

# KFBC LINK

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As a church, over the past several Sundays, we have been reviewing our Vision Page, which expresses the Mission, Values, Marks, and Strategy of our church. This has been a great opportunity to re-look and work through this information, as we have many new members and visitors to our church family who were not with us yet when we originally went through this on a larger scale.

Specifically, a few weeks ago, one of the value statements we looked at was how Kent First Baptists values real authentic relationships. Whether it be our spouse, friendships, neighbors, or co-workers, we understand that the Lord intentionally places people into our lives for a reason, and we value the time we have with each person. Through this, we were challenged to take a closer look at each of our relationships, and ask some hard questions:

- Are their hidden motives or deceit in our relationships?
- In each relationship, is our number one desire to see the other person grow in their faith?
- Are we truly delighted to share our lives with other people... because we know that the HOPE we have in Jesus is the most important thing we have to share?

It is encouraging that many of us have taken significant time to think through each of our relationships, and discover how to make Jesus our central focus. But, as some have thought through this, it brought about a question I wanted to quickly address. The question was asked, **“Am I still supposed to give 50% if the other person is not giving their 50%?”**

Here is my best answer to this... real Christ centered relationships are not a 50/50 proposition. The only way a relationship can endure the ups and downs of daily life is not for each individual to contribute only 50%, but for each individual to contribute 100%. Now I realize there is much more to this that I don't have time to explain in this short writing, and please know that I am very much an advocate for healthy boundaries and limitations in every relationship. But as scripture says in Philippians 2:5, *“You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.”*, which means... in every way try to be like Christ.

As we look deeper, and compare what Christ said to the culture around us, you will find Christ and culture often stand contrary to one another. The world teaches that it is all about you, and what makes you happy, and how you need to always put yourself first. But when we actually follow and apply what Jesus teaches, it changes our perspective. Jesus says in John 15:13, “There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.” I have to be honest, if I am only expected to contribute 50%, there is no way I am about to lay down my life for anyone. But, if I'm to contribute 100%, then laying my life down and putting the needs of someone else before mine becomes the natural reaction.

-Pastor John

**Mission:** Sharing hope through Jesus Christ in the East Hill community

## Values:

### Authenticity

Putting Christ first at all times

### Relationships

Supporting, encouraging, and loving one another as Christ loved us

### Service

Sharing the hope of Christ by serving others

### Students of Christ

Getting to know Christ better everyday

### Missional Lifestyle

Delighted to share our lives so others are drawn to Christ

### Prayer

Relying on Christ by talking to Him daily

## Marks:

### Spiritually Centered

- Passion about making Jesus #1
- Growing in our faith
- Prayerful - going to God first
- Devotional

### Ambassadors of Hope

- Seeking and saving the lost
- Authentic in expression of our faith
- Being the church beyond our walls

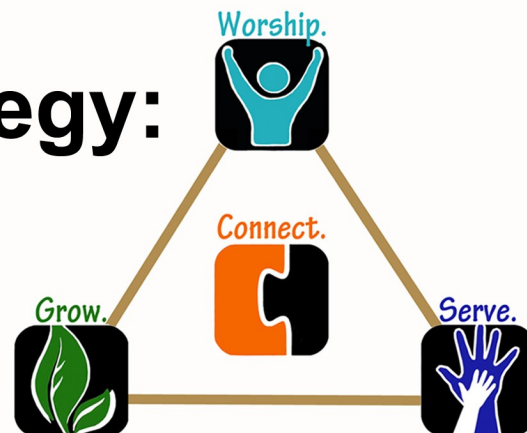
### Selfless Servants

- Doing Christ's work
- Outward focused
- Care for others

### Relational

- Deep personal relationships
- Accountable to one another
- Living life-on-life

## Strategy:



*Sharing Hope. Changing Lives.*



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



A lot of **KIDS** don't see themselves as **USEFUL** in God's **FAMILY**.

This month, we want to show kids they aren't **USELESS** but **USEFUL**.

They have been given **GIFTS & ABILITIES** to **SERVE** God with!

## 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)



# March 9th



Daylight  
savings  
Move your  
clocks  
forward an  
hour

## Mark Your Calendar

Spring Clean Up

**APRIL 5TH**

**7am till noon**

We could use your help to get the church ready for Easter. Any time or help would be greatly appreciated.

## Dates to be determined soon

Times:

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

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

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)



# Easter

April 20th  
Easter Service  
@10am

Light Continental  
Breakfast  
@9am

April 20th  
@11:15am  
Easter Egg Hunt for our kids.

# Good Friday

Service  
April 18th  
@7pm

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.

# Women's Group

## Study & Share



## Tuesdays

6:30pm Dessert Fellowship  
7Pm Study Time

### 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.

## March 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

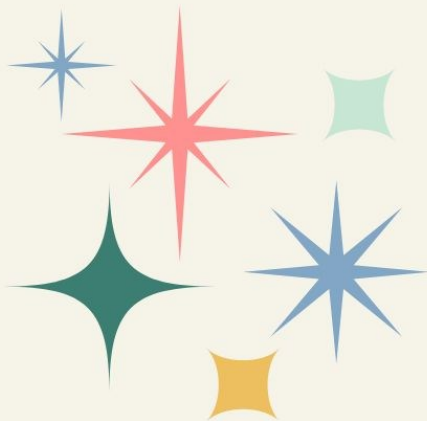
- 2 YOUTH GROUP
- 9 YOUTH GROUP
- 16 YOUTH GROUP
- 23 YOUTH DINNER
- 30 YOUTH EVENT

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





# 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





# 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](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.**

## **Prayer Requests:**

**Finley** Pray for Sasia's 3yr old son. Pray for good results for his CT scans coming up, and also as they plan to take out his central line and begin immunizations. Pray for health, healing and stamina.

**Sue Baker** Pray for her as she gets results from her MRI and as she continues to feel relief from pain.

**Dave Krietzman** Pray for him as he has surgery soon to remove a hematoma due to a car accident.

**Carol StClair** Pray for her healing as she deals with both kidney and heart issues.

**Brittani** Pray for Brittani's children and her grandmother after her recent passing due to liver failure. She fought this issue since she was young. This will be a hard adjustment for them all.

**Pam Jenson** Pray for continued healing after shoulder surgery, she's progressing well.

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

**Rogita McNulty** Pray for continued healing after surgery. She is doing well and has returned to work, but she still gets very tired.

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

**Jamie Gladys Buttons** niece who has cancer. Pray for healing as she has recently developed Ramsey Hunt Syndrome. Praise that she is home with her little one.

**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 this toddler as they look for a kidney, that he can stay as healthy as possible.

**Jeannie O'Connor** Pray for her as she has just developed cellulitis in both legs due to congestive heart failure, they are starting to heal.

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

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

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