

# MESSENGER

JULY 2020

## Twists and Turns

by Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor



**“Sometimes  
the road of life  
takes some very  
unexpected  
turns.”**

We all know that life takes challenging twists and turns from time to time. We think we know what lies ahead. We make plans and assume those plans will play out just as we imagine. But that isn't always the case. Sometimes the road of life takes some very unexpected turns.

We see this addressed very directly in the Book of James. In **James 4:13-15**, James writes, “Now listen, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.’ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, ‘If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.’”

These words are so true! As much as we THINK that we might know what will happen tomorrow, the fact remains that the future is a mystery for us all. This is precisely why Jesus instructed us to trust Him and not to worry. A number of years ago Bill and Gloria Gaither sang a song titled “I Know Who Holds Tomorrow.” The song reflects the kind of trust we should all have in light of what Jesus taught in Matthew 6:31-34: “So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ...Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

A couple of weeks ago, Caryn and I made plans to vacation for a week in South Carolina. We had a cabin rented beginning on Monday.

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The Thursday prior, Caryn drove down to Charlotte, North Carolina, to help our daughter-in-law Morgan care for our grandson Will—as our son, Jay, was out of town for the weekend. We were looking for some needed time off.

However, Caryn's father who lives in Phoenix wasn't feeling well. The Monday before Caryn drove to Charlotte, on the evening of his 84th birthday, Dad was taken to the emergency room complaining of severe fatigue and shortness of breath. He has a history of heart problems, so we figured this was more of the same. They took a few days to run a battery of tests, and that Thursday as Caryn was enroute to Charlotte, we learned of the devastating diagnosis of acute leukemia. The doctor spoke with Caryn on Friday late afternoon and informed us that they were releasing Dad to hospice care—and she needed to catch the first plane to Phoenix.

Wow. On Monday we're sharing a few laughs with Dad over the phone on his birthday—and four days later he's non-communicative and being taken to hospice. The quickest flight Caryn could take included an overnight in St. Louis, arriving in Phoenix on Saturday at 9 a.m. Sadly, Dad passed away at 7 a.m. while Caryn was on the plane and she landed to the very difficult news that Dad had already gone to heaven.

Dad Barber knew the Lord in a very deep way and lived his entire life serving Jesus (he had a doctorate in education, serving many years as the headmaster of an excellent Christian academy). We are thankful that he didn't suffer for long and have no doubt that he is enjoying his eternal rest in the presence of his Savior. We grieve, but not as those who have no hope.

However, the unexpected nature of all of these things is very difficult to process. It's hard not having the opportunity to say goodbye. His last few days in the hospital were spent alone—a heartbreaking consequence of Covid-19. The list goes on—it's all very tough stuff.

This brings me back to where I started. Sometimes the road of life takes some very

unexpected turns. We thought that we would be enjoying a week of vacation in the Blue Ridge mountains of South Carolina. Instead, we were grieving the loss of a loved one and planning a funeral. I'm not at a place where I can draw any deep spiritual lessons learned in any of this. I guess I share these things to let you know that we're all in this journey of life together and there are times when the journey gets pretty tough.

There is one verse, though, that has brought me comfort these past couple of weeks. It's actually one of my very favorite proverbs, found in **Proverbs 16:9**: "The mind of man plans his way, but it is the Lord that directs his steps." This verse reminds me that no matter what I think will happen tomorrow, God is still in complete control. This proverb isn't saying that making plans is a bad thing. No ... it's good and natural to make plans. But my plans don't obligate God. His ways are higher than my ways. The Lord knew the exact number of days that Dad would live and Saturday, June 13 was the day God had ordained for him to graduate to heaven.

Yes, sometimes the road of life takes some very unexpected twists and turns. But let us never forget that God is sovereign over every mile.



Our pastors are available for online or phone meetings to pray and discuss any concerns that are on your heart. Please reach out if you need to talk. Email Molly Shull at [mshull@kschurch.org](mailto:mshull@kschurch.org) or visit [www.kingstreetchurch.com/pastor](http://www.kingstreetchurch.com/pastor).

# 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 worshiping? Who is your community?

Who are you serving?

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## Ministry Staff

Don Baker, Executive Pastor

Paul Baker, Pastor Emeritus

Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor

Jay Brown, Pastor of Mission and Discipleship

Ron Cook, Minister of Pastoral Care

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Adam Keath, Director of Restoration and Recovery

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Tyler Roberts, Media and Production Coordinator

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## August 2020 *Messenger* Deadline

Articles and information for the August 2020  
issue should be submitted by July 22.

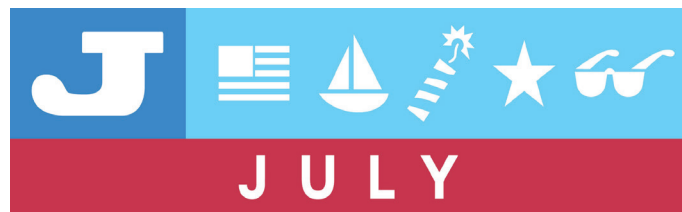
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## Special Date

• U. S. Independence Day, July 4, 2020



## King Street's Student Grant Program

provides an annual grant to regular  
attenders and members who are  
currently enrolled in an accredited  
undergraduate program. We are now  
accepting applications for the 2020-  
2021 school year. Applications can  
be found online at: [kingstreetchurch.  
com/grants](http://kingstreetchurch.com/grants). Both pages of the appli-  
cation must be completed.

