

The Messenger

News and notes for our King Street Church family.

July/August 2023



NEW STAFF TITLES

We are excited to announce that at the June Board meeting, our leadership approved these title changes:

Rob Gunkelman, formerly the Pastor of Middle School Student Ministries, is now the **Pastor of Student Ministries**.

Lauren Dukehart, formerly Student Ministries Administrative Assistant (and volunteer leader of The Porch Young Adult Ministry), is now the **Associate Director for Students and Young Adults**.

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A New Vision for Our Students

By Rob Gunkelman, Pastor of Student Ministries

Whether you are wired for all-nighters powered by gallons of Mountain Dew, or you find the idea of eating an anchovy filled Peep so repulsive that you wouldn't step foot in the Student Ministry Center, we can all agree on one thing: students are the future of the church.

That kid who is running around the halls of the church causing a commotion today will be the pastor of a church who God uses to cause life-change tomorrow. This is the exciting part of ministry and specifically why I love *student* ministry.

When we learned that Pastor Matt was called to Ohio to launch a church, Lauren Dukehart and I took time to step back and reassess the whole of what we do with our students. What has been working well? What might we be able to fine-tune? How can we better build

A NEW VISION FOR OUR STUDENTS

upon the legacy that is being left to us by Matt, and his predecessors Brian Kramer and Mark Vincenti?

We, as a church, are in a time of transition. I believe that this is a God-ordained season for King Street. This is an opportunity for us to seek God, see where He is at work, and follow Him in the direction where He is leading.

Soon after meeting Lauren, who was our Administrative Assistant (and accomplishing much more than her title suggested), I realized that we had struck gold on that hire. Lauren is passionate about students, creative, discerning, and loves King Street Church. In addition, Lauren holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian Ministries with a Youth Ministry Concentration.



When Matt came into my office to tell me that he was accepting a call to Ohio, I knew that we did not need to search for a replacement. God, in His wisdom, had already prepared a way for us to continue Student Ministry and thrive. Years before He placed Lauren on our team for just this time. With her gifting and the added benefit of her already knowing where I need support, I felt that God was leading that she be promoted to a full-time role.

Lauren has already been serving as part of the launch team and the lay leadership of The Porch Young Adult Ministry, and this personal passion will also serve our new vision in a powerful way.

In my time here at KSC, I have desired a greater connection between our Middle School and High School areas of ministry. I believe a continuum of care is critical in all church ministry. With Lauren's new role, we will be able to provide a continuum of

care that goes from Middle School all the way through Young Adult Ministry!

Students will now come into 6th grade and build relationships with their leaders as well as Lauren and myself. As they progress into High School, it will be a seamless progression without disruption. The transition from Middle School to High School can be a challenging one, but our students won't have to spend time getting to know a new pastor. Instead they will benefit from a consistent, stable foundation with the same leadership they know. When they graduate, it will be another easy transition to The Porch Young Adult Ministry with Lauren leading that as well.

Lauren and I are so excited about the future of not only the Student Ministry area, but King Street Church as a whole. We have the most talented volunteer team that I have ever seen in my 12 years of ministry. They trust our leadership, speak into our ministry, and have ownership and buy-in to what God is doing with and through our students. From facilities, who clean up my egg game messes, to our kitchen crew who feed 150 people every Wednesday, to our leaders who give freely of themselves and their time to pour into your students, we have the tools and leaders in place to really take Student Ministry to another level. Pray for us during this time of transition that we will hear from God and the excitement that we feel will be caught by the students!

If God is leading you to get involved in the formation of the next generation of church leaders, we are in need of several volunteers for child care, security, and leaders for 6th grade boys and girls. Please reach out to me (rgunkelman@kschurch.org), or Lauren (ldukehart@kschurch.org), or sign up at serve.kingstreetchurch.com.

FAREWELL TO MATT GISH

Care for the Broader Church

By Susanna Allen, Communications Coordinator

It was June of 2011 when Matt Gish came to King Street, replacing Mark Vincenti and forming a team with Brian “BK” Kramer. They were big shoes to fill, but Matt proved he was more than capable of taking on the role. A year later, when BK moved away, Matt took full leadership of Student Ministries. It was a position that he expected to hold for a long time.

“I expected a life-long career in Student Ministry,” Matt explains, but then the Holy Spirit worked on his heart. “Over the past few years, God has given me more of a passion and care for the broader church, while still loving students.”

Matt responded to this holy discontent, and found himself led to a larger church with multiple locations. This congregation is just about to start a new campus, and Matt will be the pastor there. His main role will be to shepherd the people at that location, oversee it, and preach messages. Matt’s last day with us is July 16, right after he returns from leading the students in our Guatemala missions trip (*read more about that on page 13.*)

Matt says, “I appreciate the time that I’ve had here, and the opportunities to learn what it’s like



to serve at a church with multiple staff. I’m grateful for a strong volunteer team that I’ve been able to lead alongside of.”

He continues, “I’ve seen the importance of investing in the community through King Street’s work with other local organizations, like the basketball ministry, Agape English, and so many other partners that we have. KSC is involved with our downtown friends and supportive. I’m excited to be able to take that to a new community.”

In their time here, Matt’s wife Aimee and two of his children —Micah and Malia— have been active in serving. Aimee has served with Student Ministries as a small group leader and volunteer on trips. Right now Micah is our Worship intern, following years of serving with our Worship teams. Malia serves in our Nursery, on the childcare teams for Agape and the Adoption Support Group, with Student Worship, and Sunday morning Worship.

Farewell Reception

**SUNDAY, JULY 16 — 9-11 am
STUDENT MINISTRY CENTER**

**Come and help us to express our
appreciation for Matt Gish and his family
for their years of dedicated service here
at King Street Church.**

Matt asks that we pray for his family during their time of transition. "Pray that we are able to quickly meet new people and build community."

Matt says, "I am grateful for my time here, and for the many relationships that I've been able to build. I will pray for King Street, and I know God is going to continue to do amazing things through them."

It is difficult to say goodbye to such a dedicated, faithful team-member. Matt leaves behind a legacy of loving students well, speaking truth, and contributing in big ways to the larger work at King Street. And not unlike his own commitment to us, we will pray for him, knowing that God is going to continue to do amazing things through him as he follows God's call.

STAFF UPDATES

Welcome Nathan High

By Susanna Allen, Communications Coordinator



We are excited to formally introduce Nathan High, who was recently hired in the role of Facilities Custodian. King Street Church is so very blessed with our properties: the main church building with

Sanctuary and Baker Center sections, the Ministry Center, and the Administrative Office building. It is over 122,000 square feet to clean and maintain -- equivalent to 49 average-sized homes in the US -- a huge and vital task!

A part of the team, one of Nathan's primary tasks is vacuuming our floors, and in May he began washing our 1,172 windows. Nathan also helps to move furniture and set up rooms for different events.

Nathan began attending King Street with his family in 2013. He was involved in The Street Student Ministry for many years.

He most recently worked in a maintenance position at a school, but was seeking a better

environment. While he admits that our facilities are much larger, he is definitely glad that he made the move. He says he is already enjoying the positive spirit of our custodial team.

Nathan volunteers at Camp Joy-El, so this is not the first time he has invested in the Kingdom. "I enjoy serving God and supporting our ministry," he says.

John Little, Facilities Manager, understands that the hard work done by our custodial staff is a sacred role. He refers to the many people who use our buildings: a thousand worshippers on Sunday mornings, hundreds of children and students meeting in a variety of spaces, those in adult Sunday School classes, Growing Tree Preschool, RESET worship and support groups, After-School program, basketball ministry, Bible studies, L3 groups, and so much more.

