

# KFBC LINK

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For the past several weeks, in our Sunday morning sermons, we have been taking a quick refresher through our Mission, Values, Marks and Strategy as a church. These are the four sides of our "Vision Frame," a frame that reveals the bigger picture of how to be the church the Lord has called us to be. Currently, we are looking at the side of the frame representing our Values; and even more specifically, this past Sunday, we looked at the value our church places on Christ centered relationships. Relationships that are built, not only with other church members, but those in the community around us, where the Lord has placed us. Relationships where we express and show to others the same love, mercy, and grace that Jesus has poured out to us. Relationships where we are living out and sharing the HOPE we know; that can only be found in Jesus Christ.

And as we go out into the world, building relationships within our relational circles, I offer today this quick reminder ... **Never be afraid to share your story!** According to an article from National Geographic, our ability to listen and comprehend the complexities of life through stories, is hardwired into our biology. Meaning, that information shared through a spoken story is absorbed much quicker and easier than many other means of presentation. Upon hearing a story, our brains are built with an ability to quickly connect dots and bring together facts, that are then immediately thought through on a deeper level. Here is the good news... we all have a story to tell. Even more, God has made our brains ready to hear stories in order to help make sense of this crazy, often confusing world around us.

Jonathan Gottschall writes, *"We are, as a species, addicted to story. Even when the body goes to sleep, the mind stays up all night, telling itself stories."* Aleks Krotoski observes, *"Stories are memory aids, instruction manuals, and moral compasses."* And author, Terry Pratchett states, *"People think that stories are shaped by people. In fact, it's the other way around."* The reality is, stories inform, stories instruct, and especially, stories inspire. And we all have a story to tell about the HOPE we know in Jesus Christ.

In Psalm 107:2, scripture urges the reader to tell of what the Lord has done in their life. *"Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others he has redeemed you from your enemies."* If you are a believer, this is your story... that Jesus has saved you from the greatest enemy facing mankind...sin! And as the psalmist is recognizing here, one of the greatest gifts believers can offer to others... is their story.

I challenge you, in every relationship you have, do they know your story? Do your kids know your story? Do your extended family members know your story? Do your co-workers know your story? Do your neighbors know your story?

Everything points to this simple fact that your story of HOPE through Jesus is ready to be heard, and has the potential to engage others toward deep spiritual thought. Again, I share all this today as a reminder that your story has the potential to change lives! **Never be afraid to share your story!**

-Pastor John



# Meet the New Youth Director



Hello There!

My name is Kira Smith, and it is with great joy that I introduce myself as the new Youth Director for Kent First Baptist Church! This is a full circle moment as I grew up going to this church and graduated from Kent-Meridian High School in 2005 under the leadership of Denee Curl when she was the Youth Director. God really does play the long game, for only He would know that 20 years later, I would be stepping in this role to serve the KFBC community in this capacity. God is good and is incredibly faithful!

I knew the call of ministry on my life at a very young age, and it has been amazing to watch how God has developed me through the experiences He has taken me through. I have over 15 years of leadership and youth ministry experience and have worked with various churches and para-churches along the way.

There are two very important things you should know about me as I serve as your Youth Director. Number one: I LOVE Jesus with my whole heart. Every decision I make, every action I take is based on copious amounts of time with the Lord through prayer, wise counsel, and the study of His Word. If the Lord is not in it, I don't want it. Number two: I LOVE people, for people is what matters most to God. I desire to lead with the Father's heart in mind concerning His beloved ones, especially the youth.

I greatly anticipate witnessing the Lord's hand at work, building His church through the lives of the youth in this next season. I am extremely grateful for Pastor John, and Brian entrusting me to develop and care for the youth at KFBC.

So, with your continued prayers and support mixed with my petitions for God to move in our church, let the good work begin!