Except for incoming freshmen, appli-  
cants are also required to provide a  
copy of grades from your last school  
semester. (We do NOT require an  
official transcript; a copy or legible  
screenshot of your grades will be  
fine.) The deadline for this year's  
application is **Monday, July 20.**





# OUR PLAN FOR King Street Church

## **REGATHERING CELEBRATION SERVICE**

Sunday, July 5, at 6:30 p.m. — Greene Township Park

A celebration of God's goodness and a time to reconnect.  
Greene Township Park is located at 996 Elevator St., Scotland, PA.  
(No sign-up required. Additional information is on page 9.)

## **WEEKEND SERVICES RESUME**

Saturday, July 11 and Sunday, July 12

So that we may welcome back all of our church family while operating at 50% capacity – with no more than 200 in the Sanctuary and 300 in the Baker Center — we will temporarily offer additional worship services on Saturday night. All worship services will observe social distancing protocols (see more details in the FAQ section on the next page) and a thorough cleaning will be completed after each service dismisses.

### **Saturday at 7 p.m. – Masks Optional**

Sanctuary (*Traditional*) and Baker Center (*Contemporary*)

### **Sunday at 9 a.m. – Masks Optional**

Sanctuary (*Traditional*) and Baker Center (*Contemporary*)

### **Sunday at 11 a.m. – Masks REQUIRED**

Sanctuary (*Traditional*) and Baker Center (*Contemporary*)

**To help us maintain safe numbers, we will ask you to register to attend services in advance on our website or in the church office. See the next page for additional information.**



## Frequently Asked Questions:

- **Will there still be online worship?**  
YES, we will continue to offer online worship services.
- **How long will we follow this schedule?**  
This plan is just for a season; think of it as a summer schedule. We plan to return to the former times (8 a.m., 9:30 am, and 11 a.m.).
- **What about programs for children and students, and adult Sunday school?**  
We will not begin these ministries quite yet. It is our hope that they will follow very soon!
- **What are the guidelines we will enforce for social distancing?**
  - o Seats will be spaced-out/marked-off to allow for 6' social distancing between family units. Ushers will seat individuals starting at the front.
  - o The worship folder will continue to be offered online at [www.kingstreetchurch.com/today](http://www.kingstreetchurch.com/today). At this time we will not distribute a paper version.
  - o Offering may be given online or dropped in boxes located in each worship space.
  - o We will wait a little longer to celebrate communion together, to open Crosswalk Kids Ministry and to meet for Sunday school.
  - o Masks will be available free at doorways. Masks will be required at the 11 a.m. service and encouraged at all others.
  - o Our maintenance staff will sanitize the facilities after each service.
  - o The main level of the church will be open, but not the upstairs or downstairs levels.

Thank you for your spirit of grace and unity!

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Molly Shull, Administrative Assistant, at [mshull@kschurch.org](mailto:mshull@kschurch.org).

# YES!



## I'll be there.

Please stand up and be counted at our upcoming worship services.

## SIGN UP FOR SERVICES

We are asking members of our church family to sign up for our first services on July 11 and 12 so that we may ensure social distancing in our worship spaces. This is not our favorite aspect to announce about our upcoming in-person worship services, but we feel it is very important in keeping one another as safe as possible. Thank you for your willingness to help us with our larger plan to regather. We have felt your support with these difficult decisions and what a blessing that has been!



Visit [kingstreetchurch.com/regather](http://kingstreetchurch.com/regather) for full details about regathering and a link to the sign up form.



If you do not have access to the internet, call the church office at (717) 264-4651.



We will evaluate how the first weekend goes before we decide about asking for people to sign-up further weeks.

# Board of Administration Meeting Highlights

The Board of Administration met on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 via Zoom video conference call. Chairman Glenn Watson called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Kim Shatzer opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Following are highlights from that meeting.

The following proposal was brought forth to the Board of Administration via email from Scott Bert: The Missions Co-Mission has approved sending funds to our partners in Haiti over the next two months for food and sanitation supplies at the pastors' request due to the effects of the virus and their meager incomes. The motion unanimously passed.

## Financial Audit Report:

Dave Rotz presented the King Street Church Annual Financial Audit Report and shared that the audit was carried out smoothly and efficiently. Dave thanked Ken Adams, who joined the process to answer questions from the first part of the audit term and Dan Gehris, who answered questions from the beginning of his tenure in September 2019 through the end of the year.

## Senior Pastor's Update:

Pastor Jody requested prayer for his sister, Becky, age 67, who lives with his mom, age 97, and has stage 4 bone cancer. She has been receiving treatment that could lead to remission. He shared that he has been blessed by "The Chosen," an amazing TV series of eight episodes detailing the life of Christ. Bless Week as we have known it will not occur; plans are being made to have a Bless Summer. A huge focus is occurring to promote community outreach. Our L3 groups include hundreds of people who are being equipped and making connections; we are planting mustard seeds and watching them grow.

## Executive Pastor's Update:

Don Baker shared appreciation for Sue Marshall who is distributing eggs to over 70 families. A drive-in/drive-out for Once More Ministries is being planned for June. The re-entry/regathering phase presents a vast array of challenges; decisions will be made in line with Governor Wolf's executive orders.

## Elder Team Update:

Greg West shared that the Elder Team met via Zoom to share prayer requests and discuss possibilities for the "yellow" phase. The Elder Team has started a book study, *Eldership and the Mission of God*.

