# Kingston Chronicles

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## APRIL 2023

Dear Kingston family,

What a heavy time it is, once again, for our nation as we head into Holy Week. I'm sure you have all read the news of yet again, another school shooting, this time at a Christian school in Nashville, TN. 6 people killed, including three 9 year olds. 9 year olds! Hattie is 9 years old. I try my hardest to be a person of empathy, but it's hard for me to empathize with what would drive an individual to kill 9 year old children.

It seems like every time our country hits a crisis these days we continue to become more and more polarized. I admit, I spend too much time on social media. I don't really post much, but I sure can find myself scrolling at pictures, commentary, and comments that people make. It saddens me to see the comments from some people who claim to be adherents to the Christian faith. People who claim to follow Jesus Christ, people who say “Jesus is my Lord and Savior.” Comments that basically say, "either you agree with my stance on this issue or you are stupid." Some comments read something like, "Either you agree with me on this issue or you are not a real Christian, you are following some fake version."

These types of comments were heavy on my heart yesterday as I preached an ecumenical sermon at the St. Paul's Anglican church here in Conway. I was grateful for the Rev. Jason Collins yesterday for hosting us. He said a beautiful prayer to open our time together, and he too said in his prayer, that he was thankful for the unity of our churches. Here I was, a Presbyterian minister, at an Anglican church, with a room full of not only Presbyterians and Anglicans, but United Methodists, Episcopalians, Roman Catholics, and from what I understand there were even some Southern Baptists in the room.

The Spirit kept on nudging me to plead with the church, not just Kingston Presbyterian, but THE church, the universal church of Jesus Christ that now more than ever is a time for us to be unified. The verses that came to me to share yesterday was Titus 3:9-11: "*But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. After a first and second admonition, have nothing more to do with anyone who causes divisions, since you know that such a person is perverted and sinful, being self-condemned."*

Paul in this letter is writing to Titus, a leader of a new church on the island of Crete in the Mediterranean Sea. Paul tells Titus that people who stir up divisions within the church are perverted, sinful, and condemn themselves. Paul is saying, we don't need to condemn them, those who sow seeds of discord condemn themselves! Ouch! Notice, Paul does NOT say you can't disagree. As I've said before, disagreement is inevitable. Disagreement is a normal and I would say healthy part of being in a relationship.

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# In Loving Memory

## MEMORIALS

### Dr. John W. Wilson, III

November 26, 2022

*Son of Dr. & Mrs. John Wilson, Jr.*

*Gifts given by: Frances Thomas*

*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" -Romans 8:38-39*

## APRIL VOLUNTEERS

**Head Usher:**
Mike Ellis

**Ushers:**
Chris Reed
Paul Lawson
Ed Lawson

**Counters:**
Gina Staton
Mary Sutton

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## Women's Ministry




**KPW Coordinating Team Meeting**

The PWKPW Coordinating Team will meet on Sunday, April 16th at 3pm in the Kingston Building Library.

**Monthly Bible Study**

KPW Bible Study will be held on Monday, April 3rd at 7pm in the Kingston Building. The Lesson will be Lesson 5 of Dispatches to God's Household. All ladies of Kingston are invited to join us!

**Presbyterian Women of New Harmony Presbytery Annual Gathering**

PWNHP Annual Gathering with be hosted here at Kingston Presbyterian Church.

## Session Digest - March

1. New Members Approved
   Steve & Kathy Redding
   Frank Sr., Ashley, Frank Ryan and Jack Bell
2. Baptism Approval for Jameson Bell
3. Approval to Host New Harmony Presbytery Meeting on Saturday, February 17th, 2024.
4. Will need Nursery Volunteers again.
5. Volunteers needed to supply and serve suppers for the Youth in the Gore House on Monday nights.
6. Music and Missions Camp planned July 17-21st for K-5th grade.

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Disagreement is how we move forward and solve problems. Division is another matter entirely and it is a sinful choice to make. Division attacks the person. Division insults the person for no other reason than they have a differing opinion. Division is the result of emotional and spiritual fragility. Persons secure in their faith and themselves can disagree with an idea without trashing the other person. Name calling and insults, especially at other Christians is never the way of Jesus, and it makes the church universal look really bad and unattractive. And we wonder why church attendance is declining. Why would anyone want to join a church when we act like everyone else does? People are hurting. It's ok to disagree. Discussing and debating these issues is how we find solutions. Being divisive shuts down conversation and provides zero solutions.