He says, "We are so glad to have Nathan with us as we provide a safe, clean environment for our church family to worship, and for God's work to be carried out here at King Street."

Please pray for Nathan as he continues in this role, and for our entire custodial team. Their unseen labors are a foundation for all that we do, and we don't take them for granted!

Meet Our Summer Interns!

It's an important tradition at King Street Church to help train young adults to serve God in ministry. We are so blessed to have three interns this summer who are both skilled and eager to commit their time to God. We can't say that their summer "vacation" will all be fun and games, but we do hope their time will be rich in experience.



Micah Gish, Worship Arts Intern

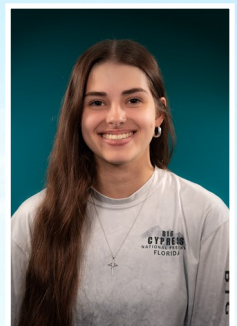
Micah has grown up at KSC. He remembers that he was going into first grade when his dad was hired as our Pastor of High School Student Ministries. Micah began serving with our Student Ministry Worship Team when he was in sixth grade. It was just 2 years later when he started playing keys and acoustic guitar on Sunday mornings. Micah also leads as a vocalist.

Micah's musical interests began in first grade when his mother suggested piano lessons. Later he took a guitar class and continued to teach himself. Micah just graduated from Shalom Christian Academy and will head to Cedarville University in the fall, where he will study Nursing.

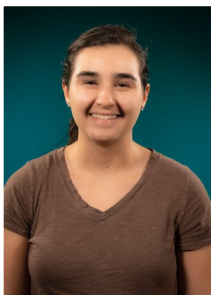
"I am planning on serving with chapel worship teams at Cedarville, and the internship would help to prepare me for that," Micah says. He is also applying to the college's traveling worship team, Heartsong, and knew that the extra experience would help in that endeavor.

Nora Lowman, Worship Arts Intern

Nora comes from a musical family, and has attended King Street Church her entire life. She shares that she grew up in a home that made worship a priority. She began formally participating in Student Ministry worship in seventh grade, where she has played bass, piano, and guitar. Nora shares, "Worship has always been a big part of my involvement at church. When I learned about the internship, I knew it was a great opportunity to do something that I love."



Nora is a recent graduate of the Mason Dixon Homeschool Association, and while she is not completely sure where God will lead her next, she feels certain that worship will be part of it. "I may pursue worship in a more formal sense in the future," she says. Nora hopes that during the internship she will gain insights that will help to refine those desires and goals.



Anna Schaffer, Media & Production

You may remember Anna as she served with us last summer! When she saw another opportunity to intern, Anna jumped at the chance. "I loved working here last year; everyone was very welcoming and friendly and I learned so much," she says.

Anna is a film student at Liberty University and explains that the hands-on training she received in 2022 was a huge help with her classes. "If I can't do something myself, I don't learn," Anna explains. "Tyler showed me how to use the equipment and then let me take it from there. He was always nearby to help, but allowed me to experience the equipment myself."

She went on to say, "I love seeing film through Christian perspective. That might not mean making an overtly Christian film, but one that still shows Jesus. I believe that as a Christian in the film industry, being who I am can shine a light into peoples' lives."

The Senior Pastor Search

KSC is led by a Board of Administration, Co-Missions, and Elders. They, along with our pastors, have been meeting to plan next steps regarding the leadership of our congregation. We are blessed with a strong team of pastors and as you know, they are sharing the responsibility of preaching until a decision is made.

We have now taken a next step of contracting the Christian company Chemistry Staffing for assistance. In their own words: "We help churches and potential staff members make healthy connections. Our process has one goal: a long-term, healthy fit for both the church and the staff member. Great things happen when the right leadership is in place in a local church... lives are changed and churches thrive."

Steve Flint, Executive Pastor, was further encouraged when he learned that the co-founder of Chemistry Staffing is not only a former UB pastor, but is close friends with our Bishop Todd Feters. This man cares about the UB church and is personally excited to help King Street. Pastor Steve was also able to speak to a pastor who was placed in his church through Chemistry Staffing, and was assured that the process was a great experience.

There are many more steps ahead of us. We will continue to keep you updated.

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.

40 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING



*“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”
2 Chronicles 7:14*

Prayer & Fasting Update

By Susanna Allen, Communications Coordinator

On Thursday, June 29, and Thursday, July 6, our church family joined church staff and leaders for 40 Days of Prayer & Fasting.

These services have been precious times of worship and prayer, gatherings of people who believe that God hears us, and that He has a plan for each of us individually as well as for our corporate body. The Middle School ministry room has been full of people saying — especially through the extra effort it takes to fast and to interrupt their schedules for a special meeting — “Lord, we trust You, and we seek Your will with all of our hearts.”

We will continue to meet every Thursday at 6:00 pm in the Middle School Ministry Area (lower level of the Baker Center) to worship God together and hear a brief word from a pastor or leader. Then we break into smaller groups and seek God’s guidance for

King Street during this season of transition. The last meeting is planned for Thursday, August 10.

We suggest a full day of fasting on these Thursdays, although those with any health/medical restrictions should certainly make whatever modifications are necessary.

The challenge is to be sustained by Jesus, to channel physical hunger into a spiritual desire for Him, and to pray when food cravings come.

It is not 40 solid days of fasting, just one day a week, Thursdays, the same day we will meet at 6:00 pm to pray. Ultimately, this part is a personal decision; please come and pray with us even if you cannot or choose not to fast! You can also abstain from something other than food... fast from social media, video games, etc.

We have been sending reminder texts on Thursday mornings for those signed up to participate. You can read more about what fasting means and sign up at kingstreetchurch.com/40days. It's also fine just to show up at our evening events (without fasting.)

Weekly Prayer Focuses

Each week we will focus on another aspect of prayer. Topics will include:

7/13	Community
7/20	Abiding
7/27	[To Be Announced]
8/3	Discerning God's Will
8/10	Obedience

Rob Gunkelman, Pastor of Middle School Student Ministries, was the one who shared the idea for the 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting with the pastoral team. He was introduced to a rhythm of prayer and fasting while serving at his first church.

"It put everyone on the same page." Rob says. "We were connected and invested." Rob describes that he would spend the dinner hour in personal prayer, which resulted in a intimate time with the Lord. Later when Rob went on to serve on the mission field, he did not keep up with the practice.

Until April. That's when he led 20 middle schoolers, plus a few parent leaders, in the 30 Hour Famine. They fasted a few hours on their own, then met to spend the final 24

hours together here at the church and serving with two local partner ministries.

The students really engaged with the times spent with God and did not complain about not being able to eat. It was a surprisingly successful experience. All of the students said they would do it again!

Rob says, "The 30 Hour Famine brought back the richness and the closeness that you can feel with God during that practice. I thought, we should do this for our staff. We should do this for our church!"

As a church, we are in a unique season of looking forward with anticipation -- knowing that God is about to do something new -- but also feeling the tension of wanting to make sure that we follow His dreams and visions for us.

Rob says, "When God's people come together in unity and prayer, He answers. Over and over again throughout the Bible and church history people have heard from God through the practice and discipline of fasting. In a time of transition, uncertainty, and need, we here at King Street Church should *feel excited*. We have an opportunity ask God to lead and guide us in this time and to hear from Him. During this 40 days of Prayer & Fasting, we are building unity, praying for discernment, and asking the Lord to help us update His vision for KSC."

Stay in the Loop!

