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Grief is something most of us have experienced. It is deeply painful when the person we have lost to death is a close loved one. It could be a spouse (highest on the scale they say), or a child, or a parent or friend. We loved them and they are gone. Our hearts are broken. It sounds harsh, even cruel to even think or say that we will ever get over it. In a sense we don't want to.

I recall a teaching that I heard some time before the death of Joy, our beloved daughter-in-law: It was that you just have to lean into it. It is like walking into the surf at the beach. As you head out into the ocean those waves come one after another. It is useless to run from them; we deal with them by leaning into them to keep some balance. When the next one comes, we lean again.

What are we to do as a church and as Christians to help those going through GRIEF? There are things that we should and can do. No one in the world has more resources than the church whose Lord is the Resurrected Christ. He has conquered death and when we receive His gift of Eternal Life, he gives us victory over death. We have the benefit of HOPE.

In a few weeks we are launching our new GriefShare ministry that is going to help so many people. Maybe even you as it has helped me. Merton and Freda Dibble are going to be leading this ministry and we need your help.

First we need those who will take a half-day's training to be a group leader. The video series will cover the best teaching available. As a group leader you would be trained to facilitate and assist and help your group during sharing times.

Second, we need your help in getting the word out to others about this ministry.

Finally, we need for you to consider being a part. Maybe you have recently lost someone. This can really help. Maybe the loss you know was years ago but you could benefit from all you will experience during this seminar. There is help for you and for all who grieve.

Please pray about your possible role in GRIEFSHARE.

Sincerely,
Ron Lowe, Pastor



MORE ABOUT GRIEFSHARE:

We would like to encourage you to come to the special seminar and support group being offered here at Kingsport Community Church. It is called GriefShare. The materials specifically address topics and issues for those who are grieving the death of a loved one.

GriefShare will be meeting weekly and the content is Christ-centered and biblical. You will find this to be a place where you can be around people who understand the pain of your loss. You will be prayed for and learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult season of your life.

We hope you will consider joining us.

Please remember your loss is shared by others in this church and what you are experiencing is sometimes easier to bear knowing others are listening and do care.

May God's love continue to comfort and strengthen you. Please feel free to call Merton or Freda Dibble at 423-288-4474 for more information about the group.



Music ReMarks

The **KCC Bluegrass Band** will be leading us in worship on **RALLY DAY** – September 10! Invite all your unchurched family and friends to this service along with any former members you know. *“What a day that will be!”*

It’s that time of year: to start thinking of Christmas! Depending on when the music arrives, we will target to **start rehearsals on Christmas music** on Wednesday, **September 13**. By then, we will know if we will be using drama with it or if we (the choir) will be in costume or not. Hopefully, getting started this early will be helpful in recruiting more singers as well as learning the music really well. Watch the bulletin and our social media connections for more details (selection of music, title, arrival of music, etc.).

Praise Team will be rehearsing on Monday (Sept. 18) in preparation for the next Contemporary Worship Sunday.

Please **PRAY** with us because we **really are in need** of more singers in the choir, accompanists to play piano/organ/keyboard, guitar players and drummers for the band, and technicians to work in the A-V-C (audio/video/computer) room. See me to participate. Training is available.

I’m always looking forward to worship with you each Sunday! God bless you.

His Singing Servant,
Mark



Kingsport Community Church is a member of Marsh Regional Blood Center Blood Bank. If any member of our church needs blood, there will be no charge, except for an administrative fee, no matter what part of the country you are in. Just have the hospital call the Center at 423-408-7500.

The holidays are approaching and they are in need of blood. If you haven’t donated lately, please consider doing so. If you have any questions about whether you are eligible to give, please call the blood bank at 423-408-7500.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

You may have started to see some changes around the church...we’re redecorating and re-purposing our student meeting areas to launch on Rally Day (September 10) and Sunday, September 17. Come by and check out the new "lounge" downstairs and the "loft" aka the mezzanine upstairs in the Family Life Center on September 10. As the school year begins, there are so many amazing opportunities to put our faith in action! To stay up-to-date, check out our website at www.kingsportstudents.org, and make sure to join our Facebook group, and follow us on Instagram @kingsportstudents.

Crave: Student Gathering (aka Sunday School) (Sundays starting September 10 @ 9:30-10:30 am): Crave is our Sunday morning gathering, ("Sunday School") where we spend time "catching" up with each other and hanging out with friends, with a light breakfast, music, and games in The Loft. We also preview the coming week’s scripture and pray as a group before we head to worship.

Open Gym (Sundays, starting September 10 @ 5pm): Open to all students! Basketball, dodgeball, wall ball, octoball, wiffleball, lifesize hungry hippo, and more!

Sr. High/Jr. High Girls Bible Study Small Groups (Sunday Evenings 6-7pm): Every Sunday evening at 6 pm (after Open Gym), we have split groups for middle school and high school groups. We strive to equip students to be all God calls them to be through games, food, bible study, and most importantly building relationships with God and each other! Our groups take place at KCC in the Family Life Center and The Loft.

