

MESSENGER

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Engaging and Blessing

by Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor



Engaging and blessing our community with the Gospel is our high calling! It is our privilege as children of God.

Our mission here at King Street is to Engage and Bless Our Community with the Gospel.

Engaging and Blessing. Our Community. With the Gospel. It's The Gospel that takes center stage in this declaration! Of course it does. Everything we do here at King Street centers on the Gospel—the good news that Jesus Christ died on the cross for each one of us; that He rose again, defeating death; that He ascended to heaven where He sits right now as King of kings and Lord of lords; and that He adopts us as His children when we believe in Him.

Our worship focuses on the Gospel. Our preaching focuses on the Gospel. Our children's and youth ministries focus on the Gospel. Our Sunday school and small groups focus on the Gospel. Our missions efforts, both locally and globally, focus on the Gospel. We sacrifice our time, talents and energy for the Gospel. We employ a staff, maintain a beautiful facility, invest in technology, baptize and welcome new partners—all for the sake of the Gospel!

And as our mission states: We engage and bless others in our

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community with the Gospel.

When we think about the word *engage*, there are several things that ought to come to mind. There is a world of difference between simply talking to someone versus engaging them in conversation. Engagement requires active participation. It calls for our full attention. It's not being passive or apathetic. To engage others means that we make a genuine and intentional connection. We don't just interact, we connect. We don't just care, we love. We don't just talk, we act.

The word *blessing* has such a deep and powerful meaning. In the book of Numbers, chapter 6, God instructs Aaron the High Priest to bless the people of Israel by saying to them: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious

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to you; The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace." This blessing wasn't just full of happy thoughts and well-wishes. This blessing invoked the power and protection of God.

The same is true when the patriarch Jacob blessed his twelve sons in Genesis 49-50. Jacob spoke truth into their lives. His words and actions carried great impact. In recent years we have learned how transformative and deeply significant it is when parents speak blessing over their children. Blessing literally changes our lives.

With this in mind, this is precisely what each of us are called to do as we live the call of God in our daily lives. Our mission isn't just a nice, catchy phrase that sounds good when we say it or looks good when printed on the wall. **NO! Engaging and blessing our community with**

the Gospel is our high calling! It is our privilege as children of God. It is, in fact, the power of God available to us to transform and redeem.

Our words can be a blessing. Our actions can be a blessing. When we give others our active attention, and truly care about them, we are engaging in God-honoring activity. When we speak words of encouragement, or compassion, we are creating a way for the Holy Spirit to move and minister. When we love, as Jesus loved, we are engaging in the highest and most transformative activity on planet earth. It truly matters!

So let's keep these things in the front of our minds. When we wake in the morning, let's thank God that He calls us to join Him in the holy work of shining light into the darkness of this world. Wherever we go and whatever we do, let's never forget that God CAN and WILL work in and through us when we open our hearts and minds to what the Holy Spirit calls us to do.

And may we never forget that it is Jesus and the message of the Gospel that is the power of God for salvation and transformation of our souls. Always keep in mind the great words of Romans 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes!"

Amen! Hey Church ... let's go live the call!

Holy Communion

June 10, 2018

Once More Ministries

Offering goes to support our community outreach toiletry supply ministry

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

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Articles and information for the July 2018 issue should be submitted by June 20.

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Excellence in Worship

Fulfilling the High Calling of God to Serve Him with Our Best

by Dr. Stephen Flint

Pastor of Worship and Care



“When David was old and full of days, he made Solomon, his son, king over Israel. David assembled all the leaders of Israel and the priests and the Levites. The Levites, thirty years old and upward, were numbered, and the total was 38,000 men. ‘Twenty-four thousand of these,’ David said, ‘shall have charge of the work in the house of the Lord, 6,000 shall be officers and judges, 4,000 gatekeepers, and 4,000 shall offer praises to the Lord with the instruments that I have made for praise.’ And David organized them in divisions corresponding to the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari” (1 Chronicles 23:1-6).

The above scripture is a strong proof text towards a worship theology of appointed leaders who shall have charge and responsibility for the work of the Lord in the House of the Lord. I particularly want to focus on verse four where it states, “4,000 shall offer praises to the Lord with instruments that I have made for praise.”

From the beginning of time our God is a God of organization who appoints people to carry out His work of praise that is arranged to glorify Him. What a blessing to sense His appointment, and then fulfill that appointment in carrying out faithfully the duties of the Lord! I want to sing the praises (pun intended) for all of our King Street servants who faithfully carry out their duties and give their best in the work in the House of the Lord. KSC is blessed with hundreds of people who take seriously their

charge and fulfill their promise to serve. These are people who have full-time jobs and have to manage their families. They are students and busy people who have to take care of countless details every day. Even so, they make time to perfect their craft and learn their part. They attend weekday practices and show up for their duties on Sunday and even contribute to extra events planned throughout the year. This all takes time. This all takes effort as we commit ourselves to giving God our best.

Sometimes you get an inside look at this necessary preparation that takes place before a service. Due to the commitment by our people to do their best in back-to-back services and in multiple styles, you may witness a sound check

or video check as you arrive. These important steps help to ensure all our systems are working and ready to go. It is our goal to offer our congregation a distraction-free service of worship. The Worship Arts Teams appreciate the congregation's patience as the final check takes place.

KSC is blessed with many talented people in Worship Arts and I praise God for the many who have charge in the work of the House of the Lord. I invite all of you reading this column to write a note of appreciation to someone who serves faithfully and provide some encouragement.

May we all be inspired to fulfill our charge by the Lord and sense His purpose for our life!

Celebrate Recovery is Coming to KSC!

What is Celebrate Recovery? In many ways it is like a church within a church that worships and grows with a mind toward authentic community and a desire to see God bring healing in the midst of brokenness. Often the word "recovery" brings to mind chemical abuse addictions, and yes, Celebrate Recovery has a heart for addicts. However, when exploring the work of CR, you find that well over half of the people who have been brought to wholeness in their walk with Jesus are NOT addicts. Rather, many have worked through issues with anger, anxiety, codependency, lust, food issues, low self-worth, gambling, marital strain...you name it. If you are human, Celebrate Recovery is for you! God desires that each one of us move closer and closer to resembling Christ in every area of life, even the dark corners.



Celebrate Recovery®

Celebrate Recovery is a safe space where we can be real with our hurts, hang-ups and habits and walk through a healing journey with others who are traveling the same road. No judgment. No shame. Just real, authentic community.

King Street Church is excited for this opportunity to grow in our discipleship as believers and to reach our community beyond our church walls. **If you would like to know more, please contact Adam Keath at akeath@kschurch.org or (717) 264-4651.** And keep your eyes peeled for some upcoming info meetings, volunteer needs and a launch date announcement. We appreciate your prayers as we ask the Lord to use Celebrate Recovery to bring our brokenness into the light and see the transformation of many!

