

KFBC LINK

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If you have been around KFBC for any length of time, one of the things you have probably noticed is that your pastor loves to use visual analogies to relate spiritual truths. I believe, the reason for this, stems back to my own personal learning style. I still remember as a child struggling with the concept of fractions, and then having a teacher bring to my desk a small plastic pumpkin pie. This pie was pre-cut into specific pieces, and obviously intended as a teaching tool; designed to help with exactly what I was struggling through. As she began moving and arranging the slices, explaining the concepts of a half, quarters, eighths, and even thirds... suddenly everything began to make sense. Being able to visualize the concept brought clarity to my mind.

Fast forward many years to when I made the decision to give my life to Jesus, and again, I found myself in a bit of a struggle. I remember asking myself, "How do I live my life as a real disciple of Jesus?" Yes, I understood what the word "disciple" meant, and even (at least conceptually) what it was supposed to look like in a person's life. My struggle was not with the definition, but rather where to begin. When there is no spiritual foundation in your life to rely on, the building of that foundation is a difficult process. I had many voices telling what a disciple should look like, but few showing me a visual example. If I had to relate this back to my pie analogy; I found myself not only facing how to break the pieces of pie into their proper sections, but I now needed to learn how to make the pie in the first place.

As you can guess, I failed miserably over and over, trying to do this in my own strength. What should have been a pie, was something more like a pile of mud. One of the greatest helps in this process was a song. A friend introduced me to a song called "In the Light" by Charlie Peacock, that was an artist rendition of what is being communicated in 1 John 1:5-7

"This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."

The visual of light shining into darkness and exposing everything, was like that plastic pie being handed to me all over again. Suddenly things started to make sense. The reason I was failing miserably was because I was trying to build a foundation that looked like me. All along, I was literally getting in the way of what Jesus was trying to do through me. Suddenly it all made sense. Jesus is the light... I'm not. It's His light shining in and through me... not mine. All along I was trying to build a foundation with the left-over pieces from my previous life. It seems so simple to recognize now, but it took this visual analogy of darkness and light to finally waken my mind to what I was really happening. Scripture also uses another analogy that can be applied here in the same way from Matthew 7:24-27.

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“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”

Doing things in our own strength and understanding, never turns out well, and is just as bad as building on sand. As we approach this new year, maybe it is time we did a foundation check... time to lift the hood and check the oil... or whatever analogy relates best for you.

-Pastor John

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24th
@7:00pm

COMING in JANUARY to KidVenture



1 Timothy 4:8

Physical training is **GOOD**,
but training for **GODLINESS** is
MUCH BETTER,
promising **BENEFITS** in **this** life
and in the **life** to **come**.



WE WILL BE
TEACHING KIDS ABOUT
CHRISTIAN HABITS
THAT WILL HELP THEM
GROW CLOSER TO
GOD AND HELP THEM
GROW IN THEIR
YOUNG FAITH!

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

Christmas take down

January 5th

@11:15am

We will be taking down our Christmas decorations. Lots of hands to help makes taking everything down much faster.



Monday, January 6th

Saturday, January 11th

Monday, January 20th

Saturday, January 25th

Times:

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

We will meet in the ED Building.



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

Feed My Community Christmas Meals

Thursday, December 19th (5pm—8pm at the church)

Food prep and boxing

Friday, December 20th

Food prep, boxing and distribution to the schools

This ministry is made possible through a partnership between our church and school counselors and administrators at Daniel Elementary, Springbrook Elementary and Meridian Middle School.

How Can I Help?

- *PRAY! Your prayers are need and appreciated.
- *Make a monetary donation to "Feed My Community"
- *Help in person on Thursday or Friday

How to give Financial Support:

If you feel that you would like to make a donation (no matter how big or small!), you can give via check to the church directly or via our giving app, Tithe.ly. There is a specific line item for this ministry under "Tithes and Offerings".

Family Board Games: We need them! Games that are fun for the whole family (all ages) are preferred.

