

The Messenger



Celebrating God's Work and God's People at King Street Church

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Relieving Burdens, Reflecting Christ

How Our Downtown Church Family Made a Regional Impact Through Debt Relief

Throughout March and April, King Street Church took a step together in practicing compassion through action. During the Lenten season, members of our adult discipleship ministries participated in an almsgiving initiative through Undue Medical Debt, helping relieve the burden of medical debt for families in our region.

At the beginning of Lent, **Pastor Aaron Perry** shared the vision with our Sunday School classes, small groups, and L3 communities. The response was extraordinary.

Through the generosity of our brothers and sisters, KSC raised **\$10,222.40**. Of that amount, \$9,698 will be used to pay off approximately **\$1.6 million** in medical debt for **1,535 individuals** in Franklin County. The remaining funds will go toward relieving medical debt for individuals in Cumberland County.

Pastor Aaron says the initiative reflects both the heart of Lent and the heart of the Gospel.

“The Bible teaches that debt creates all kinds of inequalities,” he explains. “Children suffer when their families are in debt, and the borrower is enslaved to the lender. The Bible warns about going into debt, but many times, medical debt is not a choice.”

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He continues, “The church is meant to bear witness to God in word, deed, and sign. We believe that addressing medical debt in a responsible way is both an act and sign that point to what God has done for us, forgiving us and giving us help in time of need.”


The initiative focused specifically on KSC’s adult discipleship ministries rather than launching as a churchwide campaign. Pastor Aaron explains that the smaller-scale approach allowed groups to serve together while connecting the effort to spiritual formation during Lent.

“Working through our discipleship ministries allowed us to empower groups to do this ministry together,” he says. “Some groups connected it to the 40 Days in the Word study. We also were able to test and see how this campaign went in a smaller way before doing something larger.”

For many participants, the campaign also introduced a sacred Christian practice that still carries deep meaning today: almsgiving.

“For anyone who thinks almsgiving might be old-fashioned, you’re right!” Pastor Aaron affirms. “It has been around for a long time. Christians often practice almsgiving during Lent as a way to promote justice or mutual flourishing.”

He adds, “Followers of Jesus have received more than we could ever earn. We recognize that everything we have is a gift from God. If



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God has given more than I need, then I can share with others to honour God.”

One of the remarkable aspects of partnering with Undue Medical

Debt is the way donations are multiplied. Because the organization buys large bundles of medical debt from hospitals and collection agencies for a fraction of their original value, every dollar given can relieve approximately 100 times its value in debt.

“In the U.S., 43 million people have medical debt on their credit reports,” **Business Manager Dan Gehris** shares. “One in 11 adults delay or avoid medical care to prevent accruing debt. Your support not only relieves financial burdens, but also enhances the physical, social, and emotional well-being of individuals.”

Dan said he was especially encouraged after speaking with other churches that had partnered with Undue Medical Debt before KSC launched its campaign.

“One church shared with me that a mother had all of her medical debt paid off through their church’s campaign,” he says. “She was so inspired that a church who didn’t even know her would do that and ask for nothing in return. Eventually, she and her son started attending the church, and before too long her son was baptized.”

Another church discovered that one of their own children’s ministry volunteers was a recipient of medical debt relief through the campaign.

“You just never know how God will use a campaign like this to lead people to saving faith in Jesus and share the gospel with others,” Dan says.

Pastor Aaron said he hopes the impact of the initiative reaches beyond finances alone.

“I hope that the Lord used our simple obedience to make us more like Christ so that

we experience more of the Father — which is the true and eternal longing of our hearts.”

And while the campaign has concluded, the conversation may not be over.

“We are discussing how we might partner with other churches to have a wider impact,” Pastor Aaron said. “Stay tuned!”

Museum of the Bible Trip

A Day Exploring the History, Impact, and Enduring Story of Scripture

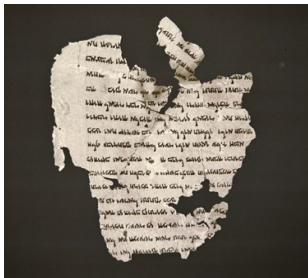
On March 21, nearly 100 people from King Street Church traveled together to Washington, D.C., for a day at the Museum of the Bible. Two tour buses carried church family members of all ages for what became much more than a museum visit — it was a shared experience of discovering how God’s Word has been preserved, translated, studied, and proclaimed throughout history.

Located just a few blocks from the U.S. Capitol, the Museum of the Bible invites visitors to explore the Bible’s history, narrative, and worldwide impact through interactive exhibits, rare artifacts, immersive experiences, and cutting-edge technology.

Dr. Jerry Pattengale, one of the museum’s founding scholars and former Executive Director of Education, gave the KSC group a private tour. His historical insights and storytelling helped bring many of the exhibits to life.



One of the most talked-about experiences was seeing artifacts connected to the Dead Sea Scrolls. **Suzanne Piper** shared that it was impactful to see one of the original jars that held God’s Word. **Gary Haupt** shared, “The hand copied Torahs and library of old scrolls were especially interesting,” while also noting, “It was quite amazing to see how technology has enabled the clarity of ancient text written on the Dead Sea Scrolls.”