After School Update

by Jeanie Helman
Outreach Coordinator



The After School Program has ended for the 2017-18 school year. It is hard to believe that summer vacation has already begun. We finished with 30 students this year and graduated four who will be heading off to middle school in

the fall. The children's mission project was Disaster Relief for Puerto Rico. They were able to send \$5868.85 for this cause. Thank you to all who contributed toward that effort.

Here are some of the other things the children were able to experience this school year:

- Weekly help with their homework.
- Bible teaching each week.
- Life Lessons that included a virtual trip to Antarctica, a cooking class, music lessons that included a week of Boom whacking, a visit by the 4-H Service Dog Club, making mosaics, visiting a home Lego land, a visit by the Franklin County Dairy Princess, candle making, an Easter scavenger hunt and story telling.
- Carnival to cap off the year.

It's been a full year of activity, relationship building, character development (kids and adults alike) and growth spiritually, physically and emotionally. All this took place because of a church whose mission is to engage and bless our community with the Gospel.

We were blessed to have over 40 adults weekly volunteering their time and gifts, anywhere from tutors to cooks, teachers, prayers

and special guests, to enable our program to happen. Yes, we had challenges and disappointments but we also had God sightings, answers to prayers and opportunity to stand with and pray for one another. Our challenges helped us rely on God and remember to pray for our school teachers. Our disappointments caused us to reevaluate and look for things or attitudes that needed to be changed. Our God sightings caused us to praise Him and have our hope renewed. Answered prayers built our faith and gave us reassurance that this is God's work and we can trust Him to see us through.

It's an honor to coordinate this ministry and work with this amazing team. Thank you to all who work, give and pray. It's a beautiful picture of how the body of Christ is designed



Cooking Class

to work. We are always looking for individuals to contribute. Lord willing, we will begin again October 1, 2018. We meet on Mondays and Tuesdays after school. Tutoring is our greatest need with most people volunteering one day a week from 4:45-6:15. We also need Bible teachers, meal preparers and helpers, Life Lesson presenters, donors and prayers. Contact me at jhelman@kschurch.org or 717-264-4651 ext. 206 for more information.

What Drives Missions Ministry at King Street?

by Jay Brown

Pastor of Mission and Discipleship



For the past several months the Missions Co-mission at King Street has been discussing its missions philosophy. We have sought to answer questions like, “What should be the guiding principles for our involvement over-

seas? How can we have the greatest impact with the resources that we have to invest?” and “How does Scripture call us to engage as we seek the growth of the Kingdom of God around the world?” In addition to these questions, we also wanted to understand how God has moved the people and communities within our own church body to be involved in missions and see if there were opportunities to align with that in a greater way.

The answers to those questions helped us frame a statement of our missions philosophy that will lead us forward as we seek avenues of involvement overseas and sometimes here at home. Looking at how the co-mission had answered these questions in the past was an important part of the exercise and we continue to agree with the sound thinking that has been done on the priority of the Church in God’s plan for reaching the world. As we shaped our philosophy, those principles regarding the importance of the global Church remained a central point of focus. Here, in summary form, are the points outlining our current philosophy of mission:

Globally, we will seek:

- To build up and strengthen the existing,

indigenous Local Church toward helping it become more effective in its mission of outreach and discipleship.

- To see the Gospel shared in areas, peoples or groups where there currently is little or no Gospel witness.

- To care for the needs of the extreme poor, who are found primarily outside the U.S.

- To aid the Persecuted and Underground Church and provide prayer, advocacy and assistance wherever possible.

In these aims we desire to see the Church grow and flourish as it pours out the Gospel of grace to the world. But missions service also plays a critical role in shaping us as disciples, so the co-mission stated additional aims for the impacts that we desire to see here at King Street.

Locally, we will seek:

- To educate the congregation about the Great Commission, its global implications and the nature of the missions task.

- To provide a setting where people are called, encouraged and equipped for global mission service and also provide the opportunity to engage in mission endeavors of various kinds.

- To develop people in spiritual maturity through their engagement with the global missions task.

Having established these areas of emphasis for our missions ministry, the co-mission will continue to develop strategy and activities in alignment with these purposes. We will continue to invest in Barnabas Teams that focus on particular issues or parts of the world. We will also look at other approaches that will help accomplish our aims. One thing is certain: as God continues to lead and provide resources for the missions ministry here, the opportunities for everyone to be engaged and involved in some way will continue to expand. We look forward to having you be part of it!

Board of Administration Meeting Highlights

The Board of Administration met on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, in the Administrative Office Conference Room. Chairman Glenn Watson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Scott Bert opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Following are highlights from this meeting:

Senior Pastor's Report:

Pastor Jody Bowser is very excited and encouraged by all that is happening in and through King Street Church ministries. Restoration and Recovery, under the leadership of Adam Keath, will be strong and effective moving forward. Pastor Jody is very hopeful about the new Ministry Table Talk which will begin soon and include downtown workers and business owners. It will be an invitational luncheon held once a month during midweek for 40 minutes. This is an opportunity for those invited to bring others from their workspace to aid in our missional efforts. Pastor Jody reported that the elders and others have joined together to lean into building our vision with the help of the book, "Pressing through God Dreams." He reported that the churchwide survey has begun and people are taking advantage of that tool.

Pastor Jody is excited about the number of interns that will be within our church this summer. In the past King Street Church, under the leadership of Pastor Meadows, had associates who spent time being mentored and then went on to lead churches. In his book Pastor Meadows points out that not only do these people leave with a variety of skills to grow a church family for God but they also leave with a gained attitude for serving. Pastor Jody noted that the Creative Team is working on a new website that will be visitor friendly.

Executive Pastor's Report:

Pastor Don Baker spoke on the progress for the search for a Worship Arts Associate. One of the applicants participated in the service on May 6 and another will be here to join in on the service on May 13. Pastor Don reported that there will be baptism classes on June 3 and 10. The baptismal service is June 24. Child dedication will be held on June 17. Pastor Don stated that there was a nice retirement celebration for Jeanne Amick and all are thankful for her 10 years of service.

Co-mission Reports:

- **Adult Ministries** – Andrea Adams shared that the Priscilla Shirer simulcast was well attended and all enjoyed it. There will be a Beth Moore simulcast on September 29.

- **Children's Ministry** – Sue Washabaugh listed several items that the Children's Ministry Co-mission is celebrating. The After School Program raised \$5,800 for Puerto Rico. Wednesday Night classes raised \$1,041 for Network Ministries. There were five children and two youth who went through the Children's Ministry that were baptized recently. Intern Maddie Sollenberger will begin working the end of May. There is the need for crew leaders and a Bible teacher for Vacation Bible School. She stated that clearances are being checked to see if anyone is due to have them updated. Recommitment letters were sent out to ask if volunteers are willing to continue to serve.