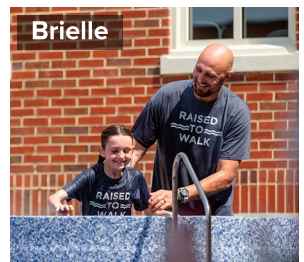
WEEKEND PREVIEW EMAIL: Our weekly church email usually highlights a key event or ministry, or offers unique information. If you would like to receive it, sign up through the link on the homepage at kingstreetchurch.com, or text keyword PREVIEW to (717) 401-7777. You can also call the church office at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

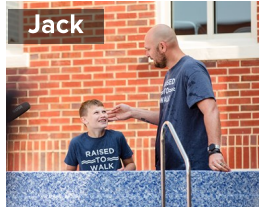
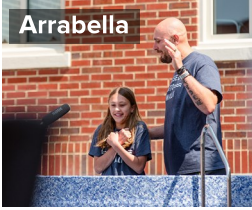
TEXT UPDATES: Our text recipients get a link to the worship folder on Sundays, and up to one other highlight a week. Get on the list by texting keyword TODAY to (717) 401-7777.

The Outdoor Service!



What an amazing time we had at our outdoor service on **Sunday, May 21!** More than 900 people gathered in our Baker Center parking lot to raise our voices in worship to Jesus, to pray for one another and our community, and to celebrate 17 baptisms. These demonstrations of faith offered bold and varied testimonies of God's goodness and mercy. The worship service ran a little long but no one seemed to mind. Here are some photos from that day that offer just a glimpse into the joy of this gathering. Thank you to all who came and participated in the uplifting display of unity, faith, and hope in Christ.





Coming Soon

KSC IN ACTION!

BAPTISM

Baptism

Baptism is an important step in the life of a believer. Our next baptismal service will be on August 27. If you would like to be baptized, or would like to learn more, attend a class on **Sunday, August 6** at 11:00 am in M31.

“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 (**July 10** and **August 14**) at 7:30 pm in M21. Come early at 6:30 pm and join RESET for worship.

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.



UB Golf Tournament

This year’s UB Golf Tournament will take place 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 8. Sponsorship forms can be picked up at the church office. Questions, email Bobby Culler at bobbyc@mtp-church.org.

Student Grants

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. Except for incoming freshmen, applicants are also required to provide a copy of grades from your last school semester. A copy or legible screenshot of your grades is fine. The deadline to submit an application is **Monday, July 17**.

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.

Promotion Sunday: Sunday, August 20 is the day that nursery, preschool, elementary and youth move up to their next class or grade. Be sure to check your child's tag for their new classroom assignment. Nursery, Preschool,

Kindergarten and Elementary students report to the rooms on their tags. Middle School students have Sunday School at 9:30 am and High School students meet at 11:00 am. All of our ministry areas will be in need of more helpers as we approach the new season. Please consider serving. Visit serve.kingstreetchurch.com to see opportunities.

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? Maybe help elementary kids learn how to study God's Word? We invite you to schedule a visit to a KidMin ministry area and experience how our volunteers impact the next generation for Jesus. Contact Becky Hann, Director of Children's Ministry: bhann@kschurch.org or call 717-264-4651 x202.

A promotional graphic for a 'Back-to-School Community Giveaway' event. The background is yellow with diagonal stripes. On the left is a blue backpack with orange straps and a pencil. In the center, the text 'Back-to-School Community Giveaway' is written in bold black font. To the right, the words 'BACK2 SCHOOL' are in large, colorful 3D letters (pink, yellow, blue), with a yellow pencil labeled 'event' and a green eraser. Below this, the date 'Thursday, August 3' is in pink. At the bottom, it says 'DONATE or SERVE: serve.kingstreetchurch.com' in black.

**Back-to-School
Community
Giveaway**

Thursday, August 3

DONATE or SERVE:
serve.kingstreetchurch.com

This year's event will take place on **Thursday, August 3** with preparation on Tuesday, August 1. We are again asking for monetary donations to fill the book bags. You can contribute via cash or check (designated for BTS Event) or online through our Service Central site. We plan to have around 500 book bags available. If you would like to volunteer for either (or both!) August 1 and 3, you can register online at Service Central: serve.kingstreetchurch.com.

Thank you in advance for your contribution, whether it be monetary, preparation or distribution. It truly is a very joyous occasion as we help our neighborhood children get ready for school.

STUDENT MINISTRY

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

THE STREET Student Ministry

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. The remaining Summer Street meetings will be held on these Wednesdays: **July 26** and **August 9**. Upcoming 6th graders are invited to these meetings!

Parent Meeting: On **Wednesday, August 9** we invite parents of all students (including our upcoming 6th graders) to join us for an informational meeting. We look forward to sharing our vision for changes that will be made to our ministry structure, and discussing any questions that you may have.

Pray For Our Students: We ask that you be in prayer for our staff and students as they engage in these upcoming opportunities. Pray also for the students, that they would serve the Lord and others well and that they would be receptive to God's work in their lives.

- **Guatemala Missions Trip**, July 7-15: High School: During our time in Guatemala we will be partnering with Eagles Nest International (www.eaglesnestint.org). They "provide physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual care to abandoned, abused, and neglected children. We give them hope and a place to call home." While there, our team of 21 (17 High School students and 4 leaders) will have the opportunity to come along side of Eagles Nest and help support their ministry through manual labor, interacting with children, and reaching out to the surrounding community. Please pray for our team to grow spiritually, physically, socially, and mentally while we are in Guatemala. Our goal is to encourage and serve alongside our Guatemalan brothers and sisters in Christ as we engage and bless others with the Gospel.
- **Chambersburg Project**, July 9-14: Middle School and High School students will renovate and repair homes for local residents-in-need.



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

Update on Vacation Bible School!

On June 28 we concluded an amazing Vacation Bible School with our preschool and elementary children. We had 295 children registered and the average attendance each night was 268. The theme was "Keepers of the Kingdom: Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth."

Becky Hann, Director of Children's Ministries, affirmed, "It was a wonderful four nights."



Becky explained that while all of our VBS programs include memorizing Scripture, this particular program focused heavily on memorizing most of Ephesians 6:10-18, the passage which describes the armor of God. Each night the children learned a new part, and they repeated read it aloud in unison in the Sanctuary. This part of the night was one of Becky's favorites.

"I just loved hearing their young voices cry out as they loudly proclaimed the Word of God," she said, "Of course it is our hope that they will hold on to this truth for all of their lives."

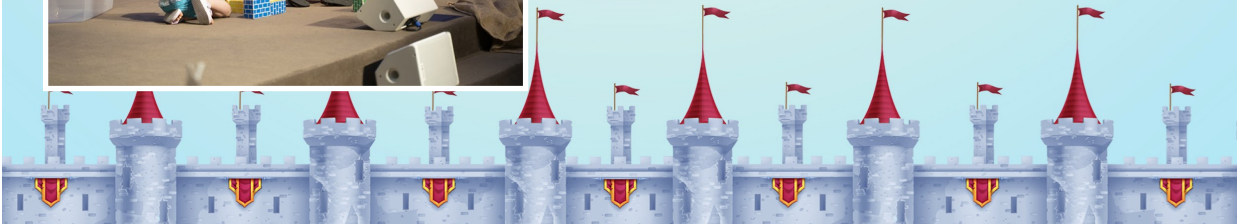


Becky says other favorite parts include the drawbridge at our side entrance, the vibrant worship music, and the style of decorating. "It was the first time we've had dragons throughout the church!" she said, laughing.

While we can't quantify the impact of VBS in numbers -- and not all of those precious moments have been reported yet -- we know of at least 3 first-time confessions of faith, and 4 children who recommitted their lives to Christ.



