



Kingston Chronicles

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FEBRUARY 2023

Dear Kingston Family,

It is hard to believe we are already through the first month of 2023. February will bring about a very important season in our liturgical calendar: Lent. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. Easter marks the conclusion of Lent. Ash Wednesday is always the 46 days before Easter. You may notice each year the date of Ash Wednesday and Easter change, and depending on the year, they can be several weeks apart.

The reason for that is actually not theological but astronomical. It has to do with the first day of spring and the full moon. The first official day of spring in the northern hemisphere is known astronomically as the "vernal equinox." The vernal equinox occurs on or close to March 21st. This occurs when the sun is directly over the equator, and it is one of two days in our calendar year where the entire earth receives exactly 12 hours of sunlight and 12 hours of darkness (the other being the autumnal equinox on or around September 21st). The date of Easter is going to be the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. This means Easter can be as early as March 22 or as late as April 25, and it also means Ash Wednesday can be as early as February 4th or as late as March 10th.

Our Ash Wednesday service this year will be on Wednesday, February 22nd at 6pm and the service will conclude with the imposition of ashes on our foreheads. Ash Wednesday reminds us of our need for repentance and prepares us for the season of Lent. Lent is actually 40-day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter that commemorate the gospels recounting of Jesus fasting for 40 days in the wilderness while being tempted by Satan. We do not count the Sundays as we believe every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection, hence the Sundays of Lent should be a day of rejoicing. Many Christians decide to "give up" something during Lent in an attempt to grow closer to God. The problem though is sometimes I feel like Lent has become the Christian version of making a New Years resolution. We are committing to giving up our guilty pleasure except we tie Jesus' name to it. This Lent though, I want to challenge you to take a deep, personal spiritual inventory. Ask yourself as we approach Lent, "What spiritual practices do I need to start to grow closer in my relationship to God?" But also, "What may be some unspiritual practices I need to stop to grow closer to God?" I'm all about giving up a guilty pleasure, but I want to encourage you to make it a bit more meaningful than giving up diet coke, sweet tea, or chocolate. Finally, whatever you decide to do, tell someone! When you make a change, especially as it relates to your faith, by telling someone it holds you accountable. This can be your spouse, a friend, someone in your Bible study, a mentor, counselor, as long as it's someone you trust and you know will support you. So this Lent, let us all commit to ways to grow closer to God and to each other.

Blessings,
Pastor Robert

Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr.
Pastor

Holly Bannan
**Director of
Discipleship and
Communications**

Bradley Hardee
Music Director

Mary Alwine
**Administrative
Assistant**

David Moore
Sexton

Kira Hamilton
Emma Kurth
Nursery

In Loving Memory

MEMORIALS

Dr. John W. Wilson, III

November 26, 2022

Son of Dr. & Mrs. John Wilson, Jr.

*Gifts given by: Elaine C. Squires, Wayne & Gina Staton,
Roger and Joy Reagor, Buddy & Cindy Magrath,
Mary Jane Magrath, Randy & Cathy Beverly*

Caroline Cheatele

January 4, 2023

*Gifts given by: Mary Alice Wilson, Mary Jane Magrath,
Buddy & Cindy Magrath, Wayne & Ann Calcutt,
Kingston Presbyterian Women of the Church,
Penny Shope, Randy & Cathy Beverly, Sarah W. Kirk*

"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

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

Head Usher:

Bill Marsh

Ushers:

William Marsh

Troy Alwine

Mary Alwine

Counters:

Teresa Hardee

Cathy Beverly

VOLUNTEER



*Women's
Ministry*

Come **GROW**
WITH **US**

NHP PW Annual Spiritual Retreat

When: February 4, 2023

Registration 9:00am, Retreat 10:00-12:00

Where: John Calvin Presbyterian Church
2000 Marsh Ave., Florence, SC

Theme: Women Resting in His Spirit
(Psalm 23:1-2)

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Erika Rembert - Smith

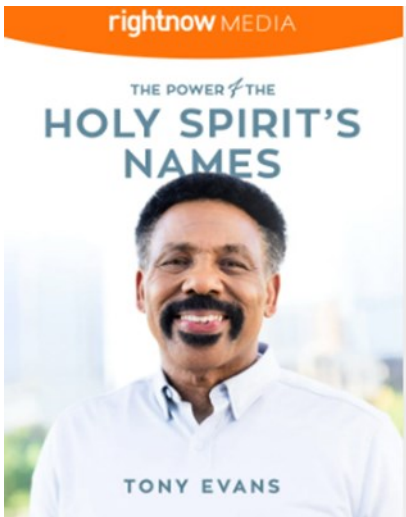
KPW to Pack Valentine Boxes



Monday evening, February 6th, KPW will pack Valentine boxes and have devotion at 7:00 pm in the Kingston Building. All Women are welcome!! Please bring homemade cookies and/or goodies pre-packaged in small Ziploc snack baggies for the boxes and if you'd like, some to share in fellowship too!



