

The Messenger

News and notes for our King Street Church family.

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HOLIDAY EDITION



What We Believe Matters

By Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor

If you've ever spent time researching the religious beliefs of America's founding fathers, there is a word that you are bound to encounter—that word is "Deism." Deism is the belief in the existence of a supreme being, specifically of a creator who does not intervene in the universe. As it states in the definition of deism: "The term is used chiefly of an intellectual movement of the 17th and 18th centuries that accepted the existence of a creator on the basis of reason but rejected belief in a supernatural deity who interacts with humankind."

The collection of people who considered themselves deists is long, and is certainly a "Who's Who" of important political and intellectual leaders: Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Ethan Allen, James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Paine, and James Monroe. Now—just to be fair—there is absolutely no way that we can look back several hundred years and know exactly what people actually believed in their heart. It's hard to know that with regards to people who are still alive today! Having said that, in his autobiography, Franklin himself states that as he was "a thorough Deist."

Why is any of this important? Why does this really matter?

For starters, what we believe about God matters. It matters in a big way. Most of us probably know the words of John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever

"God is Emmanuel who came to this earth as a baby on Christmas morning just over 2,000 years ago—and gave His sinless life as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

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believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” There is a lot to think about in this short verse—but I want you to stop and think about the words “perish” and “eternal life.” We sometimes refer to things being “a matter of life and death.” That is, quite literally, true in this verse. What we believe about God is a matter of eternal life—or eternal death. Hell is no joking matter. Separation from God is serious business. And this isn’t just for ten years, or twenty years, or a hundred years. To perish means a kind of death that will go on forever and ever without end. God gave us the gift of His one and only Son to save us from this death—but we have to trust Christ and receive this gift of eternal life.

I’m of the sad opinion that there are many people alive today who, without realizing it, are actually Deists in terms of what they believe about God. Every year Gallup conducts a survey asking the simple question: “Do you believe in God?” Just eleven short years ago (in 2011) 92% of Americans answered that question “yes.” More than nine out of ten people affirmed that they believed that somewhere “out there” there is a God. You can probably guess, though, that this statistic doesn’t stay the same year after year. In fact, when Gallup asked this question just a few months ago (2022), the percentage of those who said “yes” dropped to 81%.

But this doesn’t come close to telling the real story. The majority who “believe in God” don’t actually believe in the God that is

revealed in the Bible—much less in the divinity of Jesus as the Son of God (remember John 3:16). When the question was asked differently, about half of Americans (48%) say that God or another “higher power” directly determines what happens in their lives all or most of the time.

When you really stop to think about it, what we see all around us is basically a modern version of Deism. Sure, people might have a very vague and uncertain notion that “there is a god out there somewhere” (a percentage that is rapidly declining)—but this god has no interaction whatsoever with people on a personal level. Let me say as clearly as I know how...**NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH.**

Here in the next few weeks, we are entering the month-long season of Advent. Each of the four Sundays prior to Christmas, we will center our attention on the Hope, Love, Joy and Peace that God gives us through the birth of Jesus into this world. This hope is a very personal, very present, and very real hope that we can experience in our daily lives. This love is a very personal, very

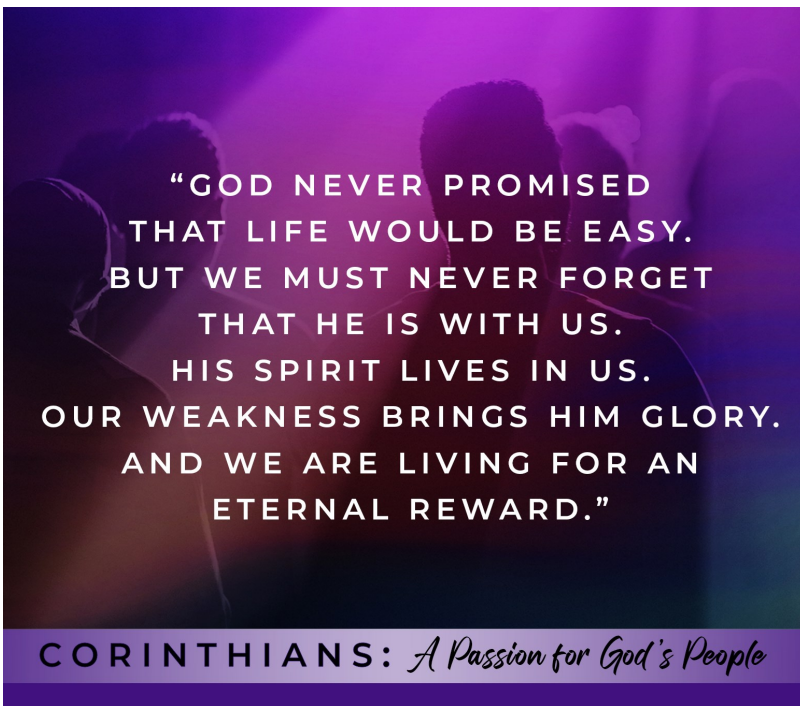


present, and very real love that we can experience in our daily lives. This joy is a very personal, very present, and very real joy that we can experience in our daily lives. This peace is a very personal, very present, and very real peace that we can experience in our daily lives. These things are possible because Jesus left His home in heaven and came to this earth.

