

MESSENGER

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The Power of a Thankful Heart

by Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor



Thanksgiving has the power to open the door to joy in your life — as well as to break the power of the enemy.

I'll be the first to admit that giving thanks is not always an easy thing to do. Sure — it's easy to be thankful for the good things that happen in our lives. It seems right to give thanks before we eat a meal or to say thank you when others show us kindness. The challenge comes in maintaining a grateful heart when things AREN'T going our way or when we face seemingly insurmountable challenges.

But the Bible doesn't give us the option of thanking God for just the good and not the bad —

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

All circumstances. Every situation. Bacon and eggs ... sure, no problem! The loss of a loved one? Not so fast.

Several months ago, I saw a little video on Facebook of a woman named Sheryl Sandberg. Speaking of Facebook, Sheryl is actually the chief operating officer of Facebook. She was speaking at a graduation ceremony and was describing how difficult her life has been a year removed from the sudden death of her husband — a heart attack while working out on a treadmill. Her words have really stuck with me:

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“My counselor recently suggested that I think about how much worse things could be. This was completely counterintuitive; it seemed like the way to recover was to try to find positive thoughts. ‘Worse?’ I said. ‘Are you kidding me? How could things be worse?’ His answer cut straight through me: ‘Your husband could have had that same heart attack while he was driving your children.’ Wow. The moment he said it, I was overwhelmingly grateful that the rest of my family was alive and healthy. That gratitude overtook some of the grief.

Finding gratitude and appreciation is key to resilience. People who take the time to list things they are grateful for are happier and healthier. It turns out that counting your blessings can actually increase your blessings. My New Year’s resolution this year is to write down three moments of joy before I go to bed each night. This simple practice has changed my life. Because no matter what happens each day, I go to sleep thinking of something cheerful. Try it. Start tonight when you have so many fun moments to list.”

Did you catch what she said about taking a few moments each night to list three things she was thankful for? She said, and I quote: “This simple practice has changed my life.” If you’re like me, you really want to listen up when people say things this weighty. Sheryl wasn’t saying that gratitude was just a good idea — or a Godly aspiration. She states outright that practicing the habits of a thankful heart has literally changed her life. And this is coming in the wake of an unthinkable tragedy.

Thanksgiving has the power to open the door to joy in your life — as well as to break the power of the enemy. You see, whenever you give thanks to God — even in the midst of life’s most discouraging circumstances — the enemy loses a big battle in your life. When you offer up thanks, you bring pleasure to God’s heart. I

believe God is looking for His children to live in the realm of praise and thanksgiving, where the enemy no longer has the power to hold or manipulate that person. Satan is defeated when we have a thankful heart because thankfulness during difficulty is a sacrifice pleasing to God.

I want to quote another woman who lost her husband 61 years ago. Her name is Elizabeth Elliot, and her husband Jim was killed in the Amazon jungle giving his very last breath to bring the Gospel to a remote tribe. Hear what Elizabeth has to say about gratitude and contentment:

“To love God is to love His will. It is to wait quietly for life to be measured by one who knows us through and through. It is to be content with His timing and His wise appointment. It is to follow in the steps of the Master, as did Paul, who was able to say he had learned contentment no matter what the circumstances (1 Tim. 6:6). His circumstances when he wrote that? Prison. No easy lesson, but great gain which is the sum of godliness plus contentment.”

We’ve taken time this past week, as a nation, to pause and give thanks. Now we focus our attention on the birth of our Lord. As we do, I want to encourage us all to cultivate a deep and abiding sense of gratitude. Perhaps take Sheryl Sandberg’s advice, and write down three moments of joy before going to bed each night. Be more aware of the thoughts you allow yourself to dwell on and the words that you allow to come out of your mouth. The season of Advent isn’t just a celebration of what Jesus did in coming to this earth two thousand years ago. It’s a celebration of Jesus coming into OUR HEARTS, giving us the power to live with joy and contentment, no matter what difficulties we face.

“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise — the fruit of lips that confess His name” (Hebrews 13:15).

KING STREET CHURCH

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

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

Spiritually Alive in Jesus

Relationally Connected by Jesus

Missionally Engaged for Jesus

Who are you worshipping? Who is your community?
Who are you serving?

Ministry Staff

Ken Adams, Business Manager

Don Baker, Executive Pastor

Paul Baker, Pastor Emeritus

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Stephen Flint, Pastor of Worship and Care

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Nathan Hann, Pastor of Contemporary Worship

Tyler Roberts, Media and Production Coordinator

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Articles and information for the January 2018 issue should be submitted by December 20.

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Board of Administration Meeting Highlights

The Board of Administration met on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, in the Administrative Office Conference Room. Chairman Steve Shadle called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Mary Burkholder opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Following are highlights from this meeting:

Senior Pastor's Report:

Pastor Jody is very pleased by the clarity of purpose our mission statement has provided and he observes many ways that we are engaging and blessing our community with the Gospel. He hopes that the year spent focusing on transformation helps us articulate our Core Values of being Spiritually Alive in Christ, Relationally Connected by Christ and Missionally Engaged for Christ. The ministry emphasis for 2018 will be "Life in His Name." Pastor Jody is excited about the strides we've taken on social media and how many people are clearly engaged in that. He expressed gratitude to Steve Shadle and Eric Oyer for their years of leadership on the Board of Administration.

Executive Pastor's Report:

Pastor Don Baker communicated that there were seven new partners, four baptisms and 11 child dedications since our last meeting. The Memory Loss Seminar that was recently hosted by our church was well-received and well-attended. There will be an Anointing Service on November 26. Gary Moats has resigned as facilities custodian.

Elders' Report:

Adam Keath announced that the elders will be participating in the Anointing Service on Sunday, November 26. Dave Miller is helping them get a vision for God's plan for elders. The elders are reading the book "God Dreams" to

help clarify our mission and vision.

Co-mission Reports:

• **Adult Ministries** – Andrea Adams announced that signups for volunteers for the Night to Shine event in February opened on November 6. The co-mission has voted to bring Mary Armstrong back on the co-mission for the next year to represent Women's Ministries. The PrimeTimers are still in need of a leader for the group. Darlene Gontz offered to lead the Women of Worth Ministry. The co-mission is finalizing Wednesday night classes that will start in January.