## Kira Smith

Kira Smith  
Kent First Baptist Youth Director

*"May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—  
yes, establish the work of our hands."*

*- Psalm 90:17*

# PRAYER MINISTRY AT KFBC

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## **Every believer can and should pray:**

Scripture tells us in *Colossians 4:2* to “Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.” and *James 5:16b (NLT)* “. . . The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” A note for Matt, 6:32 states that prayer does not inform God about needs; it expresses trust in His provision. Furthermore, there is no schedule, no specific place and time required!! Neither is there an age or physical ability requirement!

## **Goal: everyone in our church is being prayed for by someone everyday:**

One suggestion is to use the church Directory and start praying for 3-4 names under your name. Next day, the next 3-4 names, etc. This way everyone is praying for a different group. Pray for the HEALTH, FINANCIAL, EMOTIONAL/RELATIONAL NEEDS and SPIRITUAL GROWTH of individuals. Pray for our Pastor and leaders, etc.

**Prayer Chain:** People who have signed up for the prayer chain (about 40) receive more detailed e-mail notices as the requests come in. If you would like prayer requests as they come in rather than wait for it once a week, then this is the group for you. If you are interested in being a part of this group:

contact Gladys Button at [glghbutton@comcast.net](mailto:glghbutton@comcast.net) or call 253-670-3963

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**Zoom Prayer Meeting** with the pastors: We join together on ZOOM Wednesdays at 2:00 pm: We have fellowship time. Discuss praises and prayer needs. Pray for issues that are not brought to anyone else’s attention and pray for our church. Currently varies from 5-7 people. More are welcome. (Let Gladys or Sugar know if you are interested in receiving the link to the zoom meeting.)

**General and simplified prayer requests are sent out weekly** and in the Link: are under Sugar’s domain. Contact her if you have questions. This is also why the Prayer Chain may see the words (*for prayer chain only*), so it’s known that the request is not to be published.

Gladys Button  
Prayer Ministry Coordinator







**IN FEBRUARY**  
**WE ARE CONTINUING ON**  
**THE GREAT KIDVENTURE**

As believers, we have the best news of all time — Jesus came into the world to set us free!

**WE NEED TO TELL OTHERS!**

This February, we are teaching kids **3 WAYS** to reach out to their friends:

**INVEST,**  
**INVITE,**  
**INTRODUCE!**



**WE'RE**  
**HEADING FOR**

**REACH OUT**  
**POINT**



## Sunday Morning Studies:

**Bible Study**  
**"That The**  
**World May**  
**Know"**

Lead by Scott Clark

**8:45am**

(Before Sunday  
Services)

**Bible**  
**Study**  
**in Isaiah**

Lead by  
Erik Nutley

**11:30am**

(After Sunday Services)

Questions? Contact the Church for more Information at  
[Kentfirstbaptist@live.com](mailto:Kentfirstbaptist@live.com)



## Calling All Grandparents

Legacy Grandparenting Summit is holding a conference in our area to encourage grandparents to embrace the purpose of perpetuating faith in our families. There will be nationally known speakers and gifted content at this conference.

**This will be held at Faith Church in Kent on  
Saturday, February 22nd,  
from 9:00am - 4:30pm.**

The cost is \$34.00 until January 31st, then it goes up to \$39.00 for pre-registration and \$44.00 at the door. For more information, please check it out at the Welcome Center.

Pre-register online at: [faithkent.org/grandparent-summit](http://faithkent.org/grandparent-summit)

Hands & Hearts  
Blessings

We will meet in  
the ED Building.

**-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 being a part of what we do, please email

[HandsandHeartsKFB@gmail.com](mailto:HandsandHeartsKFB@gmail.com)

**Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>  
Times:  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

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

*Thank You*

Dear KFBC Family,

As a staff we would like to say Thank you so much for your generous gifts over Christmas. It is such a blessing to be so well cared for by you all. What a blessing you all are.

Thank you again,

*-Your KFBC Staff*

To our Kent First Baptist Family,

Thank you for your support of the Feed My Community Holiday food box program. It's amazing to watch how God moves through you to help make this program run so smoothly. We were able to serve 100 families through the season with wonderful home cooked meals.

You are a blessing,

*-The feed My Community team*

Mark Your Calendar!