The children raised \$4,544.87 in just 4 nights! The money will go to two organizations. Part will go to





Children's Hunger Fund, which provides food and the Gospel to children around the world, using local Christians. The rest will go to UB Global to be used in missions in Thailand.

Becky said the most special thing for her was recognizing that VBS is entirely run by our church family. Of course, she and our KidMin staff lead and organize, but it truly takes 150+ people all serving together to make VBS happen, and every year, our people do it!

Becky says, "I did not have to be up front, in charge... I was able to stand back and watch as everything came together. It was the church, our KSC body that led this Bible school. The people on the stage, the crew leaders, the worship leaders, the kitchen crew, the teachers in all of the rooms -- they were all volunteers."

While explaining this Becky became emotional. "I could just cry. It's so very humbling. It shows God is working. VBS is not a Becky Hann thing or a Crosswalk KidMin thing. It happens

because the Holy Spirit moves and works in our church family and they step up to make an impact."

Thank you, thank you KSC family. We see your faithfulness, your creativity, your enthusiasm, and your love to see our precious children come to know Jesus -- and we praise God for you!



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.”

Event flyers with more details are posted in the lobbies on the Information Walls. Keep up with The Primetimers online at kingstreetchurch.com/primetimers. Questions? Contact Frances Humelsine (717- 263-8633); mail your payment to her at 408 Benjamin Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date/Day	Event	Cost Per Person	More Information
Wednesday, September 13 <i>Final Payment is due Sept 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 littler early.
No Events in October			
Wednesday, November 8 <i>Final Payment is due June 19*</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	Save the date! Details coming soon.	TBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noon in the Baker Center

UB National Conference: Several members of our staff— as well as a team of lay delegates, are traveling to Fort Wayne, Indiana, for the United Brethren in Christ National Conference, which is July 11-14, 2023. Pastor Nathan Hann and Nick Randle will be leading worship. The theme for this year’s conference is “Come Together.” Please be praying for all those traveling, and for wisdom as they make decisions.

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.

This summer, we are doing a study in our joint meetings called “Ascend.” Here is a description:

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 after our large group time. 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)

You’re invited to the

RESET

summer picnic!

Monday, July 17

Help Needed: We need childcare helpers to care for a small group of kids twice a month. There is a stipend available for those who serve; teens are welcome to apply. Contact Molly: mshull@kschurch.org.

Come enjoy our **Summer Picnic** on **July 17!** We’ll meet at Chambersburg Memorial Park at 6:30 pm; dinner will be provided. Everyone is invited; come and meet others from RESET!

Alcoholics Anonymous: AA’s ABC group meets weekly (*and confidentially*) in the KSC Ministry Center, on Thursdays from 7-8 pm in room C3.



God at Work

THROUGH KSC LEADERSHIP

PLEASE NOTE: King Street Church is committed to being transparent when it comes to sharing Board Report Summaries. Our bi-monthly *Messenger* newsletter format presents a challenge of providing timely content that fits within these limited pages. Sometimes the next report to share (in this case, the highlights from April's meeting) becomes outdated before the next *Messenger*. Now we also have May and June meetings on which to report.

We have decided to publish brief highlights with the most pertinent details here in *The Messenger* and provide another source for those who wish to read the full summaries. To download these more detailed summaries, visit kingstreetchurch.com; the Board Summaries are found under the "Watch & Read" tab. Each month, printed copies of the latest Board summaries are also placed on the Information Walls in the lobbies.

April Board Highlights

Glenn Watson shared that the Project Priority Team met on March 20, and he presented the updated Project Priority List to the Board for review/approval. He advised that his term as Chairman of the Board will be expiring at the end of this year. Glenn presented the Board with a list of potential qualified candidates.

CO-MISSION REPORTS *(alpha order)*

Finance – Brad Etchberger stated that he and Dan Gehris have looked into a program offered by F&M Bank called IntraFi. It is a way to invest our money so it will be protected against any possible future financial volatility. Dan Gehris reviewed March 2023 and YTD financial figures, as well as Board approved projects. The Agape Ministry grant funds were discussed.

Local Outreach – Sharon Bowers shared that financial gifts were given to the Fruitbelt Farm Workers towards a new van, and the Cold Weather Shelter to purchase a new washer and dryer. The Local Outreach Co-Mission discussed ways to educate our church family about our partner ministries and ways for the congregation to serve with them.

Missions – John Schaffer shared about a request to send additional funds to churches in Haiti. There may be an opportunity to support Mission of Grace for hurricane repairs. There is still a need for Mission Co-Mission members. A motion was approved to send a financial gift to Orphan's Tree.

Personnel – Aaron Smith reported that plans have been finalized for the staff summer picnic. The LOC discussed future needs of the Agape English Ministry. A meeting to discuss the PRC hand-books will be scheduled.

Property – Gregg Thompson shared the need for sidewalk repair, and details of upcoming projects. The newly renamed Safety & Security Team will be in place soon. They will be trained in CPR/First Aid.

May Board Highlights

Glenn Watson read a note of appreciation from Pastor Ron Cook for the KSC cycling shirt and gift card that he received during our April 12 meeting in appreciation for his extraordinary work.

Glenn Watson reviewed two motions that were passed via e-mail vote since the last meeting: on April 18, the motion to offer Dylan Chenaille the position of Part-Time Creative Arts Associate and on April 26, the motion to offer Nathan High the position of Full-Time Facilities Custodian/Maintenance Technician.

EXECUTIVE PASTOR REPORT

Pastor Steve Flint expressed his excitement with the hiring of Dylan Chenaille and Nathan High. Pastor Steve shared that a team preaching approach will be used in the coming weeks.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Dan Gehris distributed and reviewed the changes to an updated Organizational Chart.

CO-MISSION REPORTS *(alpha order)*

Adult Ministry – Mark Willson reported that the Adult Ministry Co-Mission will be hosting L3 Group Leaders at their next meeting. Mark also reported that The Porch ministry will be celebrating its 2 year anniversary on May 16.

Finance – Brad Etchberger shared that the Finance Co-Mission agreed to increase the Student Grant amount (previously \$500) to a tiered structure now giving between \$1,000 - \$2,000 based on GPA. Brad made a motion for the new church treasurer after his term ends. The motion was approved to accept Ken Adams as the Church Treasurer beginning January 1, 2024. Dan Gehris presented the Board with April 2023 and 2023 YTD financial results.

Local Outreach – Sharon Bowers shared ministry partner updates. Once More Ministries handed out 275 boxes of needed items during the most recent distribution. Prayer was requested for the Agape English Program which continues to grow at a high rate.

Missions – John Schaffer shared that KSC has now given the entire \$168,000 to Haiti for disaster relief. Dylan Culler shared with the Missions Co-Mission plans to go to the Middle East before the end of this year. Dylan asked for prayers and help in financing his trip. The Missions Co-Mission is still in need of members.

Personnel Relations – Brian Mace reported several new members joined the PRC.

Property – Gregg Thompson shared that the Safety and Security Team will be fully staffed by the end of May. The trees at the Ministry Center will be trimmed and not removed.

Student Ministry – Nathan Rosenberger stated the student mission team still needs \$42,000 for the Guatemala Trip. Four middle schoolers made a first time decision for Christ after an Easter study.

Worship Arts – Carolyn Chenaille reported on the Appreciation Night that was held on May 7 for all those who assisted in any aspect of KSC's worship ministry. The event included a meal and a time of worship and prayer.

June Board Highlights

EXECUTIVE PASTOR REPORT

Steve Flint invited the Board to join together in singing "Jehovah," with Nathan Hann leading. Pastor Steve led the Board in a time of prayer. He shared that "40 Days of Prayer and Fasting" will begin on Thursday, June 22. A special time of

prayer will be held every Thursday at 6:00 pm in the Baker Center, ending on August 10.

