

NOVEMBER 2024

Dear Kingston family,

I don't know about you, but I can sense more and more the growing anxiety around the country as we get closer to the election. I hear a lot these days about how "we are voting for democracy" or "democracy is on the ballot." "If Donald Trump wins, he will become a dictator and overthrow democracy;" "If Kamala Harris wins, America will become a communist nation." Both sides paint this picture of doom and gloom if the opposing party wins. News outlets also are quite crafty at painting all your problems on a particular political party.

I say all this as someone who enjoys following the news. I admit that sometimes I can get sucked into a rabbit hole online about a particular news story or spin piece. I think it is important to be informed, and I believe it is essential to have convictions about certain issues. Swiss Reformed theologian of the 20th century, Karl Barth, had great advice for us as Christians. Now, he said this back in the 1940s to give some context. He said Christians should have two things in their hands - their Bible in one hand and their newspaper in the other. What he meant by that is you should have God's word by your side, and you should have the newspaper so that you can be informed.

Now, if Barth was alive today, I doubt if he would say you need your Bible in one hand and Fox News or CNN in the other. He would say we need to be informed, but 24-hour news cycles were foreign in Barth's time. It is important to have discussions about important issues. By the way, I do NOT think that Facebook or other social media outlets are the places to do that. You are never going to change anybody's mind arguing about anything on Facebook, much less politics. I know the election is just a few days away, and somebody must win and lose.

Here is what I want to tell you: you will be ok. Yes, you are going to be ok. I understand that people think, "This is the worst it's ever been..." It is not the worst America has ever been. We have had a president resign from office over a scandal. We've had the Civil Rights Movement along with the Vietnam War going on at the same time. As a country, we have literally been at war with each other. The country was in a literal civil war from 1861-1865; 620,000 Americans lost their lives in that single war. More Americans died in the Civil War than in WW1, WW2, and Vietnam combined. I'd say that's divided.

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(continued) I'm not downplaying that there is division in this country. Certainly, I'm not saying these issues being debated are unimportant. It is good to care about what is happening in our country. It is even better to pray about what is happening in our country. It is good to be informed but it is not good to be obsessed. It is good to take a break from the non-stop news cycle, get some fresh air, go for a walk, and be with the people who love you. Because while it is important to be in touch with issues and be able to defend why we stand by said issues, no matter who wins what race on Tuesday, you are not electing a Savior. You are electing a politician—a sinful human being, just like you and me. A human being that is imperfect makes mistakes and misspeaks, just like you and me. Two human beings with families that love and care about them and look forward to going home to, just like you and me. So remember kindness, compassion, empathy, and above all, remember what Jesus said is the greatest command this election season: "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." -Matthew 22: 37-40

Blessings,



Pastor Robert

Session Digest from October 2024 Session Meeting

- The session welcomed Hayden and Sarah Watkins and their son Jack as new members.
- Our own Holly Bannan was approved by the session as well as the presbytery's committee on preparation for ministry as a candidate for ordination in the PC (USA).
- The session voted to increase our shared mission support for New Harmony presbytery from \$12,000 per year to \$13,000 per year.
- Yana Tatgenhorst requested to transfer her letter to First Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, AL. Request was approved.
- Worship has formed a sub committee to help plan our Kirkin O' the Tartans service this year.
- Sanctuary guild (17 people) have met and purchased new Christmas decorations (with donations); they will decorate the sanctuary for Advent, Monday, November 25th.
- Officer Nominating Committee has met and has nominations for all slots for elder, deacon, and trustee. The session will call a congregational meeting in late November or early December to for the congregation to vote on the nominations.

November

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Oct 27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1 7:00am Youth Breakfast (Chick-Fil-A)	2
3 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Worship "All Saints Day" 11:30am Covered Dish (Fellowship) 11:45am Youth Lunch + Bible	4 7:00pm KPW Bible Study	5 Election Day 4:00pm HighSchool Missions (Shepherd's Table) 	6 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Wednesday Supper (Fellowship Hall) 7:15pm Choir Practice	7	8 7:00am Youth Breakfast (Chick-Fil-A)	9
10 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/ Communion 11:45am Youth Lunch + Bible Study (Gore House)	11 6:00pm Kingston Lassies (Cindy Magrath's home)	12 6:00pm Deacons Meeting (Kingston Building)	13 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Wednesday Supper/KPW Thank Offering (Fellowship) 7:15pm Choir Practice	14	15 7:00am Youth Breakfast (Chick-Fil-A)	16
17 8:30am Men's Breakfast (Fellowship) 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Worship 11:45am Youth Lunch + Bible	18	19 6:00pm Session Meeting (Kingston Building)	20 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Wednesday Supper (Fellowship Hall) 7:15pm Choir Practice	21 6:00pm Prayer Shawl	22 7:00am Youth Breakfast (Chick-Fil-A)	23
24 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary) 11:45am Youth Lunch + Bible Study (Gore House)	25	26	27	28 Church Office Closed Thanksgiving	29 Church Office Closed	30 12:30pm Christmas Musical Rehearsal (Sanctuary)



Women's Bible Study is Monday, November 4 in the Kingston Bldg. at 7 PM. We are concluding our study book with Lesson 9: "People Encounter Jesus Through the Work of the Disciples." All women are invited to join.

