

October 2024

As I sit here at my desk this morning, I have spent the past few minutes looking over the morning news and social media. I have to be honest, there is a lot of crazy going on! Between gloomy world events, politics, and what seems to be rampant criminal activity happening everywhere, it becomes too easy to look at such things, and begin to feel this mixture of emotions start to build. The best way I can describe it... it's like a crockpot of sadness, anxiousness, anger, frustration, and a dull longing all stirred up together while newsfeeds and social media turn the heat on. Even as I write this, I am reminded this morning of how easy it has become for anyone to get caught up in the negativity and emotions of what is being presented; and even find themselves as yet another voice adding to the hopelessness.

Truth be told, I have many Christian friends and pastor friends on social media that have inspired what I just wrote; and I wish I was using the word "inspired" in a positive way, but in this case... I am not. What I would expect from a Christian to post in regard to world events is not what I am seeing. The hope of Jesus that is a light in the darkness, is not the inspiration in wording that I see most Christians using in responses when sharing their online opinions. What this tells me, is that way too many believers are stuck in "crockpot mode" and have forgotten what it is like to thirst for what is good, and pure, and holy.

I don't write this to be negative, but as a reminder (as much to me as to everyone), that we need to thirst for the right things... but even more than that, we need to be really careful where we are drinking from.

It says in John 4:13-14, "*Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."*

We as the Christian community need to stop drinking the water of the world and expecting somehow that it will bring satisfaction and hope. It never has and it never will. So why do we keep drinking it? Especially when Jesus tells us the answer right here... only He can satisfy the thirst and longing in our hearts! Only Jesus can bring hope! Only Jesus can bring order and understanding to the chaos. What I am trying to say is that it's time to unplug the "crockpot" and start opening our bibles!

Psalm 42:1-2

As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for God, the living God. ...

-Pastor John

A poster for a Red Cross Blood Drive. The background is a light grey textured surface. On the left side, there are several red heart cutouts of various sizes and shades, some overlapping. The text is centered in a white rectangular box with a thin black border. The title 'Red Cross Blood Drive' is in black. The date 'October 22nd' and time '10am till 3pm' are in large, bold red font. Below that is a paragraph of black text explaining the drive, followed by a URL in blue. The bottom section of the image is a separate poster with a light blue background and a red leaf in the bottom left corner.

Red Cross Blood Drive

October 22nd

10am till 3pm

We will be holding a blood drive here at the church. There are 32 spots available from 10am till 2:45pm. This is such a great way to help those in need as the nationwide blood supply is low. Sign ups are available for us and for friends and family through the Red Cross. Just look for KentFBC as a sponsor.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=KentFBC>

Sunday Morning Studies:

Bible Study in Isaiah

Lead by Erik Nutley

11:30am (After Sunday Services)

Bible Study "That The World May Know"

Lead by Scott Clark

8:45am (Before Sunday Services)

Questions?

Contact the Church for
more Information at

Kentfirstbaptist@live.com

THE GREAT KIDVENTURE



We begin our journey at **the CROSS** of Jesus when we believe and accept him.

Then we come to **LAKE OBEY** where we have a chance to be **baptized**.

Then we come to **BASE CAMP** where Jesus gives us our **new equipment**.

In October, we come to **TRAILBLAZER STATION** where we'll hear **4 Bible stories** that will help us follow Jesus.



COMING IN OCTOBER!



Annual Church Business Meeting

October 27th @11:15am

We will do a quick meeting after church for our annual business meeting. We will also send out a link for those who want to join via Zoom.

October 6th
12:30pm to meet
1pm to start walking

We will meet at Kent Lutheran Church
336 Second Ave. S Kent, WA 98032

You can join our team, raise support and walk or support a walker with money and prayer.

You can search Kent Crop Hunger Walk or Email Stephanie Swanson with questions.

stephmanbeck@comcast.net

**CROP
HUNGER
WALK**

Love & Respect: A Relationship/Marriage Series

Sundays 12pm till 2pm

Starting

September 15th



This will be a 10 week Relationship/Marriage Series Focusing on growing individuals & strengthening relationships at KFBC.

Location TBD

Lunch & childcare provided
Contact John (253)861-7756 or
Amber (206)819-1807 Boire for
any questions

Daniel Elementary School Supply Needs

Top needs

- Crayola 24pk Crayons
- Crayola 10pk Markers (Classic Colors)
- Dry Erase Markers (EXPO preferred)
- Glue Sticks
- Crayola Colored pencils 12pk
- Pencil Box (common size 2.25Hx8.25Wx5.63D)
- 2 Pocket Folders
- Wide Spiral Notebook (red, green, blue, yellow, purple)
- #2 Pencils (Ticonderoga preferred)

Less needed , but nice to have

- Wide composition books, Scissors,
- Yellow highlighters, post it notes, zipper pencil pouch,





Fall Church Clean Up

October 5th 7am till Noon

Join us for helping get the church ready for winter. We need everyone who is able to help, even if just for an hour. We will be doing work both inside and outside of the church.



