

MESSENGER

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The Softer Side of Gratitude

by Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor



“Jesus was always gracious. He was always kind and gentle. He showed us how to live.”

During this time of the year as we celebrate Thanksgiving and then enter the season of Advent, we are reminded of passages in the Bible that call us to live our lives with a heart of gratitude. One of those oft-quoted passages is Philippians 4:4-7: *Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

There are several aspects of this passage that really stand out. The Apostle Paul doesn't simply suggest that we rejoice and live joyfully; he commands it! Paul doubles down on his admonition for us to rejoice! He doesn't just say it once; he says it twice. We are to make the choice to be joyful regardless of what might be happening in our lives. This is amplified when we think about the fact that Paul was writing this from a terribly oppressive Roman prison cell. He was able to find joy in the Lord regardless of his suffering and he is calling us to experience

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that same kind of joy in the midst of our trials and struggles.

A second truth that we find in this passage is the fact that Jesus is right here WITH US in the midst of all that we are going through. Paul uses four simple words to remind us of this fact: *The Lord is near*. Take a moment even right now to let that sink in. Jesus is right beside you right now. He's not far far away ... distracted by the details of running a universe. No, the Lord is near. He knows exactly what we are going through, and He cares deeply. He's a whispered prayer away. It is this reality that enables us to rejoice in every circumstance. No matter how challenging life may be, the Lord is near. No matter what struggle we face, Jesus is right beside us. Even when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we fear no evil because the Lord is our constant shepherd.

There is a third truth in this passage, though, that I hadn't given much thought to until recently. In addition to rejoicing in every circumstance with the knowledge that the Lord is always with us—Paul also tells us THE WAY THAT WE ARE TO BEHAVE while in the midst of our daily struggles. It's right there at the beginning of verse 5: *Let your gentleness be evident to all*. To tell you the truth, I've never really stopped and thought about that sentence in light of everything else that Paul is saying in this passage. He's not just talking about the way that our hearts and our minds process life's various trials, Paul is also addressing the way that we treat others as those things are happening.

We are to be gentle. We are to be soft, and kind, and respectful and gracious.

I have recently been listening to some podcasts that tell the story of a church in the west that recently closed its doors and “went under.” It's a terribly sad story. One of the reasons this happened was because the senior pastor of the church was, simply put, a bully. He was angry, controlling and unkind. He thought that it was okay to run over people in order

to accomplish the vision that he believed God had given him. I'm sorry to say that this isn't an isolated situation. I can think of numerous prominent Christian leaders who have recently had to resign their position because of this very same thing—anger and bullying and arrogance. THIS IS NOT OKAY. It is never okay to run over people with fits of rage or the behaviors of a bully.

As children of God, our GENTLENESS is to be evident to all.

Look no further than the way that Jesus lived His life. Jesus set the example. Yes, there were several situations when He acted out of righteous indignation, such as the time when he cleared the money changers out of the temple in Jerusalem. However, when we think about His life, Jesus was always gracious. He was always kind and gentle. He showed us how to live.

As we move from a season of Thanksgiving into a season of Advent, let's not skip over that simple sentence in Philippians chapter 4: *Let your gentleness be evident to all*. It's never okay to not be gracious. Jesus came into this world to show us how to live—and let's make it our goal to follow His example every single day.



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KING STREET CHURCH

Mission Statement: Engaging and blessing our community with the Gospel.

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

Spiritually Alive in Jesus

Relationally Connected by Jesus

Missionally Engaged for Jesus

Who are you worshipping? Who is your community?

Who are you serving?

Ministry Staff

Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor

Jay Brown, Pastor of Mission and Discipleship

Ron Cook, Minister of Pastoral Care

Stephen Flint, Executive Pastor

Matt Gish, Pastor of High School Ministries

Dan Gehris, Business Manager

Rob Gunkelman, Pastor of M. S. Student Ministries

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Nathan Hann, Pastor of Contemporary Worship

Adam Keath, Director of Restoration and Recovery

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Articles and information for the January 2022 issue should be submitted by December 22.

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Worship

TIMES

In-Person Services:

8 a.m. – Sanctuary (Traditional)

9:30 a.m. – Baker Center and Sanctuary (Contemporary)

11 a.m. – Sanctuary (United Worship Service)

11 a.m. – Baker Center (Contemporary)



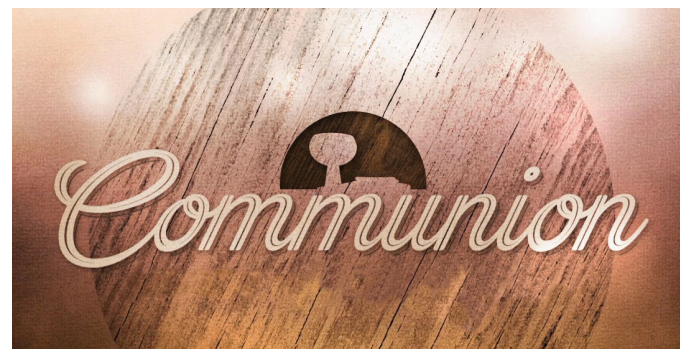
Online Options:

Each Sunday we stream the following worship services LIVE:

8 a.m. – Traditional Worship

9:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship

11 a.m. – United Worship



Sunday, December 12

Communion offerings will go to KSC's Agape English Ministry.

