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Dear Kingston family,

I enjoyed our time this past Sunday talking about Pentecost and how we can understand the elusive and often controversial doctrine known as the "Holy Spirit." Even as a pastor, someone theologically trained, I still have a hard time finding the right words to talk about the Holy Spirit. Yet, if there is one unmistakable and I would even dare to say an undeniable sense of God's presence over the course of my life, I would attribute it to the Holy Spirit.

For me, the Holy Spirit has often been that sense of someone telling me, "You need to do this...." or "Yes, this is the direction for your life." Certainly the Spirit was at work as I was discerning where to go to college 23 years ago. I still see the Spirit working in our seniors' lives today as they are discerning their next steps as "grown ups." No doubt the Spirit was at work calling me to seminary and even calling me here almost 2 years ago (can you all believe August will be 2 years?). However, there are three moments where the Spirit's work has stood out to me more than any other. One was a personal matter over a decade ago, and the other two were quite recently, both involving Kingston members.

I remember back in 2012, my Dad's mother ("Oma") was not doing well. She was living in Connecticut with my Aunt and Uncle. She was a wonderful grandmother to me and sadly, I did not get to spend as much time with her growing up because she always lived a solid plane ride out of town from where I grew up in Spartanburg, SC. On particular afternoon I called my Uncle, and he said that Oma was not doing well and was not sure how much longer she would make it. I was torn. I wanted to see her one more time. Would she hold on longer? A week? A month? The Spirit nudged me in that moment, "buy a plane ticket and go now." I was on a plane later that afternoon. I flew into Hartford, my cousin picked me up at the airport, and we drove to their house in Cheshire, CT. The next day as my Oma died, I held her hand, we prayed and read the 23rd Psalm together. It was the first time I had ever watched a human being pass away. Of course, my Christian convictions lead me to believe she is gone to be with the Lord now and I will see her again one day. In other ways though, I feel she ordained me to ministry that morning.

Fast forward to last weekend. I was talking with our own Beth Healy, and at one point, the conversation turned to Kip. For those of you who don't know or maybe new to Kingston, Kip is Beth's son and is incarcerated in Illinois. Although Kip has received phone calls and letters, Beth began to tell me had only received one in person visitor he knows. And right at that moment the Holy Spirit literally whacked me over the head. I heard the Spirit say to me "Robert, what are you waiting for? Why have you not gone to see Kip? It's been almost a year!" The words of Matthew 25...

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became loud as ever in my brain. Matthew 25:36 reads "...I was in prison and you visited me..." and then at verse 40 Jesus says "...Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Right then I told Beth, I'm going to go see him, tell Kip I'm coming to see him." So I got off the phone, booked a visitation spot at the prison (after answering 8,000 questions and a background check). Found a hotel nearby, booked my flights, and I'm happy to say, Tuesday afternoon June 6th, I hope to see Kip face to face.

Now, here is what I need prayer for. Like big prayers: 1) **Pray for me.** I have never been inside a prison in my entire life. I've never had any opportunity to do prison ministry until now. 2) **Pray for our visit.** Even though I am approved, if there is any threat of a security breach or need for the prison to go on lock down, all visits are cancelled for the day and you have to reschedule. 3) **Pray for Kip.** This has been a rough road as you can imagine, but pray that our time together, should the Holy Spirit allow it to happen, would lift his spirits. As I said Sunday, the Holy Spirit is always at work, but as I realized last weekend, sometimes I am just not paying attention. Are you?

Blessings,



Our June KIDS JAM is all about PRAYER! Calling all preschoolers and Elementary children—join Mrs. Holly after church on Sunday in the Children's Building!



There are no rehearsals during the summer. Simply come to the choir room at 10:15am on Sunday morning to participate! Contact Bradley if you are interested.

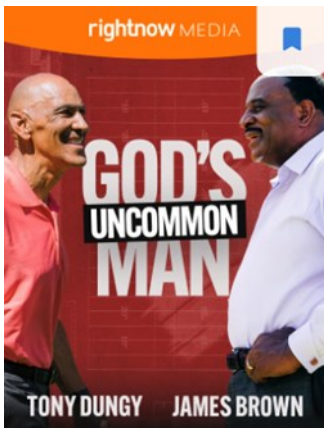


Graduate Sunday - May 21

Congrats to our four high school graduates: Eli Baxter, Jack Bell, Airlea Jordan (not pictured), and Sophia Smith



Rightnow Media Spotlight



Do you ever wonder what it looks like to be a man of faith? In this three-session series, sportscaster James Brown and former NFL coach Tony Dungy will teach us what it means to be an "uncommon man"—a man who follows God faithfully. Are you ready to take the next step in your life of faith? Learn what it takes in *God's Uncommon Man*.

We often claim to have everything under control—whether it's our hectic family schedules, deadlines at work, or unexpected problems that throw us off track—but are we, really? Control can trick us into thinking we can gain comfort, security, and peace through our own efforts. But even though we might think we have a handle on our lives, God is the only one fully in control. In this 6-session series, Bible teacher and author Sharon Hodde Miller discusses the way control can cost us a lot more than we could ever imagine—and how we can walk in faith knowing God is in complete control.