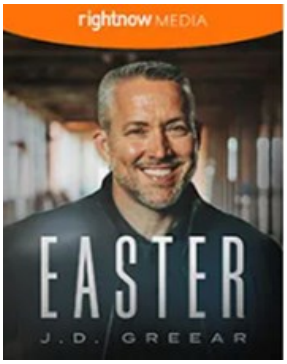
We all agree that school shootings are evil and a sign of how troubled our society has become. As churches though, I think we all would agree that being divisive also steers people away from hearing the good news of Jesus Christ. I'm not so naive as to think getting more people into church would solve all of society's ills, but I sure think it would help. I think if more people were part of a supportive and loving church community it could only help with all the sin, evil, and violence that plagues this nation.

Now is the time to be united with the good news that is found in Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Let's be supportive of our brothers and sisters in Christ around this community, even if we don't agree with them on every theological issue. What every Christian does agree on is that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior and he taught us that the greatest command was '*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.*"...How about us Christians start there?

Blessings,

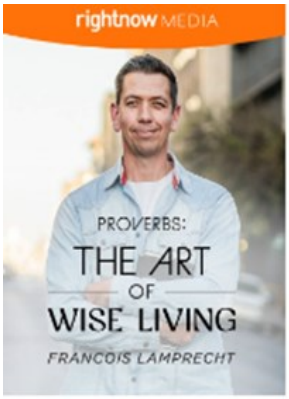


# Rightnow Media Spotlight




The resurrection is the most important moment in history, but it is more than an event we remember on Easter Sunday. Join pastor J.D. Greear as he takes a deeper look at Jesus's life, death, and resurrection in the Gospel of Matthew, revealing the ways we should see ourselves in Jesus's story.

Jesus died for us so that he could be alive in us today. Easter changes everything.




Do your words ever land you in trouble? Do you worry about your finances? Do you feel stuck in your career? Have your friends let you down?

In this five-part series, Francois Lamprecht highlights principles from the book of Proverbs that relate to these and other challenges we all face. Discover wisdom that will guide your steps and grow your Kingdom influence as you embrace the abundant life God has designed for you to enjoy.

# APRIL 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | **1** |
| **2**<br>Sunday School 9:30am<br>**Palm Sunday**<br>Worship Service@10:30am<br>Covered Dish @ 11:45 In Fellowship Hall<br>Kids Jam 11:45am-1pm | **3**<br>**Monday of Holy Week**<br>KPW Bible Study @ 7pm in KB<br>Youth Bibe Study @ 7pm in Gore | **4**<br>**Tuesday of Holy Week**<br>CE Mtg @ 6pm in the Parlor<br>Community Svc & Mission @ 6pm in KB | **5**<br>**Wednesday of Holy Week** | **6**<br>**Maundy Thursday**<br>Worship Service @ 7:30pm Communion by Intinction | **7**<br>**Good Friday**<br>Office Closed<br>Youth Breakfast @ 7am | **8** |
| **9 EASTER**<br>Sunrise Service @ 6:30am<br>Sunday Worship Service@10:30am | **10**<br>Office Closed<br>Youth Bibe Study @ 7pm in Gore | **11**<br>Diaconate Mtg @ 6pm in KB | **12**<br>Wed Night Supper @ 6pm in FH | **13** | **14**<br>Youth Breakfast @ 7am | **15** |
| **16**<br>Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 in FH<br>Sunday School 9:30am<br>Worship Service@10:30am | **17**<br>ASL Class@ 6pm in Gore House<br>Youth Bibe Study @ 7pm in Gore | **18**<br>Session Meeting @ 6pm in KB | **19** | **20**<br>Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 6pm in KB | **21**<br>Youth Breakfast @ 7am<br>Wall Renewal Series (6-8pm) | **22**<br>Wall Renewal Series (9-11am) |
| **23**<br>Sunday School 9:30am<br>Worship Service@10:30am<br>Wall Renewal Series (9-10:15am) | **24**<br>ASL Class@ 6pm in Gore House<br>Youth Bibe Study @ 7pm in Gore | **25**<br>Trustee Mting @ 4pm in the Parlor<br>Cong. Care & Outreach Mtg @ 6pm by Beth Healy | **26**<br>LAST<br>Wed Night Supper @ 6pm in FH | **27** | **28**<br>Youth Breakfast @ 7am | **29**<br>PWNHP Annual Gathering at KPC |
| **30**<br>Sunday School 9:30am<br>Worship Service@10:30am | | | | | | |




## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

**2** Karla Kershner

**7** Frank Bell, Jr.

**8** Bill Hazen

**10** Press Courtney
Bill Marsh
Sarah Marsh

**12** Nita Lucke
Pat West

**13** Walt Fatz
Holly Bannan

**14** Peggy Hayes

**15** August Carter

**17** Ray Booth

**18** Nancy Burroughs
Will Broughman

**20** Buddy Sasser

**21** Carolyn Gobbel
Cathy Newell

**29** Miriam Little
Mary Sutton

**30** Cindy Magrath
Hattie Bannan



# Kingston Announcements

## Local Ministry Needs




CAP has had an increase of food demand so far this year. The following are in immediate need as they can't get from their main source (Lowcountry Food Bank): Canned peas, Canned carrots, Canned mixed veggies, Oatmeal, Grits, Cereal, Instant Potatoes, Dry Lima Beans, Spaghetti noodles and sauce, Canned ravioli, spaghettio's, Canned Tuna, Vienna sausages, ham and potted meat.




Click the links below or go to our church website to find current needs for the Shepherd's Table and Fostering Hope.

https://shepherdstable.com/current-needs/
https://www.fosteringhopeinc.com/donate

## SANCTUARY GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED

The sanctuary Guild is in need of new members (**MEN AND YOUTH NEEDED**). We now have Communion every month and members are needed to help prepare and set up for it. If you can help, please contact the office or Lynda Courtney.




## Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets monthly. The next meeting will be April 20, 2023 and we will meet every third Thursday of the month. We would love new members, so please consider joining our ministry. If you're not a knitter or chrocheter, we'll teach you! Come join us for a gathering. We have all the materials available for you.



Kingston Presbyterian Church
invites you to our 2023

# WALL LECTURE SERIES

*Join us for this ecumenical weekend and bring a friend!*

# "Finding God in the midst of Suffering"

*focusing on the book of Job*

## APRIL 21-23, 2023

**Friday, April 21 | 6-8 pm**
*catered dinner + program in the Fellowship Hall*

**Saturday, April 22 | 9-11 am**
*light breakfast + program in the Fellowship Hall*

**Sunday, April 23 | 9am-10:15 am**
*combined Sunday School class*

**Sunday, April 23 | 10:30 am**
*Sanctuary worship*



## Speaker: Dr. Brennan W. Breed

Brennan Breed is Associate Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary and Theologian-in-Residence at First Presbyterian Church of Marietta. He is author of the book Nomadic Text (Indiana University Press, 2014) and co-author of Daniel: A Commentary (Westminster John Knox, 2014) with Carol Newsom. Brennan is currently writing a commentary on the book of Daniel for the Interpretation series and a book about the history of the early Hellenistic era in Israel with Davis Hankins. Brennan lives in Decatur, Georgia with his wife, Catherine, their two kids, Freddie and Margaret Ann, and their two miniature schnauzers, Shadow and Zuzu. Brennan loves hiking, cooking, and making noises on the fiddle, mandolin, and banjo.

# Youth Sunday 2023

(front) Winn, Jacob
(back L to R) Wade, Caylin, Caroline, Gabe, JP, Sophia, and Clara



## Friday morning Youth Breakfast



# MUSIC & MISSIONS SUMMER CAMP

$25 per child

JULY 17-21

9AM - 3 PM lunch provided

FOR RISING KINDERGARTNERS - FIFTH GRADERS

**Think of it as "VBS 2.0." Our children will learn a musical, engage in local mission opportunities, and have loads of fun!**

**Call the office to signup!**