Others were fascinated by discoveries connected to the early church and historical evidence surrounding Christianity. **Randal Hall** appreciated “the mosaic tile floor of an early Christian church referring to Jesus as God.” **Gary Piper** was interested in learning about “an exhibit of an early Christian church with mosaics dating to about 320 AD, just excavated in 2024 at the site of a prison in Megiddo.”

The exhibits reinforced the remarkable preservation and global reach of Scripture. **Andrea Adams** said, “I was struck by how many languages now have a Bible or partial Bible they can read, but also how many are still waiting for translations to be started.” **Kristi Davis** echoed that thought, saying she loved “seeing the progress of God’s Word reaching every tribe and nation.”

Bryton & Lauren Zook described the Hebrew Old Testament Bible Experience as “a great blend of storytelling narratives and stories brought to life throughout this walkthrough.” Others enjoyed exhibits that combined historical artifacts with media, visuals, and interactive presentations that helped connect ancient history with present-day faith.

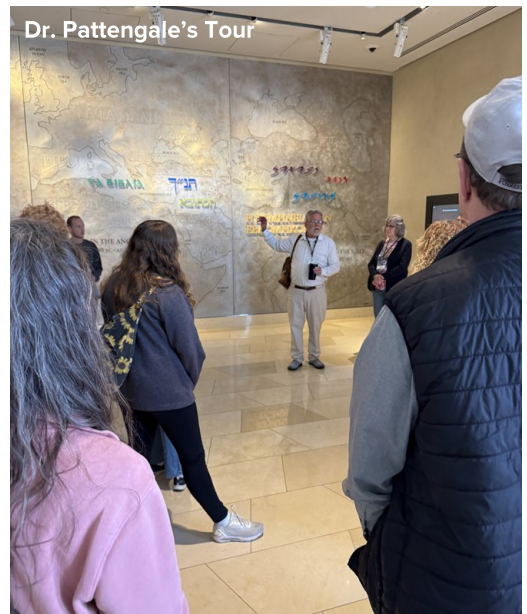
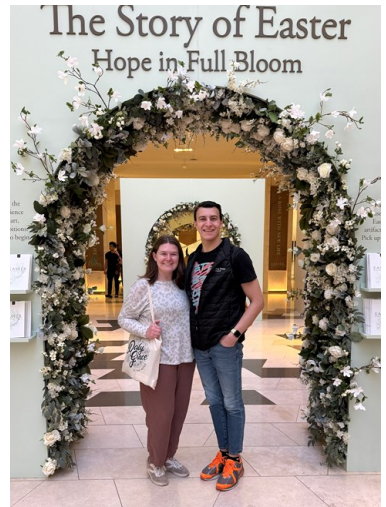
The trip provided powerful moments of seeing how God has used people connected to our own church family and the Chambersburg area. **Heather Perry** enjoyed a display honoring missionaries that the United Brethren in Christ denomination—and King Street Church— have long supported: **Roger and Marilyn Reeck**. They led efforts to translate the Bible in the Garifuna language; a copy of that Bible was on display (*see photo on the top left of the next page*).

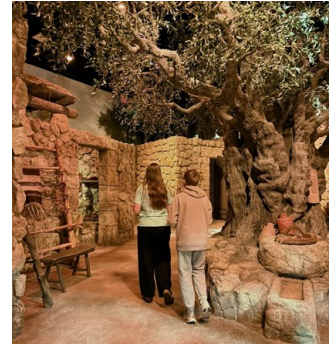
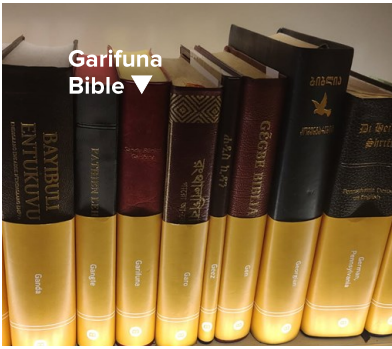
Diane Jones Cosey had her own unexpected takeaway: “I learned Pastor Aaron wrote a book.” (*Actually, Diana, he’s written several books!*)

For some, the experience highlighted not only the history of the Bible, but also the faithfulness of God throughout generations. **Liz Willson** says, “I enjoyed Jerry’s history presentation—his passion and wealth of knowledge was inspiring and impressive. It’s awesome to see how God’s Word brings light throughout history and persists throughout all time.”

The trip also created valuable opportunities for fellowship across generations within the church family. Friends shared meals, explored exhibits together, exchanged reactions throughout the day, and built memories along the way.