Session Digest - May

1. The Session approved the planning for Wall Lecture Series 2024 around the end of February or in early March.
2. New elected Elder Donna Hazen will be installed Sunday May 28.
3. The City of Conway plans to extend the Riverwalk over the train tracks to the 4th Avenue bridge. Our seawall will not be impacted.
4. There will no Wednesday night suppers or cover dish meals until September.

June VOLUNTEERS

Head Usher:
Wayne Staton

Ushers:
Walt Fatz
Pat Fatz
Karla Kershner

Nursery:
6/11—Emily Eicher
6/18—Mary Kendal Bittle

Counters:
Gina Staton
Mary Sutton

JUNE 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am Kids Jam @11:30	5	6 CE Mtg @ 6pm in the Parlor Community Svc & Mission @ 6pm in KB Kingston Lassies @ 6pm by Cathy Beverly	7 Worship Committee Mtg @ 5pm in Parlor Wild Wednesdays Lunch + Bible Study 12-2pm Parent Mtg @ 5pm in GH	8	9	10
11 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am With Communion	12	13 Diaconate Mtg @ 6pm in KB	14 Middle/High Wild Wednesdays Kayaking + Lunch 10am-1pm	15	16	17
18 <i>Father's Day</i> Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am	19	20 Session Meeting @ 6pm in KB	21 Middle/High Wild Wednesdays Lunch + Bible Study 12-2pm	22	23	24
25 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am	26	27 Cong. Care & Outreach Mtg @ 6pm by Beth Healy	28 Middle/High Wild Wednesdays Laser Tag + Pelicans Snoballs 3-5pm	29	30	



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Karen Gatesman
David Moore
- 2 Randy
Werkhoven
- 3 Shannon Elms
Bess Harry
Melissa Turbeville
- 5 Mary Alice
Wilson
John Gaddy
- 7 John Wilson, Jr.
- 8 Kerry M. Elms
- 9 Jordan Dudley
- 11 Jennifer Courtney
Yana Tatgenhorst
- 12 Ann Calcutt
Martha Wilson
- 14 Frank Bell, Sr.
- 15 Joan Browning
- 16 Sammy Hardee
- 18 Carolyn Addison
- 19 Sylvia Rattray
- 23 Sara Frances
Ropp
Ann Miles
- 25 Hank Pulkowski
- 27 Ed Gillis
- 28 Robert Bannan
- 30 William Marsh

CHURCHES ASSISTING PEOPLE
CHRISTMAS
CAP
Bringing HOPE to the less fortunate, celebrating the JOY of the season, giving the GIFT of JESUS!
Sharing Christ In Christmas to Others In Need

CAP presents Christmas in July
Donations accepted July 1 thru December 1!

Christmas CAP was a huge success last year. Because of your generosity, **212 individuals** were able to enjoy Christmas! They were so appreciative!

In order to plan better and not have back-to-back missions (Thanksgiving meals and Christmas CAP), we are having Christmas in July. This will allow us to get a head start on Christmas CAP and be able to shop those black Friday sales as well as know how many we can provide for

Share with your church members through your newsletter, website, Facebook, bulletin insert, or any other way you would like. Also give a copy of this to your missions groups and Sunday School classes so they may share them with their group/class members.

GOAL: 225 Individuals
\$21,200.00 needed to cover these individuals
These individuals are interviewed to make sure they are in need of help.



CAP has had an increase of food demand so far this year. The following are in immediate need as they can't get from their main source (Lowcountry Food Bank): **Boxed Cereal, Jelly, Canned Soups, Oatmeal, Boxed Potatoes, Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent, Baby Wipes, and Baby Diapers.**

WACCAMAW YOUTH CENTER BIRTHDAYS

If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact Cathy Beverly. For one of the boy's birthdays, you will need to bring a homemade cake, a tub of ice cream, 16 candles, 16 napkins, 16 plates and potato chips.

Women's Ministry

Kingston Lassies

Ladies of Kingston, come and have a meal and visit with other women at Kingston at Cathy Beverly's home on June 6th, co-hosted by Pat West.

Monthly Bible Study will resume in September

More info to come!



KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

2023



WILD WEDNESDAYS

Middle/High - Summer 2023

DATE / TIME

EVENT

June 7 - 12pm - 2pm

Lunch + Bible Study

June 14 - 10am - 1pm

Kayaking + Lunch

June 21 - 12pm - 2pm

Lunch + Bible Study

June 28 - 3pm - 5pm

*Pelicans Snoballs + Laser Tag**

July 12 - 12pm - 2pm

*Dave & Busters**

July 26 - 9:30am - 4pm

*Day @ Myrtle Waves**

August 2 - 12pm - 2pm

Lunch + Bible Study

**RSVP required*