• **Children's Ministry** – Sue Washabaugh shared that the co-mission is grateful that Renee Hall is improving and is back to work.

• **Finance** – Ken Adams reviewed the Financial Summary for the previous month ending October 31. The Finance Co-mission reviewed the list of designated funds and the purpose of these funds. A motion to rename the Worship Arts designated fund to the Pottery Ministry Fund was approved since the majority of these donations are tagged for that purpose. The remaining designated funds will be reviewed in 2018. The offering envelopes for 2018 will be available on Sunday, December 3. Ken distributed the 2018 Budget Requests and shared the thoughts of the Finance Co-mission on the items approved. The requested budget exceeds the current giving. After much discussion, a motion to approve the budget as presented passed.

• **Local Outreach** – Tom Knepper shared an update on their quarterly meeting held recently. There were 11 ministries in attendance. The various ministries networked to improve the meeting of their goals. He shared that the ministries spoke on immigration concerns within the current atmosphere. Tom announced that the next quarterly meeting will be on Tuesday, February 1 and encouraged everyone to attend to hear inspiring stories shared by the ministries.

• **Missions** – Scott Bert reported on the issues discussed and actions taken during the Mission Co-mission meeting. The co-mission approved financial support for Katie Shank for a trip to La Romana, Dominican Republic, where she will provide healthcare and educational support to Haitian migrant workers. A one-time special gift was approved for Joel Wentz whose ministry is with InterVarsity. The Gerlachs shared that Cool Shade of Life Church has a special financial need to purchase 50 new Bibles and a guitar along with accessories. The co-mission approved giving support to obtain these items, with the Gerlachs overseeing the use of the funds. The Bishop of the Sierra Leone UB Church recently visited the area and shared a variety of needs, including transportation needs for pastors, support for schools and funding for international missions. A one-time gift of \$3,500 was approved to go toward these needs. Scott asked that all pray for the trip to Haiti that is November 11-18.

• **Personnel Relations** – Eric Oyer announced that the staff Christmas Luncheon is being planned for December 7. The facility custodian position will be posted and advertised. The co-mission has received requests from some of the staff for dental and vision insurance. Ken Adams is exploring the possibilities from a number of providers. A motion was approved for seven internship positions for summer 2018 as recommended by the Personnel Relations Co-mission. The interns will be paid minimum wage. The internship positions will be advertised internally and externally. Eric distributed a job description for a new position of Director of Restoration and Recovery Ministries and outlined the duties, qualifications and accountability for the position. The board approved this job description and position as well as authorized the advertising of the position internally and externally.

• **Property** – Glenn Watson reported that the Property Co-mission is researching

the pros and cons of various flooring to be installed in the ministry center. The railing has been installed on the stage in the sanctuary and the church address signage will be completed soon. Upgrades to the surveillance system and improvements to the kitchen in the ministry center are being investigated.

• **Student Ministry** – Maria Banks shared that the All Nighter held recently was a success with over 170 participants. Attendance continues to be great both on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Small group night will occur on November 15. The co-mission is planning the Road Crew Christmas Party on December 13 to show the co-mission’s appreciation for the volunteers. The basketball teams are forming and coaches are compiling information on the players along with pictures to be available to those in the church so they can pray and/or connect with these students.

• **Worship Arts** – Shendelle Clapper pointed out that the co-mission is grateful for the people who spend a great deal of time each week to create worship on Sunday. There are many people connected to our services and our programs by social media. A Thanksgiving Service will be held on November 19 at 4:00 in the sanctuary. The service will include many styles of worship and Pastor Paul Baker will be delivering the message.

Administrative Report:

Ken Adams announced that the last Wednesday night meal for the fall was served on November 8 and meals will begin again in January. He indicated that the co-mission nominees will be sent packets to confirm their participation and explain their interest in the co-mission. There will be security on duty for the Christmas Eve services. He shared information on a downtown parking study and KSC’s response at a meeting which will take place on November 17. Ken reported on the progress in the planning of a Gathering Space.

Preliminary plans have been distributed to the various co-missions with all giving the project the thumbs up to proceed. A motion to approve funds for further work on the floor plan passed.

(These highlights are taken from minutes written by Karen Byers, Recording Secretary for the Board of Administration. Board meetings are open to members of King Street Church. Unabridged copies of the minutes from the November meeting will be available at the church office after they are approved at the next meeting.)



Have you ever wanted to enjoy a Christmas program just to worship our wonderful Lord and Savior only to discover that you were distracted by worrying about shopping, Christmas dinner, decorating, etc?

We have the perfect solution for you this year. Come and join us for an afternoon of Christmas carols. There will be congregational singing, instrumental numbers, and vocal selections all about the Christmas season.

The service will be in the sanctuary of King Street Church at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 30, 2017.

There will be light refreshments following in the Baker Center. A free-will offering will be received for the organ fund.

Remember, we are to worship Jesus all year long!



Church Contribution Envelopes

from the KSC Finance Commission

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

The Finance Commission will set up our distribution tables in the foyer beside the sanctuary on Sunday, December 3 and Sunday, December 10. If you contribute using church envelopes or have requested envelopes, please stop and pick up the box with your name. If you wish to pick up your envelopes during the week, just stop by the foyer between these two dates. If you do not currently have envelopes and would like to receive them, please call the church office (264-4651) and we will have a box prepared and set out for you.

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 two electronic contribution options: online credit card donations and automatic ACH (your account to King Street’s account) contributions. You can visit our website to learn more about these options.

Remember, contributions are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt for recorded annual contributions over \$250. For other amounts you can request a receipt from the church office. Your contributions continue to support King Street Church’s effort as a growing church to “Engage and bless our community

with the Gospel.” If you are contributing electronically or are not using your envelopes, please advise the church office so we can keep an accurate count of envelopes required.

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

A Reminder

Your year-end tithes, offerings and gifts **MUST BE RECEIVED** or, if mailing, post-marked by 12/31/2017 in order to qualify and be credited to your 2017 contribution records as a tax-deductible donation.



