



# Kingston Chronicles

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## JANUARY 2023

Dear Kingston Family,

New Years is one of my favorite holidays. I love staying up to watch the ball drop in times square. All the top college football games are usually either on New Years Eve or New Year's Day. There is also something about the changing of the calendar year that has the feeling of a fresh start. When I finished undergrad back in 2004, for the next couple of years I worked in the fitness industry as a personal trainer. The first week of January we would always have a flood of new memberships. Hundreds of people were ready to lose weight or get stronger and more fit. New Year's Resolutions as we call them, but about half of them were gone by the beginning of February. It is hard to change. However, New Years is a good time to look at our habits, our behavior, and our life as a whole and ask ourselves, "Am I living in a way that truly honors God?" While losing weight or starting an exercise program are certainly admirable lifestyle changes, 1 Timothy actually encourages us to go a bit deeper. On a side note, 1 Timothy is traditionally attributed to Paul, but modern scholarship casts doubt on his authorship. If he did write 1 Timothy he was an old man, but most likely someone wrote on behalf of Paul after his death which was not uncommon in the 1st century. The writer tells Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:8: "for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." The writer actually acknowledges that activities like exercise, "physical training" as the writer says is of value! But that godliness is valuable in every way! The Greek word translated "godliness" is "εὐσέβεια" (eusebia). It can be translated as godliness, holiness, piety or even devotion (to God). What are some ways you could show more devotion to God? Here are some spiritual disciplines to consider: Reading your Bible daily, being more intentional in your prayer life, committing to worship on Sundays, confession (admitting your wrongs), forgiveness (giving our past hurts to God), generosity (managing our money in a way that allows us to give more), or service (volunteering for a church function or mission project). There are many other spiritual disciplines I could mention, but these are a few that came to mind as I thought about how we can grow in our relationship with God and with others. I'm proud of the many ways this church ministered to our members as well as our community at large. Let us continue to be a church of hope and love as we grow together in 2023.

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**

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: Richard & Julia Faria,  
James & Emma Lou Johnson, Miriam Little,  
Bill & Elizabeth Marsh, John & Mary Kendall Bittle,  
Wayne & Ann Calcutt, Randy & Tara Broughman*

### **Joan Sasser Coker**

November 28, 2022

*Sister of Buddy Sasser*

*Gifts given by: Shirley Long Johnson,  
John & Mary Kendall Bittle*

### **Teresa Hudson**

August 31, 2022

*Gifts given by: Bill & Elizabeth Marsh*

### **Laurel Best**

September 30, 2021

*Gifts given by: Ann Miles*

*"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

## JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

**Head Usher:**  
Ed Gillis

**Ushers:**  
Dennis Esandrio,  
Gina Fisher  
Marco Quiroz

**Counters:**  
Teresa Hardee  
Cathy Beverly

**Nursery:**  
1- No Nursery  
8 - Kira Hamilton

**VOLUNTEER**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*Women's Ministry*



### **KPW Coordinating Team Meeting**

The PWKPC Coordinating Team will meet Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023 at 3:00 PM in the Kingston Building Library.

### **KPW Bible Studies in 2023**

Ladies, you are invited to attend the monthly Women's Bible Study on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Kingston Building or Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Parlor. Our study will be "Dispatches to God's Household - The General Epistles." We will begin with Lesson 2: Fatherhood.

### **New Member Dinner**

On January 18th the Women of the Church will host our New Member Dinner. Please join us and welcome our new members of Kingston!

## Rightnow Media Spotlight

BIBLE BACKROADS is a new show from *Drive Thru History®*, which explores the people, places, and events of the New Testament. Hosted by Dave Stotts, each series is designed as a Bible teaching tool for churches, schools, and families. The home base for the show is “Dave’s Garage,” a state-of-the-art, extended reality lair where almost anything is possible. In addition to using maps, timelines, animations and artifacts in his garage, Dave goes on-location to Israel and the Mediterranean region for many of his adventures.



BIBLE BACKROADS was created as a non-denominational resource, which focuses on Bible history, archaeology, geography, and apologetics, while encouraging viewers to dig deeper into the scriptures themselves.

The second half of John shows us the love of the Father displayed in his Son. In this nine-session series, you will study Jesus’s last days, crucifixion, and resurrection. Through John’s Gospel, Dr. Evans will show us the heart of God, the one who is ready to offer us hope and restoration in eternal life with him.

Dr. Tony Evans returns for the eagerly anticipated *The Gospel of John: Part 2*.



### **Session Digest—December 2022**

The congregation voted Frances Dennis, Laura Hogue, Robert Hucks and Buddy Magrath as the Session Class of 2025, John Avinger, Erin Cocklin, Matt Hogue and Ron Whittington as the Diaconate class of 2025, and Bill Marsh and Cindy Magrath as the Trustee Class of 2025.