God is not a distant, impersonal, puff of smoke that people invented thousands and thousands of years ago as a means of controlling the masses or putting some sort of spiritual Band-Aid on our doubts. God is a Holy Trinity of Father, Son and Spirit. God is the Creator described in Genesis chapter one, the Savior described in all 66 books of the Bible, and the Returning King described in Revelation 22. God is Emmanuel who came to

this earth as a baby on Christmas morning just over 2,000 years ago—and gave His sinless life as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in time of need (Psalm 46:1).

There is so, so much that hangs in the balance. God the Father loves this world deeply. He created each and every one of us in His very own image—literally “knitting us together while in our mother’s womb” (Psalm 139). He knows that, when left to ourselves, we will all fall short of His glory—there is just no way that we can live a perfect life and “save ourselves.” This is why God sent His one and only Son into this world (Christmas!) to die on the cross for our sins. And when we truly BELIEVE THIS, we are adopted as sons and daughters of the MOST HIGH GOD. There is and never will be any news that is better than this!



Pastor Jody’s “Quote of the Week” is posted each week on Facebook and Instagram @kingstreetchurch. This image at left was his quote from the message, “Don’t Lose Heart” on Sunday, October 9.

See this and other past Sermons — including the current Corinthians-focused series “A Passion for God’s People” under the “Watch & Read” tab at kingstreetchurch.com.

The Church Right Now

On Sunday, October 30, we celebrated Family Worship in all of our services. Young people participated in a variety of ways, including:

- Families led together in prayer and the reading of Scripture.
- The Kids Choir shared special music.
- Members of the Student Worship Team helped to lead worship.
- Young greeters helped to hand out crayons and a kids-themed worship folder in the lobbies.
- Children (and adults) were baptized.
- A Generosity Project that will be led by Children's Ministries was introduced.

A few days before Family Worship Becky Hann, Director of Children's Ministries, shared her heart behind this special day:

"I am so excited about this coming Sunday as we will have opportunity for families to worship together. As much as I love what we do on Sundays with the children, it is so important for us to have times where the children get to see and participate in the larger body of Christ.

There is research from the Barna Group that reflects how important it is for children in their spiritual growth to see and be around people of all ages living out their own faith journey. This helps children and young people feel that they are a part of God's story along with everyone else. Community helps children be more open to the things of God. It also helps us as adults for at least one hour to look at our worship service through the eyes of a child. Children are not the future of the church, they are a very active and thriving part of the church right now.

On that Sunday — as children read Scripture from the stage, and sang with beaming enthusiasm; as they



munched snacks while they filled in another “main point” on their worksheet and watched Pastor Jody with bright eyes... it was obvious that living out church for this younger generation was an investment worth making.

The Generosity Project

Through **Sunday, November 27**, we challenge our families to collect money to contribute to worthy local causes.

DONATE:

If you received a blue bank, place it in an area of your home where it will remind you of our project. Consider earning money as a family in a creative way (bake sale? raking leaves for a neighbor?) Bring your banks to church on Thanksgiving Sunday and we'll count the gifts together! If you don't have a bank, don't worry! You can place your collection in anything!

NOMINATE:

We invite our families to think of a cause that is special to them and nominate that work to receive a King Street gift. We want your ideas for LOCAL causes. Submit them at kingstreetchurch.com/generosity.



Coming Soon

KSC IN ACTION!

Baptism Class

Here at King Street Church baptism is an important step in the life of a believer both as an act of obedience to God and a chance to declare our faith in Him. Our next baptismal service will be on Sunday, January 1, 2023. If you would like to be baptized, or would like to learn more about this step of obedience, attend a class on **Sunday, December 4** at 11:00 am in M31.

Operation Christmas Child

It's not too late to participate! Through **November 20**, you can build a box virtually through our own KSC page on the OCC site. Visit kingstreetchurch.com/occ for a link and all the details.

GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.

Christmas Concert

Join us for a musical celebration on **Sunday, December 11**, in the Sanctuary. Watch for more details coming soon.

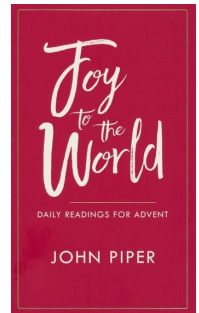
Poinsettia Dedications

Monday, December 12 is the deadline to dedicate a Christmas poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one (\$10). Beginning November 20, 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.

Advent Devotionals

Advent begins on **Sunday, November 27** and King Street Church is excited to offer you some options for your devotional time during the advent season. This year we will offer copies in the lobbies (not online) of

"This Will Be a Sign For You" by Henri Nouwen and "Joy to the World" by John Piper.



A title card for "Christmas at Country Creek" featuring a dark background with green pine branches and white snowflakes. The text "Christmas at Country Creek" is written in a white, serif font.

Christmas at Country Creek

Our all-church Christmas celebration is planned for **Tuesday, December 13**, 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, donuts, hot chocolate, live nativity, and more. Please invite a friend or family to attend with you!

A title card for "Christmas Eve Services" featuring a dark background with glowing blue and yellow lights, possibly representing a star or a candle. The text "Christmas Eve Services" is written in a white, serif font.