December 10, 2017

ADOPTION COMMUNION OFFERING

Our Communion Offering will go to our own Orphan Care and Adoption Ministry, which provides financial grants to KSC partner couples who are in the process of adoption.



wonder
AND
glory

A WORSHIP EXPERIENCE FOR CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

4:00 PM AND 6:00 PM – BAKER CENTER

This worship event is designed to help us rediscover
the wonder of Christ's coming to earth!

It is hosted by a multi-generational worship choir and worship
band that includes students. Lights and video elements will help
to create a multi-media experience. Pastor Jody Bowser will share
a brief message. Plan now to attend and invite a friend!

Prayer and Music

Number Five in the Series

by Nancy Fritz
Prayer Ministry

Our hymn for December is a Question — “What Child Is This?”

The author of this song was William Chatterton Dix, born in England in 1837. He was the president of an insurance company by profession. However, his first love was writing poetry. We don't know what year it took place, but William Dix became extremely ill with a condition that kept him bedfast for months and nearly took his life. When he was well enough to read, he resumed his daily practice of reading Scriptures and praying to God. This hunger for the Word inspired him so deeply that he started to turn his poems into songs.

“What Child Is This?” was an outgrowth of a longer poem he had written titled “The Manger Song.” We don't know the date it was written, but we do know it was published first in 1865. Most people recognize the tune as “Greensleeves,” a traditional Old English ballad dating back to 1580.

The Old Testament covers a timeline of approximately 2500 years. Countless prophesies of a coming Messiah were spread, but the years kept passing and many people stopped asking where He was and when was He coming. Most Bible scholars believe Jesus was born sometime between 8 and 6 B.C. Is it any wonder people had trouble believing who Jesus was or the significance of His birth! There was no wonder people were asking, “What Child is this?”

Because we live on this side of the cross, we're familiar with the stable, shepherds, animals and the BABY. Not everyone was, or is.

Verse 1:

“What child is this who laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,

While shepherds watch are keeping.”

Verse 2: (*Another question; How could a king be born in this dirty, smelly stable?*)

“Why lies He in this mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here,
The silent Word is pleading.”

Verse 3: (*The King came to bring salvation to everyone: rich and poor, young and old.*)

“So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king to own Him.
The King of Kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.”

Refrain: (*This is the one we've been waiting for. Hurry! Come bow before him and receive salvation!*)

“This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son Of Mary!”

*Jesus was, is now, and always will be,
the center of Christmas.*

Buds of Promise Sunday School Class Christmas Banquet

Thursday, December 14

6:30 p.m.

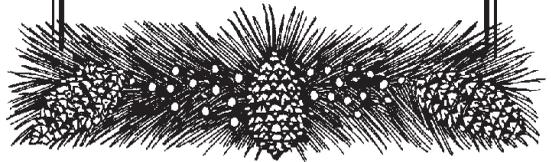
Fellowship Room

Entertainment: Roy Rife

Catering by Sunnyway:

Stuffed chicken breasts and
pork chops

Price: \$14.40





Christmas Eve

AT KING STREET CHURCH

Sunday, December 24

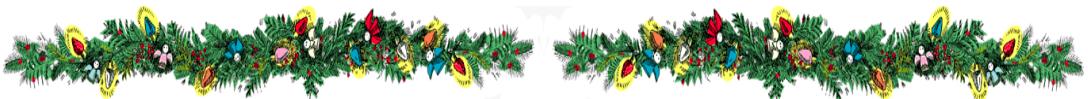
This year Christmas Eve, December 24, falls on a Sunday. We will have just two services on Sunday morning and then a full line-up of our candlelit Christmas Eve services in the evening.



The morning worship services will both feature a traditional style and will be held at both 8:15 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. We won't have programs for elementary students and no adult Sunday school. Childcare will be offered at 9:45 a.m. for the Beginners 3 Class and under.



Then that evening come at 3, 5 or 7 p.m. for our Christmas Eve celebrations in both the Baker Center and the sanctuary. The style of worship will differ by location. In the Baker Center our praise team and band will offer contemporary worship. In the sanctuary we will enjoy a traditional experience at 3 p.m. and a blended style at 5 and 7 p.m. ALL services will feature the lighting of the Christmas candles and a message from Pastor Jody Bowser. Childcare will be offered for ages 3 and under at 3 and 5 p.m.





SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Sunday, December 3
3–5 p.m.
Fellowship Room

The prospect of facing the holidays without your loved one can be very difficult. At this GriefShare event, you can connect with others and find advice, support and encouragement. Call the church office to register: 264-4651 (helpful but not required). This event has been a real blessing to folks in the past. You don't have to face this difficult time on your own.

Once More Ministries Report

We are in the season of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. The most awesome gift we will ever receive is the birth of our Redeemer. The love and grace of the Lord fills our hearts as we lift our thoughts and prayers to Him.

OMM's next distribution date is December 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. How exciting it is to show the love of our Savior to everyone that we encounter!



How wonderful it is to be able to bless our neighbors with necessities that will help to stretch their budget! Thank you for making this distribution possible.

Please pray for this ministry and all of its recipients and that we are able to continue to build a relationship with them and they see the light of Christ.

OMM wishes you a Blessed Christmas Season!

All thanks be to God,
OMM Volunteers

NOW HIRING
NEW OPPORTUNITIES
NOW AVAILABLE

Please be in prayer for the church as we seek individuals to fill these two critical roles. You can find full details, including job descriptions and application requirements, online at kingstrectchurch.com/staff.

- **Facilities Custodian:** Shares the responsibilities of providing a clean, safe and comfortable environment. It is a paid, full-time (second shift) position.
- **Director of Restoration and Recovery Ministries:** Provides leadership to the development and implementation of ministries addressing areas of spiritual, emotional, and relational brokenness both within the church and the community. This is a paid, part-time position.



LIBRARY Nook

by Jeanne Amick
Administrative Assistant



We have quite a few new books in our library this month and I wanted to point out the addition of a different kind of dating book, “She’s Got the Wrong Guy” by Dr. Deepak Reju.