## Co-Mission Reports:

- **Adult Ministries** – Mark Willson said the Adult Ministries Co-Mission is doing more connecting than meeting. L3 groups and Sunday school class leaders are being creative in connecting to do studies and just to spend time together. Pastors Jay Brown and Adam Keath hosted L3 Leadership Meetings in recent weeks.

- **Children's Ministry** – Alexander Rosenbaum reported that the Children's Ministry Co-Mission met via Zoom on Tuesday, May 6 and shared prayer requests. The ministry will have two summer interns. The plans for Vacation Bible School at the end of June have been canceled due to COVID-19. Alexander requested prayer for our kids and for wisdom and discernment in planning what things are going to look like as we move forward. A request is being made to the Property Co-Mission for nursery furniture that can easily be wiped down and kept clean.

- **Finance** – Dan Gehris shared that April 2020 Undesignated Income was over budget. This is very encouraging and he gave thanks to God for the generosity of the people at King Street Church. YTD Undesignated Income was slightly under budget. Expenses in April looked

very good. The majority of our ministry areas were well under their expense budget in April. YTD Operating Expenses are under budget.

- **Local Outreach** – Tamy Cook shared that the Local Outreach Co-Mission is working with our partner ministries to ramp up their online presence. Funds were given for a special food drive for people in the Hispanic community dealing with COVID-19. Lots of prayer is needed and requested.

- **Missions** – Scott Bert shared that the the Missions Co-Mission did not have an official meeting, just a connection to see how each other was doing. Funds were sent to Haiti this month.

- **Personnel Relations** – Kim Shatzer shared that the PRC work load is light right now. They are continuing to make connections. The co-mission is moving ahead with summer interns. There will be two interns for the Children's Ministry, one for Worship Arts and one for Local Outreach. PRC members are continuing to reach out and connect with our staff.

- **Property** – Dale Forney reported that a lift from Franklin Rental is currently being used. The mini-splits are all installed. There are roof leaks at the Baker Center. A motion to advertise for proposals to replace the existing EPDM roof on the Baker Center carried unanimously.

- **Student Ministry** – Penny Poorman reported that the Chambersburg Project has been canceled and Summer Sneak is probably not going to happen either. The Wednesday night Zoom meetings for high school and middle school students are enjoyed by as many as 60 students. College age students are also meeting via Zoom. The Senior Celebration Dinner will hopefully occur sometime this summer. The youth will be putting together videos on how they see God working.

- **Worship Arts** – Carolyn Chenaille shared that at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings the co-mission prays that there will be no distractions or

glitches that hinder the transmission of the services. The team is also praying for the praise and worship teams. The team is working on connecting with volunteers via texts and calls.

## Administrative Report:

Dan Gehris shared that Global Data Consultants last day of service to KSC was on April 30, 2020. Elect IT Solutions began servicing KSC on May 1, 2020 and the transition went very well.

## New Business

Glenn Watson shared that we have received two floor plans for the Gathering Space. It was decided that we would request a third floor plan.

(These highlights are taken from minutes written by Rose Zook, Recording Secretary for the Board of Administration. Unabridged copies are available at the church office.)



### May 31

Offering (General Fund): \$40,041.03

### June 7

Offering (General Fund): \$56,814.21

### June 14

Offering (General Fund): \$41,938.06

### June 21

Offering (General Fund): \$48,696.18



## WEEKDAY BUILDING USAGE DURING GREEN PHASE

**WHO:** Participants of all ages are invited to gather in the church building:

- In groups not to exceed 250 total persons
- Who are healthy and not presenting with a fever or other symptoms of illness

**WHY:** Participants are invited to gather for specific reasons:

- **YES!** We encourage gathering for Bible studies, meetings, fellowship and ministry planning and preparation.
- **NO, NOT YET:** At this time, we prefer to limit recreational activities/sports and personal social events such as birthday parties.
- **CASE-BY-CASE BASIS:** We will consider specific requests for meals/food. In general, we will not be able to approve buffet-style meals with food sharing.

**HOW:** Participants can apply to use a room through these procedures:

- If your request is for a recurring activity that was previously approved via a Facilities Request Form, contact the church office: [info@kschurch.org](mailto:info@kschurch.org), or (717) 264-4651.
- If your request is new, complete a Facilities Request Form. Follow the instructions provided.
- Participants are asked to use supplies provided to wipe down the surfaces that they touch while using the room. Safe practices including wearing masks, applying sanitizer and observing 6' social distancing guidelines are recommended.

## Connecting with



Be sure to follow us on FB and IG to get the latest news for middle school and high school students: @thestreetsm on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/thestreetsm/> and Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/thestreetsm/>.

**Summer Street Meetings** will be held on July 15, July 29 & Aug 19. On July 15, join us at Memorial Park from 6:30-8 p.m.; watch for more details about other events.

## CROSS WALK kid min at ksc RESOURCES

Each week, CrossWalk Kids posts resources for preschool and elementary kids on their FB page (<https://www.facebook.com/KSCCrosswalkKids/>). These materials usually include a video lesson, questions to discuss as a family and an activity or craft.



## Celebration Service!

Sunday, July 5 — 6:30 p.m.

### Greene Township Park

King Street Church is excited to come together to reconnect and praise God for His goodness to us! Our time together will include worship, testimonies and some words of encouragement from Pastor Jody.

**RSVP?** There is no sign up for this event.

**Seating:** There is limited seating on the bleachers, but we request that those who have portable/camping chairs to please bring your own seating. We are allowed to fill the ball field area with chairs, but we may NOT place blankets or tarps on the grass

(It is OK to put blankets on the gravel or dirt.)

