



Kingston Chronicles

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OCTOBER 2022

Dear Kingston Family,

It's hard to believe that October is here. September gave us plenty to worry about: saying bye to Kip Roberts for a couple of years, your pastor fighting COVID, and now a Hurricane bearing down on Horry County. Not to mention, we have a handful of members fighting cancer. Other members are dealing with health issues or personal struggles. On top of all of this, we have had some of our members join the church triumphant.

When I look at all of these challenges, our church shows up to help every time. Think about how special that service in the sanctuary was for Kip. Many of you remarked that you had never experienced a prayer service like that ever before, and I have to say, neither have I. Think about the funerals we have had here, like Adrienne's? As hard as it was, it was an amazing tribute to her life. It was one of the most meaningful funerals I have ever been a part of, and I was honored to be part. This does not include all of the other special services we have had this year.

I think about this battle with COVID our family has dealt with and how many of you reached out. You have asked if you could make a run by the grocery store, checked in to see how I am feeling, or just dropped a meal by for us to eat. I know we still disagree on things and there will always be some degree of conflict about the right way to "be church", we are human being after all. However, at the end of the day, you all should be really proud of how we have shown up for others in the past year.

Now, here is why I say all this: I want this church to *keep* showing up for others. My hopes and dreams are that we will continue to have meaningful worship, connectional fellowship, and of course, good food. Whether in the fellowship hall for Wednesday supper or taking it to someone's house who is hurting. October 30th is Stewardship Sunday, and in order for the church to continue to be the church, we have to receive adequate financial gifts. One of my favorite verses when it comes to stewardship is Paul's verses to the church in Corinth:

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."-2 Corinthians 9:6-7

God loves a cheerful giver. Holly and I plan to up our pledge from last year, not because we want to appear virtuous or holy, and not even because it is "the right thing to do." We are planning to up our pledge because we want this church to be able to minister to this community and beyond for years to come. I am challenging all of you to do the same. If you have been a long time giver, thank you, I hope you will continue to support the mission and ministry of Kingston. If you've never given before, that's okay! Now is a great time to start. Also, if you are thinking, "I'm not a place to give much and whatever I give will not make a difference anyway," that's not true! Every little bit counts! This is why we even encourage our children and teens to give from what they have.

Whether it is building a habitat home, supporting children overseas, funerals, special services, Sunday school, bible studies....all are ways we reach people. Let's keep this momentum going and let's all dig deep to support the ministry of this church financially.

Blessings,



Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr.
Pastor

Holly Bannan
**Director of
Discipleship and
Communications**

Bradley Hardee
Music Director

Mary Alwine
**Administrative
Assistant**

David Moore
Sexton

Emma Kurth
Nursery

In Loving Memory

MEMORIALS

Adrienne Ellis Jordan

July 21, 2022

Daughter of Mike & Pam Ellis

Gifts given by: Jim & Peggy Hayes

"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

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

Head Usher: Ed Lawson

Ushers: Press Courtney, Aaron Hardee & Karla Kershner

Counters: Bradley Hardee & Frances Dennis

Nursery: 2-Mary Alice Wilson

9-Erin M. Conklin,

16-Gina Staton

23-Mary Kendall Bittle **VOLUNTEER**

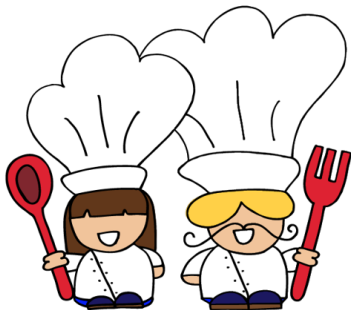
30-Karla Kershner



Volunteer Opportunities

SANCTUARY GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED

The sanctuary Guild is in need of new members (**MEN AND YOUTH NEEDED**). We now have Communion every month and members are needed to help prepare and set up for it. If you can help, please contact the office or Lynda Courtney.