Tuesday, September 24th
Times:
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

We will meet in the
ED Building.

Hands & Hearts
Blessings

This Outreach
Sewing Ministry
serves our local
community by
making and
providing items of
need.

-Thank you to everyone who has donated funds, materials, and supplies to this ministry.

-JOIN US!-

-Stop by and see what we do. No experience necessary to participate. Please continue to pray for this ministry that we will reach those who will be blessed by our service.

If you are interested in donating or participating, please email

HandsandHeartsKFB@gmail.com



Men's Fellowship and Study Mondays

Starts:
October 7th
@6pm

Join us for food, fellowship,
and study.



Women's Bible Study

Starts: October 8th

Tuesdays

6:30pm Dessert fellowship

7pm Study Time

Studying the Book of Ephesians

Lead by Cheryl Anderson



STEPS To #1 GROW ON COMING THIS FALL!

A SPIRITUAL GROWTH EVENT FOR KIDS & PARENTS TOGETHER!

\$10/pair - BOOKLETS - PIZZA!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS

4 QUICK skits, lessons,
with parent-kid chats
followed by a **Pizza lunch!**

Help your kids grow in their faith!



We will be having another Baptism in October. If you would like to be Baptized please talk with Pastor John, or contact the church at kentfirstbaptist@live.com

Would you like to become a Member?



Contact Pastor John or the church for more information.

Food Pantry Needs

Items we can always use.

pasta, rice (1lb bag, or bulk),
canned fruit,
canned Vegetables,
Plastic grocery
bags.



BOARD GAME NIGHT

October 4th @6:00pm

Bring a snack to share and join in the fun!

Fall 2024

KFBC YOUTH GROUP

September

- 1 Youth Group (Sun)
- 13 Board Game Night 6pm
- 15 Event (TBD)
- 29 Youth Group (Sun)

We will plan to meet from 11:30am till 1:30pm on select Sundays. Details of each event will be texted to parents and students on our text group. You can contact Brian at 253-632-2789 to be included.

October

- 13 Youth Group (Sun)
- 16 Corn Maze & S'mores (Wed)
- 27 Youth Group (Sun)
- 30 Pumpkin Bash (Wed)

November

- 1 Board Game Night 6pm
- 10 Youth Group (Sun)
- 17 Thanksgiving @Tkach's
- 24 Youth Group (Sun)
- 26 Feed My Community

ANY QUESTIONS? CALL
BRIAN TKACH
@ 253-632-2789

Meeting students where they are to share the Hope of Jesus!



Tithing & Giving

-Yes, we have e giving available. Get the Tithe.ly app and click the location button. We are listed under First Baptist Church of Kent.

-You can also click the giving link on our website at kentfirstbaptist.org.

-Another option is to have a check mailed from your bank to church or you can mail a check to the church.

Prayer Requests:

Finley Pray for Sasia's 2yr old son. Pray for health, healing and stamina as he is going through chemo treatments. Pray also for financial stability as his dad Justin was laid off of work.

Doug Birkebak Pray for healing and pain management after a back injury, and his arthritis.

Rogita McNulty Pray for strength and healing as her MRI is scheduled for the 23rd, then she will have one more surgery. Praise she was able to return to work.

Sally Goodgion Pray for doctors wisdom and healing as she starts treatment at Fred Hutch.

Carol Lunden Pray for her after a relapse of her injuries. She moved in with her daughter.

Carmen Smith Pray for her after her surgery for her right humorous this past week.

Dennis Pray for the Bruce's nephew who is having major back surgery.

Jamie Gladys Buttons niece who has stage 2 cancer. Continue to pray for a shrinking tumor, for headaches to go away, and protection from the effects of chemo.

Tom Jefferies Pray for him and family as they are making progress with his Parkinson's.

John Bunt Pray for the Bunt's son as he had a successful surgery and will work from home.

Sully Pray for Burkard's friends little boy who has end stage kidney disease, that they find a matching donor, for healing and finances.

Jeannie O'Connor Pray for her arm to heal after a fall that could get infected.

Dan Trautman Pray as he returns to work and adjusts to his health issues.

Glicel Jimenez Pray for her sister Gidget who is on chemo due to cancer, the tumor has grown.

Marion Mayer Pray for her to heal after a fall and chipped fibula. Pray for her rehab stay.

Steve Byorick Pray for him as continues experimental cancer treatments. Also pray for Sonya as she has moved to Missouri. Steve will join her later after treatments.

-Pray for long term issues for: Auren Satake, Sui Lian, Nancy Carey, and Marion Mayer