While listening to a talk show on the radio, I heard the question: “Why do the nicest women pick guys who let them down for one reason or another?” It certainly piqued my interest, so I ordered the book. I was pleasantly surprised to learn he encourages single Christian women to put their hope and happiness in Jesus, not marriage. In most cultures the practice of marriage is promoted and many are still “arranged.” So many express sighs of endearment when we witness two toddlers hugging or giving each other a kiss. Why is this? Although many are waiting longer to get married, the co-habitation numbers are growing. Women especially feel a pressure to be coupled or married. This book will help.

The book not only details why some are the *wrong guys* (10 are identified) but also helps single Christian women better understand why they *settle* for less than God intends. The synopsis states, “The answers are not always straightforward. For some women, the issue is as simple as not really thinking through what they’re looking for, or should be looking for, in a man. Others feel they’d rather be with someone (and pretty much anyone will do) than be alone (too scary to even consider!), while still others are unconsciously repeating patterns of bad

relationships they learned in the past and don’t know how to stop the cycle. Dr. Deepak Reju writes from his years of experience as a pastor (Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington, DC) and a counselor, sharing with women his perspective on how to assess a relationship’s strengths from the beginning, how to identify possible pitfalls and how to have the courage to not just settle, but to wait for a relationship that will be a blessing to both of you.”

He is also one of the many speakers available at RightNow Ministries, so you can log-on and listen. We have all seen our friends, family members, co-workers, etc. hurt by making the wrong choices in a potential partner. The information contained in this book is not only paramount for our own decisions, but can also provide important and life-changing information to help others. I consider this book a *must read* for all high school students and certainly college age – both girls and guys. It is aimed at girls but also for guys because they don’t want to be the *wrong guy*. There are many books dealing with marriage and relationships in our library. Until next time, happy reading!!



SAVE THE DATE FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES!

Beginning Wednesday, January 3, 2018: Watch for details coming soon regarding our new season of study. In mid-December inserts will be placed in the worship folders with a full listing of the new classes.

DECEMBER 2017

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JANUARY 2018						
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First Sunday of Advent	3	4	5
<p>8:15, 9:45, and 11 a.m. Worship Services and Intercessor Meetings</p> <p>9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Baptism Preparation Classes (M17)</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>11 a.m. Preschool and Kids Worship, Adult and Youth Sunday School</p> <p>3:00 p.m. "Surviving the Holidays" (Fellowship Room)</p>		Deadline to dedicate a Christmas poinsettia	
Second Sunday of Advent, Communion	10	11	12
<p>8:15, 9:45, and 11 a.m. Worship Services and Intercessor Meetings</p> <p>9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Baptism Preparation Classes (M17)</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>11 a.m. Preschool and Kids Worship, Adult and Youth Sunday School</p>			
Third Sunday of Advent, Pottery Exhibit	17	18	19
<p>8:15, 9:45, and 11 a.m. Worship Services and Intercessor Meetings</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Check, Parish Nurse Room (M117)</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>11 a.m. Preschool and Kids Worship, Adult and Youth Sunday School</p> <p>4 & 6 p.m. "Wonder and Glory" Worship Experience, Baker Center</p>			
Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve	24	Christmas Day	25
<p>8:15, 9:45 and 11 a.m. Worship Services (Sanctuary)</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Services (Baker Center and the Sanctuary)</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Services (Baker Center and the Sanctuary)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Services (Baker Center and the Sanctuary)</p>			26
New Year's Eve/Watch Night	31		
<p>8:15, 9:45, and 11 a.m. Worship Services and Intercessor Meetings</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>11 a.m. Preschool and Kids Worship</p> <p>Adult and Youth Sunday School</p>			



WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>6:45 p.m. "The Street" Event: Ugly Sweater Christmas Party Student Ministry Center</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Once More Ministries Distribution</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>12:00 p.m. PrimeTimer Christmas Lunch Baker Center</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Buds of Promise Sunday School Class Christmas Banquet Fellowship Room</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">First Day of Winter</p> <p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Festival of Christmas Carols Sanctuary</p>

“HE WILL BE **GREAT** AND WILL BE CALLED THE SON OF THE **MOST HIGH.**” LUKE 1:32



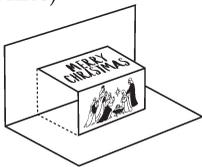
JUST FOR KIDS

POP-UP CARD

Share the good news of Jesus' birth with this creative Christmas card.

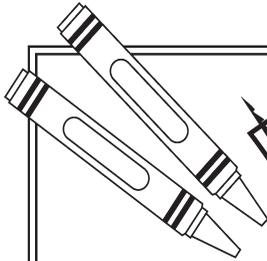
What you need:

- Construction paper (two pieces, including one white)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Pens
- Glue stick



What you do:

1. Neatly fold the white paper in half, short side to short side.
2. Draw two parallel lines (at least 2 inches apart) from the fold to about halfway to the edge. Cut along the lines.
3. Fold the cut section back and forth so it pops up.
4. Push the section up so it pops up inside the folded paper. Draw a nativity scene on the pop-up box.
5. Fold the colored paper in half, short side to short side. Place the white paper inside it and glue the white paper down, being careful not to glue the pop-up box.
6. Write a Christmas message and give or send the card to someone.



PUZZLE

JOURNEY TO

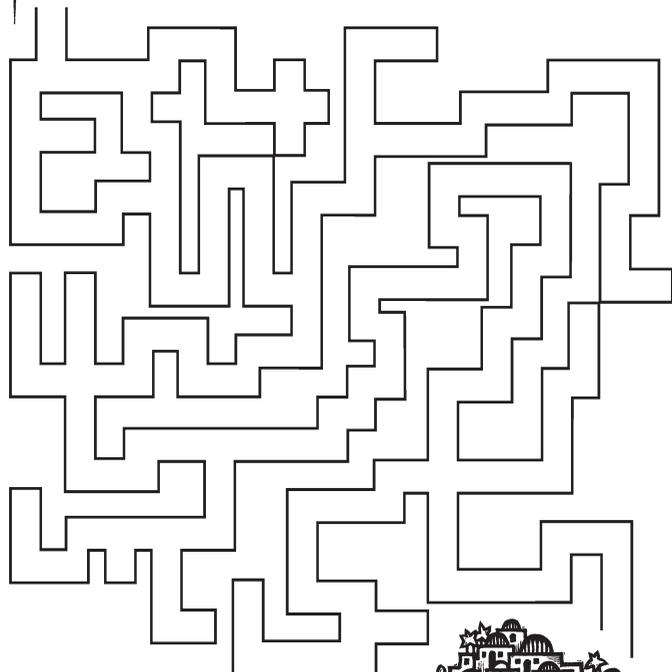
BETHLEHEM

In the Christmas story in Luke 2, an angel tells some shepherds to go see baby Jesus in Bethlehem.