Andrea Adams noted an especially memorable personal moment: “My mom was excited to have her pic taken by the Sea of Galilee! :)”





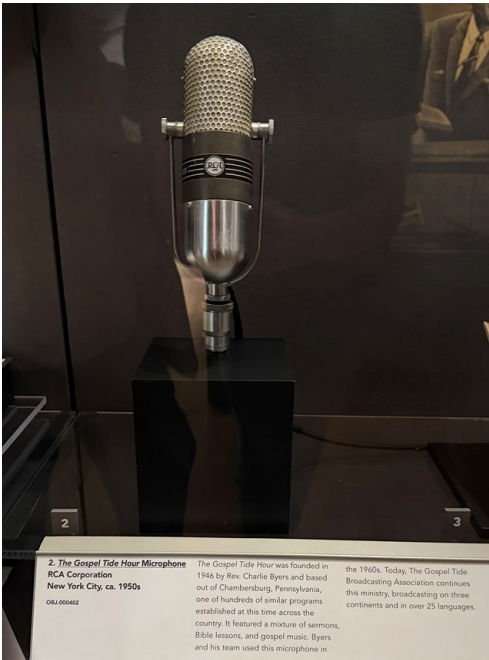
Pastor Rob was one of our drivers, and he commented, “The trip to the museum of the Bible was a great way to see the multiple generations of King Street connect. There were little kids, teenagers, young adults, parents, and even some... *more seasoned* adults on the trip. Whenever you have intergenerational connection it is a win for the Kingdom. How much more impactful was it for the connection to happen at a place that celebrates God's Holy Word?

Pastor Aaron added, “The trip to Museum of the Bible was part education, part fellowship, part inspiration, part fun. It was a delight to join up with our King Street Church family to see the amazing ways God, through His people, has preserved and shared His Written Word.”

As the buses returned home that evening, many carried with them a renewed appreciation for the Bible’s enduring story and impact. From ancient scrolls and archaeological discoveries to modern translation efforts reaching new nations and languages, the day served as a reminder that God’s

Word continues to endure, inspire, and transform lives around the world.

Thanks to all who attended this trip, and made it an amazing day!



◀ This display reads: “The Gospel Tide Hour was founded in 1946 by Rev. Charlie Byers and based out of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania... It featured a mixture of sermons, Bible lessons, and gospel music. Byers and his team used this microphone in the 1960s.”

A Legacy of Fellowship, Fun, and Faith

Remembering Frances Humelsine and Her Impact on the PrimeTimers

When King Street Church’s PrimeTimers ministry first began more than 25 years ago, it started simply: a small group gathering at the church for lunch and fellowship. George Herbert, who was still working at the time, would stop by the church for lunch, and gradually others began joining him. There were only about 15 people in those early days.

One of those people was Frances Humelsine. Recently retired, Frances quickly became one of the original committee members who helped shape what the PrimeTimers would become. According to longtime friend and fellow leader **Peg Herbert**, Frances was deeply committed to the group from the very beginning—even during seasons when growth was slow and some wondered if the ministry would last.

“Don’t give up on it. Hang in there,” Frances would encourage.

And they did. Over the years, the PrimeTimers grew into a vibrant ministry marked by friendship, fellowship, laughter, and travel. Frances was at the center of much of it. Peg recalls that Frances “had her hands in just about everything.” She served

faithfully as the group’s treasurer until right before her passing, helped organize countless events, and became instrumental in planning the trips that many church members still remember fondly today.

In the early years, the group traveled by charter bus, with Frances serving as the contact person for Bollman Bus Tours. She even attended special “Fam Tours” designed for group leaders so she could discover new destinations and experiences for the PrimeTimers to enjoy together.

Eventually, as travel costs increased, the group began dreaming about purchasing its own mini bus to make trips more affordable. Frances helped lead the effort. The PrimeTimers organized fundraisers—including monthly breakfasts for the men’s ministry and spaghetti dinners—and Frances herself became one of the major donors toward the project. In 2007, the dream became reality when the group purchased its own mini bus. Frances and Peg even traveled together to help select the vehicle, right down to choosing the seat fabric. The first trip in the new bus was to Frederick, Maryland.

Those trips became a hallmark of the PrimeTimers ministry. From multi-day adventures to places like Pigeon Forge, the Hudson Valley, Hyde Park, and West Point, to local outings throughout Franklin County, Frances helped create experiences that brought people together. Peg remembers that people would sign up for local day trips without even knowing where they were going—because they



trusted that if Frances was involved, it would be worthwhile and fun.

“There was always fellowship,” Peg said. “And always ice cream at the end.”

Frances had a gift for making people feel welcome. A former teacher and gifted communicator, she loved history, storytelling, planning, and people. She volunteered at the Franklin County Visitors Bureau and often gathered brochures and ideas for future outings. But more than the destinations themselves, Frances loved the relationships that formed along the way.

“If you went on a trip with Frances, you knew you were going to have fun,” Peg says.

Even in difficult seasons, Frances remained a faithful friend. During the pandemic and throughout George Herbert’s declining health before his passing in 2021, Peg says Frances became a steady source of encouragement and support.

“She was my phone buddy,” Peg said. “If I needed to talk, I would call Frances. She was a special person.”



Frances also understood loss personally. After the death of her husband Jim at the age of 58, she continued embracing life, relationships, and adventure. Together, she and Jim had loved traveling and walking, completing official walks in 49 states. Her joy for life and her love for people never faded.

Today, many of the original PrimeTimers have passed on or are no longer able to participate as actively, but the ministry Frances helped build continues to bless our church family. Her fingerprints remain on countless memories, friendships, trips, and traditions.