- **Finance** – Brad Etchberger reported that the Audit report was presented to the co-mission by Dave Rotz at the April Finance meeting. A motion to approve depositing funds received from the Sara Hall, Alice Myers and Charles Isenberger Sr. estates into the Discretionary Capital Funds account to support current lower cost projects and all higher cost growth projects be funded through the Generation Next Step Fund was presented and approved. The Finance Co-mission feels

there is a need to review all Sunday school class funds that use the church's federal identification number. Ken Adams reviewed the April financial report and noted that the monthly giving was above the April budget and spending was below the budgeted amount.

- **Local Outreach** – Tom Knepper gave an update on the recent Quarterly Local Outreach Meeting which was attended by 13 partner ministries. There were many praises and needs to be prayed for. The meeting ended with joint prayer for all in attendance and their needs. Information for Bless Week is online thanks to Suzanna. There is a need for volunteers for this event.

- **Missions** – Scott Bert shared the items discussed during the Mission Co-mission meeting on May 7. The co-mission approved a contribution to the Cool Shade of Life Church in Thailand for a church retreat. The co-mission also approved supporting each of the seven people traveling to Russia in June from King Street Church. Other support for this trip would be a special gift for teaching supplies and other expenses. Bailey Nicklas will spend a year serving with YWAM and the co-mission approved financial aid in this endeavor. Shalom Christian Academy has requested a donation to support the annual senior missions trip. The co-mission approved financial support as provided in recent years. A motion to approve a gift of \$4,620 as part of the matching funds MOU for the church in Arcahaie, Haiti, with the understanding that this will be the last matching fund gift under the MOU was approved.

- **Personnel Relations** – Kim Shatzer shared that plans are being made for the staff summer picnic. A motion to extend Bryton Zook's internship through September 2 was approved. An online motion to approve the Administrative Assistant job description was approved. A motion to offer the part-time job of Administrative Assistant to Molly Shull passed.

- **Property** – Jim Goetz reported that

the completion of the repair of the Baker Center roof has made a significant difference. The LED lighting for the church steeple is completed but the Ministry Center parking lot LED lighting is not yet done.

- **Student Ministry** – Penny Poorman gave an update on coming events for the youth. In July there will be 21 students and five leaders going to Haiti to conduct Vacation Bible School for the Arcahaie church. Twenty-six students will be participating in the Chambersburg Project this summer. Two interns will be joining King Street's student ministry. During the summer college students will be serving in small groups.

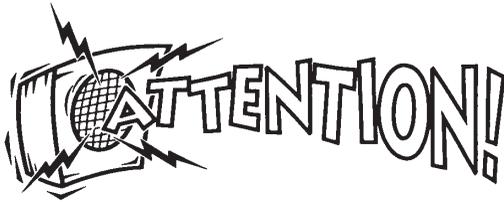
- **Worship Arts** – Chuck Schussler invited the Organ Committee to the co-mission meeting on May 7 to discuss future plans for fundraising. The decision was made to have a fundraiser on July 1 which will include the choir. Funds have been donated for the purchase of a new kiln for the Pottery Ministry and a motion to approve the purchase of a kiln along with installation and electrical needs for the kiln was approved. During the co-mission meeting Gary Piper led a discussion on the Visual Art Ministry and the art that is displayed for four to six weeks at a time. There was a discussion concerning the possible replacement of the piano in the sanctuary and the effect of the temperature change and humidity that is a result of the door close by.

Administrative Report:

Ken Adams reported on the need for a computer and office furniture for Suzanna and her summer intern. A motion to approve the purchase of a new computer and office furniture for this need was approved. Ken gave an update on the costs involved in the demolition of the old office. The board approved increasing the approved amount for the job to cover the necessary utility disconnects. Ken shared that plans for improvement on the courtyard are ongoing with the sketches of the conceptual plan being produced. Ken reported on a board approved

property acquisition that is being investigated to support our parking needs.

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



College Students and High School Seniors

King Street's Student Grant Program is now accepting applications for grants to be distributed to college students for the 2018-2019 school year. Each year the program distributes income to qualified students for both the fall and spring semesters.

Student Grant Applications can be found in the foyers outside the Sanctuary and the Baker Center. Applications are also available in the SMC or by visiting the church office. The deadline for submitting an application is **Monday, July 23, 2018**.

Please note that whether you are submitting an application for the first time or resubmitting an application after receiving a grant in a prior school year, **you will need to provide a copy of your grades from your most recent school year.**

Thank you to
our many worship
volunteers!

Once More Ministries Report

Once More Ministry's next distribution is June 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Thank you, Church, for all the love you have shown to our brothers and sisters in



the local communities. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated and will go a long way toward showing

the love of Jesus to everyone.

Thank you also to all the volunteers who give their time to ensure that the distribution and partnerships go smoothly.

Once More Ministries' objective is to reach others with the Holy Gospel. Through this distribution many lives are blessed with the love of our Lord each quarter. OMM partners have the opportunity to pray with many of the folks who come through the doors as we share the truth of Jesus.

OMM asks that you pray for this ministry, that we would touch many lives and they would accept Jesus as their Savior.

"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed from death to life" –John 5:24.

Thanks be to God
Once More Ministries

Bless week

June 11-15 Engaging and blessing our community with the Gospel!

LIFE IN HIS NAME – PUT INTO PRACTICE!

Bless Week is a church-wide initiative for everyone. It is KSC's response to the call to be missionally engaged. Every day during Bless Week, we offer unique opportunities to serve. Read each ministry description and choose a work project and time slot (or more!) that is best for you.

This project is a challenge to go above and beyond! Our extra gift will help empower each ministry to love and serve our community in more powerful ways!

These are the ministries we are serving. See full details and ways to serve at www.blessweek.com.

Agape English Program

AEP uses the language of love to share Christ with non-English speakers in Chambersburg. Every Saturday night they teach English to people who speak a variety of other languages.

CROSS Inc.

Cross, Inc. provides residential and social services to persons with developmental disabilities and their families. When we support them, we help to make opportunities for their residents to grow intellectually, spiritually and emotionally, in a Christian environment.

Habitat for Humanity Franklin County

Habitat for Humanity builds strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter. Habitat for Humanity of Franklin County is seeking to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes.

The House of Grace

The House of Grace is a safe, nurturing "home atmosphere" where women gain confidence and increased self-worth, have fun together and obtain the skills and knowledge needed to become the persons God created them to be.

Joy El Camps and Retreats

Joy El seeks to provide opportunities for people to experience life-change through personal encounters with God.

King Street Church VBS Prep

Every year, hundreds of kids attend Vacation Bible School and hear the truth of God's Word. This vital ministry is a gateway for many to come to know the Lord.

NETwork Ministries

NETwork Ministries is an urban youth ministry for kids and teens in Chambersburg. Their desire is to minister to the whole person with the Gospel of Jesus. We support them and help to equip children and young adults with the skills necessary for four areas of focus: spiritual growth, academic achievement, life management and Christian leadership.

