

KFBC LINK

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Too often, as I scroll through social media, I see advertisements for deals that are obviously too good to be true. It's always some company selling an item for an unbelievable price... as long as the customer pays shipping. Several years ago, I decided to order an article of clothing, hoping the deal they were offering was legitimate. In fact, once they had me on their website, they offered even more deals that I couldn't pass up. With the promise of low-cost shipping and a return policy, I took the chance. After about 8 weeks, the items finally arrived in a package wrapped like a giant lumpy paper sausage. They had taken the clothing items, wrapped them up together as tight as possible, cover them in shipping paper, and used what looked like a half roll of packing tape to hold it all together. Needless to say, nothing inside was what I expected, nor were the sizes true to what had been advertised. To top it off, when I looked into returning the items, the "restocking fee" was more than the sale price I originally paid. I found out the hard way, it truly was a deal that was too good to be true.

Sometimes this is how life can be; we are handed a raw deal that leaves us in a bad place. Sometimes we are led to believe one thing when the exact opposite is true. Sometimes we are given empty promises that leave us feeling foolish and empty ourselves. Yet... not everything that is empty is necessarily bad.

Early on that Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb of Jesus to prepare his body for a proper burial, but when she arrived, she found the stone had been rolled away from the entrance, and Jesus' body was nowhere to be found. Surprised at what she had observed, she ran back to tell the others what had happened. Of course, we know the end of the story, and know that this was a situation where "empty" was a good thing... no, let me change that... a GREAT thing! As we look back today at that empty tomb, we know that it was not empty at all... it was a tomb full of hope and promise.

1 Peter 1:3 says, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," (ESV)

Over the next 40 days, there were many witnesses to Jesus' resurrection. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15, "He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, ..." It's amazing to think there were so many eye witnesses who saw Him, spoke with Him, touched Him, and even ate with Him before He ascended into Heaven. And as He ascended, they record Him saying that He would send the Holy Spirit to us, and that He would return soon. What an amazing promise! That He will return and completely fulfill that glorious hope that He gives to all who believe in Him as Lord and Savior.

Through an "empty tomb," we are given a Living Hope, not a dead one where contracts are broken and promises are left unfilled. Through an "empty tomb", we are shown a victorious Savior who conquered death and keeps His promises. A Victorious Savior who took on the cross, because He knew it was the only way to save humanity. Jesus is our Living Hope!

-Pastor John



EGG STUFFING PARTY

This coming
Wednesday!

MARCH 27
Church Lobby
10 AM-NOON



EGG HUNT

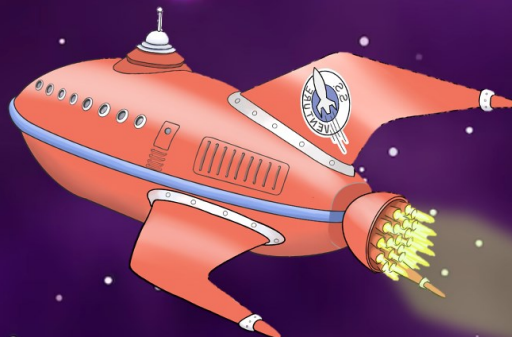
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EASTER

Directly
after
Service
MARCH 31



KIDVENTURE'S TOPIC IN APRIL THE PLANET OF PRAISE

**WE WERE MADE TO PRAISE!
PRAISE - SPEAK, WRITE, OR SING TO GOD!
WORSHIP IS TELLING GOD HE IS WORTH IT!
2 WAYS TO WORSHIP - THANKS & PRAISE!**



Good Friday Service
March 29th @7pm



EASTER

EASTER SERVICE

MARCH 31ST

@10AM

(9am Light Continental breakfast)

11:15am Kids Egg Hunt



Dear Kent First Baptist,

Thank you so much for your snack donations to Daniel Elementary! There was an immediate change in mood for our students when they learned that snacks were included in our testing times, and we are sure it helped them to do their best work. We deeply appreciate all of your support towards our school over the years.

Thank you so much,

The Daniel Elementary Staff

Church Spring Cleanup

MARCH 23RD

7AM TILL 12PM

All hands on deck! We need you to help us get the church ready for our Easter Service. There will be many jobs to do both inside and out. If you have any time you can give we would be grateful.



Monday, March 25th

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

We will meet in the ED Building.

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

We continue making project kits, sewing receiving blankets and grocery tote bags.

- Pray for those doing the work and for the recipients, that they will be blessed.
- Join us at the hands-on meetings or there are project kits available for "take and make".
- Consider donating funds for the ministry to purchase needed materials (marked for HHB),
- Donate supplies needed: ~ fleece, cotton fabrics, flannel fabric, thread, batting, sewing supplies.