START

Directions: Follow the maze to arrive in Bethlehem.



BETHLEHEM



NIGHT *to Shine*

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Friday, February 9, 2018, at 6 p.m. in the Baker Center. This amazing night will provide an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs aged 14 and older. Many volunteer spots are filled. Informational flyers are available in the church lobbies on the Information Walls. Learn more about the event, register a guest or sign up to help: nighttoshine2018.com.

Pottery Exhibit

Sunday, December 17
9 – 11 a.m., Rotz Foyer



Examples of projects created by members of the fall Wednesday and Thursday evening pottery classes will be on display.

CHURCH OFFICE



HOLIDAY



Schedule

In celebration of the holidays, the church office will be closed on **Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26.**

Child Dedications

committing our children to the Lord



The following children were dedicated during services on Sunday, November 5:

Ellie Grace, daughter of Jeret & Kristen Akers

Jairus Rodney, son of Joshua & Tabitha Baer

Addison Mae, daughter of Ben & Crissy Lefever

Henry James, son of Caleb & Samantha Ray

Parker Lee, son of Brandon & Ashley Statler

Elayna Louise Marie, daughter of Emily Coover

Franklin Chase, son of Daniel Heefner & Kristy Fasano-Heefner

Thomas Edward, son of Mitch & Emma Benedict

Henley Monroe, daughter of Caleb & Cara Davis

Noah Russell and Abel Gene, sons of Irvin & Chelsey Sleighter



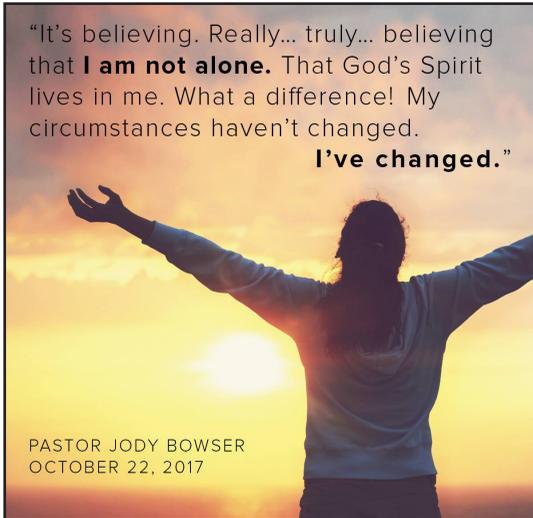
Poinsettia

DEDICATIONS

Monday, December 4 is the deadline to dedicate a Christmas poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one (\$8.50). Fill out a form from the lobby, place it in the offering plate or submit it to the church office. Last year's orders are not included.

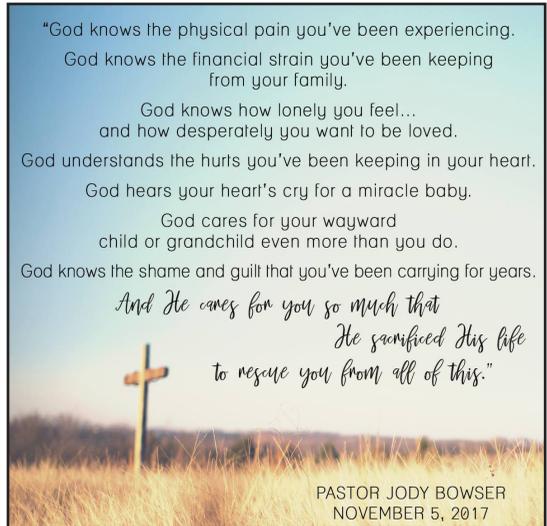
Quotes of the Week

Each week we post a “Quote of the Week” on the KSC’s Facebook and Instagram accounts. This quote is most often taken from the Sunday sermon or Pastor Jody will choose a Scripture verse or quote from another author. Be blessed as you consider these important words of wisdom!



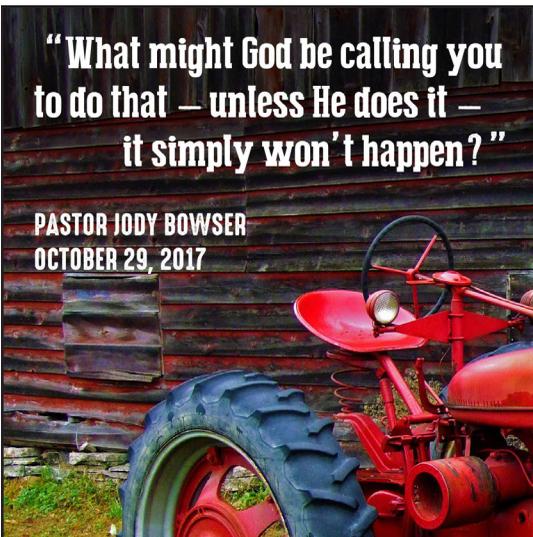
“It’s believing. Really... truly... believing that **I am not alone.** That God’s Spirit lives in me. What a difference! My circumstances haven’t changed.
I’ve changed.”