October 2021 Board of Administration Meeting Highlights

The Board of Administration met on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 in the KSC Choir Room. Chairman Glenn Watson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Mark Willson opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Following are highlights from that meeting.

Senior Pastor's Update:

Jody Bowser shared that he was feeling better after having COVID. He expressed gratitude to Ron Cook for preaching on October 3 and Rob Gunkelman for preaching on October 10. Jody will be preaching this Sunday from Isaiah 36. Jody shared deep appreciation for the congregation rising up to give to the needs in Haiti. Jody is working on prepping for Christmas and Advent. He also shared that Table Talk is restarting and will meet tomorrow.

Executive Pastor's Update:

Steve Flint is leaning into learning his new role and caring for the staff. He appreciates the pictorial booklet that Susanna Allen put together for him showing staff with families and is using it for prayer. On October 24 we will welcome three new church partners. Child dedications will take place on November 7.

Elder Team Update:

Greg West reported that the elder team met in September and spent much time in prayer, focusing on our broad long-range next steps in supporting our missions.

Co-Mission Reports:

- **Adult Ministries** – Mark Willson shared that AMC met in September. Eloisa Rice shared her vision of hosting a women's conference in the spring. She has led Bible studies using the

"Momma Bear Apologetics" book by Hillary Morgan Ferrer. Eloise has connected with Hillary and proposed bringing her to KSC for a one-day conference, tentatively scheduled for March 19.

- **Children's Ministry** – Alexander Rosenbaum shared that on September 26 there was a send-off for Michaela Olson. Kristi Davis began her time as Elementary Coordinator on October 4. The Children's Ministry staff had an all-day planning/budget meeting at Rhodes Grove Camp. The CMC project is moving ahead. The After-School Program started up on October 4.

- **Finance** – Brad Etchberger shared that the Finance Co-Mission will meet on October 25 to review 2022 budget proposals. Dan Gehris shared undesignated giving for September was under budget by \$9885. However, we received a total of \$83,712.95 for Haiti Relief. With the KSC match, the total is \$167,425.90 for Haiti Relief. Finances are overall looking very good.

- **Local Outreach** – Sharon Bowers shared that the LOC met last evening and discussed their budget. Bless Week was discussed. November 2 will be their quarterly meeting when partner ministries are invited to attend. RESET has started serving meals again. The hospitality team's kickoff went very well.

- **Missions** – Alyssa Heberlig reported that the Missions Co-Mission met September 27. They are very pleased with the outpouring of generosity and congregational response to the special offering for disaster relief in Haiti. A motion to distribute additional funds from the Missions General Fund to various ministry partners passed unanimously.

- **Personnel Relations** – Kim Shatzer reported that the PRC met September 29. She presented the concept of and made a motion for a residency program here at KSC. The motion passed unanimously. A motion to extend the residency opportunity to Camaryn Ellis passed

unanimously. Kim shared that they are also in the planning stages of providing upcoming manager training to our staff as well.

• **Property** – Dale Forney reported that the Property Co-Mission met last Monday. He presented information concerning the HVAC automation system. A motion to allocate funds for the HVAC automation system passed unanimously. Dale reported that the CMC renovation should be completed by the 15th. A motion for a yearly landscape maintenance program passed unanimously. Parking lot signs are to be installed after permits are completed.

• **Student Ministry** – Austin Rosenbaum reported that the Student Ministry Co-Mission met October 4. There have been approximately 135 students on Wednesday evenings. On October 23 a Youth Ministry Training Simulcast is scheduled. There will not be an All-Nighter event this year, but instead a late-night event called “5th Quarter” which is planned for October 29. The first open gym for basketball is scheduled for October 14.

• **Worship Arts** – Carolyn Chenaille reported that the co-mission met on September 13 and October 4. The Kids Choir has restarted and there continues to be discussion concerning adult choir and bell choir. The Porch Night of Worship was a great night. They are continuing to look over the Baker Center audio needs. The Night of Worship on October 3 was a positive night. There will be virtual Thanksgiving, Christmas and praise services this year. A motion for SMC audio and video upgrades passed unanimously.

Administration Report:

Dan Gehris reported that a request was received from the Chamber to support the 7th Annual First Responders Appreciation Day. A motion to donate again this year passed unanimously. Dan sent out current year-to-date budgets to all co-missions. 2022 Budget pro-

posals need to be back to Dan by October 25. Dan will take the budgets to the next Finance Co-Mission meeting on October 25. Recommended budgets will then be brought to the next board meeting on November 10.

New Business:

Throughout the meeting, co-missions reported on how many openings they have in their co-mission. Nomination forms/boxes will be in the lobbies for three weeks starting this Sunday. The Nominating Committee will meet after nominating forms are received.

Mark Willson closed the meeting with prayer at 10 p.m.



October 24

Offering (General Fund): \$62,087.49

October 31

Offering (General Fund): \$47,559.35

November 7

Offering (General Fund): \$56,196.87

November 14

Offering (General Fund): \$47,806.90

Meet Camaryn Ellis, Our Local Outreach Resident

by Susanna Allen
Communications Coordinator

We are excited to announce that Camaryn Ellis, who has already been serving in an intern capacity with both our RESET and Agape English ministries, has accepted a new role as Local Outreach Resident, and she will now expand her ministry into new areas while she is with us.

Camaryn grew up as a pastor's kid, and ever since she can remember, her family was in the ministry in various places. In 2009 they moved



Camaryn Ellis

back to the Chambersburg area and started a Bible study, which soon became a new church. At the age of 8, Camaryn was praying in front of the small congregation as part of the service. As she grew older she helped to lead worship.