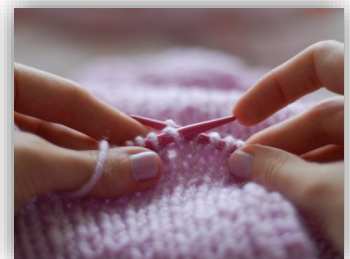


Wednesday Night Cooks/Door Counters

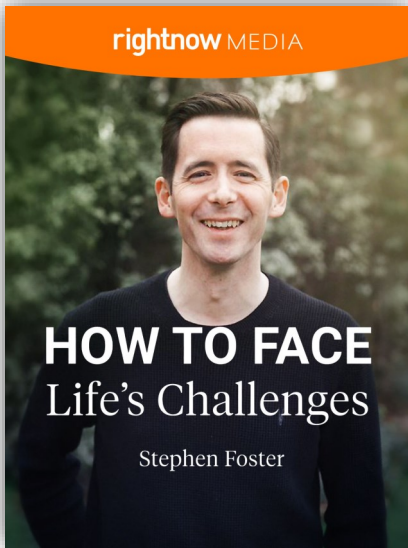
We are in need of cooks and door counters. Please contact the office if you can **cook** any of the following dates: **10/5, 10/12, 10/19, and 11/2.** **Door counters** are needed almost all dates from **10/5-11/16/22.** A sign up sheet is in the Narthex or call the church office if you can help!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry monthly meetings **will meet Thursday October 20, 2022.** In the meantime, members will continue to make their prayer shawls as they can during the summer. 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.



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HIGHLIGHTS

Stephen Foster presents this six-part series on how Jesus' teachings unlock some of life's major challenges. Each session will equip you with Biblical, practical, and relatable application relating to different challenges like worry, failure, anger, loving enemies, judging others, and facing temptation. Be inspired and encouraged to approach each of these struggles or setbacks with confidence in the love, power, and wisdom of Jesus, who is worthy of our worship even amidst the very real difficulties of life.

In this 8 week study, Laurie Short speaks from the city of Rome—mining the insights of the greatest chapter in the Bible, and adding historical reflections on what life was like during Paul's time. Scholars and pastors agree that Romans 8 contains everything we need to live our faith. You will see and feel the truths of this incredible chapter, and discover that Paul's words are as powerful and relevant to us today as they were when they were delivered to the church of Rome. This series is accompanied by a downloadable study guide that you can print and copy to deepen your personal experience with the study.



Session September Digest

- The Church Treasurer, Mary Kendall Bittle, reminded the Session that the church needs to fulfill their pledges and giving so that we can make our budget by year's end.
- The request from the Presbyterian Women for the use of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for April 29, 2023 was approved.
- The request of the Building and Grounds Committee of the Diaconate to replace the roof of the Children's Building was approved.
- The Session approved an upgrade of the sound system as well as a new camera to enhance our livestream of worship.
- The Session approved new member Greg Keesee.

OCTOBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am w/Communion Covered Dish @ 11:45 In Fellowship Hall Missions Fair @ noon	3 ASL Class 6-7pm in KB KPW Bible Study @ 7pm In KB	4 KPW Bible Study @ 10am In Parlor	5 Wed Night Supper @ 6pm in FH	6	7	8
9 Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Worship Service@10:30am	10 C.E. Meeting @ 5:30pm ASL Class 6-7pm in KB	11 Diaconate Mtg @ 6pm in KB	12 Wed Night Supper @ 6pm in FH	13	14	15 Faith Build 8-3:30
16 Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 in FH Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am	17 ASL Class 6-7pm in KB	18 Session Mtg @ 6pm in KB	19 Wed Night Supper @ 6pm in FH	20 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 6pm in KB	21	22
23 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am	24 ASL Class 6-7pm in KB	25	26 Wed Night Supper @ 6pm in FH	27	28	29
30 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY Kpw Coord Team 3pm	31	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p><u>DIRECTORY INFORMATION UPDATE</u></p> <p>It is time to update our Instant Church Directory and we need your help! During October, we will be updating our pictures for the Directory. Pictures will be taken after worship each Sunday in October. If you haven't already completed the form, please complete that and return it to the office as soon as possible. We appreciate your help!</p> </div>				

Community Opportunities



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lynda Courtney
- 2 Emma Kurth
- 4 Donna Richardson
- 5 Jennifer Cormack
- 10 Al McLaughlin
Forrest "Reeves"
Beverly
- 11 Ron Whittington
- 13 Tom Towns
- 14 Shepherd Sorensen
- 17 Austin Wilson
Christy Abbott
- 22 Jon Dieter
Joanne Churchill
Trace Bannan
- 23 Rush Crocker, Jr.
- 26 Brice Harry
- 29 Jeffrey Dudley
- 30 Kathleen McMillan
- 31 Ed Lawson



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. Thanksgiving

Dinner Collection

Again this year, C.A.P. asks that each church sponsor families. The cost is \$25.00 per family. They are hoping for at least 50 families from each church. Bags will include a gift card for a turkey and all the Thanksgiving sides. Please make checks payable to KPC and in the memo please put "C.A.P. Thanksgiving Dinner." **Donations will need to be made to the church by November 7th** so they can be received by the 14th deadline at C.A.P.

