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Life in His Name

by Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor



The decision is ours to make. The gate is open—and the narrow path is there to be found. It all comes down to a simple choice: Get busy living or get busy dying.

One of my favorite movies is “The Shawshank Redemption.” If you’re Gen X or older, there’s a good chance you’ve not only seen the movie (it’s one of the most-watched movies on cable networks)—but like me ... it’s on your top-ten list. It’s the story of a banker, Andy Dufresne (played by Tim Robbins), who is convicted of a double homicide. He maintains his innocence and finds a way to survive 19 years of harsh prison life, all the while creating an unlikely bond with fellow convict Ellis “Red” Redding (played by Morgan Freeman).

Towards the end of the movie, Andy and Red are talking about life outside of prison. Andy has a dream of living in a little Mexican village called Zihuatanejo and he inspires Red (who has resigned himself to the belief that he’s an “institutional man”) with the idea of joining him there some day. What Andy is really doing is planting the seed of hope. He’s giving Red something to dream about, something to live for. Something BEYOND his current circumstances. It’s at this point that Andy says something quite profound: “I guess it comes down to a simple choice, really. Get busy living or get busy dying.”

Some might consider a line like this a little bit too simplistic. But I don’t think so. Jesus, in fact, said something very similar in Matthew 7:13-14 — “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through

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it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” Two paths ... life or death. Get busy living ... or get busy dying.

Without getting too technical, I think it’s helpful to think about this a little deeper. Jesus is talking here about destruction—and life. The natural thing would be to think of this as being ETERNAL destruction (hell) and ETERNAL life (heaven). But that doesn’t seem to be what Jesus is talking about:

The actual Greek word that Jesus uses for “destruction” is *apoleia*, which means “ruin, loss or destruction.” *Apoleia* is translated “wasted” in Mark 14:4. (“But some were indignantly remarking to one another, ‘Why has this perfume been wasted [apoleia]?’”) This is important because Jesus isn’t just describing a path that leads to eternal condemnation (after we die), but a path that leads to a “wasted” life each and every day (just like the perfume that is poured out on the ground in the story in Mark 14).

Conversely, the Greek word that Jesus uses for “life” is the word *zoe*. This word describes a unique quality of life: Life that is full to overflowing, vibrant, active and vigorous. This isn’t just the kind of life we can expect once we get to heaven. This is LIFE that we can experience each and every day here on earth. It’s the kind of life we are created to live.

In other words there is a wide gate (“Hey, come live life this way!”) and a broad road (“Join the crowd, everyone’s living this way!”) that leads to a life that is wasted (“I know it looked good at the start, but it ends in pain and emptiness!”). And there is a small gate (“Jesus is the only way”) and a narrow road (“You have to die to yourself”) that leads to a joy-filled, satisfying life.

The choice is ours. And it’s why the Apostle John wrote what we now call the Gospel of John—the fourth book in the New Testament.

Listen to what John said in John 20:31: “These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.”

Here’s the amazing news. It doesn’t matter how far you’ve traveled down the wide path that leads to destruction. It doesn’t matter what you’ve done or how far you’ve strayed from God. Forgiveness and LIFE are just a prayer away. Turn to God and God will turn to you. Confess your sins to God and He is gracious enough to forgive you of your sins, and wash away all of your guilt (1 John 1:9).

And if you want to hear more about this, join us on Sunday mornings throughout the year 2018. “LIFE IN HIS NAME” is our theme for the year and we will be working our way through the Gospel of John each and every Sunday. You can also go to our website (kingstreetchurch.com), and sign up to receive a daily New Testament reading guide, sent directly to your phone or computer.

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January 14, 2018

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KING STREET CHURCH

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

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

Spiritually Alive in Jesus

Relationally Connected by Jesus

Missionally Engaged for Jesus

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

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Articles and information for the February 2018 issue should be submitted by January 24.

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KSC and Haiti: Five Years of Grace

by Jay Brown

Pastor of Mission and Discipleship



The mission of our KSC Barnabas Team in Haiti is to partner with the UB churches to strengthen their effectiveness for Christ in reaching their culture, training disciples and building up their communities. Since Haiti is the poorest

country in the Western Hemisphere, and one of the poorest in the world, the believers and churches there struggle against a lack of material resources and a dearth of well-trained and equipped spiritual leaders.

A UB Church in Arcahaie was initially identified as a good candidate for investing in a partnership. Up until this year our focus there has been primarily on providing a stable physical location for the church and school to flourish. From a humble rented spot in a back alley (with an expiring tenancy), with church and school attendance each under 100 and the school near closing for lack of funds, the church now has a building that welcomes more than 200 people weekly and over 200 students enrolled through the ninth grade. Matching funds and teams of people laboring alongside Haitian brothers and sisters in construction have helped bring about this transformation—along with monthly sponsors for more than 100 children in the school through our Canadian partner, CH Global. The role of the sponsors in helping to develop the school has been critical and cannot be overstated, and through the sponsorships, children are thriving and their lives are being forever changed.

During 2017 our focus in Arcahaie began to

shift. With the buildings nearing completion, we have shifted to a strategy of capacity-building instead of site-building, capitalizing on opportunities to train school teachers and administrators, parents and most recently, 25-30 church lay leaders through a leadership seminar. These are all areas that the pastor of the church in Arcahaie, Pastor Massillon, has identified as needs in their journey of growth.



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Sending people with key skills in these areas on recent teams has made a great impact, even beyond Arcahaie. The plan in the near term is to continue investing in these elements as long as we have the opportunity to make a substantial impact on the effectiveness of the church and school ministries. There are also plans developing to send a KSC youth group team to Arcahaie this summer to lead a sports camp/VBS program, which will be a major draw for the church and benefit to their outreach efforts.

As the shape of our involvement in Arcahaie changes and we see positive developments there, we recognize that many of the other 20 UB churches in Haiti have great needs. Having seen the benefits of the path that our partnership has taken in Arcahaie, we are seeking to discern whether God would lead us into a similar arrangement with another church. We have recently been speaking with the UB Superintendent in Haiti, Pastor Richard, trying to get an understanding of where that might be and what it would entail. We are aware that there are five UB churches on Haiti's southern peninsula which were damaged a year ago by Hurricane Matthew, with a couple of those being totally destroyed, materially speaking. Our team leadership is considering investigating the southern region further to see if there are viable opportunities to partner with churches there. There are important factors to consider in evaluating a potential partnership beyond just the physical needs or even the spiritual state of the churches.

