

KINGSPORT COMMUNITY CHURCH

GOOD NEWS

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Michael Smith



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This weekend is EASTER! We celebrate the most important part of our faith: Jesus who died on the cross to save us was raised from the dead. He came to declare that God has forgiven us and offers us abundant and everlasting life. Jesus lives and reigns in our obedient hearts.

I hope you will join your church family to worship together this most important day. I cannot think of a more special people to be with this Easter and I look forward to seeing you.

Mark continues to improve after a scary experience with blood clots in his lungs. Jenny has seen to it that he gets plenty of rest and follows the doctor's instructions. We are grateful that he got to the hospital when he did and are praying for a full recovery.

We have been blessed to have Don McGregor to step in to lead worship each week. He has done a very good job and we are grateful to him.

We are continuing to journey through the Psalms at Wednesday Oasis Café Bible study luncheon through the weeks ahead. Bring a sack lunch and join us weekly at 11:30 and enter into the discussion during the study that follows. If you are on the church's email list you should be receiving the texts for each study and the questions to answer in advance. If for some reason you are not receiving them, contact Juanita at 246-2212 to give her your current email information.

Let's have a great APRIL together.

In His Service,
Pastor Ron Lowe

TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE

The Team is continuing to work on background information that is needed before we start the Pastor Search. We will officially begin the search by requesting resumes through the Church of God National website. This is done by filling out a church profile template and uploading files as background information for people who are interested in submitting a resume. We are about 90% complete with both the template and the background info, with only a few facts and numbers left to find and add.

In addition to the information provided in the online template, we are providing a four page profile of our church. It includes some history, a little about our community and area, and a description of our facilities, ministries, and the challenges we face. There will also be a copy of our Vision Team report, which includes a sample of the projects the Vision Team, and others, are working on to help move us toward this vision.

There is also a Job Description that includes a discussion of the qualities we need in our next Pastor, as well as a general description of the content of the job.

The posting will be done a few weeks before Pastor Ron's retirement date. That date has changed, as a result of Mark's health problems. Pastor Ron is willing to delay his retirement until Mark returns, and for a few weeks longer, to provide some overlap with Mark. He will definitely stay through May.

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(Transition Team, cont.)

It has been decided that Jim Cornelison and Merton Dibble will be the primary teachers for the Oasis Café Bible Studies, at least until a new Pastor is in place. We are also continuing to build a list of Preachers we hope to call on for Sunday morning sermons. This list should be pretty well complete by the end of April.

We ask for your prayers, especially for the following things:

Please pray that God will begin now to move in the heart of the person that should be our new Pastor, and that He will give us the wisdom to recognize that person when our paths cross.

Pray that both our attendance and offerings will remain strong

Pray that God will give you and others in the congregation a vision of what we all can do to help keep our ministry strong and moving forward during this time. This can be a time of spiritual growth for all of us, if we are willing to step out of our comfort zones and use more of our own gifts to contribute where we can.

Please let us know of any questions or concerns that you would like us to address, and please be proactive in offering your help in some area where you feel your talents and effort could be used.

Thank you,
Jim Cornelison



FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CHURCH

Budget through February 2018:
\$38,184.17

Receipts through February 2018:
\$38,781.02

Our financial status will be reported once a month in the bulletin the Sunday after the Board of Elders meeting and in the newsletter that issues at the first of each month.



3 Minute Car Wash Fundraiser (until June 30): Help contribute to our annual Johns Island Mission

trip by washing your car at any 3 Minute Ultimate Shine Express Car Wash. Simply use the code "2212" at any of the 3 pay stations. 30% of the proceeds will go toward our mission trip.

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.

Sr. High/Jr. High Bible Study Small Groups (Sunday Evenings 6-7 pm): Every Sunday evening, after Open Gym, we have split groups for middle school and high school groups at 6:00pm. 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 7:00pm 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, local trips and more!

Johns Island 2018 (June 9-16) APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 15: If you intend to attend our Johns Island Mission Trip, we MUST KNOW no later than Sunday, April 15.

Soup & Salad Luncheon Fundraiser (Sunday, April 29): Join us after morning worship service for a soup & salad luncheon fundraiser for our annual Johns Island mission trip. Donations are welcome! If you would like credit to discount your trip cost, please make an effort to participate. We'll need help setting up on Saturday the 28th, and serving and cleaning up on Sunday the 29th.