Wednesday, November 13th, Leslie Wilson will cook supper and KPW will present the Thank Offering program. Afterward, we will collect an offering to help support the programs discussed.

2025 Bible Study The new PW Bible study begins on January 6 at 7 PM in the Kingston Bldg. The book title is "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight." The cost of the new book is \$16. Please see Donna Hazen or Mary Alwine in the office to order your book. (We will order in November and should receive them in December.)

New Circle in 2025 Thank you for participating in our Bible study survey. The results have led to the beginning of a Thursday morning Bible study, which we plan to start on January 9, 2025, at 10:30 in the Parlor. If you are interested, please order your Bible study booklet by **November 17**.

****If you have not received your KPW booklet, please see Mary in the office.**

Kingston Lassies

Mark your calendars for Monday, November 11th at 6:00pm. We will meet at Cindy Magrath's house for a night of fun and laughter! We will share tips for creating charcuterie boards, and participants will make their own boards to take home. No prior experience is necessary! A light supper will be served. Cost for the evening is \$5.00. Please text/call Cindy by **Tuesday, November 5** to reserve a spot.

We will also be collecting stocking stuffers for our annual mission dedicated to supporting Thornwell Home for Children. There are approximately 35 boys and girls, between the ages of 13 and 18, who will receive our donations. Specific details to come, so be on the lookout! This is a wonderful opportunity and your participation can truly make a world of difference!

PLEASE JOIN
THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN AND THE
KINGSTON LASSIES
FOR OUR
**CHRISTMAS
GATHERING**

IN ADDITION TO FELLOWSHIP, WE WILL:

- PACK BAKED GOODS FOR OUR ACTIVITY RESTRICTED MEMBERS
- ASSEMBLE STAFF GIFT BASKETS
- COLLECT AN OFFERING FOR OUR LOCAL MISSIONS

9 DEC | **AT 6:30 PM**
ALYS LAWSON'S HOUSE
1220 PINWOOD CIRCLE
CONWAY, SC 29526

IF ABLE, PLEASE BRING:

- 20 WRAPPED HOMEMADE BAKED GOODIES
- 7 OF THE SAME OR SIMILAR ITEMS FOR STAFF GIFT BASKETS



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Susan Burroughs-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 Sullivan Elms
- 16 Marco Quiroz
- 19 Liz Hinkle
- 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

November VOLUNTEERS

Head Usher:
Randy Broughman

Ushers:
Will Broughman
Lawton Broughman
Joe Burroughs

Counters:
Frances Dennis
Cindy Magrath



WACCAMAW YOUTH CENTER BIRTHDAYS

If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact Cathy Beverly.



GIVE HERE!

To give online, scan the QR code here.



CAP Pantry Needs:

- Canned breakfast meats (Ex. Spam)
- Cereal
- Jelly (plastic jars)
- Spaghetti Sauce (plastic)
- Pasta
- Vienna sausage
- Canned chicken
- Canned peas

Will you be a Thanksgiving Sponsor?

If you are willing to sponsor a family for Thanksgiving, please make a \$25.00 check payable to **CAP** with the memo "Thanksgiving Dinner" between now and 11/25. Checks can be dropped off at CAP or mailed to 307 Wright Blvd. They hope to provide 300 bags this year, so any donation is greatly appreciated.

ALL KINGSTON MEMBERS,
PLEASE
COMPLETE
THIS
MINISTRY
SURVEY.

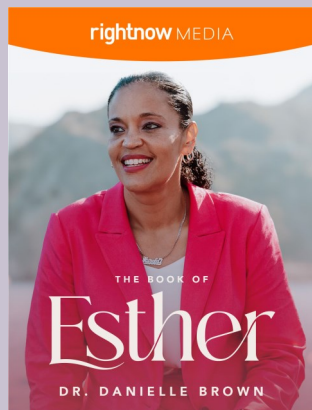


rightnow MEDIA

God is always at work in the background, even when he seems silent. This powerful truth is evident in the

book of Esther—a story of God's providence and the preservation of his people during their exile in Persia.

In this seven-session series, Rev. Dr. Danielle Brown will help us see that despite moral corruption, national chaos, and the emotional turmoil of the main characters, God will never abandon his people and is positioning us for a purpose bigger than we can imagine.