**Health/Safety:** We understand that in an open-air park the risks of contracting COVID-19 are greatly reduced. Even so, we encourage the wearing of masks and maintaining 6' social distancing.

**Location/Parking:** Greene Township Park is located at 996 Elevator St., Scotland, PA.

For those with physical limitations, we suggest you use the Elevator Street entrance to access parking that is closer to the stadium. It is also fine to drop people off at the entrance before parking farther away. Public restrooms are available. See below for a diagram of the park. Our service will be in the main baseball diamond.



# CROSS, Inc. "Walk for Love"

Saturday, July 18, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.



CROSS, Inc. • 712 Pinola Road  
Shippensburg, PA 17257  
(717) 530-1788 • [www.crossinc.com](http://www.crossinc.com)

Dear Church Friend,

CROSS Residents, Families and Friends of CROSS... present a

**"Walk for Love"**

**Goal: \$30,000**



On Saturday, July 18, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., CROSS, Inc. will be holding its 7th annual "Walk for Love." This is your opportunity to support CROSS (Christian Residential Opportunities and Social Services) so that we will be able to continue to provide quality care for our adult residents with developmental disabilities at Grace Home, Griffith House and Cumberland Vista.

**Would you be willing to support our ministry with a generous gift to CROSS?**

Our 22 adult residents with developmental disabilities will be walking around the gym at Chambersburg Mennonite Church as many times as possible during a one-hour period. We are asking sponsors to contribute a **tax deductible gift** based on their participation. If you would like to join us, registration is 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and the "Walk for Love" will be from 10 to 11 a.m.

**ALL GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. THANK YOU!**

## SPONSOR'S REPLY

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing a flat donation of: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Other

(Please make your check payable to CROSS, Inc. and return it with this form. Thank you.)

☐ If you would like a receipt for your donation, please check the box. If not, your canceled check will be the record of your gift to CROSS, Inc. Thank you.

*CROSS, Inc. is a ministry supported by King Street Church*





## Bless Week Reimagined

Bless Week has been a highlight of our summer the past several years. This major church project has been a time when we came together as a church body to flood our partner ministries with thousands of hours of hands-on help, all in just five days. We have accomplished some big things in Jesus' name during Bless Week. We have fed people, painted new spaces for people to gather, spread mulch, built houses, spent time with children, planted flowers, wrote notes of hope and so much more. It was a sad moment when we realized we would not get to celebrate Bless Week this year, but then, as we have had to do with so many things this spring, we tried to think outside the box. We tried to imagine a new way...

What if Bless Week wasn't just one week? What if we could engage and bless our community through our local ministries all year long?

## Introducing Service Central

That is what Service Central is all about. We are excited to introduce a new web platform that we have designed to provide serving opportunities on a continual basis throughout the year. Our partner ministries are loading their needs onto this page, which will be a permanent part of our own King Street Church website. We have added more than 30 different projects already and people are signing up.

There are opportunities in a wide variety of categories, from construction to administrative help, landscaping, crafts, cleaning, and even projects that can be completed at home. You can search by category, by ministry, and even for family-friendly projects. There are also openings for members of our church family to serve at our worship services in July. We are counting on your help to regather successfully!

Our partner ministries—works like Preg-

nancy Ministries, CROSS, Monarch's Way, Sweet Grace Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, Good News Camp, and Joy El Ministries—have struggled during the shut-down as well. Service Central offers dozens of opportunities to lift them up, to share energy, and to help them move forward.



It has been said many times during the pandemic, as church doors were closed across the nation, that the church has left the building. This slogan highlights the fact that the true church has NEVER been contained within brick and mortar, but in each of us who follows Jesus. It is you and me, our church family, the believers in our community and the people of God throughout our world. Let's continue to thrive both within the walls of King Street Church, and even more critically, out in our community. Service Central is the launching point for this mission, and the starting line for engaging and blessing this summer. Please visit the site and see how God might use you!

**[serve.kingstreetchurch.com](http://serve.kingstreetchurch.com)**

"For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building."

1 Corinthians 3:9

## Quotes of the Week

"The Ascension of Jesus Christ to the right hand of God the Father is the reminder that history has a good ending! We are people of profound hope in the grace and justice of God."

**Pastor Don Baker,**  
**May 24, 2020**



"We live in a broken world, and it is broken in so many different ways, but here's the message: Jesus is the only answer and we are His body!"

**Pastor Jody Bowser,**  
**June 7, 2020**



"Tell me what you think about, talk about, get excited about, spend your money on, and fill your calendar with and I'll tell you what you love."

**Pastor Jody Bowser**  
**June 14, 2020**



"To receive grace we need to be emptied of all the junk, all the pride, that comes when we rely on our own power, performance, position or strength. We need to trust and live like we really believe that Christ's power is made perfect in our weakness. Along with that we can come with vulnerability and discomfort, two things Jesus does not promise to excuse us from! We need to take on the *light* living of simple commitment to God and His Word instead of the norms of performance and expectation we see all around us."

**Pastor Adam Keath**  
**June 21, 2020**



# United Brethren Golf Tournament

Friday, September 11, 2020

at

Greencastle Greens Golf Club

Greencastle, Pennsylvania

7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Shotgun Start

A noon meal will be provided. There will be prizes for different flights.

Doughnuts and coffee available for the morning group.

Also, a card including a MULLIGAN, THROW and POWERBALL  
will be available for \$10.