Everyone that has helped lead the efforts in Haiti feels that the past five years have been an adventure and a learning experience, but one where God has led the way and opened doors at every step. There has been a tremendous depth of relationship developed between our KSC participants and the people and leaders of the church at Arcahaie, and as we have seen the church flourish there, the experience has been transformative for many from our church as well. We pray for God's leading and wisdom as we seek to understand how and where He would desire our involvement in the next phase of the advancement of the Church in Haiti.

Board of Administration Meeting Highlights

The Board of Administration met on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, in the Administrative Office Conference Room. Chairman Steve Shadle called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Following are highlights from this meeting:

Senior Pastor's Report:

Pastor Jody Bowser shared a few of the many communications from people on how God has changed their lives as they implemented the thoughts, scripture and ideas on how to bless those around them. He is encouraged by the stories of how God is transforming so many lives in our midst.

Executive Pastor's Report:

Pastor Don Baker announced that in 2017 there were 39 baptisms, 24 child dedications and 32 new church partners. The free will offerings taken on Christmas Eve will be donated to Puerto Rico through Samaritan's Purse for disaster relief. We have applicants for the position for Director of Restoration and Recovery Ministries. Pastor Don expressed appreciation for the great team of Deacons who are meeting with people, connecting with them and walking with them through their difficulties. The Board of Administration appreciates all that they do. He reminded all to mark their calendars for March 24 when the church will be conducting the Samaritan's Auction.

Elders' Report:

Adam Keath indicated that the elders are continuing to study through Acts 20 with the help of Dave Miller. As they work through this study, they are seeking wisdom on how the Bible instructs church leaders to discern vision choices for our church.

Co-mission Reports:

• **Adult Ministries** – Andrea Adams shared that Mary Armstrong will be joining the co-mission beginning in January. The Night to Shine event is still in need of volunteers, especially buddies for the attendees. The Wednesday night classes starting in January will be advertised soon.

• **Finance** – Ray Cullen made a motion to appoint Brad Etchberger as Treasurer of King Street Church and Chairperson of the Finance Co-mission. Ray shared that the Finance Co-mission will be adding Wanda Dietrich to the co-mission for the 2018-2020 term. Ken Adams reported on the Monthly Financial Summary and indicated that in November the giving year-to-date is slightly above budget.

• **Local Outreach** – Tom Knepper reported that the co-mission reflected on the past year and is looking forward to the new year and engaging with ministry partners. The co-mission discussed how they could make improvements to include evangelism. He shared that Sharon Bowers will be joining the co-mission beginning in January. The co-mission donated \$500 to the Pregnancy Ministry.

• **Missions** – Scott Bert reported on the November mission trip to Arcahaie, Haiti. Pastor Jay Brown and other King Street Church leaders gave a seminar for men and women who are in leadership roles in the church. There was also teacher training that was a follow-up to the August training. Scott indicated that the Haiti team is still praying and looking for another church in the area to partner with. Scott noted that Selena Gonzales West is traveling with Meeting God in Missions to the Dominican Republic for a week in January. Ellen Gigliotti and Kaitlin Michael were unanimously approved by the co-mission to return to the Missions Co-mission.

• **Personnel Relations** – Eric Oyer announced that Kim Shatzer will be the new co-mission chairperson beginning in January. Also, the

new members joining the co-mission will be Rose Ewan, Colleen Shatzer and Luke Martin. Eric made a motion that the board accept the resignation of Mitch Benedict from his position of Worship Arts Associate on or before May 31.

• **Property** – Jim Goetz reported that the staff is still investigating new surveillance system options. John Little is comparing contractors' prices for replacement of the flooring in the Ministry Center and will make a decision on which is best before presenting to the co-mission. Doug Gayman will complete additional signage for the church building as his schedule allows. The Property Co-mission will be adding the following new members for 2018: Doug Gayman, Steve Wolfe, Brad Kuhns, Mike Plum, Don Clapper, Derek Book and Dale Forney.

• **Worship Arts** – Chuck Schussler announced that the Christmas program, "Wonder & Glory," was well attended in both services. All appreciate the wonderful job done by Stephen Flint and Nate Hann. Chuck noted that the new members joining the co-mission in January are Andrea Mowen and Ginny Frey. The purchase of a new video router for the Baker Center was approved.

Administrative Report:

Ken Adams gave an update on the downtown consultant's results on the parking situation. The new database software required replacing four check-in computers that were purchased in 2008. Cross & Crown will be redesigning our website. Pastoral housing allowances were approved as presented. The Borough of Chambersburg is placing a time capsule in their new city hall renovation project and they have invited King Street Church to participate. Ken asked anyone who had suggestions on what we could contribute to contact him. Ken shared a thank you note from Young Life for the use of our facilities. Ken expressed gratitude, on behalf of the Board of Administration, to Steve Shadle for 12 years of outstanding service as Chairman

of the Board and Board Treasurer. He presented Steve with a card, signed by all members of the board and a gift for his faithful service. Glenn Watson will serve as the Chairman of the Board beginning in January.

(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 December meeting will be available at the church office after they are approved at the next meeting.)



**Friday, February 9, 2018
6 p.m. in the Baker Center**

BUDDIES NEEDED

This amazing night will provide an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs aged 14 and older. On this night more than 500 churches from around the world will come together to host Night to Shine for approximately 90,000 honored guests through the support of 175,000 volunteers!

Many volunteer spots at King Street are filled but we still have some openings. We especially need about 30 buddies. Informational flyers are available in the church lobbies on the Information Walls. To learn more about the event visit: nighttoshine2018.com.

Staff Spotlight: Lisa Todino

by Rose Zook

Personnel Relations Co-mission Member

Lisa Todino was selected to join the King Street Church Children's Ministry Team in September of this year as Nursery Coordinator. Lisa and her family have been attending King Street for about six years. In her spare time enjoys cooking, reading, gardening and working on crafts.

As our Nursery Coordinator, Lisa reports to Becky Hann, attends weekly staff meetings and serves with Michaela, Renee, Jeanie and Heidi. Her duties include preparation and oversight of nursery rooms for Wednesday



Lisa Todino

evenings and Sunday mornings, coordinating child promotions as they mature and grow, taking attendance and ensuring that nursery rooms are properly staffed with volunteers and coordinating assembly and delivery of baby baskets. She particularly enjoys connecting with nursery volunteers and delivering the baby baskets, where she has the opportunity to meet and pray with young parents ... spreading joy!

