

# KINGSPORT COMMUNITY CHURCH

## GOOD NEWS

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It is here, a NEW YEAR - 2018. We are in the first few days of another year. It began shortly after the winter solstice on December 21, 2017, at 11:28 a.m. The days were getting shorter and the nights longer. The good news is that each day since then gets longer. You may not notice it, but it does. Every day brings more light. In life we need to keep trusting when you feel the winter is too long.

Trust is crucial to our walk with God. We call it by other names like FAITH. It means that even though we don't see, we trust & believe. When we feel alone, we believe in the promises of God who said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." When we feel He is far removed from us, as the Psalmists did, we believe His promise and know that "in Him we live and move and have our being." He has not moved from us.

Now, there are times when we have moved and in our disobedience we have "grieved the Holy Spirit." It happens. The remedy is to stop that drifting from Him and admit it and get back to life rather than drifting to darkness.

When we feel we are not loved, and we feel that God sees us as unworthy and broken, something to be discarded, we are to remember that He has loved us with an everlasting love and welcomes us into His care with open arms. His love never fails. You are loved.

All that we do as His people is to remind one another to never stop believing and trusting in a God who loves us and redeems us. We are to encourage one another as we gather to worship in assembly or talk on the phone in private fellowship. Build up one another. Keep on believing

and keep building faith in the lives of other Believers.

We are to always seek ways of sharing this life-giving faith in Jesus with others who have not yet fully embraced it. Keep looking for opportunities to do that. Don't 'force' yourself into opportunities where someone is not ready. The Holy Spirit helps us to see those openings. Faith flourishes when it is shared. God is pleased when we reach out in positive ways to those not yet carried in the arms of saving and life-giving faith.

Keep Trusting Him,  
*Pastor Ron*

### Annual Business Meeting



### 2018 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Annual Business Meeting of the church will take place in late January or early February. If you haven't filled out a voting registration form, please pick one up from the tables in the back of the sanctuary and place it in the offering plate, or give it to any usher. You must be registered in order to vote at the Annual Business Meeting. Membership qualifications are listed in the registration form brochure.

Budget discussions, and questions/answers, will take place during two meetings prior to the annual meeting: one on a Sunday evening and the other at Oasis Café Bible Study on a Wednesday.

Questions about your giving records may be addressed personally to Debbie Aldeen. You may also request tithing envelopes through Debbie or the church office. Copies of the by-laws are available to members through the church office.



## Music ReMarks

We, the music/worship ministry of the church, praise the Lord and thank Him for His many blessings throughout this past year. It is so true that whenever you are doing something good for the Lord, the devil is working just as hard to stop it. For the Christmas drama, we (the cast) witnessed that as we prepared for its presentation. But when we are faithful to the Lord and continue against all odds to have a good presentation, God blesses it and makes it great. Praise the Lord! Thanks to ALL who participated in the **Christmas musical/drama**. If you want to see and hear it again, go the church's Facebook page. [And if you haven't already done so, let the choir members and drama cast and technicians know how much you appreciate them for working hard and doing such a great job.]

I thank you for your many expressions of love and support throughout this past year as well. But especially during the last quarter of the year as you shared your appreciation for all the pastors' ministries in October and the special Christmas gift in December. I really loved reading all the **Appreciation & Christmas cards**. Love you all!

We have an opportunity for our Choir to sing with a Community choir on January 14 at the **Unity Prayer Service** at Central Baptist Church. Rehearsal will be at 3:30 at Central. Service will be from 5 – 6 p.m.

For 2018, my prayer for the church is to be endowed by the Holy Spirit with renewed energy, enthusiastic perseverance, and peaceful determination to keep our faith strong for the Lord until He comes or calls us Home. May this New Year bring us more families with children and youth who want to get involved in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to our families, neighborhoods, friends, co-workers, community, and region. I would love to see the choir loft filled to overflowing and more accompanists, band members, and technicians involved so no one person would have to be over-worked in any ministry. God bless you all!

His Singing Servant,  
*Mark*



**Soup/Salad Lunch Fundraiser (Sunday January 21; Snow Makeup January 28)**: It's that time of year again as we begin raising funds for our annual mission trip to John's Island South Carolina! We'll need help on Saturday January 20 to setup and help on Sunday morning to serve and clean. Time worked will count toward your cost for the trip. If bad weather occurs on the 21st, we'll move to the 28th.

**State Youth Convention @ Park Vista, Gatlinburg (March 23-25)**: More details on this to come as soon as it is released! Let me or Chelsey know by Sunday, February 4 if you want to attend. Open to all teen students.