If you are interested in donating or participating, please email

HandsandHeartsKFB@gmail.com

Mark your calendars.

SERVE

July 17th , August 14th

12pm till 3pm

Family Church Campout

July 27th - 28th

**Church Directory
Now Available**

Our Church Directory is now available to our church family. You can pick yours up at the welcome counter, or email the church for an electronic copy at kentfirstbaptist@live.com

Vacation Bible Adventure

SUBA

diving into friendship with god

Coming June 24 - 28



MEN'S MINISTRY

Mondays

@6:00pm

We will be meeting in person for Fun, Food, Fellowship, and Growing in God.

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays

6:30pm Dessert
7:00pm Bible Study

Be Bold! *Then BEHOLD!!!*

Please join us for our study of Philippians through Melissa B. Kruger's book, "In All Things." We have shared much happiness and some sadness, but through it all we are learning that no one can ever steal our JOY. Because this JOY is found in knowing and belonging to our Savior, Jesus Christ. We welcome women of all ages to join us for this amazing study on JOY. You are not too late!

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

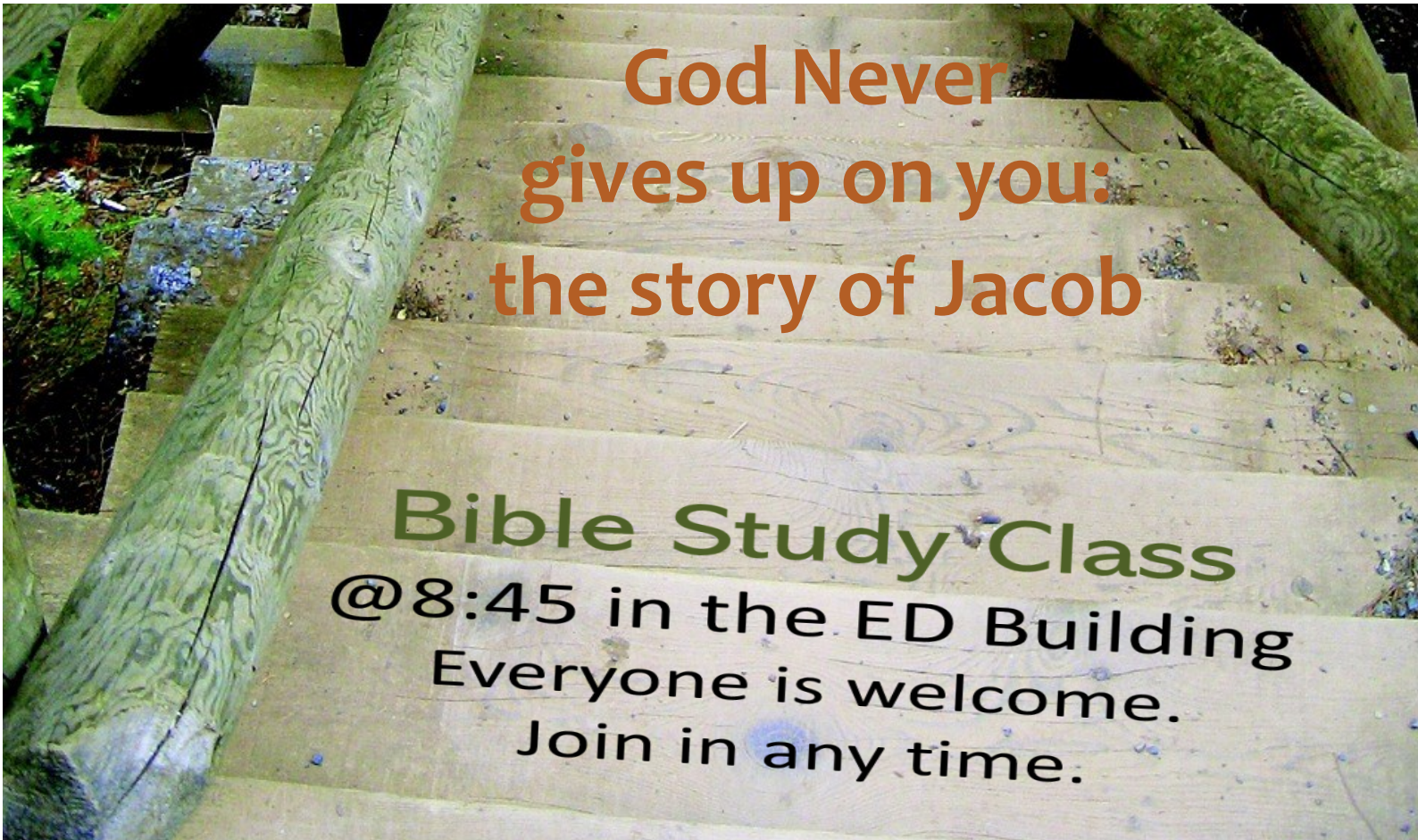


Questions?
See Erik Nutley:
erik@nutley.org
571-278-5045

Isaiah Study

Sundays 11:30 am

In the Bradley Room



God Never
gives up on you:
the story of Jacob

Bible Study Class
@8:45 in the ED Building
Everyone is welcome.
Join in any time.