More importantly, her life reflected something deeper: the joy of Christian fellowship and the faithful use of her gifts in service to others. Through hospitality, encouragement, leadership, generosity, and simple companionship, Frances helped create spaces where people felt connected, valued, and loved.

Her legacy lives on—not only in the PrimeTimers ministry she helped nurture, but in the many lives she touched along the way.

Connect with the PrimeTimers!

Frances helped create a ministry centered on friendship, encouragement, laughter, and faithful community — and that spirit continues today through the PrimeTimers at King Street Church. Adults 21 and older are invited to participate in gatherings, trips, meals, and special events throughout the year. To learn more, view upcoming activities, or connect with leaders, visit kingstreetchurch.com/primetimers.

Love Spoken Here

Students Serve Neighbors from Around the World While Growing in Compassion and Calling

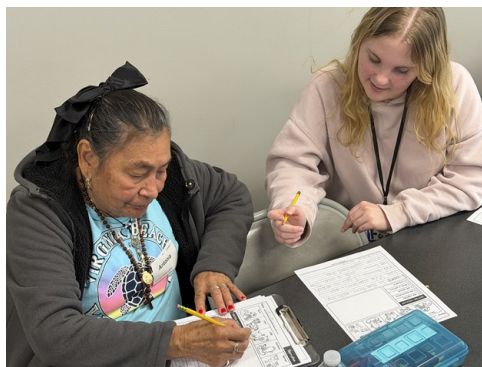
In March, our Agape English Ministry welcomed a group of juniors from Shalom Christian Academy for a week of service and learning. The students partnered with Agape participants, helping with English language learning while sharing the love of Christ through friendship and encouragement. We asked **Pastor Jason Wenger**, Chaplain at Shalom Christian Academy, to reflect on the experience. Here's what he shared:

Last week was an opportunity for our Junior class to gain experience serving with various local organizations that work to better our community and share the love of Christ. Shalom was privileged with the opportunity to serve alongside Agape Ministries and work with people striving to learn English as a second language. This opportunity allowed our students to work with people from other countries and to show Christ's love for all people through helping them grow in their own language skills.

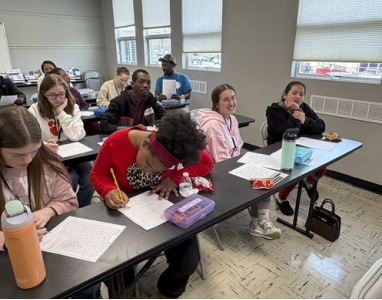


Several of the students who were part of this ministry expressed a love for working with people from other cultures, and it was fun to see our students interact with the classes and to help to lead games and various activities. One student in particular has been exploring the possibility of serving with Agape on a more regular basis. Her desire is to pursue a future in teaching, so this was a natural fit to use the gifts God has given her.

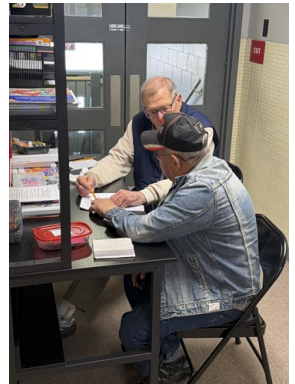
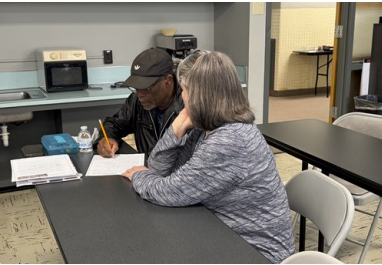
We are grateful for the opportunity to work with you last week in this important ministry.



◀ Chaplain Jason Wenger serves alongside his students with our Agape English Ministry.



SERVE WITH AGAPE: We are so grateful for these young people who have a heart to serve God! Anyone who cares about people is a good candidate to serve with Agape English. We could use more regular help. You don't have to speak a foreign language, and there are a variety of time slots available. If you are interested in serving with Agape, reach out to Sue Marshall at agape@kschurch.org.



Gathered for Guatemala

The KSC Family Came Together for Food, Fellowship, and a Shared Mission

On March 28, the Guatemala Mission Team hosted a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in the Baker Center to help support this summer's mission trips to Eagle's Nest International. Church family and friends gathered for a meal, fellowship, and an opportunity to invest in the lives of our students as they prepare to serve in Guatemala this June.

This year, two separate student teams will each serve one week, caring for and encouraging children at Eagle's Nest through games, activities, lessons, and Christ-centered relationships. We are grateful for the generosity, prayers, and encouragement of our church family as we send these students to share the love and hope of Jesus.



FROM PASTOR ROB: What an amazing night! We were humbled by the response and generosity from our people. Even though we ran out of food, the congregation continued to show our students support by donating towards our mission trip! This year we raised \$11,174 towards the mission trip. Embarrassingly enough, I was expecting \$4,500. I should know by now not to underestimate the providence of God.