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: mayonnaise, grits, oatmeal, cereal, cooking oil, juice, instant potatoes, jar gravy, salad dressing, mac-n-cheese, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, and rice.** (Please remember that smaller sized items are better since most families are approximately 4 in number.) Thank you!



October "Faith Build"

The October Faith Build with *Habitat for Humanity* is Scheduled for Saturday, October 15th. We need people, 17 and older, who are willing to help from 8:00—3:30pm. Call Paul Reed for more information!

Missions

Below are a few pictures taken during the September Faith Build, courtesy of Paul Reid.



Kingston's MISSION FAIR

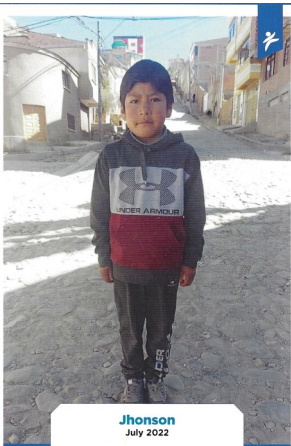
Join us to learn more about the Missions
that we support as a church!

WHEN: Sunday, October 2, 2022
TIME: 12:00pm
WHERE: Children's Building

Compassion Child Update

Below is a letter from one of the children, Jhonson, that we sponsor through Compassion Child.

I greet you with the peace of the Lord Jesus. (Jhonson's tutor is writing.) He thanks you for the letter and the present you sent him. (We sent him money for his birthday.) He bought sportswear, socks and a pair of sneakers to go to the project. We say goodbye with love and affection. He asks you to please pray for his family.



Jhonson
July 2022

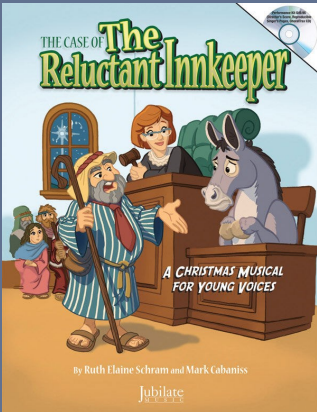
He also gave us information about himself:

1. I live with my Dad, Mom and siblings.
2. The color of my hair is black.
3. My brother's and sister's names are Rolando, Jhimy, Tiago, and Camila.
4. One thing I do really well is drawing.
5. I am the 4th child in the family.
6. I am 121 centimeters tall
7. The color of my eyes is black.
8. My favorite game is soccer.

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Children & Youth Ministry

Starting October 2:



Following the Time for Children (in our 10:30 worship), our children will leave the service with Mrs. Holly and begin working on our Christmas musical. Parents, check your email for more info from Holly.

KINGSTON LASSIES FALL GATHERING

Please join Kathy Mauldin for Food, Fellowship

and a

BACKYARD BONFIRE

to celebrate the season

October 27th at 7:00 PM

1213 Pinewood Circle, Conway

Please RSVP to Kathy

Call or Text to 843-902-3344



From the Music Director:

What is Kingston's Favorite Hymn? We had 52 hymns selected as favorites, but of those, one hymn got an overwhelming majority of votes. That hymn is "Blessed Assurance." The words were written by Fanny J. Crosby and music composed by Phoebe Knapp in 1873. Fanny Crosby was blind her entire life and authored over 3,000 hymns. She volunteered much of her time in the shelters and soup kitchens of NYC, ministering to the most underserved populations. Look for this hymn in Sunday worship soon.

Reminder: Choir rehearsal is every Wednesday at 7 pm, following our Wednesday supper. The choir is open to everyone high school and up. We are always looking for new voices to add to the choir. Come give us a try! You'll likely end up becoming a permanent choir member. We are currently working on new music for Reformation Sunday, October 30, and of course we will sing Martin Luther's famous hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

Also, our friend Scott Eller, who is currently teaching an ASL class here at Kingston, has volunteered to help me teach the kids to sign a few songs at our children's choir rehearsal at 5:30 pm on Wednesday evenings. They will be learning one song to sing/sign during a Wednesday night supper in November and another to sing/sign during the preservice music at the Christmas eve service. There is an opportunity for all ages in the music ministry at Kingston.

See you in worship and choir rehearsal!!

Bradley