There are other events that come up month-to-month. See the Student Ministry Newsletter, which is mailed out, or stay up to date at our website: kingsportstudents.org. If you have any questions, contact me or Chelsey at students@kingsportchurch.org.

Michael Smith



Director of Children's Ministry

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Easter Egg Hunt. After a full day of rain and bitter cold temps, we held the egg hunt in the gym, but the fun was not dampened at all. We had a nice crew and good time at the egg coloring party as well. It's so great to spend time with our church family.

April will be another busy month starting with the celebration of our risen Savior on Easter Sunday, April 1. Please make plans to join us for Sunday School and Children's Church. Our spring Bible Bucks shopping day will take place on Sunday, April 15. This is our first shopping day this year, and the kids have really racked up some bucks. It will be nice to see what kind of prizes they pick up. Stay in church Sunday is April 22. Wednesday night classes will not meet during the month of April.

Our memory verse for the month of April is Matthew 28:6. "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." Don't forget to keep working to learn the books of the Bible too. You can still earn a Bible buck bonus and a trophy if you can memorize all 66 books in order. I know you can do it!

See you Sunday.

Teresa

"SISTERS OF THE HEART"

The "Sisters of the Heart," ladies' group will meet at 11:30 for lunch on Tuesday, April 10 at Mama's House on John B. Dennis Hwy. in Kingsport. All women in the church are invited to attend.



A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall, or call the church office to sign up.

LADIES' EVENING FELLOWSHIP GROUP



The ladies' dinner group will meet on Tuesday, April 17, 6:30 pm, at the Cracker Barrel, 10132 Airport Pkwy., Kingsport.

If you would like to attend, please call the church office, or text 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.



**Adult Fellowship Fall Trip
October 17-20, 2018**

We will visit the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum in Kentucky. We will be spending a day visiting each.

The trip is limited to 33 people: 25 people on the bus & 8 people on the van.

Everyone will be responsible for their own meals on the trip, with the exception of breakfast, which will be served at the hotel. (This trip is subject to making stops at flea markets.)

Trip includes:

- 3 nights stay at the Quality Inn & Suites in Florence, KY
- Admission to the Ark Encounter
- Admission to the Creation Museum
- Gas for the bus and van

Cost:

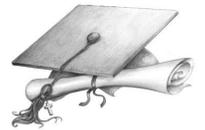
- \$370.00 one person/room
- \$220.00/person two people/room
- \$170.00/person three people/room
- \$145.00/person four people/room

Cutoff date is 08/01/2018. All monies must be paid by this date.

Larry & Doris Gaw

2018 GRADUATES

If a member of your immediate family is graduating from high school or college soon, please let us know their name, where they are graduating from, their college degree, and their future plans, so we can recognize them one Sunday during morning worship service.



The Adult Fellowship will have a potluck game/fellowship day on Thursday, April 19 at 12 noon. Every adult is welcome. Bring your favorite potluck dish and come and enjoy eating and spending time together. We will eat lunch at 12 and then those who want to can play board/table games and those who want to just fellowship are welcome to do that.

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
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."



**YOUTH FUNDRAISING EVENT
SOUP & SALAD LUNCHEON**

Sunday, April 29, immediately following morning worship service.

Cost:; Donations accepted to help fund our students' mission trip to Johns Island in June.

**5th SUNDAY NIGHT SING
(Area Church of God
Congregations)**

Sunday, April 29, 2018, 6 pm
1st Church of God
801 W. Watauga Ave.
Johnson City, TN



WYCLIFFE BANQUET AT MEADOWVIEW CONFERENCE RESORT & CONVENTION CENTER

Your presence is requested for a wonderful evening of food, fellowship, & fantastic news about Bible translation! During the evening you will hear how new translation methods & innovative technology are changing the face of Bible translation & bringing national translators closer than ever to *Speaking God's Word into Every Heart*. For tickets, call Mert Dibble at 423-288-4474.



Sunday, April 1

10:45 am - Easter Sunday Worship Service

Monday, April 9

7:00 pm - Board of Elders meeting

Tuesday, April 10

11:30 am - Ladies luncheon at Mama's House

Tuesday, April 17

6:30 pm - Ladies dinner get-together at the Cracker Barrel, Kingsport

7:00 pm - Wycliffe Banquet at Meadowview Conference Resort & Convention Center

Thursday, April 19

12:00 noon - Potluck/game/fellowship day in Oasis Café (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, April 29

12:00 noon - Soup & Salad Lunch Fundraiser in the Family Life Center

6:00 pm - 5th Sunday Night Sing