**COST: \$65 per person**

(Money must be paid by September 4, 2020)

Please check preference for starting time: ☐ 7:30 a.m. ☐ 1 p.m.

Team Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, Telephone #, and email)

U.B. Church Representing: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Deadline: September 4, 2020**

(Other than above checked starting preferences, starting times will be scheduled by postmark)

Players'  
Names:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please make check out to: United Brethren Association

Please send Registration form and money to:

Bobby Culler, 2509 Black Gap Road, Chambersburg, PA 17202

Feel free to email Bobby with any questions you might have  
regarding this tournament: [bobbyc@mtp-church.org](mailto:bobbyc@mtp-church.org).



# JUST FOR KIDS

## UNSEEN BUT *active*

This experiment illustrates that although God is invisible, we can see his work all around us.

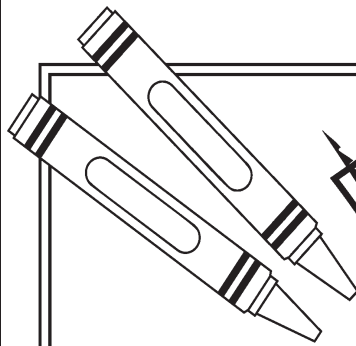


### What you need:

- Drinking glass
- Water
- Index card

### What you do:

1. Practicing over a sink, fill the glass halfway with water. Then press the index card snugly atop the glass with one hand.
2. With the other hand, hold the base of the glass and carefully flip it over.
3. Remove your hand from the card. It should stay on the glass, without spilling the water! The invisible air in the glass creates a suction with the card, preventing the water from spilling out. Research air pressure to learn more.
4. After perfecting the trick, amaze others with it. Then talk about how God, like the air in the glass, is unseen but active.



## PUZZLE

## WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

*Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.*



Water changes to

\_\_\_\_\_

JOHN 2:1-11



Heals a man born

\_\_\_\_\_

JOHN 9



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MATTHEW 8:23-27



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LUKE 5:1-11



Walks on

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MATTHEW 14:22-33

Answer: wine, blind, storm, fish, water



KSC grads not recognized last month:

*Name | Where Graduating From | Future Plans*

**Christiana Martin:** Messiah College with a BA in English

**Levi Mentzer:** Thaddeus Stevens School of Technology: Cabinet-Making | Plans to work with a local company.

**Alexandra Poe:** Messiah College with a BS in Elementary Education | Plans to teach 3rd grade in Franklin Township/Adams County.



For the month of July, Communion offerings will go to the KSC Student Grant Fund, which provides assistance to our college students. If you would like to contribute toward the Communion offering, you may use the specially-designated offering envelope provided in your box (at any time of the month) or you can send a check marked "July Communion Offering" to King Street Church, 56 N Second St, Chambersburg, PA 17201

## JULY 2020 BIBLE READING PLAN

### Following Jesus: A Journey Through the Gospels

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Mark 15 : 42 -47 | <input type="checkbox"/> 12 REST           | <input type="checkbox"/> 23 Luke 5: 27-32 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Mark 16: 1-8     | <input type="checkbox"/> 13 Luke 2 :41-52  | <input type="checkbox"/> 24 Luke 5: 33-39 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Mark 16: 9-20    | <input type="checkbox"/> 14 Luke 3: 1-9    | <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Luke 6: 1-11  |
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# PRIMETIMERS UPDATES

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Please check the online worship folder:  
[kingstreetchurch.com/the-hub/digital-worship-folder-2/](http://kingstreetchurch.com/the-hub/digital-worship-folder-2/)

and the website:

[kingstreetchurch.com/connect/seniors/](http://kingstreetchurch.com/connect/seniors/)  
for schedule changes or cancellations  
due to COVID-19.

If you have questions or for a refund,  
please call Frances Hummelsine.

## July

### **Minibus/Van Trip to Shenandoah Theater *Hello Dolly***

- CANCELED

### **Annual Summer Picnic**

- CANCELED

## August

### **Lunch and a Movie**

- CANCELED

## September

### **Minibus Trip to Raystown Lake for lunch followed by a cruise on the lake**

- **Wednesday, September 9**
- Cost: \$42
- Depart at 10 a.m. from Weis Market
- Lunch from noon to 1 p.m.
- Cruise from 1–2 p.m.
- Deadline to sign up: Wed., August 12

## October

### **Minibus Trip to Mercersburg**

- **Wednesday, October 21**
- Tour of Mercer-Vu Farm
- Program at Charles Brechbill Environmental Center
- Cost: \$20
- Lunch catered by Romeo's
- Deadline to sign up: Wed., Sept. 23

## November

### **Bollman Bus Day Trip to American Music Theater in Lancaster to see *Deck the Halls***

- **Wednesday, November 11**
- Cost: \$107
- Included in cost: Transportation, Shady Maple Restaurant lunch buffet at noon, Show at 3 p.m., Gratuities for meal and bus driver
- ***Just a few seats left***

## December

### **Christmas Luncheon**

- **Wednesday, December 9**

- To sign up, make checks payable to KSC Prime-Timers and mail to Frances Hummelsine, 408 Benjamin Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201.
- Deposits at time of sign up: Day trip—\$10; Overnight Trip—\$50.
- Call Frances Hummelsine at 717-263-8633 for more information.
- Cancellation Policy: The final sign up/final payment date and cancellation date are all the same date. There is NO refund of deposits or final payments after this date. If you have to cancel after this date, you will need to find a replacement unless there is a waiting list.





