

MARCH 2022

COUNCIL NEWS

**Then you....shall celebrate with all the bounty
that the Lord your God has given to you.**

Deuteronomy 26:11

We often need to be reminded that all that we have, whether as individuals or as a congregation, is what the Lord has given to us. We can appreciate that God has given us brains and talent to use in the world, but all of our blessings come back as gifts from God. And we are called to share those blessings with those around us. So, what are we as KOG being called to do?

Mission/Values/Vision – Boldly Sharing...*Grounded, Growing, and Generous*

Thanks to all of you who continue to engage in our visioning effort – we are in the midst of applying our learnings, hopes, and desires directly to King of Glory. What is God calling King of Glory to be?

In January, we completed our deep dive into our own data from our congregational survey and we have learned what other congregations around the country are doing to spread God's grace. In February, we had the opportunity to share in small groups what our values, strengths, challenges, and hopes are for KOG.

Please join us on March 20 as we now apply what we've learned more broadly. Together, we will imagine the KOG of the future in both exciting and challenging ways and explore how decisions we make now will impact that future. We will be guided by our outside facilitators, Convergence, as they help us determine what our future looks like. Please join us at noon for a meal in the Activity Center. Our 2-hour workshop begins at 12:45.

Through April, council members will be working with Convergence to design an implementation plan based on the entire visioning process. Then, in late May or early June, we will vote on our plan as a congregation. This is a chance to continue to shape the vision for our future as we, collectively, discern how God is calling us to serve and be in today's world—please join us!

Faithful Ones

Many of you may be familiar with our pre-COVID use of Faithful Ones during our worship service, but a few of our new folks may not. So, what is Faithful Ones? Faithful Ones is a way for each of us to help beyond our normal benevolence as a congregation.

We are re-igniting Faithful Ones on Sunday, April 3. Our Church in Society (CIS) Team has identified an organization to celebrate and recognize each month. Our Generosity Team is helping to lift these up. The organization will be described in the worship bulletin in the “offering” section.

What do you do:

- Every \$1 bill placed in the offering basket will go directly to our designated organization.
 - Please note \$5, \$10 or \$20 do not count – only \$1 bills
- If you worship online, you may also give money via Venmo with a designator for Faithful Ones.

- If you would like to designate more than just single \$1 bills, you have two options:
 - You can give by check! Please write Faithful Ones on the memo line.
 - Larger gifts should be placed in an envelope with Faithful Ones clearly noted on the front.

On the first or second Sunday of the month, the designated organization will share a Mission Moment with us in worship explaining what they do. We will find out how these organizations are making a difference in the world. At the end of the month, all of our Faithful One donations for that month will be sent to the designated organization.

Thanks to our CIS and Generosity Teams for making this happen.

On April 3, remember to start bringing those \$1 bills (or a check) to worship each Sunday and let's all demonstrate King of Glory's history of giving. What better way to reach back out with all the gifts we have received from God.

Senior Pastor Call Committee

We thought we had good news to share with you this week! We were beyond excited about our most recent candidate, and we thought he was ready to say yes! Plans were in the works for all of you to meet him and listen to his sermon. Unfortunately, after considerable discernment, he shared disappointing news that he would not be continuing the call process with us. We are truly disappointed. However, we respect their family's decision. We prayerfully wish them continued happiness.

While the committee will continue searching, we thought we would share a few statistics. Over this past year, the Synod's office reached out to 48 candidates, which is a combination of our research and the Synod's contacts. Only 15 expressed interest in talking with the committee. We interviewed 9 of them and pursued serious discussions with 3 candidates.

Family has been the common denominator in all of our conversations. Every serious candidate has been excited about what King of Glory is doing, especially our revisioning. In the end, their decision was made for family reasons.

As a congregation we have many blessings given by God and we must celebrate those blessings. We are truly blessed to have Pastor Kenny Dickson, and our Pastoral Associate, Beth Taylor, as King of Glory continues our story in ministry together, and we, as a committee, continue to have faith and patience in this journey. Please continue to send prayers that the right person to be our next Lead Pastor will be brought before us, and all answers will be received. pcc2021@kingofglory.com

I-635 Corridor Redevelopment

As you saw in the email sent out last week by King of Glory, the city is working with a consulting firm to help design a land-use zoning plan for the south side of LBJ frontage road as those buildings begin to be sold. Several years ago, a developer bought the Brinker Building to build apartment buildings, and the HOA's around it fought it and won. The building owner is working with this consulting firm to find out what the community wants for that area.

Our District 11 Councilwoman, Jaynie Schultz, is trying to create these meetings for input from the HOA's, businesses, and faith leaders to get our feedback to help determine the future land use for that area. So, whenever the buildings are sold, they have specific guidelines they have to follow based on the results of this effort. Apparently, there are misconceptions that 635 will be reconstructed - No, there will not be any revisions done to 635 itself; and our Councilwoman is not looking to add all high-rise apartments along the frontage road - she would like more green space and find a common solution for those living and working in this area.

Please join us on Saturday, March 19th @ 10:00 a.m. for the presentation and your feedback for the future view from King of Glory at the south side of LBJ. For more information and meeting dates to provide feedback, please click **HERE** to learn more about District 11's 635 Sub-Area Master Plan. Any further questions, please reach out to Michelle or Steve Hild @ hildchitchat@att.net.

One Additional Consideration:

Please consider volunteering to help with our Sunday ministry as a sound and streaming helper. We can train you and get you prepped but it is a very valuable way to serve King of Glory. Reach out to Monica or Ross if you are interested.

Blessings to all!

-Your Church Council