

Hello Church Family,

It is interesting as I listen and watch the various offerings on social media regarding the current trends and opinions about "the church." And when I say "the church," I specifically mean the church as described in Holy scripture as being Jesus' bride, founded by Christ to function as the body of Christ, existing for the purpose of carrying on His mission to seek and save a lost world. The plain truth is, the world has issues with the existence of the church and what it represents. It always has had issues with the church, and always will have issues with the church. That is never going to change, and is to be frank... is old news.

Consider the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 1:18-20 which states, "The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. As the Scriptures say, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent." So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish."

As the world's influencers and news media all speak and make their constant claims that the church is rapidly losing its influence, to which they back up their assertions by quoting the latest poll on the decreasing number of Christians in whatever country or state... I want to remind you of one thing that you really need to hear today... Jesus is King! He always has been, and always will be. Jesus fought the battle and He won; evil has been forever defeated. All the rhetoric and opinions that try to make us question this fact are just that - rhetoric and opinions.

As the world around us draws closer and closer to those final days talked about in Revelation, the church (which shines brighter and brighter as the world gets darker) has never lost its mission. We still exist as the body of Christ with the purpose to seek and save the lost. Meaning, we are called to go tell a world that is getting darker by the moment, about Jesus and his victory on the cross over sin and death. To declare that Jesus is the Son of God, who was sent to save the world.

I want to share with you a small portion of sermon preached by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a famous German preacher of the early 20th century who was an outspoken opponent of Nazism and Adolf Hitler. He preached this sermon in 1933 in Berlin, on the Gospel text of Matthew 16:13-18.

...Jesus himself puts the decisive question, for which the disciples had been waiting: "Who do people say that the Son of man is?" Answer: "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Opinions, nothing but opinions; one could extend this list of opinions as much as one wanted...some say you are a great man, some say you are an idealist, some say you are a religious genius, some say you are a great champion and hero, who will lead us to victory and greatness. Opinions, more or less serious opinions—but Jesus does not want to build his church on opinions. And so he addresses himself directly to his disciples: "But who do you say that I am?" In this inevitable confrontation with Christ there can be no "perhaps" or "some say," no opinions but only silence or the answer which Peter gives now: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Here in the midst of human opinions and views, something quite new suddenly becomes visible. Here God's name is named, here the eternal is pronounced, here the mystery is recognized. Here is no longer human opinion, but precisely the opposite, here is divine revelation and confession of faith. "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church."

In our current times and social environment, may we as the church stand as the light the Lord has called us to be. May we stand determined, with a steadfast faith and a declaration on our lips that speaks like Peter in saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And by declaring this fact, we indeed bring truth into our community and world! And as we speak this truth, may we as the church never forget that the gates of hell are not prevailing as the worldly opinions would like us to believe... rather, souls around the world are coming to faith at staggering rates, revealing what we already know; that the battle has already been won!

~ Pastor John

8/31

All Family
Church
Service

8/31

Level Up
Youth Wild
Waves

9/4

Board Game
Night

9/12

Rummage
Sale

9/13

Fall
Kickoff
BBQ

FALL KICK-OFF

Fellowship

Sunday

**BBQ
&
FUN**

SEPTEMBER 13th
After Service

Daniel Elementary School Supply Needs

- Crayola 24 pk Crayons
- Crayola 12pk Colored pencils
- Wide Composition books
- Dry Erase Markers (EXPO preferred)
- #2 Pencils (Ticonderoga preferred)
- Crayola 10pk Markers
- Wide Spiral Notebooks
- Yellow Highlighters

We are once again looking for school supplies to help assist Daniel Elementary. Here is a basic list of needs, or you can donate to school supplies via your offering. If you have any questions please contact Tricia Payseno.



SUNDAYS

KFBC
LEVEL UP



YOUTH



6 pm – 8 pm

Located in the Ed Building

For more information contact: Kira Smith at Kfbcyouth5@gmail.com



Level Up Youth Event ESCAPE ROOM

September 20th, 2026

6 PM – 8:30 PM



For more
information please
contact Kira Smith
@ 206-293-3205



Board Game Night

September 4th
@6pm

Bring a snack to share!

THANK YOU

THANK YOU, AGAIN, KFBC CHURCH FAMILY!!!

Well done, Church Family! You did it again! Our Summer Fun on the Lawn event on August 12th was another huge success! We had over 140 kids join us that day and plenty of volunteers to ensure a great time was had by all. We served over 200 meals and 3 firemen showed up with their shiny fire truck, after taking care of a fire call. We were able to bless them also....with our children (and also adults - you know who you are!) who were so excited to see them here again for tours of the truck and a chance to sit in the driver's seat. They also shared a meal and I know they saw the JOY of JESUS that afternoon. Thank you, Church Family, for being willing to step up and make this special event happen through your prayers and sacrifice of time. It has changed a bit from years past (thank you, Nicole, for bringing the glitter stencils for both kids and adults! Your tent was a big hit!!!). My prayer is we will continue to change and grow as the Lord provides and gives us inspiration and opportunities! The Lord has blessed us with an amazing space for this event.....let's continue to use it to reach our community in new and exciting ways as we continue to be a shining light on this east hill of Kent, showing the love, peace, hope, and joy to be found in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We definitely clothed ourselves in love (Colossians 3:14) and made a difference in the lives of many on that day. Let's continue to do so on a daily basis as we move forward into Fall.....and the rest of our lives. Again, THANK YOU!!! I love our Church Family!