PMI Pregnancy Ministries Inc.

The mission of Pregnancy Ministries Inc. is to uphold the sanctity of human life by providing Christ-centered assistance in pregnancy and related areas.

Rhodes Grove Camp

Since 1917, this camp and retreat center has offered Christ-centered experiences that reveal God's majesty. They strive to provide an enjoyable environment and ensure that the love of Jesus is shared with all those on the campus.

She's Somebody's Daughter

She's Somebody's Daughter is seeking to create communities that honor women, partner with concerned citizens, business leaders, churches and ministries who care about the damaging effects of sexual exploitation.

Sweet Grace Ministries

Sweet Grace Ministries offers support to those who have endured stillbirth or neonatal death. They provide resources such as gift baskets for those who have suffered a loss, photography, a support group and more.

Fruitbelt Farm Workers Outreach

This outreach dedicates their time to serving migrant and seasonal farm workers in South Central Pennsylvania. They provide spiritual nurture, pastoral care, recreation, advocacy and opportunities for cross-cultural understanding.

The Chambersburg Cold Weather Drop-In Shelter

This shelter was created to provide a safe, warm, clean environment for those who are homeless and have no options for shelter during the cold inclement months of the year.



A Word from Pastor Jody

How many times have you met someone for the first time and walked away with a clear sense of WHO that person really was? In just a few brief moments, you catch a clear sense of the kind of person they are. We want that to be the case with Bless Week! We want the various people and ministries that we serve during Bless Week to come to an immediate conclusion: "Wow! The people of King Street Church really care! They love God and they really love me!"

Bless Week is a church-wide effort to provide practical ways for each of us to make a difference in the lives of others who live right here in our community. We started it last year and really weren't sure how it would go. We lined up ministry opportunities, created a website for people to sign up for various time slots and hoped people would step up. And did they ever! Hundreds of people got involved. Well over a thousand man hours were served. More than a dozen of our ministry partners were supported and encouraged. Hundreds of people (including many, many children!) came to be a part of Bless Fest on Saturday afternoon. The response was overwhelmingly positive!

So we're doing it again.

Would you consider being a part? Look through the above service list. Log on to our website. Be open to a ministry opportunity that is "calling your name." Let us know if you're willing to be a part of Bless Fest—an outreach carnival attended by hundreds of people from the neighborhood surrounding King Street.

And like I said—Bless Week isn't just something we DO. It's not just a ministry we provide. It truly is WHO WE ARE!

Bless fest

Saturday, June 16

Join the party!

THE BLESS FEST PARTY

On Saturday, June 16, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. we are hosting a neighborhood party called Bless Fest. We'll have food, children's games, a bounce house, carnival booths, prizes, music with our worship bands and much more. This event is a valuable chance to meet our neighbors, show them that we care and celebrate the conclusion of Bless Week!

**Saturday, June 16, from 4-7 p.m.
Completely FREE!**

- Food
- Bounce House
- Carnival Booths
- Popcorn/Pretzels
- Live Music
- Children's Games
- Dunk Tank
- Cotton Candy
- Prizes
- Petting Zoo

We are inviting the entire downtown community and are hoping that 1,000 people attend!

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

- Business donations of prepackaged snack foods
- Gift cards (any denomination, for any business) to offer as door prizes.

- Groups, families or teams of people to create and operate a carnival-style booth.
- Groups, families or teams to sponsor food and drinks by making a monetary donation.
- Other activities — do you have something you'd like to offer? We are open to ideas!
- Volunteers to help in advance with distributing posters around downtown and invitations in nearby neighborhoods.
- Volunteers (over 90 needed) to help at the event with set-up/tear-down, greeting, cooking, games, children's activities, security, trash removal, prize tables, etc.

See the full list of ways to help at www.blessweek.com.

A CHURCH THAT CARES

Bless Fest is designed to challenge the world's understanding of what they can expect from a church. Let's create a welcoming zone that's REALLY fun!

Plan to come to the Bless Fest Block Party. Make a point to meet someone new and learn their name. Personal connections are at the heart of engaging and blessing our community with the Gospel.

Bless Week and CROSS, Inc.

Bless Week coincides with a special needs camp the CROSS is conducting in the community for campers with physical and/or intellectual disabilities. The camp is an overnight camp held in Mercersburg at Camp Tohiglo. We have some specific needs that we are hoping and praying that King Street can provide.

Counselors: Individuals 15–adult that can come Sunday evening for training and stay through Friday afternoon to 4 p.m. Each cabin is 3-4 campers with several staff.

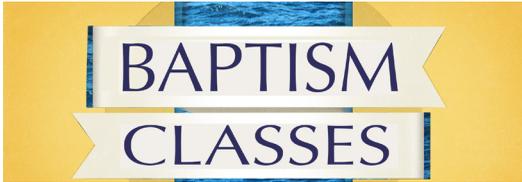
Small group Bible Class teachers who can come Tuesday- Friday, 9:15- 10:15 to teach 4-5 campers and help them with their workbook. We provide materials.

Activity director that can come in Tuesday – Friday, 10:30-11:30 and run a mass activity for campers. We provide guidance and suggestions.

Craft person: 1:30-2:30 and again 3:00-4:00, Monday and Tuesday.

Floater: 1-2 each day who can float wherever needed 10:30-4:00.

If you have specific questions: Call Jim Roberts at 717-816-6493 or email him at robertsj@gmail.com.



BAPTISM CLASSES

Jesus calls his followers to publicly declare their faith through baptism. The next opportunity at King Street will be Sunday, June 24. In order to participate you must attend one of the preparation classes being held on **June 3 and 10 following each service in M17.**



Special Patriotic Service

Mark your calendars. The King Street UB Church will be presenting **a Special Patriotic Service on Sunday, July 1, 2018 at 3 p.m. in the KSC Sanctuary.**



The service will include some of your favorite hymns honoring our God and country. It will feature the KSC choir presenting “A Salute to Our Armed Services” to honor our veterans and active service members.



Steve Flint will be the worship leader and will offer a brief patriotic meditation.



The “Stars and Stripes” piano quartet will also be featured.



Please come and join us for an exciting afternoon of music in celebration of our country’s Liberty and Freedom. Praise be to God!



A free will offering will be received to benefit the organ fund.

JUNE 2018

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<p>13</p> <p>6:30 a.m. PrimeTimers Event: Bollman Bus Trip to Bird-in-Hand</p>	<p>Flag Day 14</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Creative Oasis Fellowship Room</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Exercise Class Student Ministry Center</p>	<p>16</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Bless Fest</p>
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JUST FOR KIDS

DADS are a BLESSING

Surprise your dad or another special man with this Father's Day gift.



