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Worship * Grow * Send

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“Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment from him, so you will grow in faith, strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught. Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all he has done.”

Colossians 2:6-7

Neither my wife nor I are

gifted horticulturalists. In fact, we kill most things we plant. If grass didn't grow by default and previous home owners didn't plant perennials and other shrubbery, our house landscaping would be a disaster!

One particular planter box has given me fits this year (and last year.) I plant the flowers, I water them, I fertilize them—all with great care and compassion. They look great for two weeks. Then they die on me. Every time.

So I change the soil. Then plant, water, and fertilize, pouring my heart into them. Fantastic foliage ensues briefly followed by a quick death.

It was especially unnerving that as one set of flowers were dying, a weed growing close by began to thrive. Over a few days, the poorer my plant looked, the more brilliant the weed grew.

I was infuriated! So I tore into that soil, chopping up both the dead plant and the thriving weed with a vengeance. Then I had an epiphany.

The root of the weed was huge, long, moist, and sturdy. The root of my flowers? Shallow. The roots were no deeper than the day I planted the flower.

If the roots don't grow deep, the plant cannot thrive.

It's a horticultural metaphor that the Apostle Paul uses in Colossians to teach us about spiritual growth: “Let your roots grow down into [Christ] and draw up nourishment from him, so you will grow in faith, strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught” Colossians 2:6-7.

Knowing Christ and experiencing grace and forgiveness is great, *but it's only the beginning* of a journey towards spiritual maturity and becoming a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ.

There are many things that you can do to “go deeper” and seek maturity in your relationship to Jesus. Certainly a good diet of bible reading and prayer is important! We encourage you to do



these daily! On a broader, organization level, KingsWay's vision is to engage people in three distinct areas where we believe spiritual growth happens:

Worship

1) A weekly worship experience that inspires, teaches, and encourages.

Grow

2) A local gathering in homes called a “Growth Group” (more about this in a minute)

Send

3) Serving or volunteering in a way that furthers God's Kingdom, (what we call “being sent”).

At Kingsway, we want to engage you in all three of these areas because we believe they will help you in your journey to being a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ.

Specifically, I want you to consider joining a “Growth Group.”

While not the silver bullet of spiritual growth (there is no “silver bullet of spiritual growth), getting involved in a growth group is vitally important!

Here are a few reasons to consider Growth Groups:

- 1) Relationships. Life is just more fun together.
- 2) An opportunity to learn more about God, ask tough questions and wrestle with answers.
- 3) An opportunity to serve others. Perhaps you have gone through something in your life in the past that someone else is going through it now. Think of how valuable your experience is to that person.

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- 4) A great environment for friends to learn about God if Sunday morning is too intimidating.
- 5) A place to pray and be prayed for!
- 6) Great dessert!

Growth Groups:
A gathering of people who meet regularly to “grow” in their faith.

The way KingsWay does small groups might be a bit unique to you, so here are some important details: (For a Q+A, visit www.mykingsway.net/grow).

- *Each group consists of 12-14 (or so) people.
- *Groups meet weekly or bi-weekly.
- *Groups are organized around a specific topic, theme or book. Some groups will read a chapter of a book and then discuss it. Some groups will watch a 10 minute clip on a DVD, then discuss it. Other groups might meet to dive deeper into the message delivered on Sunday. Here are the five groups that will be offered during the fall semester:
- *C.S. Lewis’s “Mere Christianity” book discussion, lead by Betsy Kelly.
- *”Selah-“an exploration of modern expression of worship, lead by Justin Rahmes.
- *Healing Prayer-Lead by Dennis Evans
- *Message based-lead by Ken Kelly
- *Message based-lead by Adam Metzger

- Examples of groups that might be offered in the future:
- *Dave Ramsey’s “Financial Peace University.”
 - *”The Power of a Praying Parent,” Stormie Omartian.
 - *”The Life you’ve always wanted,” John Ortberg
 - *”Chasing Daylight,” Erwin McManus
 - *Many others!
 - *Each Groups meets for a “semester” (12-13 weeks). When the semester is done, people will be given an opportunity to sign up for the next Growth Group “semester.”