Christmas Eve Services

Christmas Eve services will be held on **Saturday, December 24**, at 3:00, 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. in both the Sanctuary and the Baker Center. The style of service differs by location— traditional in the Sanctuary and contemporary in the Baker Center. 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 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.

A title card for "Christmas Day Plans" featuring a dark background with colorful, out-of-focus bokeh lights in shades of red, green, yellow, and blue. The text "Christmas Day Plans" is written in a white, serif font.

Christmas Day Plans

On **Sunday, December 25**, we will offer one in-person worship service at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary (*traditional*). We will also provide a special worship experience for you for to watch online, which is perfect for viewing in your home as you celebrate Christ's birth. This pre-filmed program will include songs with the praise team and a message from Pastor Jody. If you worship at home, consider inviting a friend or family member into your home to participate in an intimate time of worship.

A title card for "Holiday Closings" featuring a dark background with green pine branches and white snowflakes. The text "Holiday Closings" is written in a white, serif font.

Holiday Closings

The church Administrative Office will be closed:

- **Thursday/Friday, November 24 and 25**
- **Monday, December 26**
- **Monday, January 2**

Remember, you can always keep updated on our latest events at kingstreetchurch.com/today.

COMING SOON

The PrimeTimers Senior Adult Group

PrimeTimer Christmas Luncheon Wednesday, December 14 at 12 noon

We will enjoy a delicious meal of stuffed chicken with all the trimmings. Cost is \$20/person and is due by Monday, December 5. See details below on how to register and submit your funds. Don't miss out on this special event!



Drivers Needed: There is a need for a driver(s) with a CDL license, and a passenger permit to occasionally drive the KSC Mini-bus. We also could use additional drivers for the regular church van (no CDL required). If you can help in either of these ways, **[email kscprimetimers@gmail.com](mailto:kscprimetimers@gmail.com)**.

Contact **Frances Humelsine** at (717) 263-8633 to reserve your spot for any events. Make checks payable to "KSC PrimeTimers" and note the name of the event in the memo area. Mail to Frances Humelsine, 408 Benjamin Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

For more information, questions, suggestions, or to be notified of activities, email: **kscprimetimers@gmail.com**. (Please note that you must contact Frances directly to make reservations for any events; this cannot be done via email.)



Friday, February 10, 2023

Visit our page at nighttoshine2023.com if you can help; guest registration is full (there is a waiting list.)

nighttoshine2023.com

Night to Shine is a prom-style event for our friends with special needs which will be held on Friday, February 10. It will take over 300 volunteers to bring this night to life!



CROSS WALK

kid min at ksc

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

Kids Choir: Kids Choir offers children in grades 1-5 a chance to learn more about music and worship, and use their energy to sing and move to the glory of God! If you aren't already part of Kids Choir, watch for information coming soon about our new 2023 session. Register to join at kingstreetchurch.com/kids.

KidzConnect: Wednesday nights are about building relationships and learning how to live out our faith. Elementary students in grades 1-5 meet in the CMC from 7:00—8:00 pm (doors open at 6:45 pm). We'd love to build our team even more — if you can help as a 1st-5th grade small group leader, contact Becky Hann at bhann@kschurch.org, or visit serve.kingstreetchurch.com. The fall season concludes November 16 and our winter season will begin January 18.

Street Meetings: Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings for games, worship, a message, and small groups. Doors open at 6:45 and we end at 8:30 pm. High School meets in the SMC; Middle School is meeting in the Baker gym while the MS area is being renovated.

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



Pix from our recent All-Nighter. Follow thestreetsm on Facebook or Instagram.



Serve Saturday: Students in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in serving members of our church on Saturday, November 19, from 9 am – 12 noon. We will be doing yard work and other household chores. Sign up at kingstreetchurch.com/servesaturday.

Christmas Party! December 7 from 7-8:30 pm. Doors open at 6:45 pm. Please email Lauren with any questions (ldukehart@kschurch.org).

2023 Kick-Off: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 from 7-8:30 pm. Doors open at 6:45 pm.



God at Work

THROUGH KSC LEADERSHIP

Sept. Board Highlights

The Board of Administration of King Street Church met Wednesday, September 14, 2022 in the Choir Room. Glenn Watson, Chairman of the Board of Administration, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

SENIOR PASTOR REPORT

Pastor Jody advised Henry Brechbill passed away early this morning. Henry and his wife Joan have been active members of King Street Church for 58 years. Children and Youth ministries are starting up, choirs are resuming, the Agape English Program is ramping up and Lunch Lessons (Table Talk) has been launched. The Creative Team is working on more “God at Work” stories that can be told and included in our worship services.

EXECUTIVE PASTOR REPORT

Pastor Steve advised that partnership classes will be held on September 18 and September 25. Annual performance reviews have been completed for all staff members. We’ll be conducting a three hour, “Strengths Coaching Workshop” on October 3 for the entire staff with Heidi and Bill Dittmar from Executive Fusion.

ELDERS TEAM REPORT

Greg West advised the Elders did not meet in

person in August but some conference calls took place regarding topics they are working on.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Dan Gehris advised that all updated Co-Mission Descriptions should be emailed back to him by November 9. Dan asked that all chairpersons let him know how many co-mission member spots need filled for 2023 by October 12. Molly Shull will then prepare the nomination forms accordingly for the congregation to complete. Dan sent out 2023 Budget Preparation Packets to all chairpersons and is asking for all 2023 budget requests to be submitted to him by October 10.

