

# The Messenger

News and notes for our King Street Church family.

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## King Street Is a Resourcing Church

Aaron Perry, Senior Pastor, with Susanna Allen, Director of Communications

“What is that in your hand?” (Exod. 4:2).

God put the question to Moses to teach him a lesson. God had just given Moses a pivotal assignment. Moses would be the means of announcing and enacting God’s clearest saving work of the Old Testament—bringing His people out of Egypt (Exod. 3:7-10). But Moses doubted. Moses wondered if the people would follow him. After all, what good is a leader if you’ve got no followers? But God was *calling* Moses to lead—to shepherd not only sheep, but His people. And so God asked, “What is that in your hand?”

Of course, the answer is a staff; the staff is also a symbol. Think about Moses: He is a Hebrew who was raised in Pharaoh’s household. Moses has a heart for the slave, but the advantages of the established. He has an eye for the outsider, but the education of the insider. Moses is also humble—having fled from Pharaoh and working for his living.

What does the staff represent? That Moses is uniquely qualified for the job. He is not simply a shepherd for *sheep*; he is to be a shepherd for *God’s people*.

God tells Moses to throw the staff to the ground and it becomes a snake. And then what happens? Moses flees from it (Exod. 2:3).



**“Just like Moses and just like David, God has either already woven qualifications into your life or God has planned a path for you to develop your qualifications.”**

**PASTOR AARON PERRY**

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## A RESOURCING CHURCH

If you are viewing the story in your mind rather than simply reading it, Moses' fleeing the staff-turned-snake might remind you of his flight from Pharaoh (Exod. 2:15), but this is a different kind of fleeing (and so a different Hebrew word is used). When Moses flees from the snake, he is not fleeing from danger, but from his calling and his responsibility. If Moses doesn't follow through with God's call, he is throwing away his qualifications. But God isn't done with Moses.

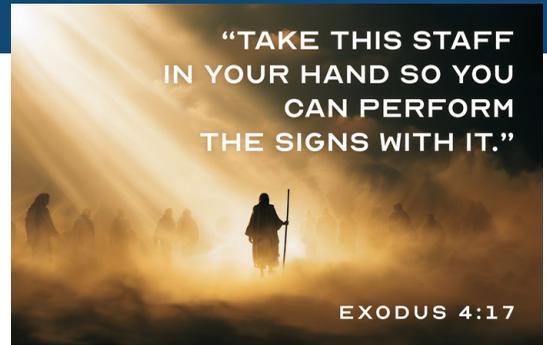
"Pick it up," says God. Moses obeys. He isn't ready to relent to God's call, but God won't let Moses off the hook. God has given Moses a mouth through his brother, and He reminds him, again, of his staff (Exod. 4:17). Moses is uniquely qualified and Moses is undoubtedly called.

### What Qualifications Do You Have?

Moses isn't the only qualified leader that God would call. When Samuel anointed David as the future king of Israel, he was also qualified. God told Samuel to look at the heart—the whole life—of David, including his devotion to God, yet Samuel also saw a strong, healthy, and fit young man (1 Sam. 16:12). Further, the servants of Saul saw similar qualities in David (1 Sam. 16:18). Lawson Stone, professor of Old Testament at Asbury Seminary, notes David's qualifications:

- Well-networked ("son of Jesse of Bethlehem"—David comes from a known family)
- Hobbies and alternative skills ("knows how to play the lyre")
- Battle-tested ("brave man and a warrior")
- Speaks well
- Physically fit ("fine-looking man")

Each of these qualifications would serve David in the role God had for him.



When God set Paul aside as the missionary to the Gentiles, one could imagine hardly a more qualified person—trained as a strict Pharisee, but also raised in the midst of Greek culture in Tarsus and a Roman citizen. What a combination!

The devil tempts us to do two things when it comes to qualifications: to pursue the wrong ones or not to pursue any. As your pastor, I promise you this: Just like Moses and just like David, God has either already woven qualifications into your life or God has planned a path to develop your qualifications. Your qualifications might include skills, hobbies, relationships, education, or more. But your life is a story of being uniquely qualified to live out a purpose for God.

You've got qualifications! What are they? And what qualifications would God seek to develop in you? What's in your hand? What does God want to put there?

How many qualified people have gone through life without attending to God's voice and call? Don't be one of them!

### King Street Church's Qualifications

So, what does all this have to do with us as a church? So much!

King Street Church is a uniquely qualified church—King Street Church is uniquely skilled

resourced, networked, and positioned—because it has uniquely qualified people. Including you. What have *you* got in your hand?