Young Adult/College Small Group (Thursday Evenings 7-9 pm): 18-30 and looking for a casual, relaxed bible study? On Thursday evenings we meet at the Smith House at 7pm where we hang out, have great food together and dig into God’s Word. Other times of the year we participate in the Johns Island Mission Trip and go on several fun adventures including hiking and a New Years or Fall retreat to Nashville.

Michael





Director
Children's Ministry

Hopefully we're all starting to settle in to the new school year. September is such a fun month as we head into the fall season (my favorite). We've been missing you and hope to see you in church soon. Children's classes meet during Sunday School, Children's Church (Sunday morning worship hour) and Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

We've had a slew of longer Bible verses to learn over the summer so this month we're going to do a Bible buck bonus. You can earn 2 Bible bucks for each verse you memorize. Most of the verses this month are a better length for kids. Of course, you can always go back and pick up any verses you've missed so this would be a great time to do that. Our next Bible buck shopping day will be Sunday, September 24.

Memory Verses for this month:

Week beginning 8/27	Psalm 13:14
Week beginning 9/3	Acts 1:8
Week beginning 9/10	Romans 6:23
Week beginning 9/17	Psalm 56:3
Week beginning 9/24	James 2:26

See you Sunday!
Teresa



RALLY DAY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

On Sunday, September 10, we will celebrate coming back together again after a summer of fun and relaxation. The KCC Bluegrass Band will have special music during the morning worship service.

Immediately after the worship service, we will gather in the Family Life Center for a carry-in meal. **Please bring two covered dishes and a dessert. Please bring large portions so we will have enough to share.**

Volunteers are needed to help with the meal and clean up. Please call the church office if you are willing to help.

Debbie Aldeen
Director, Christian Education



ADULT FELLOWSHIP FALL TRIP
RENFRO VALLEY
MT. VERNON, KY
October 19-21, 2017

Trip includes;

- * 3 hour train ride on Big South Fork Scenic Railway
- * Box lunch for train ride
- * Entrance to McCreary County Museum
- * Two nights lodging at Renfro Valley Baymont Inn
- * Breakfast at the hotel
- * Visit to KY Artisan Center
- * Time in the Renfro Valley Village
- * One night attendance at Renfro Valley Entertainment Center to see "Tribute to the Legends"

Cost for trip:

1 person/room \$280 2 people/room \$182/person
3 people/room \$150/person 4 people \$134/person

You will be responsible for all your meals except for the breakfasts & the box lunch for the train ride.

Trip must be paid in full by September 3, 2017. Make checks payable to Kingsport Community Church & in the memo line write "Oct. AF Event".

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. A separate sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for selecting your box lunch choice. **(You must select by September 3.)**

Pack lightly as there will be limited space for hauling luggage.

The bus will leave the church at 6:30 am on Thursday, October 19. Please be on the bus ready to leave at that time.

Larry & Doris Gaw



ADULT FELLOWSHIP TRIP
TO
BAYS MOUNTAIN PARK
Thursday September 21, 2017

Day's activities include:

- Planetarium Film
- Picnic Lunch
- Barge Ride

Cost will be \$15.00/person, which includes the price of the Planetarium and Barge Ride, an indoor room for our picnic lunch, the picnic lunch, and gas for the bus.

The bus will leave the church at 9:30 am.

Money needs to be paid by Sunday, Sept. 17. Make check payable to KCC & in the memo line write Sept. AF Event.

Larry & Doris Gaw

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Weekly Schedule:

Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 pm
RESTORE HOPE Meetings
Tuesdays 6:30 pm
Oasis Bible Study
Wednesdays 11:30 am

Our Vision is "To Know Christ & To Make Him Known."



LADIES' LUNCHEON

This is an open invitation to every lady in the Kingsport Community Church to join us for lunch at 11:30 am on Tuesday, September 12, at Shoney's Restaurant. It will give us time to fellowship, get to know each other better, maybe meet someone for the first time, and become a support system for each other.

We will discuss at the luncheon if there is enough interest to make this an ongoing luncheon.

If you are interested in joining us for lunch, please call Peggy Graham at 239-3545 by Sunday, Sept.10.



**September
2017**



Monday, September 4
Labor Day
Church offices closed

Sunday, September 10
National Grandparents Day
Rally Day
12:00 pm - Carry-in meal in the Family Life Center

Monday, September 11
Patriot Day
7:00 pm - Board of Elders meeting

Tuesday, September 12
11:30 am - Ladies' luncheon at Shoney's Restaurant

Thursday, September 21
9:30 am - Adult Fellowship trip to Bays Mountain Park

Friday, September 22
First day of autumn



FREE CANDLE WAX

Are you or a friend into candle making? The church has used candles (white, pink, and purple) that you can melt and reuse to make new candles.

See Mills Dyer if you are interested.