NEW BUSINESS

Glenn Watson advised the Project Priority Team meeting is scheduled for September 29, so the submission deadline for any and all project requests is September 28.

CO-MISSION REPORTS *(alpha order)*

Adult Ministry – Mark Willson expressed appreciation for the promotion of L3 Groups. New L3 Groups are being formed with the number in each group averaging 6-12 people. L3 Groups keep our church body thriving and growing. The Porch Ministry is going well. Eloisa Rice is leading a women’s Bible Study on Monday evenings.

Children's Ministry – Alexander Rosenbaum shared they are excited for the Wednesday evening kick-off this week and they do have a need for some small group leaders. Andrea Adams expressed appreciation on behalf of the Children's Aid Society for the \$1,000 gift received from the 2022 KSC VBS offering.

Finance – Brad Etchberger advised the Finance Co-Mission will be meeting on October 18 to review the proposed 2023 Budget that will be presented at the November Board Meeting. Dan Gehris gave a financial update to the Board regarding August 2022 and YTD financials.

Local Outreach – Sharon Roberts shared that our partner ministries expressed great appreciation for the prayers and financial support of King Street Church. The CROSS banquet is scheduled for September 23 and PMI's banquet is scheduled for October 13.

Missions – Alyssa Heberlig advised the Missions Co-Mission discussed the Haiti reconstruction project. There are approximately 100 homes left to be repaired. A gift was approved to Mission of Grace in Haiti. We are pleased that the General Mission Fund continues to grow and we have been blessed by the giving here at King Street Church. The co-mission also approved some special gifts to various ministries.

Personnel Relations – Aaron Smith advised the Staff Picnic was held on August 17 at Greene Township Park in Chambersburg. We are now planning the Staff Christmas Party to be held in December. The Creative Arts Associate position is being advertised. There is currently an opening for a first shift Facilities Custodian and it will include some

light carpentry duties as well. Debbie Watson was approved by the PRC and by the Board to fill in for Andrea Hartman during Andrea's maternity leave.

Property – Dale Forney advised the Property Co-Mission is finalizing project costs with John Little on the required millwork and plumbing work for the Connectivity classroom renovations. We are also scheduling the repair and upgrade of the Fire Alarm system. We are moving forward with the Security Plan revisions. The annual sprinkler inspection and valve repair is scheduled for Friday, September 16. We have some roof leaks that we are also addressing.

Student Ministry – Nathan Rosenberger shared the High School ministry took a group to the Bible Museum in Washington, DC. September 7 was the first Street Meeting for the 2022/2023 school year with 63 participants. September 11 was the first Sunday with the new format for Sunday School. An All-Nighter event is scheduled for October 28 and 29, the Middle School students will be going to a Hershey Bears game on December 4.

Worship Arts – Carolyn Chenaille shared the new Baker Center sound system has been installed and used these past two weeks. There is a desire to involve more people in the worship service on Sunday mornings that would include families reading scripture and opening in prayer. We hope to include more testimonies from people on Sunday mornings as well. We now have five drummers, so the weekly rotation has improved. The Creative Arts Associate position has been posted.

Brad Etchberger closed the meeting in prayer at 8:35pm.

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
• October 2	919	468
• October 9	796	460
• October 16	876	417
• October 23	828	421
• October 30	954	434
• November 6	1,040	Not Avail.

Giving Report

These offerings are part of the General Fund.

• October 2	\$54,835.77
• October 9	\$78,752.87
• October 16	\$48,630.35
• October 23	\$54,480.48
• October 30	\$43,140.60
• November 6	\$61,136.77

Now Hiring

Visit kingstreetchurch.com/job for details and application requirements.

- **Facilities Custodian/Maintenance Technician** (*full-time, first shift*) who will share the responsibilities of providing a clean, safe, and comfortable environment.
- **Creative Arts Associate** (*part-time*) To leverage the power of telling the story, particularly via video, of what God is doing in and through the people of KSC in our mission of engaging and blessing our community with the Gospel.

New Partners

In October and November we received new partners into the church.

- **Jeff and Laurie Davis**
- **Andrew and Jenna Crider**
- **Jennifer Reed**
- **Ken and Daisy Sutter**

Communion Offerings

- November: **Salvation Army**, to assist as they meet the needs of our local community
- December: **UB Global Ministries**, for missions

Library News

Did you know that we have a library that offers a variety of media and resources for all ages? The library is located on the lower level in M12 and is open on Sundays from 7:30 am-1 pm, as well as from 8am-4pm Monday to Thursday and 8am-12 noon on Fridays.

For the holidays, you can find a great selection of children's Christmas books, as well as Christmas and winter fiction books for adults. In addition to materials that can be signed out for loan, the library also has many free devotionals, books and Bibles.

In the Hospital?

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

Child Dedications

On **Sunday, November 6**, we celebrated child dedications during our 9:30 and 11:00 am worship services. Five families stood on the stage with their little ones and committed to "bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). Let's pray for the Akers, Maggi, McLaughlin, Reese, and Wenger families, that they would be encouraged and strengthened in their desire to raise their children to love the Lord and for God's guidance in their lives.

