

# Kootenai Communicator

The monthly newsletter of Kootenai Community Church, Kootenai, Idaho

## Important Dates <<<

- 3 Ladies' Christmas Tea
- 10 Young Adult Fellowship Christmas Party
- 11 Young Marrieds Sledding Party
- 17 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- 21 Student Ministries Christmas Party
- 25 Christmas Day

*Expounding the Scriptures,  
Equipping the Saints,  
Exalting the Savior*

*Emmanuel,  
God with Us*



## Christ the King By Jim Osman, Pastor/Teacher

Our Redeemer is a Prophet, Priest, and King. As a prophet, Jesus proclaimed the words and works of God to men. As our Priest, He presents the words and works of man to God and represents men before God. He offered a sacrifice on behalf of His people, a perfect, complete, and final sacrifice that saves to the uttermost all who come to Him by faith.

Christ is a King. Even more than references to prophet and priest, His kingship stands out in both testaments. It is a central and defining element of His person and work. Consider Luke 1:32-33. When the angel appeared to Mary to reveal that she would bear a Son (though a virgin), the angel described the child in terms of His throne, His reign, and His kingdom.

Luke 1:32-33: "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."

We will consider four aspects of this King and His coming Kingdom: the Old Testament expectation, the New Testament fulfillment, the present reality, and the future manifestation.

### The Old Testament Expectation

That the Jewish Messiah would be a King is one of the clearest and most repeated promises regarding the Messiah in all of the OT. It is the distinguishing feature of Jewish prophecy regarding Him. We find it in early revelation and the theme is developed through the OT.

The kingdom of David was a foreshadowing of the great kingdom of Christ. David was promised, as part of the covenant God made with him, that One would come from his lineage who

would rule over Israel forever. The Old Testament prophets described His kingdom, the nature of the King, the nations over which He would rule, the prosperity, expanse, and the timing of His kingdom.

Genesis 49:10 is one of the earliest references to the Messiah. The prophecy is contained in a blessing from Jacob to Judah: "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples." This promises a Ruler would come from the Tribe of Judah who would gather peoples to Himself and rule over them.

David, of the tribe of Judah, was chosen as King after Saul. God made a promise that He would establish the kingdom of David—a kingdom that would never end.

2 Samuel 7:10-13: "I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will the wicked afflict them any more as formerly, even from the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. The Lord also declares to you that the Lord will make a house for you. When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever."

2 Samuel 7:16: "Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever."

In Psalm 89, the graces of the Davidic covenant are enumerated.

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Psalm 89:3–4: “I have made a covenant with My chosen; I have sworn to David My servant, I will establish your seed forever And build up your throne to all generations.” Psalm 89:28–29: “My lovingkindness I will keep for him forever, And My covenant shall be confirmed to him. So I will establish his descendants forever And his throne as the days of heaven.” Psalm 89:35–37: “Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David. His descendants shall endure forever And his throne as the sun before Me. It shall be established forever like the moon, And the witness in the sky is faithful.”

In that covenant, God established David’s lineage as the kingly line, through whom the Messiah would come. The right to the throne would never be lost. He was not promised a continuing political government but a continuing lineage. There is no “political Davidic kingdom” right now. It doesn’t exist. There is no monarchy in Jerusalem, no active political reign currently associated with the line of David. But when the Lord Jesus Christ returns and sits on His throne in Jerusalem, and establishes His kingdom, whose throne will that be? One man was promised his lineage would retain the right to rule over Israel - David. Jesus Christ is David’s Greater Son and no One else could fulfill those promises. When the Son of David rules, He will rule as David’s son, the heir of the kingdom, the fulfillment of the covenant.

We have prophecies related to Jesus’ birth that describe His rule.

Isaiah 9:6–7: “For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.” How should we understand that passage? How would Old Testament Jews understand that passage? In light of the promises given to David, how would we take that? “On the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness.” Forevermore? The Jews expected that this child, the one described in that passage, would be a King. He would establish a kingdom, run a government, sit on David’s throne, rule it with justice and righteousness. This rule will last forever. What type of kingdom does that sound like? Does this sound like a spiritual kingdom?

Isaiah 16:5: “A throne will even be established in lovingkindness, And a judge will sit on it in faithfulness in the tent of David; Moreover, he will seek justice And be prompt in righteousness.”

Jeremiah 23:5–6: “Behold, the days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land. In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, ‘The Lord our righteousness.’”

Does Israel dwell securely? Have we seen this promise of a King, and a reign, and righteousness done in the land? Has Judah been saved? These are promises that can only be fulfilled in the coming kingdom.

Jeremiah 33:15–17: “In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth; and He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth. In those days Ju-

dah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell in safety; and this is the name by which she will be called: the Lord is our righteousness.’ For thus says the Lord, ‘David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel.’”