Lisa sees her greatest challenge as adequately staffing the nursery rooms—finding volunteers

who are led to serve in our children's ministry. If she was presented with unlimited resources, Lisa shared her vision to have the opportunity to build a complex next to our church that would help people who lack resources with everything from healthcare to education, parenting classes and a food bank. "By spreading resources and showing God's love, we could help so many with their problems and have the potential to lead them to Christ."

Lisa grew up in Chambersburg's west end, in a Christian home with an older sister and a younger brother and accepted Christ when she was in the fourth grade. She remembers growing up picking strawberries in the patch on her family's farm. Lisa graduated from Shippensburg University with a degree in communications and journalism. She met her husband, Ralph, at her brother's wedding while he was living and working in Washington D.C. She shared with me that he moved to Chambersburg just for her. They were married 22 years ago!

Lisa and Ralph prayed for children, and after much heartache Lisa received the call that had been written on her heart—she and Ralph were being blessed with a beautiful baby girl to love and care for. With just less than 24 hours' notice, and much scrambling to gather up everything they needed to prepare their home for a little one, they picked up their precious Maria. Lisa took Maria to work with her every day for the first year of her life, where she slept soundly in the copy writing office.

After several years Lisa took a leap of faith and became a stay at home mom for Maria, who is now in kindergarten. Lisa makes herself available to meet with her volunteers and would be happy to connect with you if you feel led to serve in the nursery. You can find her there smiling on Sunday mornings. Stop in and say, "Hi," to her if you have the opportunity. Depending on when you stop in, you might see my husband and me on the floor with the crawlers.

Prayer and Music

Number Six in the Series

by Nancy Fritz
Prayer Ministry

How to survive New Year's Eve at Times Square

I read some reviews written by people who saw the New Year come in at Times Square in New York City. Everyone said they watched the ball drop at exactly midnight. In case you're planning to go sometime, I jotted down some tips from an article called "How to Survive New Year's Eve at Times Square."

GO PREPARED! What to wear: layers of warm clothes with lots of pockets, walking shoes and Depends. (There is nowhere to go to the bathroom!)

What not to take: back packs, big tote bags or purses, alcohol, nothing you couldn't live without if you lost it such as cash, jewelry, etc.

What to take: small bottle of water, snacks that fit in your pockets, protein bars/bites, chewing gum, throat lozenges, batteries for camera, aspirin or Tylenol, small plastic bags, camera, etc.

GETTING THERE: Park miles away and take public transportation into the city. When you get to your stop, walk (no matter how far) to find the "Cattle Pens." These are large "cells" (for want of a better word) in which X number of people will fit (authorities are there counting). Get acquainted with as many people as possible, you'll be with them until after midnight.

GET THERE EARLY! One gal said she got there at 11a.m. and almost "didn't make it."

OBEY POLICEMEN: You can't avoid them. They're everywhere!

Everyone who's done this calls it "an experience of a lifetime!" However, one man, who was apparently "underwhelmed" said, "I was very disappointed that the video is such poor quality." Enough said about that.

Our hymn for January talks about Just ONE

Celebration Day: It doesn't come around every year and no one knows when it will take place. However we can all prepare for it. The hymn is "What a Day That Will Be!"

VERSE 1: There is coming a day, When no heart aches shall come, No more clouds in the sky, No more tears to dim the eye. All is peace forever more, On that happy golden shore, What a day, glorious day that will be.

VERSE 2: There'll be no sorrow there, No more burdens to bear, No more sickness, no pain, No more parting over there; And forever I will be, With the one who died for me. What a day, glorious day that will be.

Refrain: What a day that will be, When my Jesus I shall see, And I look upon His face, The One who saved me by His grace; When He takes me by the hand, And leads me through the Promised Land, What a day, glorious day that will be.

To get a preview of what to expect on this Grand Day, read I Thessalonians 4:13-17 and 5:1-11, Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21 (check cross-references). And, be sure your reservation is acceptable! If you have doubts or questions, check with any one of our pastors at King Street Church. Hope we'll see you there!



The following individuals were baptized during the 9:45 service in the Baker Center on December 31:

Diana Cramer Samantha Ray
Carole Schroyer Tom Shearer

The next baptism classes will be held on February 4 and 11 in Room M17. The baptism service will be on February 25.



LIBRARY Nook

by Jeanne Amick
Administrative Assistant



I am looking forward to another year to devour more books! For you book lovers, you know what I mean. For those of you that prefer to read about a particular subject, something you want to know more about, or a

book where you can learn more about an area of your life—like finances, parenting, family and marriages, the KSC library has it! Our books now number 4373 and we have MANY categories such as Christian Living, Spiritual Growth, Inspirational, Evangelism, Historical, Prayer, Marriage, Family, Parenting, Finance, Novels and Romance.

We also have 65 books that are autobiographical in nature from different walks of life including Billy and Franklin Graham, Corrie Ten Boom, Joni Eareckson Tada, Dr. Tim Johnson (Senior Medical contributor for ABC News), sports great Nolan Ryan, Vietnam hero Lt. Clebe McClary and many more. I encourage you to check out all the books we have in our library by visiting or by using your smart phone, tablet or computer at www.librarythink.com with user name: kingstreetchurch and the password: k1ngstr33t, both all lower case. Once you have arrived, click on a category and it will give you all the names of the books in that category. Have fun and explore! The KSC Library is open any time the church is open. There is lots of parking available, no lines, no crowds—just lots of books to browse and check out one—or more. Until next time, happy reading!



Come out and support our basketball ministry by attending a game! All games are held at the Chambersburg Rec Center (235 S. 3rd St.).

King Street Black

Coached by Greg West & Delmar Lehman

- 1/9/18 @ 9 p.m. vs King Street Red
- 1/16/18 @ 9 p.m. vs Greenwood Hills
- 1/25/18 @ 8 p.m. vs Network
- 1/30/18 @ 9 p.m. vs Falling Spring
- 2/6/18 @ 8 p.m. vs King Street White
- 2/13/18 @ 8 p.m. vs King Street Red
- 2/20/18 @ 8 p.m. vs Greenwood Hills

King Street White

Coached by Sean Martin & Austin Whetzel

- 1/11/18 @ 8 p.m. vs Network
- 1/16/18 @ 8 p.m. vs King Street Red
- 1/23/18 @ 9 p.m. vs Falling Spring
- 2/1/18 @ 8 p.m. vs Greenwood Hills
- 2/6/18 @ 8 p.m. vs King Street Black
- 2/13/18 @ 9 p.m. vs Network
- 2/22/18 @ 8 p.m. vs King Street Red

King Street Red

Coached by Jim Byers & Austin Rosenbaum

- 1/9/18 @ 9 p.m. vs King Street Black
- 1/16/18 @ 8 p.m. vs King Street White
- 1/23/18 @ 8 p.m. vs Greenwood Hills
- 1/30/18 @ 8 p.m. vs Network
- 2/6/18 @ 9 p.m. vs Falling Spring
- 2/13/18 @ 8 p.m. vs King Street Black
- 2/22/18 @ 8 p.m. vs King Street White

Once More Ministries Report

Thanks be to God that our distribution on December 9 was outstanding. Through you at King Street Church, we were able to serve 210 households, which amounted to 864 individuals with 148 prayer requests. How exciting it is to be able to impact so many families with a gift of truly appreciated toiletries!