ELDER REPORT

Greg West reported the Elder Team met with the Pastoral Team in May and will do so again in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

Glenn Watson facilitated the nomination process for the next Chairman of the Board (beginning on January 1, 2024). The nomination process was conducted and completed. The motion to approve Brad Etchberger as the next King Street Church Chairman of the Board was approved.

CO-MISSION REPORTS *(alpha order)*

Adult Ministry – Mark Willson reported that the Adult Ministry Co-Mission hosted leaders of the L3 Groups at their last meeting. They re-examined the launch concept of the L3 Program. The group participated in an exercise to listen, encourage, pray over fellow leaders in facilitating launching within their respective L3 groups

Children – Alexander Rosenbaum reported that the Children's Ministry Co-Mission had a Service Day to get ready for VBS which is being held from June 25-28. The VBS theme this year is, "Keepers of the Kingdom: Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth."

Finance – Brad Etchberger shared that the Finance Co-Mission approved a motion (on June 9 via email vote) to move the Generation Next Step funds from Merrill Lynch to a F&M Bank IntraFi Account which will guarantee us a 3.4% return each month for the near future. Dan Gehris presented the Board with May 2023 financial results 2023 YTD financial results.

Local Outreach – Sharon Roberts reported on various KSC partners including Fruitbelt Ministries, Monarch's Way, CEF, Andy Cimbala/

Disciplemakers, Kara Miller/InterVarsity, UnCom Ministries, CROSSroads Camp, Network Ministries and Sweet Grace.

Missions – John Schaffer shared that the Missions Co-Mission is praying about a food request from the Haiti Barnabas Team. John shared about Dylan Culler who plans to go to the Middle East by the end of the year. The Missions Co-Mission is still in need of new members. Financial gifts were approved for: Cornerstone, Operation Mobilization, Voice of the Martyrs, UB Global and Cool Shade of Life Church. Financial gifts were approved for missions trips for Emily Schoenleber, Alyssa Heberlig, Autumn Stouffer and the Shalom Christian Academy Senior Trip.

Personnel Relations – Aaron Smith reported on procedures being used in the search for a new Senior Pastor. Aaron presented a video of Ron Gunkleman requesting the positions of Pastor of Student Ministries and Associate Director of Student and Young Adult Ministries. A motion to accept these positions was approved.

Property – Gregg Thompson advised the power washing and caulking projects are complete. The carpeting in the Rotz Foyer is need of repair. The Safety and Security Team is up and running and doing very well. Work in the Narthex entrance will be considered as a future project.

Student Ministry – Nathan Rosenberger reported that Matt Gish has submitted his resignation; Matt's last day with King Street Church is July 16, 2023.

Worship Arts – Carolyn Chenaille reported the new interns for Worship Arts are Micah Gish and Nora Lowman. The KSC Worship Team will be providing music for CROSSroads Camp on June 20 and for the United Brethren National Conference from July 11-14. Worship Arts is also currently gearing up for VBS which is being held from June 25-28 this year.

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
• May 7	858	405
• May 14	891	321
• May 21	907	375
• May 28	865	308
• June 4	820	376
• June 11	825	308
• June 18	743	301
• June 25	854	<i>Not available</i>
• July 2	813	<i>Not available</i>

Giving Report

These offerings are part of the General Fund.

• May 7	\$63,970.59
• May 14	\$31,376.76
• May 21	\$48,346.69
• May 28	\$45,285.15
• June 4	\$49,563.50
• June 11	\$49,989.00
• June 18	\$50,964.56
• June 25	\$47,263.92

Communion Offerings

JULY: **Samaritan Fund**, providing financial assistance to KSC members and regular attenders.

AUGUST: **Once More Ministries**, a KSC ministry which gives out free toiletries to the community four times a year.

Archives Display Update:

Come and see the new display in the Archives Cabinet (located in the lower-level hallway below the Narthex). On display now are historical pictorial directories from 1964, 1971, 1978, 1984, 1990, 1994, 1998, 2002 and 2006. On each shelf you will find the front of the directory on the left with a copy of the same directory opened on the right. We picked out pages showing different staff members, some history articles, and some pastoral notes. We invite you to stop by and check them out. (Our most recent pictorial directory from 2016 is not on display, but if you would like one, there is a limited supply of them at the Church Office.)

We have a few extra copies of some of the historical directories on display. If you would be interested in obtaining a copy, contact Archives Committee member, Debbie Watson, at gdwatson01@comcast.net or 717-267-3694. Other Archives Committee Members are Andy Stouffer (chairperson), Kathy Huber, and Tom Shatzer.

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!



UNDERGRADUATES *(Name: Graduating From • Future Plans)*

Zach Brown: Career Magnet School • Columbia University for Psychology

Emily Cantrell: Career Magnet School • Shippensburg University

Madison Davis: Shippensburg Area Senior High School • Shippensburg University for Early Childhood Education

Sophie Forrester: Chambersburg Area Senior High School • Lebanon Valley College for Speech Language Pathology

Veronica Girard: Mason Dixon Homeschool Association • Shippensburg University for Art

Micah Gish: Shalom Christian Academy • Cedarville University for Nursing

Jackson Horst: Homeschool/Career Tech • Employed at Anytime Electric

Nora Lowman: Mason Dixon Homeschool Association • Pursuing Worship Ministry

Sophia Mace: Chambersburg Area Senior High School • Liberty University for Developmental Psychology

Joshua Mertz: Chambersburg Area Senior High School • Liberty University for Mechanical Engineering

Emma Music: Career Magnet School • Vet Tech Institute

Ellie Nicklas: Chambersburg Area Senior High School • Princeton University for Economics

Drew Pinkerton: Chambersburg Area Senior High School • Waynesburg University for Sports Mgmt.

Connor Roseman: Shalom Christian Academy • Pensacola Christian College for Business Administration

Bryce Sanders: Shalom Christian Academy • Attending Harrisburg University

Kira Shirk: Shippensburg Area Senior High School • Shippensburg University for Early Childhood Education

Abigail Sollenberger: Mason Dixon Homeschool Association • Pennsylvania College of Technology for Business and Pastry Arts

Tiana Spangler: Cumberland Valley Christian School • Entering the workforce

Autumn Stouffer: Career Magnet School • Missions in Costa Rica and Africa

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Samantha Cantrell: Bachelor of Arts in Communication from Wilson College

Makenna Flint: Bachelor of Education in Elementary Education from Liberty University

Hannah Moats: Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Shippensburg University

Luke Myers: Bachelor of Science in Education from Messiah University

Bethany Snyder: Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood/Elementary Education from Shippensburg University

Janae Watkins: Bachelor of Arts in Special Education from Wilson College

Jordan Yeager: Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Wilson College

Engaging & Blessing

OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE GOSPEL

Agape English Ministry

By Alyssa Heberlig, Agape English Ministries Resident

Agape English offers many different programs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. Bible study on Wednesdays is one of the most popular activities. Two Bible studies are taught at different skill levels. Retired pastor Buck Summers teaches the advanced Bible study. Buck speaks highly of his students. He says, “They are eager to learn English by reading the Bible and writing answers. Students ask good questions that allow us to explain and further examine the Scriptures.”

The class is currently in the middle of a study on the book of John. They follow an English as a Second Language (ESL) curriculum that

helps students understand Biblical concepts and develop their skills in reading and writing. Buck cites John 14:6 as one of the most impactful verses in the study. “Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

The concept of new life is another important theme. Joseph has attended Agape English for many years. He says, “As a follower of Jesus, you serve Him and tell other people about Him. Jesus died for us to give us new life.” Leorminda, another student, says, “It is important because Jesus died to give us new life and we will go to heaven.”