The Jews expected a political King. They read all the passages you just read and many more. They understood that the Messiah would come to take the throne of David and establish His kingdom. Where would the Jews get such an idea? From these very passages.

What they did not understand was that this One Who would sit on the throne in Jerusalem and rule the nations, would first come to deal with sin. Before He would be the conquering King, He would be the lamb of God, the Suffering Servant, who gives His life as a ransom for many. He would first suffer and fulfill all righteousness by paying the sin price for His people.

This does not mean that having offered Himself as a sacrifice for sins He will no longer rule and reign over the house of David or establish His kingdom. We don’t have to choose between these two options. Having once for all purchased eternal redemption (Heb. 9:12), He has sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High where He waits until all His enemies be made a footstool for His feet (Heb. 10:12-13). He will return again to judge the world in righteousness (Acts 17:30-31) fulfilling the other prophecies regarding His Kingdom.

### The New Testament Fulfillment

The birth of Jesus is described in terms of the fulfillment of many of these passages. He is born the “King of the Jews.” Matthew 2:2: “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.” Those men understood what the sign of the star meant and were expecting the birth of the King of the Jews, the fulfillment of OT prophecies.

Matthew notes that the birthplace of Jesus fulfilled a promise concerning the birth of the King. Matthew 2:6: “And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, Are by no means least among the leaders of Judah; For out of you shall come forth a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.” Bethlehem is where David was born, and after David, the prophet said the future King, the Ruler, would be born in Bethlehem.

In Luke 1, the announcement of the angel to Mary said she would bear a Child Who would be the Son of the Most High: “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end” (Luke 1:32–33). That sounds very similar to the OT passages above.

There is a description of His deity in the title “Son of the Most High.” This Child would be conceived by the Holy Spirit: “The angel answered and said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God’” (Luke 1:35).

This miraculously conceived child would be the Son of God and the son of David: “The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.” Both Mary and Joseph were in the lineage of David. Through Mary, Jesus had the right to the throne of David because He was a physical descendent. Through Joseph, Jesus had the right to the throne because He was the legal son of Joseph. The promises concerning David’s lineage and Kingdom are ultimately fulfilled

## Sunday School <<<

### 7th-8th Grade Class Taryn Adams and Jennifer Barba

We are continually amazed by the level of maturity and biblical knowledge in our 7th and 8th graders. What a testament to the faithful parenting of our Kootenai families! This year we have some especially eager kids who come every week excited to hear from God's Word and be discipled, and it is one of our greatest joys. While Taryn took a break from teaching, Jennifer went through a brief survey of the Old Testament, explaining how each book fits into the timeline of Israel's history. Taryn will pick up in 1 Corinthians again and we will return to our study of spiritual gifts in Chapters 12-14. There is renewed interest in our competition for the most read-throughs of 1 Corinthians. The new class record is held by Phoebe Beger who has read it 100 times!

Sunday  
school  
begins at  
9:30 a.m.



## >>> Missionary Moment-- The B Family

### FROM HIS OWN FULLNESS

The promises that God sees all of our labors, loves us more than we will ever comprehend, and even plans to honor us with lavish kindness for eternal ages are all better than we could ever ask or imagine. But sometimes it takes darkness to see the brightness of God's promises. Just as the stars in the sky are hidden in the day by the sun's light, it takes a clear, dark night to highlight the beauty of billions of stars much greater than our own sun. As John Newton once said, "The firmament of Scripture is spangled with exceeding great and precious promises, as the sky is with stars, but the value and beauty of many of them are only perceptible to us in the night of affliction."

### BACK IN THAILAND

Elijah, Isaiah, and I left for Thailand on November 1. Ten days before we left, the Thai embassy informed me that their dependent visas had not processed successfully. I needed to reapply with more paperwork. We were down to the wire, and we boarded our plane from Seattle to Korea without their visas. We were praying that God would provide the visas in time. During a quick layover in Korea, I got an email on my phone with their e-visas successfully processed. Five hours later we walked through passport control in Thailand without a hitch. We praise God for his kindness to us. Not many days later we were meeting with a Burmese language partner to discuss translation projects in Thai and Burmese. I have a few classes I am teaching, and I am wrapping up a multi-year curriculum project for teaching theological English to non-native English speakers.

### FINANCIAL NEEDS

As mentioned in the previous update, we needed to raise support for our financial deficit because of Kristie's uninsured medical expenses for the last few years. We had to drain all of the boys' college savings for medical fees and long COVID-related treatments. And of the approximate \$25,000 that we needed to raise, the Lord has been pleased to provide through many of you a significant portion to make up for it. We are in awe of God's kindness through his generous people.