We have connections with leaders and ministries that empower us to collaborate on large-scale projects and mobilize initiatives that can bless our entire region. We have a large and multi-talented church family, that puts us in an excellent position to accomplish any task to which the Lord calls us. We are positioned right in downtown, where our impact on Chambersburg is keenly felt.

But just as Moses’s staff, David’s power, and Paul’s training were not about them but for the purposes of God, so King Street Church’s qualifications are not about us. They are from God and they are for God. When we say that King Street Church is a resourcing church, we mean that every qualification—every resource we’ve got—is at God’s disposal to share with others. We won’t be passive about it. We will seek to put our qualifications to the work of God.

Here’s one example. Every year, hundreds of members of our church family come together to produce a high quality Vacation Bible School. The team includes those with construction skills, artistic talents, decorating abilities, dramatic flair, creative teaching imagination, and hours of gladly given time. Because of that investment, we are consistently able to welcome hundreds of children into our building to hear about Jesus for the first time. Because of that sacrifice, young people – the number of which we will not know until eternity – have accepted the gift of salvation.

Last year’s Ignite Youth Festival served students across the region because King Street Church contributed vision and leadership, worship resources, and media & production ingenuity to maximize the efforts of like-minded servants of God who desire to lead the next generation to live for Him.

In just a few weeks, King Street will welcome over 100 guests with special needs to Night to Shine, an event that we pioneered in this area, now for the tenth year. In that time we have blessed many people from West Virginia, Maryland, and a variety of towns in Pennsylvania. Just last year, a church in Chambersburg and another in Hagerstown, MD, have started their own events, and we have provided knowledge and support to both of them. Because of this, the amount of people with special needs who will be blessed by Night to Shine has doubled and tripled, and we have made an important stand for the value of every life created by God. That’s being a resourcing church. All glory to God!

These are just a few ways that King Street Church has already lived into our mission as a resourcing church.

God has set King Street Church aside as a resourcing church. That’s part of our mission. We have extensive qualifications, and so we have unique resources to support God’s ministry and God’s mission. Captive Israel was blessed by Moses and divided Israel was blessed by David and the early church was blessed by Paul.

Who will be blessed by King Street Church? Moses, David, and Paul didn’t know the full extent of their mission. God did. And God knows who He will bless through King Street Church. While God told Moses to throw down his staff and then to pick it up, being a resourcing church means holding our resources with open hands. We will hold our qualifications before God and say, akin to Isaiah, “Here we are; use us.”

**“HERE I AM.  
SEND ME!”**

**ISAIAH 6:8**



# God at Work

## THROUGH KSC LEADERSHIP



## Ministry Training Day

More than 100 volunteers at King Street Church responded to the invitation to attend our first Ministry Training Day. Temperatures were under 10 degrees when the Student Ministry Center began filling with people.

Pastor Aaron kicked off our time together with a message to everyone that included an affirmation of both the giftings of Mary and Martha (Luke 10), and a review of our Pathways to Discipleship. Pastor Aaron expressed gratefulness to everyone who serves our people at King Street. He said, "God knows each of their names, and God knows each of yours too."





More than 14 breakouts met in two sessions. The breakouts included:

- **Heather Adamson** (*First Impressions & Warm Welcome*)
- **Pastor Rob** (*Taking Care of Yourself While Taking Care of Others*)
- **Pastor Aaron** (*Turning Groups Into Teams*)
- **Kristi Davis** (*Proactive Classroom Mgmt*)
- **Pastor Jay** (*Marks of a Disciple*)
- **Pastor Nathan** (*Worship & Production*)
- **Tyler Roberts** (*Production Now!*)
- **Jeanie Helman** (*Teaching Gen Alpha*)
- **Pastor Steve** (*Prayer Rhythms*)



Pastor Rob provided a closing charge, an inspirational word that reminded our volunteers that their investment changes eternity.



Everyone who attended received a travel mug with the KSC logo.

THANK YOU to all those who participated. We hope you received the message that you are *so very* valued.

# Celebrating the Legacy of Pastor Jay Brown at King Street Church

Jay Brown — Pastor of Mission & Discipleship — has spent the last nine years of his life and career at King Street Church. During that time, he has shared a vision for discipleship, led adults in following Jesus, walked alongside our Sunday School teachers, and launched L3 groups. He supported The Porch young adult ministry from the day it was only an idea to the flourishing community it is today. He has also served as a conduit between our church family and those serving God in remarkable ways around the world.