"I always loved being at church and being a

part of it," Camaryn says. "I just loved serving any way that I could." Her dad took her everywhere he went, to meetings and ministry events, and Camaryn absorbed every experience.

When she was in her senior year of high school, Camaryn's parents divorced. In the midst of that turmoil, her mother began to attend King Street Church where she heard about our Local Outreach Summer Internship. At the time Camaryn had no idea how pivotal this moment would be in her life, but she was eager for a new opportunity that would lead her into ministry and was thrilled when she was hired in June of 2020. She began working with some of our local outreach ministries and absolutely loved the work.

With *She's Somebody's Daughter*, Camaryn was able to complete some valuable research for the ministry and prepare presentations for them to use in explaining their work to others. "That was really good experience for me, and fighting human trafficking is something that I'm really passionate about."

At Agape English, Camaryn helps people during the week when they come to study independently with Rosetta Stone software in the KSC Ministry Center. She also teaches a beginner English class on Saturday nights.

"I have learned a lot about different cultures and interacting with people I normally might not have ever met," Camaryn says, "It has ignited a love in me for the Haitian and Hispanic populations here in Chambersburg."

She continues, "It's really hard to learn English and live in a foreign culture, but the people we are working with really persevere and I respect that so much. It's been very impactful to me. I really feel like I've learned more from them and their character than I've been able to share in return."

A big part of Camaryn's internship has been working with RESET on Monday nights. Camaryn smiles as she recites the opening lines of a typical welcome as though she is on the stage: "RESET is a worship service and a

support system that has the goal of lifting of Jesus as our hope in the messiness of life. We are building a community and a family, a place where we can name what is broken and be accepted and welcomed.”

Camaryn shares that she sees a lot of life in the community at RESET. “Good relationships are being built there all the time. It’s a space where people with different experiences and struggles come together, but there is unity between us because we are all looking to Jesus.”

In the beginning Camaryn was just an observer at RESET, but as she has grown in her confidence and understanding of the ministry, Pastor Adam has offered her increasing responsibilities. She began to offer a welcome and open up our worship time. After Pastor Adam heard her speak at Camp Falling Spring over the summer, he encouraged her to share a message at RESET. Now it is something she does frequently as part of our worship services.

A favorite feature is “Two Scoops with Camaryn,” which was her own idea. On these special nights Camaryn interviews one of the RESET participants on the stage so that they can share the powerful ways that God has worked in their lives.

“I think it helps to bring intimacy to the community,” Camaryn says. “It’s important to hear peoples’ stories.” She meets with the participants in advance to hear the longer version of their testimony and some great relationships have come from the bonds formed during these discussions.

“It’s been inspiring to see how God works through the lives of these people. When they speak to me they don’t necessarily understand how their experiences apply to others or they might not see the overarching ways that God has been working in their lives. I try to draw out the lessons that will resonate with others.”

Camaryn has felt very supported at RESET and is humbled when participants share that God is using her gifts to impact them. In fact it was some of these experiences that led her

to consider a different career path.

She says, “It has been really influential to my faith journey that people have invested in me and have spoken truth into my life.”

Camaryn explains that this past fall she began her intended plans—to attend Penn State and study Psychology/ Counseling—but not long into the semester she realized that she wasn’t supposed to be there. It was then she learned that there was an option for her internship with us to be extended.

She returned to her work here at King Street Church and is now taking classes online at Liberty University to earn her Bachelor’s degree in Religion with a focus on Christian Leadership.

“It makes sense,” she says. “The first job I ever wanted to do when I was a little girl was be a pastor! God was shaping me for ministry at a very young age.”

When Camaryn recognized her calling into ministry, she became eligible for a residency here at KSC. We have a long legacy of supporting young people in their desire to follow the Lord’s leading into Christian work, and so, Pastor Adam Keath and Pastor Steve Flint began to craft a Local Outreach residency that would bring benefit to the church and also support Camaryn’s vision.

Pastor Adam says, “Camaryn has been an invaluable member of our ministry team over the last year or so. As she pursues her education in Christian Leadership, King Street Church has the unique opportunity to invest in her growth while being blessed by her many gifts.”

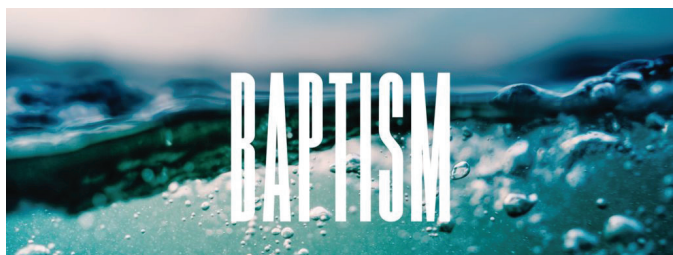
Camaryn’s internship will allow her to work more directly with our ministry partners. She will have more responsibility in certain areas, increased leadership, and will work behind-the-scenes with a wider variety of local ministries. She has a hope to help our church family connect in more meaningful ways with these partners.

“Camaryn has a unique ability to relate to so many different types of people,” Pastor

Adam affirms. "I'm excited to see how God shapes her into whatever pastoral role He has for her in the future."

Camaryn is ready to dive into the new position.

