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HAVE WE FORGOTTEN SOMETHING? by Ps Barry

Did this ever happen to you?
You've rushed the family out of the house, you are settled on your way in the car and then someone says:
Did you turn off the iron?
Did you put the cat out?
Did you call your mother?
Are all the kids here?
Have we forgotten something?

Remember: **We Do Forget!**

The truth about life is that we do forget stuff! Often in the back of our brains there is this lingering, niggling feeling that we're missing something, we've left something important behind, something is just not quite right. There's a kind of low grade, unsettling sense of amnesia that something is missing.

Have you ever noticed how many times God warns us against forgetfulness and His question is, "Do you remember Me"?

I just checked it out and over 200 times the Bible uses some form of the words to remember or warnings to not forget. From Moses' farewell message of "be careful that you do not forget the Lord" (Deuteronomy 6:12); to Jesus' appeal for constant communion to "do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19) to Paul's last legacy of "Remember Jesus Christ" and "Keep reminding them of these things" (II Timothy 2:8,14).

The point is that we are a pretty forgetful bunch and need constant reminders or something important will soon be missing.

Remember: **The Wizard is a Hoax!**

The uneasy feeling of that "forgotten something" plagues the heart of humanity. Basically everybody senses something is missing and life is a quest to fill the emptiness of forgetfulness. There is a universal haunting hint in the human heart that something very important needs to be remembered...but what is it?

Like Dorothy, Toto and her three travel companions in the classic story *The Wizard of Oz*, there's the urge that we need to take some kind of a magical journey to somewhere over the rainbow on the yellow brick road. But just as Dorothy and company found out, there are witches all along the way and ultimately the wizard of this world is a hoax - there really is nothing out there to find.

When the Church forgets the Lord, we are just like a Dorothy without direction, a lion without courage, a tin man without a heart and a scarecrow without a brain.

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always susceptible to tripping off after some magical hoax and being bewitched by the world, when all of the time the answer is in the One we have so easily forgotten!

Remember: Jesus is Lord!

In my recent reading is a book called *The Forgotten Ways*, by Alan Hirsch. He observes that so often as Christians and Churches, we forget the basic stuff of the Christian life. So easily we get bewitched into looking out there somewhere for the stuff of life that in reality we already have as a gift in our relationship with Jesus. And just as Dorothy found her way home, the lion found his courage, the tin man his heart and the

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What's Happening in the Life of Kingsway?

Time to dive in to a new season!

Not only does Fall approach this month but also a fresh season starts for our Kingsway Life Groups, Bible Studies, Kids Zone, Alpha and lots of other gatherings in our church family.

>LifeGroups: We have many Life Groups—some that are starting new, some that are restarting after a summer break and some that are continuing on. Small group gatherings are so beneficial, even vital to connecting as a Church Family and growing in our goal “to know Christ and make Him known”. Talk with Pastor Barry or Pastor Dairn today if you are looking for a LifeGroup or perhaps thinking you could help start one.

>Fellowship Groups: Every month we have fellowship groups that meet for our Filipino and our Chinese brothers and sisters. Connect with these leaders for more details.

Filipino Fellowship:

Roland & Daisy Ramilo or Cesar & RJ Pabingwit

Chinese Fellowship:

Frederick & Janet Wei or Chris Chi & Dana Bi

>Filipino Fellowship in September:

Saturday, September 3rd at 6:00 pm in the Activity Centre Building is when the Filipino Fellowship for this month is happening. Contact Roland, Daisy, Cesar or RJ or the church office for more details.

>Friday Nights @ KFC—Sept.16th

Our weekly Friday night sessions start up September 16th. Dinner together at 6:30, then join the Alpha Course or a Bible Study while the kids are having a great time at Kids Zone. **Check out the article on the facing page for more details.**

>Fellowship Sunday—Sept.18th

We're taking time during the service on September 18th to have coffee and snacks together—to get to know each other better and connect as a Church family. Start thinking about who you can get to know a little bit better on Sunday, September 18th.

>Water Baptisms

—Sunday, Sept.25th

Sunday, September 25th will be our next Water Baptism celebrations. Water Baptism is simply an outward expression of what we believe in our hearts. If you believe in Jesus and have faith that He is your Saviour, water baptism is a great next step of faith in your relationship with Him, a great way to start this season. Talk with Ps Barry or Ps Dairn if you are interested or if you just want more information.



At Daniel's baptism, he and Ps D celebrate the peace Jesus brings!

Looking Ahead to October

Our Annual General Meeting/Eating is on Sunday, Oct.16th—We will have our morning gathering at round tables and enjoy lunch together as we celebrate God's faithfulness and blessings!

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scarecrow his wisdom, so we need to come back home to what we may have already had but have forgotten.