During his work here, Pastor Jay has shepherded a multitude of men and women. We have felt his care in unhurried conversations in his office, warm greetings in lobbies and hallways, and in the prayers he has shared—both personally and during morning worship. Our people know that Pastor Jay genuinely cares about them as individuals. He offers wise counsel and a listening ear

whenever asked, and he brings with him a humor we have all enjoyed—a genuinely fun presence marked by warmth and enthusiasm. He has contributed to VBS both in and out of costume, engaging our young people with his funny personality and dramatic flair.



Pastor Jay's heartbeat for global missions has always been evident. He has led mission trips to Russia, Haiti, Thailand (*shown in photo*), and Kazakhstan—not simply to complete projects or visit ministries, important as those efforts are—but with a deeper goal: to build lasting relationships that endure beyond a single visit. He has consistently sought to respect each ministry's culture and methods, and to discern how King Street might offer support without interfering with God's calling on their work. Those relationships are part of Pastor Jay's lasting legacy at King Street.



His preaching is another enduring part of that legacy. Pastor Jay has been one of our pastors who stood in the breach, providing stability and strength across several challenging years. Sunday after Sunday, he faithfully led prayer, preached the Word, and reminded us that God has a plan for King Street Church. Together, we weathered





the hardships of COVID-19—when he was a steady presence at our outdoor services—followed by two years of waiting on God’s provision for a senior pastor. Throughout it all, he remained present: greeting many by name, remembering their stories, and offering genuine care to those walking through difficult seasons.

Pastor Jay is a man of principle. He has been firm in his stand for the sanctity of life and a consistent advocate for the unborn here in Chambersburg. He has also spoken with clarity and compassion about the persecuted church and those suffering for Christ’s sake around the world. These are difficult realities, yet he has never hesitated to call us to support our brothers and sisters who have sacrificed everything for the Kingdom.

He is also a man of personal integrity, demonstrating wisdom and honor in daily life. In this, Pastor Jay has provided a meaningful example of the husband, father, and brother in Christ that God calls men to be. We have enjoyed his family so much: sons Josh and Zach have participated in Student Ministry,

The Porch, and worship, and his wife Sue has been—and will continue to be!—a kind and cheerful servant in the church office.

There is a palpable tenderness in Pastor Jay’s heart when he speaks about the things of God that move him most—reflecting on Christ’s sacrifice for our salvation, or describing the profound reality of our identity as sons and daughters in Christ. When he pauses mid-sermon, right in the middle of a sentence, to regain his composure, it reveals a heart attentive to the wonder of God and the immensity of His love, and it invites us into that same wonder.

Thankfully, we are losing Pastor Jay to a noble cause. He will now be serving on college campuses—including nearby Shippensburg and Wilson College—speaking with students about what it means to follow Jesus and walking alongside student leaders as they seek to lead others to Him. Pastor Jay will also engage in “tabling,” encouraging students to enter into thoughtful conversations about spiritual matters.

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Pastor Jay, you will not be easy to replace. You are a model of faithful discipleship and a trusted friend to many at King Street Church. Our respect, prayers, and admiration go with you.

We recognize your courage as you step into this new and challenging ministry, and we

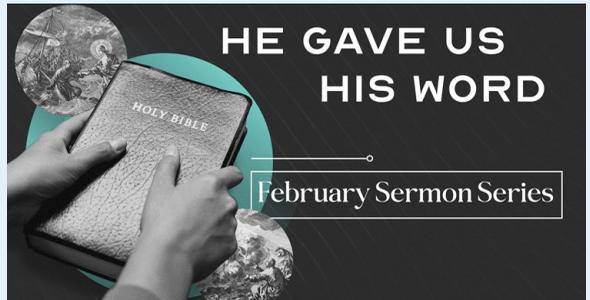
are proud of you for forging into an endeavor that won't be easy, but which will draw many into the Kingdom. We are confident that God will use you to make a lasting impact on the next generation. You will continue to encourage young people to follow Jesus wholeheartedly—just as you have done here.

As you move into this next chapter, please know that your church family is cheering you on. And since you aren't going far, we look forward to seeing you again—and to hearing how God is at work through the calling He has placed within you.

*Pastor Jay will now be serving with **Ratio Christi**, which is Latin for “The Reason of Christ.” Ratio Christi is an apologetics & evangelism organization that equips students with the tools and skills to defend their faith and share it with others. Learn more at [ratiochristi.org](http://ratiochristi.org).*

**He Gave Us His Word** is a sermon series that explores what the Bible is, why we can trust it, and how it shapes our lives. Rather than viewing Scripture as a simple collection of texts, we will encounter it as one unified story—God's story—woven together through themes of redemption and our place in His household. We'll wrestle honestly with questions of history, truth, and trust, looking to the resurrection of Jesus Christ as the foundation for our confidence in God's Word.