### PRAISES

- We give thanks to the Lord for all of you who have reached out to encourage us, pray for us, and to contribute to Elijah and Isaiah's education fund.
- We praise the Lord for his kindness in ordaining our visas to be processed in time. We are so thankful that the transition back to Thailand has not been too difficult.
- We are grateful to the Lord for how he has sustained us with his promises, his abiding presence through his Word, and his kindhearted and gracious saints who have refreshed us over and over.
- We thank the Lord for the good health we've had so far. None of us have been sick; no stomach problems, fevers, breathing problems, or chronic pain.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for the final steps before I can secure my work permit. More legal documents and visa processing needs to happen in the next few weeks.
- Please pray for endurance as I finish up my curriculum project and another writing project that need to be done before Christmas.
- Pray for opportunities to visit the hill tribes villages this fall. We want to get re-connected with some of the villages from when we were last here.
- As before, please pray for the three of us to continue to rest in God's sovereign wisdom and to grieve well as the holidays, birthdays, and anniversaries come and go this winter season. It is good to be back in our Thailand home, but we deeply miss Kristie; she made it feel like home.

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## >>> Young Adult/Young Married Fellowship

### YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

#### Christmas Movie Night!

Sat., December 10, 5:00 p.m.  
at Juneaus' home

Potluck! Movie! Gift Exchange!  
Bring a gift costing \$10 or less.

Questions? Contact Olga Curiel @ 909-996-5770  
or Carol Young @ 559-997-3897



### YOUNG MARRIED FELLOWSHIP

**What:** Sledding & Potluck

**When:** Saturday, December 10, 4-8 p.m.

**Where:** The Halls' - 626 Selkirk Rd.,  
Sandpoint

**Who:** All young marrieds and their kids are  
welcome!



## Women's Ministry <<<



# Ladies' Christmas Tea

Saturday, Dec. 3, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

See handout and bulletin insert for more details. Please sign up at the Welcome Table.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling  
among us. We have seen his glory the glory of the  
one and only Son, who came from the Father, full  
of grace and truth. John 1:14



### Thursday Playgroup

Moms with children 5 and under are in-  
vited to a playgroup on **Thursday morn-**  
**ings from 9:30-11:30 a.m.** to visit and let  
the kids play! Please contact Emily Hill  
at 208-596-6904 with any questions.



# Student Ministries <<<

**DECEMBER CALENDAR**

**7 Bible Studies, 7:30-9 p.m.**  
**14 Youth Group, 7-9 p.m.**  
**21 Christmas Party! 6:30-9 p.m.**  
**(more details in StuMin news-  
 letter)**



**CHRISTMAS  
 PARTY**  
**Wednesday**  
**December 21**  
**6:30-9 p.m.**  
**at the  
 church!**

*Thanks be to God  
 for his indescribable gift!  
 2 Corinthians 9:15*



## >>>Kootenai Thunder

[kootenaithunder.com](http://kootenaithunder.com)

For the most current information, please check our website and Facebook page.

### BASKETBALL NEWS

Kootenai Thunder JV Boys, Girls Varsity, and Boys Varsity Basketball is underway! The first home game is December 1 at Kootenai Elementary School. Come out and cheer on our teams. A small admission fee will be charged. For a full schedule go to [kootenaithunder.com](http://kootenaithunder.com).



**JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL**  
 We are excited for our Junior High season to begin January 31. If you're homeschooled and within the ages of 10-14 (Grades 5th-8th) contact Tracy Jensen for more information.

Please remember to keep this ministry in prayer during this busy season. We currently have around 30 players signed up so we are looking forward to a great season, but a busy one for our coaches.

**SCHOLARSHIPS and DONATIONS**  
 We have a scholarship fund for families that are unable to afford the player fee. There are also financial needs to run the teams. If you would like to donate specifically to that, contact Dierdre Osman.



## Kootenai Classifieds >>>

To have your items listed in this section, please get the information to Lisa Slippy by the 15th of the month prior to publication. Email her at [lisaslippy@gmail.com](mailto:lisaslippy@gmail.com).

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# >>>Adventure Club News

Questions? Talk to Dave & Diane Rich at (208) 265-2997 or [ac@kootenaichurch.org](mailto:ac@kootenaichurch.org).



## December Calendar

- 2 Club Night - Jesus Is Lord
- 9 Club Night- Jesus Is Messiah
- 16 DRESS LIKE A PARENT NIGHT**  
Jesus Preached the Gospel
- 23 No AC - Merry Christmas!
- 30 No AC - Happy New Year!

## Dress Like a Parent Night

December 16

It's Dress Like a Parent Night! What?! This is going to be a fun one! Kids, you finally get a chance to dress up like your parents! ALL clubbers who participate in this dress-up night will win a prize and the top FOUR in each club will win a big prize!