What you need:

- Photos of you and your loved one (together, if possible)
- Scissors
- 8.5" x 11" paper
- Glue stick
- Marker
- 8.5" x 11" photo frame



What you do:

1. Cut photos into shapes (hearts, circles, etc.).
2. Arrange photos on the paper, leaving room for a message, and glue them down.
3. Write: "I'm blessed as can be. My heavenly Father has given me the best _____ [dad, uncle, friend] in the world, and he belongs to me!"
4. Place your picture message in the frame.
5. Give your gift to show love and appreciation.



Beloved children

God our heavenly Father loves us so much that he calls us his.

Directions: Follow the instructions below. Then read the remaining words, going across the rows from left to right, to complete 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV.

- Cross out the opposite of blessings.
- Cross out the opposite of found.
- Cross out the disciple who betrayed Jesus.
- Cross out a word for disobeying God.
- Cross out the opposite of love.
- Cross out a word for jail.
- Cross out an animal.
- Cross out what happened to Jesus.
- Cross out a place.
- Cross out the opposite of friends.
- Cross out a book of the Bible.

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sin	Golgotha	daughters	says	the
Lamentations	prison	Lord	Almighty	lost

Answer: "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty;" 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV

Long Distance Connections

by Nancy Fritz
Prayer Ministry

Last month we thought about the many ways the Church, the body of Christ, can be connected: first of all to God through Jesus, then to each other. TOGETHER, we are able to do so much more than any one of us can do alone! I remember an old saying:

“I am only one – but I am one!

I cannot do all things, but I can do something:

What I can do, I ought to do;

And what I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.”

The idea of connecting with missionaries and their families may not be of interest to you. However, if you have a family you may want to consider this on behalf of your children and grandchildren. I remind myself every day that the world is far different now than when I was growing up. Way back then, most homes had one telephone and one car, and only rich or famous people traveled by airplane. There were more stay-at-home moms and I’m not sure the word *computer* was even in the dictionary.

Remember when we had pen pals. We stayed in touch with far away friends and family with paper, pen and ink. Could we not accomplish the same things by using today’s technology?

KSC Pastor of Mission and Discipleship, Jay Brown, was kind enough to prepare a brief overview of KSC’s current involvement with long distance outreach. Currently KSC supports, encourages and prays for nine missionaries or missionary families. They serve in Honduras, Latin America, Turkey, Thailand, the Asian Pacific region and the United States. Their ministries include evangelism, medical care, Bible translation, church planting, leadership, Christian schools, social justice and college campus ministries.

I get excited when I think of the possibilities

the Lord may open for individuals and/or families to connect with people from other nations, backgrounds, races, interests and lifestyles, especially when I remember that they serve and worship the same God we do! They are part of the Church, the body of Christ, just as we are! If these ideas spark an interest in you and/or your family, we’d love to hear from you (Mark 16:15). Contact us at wilnan@comcast.net.

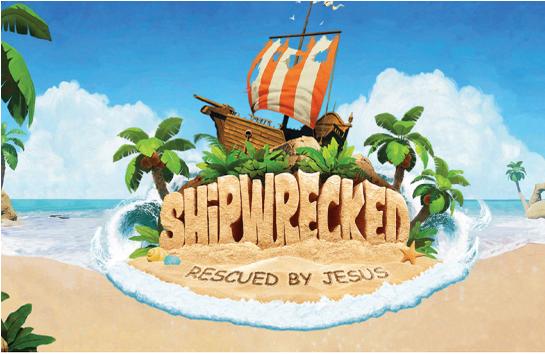
He Gave His Life So We Could Have Life

Fix your eyes on Jesus, who is faithful and true,
He will never leave you alone or blue.
He gave His life so you could live,
Now, go tell others—and forgive.
Yes, He gave His life—paid “full price,”
Remember, Peter denied Him thrice.
Give Him all honor, praise and glory,
As He prepares you for the “Upper Story.”
You can run, but you cannot hide,
Our Father’s eyes range far and wide.
He knows each thought and motive too,
Be careful where you go; what you say; what you do.
What’s written in His Word is all true,
The Word is life’s guide for me and you.
There will be no excuse on judgment day,
So listen now, meditate and pray.
When you’re weary, worn and want to quit,
He will give you strength—’cause it’s not time yet.
There’s more work for us all to do—
God’s power and Spirit will see us through.
Seek not money, stuff and fame,
Lift your heart and hands—praise Jesus’ name.
His compassion you/we must show,
If to Glory we long to go.

—The message God relayed to me on 4/29/18.

(Written by a KSC member who wanted
to remain anonymous)

Vacation Bible School at KSC



Venture onto an uncharted island where kids are rescued by Jesus! Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through every storm in life. They'll learn to hold onto God's promises when they are lonely, they worry, they struggle, do wrong and feel powerless.

VBS is coming, and we are so excited! This year's chosen VBS program provides a fun, interactive experience that focuses on Jesus. The Bible points are easy to remember because they are reinforced daily at every station. A variety of exciting activities ensure a well-rounded evening; kids will enjoy worship music, tropical treats, films about real kids, stations like Bible Discovery (where you use all five senses!) and Imagination Station (where kids dig into surprising discoveries!). Overall, it's an environment that is especially suited to making friends.

This year's theme is especially powerful because of the great brokenness in our world. All of the precious children who attend VBS will face trials and struggles at some point in their lives. Maybe they are already in difficult positions. If we can equip them to turn to Jesus in times of trouble, think how life-changing this

Sunday–Wednesday
June 24–27

6:30–8:45 p.m.
Ages 4 through the
completion of 5th Grade

Register:
www.kingstreetchurch.com/vbs

could be! The main Bible points include:

- When you're lonely... Jesus rescues! ("The Lord will hold me close." Psalm 27:10)
- When you worry... Jesus rescues! ("The Lord comes to the rescue each time." Psalm 34:19)
- When you struggle... Jesus rescues! ("Be still, and know that I am God!" Psalm 46:10)
- When you do wrong... Jesus rescues! ("Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." John 16:33)
- When you're powerless... Jesus rescues! ("This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead." Ephesians 1:19-20)

We are still in great need of helpers. There are so many ways to contribute:

- Volunteer: crew leader, kitchen helper, or nursery care provider (for the young children of volunteers).
- Donate: snack foods or items for our Haiti mission project (visit the VBS table in the church lobbies).

We expect many children who don't know Jesus to attend. Pray with us that we can share the Good News of the Gospel in an effective way and that God would be glorified in all that we say and do.

VBS—The Magic Behind the Scenes

by Katie Shank
Communications Intern



VBS will take place at King Street Church from June 24-27. Many people do not get the chance to see the amount of preparation and behind-the-scenes work that goes into this event.

In order for VBS to be a success it requires the work of a team of dedicated staff and volunteers. According to Becky Hann, Director of Children's Ministries, over 150 volunteers are needed for this year's VBS, which includes crew leaders, praise team, kitchen staff and more.