# MISSIONS NEWS

## Russia Mission Update

by John Smith

Russia Mission Team Leader

*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good. ~Romans 8:28.*

King Street Church sent mission teams to Russia in 2018 and 2019 and was planning to send a team of 12 to lead a Sports Camp for Russian Orphanage Graduates this June. Like so many other plans, the coronavirus led to the cancellation of that trip. It was discouraging, but as always, God has brought good things from what we saw as a bad thing.

Our mission partner in Russia is Orphan's Tree, which since 2008 has been working with Russian orphans after they leave their orphanage. We refer to these older orphans as "orphanage graduates" or simply "grads." One of the goals of Orphan's Tree has been to develop a Russian staff that could continue to do ministry even if Americans could not travel to Russia. This coronavirus time has shown just how mature and creative our 32 Russian staff members have become!

Our three Ministry Centers in Russia (buildings where orphanage graduates can meet and receive both physical and spiritual ministry) have been closed due to the pandemic. However, our staff has stepped up to the challenge and the ministry has not just continued, but expanded!

- We heard some orphans saying that they

would rather starve to death than feel isolated. Therefore, every orphan is contacted several times each week by a staff member to check up on them.

- Food and medicines are delivered to those in need. Those single moms or families with children are given special attention to make sure their children's needs are met.

- Zoom meetings are held regularly between our staff and groups of orphanage graduates to keep the orphans engaged with each other.

- Many of the single grads are confined to small apartments with several grads to a single room flat. Many have lost their jobs. Our staff is making sure that they don't turn to alcohol or drugs during this time and encouraging them to trust the Lord to see them through.



Packing food for orphans in need

- Regular online classes for our grads include exercise routines, English classes, individual and family counseling, sewing workshops, young families' meetings, career counseling and book clubs.

- Our orphanage graduates are beginning to venture out to do community service. When Uspensky Church in Ivanovo could no longer afford its custodial staff, our graduates volunteered to clean up the facility, which included the boys sweeping the paths and girls pulling weeds. Everyone wore masks and kept at a social distance from each other. Nastya, one of our grads, said "I was so happy to help at the church. It was like a breeze of fresh air to see my friends again and volunteer all together. I

can't wait for the pandemic to be over so we can volunteer on a regular basis again."

Would you like to meet some of our staff and grads personally online? We are holding monthly Zoom sessions that include our Russian staff, orphanage graduates and Americans. You are invited to be part of one by emailing John Smith at [john@orphanstree.org](mailto:john@orphanstree.org).



Volunteering to clean up a local church

We are looking forward to being able to once again send King Street Church teams to work with this ministry. But for now we are thanking God for bringing good out of this difficult time. As one of our staff said, "We are praying that COVID will go away soon and we will reopen our ministry centers as soon as possible. We are praying that borders will reopen and our American friends can travel to visit us again." And that's what we are praying for also!

## Emily and Bryan Gerlach

May 31, 2020

(Serving in Thailand with TEAM Global Missions)

### A Note from Emily

Since our return to Thailand in January, life has certainly been a mix of joys and challenges. We are so thankful for God's timing as we made it home just before COVID-19 took the world by storm. Looking back, we are grateful for the gift of a few weeks to readjust and reconnect with friends and ministry partners before we were all thrust into a time of isolation and

quarantining.

In this time Bryan has remained busy with his work at FCF and his online degree, so naturally, my main role has been to be home with Jameson and Eden. The months of March and April were especially challenging as the pollution of burning season kept us inside. Jameson's preschool has been wonderful about sending activities for us to do at home and I have been so grateful for our house helper, Aum, and her continued care for our family. Aum is new to our family since our return and she has faithfully worked with us throughout this time. She helps keep me sane ... not to mention the blessing of being able to keep practicing my Thai language!

Things have started to look up lately as the air quality is so much better and things start to open back up here. In the last couple of weeks we've been able to have play dates with close friends, get outside into nature a bit and we even eat at a restaurant as a family (a table apart



Out at the market for dinner and grocery shopping from others). These things have relieved a lot of pressure and have helped tremendously! We feel like there is hope of returning to "normal" soon. Bryan is back at the office full time and we are praying that both Jameson's preschool and our church will be able to open soon. I am also hoping to get back to the Juvi Center as soon as it reopens for visitors.

Some members of the Juvi visiting team have dropped off snacks and things for the girls



during this time, but no one has been allowed inside the gates. We all look forward to getting back inside to teach and minister to the girls. On another note I have been able to reconnect with three of the girls that I taught previously at an FCF project. Two of the girls and their young children are now living on their own in Chiang Mai, while the third and her son are living in another FCF group home. We were able to have two of the three girls, along with their children, over for dinner and it was a sweet time.

I was blessed when the girl who lives in the group home called me a couple of weeks ago and said, “Emily, I see the other girls here and they remind me of myself when I met you. I think they could really benefit from some art activities like the ones you did with us. Will you help me start?” This nearly brought me to tears. I am so thankful to see this young mom developing a heart to help others and I plan to visit her at the group home soon to help her come up with a plan. These girls are dear to my heart and I’m so thankful to be able to rekindle these connections.

Thank you all for your prayers for our family and our ministries. We know that these months have been challenging for so many of you and we continue to keep you in our prayers as well.