This series also speaks to the lived experience of reading the Bible, especially when it feels difficult or distant, calling us not only to be readers of Scripture but doers who apply it both practically and to the inner life. The



series concludes by looking to Christ's own use of God's Word, preparing us to enter the season of Lent with deeper faith and obedience.

**He Gave Us His Word** is our February sermon series. If you have not joined a coordinating “40 Days in the Word” Small Group Study, consider the online group (see page 14 for details).

# Russia & Kazakhstan:

## TWO NATIONS WHERE KING STREET CHURCH WORKS WITH ITS MINISTRY PARTNER ORPHAN'S TREE

*Pastor John Smith, Leader of the Russia Barnabas Team*



You've probably heard it said "When one door closes, another opens." A popular cynical twist is: "If one door closes and another one opens, you are probably in prison!" However, for the ministry of Orphan's Tree, a mission partner of King Street Church working in Russia and Kazakhstan, this was a hopeful proverb! When one door closed, God clearly opened another one!

First, a reminder of the mission of the King Street Church partner, Orphan's Tree. This ministry helps young adult orphans make the difficult transition from institutional to independent living. Around the age of 16 young people raised in orphanages "graduate," leaving their orphanage to live on their own. They have been raised without the benefits of family and faith. They are unequipped for independent living, and as a result drug use, prostitution, suicide, or prison await many of them. Orphan's Tree provides Ministry Centers, which are places where an orphan can go for help at any time. There they

find people who will love them, disciple them, and teach them the life skills they need for independent living. From 1995 until 2020, Orphan's Tree was able to send American Mission Teams (including from King Street Church from 2017-2019) to encourage the staff and help teach basic life skills. Then that door closed to us.

One door closed: Traveling to Russia. King Street has not been able to travel to Russia on a Mission Trip since 2019. In 2020 we had to cancel our planned May trip two weeks before we left due to the COVID-19 virus, with travel restrictions in place until 2021. Then in 2022 Russia invaded Ukraine and travel to Russia has been closed to us since then. However, when this door closed, our ministry wasn't closed out, but rather closed in!



A goal of Orphan's Tree was to disciple and develop Russian national partners who could take over the ministry. We wondered when we were shut out of Russia in 2020 if our Russian staff was ready to assume full leadership responsibilities without our being physically with them. Oh we of little faith! They were more than ready, making us wonder if we had actually been in the way of their development!

## RUSSIA & KAZAKHSTAN REPORT

We now have over 30 full time Russian staff effectively overseeing four Ministry Centers in Vladimir, Ivanovo, Kostroma, and Kirov. The ministry hasn't just continued under their leadership, but has grown! We continue to give both encouragement over social media and financial support to our Russian friends, but the ministry is under a fully Russian Board with a fully Russian staff. To God be the glory!

### One Door Opens - Ministry in Kazakhstan



When the door to Russia closed to us, another door opened! The American leadership of Orphan's Tree faced a difficult decision in 2020. After working exclusively in Russia for 25 years, was it time to close the ministry, or redirect it? The Holy Spirit worked in some amazing ways to point us to Kazakhstan, a place we had never considered working before.

A woman named J had traveled with us to Russia in the 1990's, and had kept contact with our ministry, even after she and her husband M went to Kazakhstan as missionaries. She and M had been working with older orphans on their own and were looking for help as their ministry had grown.

J invited us to come to Kaz in 2024 to see if we could do the kind of ministry there we had done in Russia. John Smith from KSC was part of the assessment team who went to Kaz in 2024. What they found was over a dozen small ministries working with older orphans who were overwhelmed and looking for direction and support. We heard a clear "Macedonian Call": *"Come over to Kazakhstan and help us!"*

Kazakhstan is the ninth largest country in the world, and is largely a Muslim nation, but there is a small but vital Christian presence there. Its official language is Russian, as it was part of the Soviet Union for over 70 years. That's an advantage to us as our experienced Russian staff can travel to Kazakhstan to work with us to equip our new Kazakh staff.

King Street Church sent a Missions Team with 10 people in October of 2025. We connected with a couple (B and S) doing effective work with older orphans in Taldykorgan. Amazingly, a group of German Christians who had been doing mission work in the area purchased a large house with a big yard and offered it to us at a very low rent to use as our ministry center. B and S moved into the house and are full time staff overseeing a ministry to over 50 orphans. The Taldykorgan Ministry Center is a sanctuary of safety and care where orphans primarily between the ages of 16 and 22 come to experience the love of Jesus! B pastors a small church in Taldykorgan and he with his wife S are great role models and spiritual mentors!

