



KINGSWOOD

James 1:13-15

13 When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

How does sin work? According to James the progression looks something like this:

ENTICEMENT—DESIRE—CAPTIVATION—CONCEPTION—SIN—GROWTH—DEATH

We need look no further than the original sin to see the pattern at work.

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food [ENTICEMENT], and that it was a delight to the eyes [DESIRE], and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise [CONCEPTION], she took of its fruit and ate [SIN], and she also gave some to her husband who was with her [GROWTH], and he ate [DEATH]. Genesis 3:6.

Now, the big problem we have with sin and the reason we so ineffectively deal with it is because we don't seriously engage the problem until it reaches the stage of behavior. We mistakenly think of sin as external behavior when **in reality it is an internal disposition.**

Didn't Jesus say as much in the Sermon on the Mount concerning adultery and murder? He identified the internal dispositions of lust and anger as the genesis of the problem.

So, what if instead of the futility of trying to manage our behavior we developed a strategy of **disciplining our desires.** **Until desire comes under the discipline of the Word of God** and the Spirit of God it is inherently untrustworthy and predisposed to evil. Sin must cease to be our secret lover and be clearly identified as our mortal enemy.

We must become discerning and unflinchingly honest about our dispositions. What is our inclination toward sin? Where are we most subject to being enticed? Rather than a legalistic “don't look” approach, **we must learn the way of delighting ourselves in the Lord.** Psalm 37:4 comes to mind: “Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.”

Hoping we are going to overcome sin, especially those besetting sins that plague us, will never get it done. Hope, as has been famously said, is not a strategy. Sin creates the most sophisticated strategies known to the human race. Left to our own devices, we don't stand a chance. **Grace offers a superior**

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Office Hours: 9:00 am until noon Monday through

*Friday 1:00 until 4:00 on Monday
through Thursday.*

Sunday School 9:30 AM

Sunday Church Service 10:45 AM

March Schedule

There are no meetings scheduled for March

Wednesday Nights are Family Nights at Kingwood

A meal will be served at 6:00

Classes from 6:30 to 7:30.

There will be special activities for children & youth and child care will be provided.

Pastor Toni is leading the study: "Good and Beautiful God"

Robert Hayes & David Malleck
are leading:

"Financial Peace "

the Dave Ramsey study

This class ends March 20th

Marla Evans is leading:

"Made to Crave"

This class ends March 6th

The Wednesday Family night studies and activities will not meet on March 13 because of Spring Break.

Deep peace of the running waves to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the smiling stars to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

*Deep peace of the watching shepherds to
you.*

Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you

Happy St Patrick's Day



MARCH

Stay Connected Get Plugged In

Women's Bible Study Group
meets @ 10 am Wednesday
For more information contact
Wanda Hayes @ 352-7095

John & Kim Doggett's Bible study
meet on Thursdays @ 6:30.
Please contact Kim
@ 356-8779 for more information

Car Show
April 13th.
10:00 till 2:00

Saturday Morning Men
Meet in the library @ 7:30 am.
Prayer and Study

Financial Peace University
by Dave Ramsey
January 9, 2019

Praise Team Practice
Thursday Night
Contact Caleb Goehring

The congregation is invited to a safety training on Sunday, March 24. We will have a pot luck lunch right after the worship service then start the training at 1:00. The church will provide the meat . Please bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert to the meal then go through the safety training. We would like to do everything we possibly can to keep everyone safe when they are in the church building.

A special offering will be taken for the Methodist Children's Home on Sunday, March 3, during the worship service.



Remember to Spring forward 1 hour on Sunday, March 10, for Daylight Savings Time.

*Marla Evans cooking class on Saturday, March 2.
Please register by Thursday with Marla*

Marla Evans will present a MELT class from 6:30 until 7:30 on Thursday, March 21.

Go to reclaimedhealth.com for more info.

Watch for information on Easter Lilies coming up late March

We will have an Ash Wednesday service on March 6, at 6:30.



The usual Wednesday activities will include dinner at 6:00 then classes will be delayed 30 minutes and will meet from 7:00 until 8:00.



Check out the new design on the web @ www.kingswoodchurch.net

Kingswood Youth



BEACON

(this is the youth groups new Name)

ON SUNDAY

9:30-10:45

All youth 6-12th grade meet in the coffee shop.

Classes led by Colton Hall
Currently studying
The 10 Commandments

The current teaching team:
Colton Hall, Desha Hooks,
Janet & Johnnie Williams.

ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Activities begin with a meal at 6:00

Followed by studies & Activities at 6:30

Youth led by Mike Evans



Follow our youth on Instagram at:

[kumcthebeacon](https://www.instagram.com/kumcthebeacon)

Children's

Department

ON SUNDAY

Sunday School at 9:30

*K thru 2nd. Grade
Aleshia Blessen*

*3rd. thru 5th.
Wanda Hayes*

Children's Church

Children will be dismissed after
worship portion of 10:45 am service.

Kelly & Brandon Smith

ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT

*Volunteers will be needed to help
with the children for Wednesday
family nights. Meals will be provided,
we need help with children's
activities and studies.*

Please contact Kelly Smith.

May your blessings outnumber

The shamrocks that grow.

And may trouble avoid you

Wherever you go.