of many.

Children's Ministry

Since 2011 we have asked prayer as R prepared the workbook and curriculum for the children's camps. We want to show you how God has been at work through your prayers in the testimony of a former camper who served as a teacher this year: *At the beginning of July, we ran the children's Christian camp, which I went to every year when I was growing up. I became a Christian in that same camp when I was 12. I have participated many times before, and this year I joined as a storyteller. It was a great honor for me to serve with my brothers and sisters in faith, and to serve these little ones now as they once did for us. I have witnessed the Lord plant seeds in the hearts of many children there, and I have faith that through your prayers God will make those seeds grow.*

What's Ahead

August 10-26 we will be traveling to Europe to join co-workers for training and a conference. K will be sharing from the Word at the week-long conference. We look forward to spending time with those we lead in ■. This time will be our only face to face meeting with them this year.

In light of current economic and other difficulties in ■, we began a new ■-wide outreach on Facebook. As people interested in the gospel respond, we plan to direct them to believers in their local area.

Please pray:

Camps: Please pray that those who professed faith in Jesus at camp will be trained to follow Christ in their home cities.

Earthquake Relief: Pray for the witness of God's people to continue in the earthquake zone. Many M people are meeting Christians for the very first time.

Facebook Outreach: Ask God to draw many to the "Words of Hope" we plan to post so they might see Jesus as their only hope.

HB

Aug. 2023, teaching English overseas in ■.

He Is Faithful in All Circumstances

Early this month, one of my teammates experienced a personal crisis. Currently, she is

finishing her time in the city and preparing to come back to the province where the trajectory of the next several months will be determined. Please be lifting for her, leadership, and the rest of the province team as we all seek to make wise and unified decisions for the future.

Although this crisis centers around one teammate in particular, the entire ordeal has revealed areas of unhealth among everyone on the province team. As a collective team, we've been lacking in transparency with one another and often function as coworkers more often than as sisters in the body or as friends. Personally, I've learned my stress levels are significantly higher than is healthy. I believe a lot of my high level of stress has been caused by neglecting time with the Father and internalizing a lot of my emotions.

This month has been hard. My teammates and I have a long road ahead of us. Through the struggle, I'm encouraged by the way leadership and other team members have sought to come alongside us as we walk through the valley together. I'm also so grateful that our Father is just as present when we walk through valleys as He is when we're on the mountaintop. He is not surprised by anything that's happened this past month. The Father is faithful. He is beside me. He will carry me through the valleys.

Amidst such a difficult month, I'm grateful for the moments of joy and rest interwoven into this trying season.

Praises:

- I had a weekend getaway in ■ city. It was so good to get out of the province for a bit and eat food I didn't have to cook myself!
- J, one of our short-term teachers, ended her time as a short-termer just to come back and teach classes on her own for

another two weeks while my long-term teammate took some necessary time off in the city. Her humor and willingness to go with the flow have been so refreshing. Please lift for her travels as she heads back to the US and starts her final semester at Moody.

- My teammate is coming back! I'm excited to see her and do life with her again.
- I'm grateful for the way leadership has chosen to come alongside the province team throughout this season.

Lifts:

- Times of rest and renewal amidst uncertainty.
- Wisdom, unity, and perseverance in decisions and changes made moving forward.
- A renewed desire to spend consistent time with the Father.

Emily Schoenleber

Excerpts from July 2023 newsletter

Exciting Announcement!

Two years ago, I sent out a newsletter on August 7 with the subject line, "*He is Kind and He is Good*". In that email I shared that a few weeks prior, I had received the news that a spiritual father of mine in New Zealand died of cancer. I had served in ministry with he and his wife, attended the same church, and even lived with their family for a short time. Here's an excerpt of what I wrote:

Honestly that week or two in the middle of July really feel like a blur. I've only ever lost a couple of people that I was close to and didn't really know how to handle the grief at first. But my community here was so kind, giving me freedom and permission to take a step back and grieve and process. I've been learning to lean into the promises of the Lord on a deeper level—that death really isn't forever. That one day, there really will be no more tears, no more death, crying or pain.

A few days before Stephen passed I was catching up on some material from an online class I was taking. The pastor running the class said he likes to sit with Jesus sometimes and ask the question: Jesus, what did You know about the Father that in the darkest hour of human history, You loved Him and You trusted Him?" The teacher of this course went on to say, "The issue is not over your emotions; it's over whether or not you will trust him in the midst of your emotions."

He reminded us that God didn't stand at a distance, He literally entered our brokenness and felt our pain. "Picture yourself taking the pain and emotion to the Father saying, 'Here it is. Take it. Heal my heart. I give you this pain and anger. Heal my heart."

This life is the only time we can love Him in the midst of suffering. Loving God and trusting Him in the midst of suffering is the rarest and most beautiful form of love. In the next age we can't die and we can't cry; what a privilege to still give Him our love and devotion, even through pain and tears.

I can't wait for the day Jesus comes back and restores all things. I long for that day when death, tears, mourning, and pain are forever destroyed. Until then, we love Him with our lives and with our obedience. Maranatha.

During those last few weeks of July and the first couple of days in August, I had spent a lot of time with my guitar just singing to the Lord, trying to sort through all of the emotions I was feeling. There were a few words and phrases that seemed like they could be something and I felt like I should actually try to put it into a song. So I wrote a lot of stuff down, but also struggled because I felt like I hadn't lived enough life or experienced enough to be able to articulate the depth of what I wanted to communicate. But I still felt like this song was

something the Lord wanted me to write. I thought maybe in five or ten years I might release it.