**May 8th 10am till 3:30pm**

We will be doing another Blood Drive with the American Red Cross.

More details to come soon.





# Men's Fellowship and Study

**Mondays**  
**@6pm**

Join us for food,  
fellowship, and study.



**Tuesdays**

6:30pm  
Dessert  
Fellowship  
7Pm  
Study Time

**Women's  
Group  
Study &  
Share**



Study the  
Book of  
Ephesians

Enjoy a special time of dessert and wonderful conversations as we encourage one another, pray for each other, and grow closer to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please contact Cheryl Anderson at 206-719-0814 for more details.

# Food Pantry Needs

Items we can always use.

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

**February 7th @6:00pm**

**BOARD GAME  
NIGHT**

**Bring a snack to share and join in the fun!**



# KFBC LEVEL UP



# YOUTH



## FEBRUARY

- 2 YOUTH GROUP
- 9 YOUTH GROUP
- 16 YOUTH GROUP
- 23 YOUTH DINNER

## MARCH

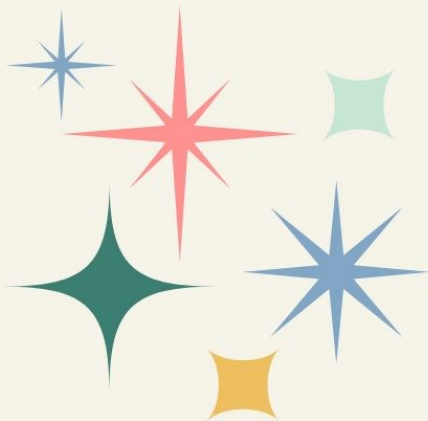
- 2 YOUTH GROUP
- 9 YOUTH GROUP
- 16 YOUTH GROUP
- 23 YOUTH DINNER
- 30 YOUTH EVENT

YOUTH WILL BE  
MEETING FROM  
6PM-8PM IN THE  
YOUTH ROOM  
LOCATED IN THE  
ED BUILDING

## APRIL

- 6 YOUTH GROUP
- 13 YOUTH GROUP
- 20 NO YOUTH GROUP (EASTER)
- 27 YOUTH DINNER

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT  
KIRA SMITH @ 206.293.3205





**-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](http://kentfirstbaptist.org).**

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

# Tithing & Giving

## Prayer Requests:

**Finley** Pray for Sasia's 3yr old son. Pray as his immunotherapy will be done this month. Pray for good results for his full body and CT scans coming in February, and also as they prepare to take out his central line and begin immunizations. Pray for health, healing and stamina.

**Sue Baker** Pray for her as she is dealing with major pain due to sciatic and hip issues.

**Brittani** Pray as she is not doing well, she is only being given days to live. Pray for all involved as this would be a very hard time for this young Mom and her family.

**Pam Jenson** Pray for a successful shoulder surgery this Friday. Praise that her knee feels much better.

**Jodi Brukard** Pray for continued healing after surgery.

**Rogita McNulty** Pray for strength and healing after surgery with removal of 1 kidney. She is doing well, but covets our prayers.

**Carol Lunden** Pray for continued healing and strength.

**Jamie Gladys Buttons** niece who has cancer. Praise that she is home now after recent surgery. Continue to pray for strength and healing, and reduction of mucus for easier breathing. Praise that she is starting to take small sips of water, even small steps are a blessing.

**Tom Jefferies** Pray for him and family as they work with his Parkinson's, he is making progress.

**Amy** Pray for Jane Jefferies niece who is going through chemo and radiation to treat cancer.

**Sully** Pray for Burkard's friends little boy who has end stage kidney disease and needs a kidney.

**Jeannie O'Connor** Pray for her need of assistance with daily living and frequent trips to the ER.

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

**Steve Byorick** Pray for him as continues experimental cancer treatments.

**-Pray for long term issues for: Auren Satake, Sui Lian, Paula Briscoe and Nancy Carey**

**-Pray for our youth ministry as we start this new season of ministry with Kira.**