Since Almaty is the primary city in southeast Kazakhstan, we wanted to establish a Ministry

Center there. Again, God worked so quickly that we are running to keep up with Him!

This past December we were offered a facility for our Ministry Center at a special needs school, and have just hired a full time Ministry Center Program Manager who is a creative and committed Christian!

Orphan's Tree is very thankful for having King Street Church as a partner in this growing ministry to older orphans. We at King Street continue to pray for God to lead us in partnering with effective ministries both locally and globally *to engage and bless with the Gospel!*

If you have questions about our Kazakhstan ministry or would consider being part of a future King Street Church Ministry Team going there (possibly next fall), contact Pastor John Smith at [pastorjohn@me.com](mailto:pastorjohn@me.com).



## PRAYER MINISTRY AT KING STREET

**Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry:** On the **first** and **third Sundays** of each month, from 9:30–10:45 am, the Prayer Room is open for a dedicated time of prayer. Missy Ardinger is leading in prayer for King Street Church—lifting up our worship services, pastors, Sunday School teachers, our congregation, and also our nation and world. Everyone is welcome to join—whether you'd like to pray aloud, share requests, or simply sit quietly in God's presence. Questions, reach out to Missy at [ardinger.melissa@yahoo.com](mailto:ardinger.melissa@yahoo.com).

***If My People Pray* Prayer Group:** *If My People Pray* is a prayer gathering to seek the heart of God on behalf of our church, state, country, and world. It meets monthly, the first Monday of the month — including **Monday, March 2** — from 7-8:00 pm in Room M21. Wally and Lisa Black are the contacts.

**Winter Weather:** The easiest way to know if we have a cancellation is to visit our home page at [kingstreetchurch.com](http://kingstreetchurch.com); IF we have any type of cancellation, an **Alert Banner** will scroll across the top of the page. We share posts on **Facebook** and **Instagram**, found under "King Street Church." On **Sundays only**, you can hear a message on the church voicemail: **717-264-4651**. We also send out an **email** to everyone on our email list; subscribe at [kingstreetchurch.com/email](http://kingstreetchurch.com/email).

## Monthly Prayer & Fellowship Gathering Offers a Unique Space for Women, *Carole Kirkpatrick, Women's Ministry Team*



Every second Thursday, a small but faithful group of women of all ages gathers in the KSC Middle School room to worship, encourage, and pray for one another. It is a unique space created for women to connect in a relaxed setting for just an hour—from 6:00-7:00 pm, once a month.

A fly on the wall would see women come in and take a seat wherever they choose. Singles might arrive alone and groups from families together. Single women, married women, college and high school-aged women, and grandmothers are all represented. The room begins to buzz slightly with conversation over the background sound of Christian music or a gifted pianist or guitarist.

Promptly, a greeting and prayer leads into a single worship song with lovely voices lifted in praise to God. A speaker shares a short meditation based on her testimony, what God is doing in her life, or maybe a scripture that has guided her meaningfully. This is followed by a short time of testimony and answered

prayer. Then, women break into small groups to pray for each other with no pressure to share or pray aloud.

That would be enough except there is always more going on than we can see.

“These evenings are small but mighty! We come as we are with our hearts and minds full of our concerns, often after a full day of work or school. We may feel empty, alone or isolated. We set these burdens down and experience the presence of Jesus! We feel the Holy Spirit move in our hearts. We are lifted and blessed by this community of women. We are always amazed by it,” said Carole Kirkpatrick, Women’s Ministry Leadership Team member.

Another team member Jan Wolfe added, “I have had the privilege of praying with ladies from high school age to older than 70 and the Holy Spirit has been present every single time! I have met many new friends who are open to sharing their hearts, praises, and petitions. I

have listened to their heartfelt prayers. These bonding experiences have been incredible.”

This is a community for women to share each other’s burdens and pray for each other. We welcome you and invite you to come and see.

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” (*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*)

**Join us next time on  
Thursday, February 12, and  
Thursday, March 12.**



## Thank You to our Photographers

**Liz Willson**, who participates in Women’s Night of Prayer & Fellowship, also captured the beautiful photos in this article—images that truly reflect the spirit of the evening.

**Sasha Hull**, another gifted photographer in our church family, will be leading the photo team next week at Night to Shine. We are so grateful for the talents of both of these professionals, whose work regularly blesses our church.



# Coming Soon

## KSC IN ACTION!

Adopting? Participating in foster care?  
Thinking about it?