The Session accepted and approved the proposed Investment Policy and Spending Policy.

The Session prepared and approved a budget of \$487,181 for 2023.

The Waccamaw Youth were selected to receive the Christmas Eve offering.

The Session approved the recommendation of the MOO Committee to reduce the members of the Diaconate to 12, starting with the 2023 election as well as well as reassign committee responsibilities.

Sunday lunches to resume on January 15, 2023 and Wednesday Night Suppers on January 4, 2023.

# JANUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Worship Service@10:30am	<b>2</b> Office Closed	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Wed Night Supper @ 6pm in FH	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Youth Breakfast @ 6:45am	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am Officer Installation & Ordination Covered Dish @ 11:45 In Fellowship Hall KPW Coord. Team Mtg & 3pm Youth 5-7pm	<b>9</b> KPW Bible Study @ 7pm in KB	<b>10</b> KPW Bible Study @ 10am in the Parlor  Diaconate Mtg @ 6pm in KB	<b>11</b> Wed Night Supper @ 6pm in FH	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Youth Breakfast @ 6:45am	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 in FH Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Worship Service@10:30am w/Communion Youth 5-7pm	<b>16</b> Office Closed  Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 6pm in KB	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> New Member Dinner @ 6pm in FH	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Youth Breakfast @ 6:45am	<b>21</b> Officer Training 10am-2pm
<b>22</b> Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am Youth 5-7pm	<b>23</b> ASL Classes @ 6pm in Gore House	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Trustee Mtg @ 4pm in KB  Chicken Bog Cook Off @ 6pm in FH	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Youth Ski Trip	<b>28</b> Youth Ski Trip
<b>29</b> Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am Youth Ski Trip	<b>30</b> ASL Classes @ 6pm in Gore House	<b>31</b>				





## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tommy Abbott
- 2 Barbara Whittington
- 4 Pam Ellis
- 6 Mary Jane Magrath
- 11 Penny Shope  
Ian Young
- 12 Wade Vaught
- 14 Christoph  
Tatgenhorst
- 16 Rachel Barefoot
- 24 Sophie Murphy  
Pamela Pulkowski  
Sandra Keesee
- 28 Kimberly Courtney  
Cyndi Smith  
Kate Beverly
- 29 Erin Gatesman
- 30 Sandra Bone



# Community Opportunities

## 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, Baby Diapers (sizes 4,5,6).**

(Please remember that smaller sized items are better since most families are approximately 4 in number.) Thank you!



# Kingston Announcements

## Sunday School and Nursery Schedule

There will be **NO** Sunday School **OR** Nursery on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Officer Ordination and Installation-** On Sunday, January 8th, 2023, we will ordain all those who have never served as a deacon or elder in our 10:30am worship service. We will also install all previously ordained deacons and elders in this service. Please plan to be in attendance if you can. This is a special service where we call our new officers forward for a laying on of hands and a time of prayer over them as they begin their service to our church.



**Officer Training-** On Saturday, January 21st, 2023, we will have **mandatory** officer training in the fellowship hall from 10am-2pm. Lunch will be served. We are having it this weekend so that the diaconate and session can meet to elect a chair of the diaconate and clerk of session for 2023. After that, I will meet with the chair and clerk respectively to assign committees. You will receive your committee assignment at officer training. This is an important training as we will look not only at the roles of deacon, elder, and trustee, but also what the function of each committee of the church is. If you are unable to attend this training, there will be makeup training at a later date.

**ASL Classes**—Scott Eller will be teaching a 6-week winter ASL class on Monday evenings in the Gore House. This is open to all ages and no prior knowledge is required to participate! This begins on Monday, Jan 23 and runs through the month of February.



# 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.

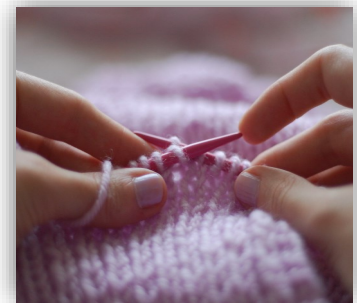


## **Wednesday Night Cooks/Door Counters**

**We are in need of cooks and door counters starting in January.** Please contact the office if you can **help cook from February through May. All dates are open for counters.** A sign up sheet is in the Narthex or call the church office if you can help!

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets monthly. Our next meeting is January 16th, 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.



## **JANUARY DATES FOR MIDDLE/HIGH**

**SUNDAY, JAN 8, 15, 22 – YOUTH 5-7PM**

## **BREAKFAST – 7:00AM**

**FRIDAY, JAN 6 @ CHICK-FIL-A**

**JAN 13 @ DUNKIN**

**JAN 20 @ BOJANGLES**