"I am extremely grateful for this opportunity," she says. "And I'm grateful to God for closing the doors that He closed and for opening these doors. He is so faithful, and I'm so excited about what He is going to do in the future. I know I'm going to learn a lot from my advisors and mentors and I hope so much to make a difference at King Street Church as well."



CLASSES

Our next baptism service will be held on Sunday, January 2. If you are interested in being baptized or in learning more about baptism, plan to attend a baptism class after each worship service on Sunday, December 5 or email Molly Shull at mshull@kschurch.org.

CHURCH OFFICE



Schedule

In celebration of the holidays,
the church office will be closed on:
December 24 and 27—Christmas
December 30 and 31—New Year



CHRISTMAS AT HOME ONLINE SERVICE

We have created a special worship experience for you for the Sunday after Christmas, which is perfect for viewing in your home as you celebrate Christ's birth. This worship experience will include songs with the praise team and a message from Pastor Jody. Consider inviting a friend or family member into your home for an intimate time of worship.



Christmas Eve services will be held at 3, 5 and 7 p.m. in both the Sanctuary and the Baker Center. The style of service differs by location (Sanctuary: traditional, Baker Center: contemporary). ALL services will feature the lighting of the Christmas candles and a message from Pastor Jody Bowser. Childcare is offered for ages 3 and under at 3 and 5 p.m.



Offering Envelopes

from the KSC Finance Co-Mission

December is here again and we need to remind you of one more item to put on your "To Do" list. You will need to pick up your Church Contribution Envelopes.

Distribution tables will be set up in the Rotz Foyer (beside the Sanctuary) beginning Sunday, December 5. If you contribute using church envelopes, please stop and pick up the box with your name. If you do not currently have envelopes and would like to receive them, please call the church office (717-264-4651) and we will have a box prepared and set out for you. If you are contributing electronically or no longer require envelopes, please advise the church office so we can keep an accurate count of envelopes needed.

If you are contributing by check or cash, we encourage you to use contribution envelopes even if you choose not to show the dollar amounts or your name on the envelope. These envelopes assist the office in recording your contributions.

We also offer electronic and text contribution options. You can visit our website to learn more about these options.

Remember contributions are tax deductible, and you will receive a receipt for recorded annual contributions over \$250. For other amounts you can request a receipt from the church office.

In January contribution statements will be emailed to donors with email addresses on file. If you are unsure if we have your correct email address, please contact the church office. Printed statements will be mailed to donors without email addresses.

Your contributions continue to support King Street Church's effort as a thriving church to "Engage and bless our community with the Gospel."

As you scurry through this holiday season, please be reminded of the reason that we celebrate this season, the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. All the members of the Finance Co-Mission would like to wish our entire church family the very best during the holiday season. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Year End Giving

Your year-end tithes, offerings and gifts **MUST BE RECEIVED** or, if mailing, post-marked by 12/31/2021 in order to qualify and be credited to your 2021 contribution records as a tax-deductible donation.



If you are in the hospital or would like to request a visit or prayer, please call the church office at (717) 264-4651 or email Molly Shull at mshull@kschurch.org.



Once More Ministries Report

from the OMM Leadership Team

Once More Ministries' next quarterly distribution is **Saturday, December 11 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** We pray our efforts show the love of Christ in a very real and tangible way!

Christmas is nearing and as we gather with our families to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we are mindful of the fact that many in our community, and the world in general, experience anxiety, sadness, loneliness, emptiness and a whole host of other feelings at this time of year. Many have lost family members, friends, jobs, homes and stability. With this in mind, please keep our community and volunteers in prayer. OMM's goal is to offer a small gesture and demonstration of love through the act of giving, but ultimately, through sharing Christ with our local friends.

We can still use your help before December's distribution! We are planning to give toothbrushes to each family at this month's distribution as a sort of Christmas extra. (After all, what's toothpaste without a toothbrush?) In that effort, we are collecting singles and 2- to 4- packs of toothbrushes.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

~Hebrews 13:16 (ESV)

If you would like to donate supplies for the upcoming distribution, below is a list of items we collect. Bins are located in the foyer of the Baker Center, the Rotz Foyer and the Sanctuary Narthex.

- Feminine hygiene products
- Laundry detergent and dryer sheets
- Dishwashing (liquid) detergent
- Bar soap
- Men's and women's razors
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Toothbrushes (Singles and 2- to 4-packs)
- Toothpaste
- Men's and women's deodorant
- Individually-wrapped paper towels
- Small 4- to 6-packs of toilet paper
- Facial tissues

The Lord works through the willing hearts of those who love Him. If the Lord is calling you to serve, OMM is in need of additional hands to serve in a few different capacities, whether it be in the days leading up to or on distribution day, as well as after distribution day. No experience is needed. The one requirement? **A love for people!**

If you would like more information about OMM or opportunities to serve, please contact us at omm@kschurch.org. We monitor this email weekly, so don't be discouraged if we don't respond immediately. Rest assured we will reach out to you soon!

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

~John 3:16 (ESV)

We hope you have a blessed and Christ-filled Christmas!



The Porch exists to gather young adults to connect, support, and challenge one another. All young adults are welcome, whether or not you attend King Street. We start at 7 p.m. in the Student Ministry Center. For more info, visit kingstreetchurch.com/youngadult.