## DECEMBER NEWS!

We're halfway through our Adventure Club year! We've been seeing 70-80 clubbers each Friday night, and the church is full of laughter and learning! Come and check it out sometime!



## Church News <<<



## Christmas Choir

**PRACTICES AT 12:15 ON SUNDAYS**

**CONTACT KC SWANSON FOR DETAILS.**

## HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO BE IN THE ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY?

If not...

Please give your information to Kathy Conger or email her at [secretary@kootenaichurch.org](mailto:secretary@kootenaichurch.org). Also email her a photo!

Only those in the directory will be able to access the online directory.

## KCC Music Playlists

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by Jesus Christ.

Jesus, having died once for sin, now lives forever. Death no longer has dominion over Him. He will establish His Kingdom and rule forever. His kingdom will never come to an end. As the angel promised, "He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."

Jesus was born as a King.

Jesus taught as a King using the Kingdom imagery often in His parables; imagery clearly intended to point to Himself.

His disciples regarded him as a King. At His triumphal entry the crowd shouted, "BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD." That fulfilled OT prophecy found in Zechariah 9:9: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

Jesus was tried as a King: "Are You the King of the Jews?" and Jesus said to him, "It is as you say" (Matthew 27:11).

Jesus was crucified as a King: "And above His head they put up the charge against Him which read, 'THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS'" (Matthew 27:37).

Jesus was mocked as a King: "And after twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they knelt down before Him and mocked Him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!'" (Matthew 27:29), and Matthew 27:42: "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him."

Jesus was resurrected as a King. On the day of Pentecost, the Apostle Peter quoted a prophecy of the resurrection of Jesus found in Psalm 16: "Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. And so, because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat one of his descendants on his throne, he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh suffer decay. This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses" (Acts 2:29-32).

Jesus was born as a King, taught as a King, was worshiped as a King, tried as a King, crucified as a King, mocked as a King, and resurrected as a King.

### **This Present Reality**

What about the present reality? If Jesus is the King, then where is His Kingdom? It certainly does not appear as if the curse has been lifted, prosperity established, and security assured. The nations are not gladly obeying and worshipping Him. In fact, the vast majority of His creation is still in rebellion to Him.

The establishment of His earthly Kingdom is yet future. He sits at the right hand of the Father until His enemies are made a footstool for His feet. Though He is sovereign, this world is still in rebellion. Right now, He rules and reigns over His church in the hearts of His people. He is sovereign over all things but we do not yet see all things in subjection to Him. That is yet future reality. We have no reason to believe that God's plan to establish a Kingdom by Jesus Christ has been abrogated. This current age is not that Kingdom.

We are waiting. While we wait we are called to preach the gospel and occupy until He comes. We are called to preach the gospel, make disciples of all nations, calling all men to repentance and faith in the coming King.

While we wait, we demonstrate to this sinful and rebellious world what Kingdom-living looks like. How do men living under the authority of King Jesus treat their wives, raise their kids, spend their money, share their faith, do their job, provide for their families, and serve others? How do women, living under the authority of King Jesus, love and respect their husbands as good helpmates, sacrifice for their kids, honor authority, and serve others? How do children, living under the authority of King Jesus respect, honor, and obey their parents, and live holy lives? This is what we demonstrate here and now. We are to show the life-transforming reality of the Kingdom, the spiritual Kingdom of Jesus Christ, to this rebellious kingdom of darkness. We call men and women to turn from darkness to the Kingdom of light. We call them to turn from unrighteousness and embrace the King of Righteousness. We call men and women to repentance "because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness" by the risen King (Acts 17:31).

### **The Future Manifestation**

The establishment of that Kingdom will be a cataclysmic event.

Daniel 2:44-45: "In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever. Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy."

Daniel 7:13-14: "I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him. And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and men of every language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed." See also Revelation 19-20.

The King will bind Satan, establish a Kingdom which will endure on this earth for 1000 years and then continue into the New Creation. That Kingdom will be the fulfillment of all OT expectation and anticipation. He will rule the nations with a rod of iron in a Kingdom of righteousness, peace, and justice. Jerusalem will be the center of worldwide worship, government, and prosperity. There will be no idolatry, no false gods, and Christ the King will be worshiped by the whole world.

At the end of that time there will be a final resurrection and the final judgment. This world will be dissolved with fervent heat. He will make a New Creation. Only the righteous will enter that new and glorious creation in eternal and resurrected bodies to reign with Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the son of David. His rule, His Kingdom, His dominion will never end. He is the King!



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*And the Word became flesh  
and dwelt among us, and we  
have seen his glory, glory as of  
the only Son from the Father,  
full of grace and truth.  
- John 1:14*

**Men's Fellowship**  
**BREAKFAST**  
**Saturday, Dec. 17**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**At the church**

