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# KOG CONNECTION

Events, News and Insights  
from King of Glory Lutheran Church

## Sleeping with Bread

BETH TAYLOR LEADS US IN WORSHIP SUNDAY

What do we cling tightly to in hope that it will give us all we need for life? Jesus says all we need is bread.



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## KOG Refugee Resettlement Ministry

# Welcome to Our Newest Family

THANK YOU to John Mathis, the Refugee Resettlement Team and all of you who donated to our newest family.

The Azzad family, Abdul, his wife Fouzia and their son Zain, are from the Hilmand Province, an area that is now totally controlled by the Taliban. Abdul was acting as an interpreter/translator for the U.S. forces, the result of which made him an enemy of the Taliban. Knowing the danger that existed for him and his family, he aggressively took steps to get his approval for an SIV visa. This required that he drive from his home to Kabul (a trip of 300-350 miles) to complete the paperwork and interviews. This trip required that he pass through two Taliban checkpoints while hiding important papers in Fouzia's hijab (head covering), thinking it would be unlikely that they would search her.

They did get approval for the SIV visa, but getting the required travel approval was more problematic. Believing the danger was too great to wait for that approval, they found money to make the trip to the U.S. They have friends here in the DFW area which is why they decided on Dallas as their destination. Once here, with their worldly possessions in three suitcases, they contacted the RST office for help.

The family is quite delightful. Abdul is easy to talk to and his English is excellent. He has 14 years of education with an associate degree in IT. Fouzia speaks no English but has a beautiful smile. Their son, Zain, who is not quite ready to talk, acts as though he has never met anyone he didn't like. He was quickly friendly with me, taking my finger and directing me around the apartment. I'm not certain how much assistance this family will need from us, but I expect that any contact with them will be a joy.

Even though it was short notice, many of you jumped in and donated items, shopped, cleaned, and more all to welcome these strangers. Again, thank you to all who helped with this effort, whether through direct action or via prayer.





# THE JOY OF LIVING IN GENEROSITY



**Thank you to Julie Brookover, Jaryn Wacker, Rebekah Muros and Kerri Macy for coordinating our Backpack Challenge.**

Their willingness to lead, along with those who donated and/or volunteered, helped us once again exceed our goals of 500 backpacks and \$12,000 for school supplies. The filled backpacks will be delivered to Dobie PreK this Sunday where the teachers will pass them out to parents and children this coming week.

Thank you KOG community for your generosity and giving spirit to help these kids have a great start to a new school year!



**WEDNESDAYS ARE MADE FOR  
DESTINATION KOG**

It is with great excitement that we are launching Destination KOG this fall! Wednesday nights at KOG will be full of faith-building programming for all ages: Choirs, Confirmation, Youth Group, Small Group for parents & leaders, and more! Make KOG your family's destination on Wednesday nights!

[Read More](#)



**Thank you for your support  
of the Mt. Olive Roof Project**

The KOG Foundation gave \$3,000 towards the project and the Church Council authorized another \$7,000 from KOG's Reserve Funds.



The mission of King of Glory is  
to boldly share the grace of God with the world.

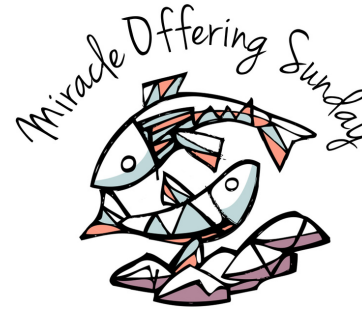
We live out three Grace-driven values and invite all to experience the joy of being  
GROUNDED in love, GROWING in faith, and GENEROUS in service and giving.

To assure that our vision work will be implemented with specific objectives, responsibilities, timelines and outcomes, the Council has contracted to work in partnership with a highly recognized and recommended Strategic Vision Planning Consulting group, CONVERGENCE. The Rev. Dr. Cameron Trimble, one of the leading consultants and creative minds in the arena of future planning for churches in America, will be leading the effort in partnership with KOG leaders as well as with our new Senior/Lead Pastor in this process when she/he arrives.

Over the next few weeks, you will be introduced to essential capital improvement needs that are integral to the future growth and vitality of our congregation. For these improvements and the strategic vision planning effort currently underway, we will be asking

the congregation to offer financial support with a gift on Miracle Offering Sunday, September 26.

Your Council Leadership invites you to prayerfully reflect on the following Mission, Values and Vision for King of Glory and to fully participate in this strategic planning effort.



September 26, 2021

### King of Glory Care Ministries

## Grounded in the Love of Christ

### Join the KOG Care Team

Caring for our members has been a core value of our community for the entire history of King of Glory. We are grounded in the love of Christ; therefore, we DO LOVE by caring for others. A successful and healthy congregation relies on a model of lay ministry caring roles to ensure a high level of care both inward toward members and outward to the community. Care for our congregation is the work of the entire church.

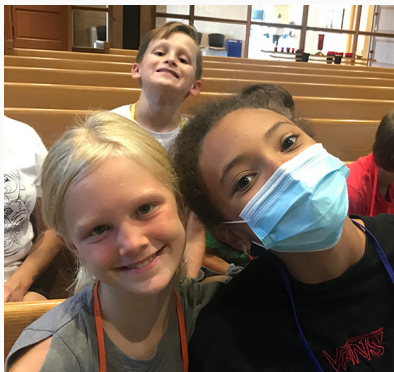
How and when you DO LOVE is up to individual schedules and interests. Some on the team regularly send cards, others make phone calls, others visit those in need in their homes or at the hospital. A group is being trained to take communion to those who are isolated, another distributes the sanctuary flowers.

Over the past couple of months, many of our Care Team members have needed to take a step back from this vital ministry. We need others to take their place. Do you have a spiritual gift for caring? Email [Pastor Beth](#) to let her know how you would like to DO LOVE.





# VBS 2021: A WEEK OF JOY!







## **GUSTO! Returns to In Person this Fall**

### **Nutrition**

Presented by Summer Lamons  
**Monday, Sept 13  
at 10 am**

Please join GUSTO! on Monday, September 13 at 10 am at King of Glory. Summer Lamons is a registered and licensed dietitian specializing in therapeutic and wellness nutrition counseling. Her customized advice supports treatment of a wide range of challenging chronic conditions. We are back to in person so come early for coffee and conversation.



## **KING OF GLORY ADULT EDUCATION**

### **FALL ADULT EDUCATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12**

We will be offering 2 classes, on-site at King of Glory. Make your plans to attend.

#### **THE CROSS FIT LIFE**

This Fall, the Cross Fit Life class explore the greatest commandment: Love God & your neighbor. Join us as we learn together through Bible study, discussion, and practical life application. Class participants are invited to use [The Reservoir](#) weekday devotional as a part of the class.

Teaching team includes Laura Huddleston, Wendi Khan, Tina Lombardi, Pastor Beth Taylor and Nancy Wolff.

#### **RETURNING FROM EXILE Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi**

As we return from our quarantine to corporate worship, we are much like God's Covenant People returning from their exile in Babylon. Rebuilding the Temple, Restoring prodigal lives. Reclaiming Hope! We too have been stuck physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

To the Old Testament faithful and to us today, God raised up three prophetic voices: Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. See how their message remains timely for our return to being the church, our mission in the world, and our own personal struggles.

The teaching team includes Kathy Bean, Pastor Don Berg, Wesley Johnson, Paul Jentz, Linda Ladd, Pastor Jon Lee, David & Becky Pederson, and Dan Reckmeyer.