Buck shares that some students have prior Christian teaching and some are believers. Many are curious to learn more about Christian faith. “All are open to hearing what the Scriptures have to say about Jesus,” he explains.

Agape English serves dozens of people who are learning English as a second language. To see how you can be part of this growing ministry, visit serve.kingstreetchurch.com or contact Sue Marshall, Agape Coordinator, at 717-658-2416. We are in great need of teachers and assistants on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. You don’t need to be a teacher or speak another language and no prior experience is necessary.



Once More Ministries Update

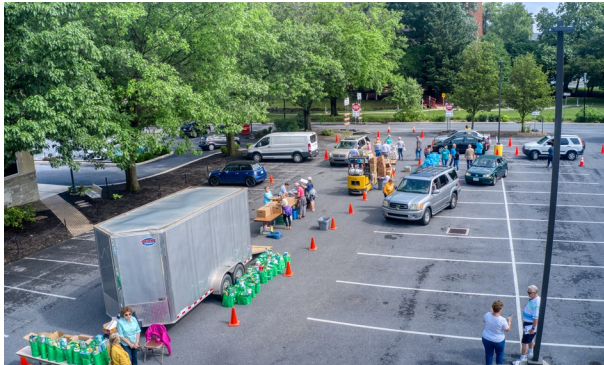


Once More Ministries (OMM) had our most recent distribution on **Saturday, June 10**. The Lord blessed us with a beautiful day to reach out to our community for Christ! We welcomed many thankful hearts. As usual, we seek not only to meet physical needs, but spiritual needs as well.

The last several distributions have seen increasing volumes of people stopping by for a little extra help to make ends meet. We like to be open until noon but have been exhausting our supplies by 11:30 am. We increased our number of boxes of toiletries in March and still ran out by 11:15 am.

We went with the same 275 again for June's distribution; incredibly, we ran out at 10:30! The stream of vehicles was constant. We remember the days when there was a lull—a chance to sit down, take a break, get a drink, rest—but that doesn't happen anymore. The traffic is non-stop until we're out of supplies and we block off the parking lot.

Friends, there is a LOT of need in our community! That need presents opportunities for us... for you... to connect with people in a way that may not have been possible without such a great need! Granted, our drive-through style distribution—a necessity in order to serve the great volumes of people who come—keeps us from a lengthy interaction. But we pray that each connection, short as it is, allows our



friends to see Christ's love for them through our gestures of good will, loving words, and smiles and the Biblical literature put into their hands.

Speaking of that literature, we need to mention that, thanks to Lindsey Michael and Sue Marshall for translating our handout into Haitian-Creole and Spanish (respectively), so that the most common languages we see can all receive the Good News. What a blessing this is!

Speaking of translations, we were incredibly blessed to have two translators for this distribution: Pierre Alcegaire (Haitian-Creole) and Carmen Durazo (Spanish). They were fantastic at communicating and interacting with our Haitian and Spanish friends. We are just “over the moon” to have them on board. Thank you, Pierre and Carmen! It was a joy to work with both of you!

Our Volunteers & Partners: We want to thank our very dedicated volunteers, without whom the day would not have been possible! The Lord blesses us every distribution with very servant-hearted and unselfish individuals who love to serve and connect with our community, and we are so thankful!

There is just not space to list out every name and the ways they have given of their time and resources. Please know that every gift is recognized and appreciated!

Our Friends: This distribution met the needs of 275 families, representing 1,038 people. We had many families from Chambersburg; they also traveled from Shippensburg, Fayetteville, St. Thomas, Greencastle, and Mechanicsburg. Languages of our families were as follows:

- 123 Spanish (505 people)
- 81 English (236 people)
- 69 Haitian/Creole (287 people)
- 2 Arabic (10 people)

Our Needs: We accept donations of the items in the below box. Every donation is a great help and allows us to serve more people in need. We are gearing up for our December distribution with our Christmas extra: toothbrushes, especially single and two-packs. Please help us add this little extra for our community.

Contact Us: For more information about OMM, please email us at 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

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

CROSS Inc

Walk for Love



Saturday, July 22 • Goal: \$30,000

CROSS Inc (Christian Residential Opportunities and Social Services) is a ministry partner of King Street Church. This 9th annual Walk for Love is our opportunity to support CROSS so that they will be able to continue to provide quality care for their adult residents with developmental disabilities at their three homes: Grace Home, Griffith House and Cumberland Vista. The dedicated teams in these homes provide a loving, nurturing environment that glorifies God and recognizes His image in every one of the precious individuals that they serve.



During the Walk for Love, the 22 adult special needs residents will be walking around the indoor track at Messiah University as many times as they can during a one-hour period. We are asking sponsors to contribute a gift based on their participation. If you would like to join us, registration is from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. and the walk will be from 10 to 11:00 a.m. All gifts are tax deductible.



SPONSOR'S DONATION FORM

Name: _____ Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ I am enclosing a donation of: ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100

_____ Other Amount *Make your check payable to CROSS, Inc. and return it with this form.*

☐ If you would like a receipt for your donation, please check the box. If not, your canceled check will be the record of your gift to CROSS, Inc.

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Missionally Engaged

AROUND THE WORLD

Missions Update

By Jay Brown, Pastor of Missions & Discipleship



The Missions Commission is excited to give this update on our work with our partners and missionaries around the globe. Through your support, King Street Church is involved in a

variety of projects that help bring Jesus to the unreached, support churches, aid the extreme poor, and encourage and assist Christians who are persecuted.

In each of the past 3 years, the Missions Commission has been able to provide over \$100,000 in additional support (over our budget) to our partners thanks to your great generosity! This is a true testimony of gratitude for God's abundance, and allows us to demonstrate our Biblical concern as a church for those who are the least reached with the Gospel, crushingly poor, or who suffer greatly.

All gifts to the Missions Fund are anonymous – we don't know who has given – so we want to take this opportunity now to thank you for your generous support! To give to the Missions Fund, mark gifts "Missions"; you can also specify that through the website or by text. Again, thank you!

AREA UPDATES

Russia – Orphan's Tree added a 4th Ministry Center almost 2 years ago to reach young adult "orphan grads" who are trying to navigate life independently for the first time. The Russian staff has done an amazing job ministering to this vulnerable group through the disruption of Covid and now, the broad impacts of the war. 40 grads are now involved in the new Ministry Center!



Haiti – Our 16 UB churches in Haiti are suffering through intense social unrest and violence that makes daily life difficult and dangerous in some areas. Gratefully, the school at Arcahaie continues to function as we help provide student meals, and about 80 children are currently sponsored by King Streeters as well.

Haiti Earthquake Aid - Through your gifts (and matching amount by the church Board), the



Missions Commission and the Haiti Barnabas Team were able to disburse over \$168,000 in relief and rehabilitation in response to the



(Pastor Jay's update is continued from previous page)

deadly earthquake of 2021! 225 damaged homes were repaired, 2 UB church buildings repaired and strengthened, and educational and infrastructure services helped to get running again over the past 18 months. Thank you for this tremendous outpouring on behalf of our Haitian brothers and sisters! They send warm expressions of thanks as well.



Malawi – Rays of Hope and Cornerstone Ministries are focused on helping young people complete secondary school

and beyond, and offer a variety of helpful programs to support that goal. Our third partner, Namikango Mission, disciples and trains church leaders to lead effectively in the



country. They are transitioning their leadership to a Malawian ministry team after several decades! Rays of

Hope and Namikango are also ministering in the wake of Cyclone Freddy which caused massive flooding and destroyed homes and crops.