Baptisms

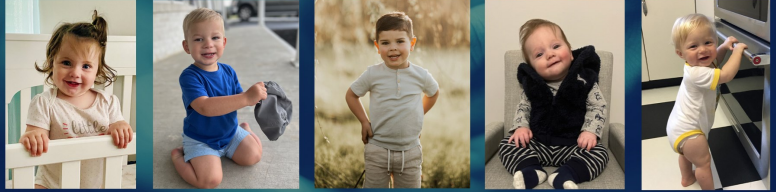
Several people were baptized during our worship services on October 30 and November 6:

Alayna Gleason, Brielle Gleason, Mark E. Cooper, Mark G. Cooper, Jenna Crider, Jackson Brandt, Maria Todino, Cora Hester, Sarah Sollenberger, Mackenzie Roberts, and Breckin Riegsecker.

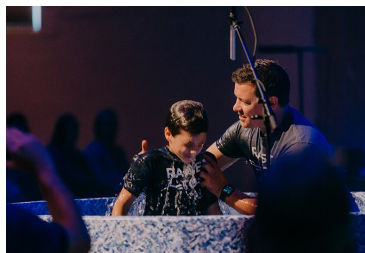
Read their testimonies and see the video recap by clicking The Hub tab at kingstreetchurch.com.

Child Dedications

COMMITTING OUR CHILDREN TO THE LORD



Above are child dedication photos. Below are just a few of the photos of those baptized in the past few weeks.



Offering Envelopes

The end of the year is approaching, and we want to remind you to pick up your Church Contribution Envelopes.

Tables will be set up in the Rotz Foyer (beside the Sanctuary) beginning Sunday, December 4. 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 \$250.00. For amounts under \$250.00, 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 sent via US Mail 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."



Year-End Giving

Your year-end tithes, offerings and gifts **MUST BE RECEIVED** or, if mailing, post-marked by

12/31/2022 in order to qualify and be credited to your 2022 contribution records as a tax-deductible donation.

Alcoholics Anonymous: AA is designed for those who have a drinking problem and would like to feel good again. You are invited to come and join the Alcoholics Anonymous ABC's group that meets weekly in the KSC Ministry Center. As always, we keep your business private!

The group meets on Wednesdays from 7—8 pm in room C3 in the Ministry Center. The facility is wheelchair accessible.





Remembering
those from
our King Street
Church family who
have gone
on before us.



NOVEMBER 2021
through
OCTOBER 2022

Betty Jane Friese ~ October 28, 2021
L. Jean Cramer ~ October 29, 2021
Glenn S. Friese ~ November 18, 2021
Phyllis H. Wishard ~ November 28, 2021
Ethel L. West ~ December 9, 2021
Charles E. West ~ December 10, 2021
Gary W. Johns ~ December 14, 2021
Kevin R. Shoop ~ December 17, 2021
Gary F. Porter ~ December 22, 2021
Betty L. Kadel ~ December 25, 2021
George H. Herbert ~ December 28, 2021
Cheryl Renee Hall ~ December 30, 2021
Blair A. Clark ~ December 31, 2021
Marion H. Small ~ January 2, 2022
Wilbur Fritz ~ January 11, 2022
Martha J. Paszkowski ~ January 20
Kimberly S. Shatzer ~ January 25
C. Robert Mills ~ January 30
Maxine O. Barthalow Rotz ~ February 24
William E. "Bill" Martin ~ March 5, 2022
Brian Rife ~ March 17, 2022
Allen Twigg ~ March 25, 2022

Robert Corado Garcia ~ March 29, 2022
Anna Best ~ March 30, 2022
Effie Fay Shatzer ~ April 11, 2022
David W. Pinkerton ~ April 19, 2022
John E. Crider ~ April 26, 2022
Donald L. Strike Sr. ~ April 27, 2022
George W. Defenderfer ~ May 6, 2022
Dorothy Rachel Nye Leedy ~ May 20, 2022
Doreen Moul ~ June 28, 2022
Richard Gift ~ July 10, 2022
Dorene Timmons ~ July 25, 2022
Nancy Fritz ~ August 3, 2022
Joyce M. Lindner ~ August 17, 2022
Julia Geyer ~ August 18, 2022
Paul E. Carlin ~ August 22, 2022
William M. "Bill" Thompson ~ August 22, 2022
Zachary M. Cullen ~ August 28, 2022
William H. Cressler ~ September 13, 2022
A. Henry Brechbill ~ September 14, 2022
Paul Edmund Kunkle ~ October 22, 2022
Doris A. Byers ~ October 27, 2022

PSALM 34:8, "The Lord is *near* to the *brokenhearted*
and *saves* the *crushed in spirit.*"

Engaging & Blessing

OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE GOSPEL

OMM Update

Fall is in full swing, Thanksgiving is approaching, Christmas is on its merry way, and OMM is busily preparing for our next distribution on **Saturday, December 10!** We are praying for lots of hearts in which to plant the seed of Christ's love for the hope of a future harvest! (Good weather never hurts either!)