One of my favorite things about missions is that you truly get to see God provide for the trip. My philosophy in life as well as missions is that if it is God's will, it is God's bill. We still have about \$20,000 to raise, but our church is a generous church and we believe that God will provide. Please keep praying for our team as we prepare to be God's hands and feet to the people of Guatemala.



Photos of Our Students!

These photos show recent gatherings: Small Group Night, a Serving Day, and a Wednesday night when senior Elli Rife spoke to the students about sharing your faith in Christ.



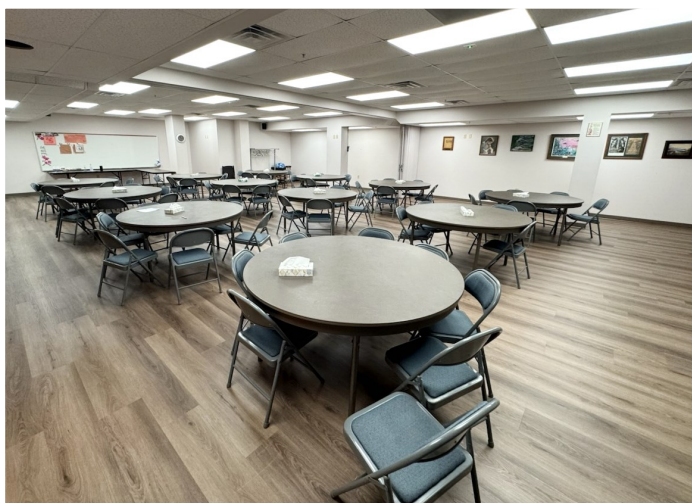
Renewing Our Space for Ministry

New Updates Will Help KSC to Be Welcoming, Accessible, and Connected

This spring at King Street Church, we have begun to freshen up our facility. You will see new paint, new flooring, renewed classrooms, and upgraded technology. Another important step will be the installation of new signage throughout the church. We see new flooring in this classroom, and also updates to the Prayer Room (*next page.*)

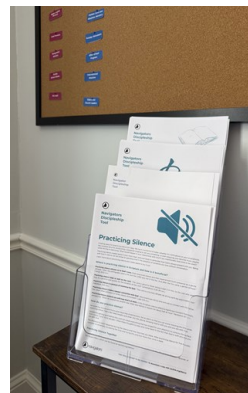


Over nearly 150 years, King Street Church has grown from a handful of smaller buildings into the large, interconnected facility we know today. With three levels and more than 122,000 square feet, our building is a tremendous blessing — but it can also be challenging to navigate, especially for guests or those visiting unfamiliar ministry areas.



As part of these updates, we are working toward a clearer, more welcoming wayfinding system throughout the church. This includes improved signage, more consistent naming of spaces, and thoughtful guidance to help people move confidently through the building.

Our hope is that these changes will make the church feel more accessible, hospitable, and easy to navigate for everyone who walks through our doors — both now and for years to come.



SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER MINISTRY:

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

"IF MY PEOPLE PRAY" GROUP:

This prayer gathering seeks the heart of God on behalf of our church, state, country, and world. It meets monthly, the first Monday of the month from 7-8:00 pm in Room M21. **Wally & Lisa Black** are the contacts.

A SIGN HANGS IN THE PRAYER ROOM WITH THESE WORDS:

King Street Church seeks to be a community of people who pray constantly, deeply, and value the eternal impact of prayer. Our hope is that everyone would be blessed through the power of prayer.

Through our prayers, God will move in mighty ways. Thank you for praying with us!

Steps of Faith: *Praise the Lord for Those Who Are Growing in Him!*

CHILD DEDICATION:

On Sunday, May 17, six families stood before the



congregation to dedicate their children to the Lord, committing themselves to raise them in faith and point them toward Christ. As a church family, we also made a commitment—to pray for, encourage, and walk alongside these parents and children in the years ahead.

BAPTISM: Below are photos of those who were baptized on Sunday, April 26. We rejoice with each person who publicly declared their faith in Jesus Christ and took this meaningful step of obedience and new life in Him. It was a joyful day of worship, testimony, and celebration as our church family gathered around them with encouragement and prayer.



Pastor Becky has watched many of our children grow into a more mature faith.



Galia Grimes

"I want to get baptized because I want people to know that I follow Jesus."

Kendall Altland



Jordan Althoff



“Hi, I’m Kendall Altland. I’m 10 years old and I go to Hamilton Heights Elementary School. I want to be baptized today to show the world I’m a Christian.”

“My name is Jordan Althoff and I’m in eighth grade. I’m involved in a lot of youth group activities and the student worship team. I want to get baptized today to show people that I’m strong in my faith with Jesus.”

Kid’s Ministry Conference



Photos of Our Children!

These pix show recent KidMin events including parents’ date night, the park fellowship, and Wednesday Night Ministry.



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Thank you
for serving!

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Relationally Connected

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & NOTES

A Fresh Focus for the Messenger

The Messenger is taking on a renewed focus as a place to celebrate God’s work and God’s people at King Street Church. Rather than primarily sharing upcoming event details, this newsletter will highlight stories, photos, ministry updates, and moments that reflect how God is moving through our church family. We hope these pages encourage you as you look back on what God has done among us. For current announcements, schedules, and upcoming events, we encourage you to check the worship folder and visit kingstreetchurch.com/today regularly.