Food Pantry Needs

Items we can always use.

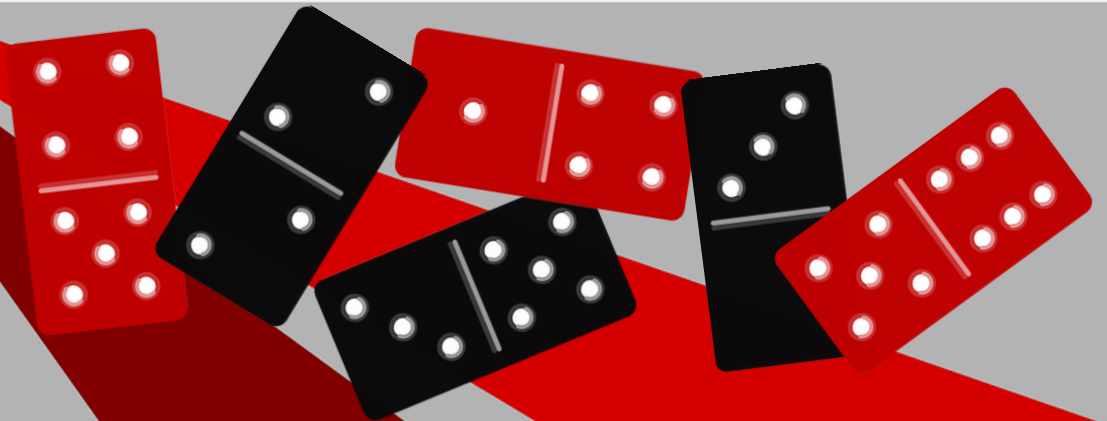
pasta, rice (1lb bag, or bulk), canned fruit,
canned Vegetables,
Plastic grocery bags.



BOARD GAME NIGHT

April 5th @6:00pm

Bring a snack to share and join
in the fun!



KFBC YOUTH GROUP

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



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

March 24 **April 7, 21**
May 5, 19

Dear Church Family,

Our Youth Group has some exciting news we'd love to share with you! After much prayer and consideration, we have decided that in order to help make Youth Group more accessible to our junior and senior high students, we are moving Youth Group from Wednesday evenings to select Sundays for the remainder of the school year. Meeting students where they are is important to us and we believe this will help our Youth Group Leadership Team to better meet students needs. We can't wait to see what God has in store for our students in the future!

Please contact Brian Tkach at 253-632-2789 or via email at briantkach@comcast.net if you have any questions or concerns and I will be happy to help in any way I can.

Blessings, Brian Tkach Youth Director KFBC

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 with Neuroblastoma and as treatments are more intense. He has healed much more quickly from surgery than expected, and is now on round 5 of chemo.

Paul & Leona Burnham Pray for them as they assist the church in Kelso with looking for a new pastor.

Paula Brisco Praise that she is back home at Cedar Ridge. She is doing much better after her surgery and rehab. Pray she continues to heal well.

Ted Butler Pray for a him as he had lower back surgery. Praise that all went well with the surgery.

Marion Mayer Pray for healing due to a swollen leg that is very painful. Pray for a doctors solution.

Marty Stuewig Pray for healing as she is still in rehab. Also, pray for adjustments as she moves to a new section of the building at Judson park.

Brenda Schneider Pray she heals well after surgery for gall bladder and tumor on her liver.

Carolyn Tolas Pray that her DIL's brother Mark with cancer will continue to improve.

Brittani Kemerer Pray as she is back in the hospital due to issues from her liver transplant.

Nancy Carey Pray for Adysen "7 yr old GGGranddaughter" as she has had serious kidney issues. Pray for friend Terri (relative of StClairs) who broke her hip and femur, and still needs surgery.

Steve Byorick Pray for him as they are adjusting his cancer treatments for better effectiveness. His cancer has been really tough to deal with.

Randy Pray for the Snells family friend whose son has cancer stage 4 cancer. The parents need prayer as they lost their other son a few years ago. Pray for healing, comfort, and peace of mind for them all.

Pray for long term issues for **Auren Satake, Sui Lian, and Craig Dow**

-Pray for our community, state, country, and our world.