As our guests were greeted by their partners, many enjoyed an embrace and the joy of reconnection. We see the Lord's work in so many of their lives and we know that He is leading this ministry to touch the community.

One short joy that we were made aware of was that one of our guests asked for prayer for a health issue and several days later we were informed that this issue is now healed. The power of prayer to our Lord is great.

Thank you for blessing so many in this community with all of your acts of love and kindness.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11: "Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

May this ministry increase and continue to touch our neighbors with the love of Jesus. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

We pray that you have a blessed 2018 as we all continue to grow and love our Lord and Savior.

Invitation for Widows to Come Hear Virginia Jelinek!

WHO: Sisterhood for Widows

WHAT: Speaker Virginia Jelinek

WHEN: Sunday, January 14, 2018 from 2 to 5 p.m.

WHERE: World Harvest Outreach,
1090 Wayne Avenue, Chambers-
burg, PA 17201

WHY: Virginia Jelinek, a local widow and newly published author of *Where Hope Blooms*, will join Sisterhood for Widows to share her story. Her twice-widowed experience with grief will help widows no matter where they are in their current journey. Her desire is to help widows find the treasures in life, to see that Christ in us can give peace that surpasses all understanding and to know that hope is always blooming.

RSVP: Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Please call (717) 256-1088 and leave a message which includes your name, telephone number and the number of attendees. You may also email the information to Sisterhoodforwidows@gmail.com.

PARKING: Please drive to the back of World Harvest Outreach to park and enter the building through the double glass doors.

If you have questions about the group or the meeting, please call (717) 256-1088 and leave a message. Someone will gladly return your call.



Our new season of study will begin January 3, 7-8:30 p.m.

Nursery/Children's Programs are offered through April 25. **IMPORTANT:** a parent must stay on-site for Nursery, Pre-School, and Kindergarten children.

Colossians: A Christ-Centered Letter—Buck Summers (M4). This class will learn more about Jesus through the book of Colossians. We will explore Jesus Christ as the head of the church and our all-in-all.

Grow in the Word 1—Jim Washabaugh (M9). Learn to apply the Bible to daily life through a two-year study. This class began in the fall, and is closed to new participants.

GriefShare—STARTS FEBRUARY 7. Jackie Spahr, Brian Knepper, and Kathy Cooper (M121). GriefShare is a faith-based support group for those suffering the deep loss of a loved one. It's led by people who can relate.

Leadership Essentials— STARTS JANUARY 17. KSC Pastors (M2). A course for developing effective leadership practices. This class began in the fall, and is closed to new participants. Meets the 3rd/4th weeks of January—April.

Pottery—Don and Mary Burkholder (KSCC Studio). Participants learn hand-building techniques and throwing on the potter's wheel. Cost is \$20. The spring class is full.

RSVP—Jim Roberts (M24). Receiving, Reflecting, and Responding to the Holy Invitations of God: this study is a one hour break in your week where you can slow down and open the "mail" and consider the Holy Invitations of God.

MEN'S CLASS:

Resolving Everyday Conflict—Mike White, Fred Ailes, Lowell Martin (M27/29). We desire harmony in our relationships, but conflict is unavoidable. This study is a practical, biblical, and concise guide to peacemaking in everyday life.

WOMEN'S CLASSES:

Discerning the Voice of God—Sheila Hawk (M215). Priscilla Shirer will help us explore humble obedience to God as the key for daily communication with God. We will learn how surrender unlocks His blessings, centers us in His will, and helps us discern His voice in everyday life. Additional information is on page 12.

We Saved You a Seat—Caryn Bowser (M28). In this study, Lisa-Jo Baker explains seven practical ways to find and keep lasting friendships, with Jesus as the ultimate model for authentic friendship. Additional information is on page 12.

King Street Women's Ministry

Wednesday Evening Bible Studies

Discerning the Voice of God

by Priscilla Shirer

Starts January 3, Room M215

Led by Sheila Hawk

A decade ago, Priscilla Shirer authored *Discerning the Voice of God*, and since then God has continued to grow, teach and challenge her in her walk with Him. This revised and expanded edition reflects that growth through new stories, illustrations and exercises.

Through 7 sessions, discover the root to clear and daily communication with God—humble obedience. Learn how surrender unlocks His many blessings intended for us, centers us in His will and helps us discern His voice in everyday life.



We Saved You a Seat

by Lisa-Jo Baker

Starts January 3, Room M28

Led by Caryn Bowser

How are you?" "Fine." In today's busy world, we're wired to appear "fine," warding off authenticity and shielding ourselves from judgment. We hide behind the hum of busyness to escape intimate friendships with the women God has placed in our lives.

But we do want a seat at the table. We yearn for authentic relationships and the opportunity to be the opposite of "fine" with people who cheer for us. But comparison, envy and entitle-

ment often stop us from pulling out a chair at the table. Friendship can be hard, making new friends even harder and maintaining genuine friendship the hardest of all.

In this 7-session Bible study, Lisa-Jo Baker and friends encourage us to explore our relationship with Jesus as the ultimate model for authentic friendship. Nothing shapes us like the impact of a friend—it's how Jesus radically and intimately connects with us. So instead of chasing perfection, overcome your fear of being known and find the courage to connect.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Heaven

by Randy Alcorn

Starts January 3

9:30 a.m., Room M9

Led by Sherry Sellers

Have you found answers to all your questions about paradise? Do you know what will be different---and what will remain the same--in the new Heaven and new Earth? As the years pass and we watch more and more of our family, friends and mentors pass away, it is only natural to ask questions about heaven. However, our understanding of heaven is often limited to a few half-forgotten Sunday school lessons and the insubstantial images provided by popular movies and T.V.