## **Emily Schoenleber**

May 31, 2020

**(Serving with Circuit Riders in Huntington Beach, California)**

### **Circuit Rider Update**

As the weeks have gone by, we have continued to plow forward! Multiple Zoom calls, meetings, Bible studies, etc. each week continue to keep us connected as we navigate this season. I mentioned in my last update that we launched a new campaign called *#forthefamily*. Part of this campaign was inviting people in

to be part of one massive group text to stay connected and updated on content during this time. We created one of these group texts via WhatsApp for all of our European friends and we have about 200 members from countless nations—what a family!

It has been such a beautiful thing to watch people connect and rally around one another through this platform, whether they had previously known one another or not. Each day a different member of Circuit Rider staff that is in this group text shares a devotional video for everyone to watch.

Another fun thing that I don’t think I ever actually shared in my newsletter is that God has opened some major doors for us to partner with both Cru and InterVarsity! A few months ago, we actually had some staff members from Cru come out to HB (Huntington Beach) to share about an initiative we’d be joining in with called Every Campus. Cru released an article a little while back talking about the initiative and the outreach days we had in our region.

### **Frontier Alliance International**

In the past I’ve shared various resources from this ministry, whether it be films, songs, etc. The content these guys put out has been something I have been diving into during quarantine since I’ve had so much more time on my hands. I’d encourage all of you to go download their app (you can find it in any app store).

They have some incredible resources from Bible studies, to podcasts, music, books, film, you name it. Near the beginning of quarantine they started a fourteen day global fast and Bible study. This study specifically focused on passages surrounding the end of the age and of the return of Jesus.

Jesus not only encouraged, but commanded us multiple times in Scripture to understand the signs of the times and seasons we’re living in and live according to them. It’s no secret this subject is one that isn’t often taught on or talked about. But it’s something so key and so



necessary for us to study and understand. We don't get the return of Jesus without these key things that Scripture teaches on.

Whether you've spent lots of time or no time studying this, take advantage of these amazing resources and start to dive into what Jesus and the prophets have taught about the end of the age. As Dalton says in one of the videos, "Having that perspective will help us navigate these days with a steady hand, with a calm heart, with clear eyes and with intentionality and purpose. The word of God is a gift to us."

## Karli Frelin

June 7, 2020

(Serving in Chiang Mai, Thailand with Campus Outreach International)

The Lord has been moving the last few weeks in Chiang Mai, Thailand, and I'm excited for you to read about how God is using your prayers and financial gifts to make His name known in Chiang Mai!

During the month of May, God has continued to deepen our relationship with our friend Mai. God has allowed Mai to tell Madison and me things that she doesn't tell her closest friends. I praise God that she trusts us enough to share personal information. We have had many conversations about Buddhism and Christianity with Mai and we even have been able to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with Mai in English. Please pray that Mai would be interested and ask questions about who Jesus is. Also, please pray that we would trust God with learning Thai, so we can share the Gospel with our friends in their own language!

This month, we have been able to teach English to students on Zoom. God has provided a time for our team to read through the story of Daniel and the Lion's Den with the students. Most of the girls in my group said they believed in God 50%. This is so encouraging!

Campus Outreach will hold an Online Summer Camp June 15–July 3. We will use this opportunity to build relationships with the students, teach English, talk about who Jesus is, and have fun! Please pray that God would use this camp to bring Thai people to Himself, that Mai, Kik, Meow, Wawa, Jang, May, and Seven will come to the camp and for the Lord to use this camp to build trust with our friends for when they come back to Chiang Mai.



Mai, Madison and Karli

### Prayer Requests

- Please continue to pray for F's walk with God. Pray that she would continue to thirst for God's Word and for the Lord to lay a strong foundation.
- One day this week and one day next week some of my teammates and I are going to immigration to check-in for our student visas. Please pray that this process would go smoothly and for us to be able to stay so we can continue to labor in Thailand!
- During the month of May, my team and I have talked a lot about how we want to honor God during our time in Thailand. We have talked about what it looks like to love each other well and serve each other. Please pray for God to continue these conversations and for our team to be unified in Christ.

# Nate Powles

May 29, 2020

(Serving at Penn State Altoona with Coalition for Christian Outreach)

## The End...?

Well. I cannot believe it has been a year. I actually can, but you know what I mean. It's that weird dichotomy where it's been a certain amount of time, but it feels like it has been so much longer. This year as a fellow in Altoona has been so life-giving and helpful for my vision of the future. I need to first of all thank all of you who donated financially to the work I was able to take part in these last 12 months. Without you there is no way I would have been able to be as effective as God allowed me to be and I definitely would not be able to work with college students full time. So sincerely, thank you so, so much. Your generosity made what is often the most difficult part of campus ministry one

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of the smoothest. I did not have to be worried about my income and anxiety did not take away from my work with students. I am very grateful for all your prayers and communication during this time. Reconnecting with some of you who I haven't seen for years at this point was one of the most rewarding parts of this experience.

Penn State Altoona delivered so much more than I could have hoped when I first accepted the position. I met so many amazing students, staff and my awesome coworkers in Evan and Heather. I could not have asked for a better group of people to work with and start this new season of my life. The students with whom I

formed relationships are so amazing and they made this time so rewarding. Students like Matthew, Dominic and Tanner stuck with me the whole year and those are relationships that will last long past their time at PSUA. Not to mention my community in the city is tremendous and one that I feel strongly enough about that I do not want to leave for the foreseeable future. So, all in all, this was an amazing year and I thank God He placed me here of all places.