Get Involved!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

3rd Thursday of the month
6:00pm | Kingston Building

If you have interest in knitting, crocheting or hand work such as bindings for the blizzard flannel blankets, please come and join us! We can teach knitting or crocheting and we have materials available to use, so just bring yourself!! Any questions, contact Peggy Hayes.

Kirkin O' the Tartan Sub-committee

Planning our *Kirkin O' the Tartan* worship service, in conjunction with Worship Committee, that occurs in May each year

Next Meeting in January

Mary Kendall Bittle | Ben Burroughs

Volunteers and Ushers

Usher/Greet on Sunday mornings before worship
Serve 1 month of year

Volunteer for Nursery
(as needed when workers are out of town)

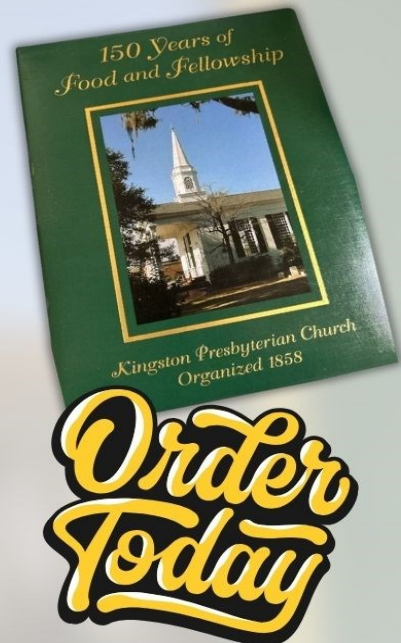


COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

The Women of the Church cookbooks have arrived! We have 200 books, and the cost is \$20.00 each. If you plan to purchase one (or more) of these treasures, please add your name to the Form below and your payment preference (cash, check, or online). This is our way of keeping track of the purchases. Please fill this out for us first so we have a record of every cookbook sold.

The QR code, if you choose to pay this way, will take you directly to the app, which will go directly to the PWKPC checking account. If you are paying by cash or check, please bring that payment to the church office during regular office hours. You can pay however you feel most comfortable. For our records, we ask that you tell us which payment you will make on the form. These will also be available for purchase during Wednesday suppers.

If you have any questions about completing the form or accessing the online payment, please take a look at the attached documents. You can also email or call the office for help.



COMPLETE FIRST
FORM TO PURCHASE



TO PAY
ONLINE



kingston kids + youth

THIS MONTH'S LINEUP:

11/5 Youth Serve at
Shepherd's Table
4-5:30pm

11/17 Preschool Pray-n-Pray
9:45-10:15am

11/30 Christmas Musical
rehearsal
12:30-2:00pm

Fridays Youth Breakfast
Chick-fil-A 7:00am

Sundays Youth Lunch +
Bible Study
11:45-1:15pm

Christmas Musical

On the first Sunday of Advent, our preschoolers through 6th grade, will be leading worship with our Christmas musical: *The Fumbly Bumbly Angels*. Join us as these angels set their sights on singing in the Heavenly choir but find themselves in the village of Bethlehem.



November Menu:

Nov. 6
Lasagna w/
all the fixins'

Nov. 13
KPW cooking
TBD

Nov. 20
TBD

Thank
Offering

Overflowing Blessing

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP/PO BOX _____

EMAIL/PHONE _____

I made this offering envelope
I will fill my pledge through the winter
I want the new information shared
I will give to the church
I would like to see someone on your team
I would like to see someone on your team

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE
As an expression of gratitude to God's
blessings, I will give a monetary pledge and
pledge to give \$_____ during the 2025 year. I will give to give
Monthly _____ Quarterly _____ Annually _____

Overflowing Blessing

MALACHI 3:10

Thank you to those who have already turned in their 2025 pledge cards. If you haven't done so, please drop it off in the office during business hours or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Thank you.

Kingston Lassies Gathering



Trunk-or-Treat/Fall Festival



A New Youth Choir
Conway, SC

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Information



Voices
Rivertown

Calling All Singers Ages 8 to 16!

Looking to showcase your singing talents and raise your voice in our historic Rivertown? Join our cast in an exciting new opportunity in Conway as we work in a unique partnership between Kingston Presbyterian, St. Anne's Episcopal, 1st United Methodist of Conway, and area schools to ignite a new singing experience!

With a focus on voice training and a variety of repertoire, the Voices of Rivertown will offer local performance opportunities and is open to any student in the greater area ages 8 to 16. We need YOUR help in ensuring this new opportunity for our children is a performing success and we encourage all to visit www.facebook.com/voicesofrivertown to view and sign-up for more information about rehearsals and performances as we help our Voices of Rivertown to shine!