

# Kingston Chronicles

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## NOVEMBER 2022

Dear Kingston family,

It is hard to believe November has arrived. November in South Carolina means the arrival of cooler temperatures, the changing of the leaves, the celebration of Thanksgiving, and in most years, the arrival of Advent at the end of November. November also means something else that we are all aware of and often reluctant to discuss. If we are not careful, this month can bring out the worst in us and divide us like nothing else. Yes, I am talking about election day.

I must admit, politics fascinate me. I believe they are important. I mean, as adults we pay taxes, right? When we vote, we are essentially saying, "This is who I want making decisions about my tax dollars." As your pastor, my hope is that all of you reading this exercise your civic duty and vote.

That being said, whatever happens with your favorite candidate or political party you align with, your reaction to your party winning or losing speaks volume about your Christian witness. I see this on both sides of the aisle. Whether your party wins or loses, *how* you win or lose is important. I want to say something bold here: emotionally immature winners rub it in their opponents faces, post nasty, degrading words on social media, and they go out of their way to prove how "right" they were. Sadly, many will invoke the name of Jesus to say their "win" was an answered prayer.

On the other hand, emotionally immature losers will find every excuse to justify their loss. I mean your party could not have possibly just lost out right, right? Cheating, fraud, ballot harvesting, Russian collusion, Satan infiltrating people's souls, and evil forces are just a few excuses I have heard. And once again, we invoke the name of Jesus when we lose. The people that voted for that "evil" party are clearly lost and need Jesus in their life. If they followed *our* version of Jesus, they would never vote for... fill in the blank.

As I have said in the pulpit on multiple occasions, people vote for/align with particular political parties, not because they are stupid or immoral. Research has shown people vote based on their *lived experience*. Election season is a good reminder that every single person is made in the image of God, with hurts, fears, and trauma in their past as well as hopes and dreams for their future. We have families we go home to at night that love and care about us. Most of us are trying to make this city and country a better place. So often, I think we forget this, and when politics get involved, we resort to writing someone off, canceling, labeling, or even condemning them to hell.

I think we can do better. I think we should do better. I think we can see another person as made in the image of Christ, even if we disagree. What if when you disagree with someone over your favorite hot button topic (abortion, guns, immigration, race, LGBTQ rights, vaccines, tax policy, etc...), you responded with: "You know, I disagree with your stance on that issue, *but* as a human being, fellow American citizen, and someone made in the image of God, I *respect* your right to have that opinion." Being respectful costs you nothing. Being respectful opens the door for conversation. Being respectful unites rather than divides. Being respectful shows people in which we disagree that we value their dignity as a human being. What would the church's witness look like if we embodied that posture? I believe more people would want to come to church. I think more people would want to know more about Jesus and as great as this country is, I think it would be even better.

Now is our opportunity to make it that way.



## In Loving Memory

### MEMORIALS

#### Edward “Chip” Dennis

September 25, 2022

*Father of Bess Harry*

*Gifts given by: Randy & Tara Broughman,  
Miriam Little*

*“For I am convinced that neither death nor life,  
neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the  
future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor  
anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from  
the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord”  
-Romans 8:38-39*

## NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

**Head Usher:** Brice Harry

**Ushers:** Bess Harry, Tom Towns,  
& Cindy Check

**Counters:** Bradley Hardee  
& Frances Dennis

**Nursery:**

06 - Alys Lawson

13 - Barbara Whittington

20 - Sarah Marsh

27 - Laura Hogue

VOLUNTEER



## Community Opportunities

### Early Voting in Conway

Early Voting is available in Conway and throughout Horry County from October 24 -November 5, 2022 from 8:30am to 6 pm at the Elections Office on 4th Avenue as well as other locations. You will need photo ID to vote. Please exercise your right to VOTE!



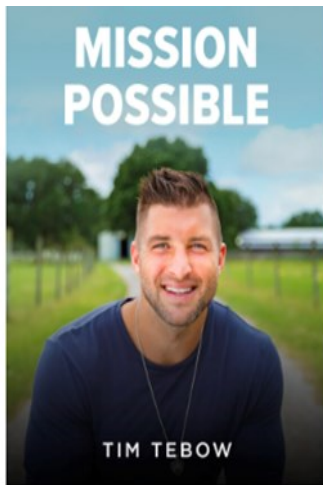
### C.A.P. Pantry Needs

In recent months CAP has seen an increase of almost triple the number of families being served since the same time in 2021. The challenges brought on by the economy have forced families to seek help outside their normal sources. Please continue to support CAP with your food donations and always with your prayers. Your food donations can be dropped off at the church.