*You are not alone.*



### Adoption/Foster Group

Our support group for foster and adoptive families will meet on **Tuesday, March 17**, at 6:00 pm in M27. The group provides encouragement for those in the adoptive or foster care journey, no matter where they are in the process. Our group is led by those who are themselves either foster parents, or those who are impacted by adoption. Childcare is provided. Questions, contact Bethany Hanft at [adoption@kschurch.org](mailto:adoption@kschurch.org).

### 40 Days in the Word Online

**Group:** We are excited to offer a 40 Days in the Word online group on Thursday nights. Roni Gingrich is our facilitator. Participants will watch videos and complete homework on their own, then come together to discuss the material. This study coordinates with our current sermon series, **He Gave Us His Word**. If you're interested in learning more, contact Marsha Spangler at [mbspangler@kschurch.org](mailto:mbspangler@kschurch.org)

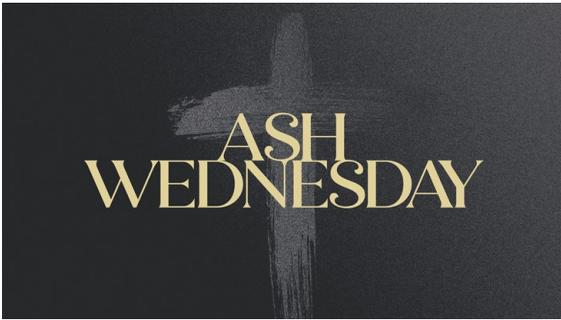


### Men's Alliance Tribe

King Street Church has launched a Men's Alliance tribe—a weekly gathering where men are strengthened through real brotherhood, biblical truth, and physical challenge. Join us **each Saturday**, at 8:00 am, behind the KSC Ministry Center. Justin Shirk is leading our tribe; each meeting includes an outdoor 30 minute workout, and a 30 minute devotional around a fire. Come build friendships, be encouraged, and take a step toward deeper spiritual growth.

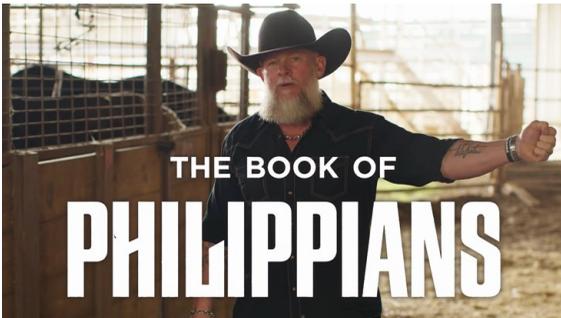
### Lenten Devotionals

We are again offering Lenten devotionals to use over the 40 days leading up to Easter. Beginning **Sunday, February 15**, you can pick up a printed booklet (just one per family, please) in the church lobbies. As well, we will offer digital options (available on Wednesday, February 18.)



## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, when we prepare our hearts for Easter. This year our Ash Wednesday service is on **Wednesday, February 18**. The service will include music, prayer, confession, and the imposition of ashes. Join us at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.



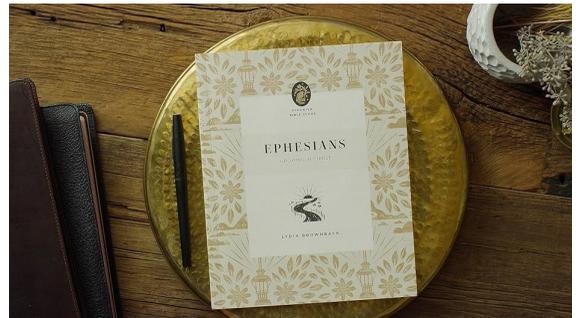
## New Men's Study

Men are invited to participate in our group, Band of Brothers, that meets Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in room M27. They will begin a new 7-week study on **February 25** called **Philippians** by Joby Martin. Right Now Media describes it this way: *What does lasting joy look like?* Throughout our lives, we are sure to experience highs and lows. So, how do we remain content with whatever life throws our way? In *The Book of Philippians*, we'll learn that being with Jesus and belonging to his church fuels our joy and contentment in any situation. Together we'll learn the secret to lasting joy.



## Women's Tea: Save the Date!

The Women's Ministry Team invites our ladies to a Spring Tea on **Saturday, April 11**, from 9 am–12 noon in the Middle School room, M16. Enjoy a relaxed time of fellowship, refreshments, and meaningful teaching on Women of the Bible.



## New Women's Study

**Ephesians: Growing in Christ**, by Lydia Brownback, explores how believers, through union with Christ, have been given everything needed for a joy-filled life of faith as a spiritual family in thought, word, and deed. In this 10-week Bible study, we'll study Ephesians verse by verse, focusing on the blessings of life in Christ, spiritual maturity, and fruitful living. The group meets Wednesday nights, **March 4–May 13**, from 7:00–8:30 pm in room M28. Study books and Ephesians Scripture Journals will be available for purchase on the first night. Sign up at [kingstreetchurch.com/ephesians](http://kingstreetchurch.com/ephesians).