~ Blessings to you all, Cheryl Anderson



**American
Red Cross**

Help save a life.

Schedule your blood donation
appointment today.

**Kent First Baptist Church
11420 SE 248th St,
Kent, WA 98030**

October 20th
11am-4pm

WARNING: BLOOD CRISIS

Emergency blood shortage may impact
patient care. The situation is dire. Take
action immediately to help save lives.



VOLUNTEER

Blood Drive

We could use help with signing people in on October 20th. Also, before and after the event we could use help taking chairs down and then resetting them after the drive. Please talk with Blossom Storms if you can help.

Areas of Opportunity

Children's Ministry
Level Up Youth
Food Pantry
Welcome Desk
AV Booth
Food and Fellowship
Grounds/Building
(Contact the welcome Desk)

Yard Sale

Join us in supporting the Food Pantry and Holiday Food Boxes.

We will need help with setting up, selling, and cleanup on September 12th.

Sign up at the Welcome desk.



KFBC is having a Yard Sale on Saturday, September 12. Set-up starts at 7am and the sale runs from 9am-3pm. All proceeds will benefit both the Food Pantry and the Holiday Food Boxes.

We could use lots of help, so any amount of time you can volunteer will be appreciated! See the volunteer list at the Welcome Desk or contact Jo Selymes to sign up.

You can donate items for the sale starting after church on Sunday, September 6. We will accept donations at church during that week. Contact Jo Selymes to arrange a day & time at 206-550-6367.

We will not be accepting large furniture or broken/damaged items.



Family Service

JOIN US SUNDAY, **AUGUST 30TH**,
FOR FAMILY SERVICE!
PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE
NO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PROGRAMS

(Nursery room will be open for parents to use with their kids if needed.
No staff or volunteers will be available.)

--KFBC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Dates:

Tuesday, August 25th
Saturday, August 29th
Tuesday, September 1st
Saturday, September 5th
Tuesday, September 8th
Saturday, September 12th

 Hands & Hearts
Blessings

Times:

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Set up 9am till 10am

We will meet in the
ED Building.



-Join in, no experience necessary to participate. Machines, kits and supplies available to sew on site. Please continue to pray for this ministry as we serve our local community by making and providing items of need.

If you are interested in being a part of what we do, or have questions please email

HandsandHeartsKFB@gmail.com

Food Pantry

We are in need of your help!
If you have ever wanted to be
a part (large or small) of this
team please talk with Catlyn
Ginn or Brian Tkach.

Items needed now: Thick plastic grocery bags, 12 count Egg Cartons

Items always needed:

pasta, rice (1lb bag, or bulk), canned fruit, canned vegetables,
canned meats, plastic grocery bags, and monetary gifts

LEVEL UP YOUTH
IS GOING TO...

WILD WAVES

AUGUST 31, 2026

1PM - 5PM

COST:

\$15

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
CONTACT KIRA SMITH @ 206-293-3205



KFBC LEVEL UP



YOUTH



SEPTEMBER

6 YOUTH GROUP

13 YOUTH GROUP

20 YOUTH EVENT

27 YOUTH DINNER



OCTOBER

4 YOUTH GROUP

11 YOUTH EVENT

18 YOUTH GROUP

25 YOUTH DINNER



NOVEMBER

1 YOUTH GROUP

8 YOUTH GROUP

15 YOUTH GROUP

22 YOUTH DINNER

29 YOUTH EVENT



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Tithing & Giving

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- 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:

Auren Satake Praise, his pacemaker surgery went well. Pray as for pain relief and healing.

Irma Davis Pray for quick healing as she is back home and recovering.

Carolyn Tolas Pray for her as she prepares for surgery for her aortic valve on October 14th.

Allen Gary Pray for continued healing after a successful surgery on his wrist.

Rogita McNulty Pray for quick healing for a reverse shoulder surgery after a recent fall.

Bunts Pray for Jim's BIL who is now on hospice after many failed surgeries to stop internal bleeding.

Brian Tkach Pray for healing and doctors wisdom for health issues and kidney stones.

Wendy Shine Praise that healing is going well after a successful shoulder surgery.

Dinah Valles Pray for healing of her broken arm after her accident on her motorcycle.

Jodi Burkard Pray for doctors wisdom in figuring out issues with a pinched nerve.

Nancy Carey Pray for her after hip surgery for healing both physically and emotionally.

Amithyst K Pray for her tumors to continue to shrink as she has more chemo to come.

Ruby Metcalf Pray for Kathy Noon's Mom as she as she undergoes treatment for esophageal cancer.

Dianne Severin Pray for healing for her knee and as she plans for surgery on the other knee.

Sonya Byorick Pray for her and Steve, as he continues chemotherapy.

Tom Jefferies Pray that his Parkinson's treatment continues to be successful.

Glicel Jimenez Pray for her sister Gidget who has cancer, the family is planning another trip to see her.

-Pray for long term issues for: Sui Lian, Paula Briscoe

-Pray for our church as we enjoy the rest of our summer.