The Growth Group calendar looks something like this:

Fall Semester:

October, November, December

January: Sign up month for Spring Semester.

Spring Semester:

February, March, April

May: Sign up month for Summer Semester

Summer Semester

June, July, August

September: Sign up month for Fall Semester.

Each new semester will bring a variety of topics that will help you grow in faith and in relationships!

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KingsWay is committed to emphasizing small groups as an integral part of your spiritual growth. We are intentionally keeping our church calendar simple and focused so that you

can engage with what is most important: *Worshipping* God, *growing* in faith and friendship and being *sent* in a variety of venues to build his kingdom!

Sign ups for Fall Semester Growth Groups ends October 11! Sign up today by talking to Ben Kelly or by visiting the Growth Groups table on Sunday Morning!

Grow this fall!

Adam

**Look who's having an
October Birthday...**

October 9 - Ann Kelly

October 11 - Alyssa Witmer

October 26 - Dave Evans

October 31 - Brad Balsmeyer





Health: Juanita Ansteatt, Jerry Miller, Bonnie Nitzsche, Megan Anderson, Cathy Ball, Bob Bartley, Jim Baxter, Sister Mary Grace Burg, Slone Chapman, Chester Collins, Katie Eppert, Dan & Kenny Evans, Donna Finneccum, Riley Freeman, Don Fullmer, Ray Gagne', Maddie Gers, Doug Hall, Steve Hall, Greg Holiday, Lori Hollingsworth, Mr. Hopson, Desmond Kingston, Linda Kohler, Mr. McKinney, Maryann Miller, Dylan Nitzsche, Sandy Pugh, Lorraine Reeder, the Roberts Family, Pete Roderick, Ken Rohr, Kim & Nathan Schmidt, Mike Sheffel, Allen Spring, Jeanette Stephens, Eddie Stillwell, Claire Taylor, Patty Turkall, Jana Urban-Buzek, Bill Young.

Other: Becky Clifton, Jenny Cunningham, the Cutter Family, Charlotte Eads, Miguel Martinez, Adam & Tonya Metzger, Claire Molitors, Jerry & Mitzi Peters, Dan Reale, Greg Schmidt, Jeanette Stephens, Sandy Thayer, 2009 Church Council, our volunteers, our nation and Military Personnel .

Answers: New Worship Location, New attendees, the Metzger family, the Rahmes family, Environmental Team, a new ministry community, willing volunteers, unity in Spirit, and God's abundant opportunities for KingsWay and His miraculous financial blessings for the ministry.

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*New Location !
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Thursday, October 1st
6:30 PM

Ladies, bring your kids and meet us at The Dollar Tree Store in Lebanon (1248 Columbus Ave.) as we support Operation Christmas Child! For this *One Night Only* KingsWay's stimulus plan will supply \$5.00 for every \$5.00 spent toward filling shoe boxes for the children. We'll have the boxes for you to use—have fun and get creative as you fill each box for either a little boy or girl. We'll end the evening by getting coffee/dessert at a local restaurant. Shoe boxes will not be shipped until November, so we can still receive filled shoe boxes through October, if you miss this event. Contact Marlene Evans with any questions you may have.

Just wondering.....

When someone asks you, "A penny for your thoughts", and you put your two cents in, what happens to the other penny?

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, tree surgeons debarked and dry cleaners depressed?

Why is it that if someone tells you that there are 1 billion stars in the universe you will believe them, but if they tell you that a wall has wet paint you will have to touch it to be sure?

Do Roman paramedics refer to IV's as "4's"?

Roots Coffee and Bagels

KingsWay now proudly serves only *Roots Coffee on Sunday mornings*. Be sure to stop by the Hospitality Table to try a cup of "House Blend" or a seasonal choice, along with a cookie or donut.

October 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Operation Christmas Child Shopping Trip	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Growth Groups Begin	12	13	14 Council Meeting 6:30 PM	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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