Rightnow Media Spotlight

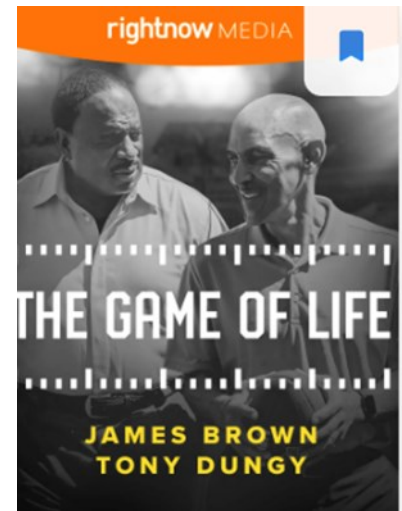


Who Is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit plays the incredible role of both empowering the individual believer and the church—and as we study the Trinity’s third member, we gain a clearer understanding of our omnipotent triune God.

In this six-session series, Dr. Tony Evans leads us on an in-depth exploration of the Spirit’s characteristics, duties, and mission among humankind. Take a closer look at some of the titles of the Spirit and appreciate how he influences and inspires our faith in Christ.

Every game has rules. In order to win, you’ve got to know your goal, your responsibilities on the team, and how to succeed all while playing by the rules. The same is true for the game of life. When we know the Word of God, his mission for us, and how to achieve that mission, we can live with a powerful impact. In this three-session series, sportscaster James Brown and former NFL coach Tony Dungy will explore how we can live for God and serve him well. God has a purpose for you—are you ready to get on the field?



Session Digest

- Mike Ellis elected Clerk
- Laura Hogue elected Vice-Clerk
- Carol Gilroy welcomed into membership
- Approved Communion Dates for 2023—February 12, March 12, April 6, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 1, November 12 & December 10
- Session Committees
 - Worship—Frances Dennis (chair), Mike Ellis and Peggy Hayes
 - Personnel, Finance & Stewardship—Robert Hucks (chair), Tara Broughman and Forrest Beverly
 - Fellowship and Family Life—Alys Lawson (chair), Elizabeth Marsh and Buddy Magrath
 - Christian Education—Carolyn Gobbel (chair), Laura Hogue and Graham Cormack

FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Wed Night Supper @ 6pm in FH	2	3 Youth Breakfast @ 7am	4 NHP PW Annual Spiritual Retreat.@ John Calvin in Florence
5 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am Covered Dish @ 11:45 In Fellowship Hall	6 ASL Classes @ 6pm in Gore House KPW to pack Valentine Boxes @	7 KPW Bible Study @ 10am in the Parlor	8 Wed Night Supper @ 6pm in FH	9	10 Youth Breakfast @ 7am	11
12 Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Worship Service@10:30am w/Communion	13 ASL Classes @ 6pm in Gore House	14 Valentine's Day	15 Diaconate Mtg @ 5pm in KB Wed Night Supper @ 6pm in FH	16	17 Youth Breakfast @ 7am	18
19 Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 in FH Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am	20 ASL Classes @ 6pm in Gore House Session Meeting @ 6pm in KB	21 Youth Pancake Supper @ 6pm	22 ASH Wednesday Service @ 6pm	23 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 6pm in KB	24 Youth Breakfast @ 7am	25
26 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am	27 ASL Classes @ 6pm in Gore House	28				



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Frances Dennis
- 9 Tasha Gaddy
Jacob Bannan
- 10 Gerry Wallace
- 15 Jeannie Abbott
- 19 Kitty Gillis
- 24 Wayne Staton
- 25 Dennis Esandrio



Kingston Announcements

C.A.P. Pantry Needs

CAP has had an increase of food demand so far this year. The following are in immediate need as they can't get it from their main source

(Lowcountry Food Bank):

Canned peas, Canned carrots, Canned mixed veggies, Oatmeal, Grits, Cereal, Instant Potatoes, Dry Lima Beans, Spaghetti noodles and sauce, Canned ravioli, spaghetti o's, Canned Tuna, Vienna sausages, ham and potted meat.



2023 Chicken Bog Contest



Many thanks to our Chicken Bog Championship participants! We had 8 delicious recipes to sample in the fun and friendly competition. Our 2023 Chicken Bog Champion is Alys Lawson, 2nd place went to Teresa Hardee, and 3rd place went to John Bittle. We even had a few diners who were chicken bog "newbies". They concurred, "Chicken bog is great!"

ASL Classes



ASL classes continue on Monday evenings in the Gore House. This is open to all ages and no prior knowledge is required to participate! This runs through the month of February.

We need cooks for Wednesday suppers! The earliest available date is **February 8th**. We also have open: March 1, March 22, March 29, and April 12. Call the church office if you can help!



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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets monthly. Our next meeting is February 23rd, 2023. We would love new members, so please consider joining our ministry. If you're not a knitter or crocheter, we'll teach you! Come join us for a gathering. We have all the materials available for you.



YOUTH BREAKFAST 7:00AM

FRIDAY, FEB 3 @
CHICK-FIL-A
FRIDAY, FEB 10 @
DUNKIN DONUTS
FRIDAY, FEB 17 @
BOJANGLES
FRIDAY, FEB 24 @
CHICK-FIL-A

Cost: \$25

KIDS MUSIC & MISSIONS CAMP

JULY 17-21

9:00AM - 3:00PM (lunch provided)

FOR RISING KINDERGARTNERS - FIFTH GRADERS

Think of it as "VBS 2.0." Our children will learn a musical, engage in local mission opportunities, and have loads of fun!

Call the office to signup!