



KINGSTON CHRONICLES

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Dear Kingston Family,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the fall as much as I am. Activities are getting back into full swing this month as our Covered Dish Luncheons start this Sunday, September 7th, following worship, and our Wednesday Suppers start September 10th! There is another special event that is coming up in the life of our church that I want to highlight in this newsletter, and that is Stewardship Sunday!

Our Stewardship Sunday is October 26th of this year. Stewardship Sunday is the Sunday we ask our congregation to turn in their pledge cards for 2026. If you are not familiar with pledge cards, a pledge card is simply a card you fill out and give to the church, indicating what you plan to pledge (give) financially to our church for the next calendar year. So, for this Stewardship Sunday, what do you plan to give for 2026? Pledge cards are very important for the life of our congregation because they help our session to know how much financial giving they can expect next year. It is very important because it helps our session to set a budget and ultimately be the best stewards possible of our church finances. You will be receiving a letter from our personnel, finance, and stewardship committee soon, and they will outline more information about giving and where we are financially as a congregation. However, as your pastor, I want to write to you briefly about the theology behind financial giving. As most of you probably know, all churches in the United States are non-profit organizations. For that reason, we do not charge people a fee for membership or for visitors to attend, but to operate, we rely on donations. In the church world, we call these donations "tithes" and "offerings." The word "tithe" comes from the Hebrew word **תְּעִשָּׂר** (English transliteration—"maàser"), which literally means "a tenth." The practice of tithing dates all the way back to our Old Testament, and it was a command for the ancient Israelites. The prophet Malachi wrote quite directly about the matter, "Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, 'How are we robbing you?' In your tithes and offerings! You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." For the ancient Israelites, not to tithe was to rob God! Ouch!

Often, when I bring this passage up, many will counter, "Well, Robert, Jesus didn't command us to tithe!" Or "The Apostle Paul doesn't say anything about tithing!" While that is true, it is clear from

Jesus' rebuke of the Pharisees in Matthew 23:23 and Luke 11:42,
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CHURCH STAFF

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Holly Bannan **Director of Discipleship and Communications**
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SEPT 2025



Stewardship Sunday - October 26, 2025

(continued) tithing was expected. Jesus did not tell the Pharisees not to tithe; he told them tithing was not enough if they were neglecting justice, mercy, faith, and love! While it is not a command to tithe in the New Testament, the New Testament does call Christians to be generous, sacrificial, and cheerful givers, supporting the work of the church and caring for those in need (see 2 Corinthians 9:7).

I point all this out to say tithing is still a useful practice to implement from the Old Testament and the reason churches still encourage tithing, even if it is not a command, is because it works and it is a reasonable goal for all of us. Giving 10% of your finances is a goal to aim for. If you can give 10% but don't, I hope you will consider doing so. Now I know some of you already give 10%, some of you give more than 10%, and others simply cannot give 10%. Listen, I know talking about money in the church is a touchy subject. Each person's financial situation is very personal and a private matter to most people. To be completely transparent, I have no idea what you give to this church, and I don't need to know. What you give is between you and God (and Mary, our church admin, but she has to know for business and record-keeping purposes).

What I encourage each of you to do is think about all the things you love about Kingston that makes us work: Our staff we pay, our buildings we maintain, the grounds we upkeep, the food we serve, the programs we have, the bible studies we hold, the children and youth we shepherd, and the missions we support (both locally and globally) to name a few. All of these are not possible without tithes and offerings!

As you think about what makes our church run, pray about your pledge this year. Ask God, "What amount of giving are you calling me to this year?" Don't get caught up worrying about what anyone else is giving, ask God where He is leading YOU and your family to give this stewardship season. If you give 10% or more, I hope that you can continue to do so! If you are not able to give 10%, you are not less of a Christian because you can't, but please know every bit helps! However, ask God what changes you could make to your spending or lifestyle that would allow you to reach 10%? I know that there might not be something that you can change overnight, but small changes can grow over time that allow you to reach the 10% level. Conway is a growing city, and as a downtown mainline church, people will come to visit us, and many will join our membership, which is a good thing. I want to see Kingston continue to grow and thrive long into the future. So talk things over with your family, pray to God about your pledge, and turn in those pledge cards by October 26th.

Blessings,



Pastor Robert

HAPPY Birthday

Fellowship and Family Life

- 2 Mike Suchowieski
- 3 Charlotte
Montgomery
- 5 Linda Towns
Cheryl Barefoot
- 6 Susan Haskin
- 7 Teresa Hardee
- 9 Brad Courtney, Jr.
Corbyn Gaddy
- 11 Pat Fatz
Rachel Suchowieski
- 12 Jay Dennis
- 13 Sis Ramsey
- 16 Joe Burroughs, Jr.
- 17 Cindy Check
- 18 Lindsay "Niki" Young
- 19 Missy Millus
- 20 Alys Lawson
- 22 Randy Gatesman
- 23 Sara Jean Sasser
Vincent Zylko
- 24 Ballou Skinner
- 28 Kathy Mauldin
- 29 Tara Broughman



First Sunday Covered Dish

Sunday, September 7th, immediately following worship.
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share to feed 6-8 people.