August 7th is the day I sent out the email I quoted above and August 11th is the day that my brother, Ryan, died. I have always marveled at the kindness of God in the way He prepared my heart, as much as He could, for the worst news I never could have imagined. For an entire month before Ryan died I was meditating on the truth and power of the resurrection, the peace of God, and the future that awaits us when Jesus will make all things new. It was still horrible and painful and shocking when he died, but I felt like I had something firm beneath my feet.

Within the first day or two after Ryan was gone, I thought of the song I had been working on and immediately felt like I had the authority to finish it and say the things I was trying to communicate. Over those last few months of 2021, I almost gave up a lot. It was painful to sit in those emotions and process with the Lord. I'd always dreamed about releasing my first song and I never thought it would be one like this. I remember feeling God say, "I know this isn't the song you wanted to write, but it's the song you have to write." I know this is more than just a simple song, it's an offering from me to the Lord of love and obedience.



The song will release on all streaming platforms on August 11, the second anniversary of Ryan's death. On a day that has the potential to only be about what the enemy has stolen, the release of this song will be both a declaration and a reminder that death isn't the end. And that no matter what I may endure on this side of eternity, I will never turn my back on the Lord. His



character is not determined by the consequences of sin we experience in our broken world. And one day, He will fulfill every promise He has made.

The Send New Zealand

I think I previously mentioned that I started helping friends in New Zealand with a project. Well, I am excited to be able to announce that the project I am helping with is The Send! Most of you will probably remember when I was in Orlando in 2019 for the first Send gathering, and I also went to Kansas City last year.

The Send is a gathering/campaign centered around activating believers to live missional lives, engaging in the Great Commission wherever they find themselves! This is so special for me because Circuit Riders have always been a big part of The Send and now that it's coming to New Zealand it's definitely my worlds colliding in the best way! I just can't believe I get to help with this! If you're in the South Pacific, I highly encourage you to check this out and get involved!



Pack a Shoebox Gift for a Child in Need

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

1. Starting **Sunday, October 15**, pick up pre-wrapped, empty shoeboxes from one of our lobbies. Fill the box according to the guidelines provided inside and return to the lobbies by Sunday, November 12.
2. Visit the **Shoebox Supply House** at 709 Marden Avenue in Shippensburg. They offer discounted items that are OCC-approved. You can purchase items to supplement your boxes or fill boxes right there at the warehouse. They are open limited hours; visit their Facebook page for details.
3. **Build-a-Shoebox Online**: KSC has our own page for keeping track of how many boxes we fill online. Visit kingstreetchurch.com/occ.

Spaghetti Dinner for Emily Schoenleber

Saturday, October 14, 5-7:00 pm

The Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser is an annual tradition at King Street Church. Join us **Saturday, October 14**, from 5-7:00 pm in the Baker Center. Cost is by donation. Carryout will be available. Emily will be speaking at 6:00 pm. This is a great chance to enjoy a delicious meal — Carol Dice will be providing a delicious Italian dinner, as usual — and invest in a young missionary who grew up at our church. This is our 10th year supporting God's work through Emily.



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

Chronicles – Ministry Center, C8 – middle-aged

Disciples – M9 – middle-aged to seniors

Foundations – M28 – mostly seniors

Good Samaritan – B3 – seniors

Joy Class – M21 – mostly middle-aged

New Life – M215 – seniors

Reflections – M27 – middle-aged to seniors

Truth Seekers – M4 – middle-aged to seniors

11:00 AM:

Feet to Faith – M27 – 40s to seniors

New Journeys – M28 – young couples / engaged

Solomon's Porch – M9 – mixed ages

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

Vertical Vision – M1 – 40s

Walk in the Word – M2 – middle-aged, a few seniors



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*
- Lauren Dukehart *Associate Director for Students and Young Adults*
- Stephen Flint, *Executive Pastor*
- Dan Gehris, *Business Manager*
- Rob Gunkelman, *Pastor of Student Ministries*
- Becky Hann, *Director of Children's Ministry*
- Nathan Hann, *Pastor of Contemporary Worship*
- Adam Keath, *Director of Restoration and Recovery*
- 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.

Messenger Deadline: Articles and information for the November/December 2023 issue should be submitted by **October 18** to Susanna Allen, sallen@kschurch.org, or 56 N. 2nd St, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

How to Give

- **Pay Online with a Credit Card:** Visit kingstreetchurch.com/give to make a one-time payment, or set up recurring gifts.
- **Automatic Deductions:** The church can arrange for recurring deductions from your checking or savings account. See details on our giving page (noted above.)
- **Text to Give:** Text keyword GIVE to our church text line, (717) 401-7777. You will be prompted to enter an amount, and then your payment information (first time.)
- **Giving Envelopes:** We can provide you with personalized giving envelopes. For more information, call the church office at (717) 264-4651 or email Andrea Hartman at ahartman@kschurch.org.
- **Giving Boxes:** Offering boxes are located at the entrances of our worship venues.
- **Send to the KSC Office:** Mail your check or envelope to 56 N. 2nd St, Chambersburg, PA 17201. You can drop-off your gift during office hours: Monday–Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to noon.

Worship Times

In-Person Services:

- 8 a.m. – Sanctuary (*Traditional*)
- 9:30 a.m. – Baker Center and Sanctuary (*Contemporary*)
- 11 a.m. – Sanctuary (*United*)
- 11 a.m. – Baker Center (*Contemporary*)

Watch Online at kingstreetchurch.com, Roku, YouTube, Apple TV, or Facebook:

- 8 a.m. – Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship
- 11 a.m. – United Worship



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**"THE LORD IS GOOD
to those whose**

hope

**is in him, to the one who seeks
him; it is good to wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord."**



Deuteronomy 31:8