# PRIMETIMERS SENIOR ADULTS

**Our Senior Adult Ministry community, known as The PrimeTimers, offers Christ-centered activities addressing the spiritual, social, physical and educational needs of senior men and women.**

These activities are open to all adults, including adult Sunday school classes that desire to attend a PT event as an outing. Copies of the complete 2026 Primetimer Schedule are available in our church lobbies on the Information Walls. Visit [kingstreetchurch.com/seniors](http://kingstreetchurch.com/seniors) to download the schedule. To sign up for events, contact Tina Mentzer, (717) 375-2185, 7401 Molly Pitcher Highway, Greencastle, PA 17225.

## March 11 (Wednesday): POT LUCK MEAL

- **Details:** Meat provided. No sign up needed; just show up with a side dish. Donations accepted.
- **When and where:** 12 noon in the Baker Center
- **Our first speaker** will be representing **Albright LIFE** which is an Alternative to Nursing Home care. Then, our second speaker will represent **Mercy House** and share their vision of “Compassionate Hospice care.” We never know when we or our loved ones may need this information. Come to learn, ask questions, and pick up a brochure.

## April 8 (Wednesday): SPRING LUNCHEON (featuring Pastor Aaron!)

- **Details:** 12 noon in the Baker Center. Lunch will be ham and chicken salad sandwiches, macaroni salad, fruit salad, veggie tray, chips, punch, coffee, and hot fudge brownie sundaes.
- **Cost:** \$10.00
- **Sign-up and Payment Deadline:** Monday, March 23

## May 20 (Wednesday): STATE COLLEGE TRIP

- **Details:** Guided Tour of the Arboretum at Penn State, self-guided tour at the Penn State All Sports Museum and Beaver Stadium. Lunch on your own at Hoss’ Steak House.
- **Cost:** \$65.00 (*Fee includes the cost of transportation with Paylor Transport, tour fees, and creamery ice cream at the end of the activity.*)
- **Sign-up and Payment Deadline:** April 20
- **Depart:** 7:30 a.m. from Weis Markets (Wayne Ave, Chambersburg).
- **Return:** Around 6 pm.



# Relationally Connected

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & NOTES

**Attendance Report:** Our online numbers stand for unique IP addresses, each representing about two people. In-Person attendance includes Sunday worship and Monday night RESET.

	In-Person	Online
• December 7	900	232
• December 14	897	282
• December 21	904	249
• December 28	861	230
• January 4	899	239
• January 11	908	240
• January 18	768	275
• January 25 ( <i>snow day</i> )	---	571

**Giving Report:** (General Fund)

• December 7	\$55,934.28
• December 14	\$53,307.30
• December 21	\$68,964.00
• December 28	\$76,671.51
• January 4	\$72,678.01
• January 11	\$53,387.69
• January 18	\$45,834.17
• January 25	\$28,756.49

**Stay Connected at KSC!** You can see our latest events at [kingstreetchurch.com/today](http://kingstreetchurch.com/today). If you would like to receive the weekly announcements via text, get on the list by texting **TODAY** to **(717) 401-7777**.

## Communion Offerings

**FEBRUARY:** The offering will go to **Once More Ministries**, which shares the love of Jesus and builds relationships by providing toiletries to those in need in our community.

**MARCH:** The offering will go to the **KSC General Missions Fund**.

## Giving Statements

2025 Giving Statements have been sent by email to those with an email address in our database (check your spam/junk folder!) Paper statements have been mailed to those without email addresses. Contact Andrea Hartman at [ahartman@kschurch.org](mailto:ahartman@kschurch.org) if you have not yet received your statement.

## Christmas Eve Offering

We are so grateful for the generous response to our Christmas Eve offering. We received **\$13,961.00** of undesignated gifts, which was split evenly between Pregnancy Ministries and Salvation Army. Additionally, we received **\$26,882.06** in gifts designated specifically to Pregnancy Ministries.

## Church Board Reports

Summaries of meetings of the Board of Administration are found under the “Watch & Read” tab at [kingstreetchurch.com](http://kingstreetchurch.com). Printed copies are placed on the Information Walls in the lobbies each month.

# Once More Ministries Update

Once More Ministries shares the love of Jesus and builds relationships by providing toiletries to those in need in our community. We collect toiletry donations year-round and hand them out at quarterly distributions.