Thailand – In this primarily Buddhist country, the Cool Shade of Life Church led by Pastor Ogaat continues to send outreach teams to the Isaan region. They have seen a great response to the Gospel in a place historically very resistant. The church also occupies its new plot of land in a strategic area and is working toward plans for a new building and community center to help reach Chiang Mai.

Restricted SE Asia – In this rugged area of the globe, our partner's missionaries and national workers combine to take the Gospel into some of the remotest terrain imaginable. In parts of this region, the Gospel is illegal, and the risk of a confrontation with authorities is real. Despite that, over 500 new believers (!) put their faith in Christ last year and are forming small fellowships.

Persecuted Church –

One goal of the Missions Commission is to aid, pray, and advocate for persecuted believers wherever they are under pressure around the globe. We channel tangible support primarily through two organizations, Open Doors and Voice of the Martyrs. They give physical aid where possible, and critical emotional and spiritual support to those who suffer trauma.



PERSONAL UPDATES

Emily Schoenleber has settled down, for the moment, from international travels and is serving with Global Catalytic Ministries from her location in Kentucky. GCM serves and resources the

underground church around the world, opening the way for people to become disciples of Christ in the places where that is hardest.

K & RW continue to help train and encourage church leaders in Turkey, which has become much more restrictive toward the Gospel. K & R were forced to leave their personal ministry there a few years ago, and have now expanded their efforts to help churches through the Middle East.

HB is in her 2nd year of teaching English in a SE Asian country that is officially closed to the Gospel. She is seeing her relationships grow and finding opportunities to share her faith!



B & SP have a thriving personal ministry among a number of different people groups who have resettled in a Nebraska city while fleeing war, dictatorship, and persecution. Muslims, Yezidis, and others are learning about the grace of Jesus for the first time!

Roger & Marilyn Reeck – Officially retired after 50 years of ministry (!), Roger and Marilyn



are still as busy as ever serving the Kingdom. Roger continues to advise Bible translations in progress, while Marilyn trains Central and South American church leaders in Trauma Healing aid, a significant Gospel outreach. All this happens as they bounce around Texas, Honduras, and who-knows-where.

Britton Hastings serves with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes bringing the good news of Jesus to high school students in areas of northern Maryland.

Having a positive presence and influence for the Gospel has never been more important in the lives of our teens.



DC – The Missions Commission recently designated support for DC, son of a local UB youth pastor. DC is headed to an undisclosed part of the Middle East where few people know the Name of Jesus - yet this people group is renowned for their hospitality to outsiders. Pray for him as he raises funds and prepares to go with Good News!

CONCLUSION

Through your generosity, the Missions Commission also sends aid to areas of the world where man-made or natural disasters have struck bringing misery and destruction. Recent examples of this are the war in Ukraine or the devastating quakes in Turkey. The Commission also provides support to those engaging in short-term mission opportunities of various kinds. Thank you for all that you do in prayer and support to make these efforts possible!

Children's Camps

R has finished writing the camp workbook, and in a few weeks ■ children's camps will begin! This year children will learn about Joseph's steadfastness as God's plan was worked out in his life. The ■ staff have served in the earthquake zone several times. ■ is also sponsoring children's activities in the area most affected by the earthquake. As a result the past few months have been full, and some camp preparations were delayed. Camps will run June 19-July 28 in various locations.

Earthquake Relief

Recently we heard a general update from major church groups who are serving in the earthquake zone. The major need now is housing, including ventilation, refrigeration and water. The government has been able to give limited help so far. In some areas only 30 to 40 percent of the rubble has been cleared. With tourism season beginning, hotels in other parts of ■ will no longer house earthquake victims who were displaced. So many people are returning home to cities that do not have the infrastructure to sustain them.

New Missionaries

Next week, Lord willing, we travel to be part of a training team for a program in M evangelism. This program prepares future workers for ministry to M. The workers will serve everywhere from the USA to Indonesia. Later in June we will help train a different set of workers for general ministry overseas. We thank God that more of God's people are being readied to serve in the harvest field.

This past week a worker in ■ and three families serving alongside him were issued an entry ban,

the same ban that K was given in 2019. Some may wonder whether more workers should be sent to ■. We say Yes! Times have changed, and missionaries no longer have the "luxury" of living in ■ without some type of official work status. As in most other M countries, missionaries will need to live long term in ■ with a job (as in English teacher or business owner). We believe the help of trained workers will encourage our ■ brothers and sisters, so that both together can build up the church of Jesus Christ.

Please pray:

Camps:

- Please pray that all camp preparations will be finished in time.
- As camps are expanding quickly, pray that counselors will be skilled in leading children toward Jesus.
- Pray for campers, that God will prepare their hearts to see His care for them in every circumstance. May they grow in strong faith in Christ.

Earthquake Relief

- Pray for tired brothers and sisters to be refreshed in their service.
- Pray for wise government decisions.
- Pray for the witness of God's people to continue in the earthquake zone. Many M's are meeting Christians for the very first time.

New Missionaries & the Entry Ban

- Pray for future missionaries to be prepared spiritually, and otherwise, to effectively live as witnesses for Christ in a new culture.
- In light of the entry bans, pray for the workers in ■. This blow hits hard. Pray that they will not be deterred from a bold witness for Christ.
- Pray for those who have to leave ■ that they will know God's comfort and be strong in faith.

HB

May 2023, teaching English overseas in ■.

Highlights from a busy May

- Our spring retreat with team ■.
- 3rd and 6th grade joined forces to study parts of the body together.
- We hosted a test prep event for 9th grade students to help them prepare to take their national exams in October.
- Our school's library assistant had a baby girl!
- I've committed to teaching in ■ for the 2023-2024 school year.

Praises:

- Test prep event - The test prep for 9th grade was very successful! The school has already requested that we have another event in August. We are so grateful for this opportunity to help students prepare for their national exams while also sharing that they are worth more than the number on their exam.
- Healthy baby - Our school's library assistant has a healthy baby girl!

Lifts:

- Short-term arrival - Our team of 2 short-term teachers will arrive on June 10th! Please lift for safe travels and a smooth adjustment for everyone.
- Finding times to rest— May has been a busy season, and there's no sign of this busy-ness stopping in the coming months. Lift for times of rest and that our team would prioritize rest especially in busy seasons.

B&S P

May 2023, serving in Nebraska

Jesus is for all nations!

B took a year-long lay counseling course and then we took a course together on giving pre-

marital counseling. We were encouraged by our team leader to do so as we find ourselves needing to give much support and counseling to various people. Some things we don't sign up for in this ministry and we often can't be explicit in letters; God plops things in our laps and we seek to be faithful.

Through saying "yes" to giving "a" ride to an expectant mom newly arrived from ■, her husband's visa being rejected three times, a relationship formed...

and Sherry ended up being the "support person" named for the week-long hospital stay during a tumultuous labor/delivery and recovery. Bernie and the boys served that family through "letting" her serve. This Believing family was so utterly grateful. Sometimes opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus fall in our lap, and we are showered with unexpected blessings.



Spring Blessings

Besides having a great turnout for our Easter meal at ■ church, we were delighted and blessed to meet a family who have recently relocated from Tunisia. The husband is a MBB (M' background Believer) and the wife American. B had a great visit with him on another day. Having worked in France among Tunisians and Algerians primarily, some of our closest friends and contacts were North African Believers and not-yet-Believers from M backgrounds.

Saturday one of our dearest friends from ■, found S on Whatsapp thanks to a former team member. Please pray that God would CONTINUE to work on her heart and that her whole family would follow Christ!