In this season of giving and thankfulness, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to our faithful volunteers, partner businesses and groups, and individuals who have given time, money, supplies, labor, and love to bless our community family with the love of Christ in 2022! In no particular order:

- OMM volunteers
- Ruthie Ludwig
- KSC Deacons
- Weis Markets
- Dollar Tree
- KSC Congregation
- Benedict's Produce
- Gene & Fern Diller
- Sunday School Classes
- Maranatha Ministries & Craig Newcomer
- Bender's Potato Farm (Dave Bender)
- David H. Martin (Jeryl Martin)

The Lord provides who and what we need in order to thrive as more and more of our local friends need a little help to make ends meet. We are so thankful that KSC and OMM can be a source for those physical needs, but we're even more thankful that we have had the opportunity to be Christ's hands and feet in the hope of reaching others for Him!

Christmas Toothbrush Collection

As we approach Christmas, we would like to add one small "gift" to each box and bag for the December 10 distribution: single and 2-pack toothbrushes. Please consider adding toothbrushes to your grocery list to bless families with this extra item this Christmas season! In order to make the December distribution, we would need them to hit our KSC collection bins by **Wednesday, December 7.**

Laundry Detergent Shortage

Over the last year, we have encountered shortages in laundry detergent. Would you pray about how you may be able to help us with this challenge?

Maybe you're able to add laundry detergent to your shopping list. Maybe you're a "savvy saver" who can watch for the great deals, or a "crazy couponer" who combines multiple discounts to get items at minimum cost. Perhaps your L3 group or Sunday School class would like to take on a service project.

Many times the Lord works in unexpected ways, and the best results often come when we get creative, so we encourage you to use your imagination in helping us with this obstacle! We know our God works in BIG ways! You just may be part of His plan!

These are the items we collect for our distributions. 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.

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



Serving

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. OMM's 2023 quarterly distributions are March 11, June 10, September 9, and December 9. No experience is needed. The only requirement? A love for people!

If you would like more information about OMM or opportunities to serve, please contact us at omm@kschurch.org. *This email is monitored weekly; we'll be in touch with you soon.*

Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas to you from OMM!

Chambersburg Cold Weather Drop-In Shelter



The shelter opens **December 1**. In previous years, King Street Church has provided volunteers and food each Wednesday evening from December through March. This has proven to be a great ministry to the homeless in the Chambersburg area. If you are interested in volunteering and/or providing food, call John Comerer at (717) 372-3725 or sign up online for this and other serving opportunities at: serve.kingstreetchurch.com

Missionally Engaged

AROUND THE WORLD

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September 2022—part 2, teaching English overseas in ■, a country we cannot disclose.

Here are a few more questions from part two of my first year Q&A.

Is your country safe?

This is a difficult question to answer as safety in general can mean different things depending on the cultural context and personal background. I believe safety is largely based on one's level of comfortability in any given situation and can vary from person to person.

Personally, I've felt safer in ■ the longer I've lived here largely due to the growing familiarity with my surroundings and the people here. That being said, it's inevitable that my teammates and I are taking more risks just from limited experience and accessibility to certain resources where we live. My teammates and I take necessary precautions to mitigate the risks that can come with living in ■, but we also understand choosing to be here comes with some inherent risks. It's helpful for me to remember that the Father doesn't always call us to "safe" places. He calls us to Himself. No matter where in the world His people are, He is with them.

What does CR look like in your context?

The past year has involved a lot of picking up metaphorical rocks in the community. Much

like a field must be tilled and cared for before seeds can be planted and flourish for the harvest, the hearts of the people in my community must be prepared to receive the Good News so that the seeds planted will have the opportunity to take root and not be choked out.

My teammates and I have been doing this by making efforts to identify ourselves with the Father, model His character, and continually be aware of opportunities to share the good news as the Father provides. Practically, this can be seen through conversations with people about our beliefs and explaining why we don't visit the temples, changing our phone backgrounds to pictures of a cross or the Son to spark conversation, leaving a copy of the Word in ■ on our living room table, and being open and available for the Father to work through any interactions with students and community members.

What is something that's been challenging in your first year?

I've been challenged by the constant changes and crises that have come up this year. It seems like we're always dealing with something. I've become very familiar with sudden schedule changes, illnesses, injuries, house problems, and just a general feeling of overwhelming stress in facing these challenges all while teaching and living in a foreign country.

In my recent study of the Book, the Father has been reminding me that He has provided and will continue to provide everything I need for today. I don't need to worry over what is to come because He holds me in His hands and will provide me with exactly what I need precisely when I need it.

What is something that's been rewarding in your first year?

It's been so rewarding to see how the Father is working in the lives and hearts of people even in the times of uncertainty. There have been many days when I'm all too aware of my limits as a young woman living in a foreign country, but I'm so grateful to the Father as He allows His power to shine through in my own weaknesses and make His name known throughout the nations. He really can (and will!) use anyone for the furthering of His Kingdom as long as we are willing to follow Him.



One day we had a herd of water buffalo in our backyard!

Praises:

- Last week my moto got a flat tire. I was afraid it would be a big problem to fix but, thankfully, the moto mechanic was able to fix it by replacing the inner tube on my

front tire. Just 20 minutes and 3 dollars later I was back on the road!

- I am now one month away from finishing my first year of teaching! It's been quite the year with many ups and downs and I'm definitely ready for a break!
- Rainy season has absolutely lived up to its name! For a while, we had downpours just about every day. So much rain causes a lot of flooding on the roads and makes driving difficult. Lately we've been getting less rain and the flooding is starting to go down.