Wednesday Supper + Programming

SEPTEMBER 10 | 6:00PM

John Bittle - Men of the Church

Menu: Orange Glazed Pork Chops, brown Rice, butter beans, corn succotash, biscuits & dessert

Program: Confessions with Pastor Robert

SEPTEMBER 17 | 6:00PM

Paul and Chris Reed

Menu: Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, and pies

Program: Confessions with Pastor Robert

SEPTEMBER 24 | 6:00PM

Rachel & Mike Suchowieski

Menu: Chicken Parmesan + sides

Program: Confessions with Pastor Robert

Recipe Reunion



Mark your calendars for a special Wednesday Supper on November 19th called "Recipe Reunion," sharing 150 years of food and fellowship from our KPC Cookbook - more information to follow! If you do not have your own KPC cookbook, scan the QR code here to order one!

September

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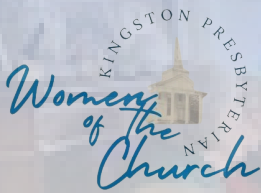
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7 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship and Congregational Meeting 11:30am Covered Dish (Fellowship Hall)	8 7:00pm KPW Evening Circle (Kingston Building)	9 6:00pm Deacons Meeting (Kingston Building)	10 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper (Fellowship Hall) 7:15pm Choir Practice	11 9:30am KPW Morning Circle (Gore House) 10:30am Women's Bible Study (Gore House)	12 7:00am Youth Breakfast	13
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Kingston Presbyterian Women Circles

The Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team cordially invites all ladies to attend the Kingston Presbyterian Women's Monthly Circle Meetings resuming in September.

Circle meetings are small groups of women that meet for Bible study, fellowship, and service. Circles offer a space for women to connect, grow in faith, and support each other and the community.

Morning Circle meets the **first Thursday** following the first Sunday of the month, at **9:30 a.m.**, in the Gore House. The first meeting is **September 11, 2025**.

Evening Circle meets the **first Monday** following the first Sunday of the month, at **7:00 p.m.**, in the Kingston Building. The first meeting is **September 8, 2025**.

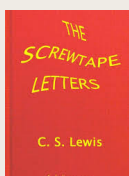
This season, we will be studying Max Lucado's Ten Women of the Bible. Books are available for \$14 from the Church Office.

Men of the Church



Men's Breakfast | 8:30am

All men of the church are invited to our Men's Breakfast, the third Sunday, September 21, 2025. Our guest speaker is Samuel (Sam) D Klein, Professor of History at Horry-Georgetown Technical College. He has his B.S., History from Southern Illinois University, and his M.A., History from Southern Illinois University. He will be speaking on the Constitution and religion. Bring a friend and enjoy great food and fellowship with your brothers in Christ.



Men's Sunday School | 9:30am

The Men's Sunday School class is starting a lesson series on The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis on September 7th.



A congregational meeting will be held on September 7th, 2025, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing the Officer Nominating Committee (ONC). Please be sure to come.

Give online Here!



GIVE HERE!

Thursday Women's Study

Our women's bible study continues on Thursdays at 10:30am in the Gore House. Each week, we dive into Encounters with Jesus by Dr. Frances Taylor Gench.

Even if you don't have the book or have never come before, you are invited to come and enjoy a beautiful time of fellowship, discipleship, and love!

Interested in



Daily Advent Readings

If you would like to receive a daily Advent devotion/reading, please contact Holly at hbannan@kingstonpc.org.

Newest Kingston Members



Please welcome our newest Kingston members: Tessa Juengst, Steven & Gloria Jacobsen, Greg & Daniela Redlin, and John Ramp & Janice Rogers. All joined on August 19th. We're glad you are part of our family!

September Ushers

HEAD USHER

Gerry Wallace

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USHER

Cary Brown
Johnny Dennis
Gina Fisher

sept
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USHER

Johnny Dennis,
Sammy Hardee
Teresa Hardee

sept
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USHER

Jose Hinojosa
Kady Hinojosa
John Ramp

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USHER

Jose Hinojosa
Kady Hinojosa
John Ramp

September Counters

Paul Reed
Cary Brown

Support our Community



NEEDS:

Can Sweet Peas
Can Ravioli
Can Spaghetti
Bag of sugar - 2&5 lb.
Grape jelly in plastic jar
Can Meat (tuna, chicken, or ham)
White Rice - 2, 3, or 5 lb.
Can Pineapple
Can Peaches
Bottle Juice (Apple, Grape, Cranberry)
Box Juice (8 or 10 pack)
* for our Tiny Tot Daycare Program



WACCAMAW YOUTH CENTER BIRTHDAYS

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

Children and Youth Families

9:30am | Sunday, September 28



We are having a Bible Presentation with our Elementary students and their families. Parents, if you have a child in kindergarten through fifth grade, please complete the form linked here to fill out a little information about your child. We hope you'll join us for this special time together!

<https://forms.gle/3fJPjmeRBDsXT58x6>

7:00am | Fridays



Middle and High Schoolers, join us for youth prayer breakfast. Make sure you're on Holly's text thread to get the location each week. Transportation to Conway Middle and Conway High is available!



Coming Soon:



November 30

First Sunday of Advent
Christmas Musical (during worship)
All children and youth (all ages) are invited to participate!



January 2026

Confirmation Class begins

More information will be emailed soon!

Children and Youth Ministry