We also had a mom and daughter, freshly in America, come to church. The mom is hungry for Christian fellowship and learning more!

Please pray:

- One family in the church is considering separation. Pray for God's will to be done in their lives and that family members would truly turn to Christ.
- A teen needs a safe place to be if the adult brother doesn't move out quickly.
- A student's husband has cancer. Pray for opportunities to listen to Scripture with them and for their hearts to open spiritually.
- Pray for an 18 year old to acclimate well to America and high school, and pray for her spirit as it's a challenging situation for her.
- S's dad fell and cracked a rib and broke another, puncturing a lung. He is home from the hospital but has much pain. Pray he heals well and quickly!
- We recently went to a ■ girl's 5-yr-old birthday party. We were disappointed the husband had to work last minute. Still it was a touch for the whole family for us to be "the" Americans there. We've known them since before the girl was born. They can't have family in to celebrate as they are in mourning for a year following a death in the family. We prayed in their living room for them to know Jesus and his peace! Pray this with us!
- We are in need of more prayer partners and financial support. Some of our most faithful daily prayer partners are now with Jesus. Could you take their place? (*Contact Pastor Jay Brown for more information.*)

Roger & Marilyn Reeck

May 2023, Serving in their retirement with Wycliffe Bible Translators

Special Prayer Request

We are now in San Antonio, TX. We left Honduras 10 days ago but stopped off in Florida to spend the weekend at a church there. It was a very encouraging time.

Recently I, Marilyn, have been involved in a lot of preparatory sessions for two Trauma Healing trainings. In Venezuela the people that I trained from the Piaroa language group a year ago to lead Healing Groups each took a group through the 8 basic lessons. They now have the privilege of attending the two-week Advanced training to receive the remaining lessons.

There is also another group of Spanish speakers from the area who are ready to attend this Advanced training. The training will go on simultaneously in two different languages—Piaroa and Spanish. Please pray for Juan C who is the organizer/supervisor/trainer of the event. There are 4 other trainers who are helping him but he is the main leader. The Piaroa participants are travelling by boat along the rivers from their far away communities.

Also I will lead a two-week Trauma Healing training in Spanish by zoom. This time there are 8 people participating from Texas, Mexico and Peru. Pray for our trainer team—Brenda and Gerardo from Mexico and myself. This is Gerardo's first time and I will be mentoring him through the process.

Thank you for your prayers for this group of trainers and participants.

Emily Schoenleber

Excerpts from May 2023 newsletters

Happy Spring!

In my last update, I shared about the Asbury Revival and everything that happened in our little town of Wilmore, KY. For me personally, one of the biggest long term blessings is the amount of locals I met and became friends with during those few weeks. I feel so much more a part of the local community now than I did before the revival happened. After such a long, hard time of transition and settling in this has been such an answer to prayer! I am so grateful.

I also continue to really enjoy the Young Professionals group from church that I'm a part of. I think I mentioned before that every Thursday we gather together for a potluck dinner and then break up into small groups for Bible study! There's usually around 25-30 of us each week. I've been leading one of the small groups during the current study that we're in and I'm really enjoying that! Also, it's so fun to have that group of friends and celebrate things like graduations and bridal showers with them! Praise God for such a sweet community.



A Testimony from the Middle East

Within GCM (Global Catalytic Ministries) we hear testimonies all the time of people encountering God and giving their lives to Jesus. It is such an honor for me to serve this

movement through administration and communications. Since our disciple makers primarily work in Islamic nations that are hostile towards Christians (and really any other religion) they talk about sharing "stories" with people. These "stories" are passages from Scripture that disciplinmakers share with people to introduce them to the God that we know. So in these testimonies when people talk about the stories, they're talking about the Bible. Here's just one recent testimony we received:



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"My name is Farah and I live in Afghanistan and I am married. Spiritually, I was very depressed because the government had fallen and our country was no longer a republic and my husband was a soldier in the previous regime. He was wanted [by the Taliban] and his life was in danger at every given moment because if they found him, they would kill him because they viewed him as an enemy and dangerous. I became tired of living a life on the run. All this caused me to really lose my way and to have no hope for life, until I met a couple who was different from everyone else. The happiness of this couple and the spirit they had, surprised me because everyone living in Afghanistan was depressed. I asked them the reason for their happiness and they said God had done miracles in their lives through some stories and I became very eager and asked them to share the stories with me. When I started, my mood miraculously changed and I felt peace inside. I had only read a few stories, when a miracle happened in my life and my husband was miraculously able to leave the country without any harm to him and now he is living in this other country preparing for my arrival. Whether or not I leave Afghanistan, I will be happy because God has changed my life from the inside and my faith in God has changed. Now I want to share the stories with

everyone and share this peace I have with everyone. I am hoping for the day when others read the stories and experience God's miracles."

"Come and Rest"

Recently, I had the opportunity to join in with a gathering at Asbury called the Awakening Project. Awakening Project is a network of emerging adults (and those who love them) who are unified in a desire to see a fresh move of God. The Awakening Project Conference meets each year for five days of worship, prayer, teaching, connecting, and fun. It was a joy to reconnect with people I met during the revival and also meet some amazing new people!

I've noticed I often learn the same lessons from the Lord, but on deeper levels as the years go by. A continual refining, sharpening, maturing. In every season of life, we have a temptation to focus on anything but the present. We look for the day when we'll land that job, or get married, buy a house, have kids, travel to that bucket list place. Or we get stuck in the past, and dwell on how we could've done things differently.

We're so conditioned by the culture around us to run and run and run and not slow down and constantly fill our minds and hearts with whatever we can find. Never leaving a moment to sit and just be still. Yet the Lord's invitation to us is to draw aside, to be with Him.

This has been a wrestle for me in recent months. The desire to be obedient and know what the future holds. My heart feels like it's been non-stop on a treadmill some days. A few days ago, the Lord brought that Augustine quote to mind and gently He reminded me that I was trying to find peace in knowing the next step, in knowledge of the future. But that will never give me what my soul is yearning for. And after all these years, His gentle invitation is still, "Come and rest."

Work Updates

Something I'm very excited to share with you all is that a friend of mine who leads a ministry in New Zealand reached out to me a couple of months ago to ask if I was willing to help out with some organizational and communication things for a project/gathering they're preparing for 2024! If you've followed my journey for a while, you'll know that I used to live in New Zealand and have a massive heart for it. I couldn't believe that the Lord was giving me an opportunity to serve NZ even while I'm living here. I prayed about it and felt to say yes to this amazing opportunity!

So far I've been helping with things like creating spreadsheets to keep track of ministry leaders in NZ who want to be a part of things next year, sending emails, and even helping schedule Zoom meeting and also joining those meetings to take notes. etc. It's been an adjustment learning to work with the time difference again, but such a blessing to my heart to work with Kiwis (New Zealanders). The Lord is so kind to me!

In light of these new opportunities and the increase in the work I'm doing for GCM, I made the decision to step down from working with FAI (Frontier Alliance International). At the end of last year there were a few things within FAI that were getting restructured and I wasn't needed on the projects I had previously been working on. With a lack of things to work on there and the opportunity to serve the ministry in New Zealand, it seemed like the right time to officially take something off my plate. I am so thankful for the time I got to work with FAI and the people I met, and I will miss them dearly! But I feel so much peace and excitement about these new opportunities the Lord has given me!



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*
- Matt Gish, *Pastor of High School Ministries*
- 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*
- 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.

Messenger Deadline: Articles and information for the September/October 2023 issue should be submitted by **August 16** to Susanna Allen, sallen@kschurch.org, or 56 N. 2nd St, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

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- **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
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