We had our December distribution on 12/13, and December is probably our favorite one of the year for a couple of reasons. It is at this distribution that we give out small gifts to our friends, in addition to the packages of food and toiletries. Thanks to your faithful donations to OMM, we were blessed to give each of 300 families a small faith-based decoration, 2 pairs of gloves featuring the word JOY, and a tiny Jesus figurine. These families represent 1,172 people in the Franklin, Cumberland, and Washington (MD) Counties.

December is OMM's chance for our volunteers to honor and fellowship with each other in a more meaningful way. Distributions are fast-paced, and there's not a lot of time to chat and get to know each other, so in December, we have a small fellowship meal. This allows everyone to take a pause from the busyness of the day and season.

## WAYS TO HELP:

1. **Prayer:** Please continue to pray for OMM not only to meet physical needs but also to meet our ultimate goal—reaching lives for Christ by sharing His light with our community.
2. **Donations**
  - a. **Amazon Wish List:** Simply scan the QR code with your phone to see our Amazon Wish List! Choose from the selected items, and quantities will update so that you can see our greatest needs in real time. Amazon can deliver the items directly to the church.
  - b. **In-Person Shopping:** Below are the items we collect. Collection bins displaying this list are located in each lobby. Please note that items should be in new, unopened condition.



- Laundry detergent (30-64 oz) and dryer sheets
- Dishwashing (liquid) detergent
- Toilet paper (small 4 or 6-packs)
- Paper towels (individually-wrapped)
- Facial tissues
- Toothbrushes (single, 2-, 3-, and 4-packs)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Deodorant
- Bar soap
- Razors, men's and women's
- Toothpaste

3. **Translators:** Thankfully, our volunteer team is fully staffed with the exception of one critical position. We are in great need for someone to help us to communicate with our friends whose first language is Haitian-Creole or Spanish (once a quarter.) No formal training is required—just a love for people and a knowledge of conversational English and Haitian-Creole and/or Spanish.

**UPCOMING DISTRIBUTIONS: Saturday, March 14**  
**9:00 am-12 noon (or until supplies are exhausted!)**

**For more information about OMM, email us at [omm@kschurch.org](mailto:omm@kschurch.org).**



**Our mission is to engage and bless our community with the Gospel. We are a regional, teaching, and resourcing church.**

**Ministry Staff:** (in alphabetical order by first name)

- Aaron Perry, *Senior Pastor*
- Becky Hann, *Pastor of Children's Ministry*
- Dan Gehris, *Business Manager*
- Lauren Zook, *Associate Director for Students and Young Adults*
- Nathan Hann, *Pastor of Contemporary Worship*
- Rob Gunkelman, *Pastor of Student Ministries*
- Steve Flint, *Executive Pastor*
- Susanna Allen, *Director of Communications*
- Tyler Roberts, *Director of Media & Production*

**REACH OUT!** Email any staff member by using the first initial and last name, plus [kschurch.org](mailto:kschurch.org). Example: Lauren Zook is [lzook@kschurch.org](mailto:lzook@kschurch.org).

## 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 [mspanglar@kschurch.org](mailto:mspanglar@kschurch.org).

**Messenger Deadline:** Articles and information for the April/May issue should be submitted by **March 18** to Susanna Allen, [sallen@kschurch.org](mailto:sallen@kschurch.org), or 56 N. 2nd St, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

## How to Give

- **Pay Online with a Credit Card:** Visit [kingstreetchurch.com/give](http://kingstreetchurch.com/give) to make a one-time payment, or set up recurring gifts.
- **Automatic Deductions:** The church can arrange for recurring deductions from your checking or savings account. See details on our giving page (noted above.)
- **Text to Give:** Text keyword GIVE to our church text line, (717) 401-7777. You will be prompted to enter an amount, and then your payment information (first time.)
- **Giving Envelopes:** We can provide you with personalized giving envelopes. For more information, call the church office at (717) 264-4651 or email Andrea Hartman at [ahartman@kschurch.org](mailto:ahartman@kschurch.org).
- **Giving Boxes:** Offering boxes are located at the entrances of our worship venues.
- **Send to the KSC Office:** Mail your check or envelope to 56 N. 2nd St, Chambersburg, PA 17201. You can drop-off your gift during office hours: Monday–Thursday, 9 am to 4 pm.

## Worship Times

**In-Person Services:**

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

**Watch Online at [kingstreetchurch.com](http://kingstreetchurch.com), Roku, YouTube, Apple TV, or Facebook:**

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



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“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?”

*Look at the birds of the air;*

they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

*Are you not much more valuable than they?”*

MATTHEW 6:25-26