Fortunately, in *Heaven* Randy Alcorn provides us with a thoroughly researched and biblically definitive description of heaven. Alcorn addresses our most serious questions about

heaven, including the nature of judgment, and answers a few of our less serious questions as well, including the accessibility of cafe mochas in the sweet by and by. Readers will develop a deeper understanding of our eternal destination and find the courage to strive for heaven while living on earth.



Thursday Morning Bible Study

Missing Pieces

by Jennifer Rothschild

Every other Thursday starting
January 4, 6:30 a.m., (M9)

Led by Cookie Schoenberger and
Sharon Love

Does God care? Is He fair? Is He even there? Although you may know all the right answers, they don't always feel right. This *Missing Pieces: Real Hope When Life Doesn't Make Sense* Bible study book provides a personal study experience for this video-driven women's Bible study. Explore these and other questions in this realistic look at the messy, mysterious uncertainties of faith. God's ways don't always make sense, but He is trustworthy. Come close to Him. Trust Him more than your feelings. God will reveal Himself and fill in your missing pieces.

Participants who take this study will:

- Experience unexpected peace in spite of unexpected heartache
- Hang on to God's answers when you feel you are at the end of your rope
- Move forward when you feel stuck in your circumstances
- Have a greater sense of peace through every storm you face

- Strengthen your faith when you feel beaten down by life
- Survive unexpected storms knowing God is in your boat
- Experience stability when tidal waves of emotion hit
- Trust God more than your feelings



SAVE THE DATES

Festival of Tables

March 17, Baker Center

Theme: "The Days of Creation"

A hostess can pick a day and decorate her table however she feels inspired by that day's happenings. Details will be available mid-January.



Priscilla SHIRER
SIMULCAST

APRIL 28, 2018



Details available mid-January



Questions? Contact Mary at
womensministry@kschurch.org

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JUST FOR KIDS



NEW YEAR'S NOISE-MAKERS

Ring in the New Year with these fun noisemakers!

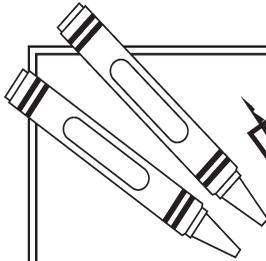


What you need:

- Wooden craft sticks
- Metallic paint (gold and silver)
- Paint brushes
- Jingle bells (gold and silver)
- Hot glue gun
- Metallic ribbon
- Scissors
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Paint half the sticks gold and half silver. Let dry.
2. Glue three bells to each stick.
3. Cut a six-inch piece of ribbon for each stick. Tie a bow and glue it to the noisemaker. Celebrate!



PUZZLE

A NEW CREATION



The apostle Paul says everyone who believes in Jesus becomes brand new.



Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.

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LORD
 Resurrection Author
I AM
 Christ
 bread of life
Beginning and the End
 Good Shepherd **SAVIOR**
Messiah

SON OF
 man
 the beloved
 Light
OUR
 HOPE
 cornerstone
Life
 King
 of the
 Jews

RIGHTEOUS ONE
Friend
 Everlasting Father Great
FIRST AND Physician
LAST
 faithful and true
 Alpha and witness
Jesus
 high priest
Friend
 Holy One
 master

Son of the Most High
 Bright & MORNING STAR
 counselor Author of
Love Salvation
CREATOR
 true vine
 Heir **Shield &**
 of all Things **Buckler** Potter
ROCK
 Righteousness Alpha
 of Judah **Lamb without blemish**
 Living Water
 Savior **wonderful**

in His Name

New Series for 2018:

In 2018, Pastor Jody Bowser will lead us on a year-long study called “Life in His Name,” with sermons from the book of John. The theme comes from John 20:31, “These are written that you may believe Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you might have life in his name.” In coordination with that series, we will be reading through the New Testament as a church family. Watch the worship folder for full details!



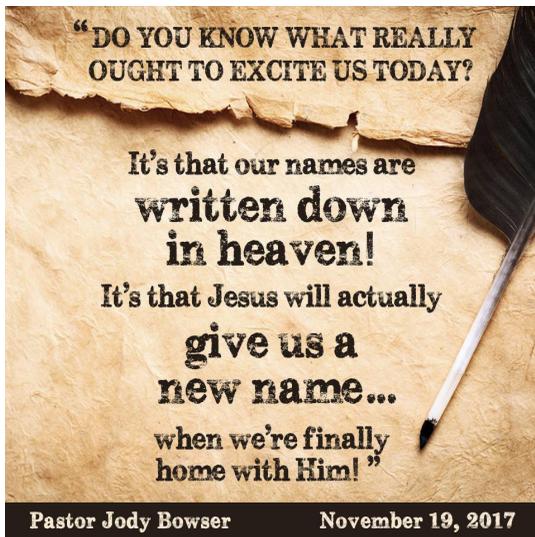
We offer a number of paid (\$7.25/hour) internships at King Street Church. These opportunities are designed to enrich the

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

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!

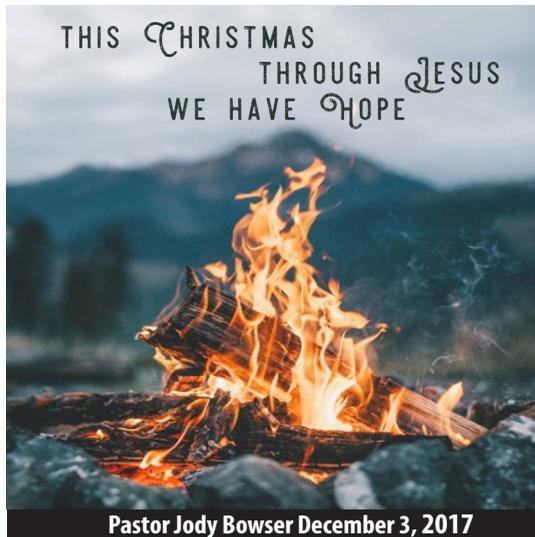


“DO YOU KNOW WHAT REALLY OUGHT TO EXCITE US TODAY?

It’s that our names are written down in heaven!