#### **The following products are needed:**

Sugar (2 or 5 lb. bag), Salt and Pepper, Flour (2 or 5 lb. bag), Jiffy Mix, Jelly (plastic jars), Pancake Mix/Syrup, Pop-tarts, Muffin Mix, Grits/Oatmeal, Boxed Potatoes, Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent and Baby Diapers (sizes 4,5,6). (Please remember that smaller sized items are better since most families are approximately 4 in number.) Thank you!



**Join Tim Tebow for a six fifteen-minute video series on Living a Mission Possible Life.** We want to do more than just exist. We want our lives to count. We want to believe that there's more to our time on earth than just feeling pleasure, pursuing goals, and gaining social status.

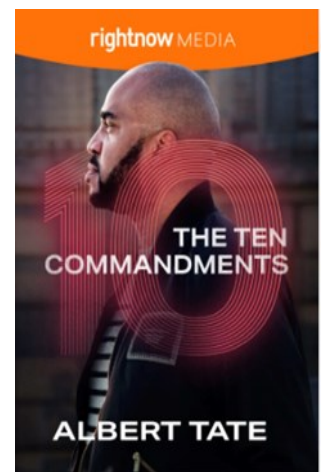
Deep inside, we know the truth: our life's mission is to live with purpose. For followers of Christ, living out that mission is possible because of what God has done for us through Jesus. We just need to know the steps to make it happen.

In this exclusive Bible study series, which includes six fifteen-minute video sessions, Tim Tebow introduces the tools you need to set your priorities and align your choices with God's call on your life. Accompanied by his Bible, a notebook, and a cup of coffee, Tebow guides viewers through Scripture and offers a clear plan for encouraging us to find our unique, God-given sense of mission so that we can live out the life of purpose we desire.

Each video features motivational teaching and Bible study and closes with a specific Mission Takeaway. So grab your Bible, a pen, and maybe your favorite drink and join the conversation. *Designed for both individuals and groups.*

Are the Ten Commandments just a list of rules we are supposed to obey? Do they still apply today? And if so, how do we apply the commandments to our lives?

In this ten-session series, pastor Albert Tate takes us through the Ten Commandments and shows us how we were first loved by God and what it looks like to love him in return. God wrote a love letter through his commandments so that we could know his heart and learn to love others in the same way.



## RIGHTNOW MEDIA NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

### SESSION DIGEST

- ♦ A Congregational Meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2022 to approve changes to the Terms of the Pastor's Call and the election of officers.
- ♦ A program in the Wall Renewal series will be on April 22 & 23rd, 2023.
- ♦ The Manual of Operations Review Committee continues its review process.
- ♦ Joan Browning was accepted as a new member.
- ♦ The Budget for 2023 is being prepared by the Session with additional meetings being scheduled for October 24, 2022 and November 1, 2022.

# NOVEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> <b>All Saint's Day</b>	<b>2</b> Usher Training @ 5pm in Sanctuary  Wed Night Supper @ 6pm in FH	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Youth Breakfast @ 6:45am	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Sunday School 9:30am Worship @10:30am Covered Dish @ 11:45 In Fellowship Hall Youth in the Gore House 5-7pm	<b>7</b> CE Meeting @ 5:30pm  KPW Bible Study @ 7pm In KB	<b>8</b>  KPW Bible Study @ 10am In Parlor  Diaconate Mtg @ 6pm in KB	<b>9</b> KPW Thank Offering Supper & Program @ 6pm in FH	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Sunday School 9:30am Worship @10:30am w/Communion CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Youth 5-7pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Wed Night Supper @ 6pm in FH	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Youth Breakfast @ 6:45am	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 in FH Sunday School 9:30am Worship @10:30am Youth 5-7pm	<b>21</b> Sanctuary Guild 10am  Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 6pm in KB	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Half Day Office Closed	<b>24</b> <b>Thanks-giving Day</b>  Office Closed	<b>25</b> Office Closed	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> Sunday School 9:30am Worship @10:30am Youth 5-7pm	<b>28</b> Advent Luncheon @ Noon At KPC	<b>29</b> Session Mtg @ 6pm in KB	<b>30</b> Lessons & Carols Service @ 6pm			