## Or the Beginning...?

But this isn't the end! I'm excited to be able to fully update you all on this next chapter of my adventure, aka my life ha ha. I have moved into a house with two awesome dudes from my church here and as of several days ago, I have a position as a Direct Support Professional for folks with disabilities in the community! I'm grateful to be able to still be involved with my community and be engaged with people in my daily life. But probably for the news you have wondered about ... I am staying with the CCO as an associate here at Penn State Altoona! An associate is basically a volunteer who has a ministry account from which they can get reimbursed when they take students out for coffee or lunch and to go to CCO-sponsored trainings and conferences like Jubilee.

So I still need to raise support of a small amount monthly, but it is no longer my main source of income. If you would like to still be involved with this work financially, feel free to continue your giving! However, for the majority of you, you can stop your giving. If you would like information on other campus ministers who do work full-time who you can support, reach out and I can give you some ideas. I will be in contact with most of you personally over the next several weeks to talk with you and wrap up the year.

One last update—I am looking into online post-baccalaureate teaching certification programs so I would hopefully be able to teach high school French down the road! This is something

super new and pretty exciting, but I feel like I am being led down this path for the future. So again, thank you all so much for your support and prayers this year. This is not the end of this journey, but only the beginning. I will be continuing these newsletters since I will be an associate now, but they will not be as frequent and consistent as they are now (although that is debatable, ha ha).

## **B and SP**

May 31, 2020

(Serving in Lincoln, Nebraska with Christar)

### **Thanks for praying for T**

Our thanks to you all for praying for T's healing. The first week home was very rough, but we are happy to report that he is sleeping most of the night now and has minimal pain. He will get back in a car when we see the doctor for a follow-up ultrasound and appointment where we expect a great report. Thanks for all the emails of prayer and support. We quickly got behind in emails and Facebook posts, but know we are grateful!

### **Arab Church Excitement**

This Covid crisis has given our Arabic church more involvement than we thought possible. A couple weeks ago, while we were still in attendance, there were 34 people represented in the Zoom service. From overseas, to California to Michigan, it has been exciting to see people coming together virtually and being encouraged.

### **Covid Continues**

Please continue to pray for those in our refugee communities here who are still sick with Covid. Thanks for continuing to pray for B's mom and sister in CT working in nursing/rehab homes. His mom's facility was hit hard; the last we heard, they had lost 34 residents and two staff.

## **KK**

May 29, 2020

(Serving in Asia with ■)

### **A Story from the Field**

It has been three months since our team left the city with specific goals we wanted to fulfill. ■, age 15, was not able to officially join our team, but he still wanted to put into practice the training he had received. His goal was to share the gospel with the two remaining unbelieving families in his village. Within a month he had shared with both families and they were interested to receive an audio Bible. He continued to follow up and asked them their thoughts about what they were listening to. On the 23rd of May, the husband and wife were ready to believe in Jesus!

## **Christopher Little**

June 8, 2020

(Christopher is a United Brethren pastor. He and his wife, Liz, have been planting the United House Church Network in Harrisburg )

### **Foster Care**

In May of 2019, I felt the Lord calling Christopher and me to begin the process to become foster parents. We did not know what our journey would look like but exactly one year later, we are officially licensed foster parents!

Christopher and I have a desire to be parents and take care of children who need a safe home and lots of love. At this time we are open to children under the age of four including sibling groups. We are not prepared but we are excited for how God is going to use us to take care of His children!

Last June we completed the introduction to foster care class to learn how the foster care system works. Unfortunately, we could



not complete the 21 hours of training until October due to a very busy summer schedule. Once those classes were finished, we began the LARGE stack of paperwork. If I were in control, we would have been approved in December, but the Lord's timing is perfect! Because of the international pandemic, the number of children entering foster care is increasing. I am grateful that we are now approved and able to support these children.

Last week we received our first call for two little girls. For those who don't know how the



Liz and Christopher Little

foster care system works, the county reaches out to different agencies in the region and each agency then sends a family who they believe would be a good fit for the children. The county then reviews all the families and chooses one.

We were not chosen this past time, but it's only a matter of time until we are!

### **Summer Plans with United House Church**

We have big plans this summer for sharing the gospel with our neighborhood. We rented

four empty lots near our house through the city for a whopping \$4. We intend to use these lots for hosting neighborhood BBQs and worshipping there whenever possible.

#### **General timeline:**

- Monday: having people we meet over for dinner
- Tuesday: Cookout on the lots
- Wednesday: Basketball at the park (only a block away from our house) and Bible study after
- Thursday-Saturday: Adopt-a-Block evangelism. We'll be praying, serving and sharing the gospel with a different block in Midtown each week. Our intent is to be at a block Thursday and Friday evening and then spend several hours on Saturday there as well. Our hope is to share the gospel with one quadrant of Midtown this summer.

- Sunday: worship and REST!

Please pray for endurance and joy as we go out and serve. And pray also for those who will be hearing the gospel, whether for the first or one hundredth time.

We've been really blessed by the way the Spirit has been leading us as a church over the last couple of months. We believe big things will happen as we minister to those around us this summer!

#### **Ways to Pray**

- Last month I communicated my time at Devonshire will be ending at the end of June (this month). I started working at Amazon Fulfillment Center in Carlisle about two months ago. We're praising the Lord for providing that job!

- Please pray for continued unity in the core team

- Pray for children in the foster care system who need safe, loving homes

- Pray that those we've been ministering to would be excited to dive into a disciplining relationship

As always, we thank you for your love, prayer, and support.



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