Let us remember the forgotten the ways of the Lord who said, I am not out there somewhere for “the kingdom of God is within you” (Luke 17:23). The truth is that “Christ in you is the hope of glory” (Col. 1:27).

We must remember and never forget that:

- > Jesus is Lord
- > We are His disciples
- > The Holy Spirit is within us
- > We have the gospel
- > God has given us the gifts that can bring Him back into our world

Okay, you've just rushed out of the house, you're on your way to work, school's starting, the bus is here.... Did you remember Jesus?

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FRIDAY NIGHTS @ KFC

For your information:

KFC ≠ Kentucky Fried Chicken

KFC = Kingsway Foursquare Church! :-)

On September 16th, Friday Nights at KFC starts up with **dinner, Alpha, Bible Studies & Kids Zone!** There's something for everyone at KFC ...and no trans fats! :-)

Alpha: Have you been through the Alpha Course? If not, you should! The first session is Friday, Sept. 16th

We encourage **everyone** to participate in the Alpha Course for its solid, foundational teaching about Jesus and Christianity. Even if you've been going to church for a long time, this course is the way to start a fresh season of “knowing Christ and making Him known”.

Everyone is welcome! So talk with Ps Barry if you need more information.

Bible Study: Also starting Sept. 16th we will have Bible Studies for those who have completed the Alpha Course and want to continue studying God's Word together.

Kids Zone: Get your socks on tight because Kids Zone blows them off pretty easily! ;)

Kids in Grades 1-7 from our church and from the neighbourhood gather in our Activity Centre Building for a night of learning about Jesus that is fun and exciting and always the highlight of the week for every kid who comes!

(And Ps Dairn is always looking for more volunteers who want to bless and impart into our Kingsway kids—the next generation of worshippers, church leaders and world changers. Talk to him to get involved.)

Friday Nights @ KFC are a lot of fun and definitely worthwhile. Whether you're attending Alpha for the first time, helping to clean up the dishes after dinner, assisting with the babies and toddlers, or running around with the kids at Kids Zone, Friday Nights is an easy way to get involved and serve at Kingsway and also a great way to “know Christ and make Him known” which is what Kingsway is all about.

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dinner together



table discussion



table discussion



Kids Zone



Kids Zone

Sunday Messages are online!

Listen to Sunday's message AGAIN—because sometimes you need to hear it twice to really catch it!
Simply follow the links at

kingswayfoursquare.com

An update from Kingsway Missionaries: Keith and Rosie Ketchum

The Ketchums moved from Kenya to the UK five years ago, where Keith continues his work with Mission Aviation Fellowship as the Aircraft Maintenance Manager for the Africa Region.



well as the borders with Ethiopia and Somalia, with their fleet of six aircraft.

From January 2011 onwards (Referendum for independence of South Sudan) we have had to ensure that all our aircraft are in a high state of readiness. When the current severe food shortage across a large area of East Africa was

Rosie is working as a Teaching Assistant part time, and looking after the family which includes their daughter Heather and Rosie's mum, Janet.

In September, Rosie will be starting a 16 week course to learn more about helping children with dyslexia, and has applied for a vacancy at her school for a Special Education Needs assistant. Keith wants to focus on training needs in the aircraft maintenance departments, so is taking the occasional online course to learn more about curriculum development and assessment for technical training.

Keith shares, *"We are thankful for God's sustaining power in our lives, and for our many loving friends who have supported us in prayer during the last five rather unsettled years."*

Keith continues to support the aircraft engineers of MAF all across Africa, and travels to different programs about four times each year, to audit and train, or to help with specific maintenance tasks in the smaller programs. The Kenya program is extremely busy at this time, trying to meet the many flight requests in South Sudan as

realized, we moved one of our aircraft from South Africa so that it could also join the effort. Although the United Nations World Food Program has their logistics established and most of the food aid will be delivered by road to the refugee camps, there are always places which are not being attended and organizations whose assistance is not under the UN umbrella. *"It seems like history is repeating itself,"* Keith continues, *"even though we have learned many things in the last twenty-five years about famine relief. It is true that some of the crisis could be more easily handled if governments and leadership were more cooperative, but there is no doubt that a real food shortage does exist and that God calls us to respond with prayer and compassion."* (www.maf-uk.org has more information about Mission Aviation Fellowship.)

Keep Keith and Rosie and their family in your prayers as they indeed respond to God's call.

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KINGSWAY CHURCH

we exist to know Christ and make Him known

God helping us we will know Christ and make Him known by being people who are grounded in the **WORD**, passionate in **WORSHIP**, devoted in **PRAYER**, focused on **SERVING**, given to **MISSIONS, INCLUSIVE** of others, committed to **COMMUNITY** and motivated by the **SPIRIT**.