# Don't Miss This!



## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Susan Carter  
Eli Baxter
- 5 Beth Healy
- 7 Cathy Beverly
- 8 Rusty Crocker  
Beth Werkhoven  
Billie Ann Booth
- 11 Lauren Taylor  
Courtney
- 12 Matt Hogue  
Melinda Gatesman
- 14 Glenn Courtney  
Kathleen Elms
- 16 Britt Tanner  
Marco Quiroz
- 20 Mary Kendall Bittle  
Wayne Calcutt  
Lauren Sorensen
- 21 Joe Delahaut
- 22 Mary Alwine  
John Avinger
- 28 Shelby Crocker
- 29 Clara Harry
- 30 Bradley Hardee



## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be a meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for the purpose of Electing the new slate of officers and the approval of Pastor's Terms of Call for 2023.

## **Usher Training**

Wednesday, November 2nd at 5pm in our sanctuary, we are going to have training for our ushers! Ben Burroughs and Pastor Robert invite all of our scheduled ushers and those who are interested in ushering to please attend this training. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

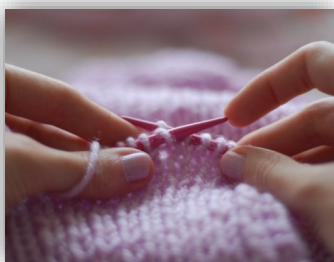
## **KPW CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** **SUNDAY DECEMBER 4TH**

Sunday, December 4th at 3pm in the Kingston Building the Kingston Presbyterian Women will gather treats for our shut-ins, so be sure to bring cookies and or candy treats in Ziploc snack bags to pack the tins.



## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry monthly meetings **will meet Monday November 21, 2022**. We would love new members, so please consider joining our ministry. If you're not a knitter or crocheter, we'll teach you or we have materials for other handwork. Come join us for a gathering. We have all the materials available for you.



*We hope you have a wonderful  
Thanksgiving holiday. We are  
thankful for all of you!  
- Love, your Kingston staff*



## **HELP US WITH THE DIRECTORY!**

It is time to update our Instant Church Directory and we need your help! If you haven't already completed the form, please complete that and return it to the office as soon as possible. Please see Ben or Holly after worship to have a new picture taken, too. We appreciate your help!

# Missions & Stewardship



If you have not turned in your Pledge card, it's not too late! You can drop it off by the church office, mail it in, or place it in the offering plate during worship. Every bit you pledge goes towards the ministry of Kingston and our mission of loving God and loving our neighbors.

## Compassion Child Update

Below is information from Paul Reed, our chair of Stewardship and Mission:

*"I received a letter from Ealsabet, who lives in Ethiopia. She went to the clinic with her father for a checkup in April of this year. She said the doctor checked her foot. She was happy when she left the clinic but while she was there she saw a stethoscope.*

*She asked if we could pray for her education and she said, "Thank us so much for every support you are doing for me."*

*She also sent a drawing of a stethoscope which she colored."*

Thank you for your continued support of these children!



Operation

Christmas Child

GET YOUR BOX TODAY!

It's that time of year again. Grab your Operation Child box (or more) today! Bring back your filled box to the church office. Please contact Paul Reed with any questions.

Our middle and high students are beginning a Sunday night program this month. We will have a bible study, games, fellowship, and enjoy a meal together. If you would be willing to cook a meal for 10-15 students, please call or email Holly to sign up! This is a wonderful, intergenerational way to connect with our students over a meal!

**Will you  
cook a  
meal?**



# Youth Breakfast November dates:

Elementary children, join Mrs. Holly and friends on Wednesdays in November! We are learning sign language with Bradley and Scott, and we're working on our musical!

5:15—ASL in the Sanctuary  
6:00—Dinner in the FH  
6:25—Musical practice  
6:50—Rec time

**6:45AM**

**Friday, November 4**

**@ Bojangles**

**Friday, November 18**

**@Chick-fi-A \*if open**