Our December schedule:

- December 2: regular gathering
- December 16: Christmas party
- December 30: Game Night, starting at 7 p.m. in the SMC



Our all-church Christmas celebration is on **Wednesday, December 15 from 6–8 p.m. at Country Creek Produce Farm (3794 Etter Rd, Chambersburg)**. The evening will include music, sharing from Pastor Jody, a time of lighting candles and the many fun activities that Country Creek offers including the Trail of Lights, bounce pad, petting zoo, refreshments and more. Please invite a friend or family to attend with you!

DECEMBER 2021

SUNDAY

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NOVEMBER 2021

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JANUARY 2022

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<p align="center">Second Sunday of Advent 5</p> <p align="center">Baptism classes after each worship service</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Services (Baker Center & Sanctuary), Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (Baker Center), Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 a.m. United Worship Service (Sanctuary)</p>	<p align="center">6</p> <p>6:30 p.m. RESET (Baker Center)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. GriefShare (Choir Room, M7)</p>	<p align="center">7</p>
<p align="center">Communion, Third Sunday of Advent 12</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Services (Baker Center & Sanctuary), Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (Baker Center), Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 a.m. United Worship Service (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Christmas Concert (Virtual)</p>	<p align="center">13</p> <p align="center">Deadline to dedicate a Christmas poinsettia</p> <p>6:30 p.m. RESET (Baker Center)</p>	<p align="center">14</p>
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Street Meeting Christmas Party (SMC)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>7:00 p.m. The Porch Meeting (SMC)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p>
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<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Christmas at Country Creek Produce Farm (3794 Etter Rd., Chambersburg)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>7:00 p.m. The Porch Christmas Party (SMC)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p>Christmas Eve 24</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Services</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Services</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Services</p>	<p>Christmas Day 25</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">29</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>7:00 p.m. The Porch Game Night (SMC)</p>	<p>New Year's Eve/ Watch Night 31</p>	

JUST FOR KIDS

SIMPLE SYMBOLS

Create personalized initial ornaments for family and friends.



What you need:

- Small twigs (various shapes and sizes)
- Hot glue
- Yarn
- Scissors
- Adult help

What you do:

1. After gathering twigs, arrange them to create uppercase letter shapes. Cross, bend and break twigs, as needed.
2. Glue "letters" together at the intersections.
3. Cut an arm-length of yarn and wind it around twigs to add color to each letter.
4. Create a loop of yarn and tie it to the top of the ornament for hanging.



F M K N L A D E G S C E J A T S
H → → → U

What's in a name?

An angel told Joseph what to name Mary's baby. Solve the puzzle to discover the name's meaning.

Directions: Begin at the circled H below and follow the arrows. Circle every other letter, and then place them in order to complete Matthew 1:21.

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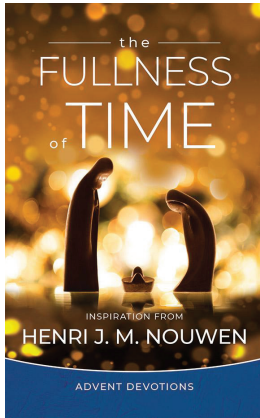
MATTHEW 1:21, NIV

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Answer: "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21, NIV

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Advent begins on November 28 and King Street Church is excited to offer you some options for your devotional time during the advent season.



“The Fullness of Time”– Celebrate Advent and draw closer to God through the daily reflections and prayers inspired by Scripture and the spiritual writings of Henri J.M. Nouwen. This devotional offers rich, warm and encouraging reflections that invite you to pray each day and encounter Emmanuel, God-with-us.



“Season’s Greetings – Welcoming Christ through the Traditions of Christmas” walks alongside your family as you drive around looking at the neighborhood light displays or sit at home drinking cocoa. Gather together as a family to spend a few minutes each day reading a Bible verse, listening to a short devotion, then discussing

and praying about it. Optional family activities are included on each page. Be encouraged as you continue to welcome Christ through your family’s Christmas traditions.

Printed copies are available in the lobbies or you can stop by the church office to pick one up. We also offer a digital version of one of the booklets and email and texted devotionals as well. Those who subscribed to either text or email last year will automatically receive this year’s devotionals. For more information or to sign up, visit kingstreetchurch.com/advent or text advent to (717) 401-7777.



On **Sunday, December 12 at 6 p.m.** we will offer a Virtual Christmas Concert which will feature popular songs and small ensembles. We pray that this event will be inspiring to all and help us to focus our minds on Christ this season. Just as He came long ago, He is coming again! The service will be broadcast on Facebook, at live.kingstreetchurch.com, and through the KSC apps on Roku and Apple TV. We invite you to watch in your homes with your families or join us in-person in the Sanctuary.



Monday, December 13 is the deadline to dedicate a Christmas poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one (\$10). You can pick up a form in the lobby, sign up at the church office at 56 N. Second Street, or pay online at kingstreetchurch.com/poinsettia.

KSC SERVICE CENTRAL

DECEMBER 2021 SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Visit <https://serve.kingstreetchurch.com> for more information.

Chambersburg Cold Weather Drop-In Shelter

50 Openings

CROSS | Cumberland Vista

Cards of Encouragement
9 Openings

CROSS | Grace Home

Cards of Encouragement
9 Openings

CROSS | Griffith House

Cards of Encouragement
10 Openings

DiscipleMakers

Pray for College Ministry at
Shippensburg University
246 Openings

Habitat for Humanity

Open Build Days
100 Openings

Night to Shine: Event Volunteers

82 Openings

Pregnancy Ministries, Inc.

Cleaning Team
1 Opening

Pregnancy Ministries, Inc.