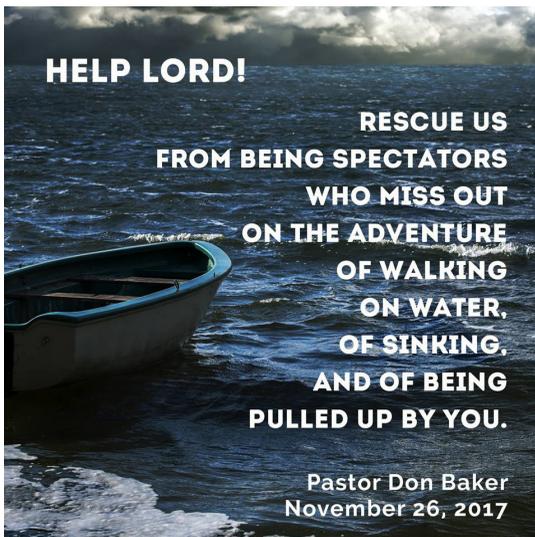
It’s that Jesus will actually give us a new name... when we’re finally home with Him!”

Pastor Jody Bowser November 19, 2017



THIS CHRISTMAS THROUGH JESUS WE HAVE HOPE

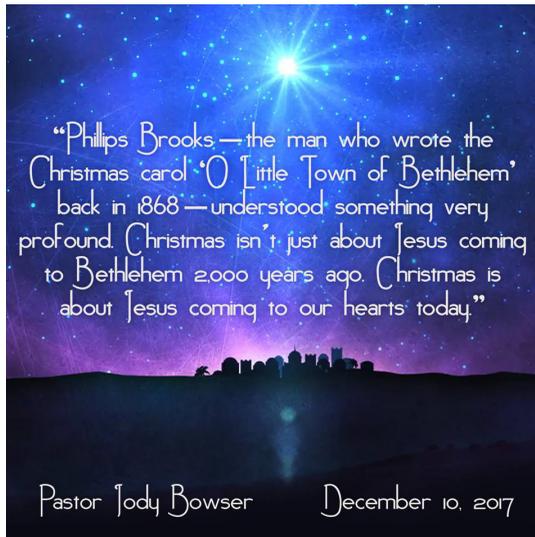
Pastor Jody Bowser December 3, 2017



HELP LORD!

RESCUE US FROM BEING SPECTATORS WHO MISS OUT ON THE ADVENTURE OF WALKING ON WATER, OF SINKING, AND OF BEING PULLED UP BY YOU.

Pastor Don Baker November 26, 2017



“Phillips Brooks—the man who wrote the Christmas carol ‘O Little Town of Bethlehem’ back in 1868—understood something very profound. Christmas isn’t just about Jesus coming to Bethlehem 2,000 years ago. Christmas is about Jesus coming to our hearts today.”

Pastor Jody Bowser December 10, 2017



SAMARITAN'S FUND AUCTION 2018

Saturday, March 24
Baker Center

SILENT AUCTION AT 4:00 PM, LIVE AUCTION AT 5:00 PM

Save the date for this fun night of food and fellowship! Donations will be accepted in February. All proceeds from the auction support the Deacon's Ministry here at King Street Church.

STUDENT MINISTRY EVENT

New Year's
JAN. 3RD 2018
Kick-Off

THE 
STREET



FEATURING:
ATTABOY
&
RYAN PAYNE

February 2-4
\$95 + Activity Fee
Fun, Music, Games, Friends, Food

Students, you can pick up a registration card in the Student Ministry Center.
The registration deadline is January 17.



Thank You Notes

Dear King Street Family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards and phone calls through my heart catheterization and following the battery replacement of my I.C.D. I really appreciate our church family's care and concern. God has been very good to me. May God bless each of you.

Martha Rotz



We as a family want to express our thanks and gratitude to all our friends and prayer warriors at King Street for your kindness with your visits, prayers, food and your many expressions of your sympathy in cards during Richard's illness and death.

Richard (Dick) looked forward to attending church on Sundays. He made quite a few class "buddies" while attending.

A special thanks to Pastor Cook and Pastor Stine for their daily visits. It meant so much to us.

May you as a congregation continue to show your love and support in prayer and friendship.

Love and Blessings,
The Kauffman Family
(Anna, Nelson, Lori, Tiffany and Adilynn)

PRIMETIMERS UPDATES



Looking Ahead to 2018

Potlucks

January 10, February 14, March 14



April 27-30

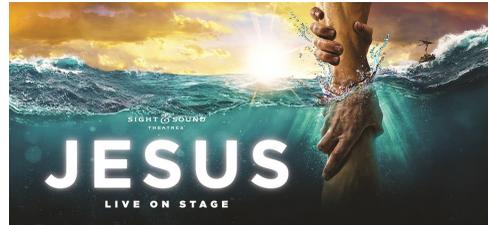
Bollman Bus trip to VA Beach/Norfolk

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.



EXCERPTS FROM RECENT COMMUNICATIONS

K and RW

December 2017

(Serving in the Middle East)

Greetings in the name of our blessed Savior!

We have arrived back in [the country where we serve] after a 14-week furlough in the US. Our time there was blessed as we were able to see all our family in their respective homes. It is encouraging to see how God is blessing our three children, grand kids, siblings and mothers. We are thankful we were able to re-enter [the country where we serve] on November 1 with no problem.

We will be celebrating Christmas with a special evangelistic outreach this year. Four churches are holding a joint meeting on December 23. The venue holds 450 people. There will be choirs, a drama, a short talk and Christmas carol singing. Pray for the gospel to be proclaimed and understood clearly. Pray for many to take a step closer to Christ as a result. Pray for safety. There have been some threats of terror activity around Christmas celebrations in the Middle East.

The next issue of our theological journal

e-manet will focus on the Protestant Reformation. We observe a growing trend toward ecumenism among the believers. Pray that this issue will be effective in showing (1) the importance of Scripture only as our basis for belief and (2) the need for faith only in Christ for salvation.

K has been asked to do training in church leadership in four churches around [the country where we serve] in January and February. We are grateful for this opportunity. Pray that the training will be effective in raising up more people to serve in local churches.

Christmas is a time that reminds us of God's faithfulness to His people. With Christ's coming to earth, God fulfilled so many of the Old Testament promises. As we sing, celebrate, and meet with loved ones this year, may the blessings of Christ's Coming guide our thoughts so that we bring honor to the one whose birth we celebrate. Many thanks to all of you who pray for us. The engine of our ministry is you in your interceding for us. We are grateful.

A and JL

December 2017

(Serving in the Middle East with Christar)

As *J* and I reflect on 2017, we are so thankful for His many blessings!

1. *A* turned 70-years-old in January.
2. *A* and *J* both had the opportunity to teach local citizens from God's Word.
3. In March we were granted our resident Visa (after jumping through several additional hoops).
4. We as a team were able to improve security measures at the fellowship (we all feel safer).
5. We helped a new worker get oriented to and set up in our city.
6. We visited in [several] homes, heard sto-

ries, shared scripture passages, and prayed with many.