PASTOR JODY BOWSER
OCTOBER 22, 2017



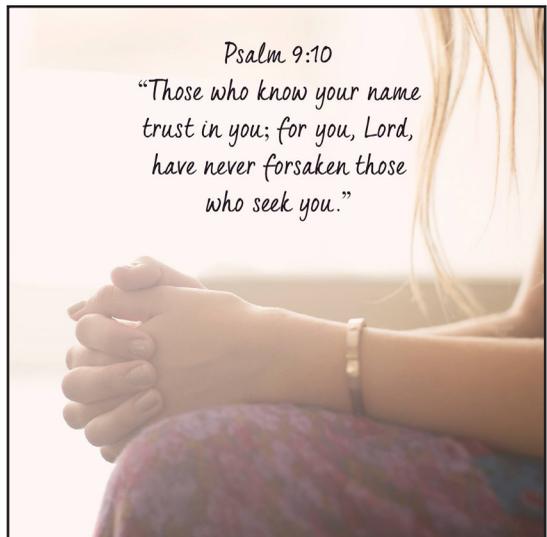
“God knows the physical pain you’ve been experiencing.
God knows the financial strain you’ve been keeping from your family.
God knows how lonely you feel...
and how desperately you want to be loved.
God understands the hurts you’ve been keeping in your heart.
God hears your heart’s cry for a miracle baby.
God cares for your wayward child or grandchild even more than you do.
God knows the shame and guilt that you’ve been carrying for years.
*And He cares for you so much that
He sacrificed His life
to rescue you from all of this.”*

PASTOR JODY BOWSER
NOVEMBER 5, 2017

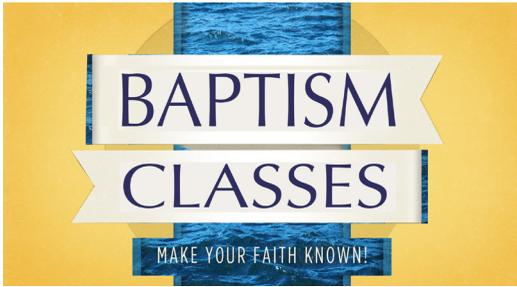


“What might God be calling you to do that — unless He does it — it simply won’t happen?”

PASTOR JODY BOWSER
OCTOBER 29, 2017



Psalm 9:10
“Those who know your name trust in you; for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.”



Preparation Classes

Sundays, December 3 and 10

9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

and 12:15 p.m.

M17

Baptism is a powerful step in a believer's walk with the Lord, and each testimony encourages the church body. Our next baptismal service will take place on Sunday, December 31. It's an opportunity to start the new year with a step of faith! If you would like to participate, or just learn more about what baptism means, attend a meeting at the times listed above.



We offer a number of paid (\$7.25/hour) internships at King Street Church. These opportunities are designed to enrich the candidates with on-the-job education and experience, while providing support and encouragement for our ministries. Below is a listing of current intern opportunities for the summer of 2018. See full details and application requirements online at kingstreetchurch.com/staff.

- **Children's Ministry**
- **Communications**
- **Creative Arts (Video)**
- **Media Production**
- **Student Ministry**
- **Worship Arts**



Thank You!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thanks to everyone who gave a box (or many!) to the Operation Christmas Child project. At last count, we were just over 2,000 boxes and reports were still coming in of people who took their boxes to other locations. Praise the Lord! Be in prayer for each child who receives a box, that their hearts would be open to the message of the Gospel.

STUDENT MINISTRY EVENT

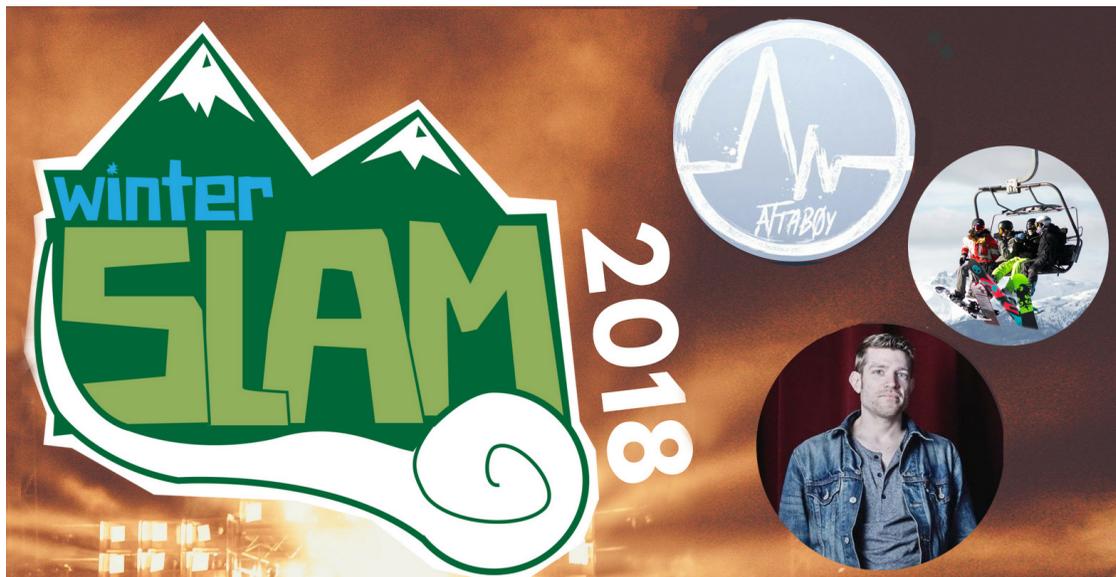
UGLY SWEATERS



THE 
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CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 6
6:45 – 8:30 p.m.
SMC



FEATURING ATTABOY AND RYAN PAYNE

February 2–4 • \$95 + Activity Fee

Fun, Music, Games, Friends, Food



ENGAGING and BLESSING THIS CHRISTMAS

The list below is a sampling of local ministries in which our members are involved. Consider giving of your time and resources this Christmas (they'd make great class projects!). Several mention that you can drop-off donations at the church office. As a reminder, we are located across the street from the church at 56 N. Second Street.

Agape English Program

The dedicated teachers who lead our Agape classes reach out to our neighbors with a vital skill and the unconditional love of Christ. This Christmas they would like to give each family a bag of goodies, at a cost of \$10 each. Mark your gift for "Agape Christmas" and submit it to our church office. If you would prefer to donate your time, join us on a Saturday evening from 5-6:30 p.m. to help tutor or provide childcare.