Attendance & Giving Reports: Our online numbers stand for unique IP addresses, each representing about two people. In-person attendance includes Sunday worship and Monday night RESET.

	In-Person	Online	General Fund
• February 1	860	213	\$55,005.37
• February 8	739	245	\$52,517.00
• February 15	803	203	\$52,666.76
• February 22	619	284	\$58,614.92
• March 1	891	231	\$60,802.10
• March 8	864	221	\$68,766.39
• March 15	862	205	\$46,559.89
• March 22	857	211	\$76,218.31
• March 29	942	186	\$45,398.77
• April 5	1,412	231	\$51,639.34
• April 12	891	186	\$46,393.94
• April 19	856	233	\$58,458.37
• April 26	855	212	\$53,137.79
• May 3	841	203	\$41,903.00
• May 10	936	194	\$44,703.15

Stay Connected at KSC!

Our Weekend Preview email comes out a few times a month, usually on Thursday or Friday, and highlights a key event, ministry, or element in the upcoming worship services. To be included, sign up at kingstreetchurch.com/preview.

Church Board Reports

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

Communion Offerings

JUNE: The offering will go to the **Agape English Ministry**, which serves our neighbors by teaching the English language.

JULY: The offering will go to the **KSC After School Program**, providing tutoring, friendship and a warm meal to local elementary students.

AUGUST: The offering will go to the **Once More Ministries**, whose distributions provide toiletry and household items to those in need in our region.

Regional & Global

MISSIONARY NEWS

Sweet Grace Ministries:

Katy Dortenzo, Executive Director/Founder

This year has been full of mountains and valleys. I feel like I could say that every year, but this year the peaks and valleys have felt extra high and extra low. The number of full term stillbirths continues to grow in a world that feels like we should have answers to this heartache. The number of families experiencing loss at every stage remains high.

Even as we witness so much heartbreak, we feel deeply honored and grateful for the privilege of walking alongside each and every family we serve in the midst of such sorrow. We listen, love, hug, hear children's names and stories, and walk through the darkness and the light with our Sweet Grace community.

I often have conversations with people who ask, "How do you do what you do and keep getting up in the morning?" That is a fair question. And I respond with, "But God." I am often tired, but God gives me the strength when I don't have anymore to give. I often feel defeated, but God has provided an incredible staff and an army of over 180 volunteers who have committed to this ministry that is on ALL of our hearts. I often feel overwhelmed by the grief that enters my

day, but God is a God of comfort and peace and goodness and he reminds me of that each hour. This ministry is not mine (or ours), it is His and it is through His amazing grace and strength that we are able to obediently follow where He asks us to go each and every year. Please join us in prayer as we continue this sacred work He has called us to do. We are thankful for your partnership.

In 2025, Sweet Grace was able to minister to families in these ways:

- 538 baskets given to families enduring stillbirth and infant death
- 1188 Comfort Bags given to families enduring early loss
- Over 150 families attended one of our support groups
- 121 families given the gift of photography services
- 9 life-limiting diagnosis families given support, hope and empathy on their journey

Please save the date for our 15th Annual Sweet Walk to Remember on October 3, 2026. Join us for a speaker, activities, reading of names, and candlelit walk. Registration opens in June; look for announcements on social media and our website: sweetgraceministries.com.

Sweet Grace workers also train healthcare workers to minister to grieving mothers. This photo shows Sweet Grace conducting a class at Hagerstown Community College. Their post on Facebook includes the comment in the blue box below:



“I joined the nursing students at HCC again today! One of our dear Chambersburg mommas shared her story with not many dry eyes left in the room. Today, we got to take our sharing and teaching a step further. The students had the opportunity to put into practice what they just learned. Presenting a comfort bag, showing a patient the items in the basket, using comforting tones and touch, and so much more! We are so grateful that their instructor, Ashton, allowed us to do this... The goal is always to make an impact on the nursing students so that when they enter that first room with patients down the road, maybe that first time is just a little easier. I want them to feel empowered to better care for bereaved patients. I hope that immersing them in a “patient’s” room with bereavement resources and care will truly stick for years to come! I’m exhausted... but exhausted in all the good ways!”

Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry:

Christian Aguilar, Executive Director

2025 was a year to learn and reflect about loving God and loving the neighbor. Our mission is to reach out to migrant workers— a much forgotten community in PA. The political atmosphere is hitting some workers with insomnia, concerns, anxiety and they can't rest or do a normal job thinking that in any moment they will be deported, when in reality they are essential workers, they pay taxes, they are legally working and they are our neighbors.

Our ministry has been present for years in our communities, helping churches engaging better with migrant workers by visiting them, coordinating donations and sharing the love of God to all of them. I see how the people, who are visiting the workers understand the life and challenges that they have to face. Migrant workers don't ask for anything, except for this phrase "Can you pray for me and my family?" And this is the Good News, that Jesus knows the needs of migrant workers and He loves them. I invite you to come, see, share, laugh, eat, pray and worship God with migrant workers.