Two Men (and a Truck)
2 Needed

Shook Home Retirement Community

Cards of Encouragement
7 Openings

King Street Church

Crosswalk Elementary

Elementary Volunteers
15 Openings

Crosswalk Nursery

Nursery Volunteers
14 Openings

Crosswalk Pre-School

Pre-School Volunteers
13 Openings

Media and Lyrics Operator

5 Openings

Night to Shine: Pre-Event Volunteers

19 Openings

Once More Ministries

Supplies for Community
Giveaway
98 Openings

Once More Ministries

Toothbrushes for OMM
Distribution in December
500 Needed

Once More Ministries

Community Giveaway Thank
You Cards
47 Openings

Online Service Host

8 Openings

RESET

Childcare
4 Openings

RESET

Meal Team
13 Needed

RESET

Support Group Facilitator
4 Openings

RESET

Leadership Team
3 Openings

RESET

Support Crew
3 Openings

THE STREET

Child Care for The Street
Youth Meetings
4 Openings

Video Camera Operator

5 Openings

Welcome Team— 8:00 Service

4 Needed

Welcome Team— 9:30 Services

27 Needed

Welcome Team— 11:00 Services

34 Needed

Worship Team

Worship Team Audition
16 Openings

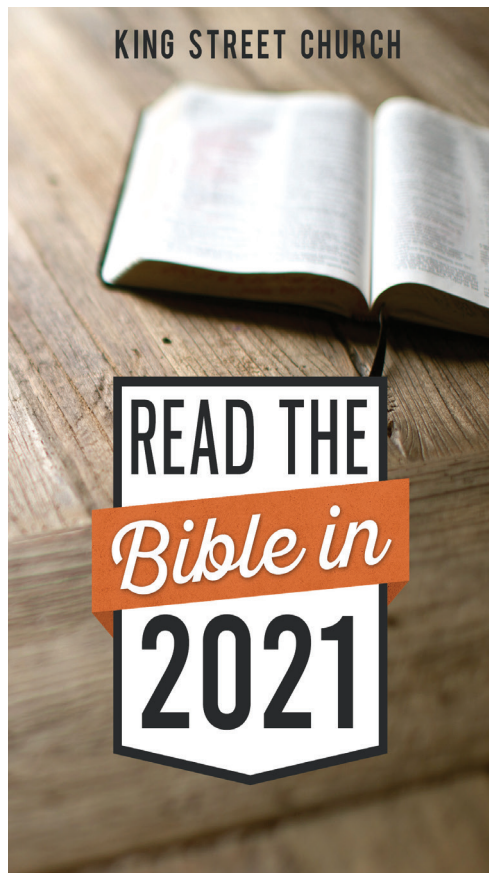


2022 BIBLE READING PLAN

Pastor Jody has announced that we will focus on the New Testament for our Bible Reading Plan in 2022. We last studied the New Testament as a church family in 2018. If you are not already reading the Bible as part of our annual reading plan, we hope you will plan to join us in 2022.

We are challenged throughout the Scriptures to rely on the precious truths found therein; one such verse is Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword"

And we believe that studying the Bible is critical to our growth as followers of Jesus. Sign up at bible.kingstreetchurch.com (the 2021 plan will roll into 2022).



DECEMBER 2021 BIBLE READING PLAN

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THE STREET

UPCOMING EVENTS

2022 KICK OFF

The Street will gather again to kick off the New Year on January 5th!
Doors open at 6:45 and our program will run from 7–8:30.
All students in 6th–12th grade are welcome!



WINTER SLAM!

The Street Student Ministry will head to Mt. Pleasant, PA for a weekend of snow activities, time together, worship and hearing from God’s Word.
Information on how students in 6th-12th grade can register will be available soon!



February 4-6, 2022

\$125
(not including
Saturday activities)



Allan Scott Band



Brian Kramer

*An amazing mid-winter
retreat for you and your friends*



RESET ON MONDAY NIGHTS

RESET is our Monday night ministry which includes a worship service at 6:30 p.m. and support groups at 7:30 p.m. This vibrant community has been growing and evolving since its beginning and today we're excited to fill you in on their latest news!

It's been three years since we began to meet on Monday nights and our mission hasn't wavered: to build a community of authentic people, to be real about our issues and struggles, to seek Jesus for our healing and to support one another in that journey.

On any given night, RESET is filled with a wide variety of participants:

- Those who are hurting and need encouragement
- Those who feel stuck and need to be pulled out of the rut
- Those seeking to be energized in their walk with Christ
- Those who are experiencing an addictive behavior and need brothers or sisters who understand the journey to come alongside them
- Those looking for Christian friendship

LARGE GROUP WORSHIP

Our worship at 6:30 p.m. looks very much like a Sunday worship service, but there is definitely a RESET twist. We enjoy many traditional "church" elements as well

as aspects that are unique to our healing culture. We share in communion, baptisms, prayer and worship with a live band. Often we hear practical teaching from the Word of God from Adam Keath, Pastor of Restoration and Recovery, or Camaryn Ellis, our gifted ministry resident.

We sometimes watch video testimonies from believers in other churches and occasionally we hear dynamic stories of faith from our own participants in a special interview segment we call "Two Scoops with Camaryn." We also hand out "God Tag" reminders to those who share short testimonies of faith and victory.