**Crave: Student Gathering (aka Sunday School) (Sundays @ 9:30-10:30 am)**: Crave is our Sunday Morning gathering, ("Sunday School") where we spend time "catching" up with each other and hang 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.

**RESTARTING January 7: Open Gym (Sundays @ 5 pm)**: Open to all! Basketball, dodgeball, wall ball, octoball, wiffleball, lifesize hungry hippo, and more!

**Sr. High/Jr. High Girls Bible Study Small Groups (Sunday Evenings 6-7 pm)**: Every Sunday evening at 6:00 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 7:00 pm 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.

**Did you know you can stay up to date, get a daily devotion, and more at our Student Ministry website! Check us out at [kingsportstudents.org](http://kingsportstudents.org)!**

*Michael*



Volleyball league games begin on January 11 at 6 pm. The first practice will be on Saturday, January 6.

If you are interested in playing on the church team, call Sandra Byington (247-6434).



Director of  
Children's Ministry

As we get ready to start another new year I would like to take a moment to say thank you to everyone who has helped with children's ministry this year and to the families who have trusted us with their children. I am excited to see what 2018 will bring.

The children's ministry team will meet in January to plan events for the year. If you have any suggestions you'd like to share please let me know.

Join us for Sunday school, children's church and Wednesday night as we grow together.

See you Sunday.  
*Teresa*



### Shoeboxes for Kids

If you used the "Follow Your Box" tracking label on your shoeboxes, please let us know where your boxes went and we will publish a list.



### LADIES' EVENING FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The ladies' dinner group will meet on Tuesday, Jan.16, at 6:30 pm, at Giuseppe's Restaurant, 2539 E. Stone Drive, Kingsport.

If you would like to attend, please call the church office or Debbie Aldeen (423-956-1310). A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. All women in the church are invited to attend this get-together.



### SISTERS OF THE HEART

"Sisters of the Heart," ladies' group will meet at 11:30 for lunch on January 9 at the Piccadilly Cafeteria, in the Fort Henry Mall in Kingsport, at 11:30 for lunch. All women in the church are invited to attend.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for you to sign up so we will know how many to make reservations for.

You may also call Peggy Graham at 239-3545 or the church office to sign up.



Thursday, January 18, 2018  
Oasis Cafe, 12 noon

Join us in the Oasis Cafe (Fellowship Hall) for a Soup and Salad lunch.

If your last name starts with **A-H**, please bring soup.

If your last name starts with **I-Q**, please bring a salad.

If your last name starts with **R-Z**, please bring a dessert.

Please bring enough to share.

Coffee & ice tea will be available, or, you may bring your own drink.

Every adult is welcome. Come and enjoy eating and spending time together. Those who want to can play board/table games and those who want to just fellowship are welcome to do that.

*Larry & Doris Gaw*

When you have a sense of calling – whether it's to be a musician, soloist, artist, in one of the technical fields or a plumber – there is something deep and enriching when you realize it isn't just a casual choice; it's a divine calling. [That's] not limited to vocational Christian service, by any means.

–Charles R. Swindoll

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**Weekly Schedule:**

Sunday School 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am  
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 pm  
Oasis Bible Study  
    Wednesdays 11:30 am  
Young Adult/College Small  
Group: Thursdays at home of  
    Michael & Chelsey Smith 7:00 pm

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



UNITY SERVICE

**UNITY PRAYER SERVICE  
CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

*301 Carver Street, Kingsport*

*January 14, 2018*

*5-6 pm*

**Oasis Café Bible Study**

Wednesdays from 11:30 - 1:00



Invite a friend, bring a sack lunch and join us as we study and discuss the Word together. No one will 'put you on the spot' to read, pray or share publically. We have a wonderful time of fellowship together.



**2018 Offering Envelopes**

Are located in back of the sanctuary. Please check your address on the box and let us know if it is not correct.



**Monday, January 1**  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
Church offices closed

**Saturday, January 6**  
Volleyball practice in  
FLC gym

**Tuesday, January 9**  
11:30 am - "Sisters of the  
Heart" lunch at Piccadilly  
Cafeteria

**Sunday, January 14**  
5:00 - 6:00 pm - Unity  
Prayer Service at Central  
Baptist Church

**Monday, January 15**  
7:00 pm - Board of Elders  
meeting

**Tuesday, January 16**  
6:30 pm - Ladies' dinner  
meeting at Giuseppe's

**Thursday, January 18**  
12:00 pm - Adult Fellow-  
ship Lunch/  
Game/Fellowship Day

**Sunday, January 21**  
12:00 pm - Students  
Soup/Salad fundraiser