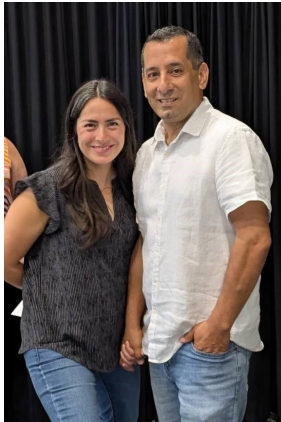
In the Parable of the Good Samaritan the main question was, “Who is my neighbor?” But guess what?! People of God like the Priest and the Levite who are supposed to help, they just passed by when they saw someone in need!!!

The Good Samaritan (Jesus) says "take care of him; I will pay the expenses when I come back." Jesus finished saying "there is no other way to live" — go and do likewise.

Many of the issues that we have are not social or political, but spiritual and we need to change our hearts and personal convictions with the Gospel of Jesus Christ that was given to us to share to anyone, in any place and anytime now more than ever.

In 2025 more than 800 people participated by visiting migrant workers. We have more than 500 new believers among migrant workers, 47 churches participated in our friend-a-camp program, many lives are being changed, my life is being changed and I pray that you can be part of this great mission we have here in PA.

We need your prayers, financial support and partnership. Join us, it's all about loving God and loving our neighbor.



*Pastor Christian Aguilar
and his wife Ximena*

Haiti Update

From Don MacAskill, Chairperson of the KSC Missions Commission

In late March, Karis (formerly known as Christian Horizons) sent a letter about child sponsorship in Haiti to members of our King Street Church congregation who have previously sponsored children there. The letter stated due to significant political and

operational challenges, their programs in Haiti and Nicaragua will conclude at the end of the 2026 academic year: Haiti in June and Nicaragua in November. Karis explained that over the next few months they will help families, students, and in-country leaders through the transition. Karis is providing supplies and funding to retain the teachers as they conclude their work in Haiti. In the future, Karis will continue work in Ethiopia, Guatemala, Kenya, and Uganda — strengthening their disability-focused development without one-on-one child sponsorships. After June 2026, they will automatically adjust existing sponsorships into this new approach.

Regarding the Karis Haiti program some things to keep in mind are:

- Continuing sponsorships until June will help ensure that sponsored children are cared for through the end of the program. Karis will send final progress reports to sponsors.
- Karis will not be taking extra gifts towards specific sponsored children, but gifts toward a child's community can be given and directed to the child's community up until June.
- Sponsors can send a final letter as long as it is sent via U.S. Mail by April 15 or sent via the Karis website: karis.org/get-involved/child-sponsorship/letter-exchange
- FAQs and next steps are contained on the Karis website: karis.org/ChildSponsorship

King Street Church will continue outreach work in Haiti despite the challenges.

As you are perhaps aware, the United Brethren Churches which King Street Church has worked with most closely have been dealing with significant gang violence issues over the past two or three years. One of our U.B. pastors

was kidnapped a couple of years ago, and a ransom had to be paid in order to secure his release. Much of the time the banks and financial institutions are closed for security reasons, making it difficult to get monetary resources to our partner churches in the country.

Despite these challenges King Street Church is continuing to support U.B. Churches and church schools in Haiti. We are in regular communication with a translator with whom we have had a long relationship. This translator keeps us up to date regarding two of our U.B. pastors in particular. One of the pastors also oversees a school in Arcahaie which we continue to support. Late last year we sent funds to one of the churches to feed families who were facing significant issues securing food. Also, on a daily basis, we fund lunches for the students at the school in Arcahaie. In addition, one of the churches asked us if we could fund technical schooling for one year for several post high school church members who showed promise and a desire to secure a career path for their future. It is our understanding that one of the students is learning to become a brick mason, one is learning to lay tile, and one is pursuing hair dressing. These are examples of some of their technical training. We are funding all of this education for these young church members, and their schooling concludes in the month of May. This is a new initiative for us, and there will likely be the opportunity to expand this program in the future.

As indicated above, we are in regular communication with our U.B. translator, and he advises us of needs as they arise. There will likely be additional opportunities to assist our brothers and sisters in Haiti as the year progresses. Please continue to be in prayer for the country of Haiti that the violence and instability will come to an end soon.

Thank You from Malawi

From Ben at Namikango Mission

We are so grateful for your partnership with us again last year. I hope you know the impact you are making in many people's lives, and many congregations.



In 2025, you have:

- Trained 1,235 leaders
- Impacted 47 congregations

Through Jesus, you are helping people experience abundant life! Thank you!

Andino's Anecdotes

From Chrysti Andino Reeck, serving with CTEN in Honduras. This is an excerpt from her April 2026 newsletter.

A Woven Tapestry — While we were visiting Mexico with the family I was able to take Abby to see how the weavers make beautiful rugs on the loom. It is a fascinating process and very time consuming. The thread has to be dyed and then the design has to be created. Each thread that is woven in changes the final outcome. As the craftsman chooses each thread it looks like it will not make any impact. After the thread is woven through the other threads and put in place it must be pushed in tightly to

stay in place. I know each of us has felt the pushing and pulling in our lives. As God uses the circumstances we face to make each one of us more like Jesus he is also creating his final masterpiece and we have the privilege of being part of it. For me God has placed me in Honduras at a mission Hospital.