SUPPORT GROUPS

At 7:30 we break out into small groups which always include a men's and a women's group. While those who attend the groups may be of different ages, backgrounds and dealing with different struggles, we have found that a rare closeness has grown around the time of confidential sharing. It's been amazing to see how often participants will understand the same emotions and challenges. God has truly blessed these times together.

NEW: MEALS!

One of the things that makes our RESET gatherings so special is our family-style environment which helps us to build trust and friendship. We will soon begin to share in a meal each week to foster even deeper community. We are looking for people or classes to be willing to assist our meal team by providing a simple dinner for the group. Learn more about this opportunity at our Service Central website: RESET Meals or email Molly at mshull@kschurch.org.

RESET will not meet on Monday, December 27, but will resume on Monday, January 3.

Quotes of the Week

"We worship an incomparable God who gives us His unlimited strength."

Pastor Jody Bowser

October 24, 2021



"We are called to be servants to the broken world that we live in. Make no mistake about it... this is radical. This is different from everything we see around us. The ultimate question that we need to be asking in our relationships isn't 'Am I right?' The better question is: 'Do I value YOUR interests above my own? Do I love you?'"

Pastor Jody Bowser

October 31, 2021



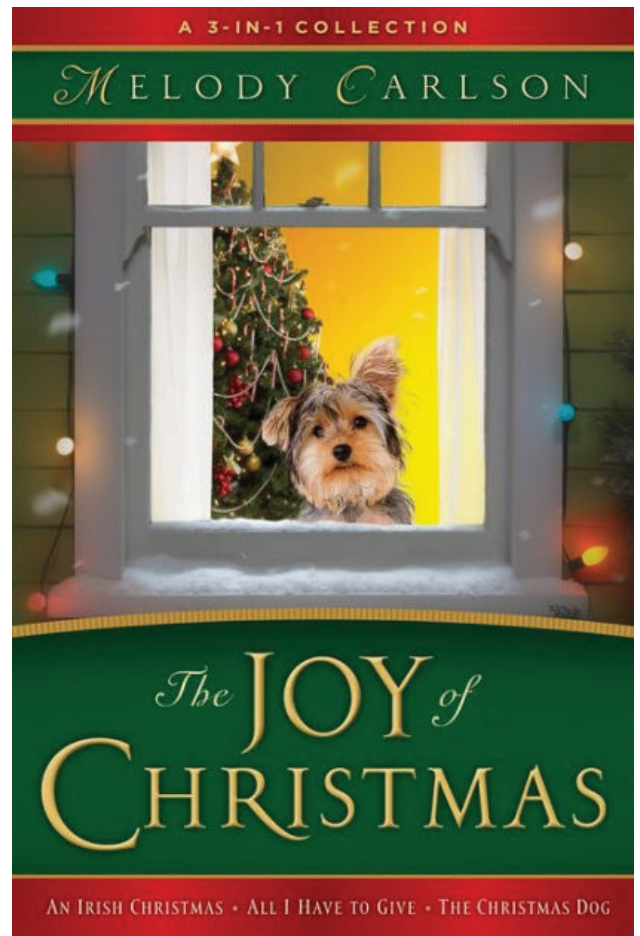
"Grace is the message of the Bible."

Pastor Jody Bowser

November 7, 2021



Our pastors are available for online or phone meetings to pray and discuss any concerns that are on your heart. Please reach out if you need to talk. Email Molly Shull at mshull@kschurch.org or visit www.kingstreetchurch.com/pastor.



The library has Christmas books such as *The Joy of Christmas*, a three-in-one book collection by Melody Carlson. Another book is *A Treasury of Christmas Miracles* by Karen Kingsbury (true stories of God's presence today).



NIGHT TO SHINE 2022

This year's event for people with special needs is **February 11, 2022**. Although this will again be a virtual event, each guest will be invited to a Shine-Thru Parade where they will be photographed while in their vehicle, will be greeted by cheering paparazzi and will receive a meal for them and a guest, as well as a gift bag full of surprises. Once they return home, they can tune into the simulcast which will include dancing, special guests, a message from Tim Tebow and a crowning ceremony.

We still need many volunteers to help with the event:

- Volunteers and seamstresses to help at the Ladies' Boutique and Men's Shoppe on Saturday, January 15. (Also looking for ladies' evening wear in size 14 or larger.)
- Sign and Poster Artists (to be done from home beforehand).
- Paparazzi to cheer for our guests when they drive by—**GREAT FOR FAMILIES!**
- Decorators to create a special Shine-Thru Parade area.
- Parking Attendants and Car Escorts the night of the event.
- Folks to help with check-in and meal distribution at the Shine-Thru Parade.

Registration for guests and volunteers is now open at **nighttoshine2022.com**.



The Chambersburg Cold Weather Drop-in Shelter operates from 7 p.m. in the evening to 8 a.m. the following morning from December 1 to April 1. In past years King Street Church has supplied volunteers and food each Wednesday evening during the stated time period. If you feel the Lord is leading you to this type of ministry, please call John Comerer at 717-372-3725. Volunteers usually serve from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. or 9:30 p.m. to midnight.

GIVING OPTIONS

Tithes and offerings are an act of worship that expresses our gratitude, faith and love for God and for others. At King Street Church we offer several ways to give:

- Sign up for automatic deductions for your bank account or give online with a credit card: kingstreetchurch.com/give.
- Text to give by texting the word "GIVE" to (717) 401-7777.
- Personalized Offering Envelopes. If you would like your own set of envelopes, notify Debbie Watson, Finance Assistant, by November 22 at dwatson@kschurch.org. Those who regularly used offering envelopes in 2021 will automatically receive a 2022 set.