7. We prayed with and had a part in several people coming to faith! A few weeks ago one lady wrote to say that she had "prayed the prayer of repentance" and thanked J for sharing with her.
8. In May we completed 40 years of service since going to [the country where we serve].
9. J had a benign growth removed from her breast.
10. We signed up for Social Security and most recently Medicare. (How did we get so old?)
11. We packed up our home and returned to the States on October 3.
12. Since returning to the US, we have shared our work with the people where we serve in two fellowships and three small groups as well as many individuals.
13. We participated in a debriefing time at our US Mobilization Center.
14. We were given a wonderful welcome back party by family and friends in Greensboro, NC.
15. We have been busy getting our home ready to move into in North Carolina.
16. We have been able to visit our children and grandchildren.
17. Praising God that Peter is leading a church planting team in the Chicago area. Pray that he, his family and team will be sensitive to the Lord's leading.
18. Faithful, supportive, loving, praying and giving friends like YOU! We are on a furlough (Home Assignment) until the end of March. In April we will be continuing our ministry with Christar to promote "Christ honoring transformations where He is yet to be worshiped" but we will be based stateside. Have a wonderful holiday season!

Emily and Bryan Gerlach

November 21, 2017

(Serving in Thailand with TEAM Global Missions)

10 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 the church's 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. We can honestly say that we would not have made it through our first term without their support.

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.

December 11, 2017

Merry Christmas! As we reflect on our journey over 2017, we can't help but feel grateful for how far we've come. Jameson has adjusted to his new life and often refers to our house here

as "home". Emily has been able to reconnect with so many dear friends in Chiang Mai and supports our family as an amazing mother and wife. Bryan has jumped right into work that he really enjoys at our foundation office. Although it's tough not being with family over the holidays, we feel so blessed to have a great community here that really does feel like family. We are looking forward to several Christmas parties and the chance to worship with our Thai church on Christmas Eve.

Prayers:

- For a Christmas outreach that the church is helping with nearby.
- Bryan has received more responsibility at work with the resignation of the CEO.
- Emily continuing to discern 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.
- Emily had the chance to minister in a youth detention center for girls and lead a craft.

Bernie and Sherry Pierce

December 2, 2017

(Serving in Lincoln, Nebraska with Christar)

Joy in the Waiting

Sometimes we struggle balancing what praying friends would want to know and what is too much information for others; therefore, we will try to make this concise. This has been a heavy week for us medically. Before Thanksgiving Bernie had testing to investigate what appeared to be gallbladder problems. However, his sonogram revealed cysts on the liver. This week the CAT scan revealed a complex cyst on the liver and an umbilical hernia. Monday afternoon we will discuss the results and next steps and Thursday morning we see the gas-

troenterologist.

During this same week, a normal yearly scan for Sherry came back with a visible nodule which was not visible at her second visit with sonogram. Therefore, Monday she will have a (painful) biopsy and await results. Thanks for praying for us to have joy in the waiting and to keep trusting the One who is "already there."

Thanks for praying for "Darren"

We were thrilled that our English church has taken personal interest in "Darren," the teen who professes Christ but comes from a Sabeian family and has limited understanding (and is bullied at school). This was a boost to his morale and will hopefully be a boost to his understanding of Christ.

"Tummy fill, not landfill"

One of the benefits of Bernie volunteering at the FoodNet on Friday morning is the relationships we both get to make with the people that attend. Timothy is a child magnet, of course. One of the gals that we've gotten to know more is a Yazidi gal, mother of a boy Timothy's age. She used to attend our team's kids' clubs in the very church where the FoodNet is held. She has invited us to come visit them in her home. Pray this would work out this week and for a fruitful visit.

Praises:

1. Friends like YOU praying and giving to Christar
2. Medical appointments happening quickly
3. Thanksgiving outreach dinner went well with lots of volunteers
4. Having a network for prayer and help here in Lincoln
5. Sherry gets to attend a Yazidi baby shower today
6. Bernie's teaching in the Scout Academy went well

Requests:

1. Provisions for personal needs and van repairs; an eventual second vehicle is needed.

Provisions for more coming medical bills.

2. Continued 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. Peace in waiting for results this week; anxiety to disappear over test on Monday

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 Sabeian families who are coming to the Arab church currently

7. Teammates who have been caring for their 97 year old dad nearly round the clock after a shift in his medical diagnosis and needing relief.

December 17, 2017

God would have been good regardless, but....

Although it took lots more time than it should have to get our results, we praise the Lord that we both got positive news. Bernie's issues were deemed not serious; he has cysts throughout his liver and on the outside and even on his spleen and an umbilical hernia (and probably another one that was not checked yet). He will have a follow up sonogram in six months. (We will return to the doctor if pain returns.) Just today we learned that Sherry's biopsy came back clear—no cancer—and she will have a follow up in six months, as well. Yes, we would have been praising God for His sovereignty regardless, but we are grateful that cancer is not how He chose to glorify Himself through either of us at this time.

Children make connections!

Thank you for praying for good visits. Timothy and Mommy were able to have two great visits last week. On one they were able to offer a Hebrew Bible to a Sabeian family who lived in Israel. Pray it will be read! We

also visited the intended friend from FoodNet. "Stacy" opened up about her memories of the (Bible) Kids' Club she attended as a pre-teen (around 10 years ago), her family, and more. Her dad is one of the top religious leaders of the Yazidi community. The Bible clubs Bernie and our team (and others) lead really are planting seeds! Timothy and her son get along so well. It was a SUPER first visit!

"Eida te pîroz bet" or Happy holidays for the Yazidis.

After three days of fasting, the Yazidis (also spelled Yezidis) celebrate with a feast and a big community celebration on Eda Rojia, the fourth day. We were privileged to make a quick visit and give some hugs. It was definitely a cultural experience that we won't soon forget: families at tables eating sweets, men and women dancing in one huge circle around the inside perimeter of the building and deafening music by a band. Pray that we can keep making inroads into this community and that they would see their need for Jesus, Our Prince of Peace.

Emily Schoenleber

December 9, 2017

(Serving in New Zealand with Youth With A Mission)

Life in Vanuatu has been in full swing!

It's been over five weeks since I've come back to Vanuatu. When I think of all that has happened in that time, I am blown away. While preparing to come, and even when I first arrived, I didn't have many plans in place. I knew God had said to come so I booked my tickets, sorted accommodations and here I was.