CROSS, Inc.

CROSS operates three care homes for adults with intellectual disabilities. They rely on community donations for 40% of their budget. Donate paper products, non-perishable food, personal care items or gift cards (Walmart, Giant, Sheetz). You can drop off donations at the church office or mail to: 712 Pinola Rd, Shippensburg, PA 17257.

Cold Weather Shelter

Many homeless people rely on the shelter for survival in the winter. All of the shelter's funding comes from donations. You can give napkins, plasticware, paper towels, paper products, toilet paper and sugar or volunteer on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. Contact Gary Porter for details: (717) 377-8465.

NETwork Ministries

NETwork Ministries strives to share the love of Christ with the most vulnerable children in our community. Mail financial gifts to: NETwork Ministries; PO Box 442; Chbg, PA 17201 (mark: Christmas.)

Franklin County Jail Ministry

The Jail Ministry offers God's hope and love to inmates, their families and jail staff. They offer worship services, counseling through the chaplain, Christmas gifts for children of inmates, Bible study programs and more. This compassionate work is in need of funds. Make gifts payable to: Franklin County Jail Ministry, c/o Ramona Torres, PO Box 102, Scotland, PA 17254.

House of Grace

The House of Grace offers Christ-centered life skills, education, and mentoring to women in need-- it's women helping women. They rely on donations: canned foods, paper products, craft and sewing supplies and gift cards (Walmart, Giant). Make financial gifts payable to: House of Grace, 307 Lincoln Way E, Chambersburg, 17201.

Sweet Grace Ministries

Sweet Grace seeks to offer support, hope and empathy to those who have endured miscarriage, stillbirth or neonatal death. They place bags and baskets of encouraging gifts in their 10 partner hospitals and mail them throughout the US. Sponsor a miscarriage bag for \$10, a mini-basket for \$95, a large basket for \$150, or contribute to the rent (\$250 or \$500). Their address is 77 Horst Avenue, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

She's Somebody's Daughter

SSD seeks to create communities that honor women, by educating the general public on issues related to pornography, sexual abuse and trafficking. They request \$25 gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target or Giant that would be given to families in our community or used for supplies. Drop off donations at the church office.

PRIMETIMERS UPDATES

December

PrimeTimer Christmas Lunch

- Wednesday, December 13
- Noon in the Baker Center
- Catered by Sunnyway
- Cost: \$16, Call Frances Humelsine to register



Looking Ahead to 2018

Potlucks

January 10, February 14, March 14



April 27-30

Bollman Bus trip to VA Beach/Norfolk

Highlight: International Tattoo in Norfolk



Tuesday, September 25

Sight and Sound performance of *Jesus*



Our proposed 2018 schedule will be presented at the January 10 Potluck.

- Make checks payable to KSC PrimeTimers. Please note on each check how the payment is to be used (which events).
- Call Frances Humelsine, (717) 263-8633, for more information or to sign up for an event.
- Send deposits or payments to Frances Humelsine, 408 Benjamin Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201.
- Day trip deposit is \$10 at time of sign up.



MISSIONS NEWS

EXCERPTS FROM RECENT COMMUNICATIONS

Bryan and Emily Gerlach

November 8, 2017

(Serving in Thailand with TEAM Global Missions)

Ten Years at the Cool Shade of Life Church!

This month marks 10 years of ministry for Pastor Ogaat and his family at the Cool Shade of Life Church. We are so blessed to have had the opportunity to learn from this church and minister alongside them since 2014. Pastor Ogaat with his wife Taay started the church in 2007 in a home with just a handful of people and they have been steadily influencing their community ever since. A typical Sunday will see around 50 in attendance, a majority of whom are Thai. One of their main goals is to see the members have strong roots in a culture of very hard soil. We are honored to celebrate this anniversary with them and pray for another 10 more years of faithful service.

Prayers:

- For the church to continue to grow strong and for God to provide for a new building.
- For Pastor Ogaat and other Thai pastors and their families to be encouraged.
- Emily discerning her roles in our work, church and family life.

Praises:

- We have begun to meet and interact with our neighbors, much thanks to Jameson!
- Bryan's work at the FCF office is going well.
- We praise God for the love that we continue to receive from our local church family.

Emily Schoenleber

October 24, 2017

(Emily is serving in New Zealand with Youth With A Mission)

The big question, "What's next?"

I'm excited to officially share with all of you that I'm heading back to Vanuatu in a week and a half. I will be spending two months in Vanuatu and returning again to New Zealand just after the New Year. So yes, I'll get the whole island holiday experience: Thanksgiving, my 21st birthday, Christmas, New Years—the whole lot in the islands. I'm so excited to be able to go back and begin exploring what it could look like to move on some of the things the Lord has been laying on my heart the past two years!

The next question you probably have is something along the lines of what will I be doing, what will life look like, etc. Honestly, I don't know what every day is going to look like. I don't have a set day-to-day schedule.

What I do know is that encountering God is step number one and it always will be. It's step number one for any decisions or choices for me, but it's also step number one to see a nation changed. I know there are still people in Vanuatu who need to encounter God. I know that prayer is powerful and changes us as it changes things in our world.

I know there is a nation longing to really know the heart of our Father, a generation that is waiting to arise into their God given callings and destinies. I know there are men, women and children alike, who inwardly long for Truth and Love to set them free from fear, abuse, worry,

inadequacy, anger and so much more.

My heart burns to see this nation not only set free from everything that hinders them but that they would run with endurance the race that is marked for them, as individuals and as a nation. That, just like Joshua, they would have the courage and strength to cross over whatever Jordan is in front of them and enter into the newness of the Lord's words and promises.

Will you partner with me to see Vanuatu changed?

As a missionary with YWAM, I don't receive any kind of salary or stipend. Everything I do is volunteer work. I am still looking for people who would be willing to support me monthly (even just \$10 is *so* helpful!) or by a one time donation to help cover living expenses, flights, etc.

You can give through Venmo@Emily-Schoenleber. If you live in the USA and prefer, you can also mail a check to 704 Cresson Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17202.