B and SP

November 8, 2021

(Serving in Lincoln, Nebraska with Christar)

Praise God—Our Team Leader Lives

Two weeks ago our team leader and his father were t-boned in a serious auto accident. They both ended up in the hospital. Darrell is recovering from cracked vertebrae but is already driving again. His dad with worse injuries was transferred to rehab but back in the hospital today for difficulty breathing. He will have surgery tomorrow to stabilize his ribs and clean out his pleural cavity. Pray for God's best and that Don would trust Christ if he hasn't already.

Praise God—Family Reunited!

Yes, only a week ago the mom and daughters stuck in Iran were able to get the paperwork problems ironed out without being permanently detained and were able to return to Lincoln!

Praise God- Special Baptism

"Zidane" was interested in spiritual things when he grew up in Iraq, but he didn't feel he had the freedom to pursue Christ. After coming to the US, he recognized the freedom to choose. Soon he was put into contact with Amal, our teammate and pastor of the Lincoln Grace Fellowship. He soon trusted Christ as his Savior and was baptized recently. Praise the Lord! He has already been sharing Christ

with other M's. Amal leads a time of Bible study through the internet with his wife and son back in Iraq.

Praise God—Ellie And Seven Kids Have Own House

Praise the Lord that Ellie and children are in their own rental home. She also passed her driving test and was given a van by an area church. Sadly, the father already knows where they live. He has also found out that she attends church ... We have needed to be more on the alert as there are protective orders in place. Please pray for peace and protection for all.

Praise God—English Classes Resumed

We started in a park and are now inside a church with a full room of students and volunteers. The birth of Jesus was our first Bible story. What a beautiful sound to hear ladies pronouncing the name "Jesus" reading through the simplified story version! May hearts be opened to understand who He truly is.

Praise God—Huge Encouragement

"Evan" fled his home in the Middle East due to his new faith in Jesus. Through various means, he ended up in Lincoln and has already become a special part of the church. We celebrated with baklava when he received his asylum papers and shared his testimony publicly. What a delight!

Those who have followed us for years might remember a special Arab family from our church with two daughters and one son. Their oldest daughter went through some deep struggles in her young teen years. We have been in contact recently, and she is in university, working, driving her own car ... and this Sunday she will be publicly baptized!

Prayer Requests

1. "Zidane" is growing and witnessing to another; he desires to bring his wife and son from Iraq.

2. "Armand's" relationship did not turn out as expected. Pray for God's peace to reign in

his life and that of his young daughter.

3. Pray for wisdom as we walk with friends through intense spiritual warfare and God's healing from deep wounds.

4. "Ned" has been witnessed to by "Zidane," and *B* desires to help him with some practical things. Pray for open hearts.

5. Our papers for purchasing a home have been cleared through our mortgage counselor, but really, it's a horrible time to buy. Pray that if it's indeed God's timing that He would make it obvious. Pray Proverbs 3:5,6 for us, please.

6. "Mary," the sweet Yezidi friend who lost her husband this year in a fiery crash, has also lost her sister. She will return to Iraq next week for a visit. Pray for her heart as she will be visiting the graves of her husband (body was shipped there) and sister. Pray God opens eyes and hearts to Himself.

K* and *RW

November 9, 2021

(Ministering to specific people groups around the world)

God's Servants in ■

Although we no longer live in ■, we hear what God is doing through friends who once sat under the teaching of *K* and others. The baton of ministry has been passed to our ■ brothers and sisters.

• Pastor Mumford* and his wife serve in the only ■ church in a city of 1 million people. The church ministers to refugees and has an effective outreach to university students. Pastor Mumford also travels from his home to towns that are one to two hours away to give lone believers pastoral support. Pray for spiritual endurance for him and his family.

• Steve* and Bilin* just moved to an unevangelized area of ■. Pray for their adjustment and fruitful witness to the conservative culture and that the scattered believers in the province will resist social pressure and stand for Jesus.

• During the pandemic Ozzie* and Mery* moved their evangelistic efforts among college students to Instagram and other social media. Pray that as they begin Friday evening in-person evangelistic meetings that God will bring many students to believe and follow Jesus.

Other Good News

Radio Shema's new Christian radio programming (called ■) is well-received in ■. The radio station director says, "I learned that people from many places in the ■ area are listening to ■ FM. One of the factory managers stated that in a factory, employing 150 people, they are playing ■ FM all day long and nobody wants to listen to anything else.

We are thankful for the faithfulness of these brothers and sisters who daily count the cost to serve Jesus in an increasingly difficult place. ■ now ranks 25th on the list of top countries where it is difficult to follow Christ.

*Names are changed for security reasons.

What's New From Grand Rapids

R is leading weekly activities for children at the Friendship Center. Pray for God's leading in shaping the activities and that children's hearts will be opened toward Jesus.

K will be teaching a Bible school class on Paul's letters the week of November 15-19. The class is for Christians at a Bible school in Bulgaria. Pray that the teaching by Zoom will be effective, that students will understand the material and that the believers will take steps to apply the teaching in their hearts and ministries.

Since the Messenger is online and available everywhere, precautions are necessary when sharing about missionaries serving in Muslim countries or other restricted areas. In order not to jeopardize our missionaries working in very challenging places, names and locations are excluded from some updates.



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