VBS is a great way to serve our church and make a big impact. If you haven't signed up, there is still time.

Planning began for this year's VBS in January, when companies start to release Bible school materials.

"We normally look at the totality of Bible school programs on the market. Worship plays a big factor in the one we pick. *Shipwrecked* was the one that resonated with us the most," Becky said.

There are many tasks that are involved in preparing for VBS. The children's ministry reaches out to people who could potentially lead teaching rooms; there are 12 of them located throughout the church during VBS. They also have to recruit crew leaders and helpers and train the crew leaders. Volunteers sort through snacks to make sure they are kid-friendly and allergy-safe. Decorating in various areas of the

church is another huge component of VBS. Exciting decorations bring the theme to life for the children.

Becky says that one of the reasons that VBS is so important is that it reinforces the truths of Scripture to our church families. It is also a powerful outreach tool for children in our community.

"We have heard many adults say that they first heard the Gospel at VBS when they were kids," Becky said. "What a privilege it is for us to introduce children to Jesus for the first time, and teach them that He is their rescuer!"

VBS is a great way to serve our church and make a big impact. If you haven't signed up, there is still time. Feel free to register online or visit the church to fill out a form. Take the opportunity to love children and show them that Jesus carries them through life's storms.



We would like to thank the Buds of Promise Sunday School Class for the flowers they sent for our mother's funeral. A special thanks goes to Rev. Cook and Pastor Jody. Rev. Cook conducted a very moving and touching service. The sympathy card sent by Pastor Jody contained very kind words. Last but not least, a thank you goes to Tiffanie Eby for preparing the food for after the funeral.

From the Daughters of
Helen L. Brown:
Louise West,
Audrey Whetsel and
Families

In Memoriam

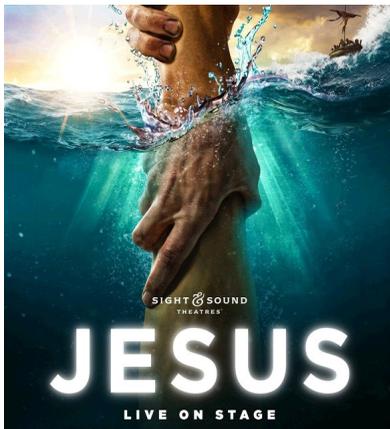
Remembering those from our King Street family who have gone on before us.



~May 2017 – May 2018~

Jack P. Myers	May 23, 2017
Vesta K. Foust	May 28, 2017
Ruth E. Zelonis	July 17, 2017
Richard K. "Dick" Garman	July 21, 2017
Ruby V. Etter	July 25, 2017
Roxanne Hopple	August 23, 2017
Clifford L. Ellis	August 27, 2017
Sylva I. Hoover	August 28, 2017
Terry L. Gontz	September 14, 2017
Paul L. Fahnestock	September 17, 2017
Virginia D. John	September 25, 2017
Eugene R. Baker	November 2, 2017

Richard L. Kauffman	November 2, 2017
Allen L. Shands	November 20, 2017
Clarence R. Bard	November 24, 2017
Hazel M. Knoll	December 22, 2017
Lester E. "Sonny" Winters, Jr.	December 28, 2017
John L. Hockensmith, Sr.	January 3, 2018
Timothy M. Varner	January 10, 2018
Richard H. Strubhar	January 12, 2018
Ronald S. Chambers	January 27, 2018
George C. Porter	January 28, 2018
Charles H. Gerhart	February 9, 2018
Terry G. Rhyne	February 25, 2018
Ronald E. Kissel	March 6, 2018
Deborah A. Miller	March 15, 2018
Daris J. Shatzer	March 27, 2018
Maxine C. Walker	April 9, 2018
Helen L. Brown	April 11, 2018
Jean L. Stenger	April 28, 2018
Willis L. Banks	May 1, 2018
Betty L. Gift	May 5, 2018
Harry F. Ott	May 12, 2018



The New Life Sunday School Class is sponsoring a day trip to **Sight and Sound** to see the new performance of

JESUS

Friday, August 17, 2018

Cost: \$116. The cost includes a luncheon buffet at Bird In Hand Family Restaurant.

With questions or to register you may call us at (717) 267-0332. Clair and Diane Hostetter



SAVE the DATES

September 29, 2018:
Beth Moore Simulcast

April 13, 2019:
Priscilla Shirer



June 14, 2018
Fellowship Room, 6:30–8:30

Women of Worth (Widow's Ministry) is sending cards to women who have lost spouses on birthdays and on the anniversary of their loss. At Creative Oasis we will be making Stampin' Up Cards to help them with this ministry. Come on out for a fun evening of card making, fellowship and some goodies. Snacks and beverages will be served. Help us bless our widows during Bless Week. Please let us know if you are planning to attend, so we will have enough goodies. Call Mary Armstrong at 717-729-2835.



"Did you know that King Street Church Women's Ministries has a Facebook Page? Check it out at King Street Church - L.I.F.T. Women's Ministries"

**The New Life Sunday School Class
is sponsoring a trip to**

the Finger Lakes

October 17, 18 and 19, 2018

The trip departs at 6 a.m. from Weis Markets. Breakfast, lunch and necessary stops will be made en route. Upon arrival we will visit Sonnenberg Gardens and Mansion located in Canandaigua. Following our self guided tour we will check into the Hampton Inn, Geneva. Our evening will be spent at the Belhurst Castle for a tour and dinner.

After breakfast at the hotel, we will travel to Smokey Hollow Maple Farms, where we will watch them making maple syrup. We then travel to Auburn, NY where we will have lunch before visiting the New Hope Mills Manufacturing Company.

The afternoon will be spent touring the Steward House. The guided tour of this national landmark will give you a glimpse into the life and times of William H. Steward.

A guided tour of the Willard Chapel with an organ demo will end our day before dinner at the Springside Inn.

Following breakfast on Friday, we will check out of the hotel and travel to Watkins Glen, NY where we will have a narrated Seneca Lake Cruise with Captain Bill Stroller, lunch (included) and a guided tour, complete with a glass blowing demo at the Corning Museum of Glass.

We depart for home in late afternoon with dinner.

Cost for the trip:

Single \$640.00, Double \$500.00, Triple \$450.00, Quad \$430.00

With questions or to register you may call us at (717) 267-0332.

Clair and Diane Hostetter

PRIMETIMERS UPDATES

June

Bollman Bus Trip to Bird-in-Hand

- **Wednesday, June 13**
- Bus will depart from the Chambersburg WEIS Market at 6:30 a.m.

July

Annual PrimeTimer Picnic

- **Wednesday, July 11**
- Picnic at noon in the Baker Center
- Catered by Rosenberry's
- Cost: \$10
- Come and enjoy the fellowship.