As always, please pray with me for the nation and people of Vanuatu. Also pray for the connections that I'll be making in the next two months, that I would begin to build good relationships with people there, and that I would continue to gain clarity from the Lord. Also, pray for my family and me as this is the first holiday season I will not be at home! Thank you.

K and RW

October 28, 2017

(Serving in the Middle East)

On November 1 we return to our Middle Eastern country after spending three months in the US. Praise God for a great furlough! We spent a lot of time with family and got many opportunities to visit our churches and see some of you. Thank you for partnering with us in the gospel ministry in our country.

Pray that we can enter with no problems. In the past several weeks our country and the

US have had some diplomatic squabbles. Each country has stopped issuing tourist visas for citizens of the other country. We know of new workers who are having difficulty getting into our country. Pray for open doors for short-term workers and others who want to serve among the Middle Eastern people. We have residence permits and anticipate that we should be able to get into our country without a problem.

Please pray for the believers of our church. They have experienced a lot of ups and downs these past months. One young sister who grew by leaps and bounds last year has moved back to her home town. She is struggling as she sees immaturity in the handful of believers who live there. Pray for her to find fellowship in the area that will be an encouragement to her.

After we arrive, *K* will be teaching in a discipleship training program. He will cover salvation and the doctrine of Christ. We don't underestimate the importance of this training. After one such seminar in the past, a pastor's wife admitted to *K* she had probably not really been a believer before attending the class. Praise God that she came to a full understanding of God's grace in giving the gift of salvation! Pray that this group of students will grow to be faithful followers of Christ.

Bernie and Sherry Pierce

November 7, 2017

(Serving in Lincoln, Nebraska with Christar.)

Variety in ministry:

We've had some good home visits with friends, as well as getting much more involved in the life of a young Sabeen teenager who claims Jesus. We take him with us to English church and to Arabic church as needed. During fall break we took him along with us to an orchard and to the zoo. He needs this extra input in his life as he's been having a rough time at school especially.

Bernie has continued to train and work towards integrating certain refugees into the Scouts, getting more training, teaching classes, meeting with other leaders and taking Joshua and sometimes others on activities. His helping hands, though, have also found him painting a house, assisting a gal to move, teaching during Awana counsel times, teaching at the kids' club, transporting refugee children, fixing parts in friends' bathrooms, helping neighbors, finding Christian literature in multiple languages for attendees of a food distribution, serving folks with a smile ... and more.

The English classes sometimes find Sherry teaching women around the tables and other days she's had the privilege of working in the nursery. When an Iraqi child who has only been here for a couple months finally smiles, giggles and speaks, it is pure joy. Thursday nights she and the boys get to grandma-sit for our colleagues' mother with memory loss so they can go teach at the kids' club. Her laugh also brings joy! Sherry has had good conversations with friends in France and continues our ties there. She also tries to share compassion and encouragement whether with refugees, at Bible Study Fellowship, church friends or with our neighbors.

Praises:

1. The Omaha hospital relieved us of the rest of Timothy's bill, a savings of over \$2100!
2. Each of you praying and/or giving.
3. One new partner family with Christar/us
4. Answering many prayers. One in particular was preserving the life of one of our Scout friends in France after an attempted suicide.
5. Involvement in a church Bible study (Bernie) and Bible Study Fellowship (Sherry).

Requests:

1. Provisions for personal needs and van repairs; an eventual second vehicle is needed.
2. Wisdom regarding presenting Scouts to the Yazidi community — timing, manpower, etc.

3. Yazidi friends who are still longing for a baby — for them to know Jesus, too!

4. Time management and balance — keeping Him first.

5. That God would protect the hearts and minds of Joshua and Timothy and work in their hearts; wisdom as parents.

6. That God would work in the hearts of primarily Sabean families who are coming to the Arab church currently.

7. Those who were praying for "Sally" in France, please continue. Things are terribly bad in her marriage. No peace is in sight.

8. Our Sabean teenage friend has been bullied at school. Pray for encouragement.

9. Pray our (aforementioned) Scout friend in France turns to Christ.

10. As the holiday seasons approach, please pray for more natural opportunities for visiting and sharing Jesus any way possible. Thanks so much for standing with us!

Roger and Marilyn Reeck

November 13, 2017

(Based in Honduras with Wycliffe Bible Translators)

Mexico:

Roger arrived a few days ago in Oaxaca, Mexico to lead a two week translation workshop on the book of Isaiah. He had no idea how many would be attending but at the last minute found out that there would be 35 representing many different Mexican language groups. His knowledge of Hebrew and years of Old Testament studies have prepared him for this time. We praise the Lord that two other men will be helping him.

He is in the area where we lived and worked for so many years. He is able to speak Zapotec again which makes him very happy. Please join us in praying for him. There are times when he wonders if the pain level will let him carry off this committment to guiding others.

Venezuela:

A few days ago the last check on the translation of the book of Luke was completed. The Curripaco committee leader is Nelly. Nelly is a young Curripaco woman who we have known for the last seven years. She was also one of the team members of the OneStory team.

Joel Wentz

November 15, 2017

(Joel is the Area Director for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's college ministry in Southern Maine.)

Hope & Healing at Fall Retreat

One of my favorite parts of each Fall Semester is the yearly Northern New England Fall Retreat, in which students from Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire and Northern Massachusetts gather for a weekend of fellowship, worship and prayer.

The theme of our retreat this year was "Finding Hope & Healing." In light of our toxic, divided culture today, we intentionally chose to spend this weekend seeking the voice of God, who we believe wants deep hope and healing for us. We had a powerful time together, earnestly asking God where to find hope for our world (big picture) and healing for ourselves (individually), before engaging together around what it means to be "agents" of God's hope and healing for our communities. I had the joy and responsibility of leading us into this question on the final morning. God certainly did powerful work in us as we were together for that weekend, but please be praying for more hope and healing on the campuses that were represented.

Finally, as I continue to spend time on campuses, I am also looking to raise about 5% of my budget for the upcoming fiscal year (about \$4000 total). If you feel so led to donate to this ministry, my address is 1269 Washington Ave. Apt. 1, Portland, ME 04103.



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