Lift Requests:

- Health and healing - Between the four of us, we are currently dealing with covid, a stomach parasite, a UTI, and partially torn-off toenail (this one is me!). Needless to say, we're dealing with a lot right now on top of just being tired from finishing a year of teaching. Please lift that everyone would start feeling better and that the Father's strength would fill us when we feel depleted.
- Speaking Exam - I have a final speaking exam for my ■ class this Tuesday evening. This involves a 3 minute presentation and a spontaneous conversation with my teacher. Please lift that I would be able to remember all of the vocabulary and grammar I've learned and apply it well.
- Interactions with Students - As I enter the last month of teaching before the end of the school year, I want to be intentional in taking time to love students a little extra in this month. Please lift for more opportunities to love my students well and for opportunities to share the Father with them.

Thank you so much for your continued support of all the Father is doing in ■!

Emily Schoenleber

October, serving with FAI in Kentucky

Old Friends in New Places

If you've followed me since the very beginning of my missions journey, you may remember my friend, Keziah! She's from Canada and we did our YWAM school together and were also on the same outreach team to Hollywood. She and her parents came to Kentucky for the Homefront Gathering this past weekend! It's the first we've seen each other since we said goodbye in New Zealand in 2015. It was so much fun having her in town!

Global Catalytic Ministries

As I mentioned in my last update, I began working with GCM in a part time capacity over the summer. I was honored to be invited to join the team because I have known about and followed the work of GCM for a number of years. It is my honor and privilege to be able to serve this ministry and the work that God is doing in the underground church in nations across the Middle East.

On September 16, a 22-year-old Iranian woman named Mahsa Amini was arrested by the Morality Police for “wearing bad hijab.” For this law violation, she was violently taken into police custody. However, sometime between her arrest and her arrival at a “re-education center” or detention center, Amini sustained a traumatic brain injury and died three days later. As a result of her death, many are taking to the streets in protest, especially women. In an effort to crack down on the spreading unrest, the Iranian government has severely restricted internet access to its citizens. They're also using live ammunition and excessive security force to silence protesters.

Yet many Iranian believers continue to put their lives at risk daily for the sake of following Jesus and sharing His peace, light and love. Underground church leaders understand the persecution of which they speak. Anyone who doesn't follow Islamic law is seen as a threat to the government and must be punished. However, through it all, the Iranian people are seeing the true face of Islam. As a result, they're actively seeking something more, looking for a God who loves and cares for them — a God of peace. The Holy Spirit is moving among the people of Iran, opening hearts and minds to receive the gospel of Jesus Christ. Iranians continue to receive dreams and visions from God, leading them to believers who share about this God who loves them deeply and even sacrificed Himself on their behalf to rescue them. Continue to pray for the nation of Iran and the underground church.

Frontier Alliance International (FAI)

Ballads of the Song of Solomon: Thank you for praying for this project and the week of filming! Our friend Marc who was supposed to fly in from Australia was unable to get his visa so he didn't make it over to help with filming. Thankfully, a friend from Israel was able to make it and the week went smoothly!

It was so much fun to have some other members of the FAI family in town as well as friends of ours from Kansas City! The week was definitely busy, but also full of really sweet fellowship. Please continue to pray for this project because there is still a lot of work to be done over the coming weeks and months! Pray that the Lord would have His way.

Homefront Gathering: This past weekend was the second FAI Homefront Gathering and we hosted it right here in Kentucky! The

Homefront is a ministry of FAI that seeks to advocate, pray, and support our workers overseas on the proverbial warfront of the Great Commission. The gathering is a time to hear reports from field workers, pray together, and just spend time with a wider body of believers. These gatherings are really starting to feel like family reunions! It's such a joy to reconnect with members of the FAI family and see old friends.

Emmaus Online: As I've shared before, I handle most of the administrative work that comes with the nine-month online course we run each year. It's hard to believe that in just a couple of weeks the class of 2022 will be drawing to a close. This also means that we have officially opened enrollment for Emmaus Online 2023! Come spend March-October with us and our global family as we gather around the bonfire of the Word and pursue the kind of burning heart only Jesus can give. Learn more at faitraining.org/emmaus-online.

As always, I would love to hear from you and get an update on how you're doing! Love you all dearly.

Spaghetti Dinner Update

Thank you all so very much for your continued support for our daughter, Emily Schoenleber, all year round, but especially this past week-end at her annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser! It's still difficult to imagine that this is the 9th year that we have had this dinner.

We are in AWE each year of how God works among his people to make this happen. We always feel very "loved on" by our KSC Family.

Last year I counted over 100 volunteers that helped make this happen! That doesn't count all the folks who actually attended the dinner! I haven't even tried to count yet this year! AMAZING just isn't a "big" enough work to capture our God. There are no words to express our thanks to Him and to all of you!

Thank you all again for all your support, friendship and love,

~Vaughn and Tamy Cook, Emily's parents

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October 2022, serving with Christar

In Isaiah 19:24,25 God promises the following: *In that day Israel will be the third, along with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing on the earth. The LORD Almighty will bless them, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria my handiwork, and Israel my inheritance."*

What a special promise! In God's future kingdom, Israel and Egypt and Assyria will worship the Lord together! (Isa.19:23) Assyria would include modern ■. In faith we take that promise: the work our teammates are doing there among the ■ will bear much fruit (John 15).