August

Franklin County Minibus Trip

- **Wednesday, August 8**
- Proposed visits include: Heritage Center, CASD Archives, Brown's Mill School and Coyle Library
- Cost: \$35
- Lunch at KSC
- Departure will be from the church office parking lot

September

Bollman Bus Trip to see the play "Jesus" at Sight and Sound Theatre

- **Tuesday, September 25**
- Show at 11 a.m.
- Lunch buffet at Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant at 2:15 p.m.
- Cost: \$108, includes transportation and

gratuities.

- Flier is available with more details
- ***Seats are still available***

October

Bollman Bus Trip to Historic Johnstown, PA

- **Tuesday, October 16**
- Cost: \$77, includes Johnstown Flood National Museum, lunch at Our Sons Family Restaurant, Johnstown Heritage Discovery Center, a ride on the famous Johnstown Inclined Plane, transportation and gratuities
- Flier is available with more details
- ***Seats are still available***

November

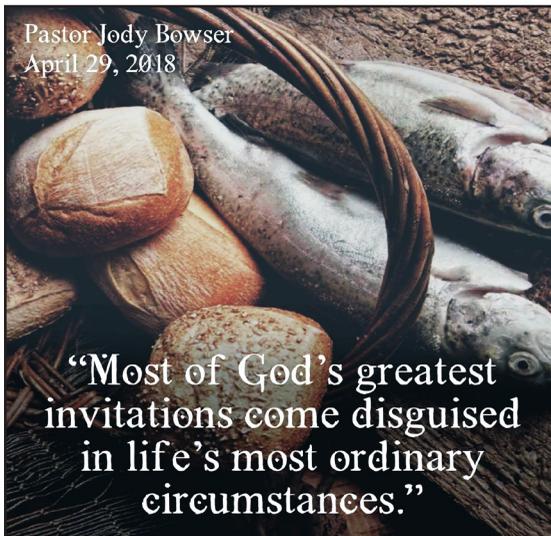
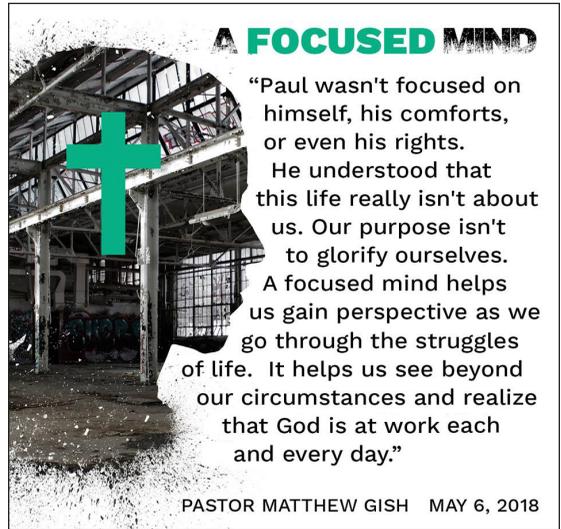
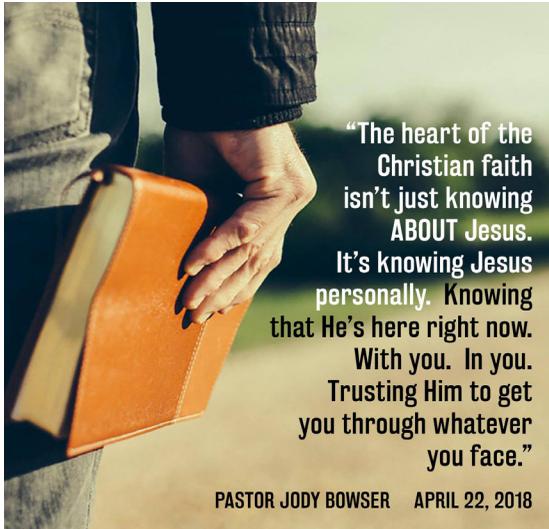
Bollman Bus Trip to Bird-In-Hand Play "Christmas to Remember—One Day in Paradise" and Ryan & Friends at Hershey Farms

- **Wednesday, November 14**
- Cost: \$120, includes Ryan & Friends (Christian ventriloquist), lunch at Hershey Farms and show at Bird-In-Hand Theatre, transportation and gratuities
- ***Seats are still available***

- 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.
 - Overnight trip deposit is \$50 at time of sign up.

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.





MISSIONS NEWS

PRAY FOR OUR RUSSIA TEAM

On Thursday, June 7, a group of seven from King Street will be heading to Russia with Orphan's Tree Ministry. They will be reaching out to young adults who have "aged out" of the orphanage system and who face a steep learning curve and a risky future. Please pray for them to make significant connections and share the love of Christ effectively.

EXCERPTS FROM RECENT COMMUNICATIONS

Emily Schoenleber

April 24, 2018

(Serving in New Zealand with Youth With A Mission)

Life in Vanuatu

I briefly mentioned in my last update that I was back in Vanuatu for two weeks. What a treasure those two weeks were! Upon arriving to Port Vila, the capital city, it felt so normal to be back—walking the streets, riding in the backs of trucks and speaking Bislama. But honestly the thing that surprised me the most was how much it felt like arriving home. I saw so many familiar faces, spent time with friends, reconnected with people from our church and was even part of the team for a worship night at church. During the days I would occasion-

ally hang out with our outreach teams that were there, but I also spent time hanging out with girls from the youth group, visiting Nivan churches and communities I know, visiting new communities and attending prayer meetings. My friend Talitha and I even visited a school where I taught some first graders spelling. It felt like I was just doing life there and I honestly didn't want to leave. I really wanted to just stay. But I am so grateful for that time because it continued to build foundations and prepare me for living there. Not to mention that it totally filled my heart with a fresh love for the nation. God is SO good.



Emily with some first graders that she got to teach. "This day reminded me of the love and passion I have for teaching."

Enjoy the Journey

I heard it said once that, "Disruptive faith doesn't put timelines on God; it enjoys the journey of obedience." I'm often guilty of looking so much towards the future that I sometimes forget the joy and privilege of living in the present. Or I get impatient when I don't see God's words fulfilled right away. While in Vanuatu I reflected a bit on the first few months of 2018. I began realizing how much God had walked me through and what He had been teaching me and I didn't even realize it. I did begin to realize something though—I won't always know what God is trying to prove and refine in me as the process is happening. But

if I trust Him and allow myself to truly be clay in the Potter's hands, one day I'll realize I'm no longer a mangled lump of clay, but actually a beautiful vessel that has been molded, shaped and refined by fire.

When I was visiting a community in Vanuatu, I sat with a pastor's wife and she was asking me about my favorite song and then I asked her the same thing. She began to sing this simple hymn:

Change my heart oh God, Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God, May I be like You
You are the potter, I am the clay
Mold me and make me, This is what I pray
Lord, You are the Potter and I am the clay
Mold me and make me, have Thine own way
Lord, I give my life I give my all to You
To be a willing vessel, to use me through
and through

Lord, I need Your Spirit, Lord, I need Your grace

Help me to run this Christian race
Have Your way, Have Your way in me.