The first couple of weeks that I was here were a bit challenging because I had only ever come to Vanuatu when I was leading outreach teams and now here I was with a pretty empty schedule and no team. I began to really enjoy it though because I had the freedom to just jump

in and help with things that I wouldn't have been able to do if I had a team I was responsible for. I remember one morning early on, I was feeling pretty discouraged and I had gone for a walk telling the Lord my heart and explaining how hard it was not to know what would happen tomorrow, the day after, next week, next month, etc. In a moment I heard that comforting voice and tears came to my eyes:

Brave love is continuing to press in every day, even if I don't know what the next day will look like.

I knew that God was calling me to an even deeper level of faith, trust, and dependency on Him; but this was only the beginning of what has continued to unfold since that first week.

Here's a bit of an overview of what I've been involved in while here.

- I had the opportunity to help our pastor with a conference/retreat sort of thing for missionaries here in Vanuatu. Missionary families from the US who serve in various islands here in Vanuatu came to Port Vila (the capital city) for a few days. I helped with a few different things like set up and the worship team.

- As we've done on previous outreaches, we continue to spend time with our friends from the Salvation Army on the other side of town. This is not only an orphanage of sorts but the people there have become such good friends too. We usually see them at least once a week and some of the older kids even come to our church's youth group.

- Which brings me to the next thing. Youth group at our church. I've been tagging along to that and man, I forgot how much I enjoyed hanging out with young people. (Well you know, people younger than me. Haha.) It's been such a highlight for me being able to get to know this group of teens.

- Lots of worship and prayer.

- A team from our church in New Zealand, Hope Centre, also came over to Port Vila for about a week. I rolled with them most of the

time they were here.—such a slice of home right here in Vanuatu. During their time in Port Vila, we hosted a conference for pastors and leaders. Then I also went with the team to the island of Nguna (Noo-Nah) for a few days. Two guys from the team stuck around for an extra week so I was able to spend time with them, too.

- I was able to tag along with some friends of mine, Aaron and Louise (from England), to do ministry in the prisons here. I've been to the medium security prison and also the women's prison. What a privilege to go and love on these ones! "... I was in prison and you came to visit me" (Matthew 25:36).



Erin and Emily

- Of course I have continued to visit friends of mine that I know around town and in the market.

Something that made my first couple weeks in Vanuatu extra special was that four DTS outreach teams were still in the country. And the team leaders are all good friends of mine, some of whom I've staffed with from the beginning. One of them is Erin (in the photo above) and this time last year she had just graduated her DTS. She was a student of mine on the Prayer & Passion DTS, was one of my one on ones, and then we co-led together last school. And now I got to watch her lead her first outreach. She's basically a champ. Love you, Erin. So proud of you.

Most of you Chambersburg people reading

this might have recognized another familiar face besides mine in the photo below, Brady Picking. As that crew was walking to the restaurant that night, one of our friends said, "Is it weird that you guys grew up together and now you're walking the streets of Vanuatu?" When we were in high school, never in a million years did I think that would happen. From our King Street days to CASHS and now still being able to a



Emily and some of her DTS friends

have a friend from home around even way out here in the South Pacific is such a blessing. To all of my friends in the US and all of you in NZ and beyond. I am so thankful for you all. I love you all and love that you are a part of my life.

As I have been looking ahead to 2018 and what the Lord has planned, there have been times where I've been worried because I don't have the next six months planned out. (I don't even have the next six days planned out.) But when I was in Nguna, looking off the cliff into the ocean, the Lord was teaching me something I won't soon forget. I was watching the waves come and go and felt the breeze on my face. Then I felt the Lord say to me, "Are you willing to live a life led by My Spirit?"

I knew exactly the verse He was talking about which says, "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." I think it's one of those verses we read and think, "Yeah that's cool," but rarely do we consider what that would look like if it played out in our lives. I think my first response back

to God was something along the lines of asking where would I live or what would I do if things changed that fast? Just as quickly I heard the words of Jesus, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head." I don't think Jesus was worried at all about where He would sleep, how He would eat or what would happen. He obeyed the Father. I really feel that this is a time of change, transition and stepping into new things that God has for me. I need Him more than ever. I need to make Him my security, my comfort, my source of peace. I don't know what the next few weeks or months will hold, but I know that my Father is good and I will continue to obey the next step. Even if I don't know what lies on the other side.

Thank you all for your generous support and prayers. From Vanuatu, I hope all of you have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with your families and loved ones. Watch for another email from me sometime soon as



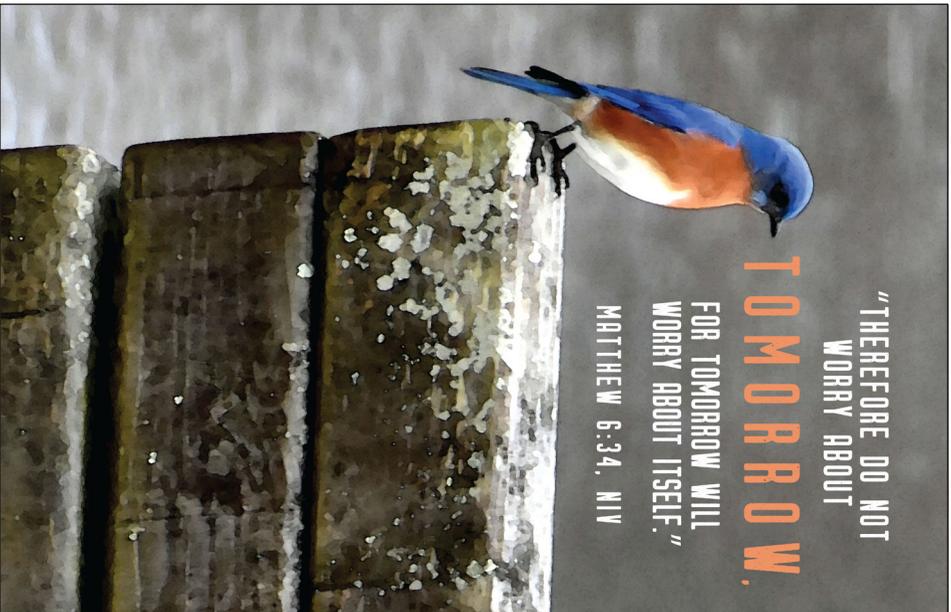
Emily and some of her young friends

I discover what 2018 holds. And, as always, I would love to hear from you. Feel free to inbox me with any questions, comments, etc.

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MATTHEW 6:34. NIV