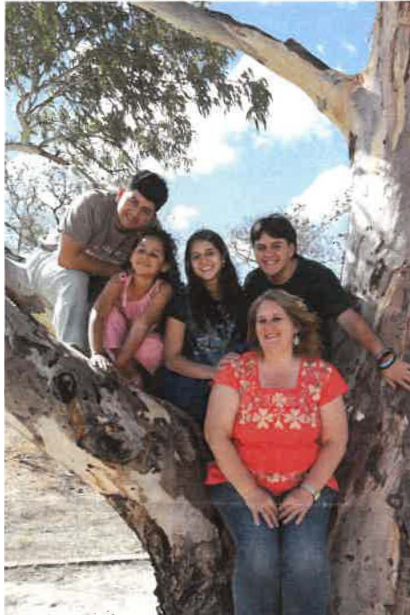
While we see one more insignificant thread being pushed into the design, God sees a masterpiece carefully designed and crafted. He knows exactly when, who and what need to come into our lives at each moment. As I reflect on where I am today I am grateful for the Master who has all the threads chosen out.

I am thankful for the way God has woven many of you into my life in a special way. Each of us plays a part in God's kingdom and He just asks us to be faithful. God is crafting a beautiful creation and I look forward to being with each one of you one day as God reveals His finished masterpiece.

Good Noise! — As I work in the office each day I am bombarded with the sound of pounding and banging. The sounds come from the rooms next door that are being expanded to care for more patients. The pediatric room went from room for 3 patients to a room for 6 patients and it is full of light. We pray the light of Jesus will flood that room as we care for the children who are brought in to be cared for. As the other rooms are expanded we are excited to see how many other patients can be given the

opportunity to get the treatment they need and times of prayer and Bible reading as the chaplain visits them each day.

More Than a Check-Up — When women come in for their prenatal checks they are excited to hear how the baby is doing and whether the heart beat is strong and the size seems appropriate. Our nurse midwife always enjoys talking to her patients as she makes sure everything looks good. With one patient she had, she began to chat about the Bible and how important it was. She asked her patient if she liked to read the Bible and her response was, "Oh no I can't read it." Could it be that this young healthy lady was needing reading glasses so soon? Caroline kindly offered to take her to get her eyes checked but the patient shyly smiled and said "It is not my eyes, I just never learned to read."



Just a few weeks prior we had received some audio Bibles as a donation. Our patient had come to make sure her pregnancy was going well but she walked out with an even bigger smile because she could now hear God's Word being read to her whenever she wanted. What a blessing to share Christ and His love with each of our patients. So many

times we see how our patients come in for their physical health but find healing for their souls as well.

If you would like to receive the Andino Anecdotes in its entirety, email:

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

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

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

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

Pastoral Care

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

Messenger Deadline: If you wish to contribute something to an upcoming Messenger, contact 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, 9 am to 4 pm.

Worship Times

In-Person Services:

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

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

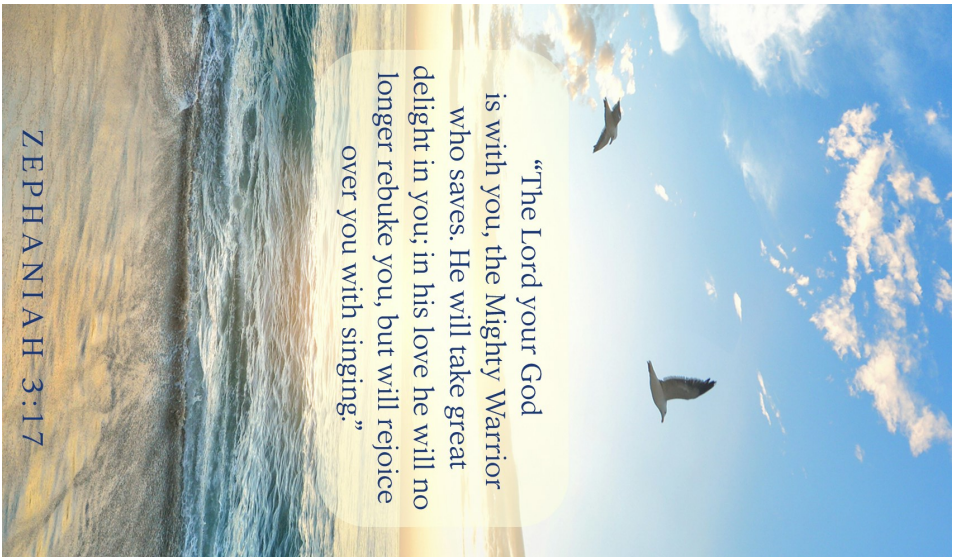
- 8 a.m. – Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship
- 11 a.m. – Contemporary Worship



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“The Lord your God
is with you, the Mighty Warrior
who saves. He will take great
delight in you; in his love he will no
longer rebuke you, but will rejoice
over you with singing.”

ZEPHANIAH 3:17