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COUNCIL NEWS

Be a “vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.”

2 Timothy 2:21

How are you a vessel ready to serve at KOG and our broader community?

Who Are You - Reminder:

Name Tags: When we have visitors or newer members, they want to know your name. We encourage all of you to pull that name tag out of wherever it is hiding and start to wear it. If you don't have one at worship, Stefani Lee may ask you if you need a new one – and she will have one made. You can also call or email the church office and ask to have a new one made.

Friendship Pads: In addition, on August 28, we will be re-implementing our friendship pads to be passed down the pew. This is important because we can keep better track of our visitor and member attendance which helps KOG be more connected and responsive to our congregation family.

VOLUNTEER HELP: By the way – if you are interested in helping the church office on Monday mornings to enter information into our church management software, please contact Stefani Lee at stefmlee74@gmail.com or Phil Thomas at pthomas@kingofglory.com

By participating in these opportunities, you are helping show how we can be a congregation sharing the Grace of God with the world.

Ministry Market

We hope you will take advantage of the Ministry Market this Sunday, August 21. There are so many amazing ways to serve at KOG – and all will be on full display in the narthex, hallway, and atrium. Take time before or after worship to take it all in – and see how you can be a vessel for service.

Start of Church Year

Are you ready to engage in all things King of Glory? On August 28, we kick off a new year of activities. From youth education, to adult education, to various activities, to worship, now is the time to refocus on how you participate in the life of King of Glory.

To continue the energy we see in one worship service; throughout the fall we are going to have our education time at 9am and worship at 10:15am (as well as our Joyful Spirit worship at 5pm). We will always value and celebrate our rich tradition of a liturgical, traditional service but we are beginning to consider how King of Glory can offer additional services that may offer other alternatives.

But for now, join us each Sunday this fall for education at 9am and worship at 10:15am.

Senior Pastor Call Committee:

We as a committee continue to have faith and patience in this journey with the guidance of our Lord and Savior! We appreciated the Bishop's comments this past Sunday regarding our search. Stay tuned, and in the meantime, please continue to provide those prayers – we all need them! Reach out to the committee at pcc@kingofglory.com. *In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning, I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.* **Psalm 5:3**

Director of Communications and Marketing Search:

The search committee for our next Director of Communications and Marketing is underway. The position is being posted this week and applications/resumes will be accepted through September 15. Interviews will begin as applicants come in and are assessed for fit.

Please reach out to any of the search committee members: Mike Peasley, Ron Brakke, Sona Garbus, Lynette Friedrich, Sandy Knutson or Pastor Kenny and Tad Doering. You can also send an email to CommunicationCC@kingofglory.com

Director of Music and Artistic Ministries Search:

The search for our new Director of Music and Artistic Ministries is starting up. Thank you to those members of KOG who have offered to serve on the search committee:

- Sara Jones
- Nathan Macy
- Josh McGuire
- Chris Mendezona
- Lorna Weir
- Pastor Kenny Dickson and Michelle Hild will serve as Ex Officio

We look forward to the outcome of their efforts as we seek to celebrate and enhance our liturgical, organ-based worship experience and expand into other worship styles.

Please reach out with any questions, ideas, or comments to the search committee at council@kingofglory.com.

Stephen Ministries:

If you don't know about our Stephen Ministries program at KOG – you should. Here at KOG, Stephen Ministry organizes, equips, and supervises, with support by KOG and our pastoral staff, a team of our own congregation members—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to

people at KOG and within the community experiencing life difficulties.

At its very core, it is listening and support. It is not counseling – it is that ear to support and boldly share God’s grace with those in need. For example, we have 12 Stephen Ministers at King of Glory. They are KOG members who have been trained to offer care to people who are hurting. A Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person once a week for about an hour.

The care receivers are individuals at KOG (or beyond) who are going through a crisis or life difficulty. Potential care receivers first meet with a pastor or Stephen Leader, who assesses their needs for care and matches them with a Stephen Minister. The caring relationship lasts for as long as the need persists. Stephen Ministry multiplies blessings throughout KOG and the community.

- KOG can carry out Christ’s commandment to “Love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:12 RSV) in a powerful and practical way.
- Pastor Kenny and Pastor Beth have a team of gifted, trained, and committed lay caregivers ready to minister to hurting people.
- Our Stephen Ministers at KOG nurture and use their gifts in meaningful ministry, growing spiritually as they serve others.
- Congregational members or beyond who are hurting have a caring Christian presence to provide emotional and spiritual support.

Be on the lookout for how this might be your way of serving. You can become a Stephen Minister – or help support our Stephen Ministry team. If interested contact Betty O’Keefe at usdallasgal37@gmail.com or stephenministries@kingofglory.com or stephenministries@kingofglory.com. You can also visit the [Website](#) for additional information.

635 Corridor Update:

The last meeting indicated the north side of LBJ will no longer be involved in the scope of the south side of LBJ.

The consensus amongst the HOAs in the area was they did not want any high-rise buildings such as apartments adjacent to single-family residences. The buildings could stay commercial at the existing height if that is the development plan. The master plan for the southside will continue to be in progress and will be presented at the City Planning meeting in the Spring of 2023.

Thoughts on Serving – from Tad Doering, KOG Council President:

The opening Bible passage of this Council News reminds me of experiences in my faith journey. As I ventured out on my own as a young adult, and then as Mary and I moved around the country and visited congregations, my mom, a Pastor's wife, always encouraged us NOT to ask what the congregation we were visiting was going to give us or do for us. Rather, she would encourage us to ask what CAN we bring to the congregation that we are considering.

This was reminiscent of one of President John F. Kennedy's best-known phrases: "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country". So, Kennedy's phrase could be paraphrased like this: "Ask not what the congregation can do for you; ask what you can do for the congregation".

The Spanish pastor, Wenceslao Calvo, has written about this – and while you don't have to agree with him, his writings can be thought-provoking:

"There are Christians who are focused on how to serve, how to help and put their gifts at the service of God and others. There are also Christians who are the opposite.

If all Christians were like those who are always wondering what the church can do for them, there would be no local church. Because for a local church to exist, it is necessary to have committed and responsible Christians, who have a sense of duty and who remain there in good times, in not-so-good times, and in bad times.

I thank God for Christians who wonder what they can do for the local church. It is thanks to those Christians that there have been, there are and there will be local churches."

-Wenceslao Calvo

I am thankful that KOG is full of Christians who wonder what they can do for KOG. Many thanks to those who lead and participate in making KOG possible. There are so many ways to serve – open your hearts and minds to the way that makes sense for you.

KOG Council

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