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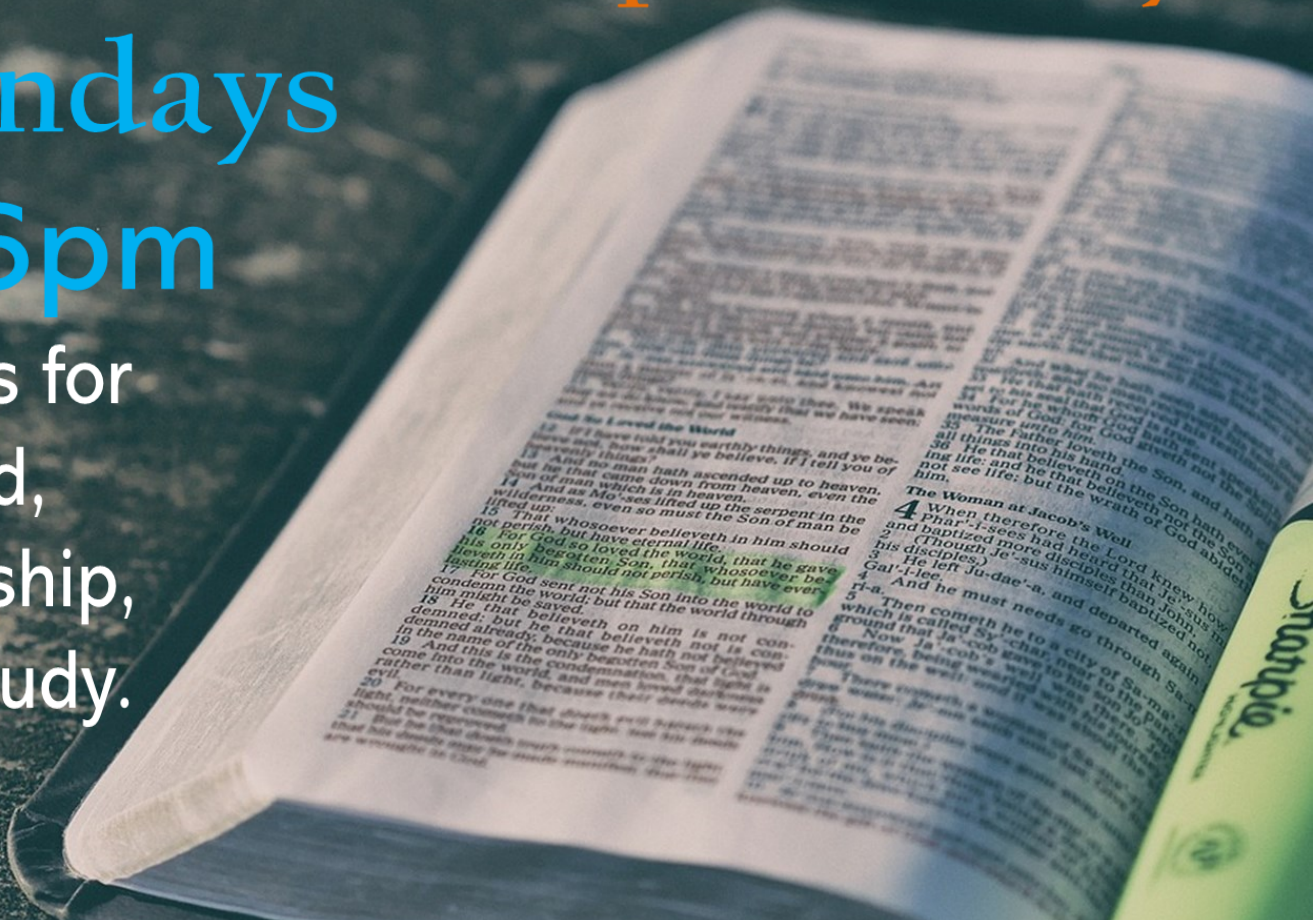


Men's Fellowship and Study

Mondays

@6pm

Join us for
food,
fellowship,
and study.



Women's Group Study & Share

Tuesdays

6:30pm Dessert Fellowship 7Pm Study Time
Study the Book of Ephesians

Please join us as we dive into the book of Ephesians. As we *study* Ephesians and *share* our lives, we grow together in our faith and our relationships. 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.



**January 3rd
@6:00pm**



**BOARD GAME
NIGHT**

Bring a snack to share and join in the fun!

Winter 2024-2025

KFBC YOUTH GROUP

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

December

- 6 Board Game Night 6pm
- 8 Youth Group
- 15 Christmas Party
- 19 Food Box Prep
(5-8pm Thursday)
- 29 Youth Group

January

- 3 Board Game Night 6pm
- 5 Youth Group
- 19 Youth Group
- 24 Event (TBD)
No School

February

- 2 Youth Group
- 7 Board Game Night 6pm
- 16 Youth Group
- 18 Event (TBD)
No School

**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.**

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

-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.

Tithing & Giving

Prayer Requests:

Finley Pray for Sasia's 3yr old son. Pray as he continues his immunotherapy for the next 5 months. Pray for health, healing and stamina.

Satake Pray for peace and comfort after the recent loss of Marks Mom.

Crain Family Pray for comfort after the unexpected loss of Betty's aunt.

Pam Jenson Pray for healing over a fractured patella, and recent development of tendinitis. Also pray for an upcoming shoulder surgery at the end of January.

Jodi Brukard Pray for continued healing after surgery.

Rogita McNulty Pray for strength and healing. She will have a scan of her heart this month. They also discovered renal cell carcinoma and plan to make a treatment plan.

James Pray for a friend of Casey Ingles who has just recently started having seizures.

Sally Goodgion Pray for continued healing and energy after her treatments.

Carol Lunden Pray for continued healing and strength.

Jamie Gladys Buttons niece who has cancer. Praise that she is home now. She has started radiation once again. Continue to pray for strength and healing, and reduction of mucus for easier breathing.

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 family relationships during this Holiday Season.