Our trip to Northern ■ went well. Thank you all for praying for us. Here are some highlights:

- Our workers are encouraged as they see ■ people asking about our faith. A year ago it was hard to find Muslims who were interested. Several of our teammates are leading Bible studies, or have Muslim ■ ask about visiting a church service.
- More books of the Old Testament are being translated into the local language and our workers use the New Testament app on their phones to share verses as they visit with ■.

- Last, but not least: As we rode between cities in a small car on a narrow winding road, watching long oil trucks hurtling toward us, we were so thankful for your prayers for protection. We traveled 17 hours by car between 4 cities to visit the workers in those places. God answered prayer.

- One of our families is expecting their fourth child; they are also the newest family on the field. Pray that the birth goes well and that the family would adjust quickly to having to a new child.
- Another family is preparing a Facebook outreach. They hope it will lead to conversations and help them find people interested in the Gospel. Pray for the technical aspects to be solved and for the follow-up to go well.

Fall programs have begun at the West ■ Friendship Center. This year the center hosts regular gatherings of ■ families too. R provides activities for the ■ children.

Prayer Requests

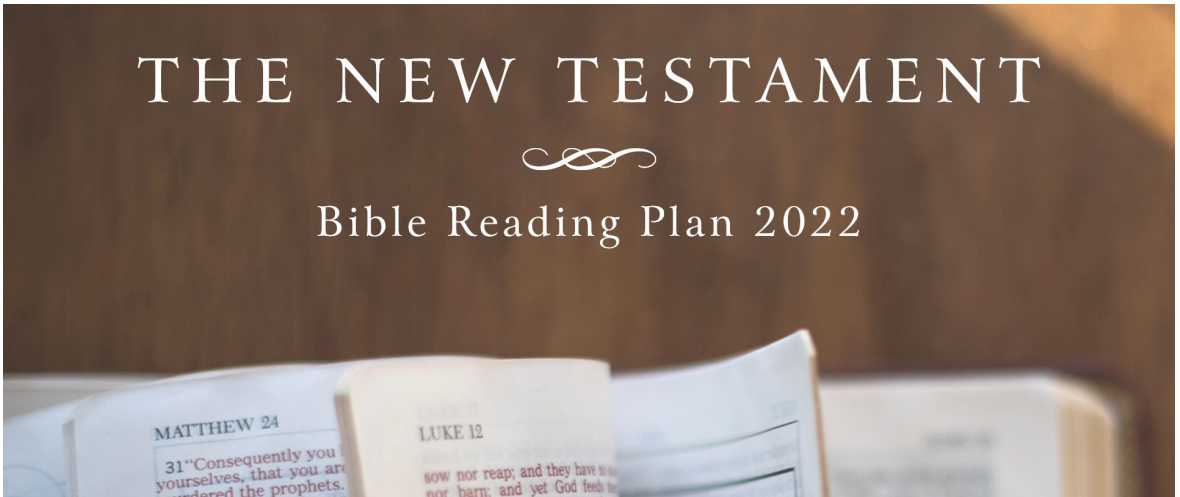
The Work in Northern ■

- Pray that every day our workers will have open doors to share the gospel.
- Pray for 3 of our workers who check drafts of the Old Testament translation in the local ■ dialect. Ask God for an accurate translation and that the Muslims who are helping will want to read more of the Bible.

The Work in West ■

- Pray for our outreach ■ speakers in ■. Ask God for effectiveness.
- Pray for fruitful interaction with Muslim friends at the Friendship Center.

Thank you for faithfully ministering with us in prayer.



We are coming to the end of our Bible Reading Plan for 2022. If you need a list of the current readings, printed copies are available in the lobbies, or call the church office at (717) 264-4651 and we'll be happy to mail one to you. You can always sign up to receive the readings to your email inbox at bible.kingstreetchurch.com.



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:

- Jody Bowser, *Senior Pastor*
- Jay Brown, *Pastor of Mission and Discipleship*
- Ron Cook, *Minister of Pastoral Care*
- Stephen Flint, *Executive Pastor*
- Dan Gehris, *Business Manager*
- Matt Gish, *Pastor of High School Student Ministries*
- Rob Gunkelman, *Pastor of Middle School Student Ministries*
- Becky Hann, *Director of Children's Ministry*
- Nathan Hann, *Pastor of Contemporary Worship*
- Adam Keath, *Director of Restoration and Recovery*
- Nick Randle, *Worship Arts Associate*
- Tyler Roberts, *Director of Media & Production*
- Susanna Allen, *Communications Coordinator*

Pastoral Care

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

Messenger Deadline: Articles and information for the January 2023 issue should be submitted by **December 15** to Susanna Allen, sallen@kschurch.org, or 56 N. 2nd St, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

How to Give

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

Worship Times

In-Person Services:

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

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

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



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BUT WHEN THE SET TIME HAD FULLY COME.

God sent His Son

BORN OF A WOMAN, BORN UNDER THE LAW,
TO REDEEM THOSE UNDER THE LAW, THAT
WE MIGHT RECEIVE ADOPTION TO SONSHIP.

Galatians 4:4-5