The words and melody are simple, yet so profound. I want to be like Him. I want to love like Him. I want to lead like Him. I want to sound like Him. I want my heart and every part of me to be like Jesus. Each day I'm realizing more and more that He is worth every risk, every unknown and every yes I have. The journey of obedience isn't always easy, but doing the journey with the Lord, there is joy to be had. Enjoying the journey of obedience for me right now, means being all in where I am no matter how many twists and turns there are. Resting in the knowledge that our Abba is so, so good and He truly knows the best for us.

I'm Going to Africa

Ethiopia to be exact. If this comes as a bit of a shock for some of you, or is a bit confusing, let me fill you in a bit. For those of you that have known me for a while, you may remember that, in my early high school days, I always talked

of majoring in music education and being a music teacher. (Probably a lot of you who've met me in the past few years might be surprised by this.) Anyway, when I was about 15 there was a missionary speaking in the service at church and at the end of the sermon asked for anyone to come to the front who felt called to missions. My heart was burning and before I



Emily waving the Ethiopian flag

knew what happened I was standing up front saying "yes" to God. A short time later I began asking God where I'd go and I felt Africa. That summer I asked more specifically and felt God say Ethiopia. So this has been a dream on my heart for quite sometime. Of course I came to YWAM when I was 18 and felt called to stay here in New Zealand and then Vanuatu as well. All through that time God walked me through a surrender and even dying to the dream of Africa; even to the point where I said last year, "Lord, even if my feet never touch the land in Africa, I'll be okay. I trust You."

Then over the past six to seven months, God has been bringing up Africa in all kinds of ways: People I barely knew asking me if I had ever wanted to go to Africa; friends randomly mentioning people they know in Ethiopia and even an Ethiopian girl showing up for DTS.

Back in February or March, over the course of a couple of days, I was connected with a YWAM base in Ethiopia's capitol, Addis Ababa, and invited to come visit. After a lot of prayer and chatting with my leadership, I felt it was right to go visit.

So why am I visiting? I really think that someday I will live in Ethiopia. While I think it isn't for a few more years, I am going now to check out the land, see the nation, establish connection, meet locals and missionaries there and begin to explore the idea of actually moving there one day. This is a dream almost seven years in the making. Friends, God is faithful.

Prayer Requests

If you have questions or want to know more, please email me. I'd love to share with you. Here are some prayer requests:

- Safe and smooth travel to Ethiopia and back (May 1–May 23).
 - Continued healing of my wrist.
 - Grace and excitement to study the Word.
- My friend in Vanuatu challenged the youth group to read the Bible through in six months and I decided to do it with them. But I'm in Leviticus and struggling a bit. I'm definitely learning how much God loves details.

Joel Wentz

May 4, 2018

(Serving in Maine with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship)

Seeing Students Lead

I remember meeting Emily and Kara their freshman year (three years ago) at an on-campus Bible study at the University of New England. The group was struggling. A few students would show up here and there, but there was no shared sense of collective purpose, no life or energy. I had just started coming to campus about once per week, but was struggling to gain traction. And for some reason, Kara and

Emily kept coming back. I saw enthusiasm in their friendship, in their desire for the group to have more direction and in their commitment and faithfulness to a struggling group. So one evening, after Bible study wrapped up, I stopped them in the hallway.

"I'd like you two to lead this group next year."



The current and upcoming student leaders at UNE, meeting at our home this month.

They both looked stunned, and quickly responded, "But we're just freshmen ..."

"That's fine," I said, "You don't need a few more years before you lead. You already have the vision and the energy. And I will help you."

That conversation launched a three-year partnership (with many ups and downs) that has resulted in a healthy, growing chapter of about 30 students at UNE. The picture above is a gathering of strong student leaders that are poised to lead the group following Kara and Emily's graduation next month. I could not be more proud of the way these two women of faith have labored for the gospel at UNE, and of the excited, mature students who are prepared to take the chapter into 2019. We are all sad to see Kara and Emily leave, but are grateful for the way their work and faithfulness have borne fruit on the campus and indeed in their own lives. These are the moments that bring deep joy to my work—empowering, encouraging,

and walking alongside young adults as they step further into the vision that God has placed within them.

Prayer Requests

As we move into the final months of spring semester, I rely on your prayers to see students transformed and campuses renewed in Maine.

Leadership selection: Pray for the new student leadership teams at places like Bates, UNE, and UMaine, Farmington to grow in wisdom and unity.

Year-End: Pray for students who are involved to continue to grow deeply in their faith in the midst of the chaos and stress of the end of the semester.

Thank you for your partnership in prayer!

K and RW

May 14, 2018

(Serving in the Middle East)

Teaching

We praise God that even in these changing times in our country *K* has been free to travel to teach the Word. May and July will also be full of seminars and conferences in different cities of our country. Thank God for many chances to serve and ask God to use what we teach and write for the building of His church here. Along with *K*'s teaching, we are preparing a new issue of the theological journal *E-manet*. The current journal will address (1) why so many leave the local church after salvation and (2) how to disagree with other Christians. Pray that this will be effective for the spiritual and ministry development of church leaders.

On a similar note, our country will hold national elections on June 24. Pray that the results of the election will bring a better environment to share the gospel. We are also praying that foreign workers will again be granted residence permits to live in smaller cities in the center of our country. We believe

this will support the spread of the Gospel in these unreached areas.

June

We will be flying to the USA for a two week trip, June 5-20. Along with seeing family (We now have four grandchildren!), we will speak for a Missions Sunday. Pray for safety and good connections as we travel to Illinois, Michigan and Pennsylvania. Pray that our ministry in the US will bless and challenge.

Living Library

We are excited about this outreach opportunity! A university in our city holds a Living Library this month. Psychology students attend sessions where members of disadvantaged groups share their experiences. Three young people from our church will talk about living as a Christian in our country. Pray for great interest and many opportunities to share the Gospel. Last year over 100 students requested to meet with the Christian group and many of them heard the Gospel. Our believing youth were asked, "Why did you decide to become a Christian?" They had an open door to tell of the love of God. The Christians impressed the student attendees with their joy and enthusiasm. Pray now that God will work through this time.

Imprisoned Andrew Brunson

Andrew Brunson, an American pastor in our country, has been behind bars for 18 months. He is charged with aiding a terrorist organization based on testimony of secret witnesses. You can read details of his plight at this link– <https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2018/04/on-trial-for-terrorism-and-espionage-in-a-turkish-court/>.

At his second hearing, described here– <https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2018/05/brunsons-lawyer-secret-witness-practice-absolutely-outlandish/> the testimonies of some witnesses weakened on cross-examination. However, Andrew's detention continues. His next hearing is in July. Pray for Andrew's spirits and for his release.



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