REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE: perhaps the two seem
incompatible at first. How can we hope, allowing
us to live dangerously? The answer is: you can’t.
Recall the words of the ancient sage: “The
meaning of life is not simply to exist, but to
remember.”

To remember is to hold onto remembrance, to
remember is to remember. Historian and
Holocaust survivor, seeing hope in hard times for so
many young readers, will discuss cultural memories
and their significance for the church.

Our remembering may be deliberate or incidental,
grand or minute, rueful or wistful, but we always want it to end in hope. This year’s King
Institute for Faith and Culture Speaker Series
seeks to remember and to hope in many ways.
Remembering a friend, as Robert P. George will,
can lead to a program for hope in practical living.
All too often remembrance becomes a
memory of bringing the gospel to bear on the long
struggle for hope in practical living.

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With generous support from the Frederick Buechner Prize, the annual Frederick Buechner Prize Lecture will feature best-selling author Katherine Paterson on "Writing Remembrance and Hope: A Conversation with Katherine Paterson's unique and lasting reflections on the intersection of faith and culture, in novel, memoir, essay, and autobiography."

Sunday, January 28, 2018
7:00pm
Memorial Chapel, King University

For many years, King has been a host of the annual Frederick Buechner Prize Lecture. Through his work, King honors Buechner’s unique and lasting reflections on the intersection of faith and culture, in novel, memoir, essay, and autobiography. This year, Katherine Paterson is featured in conversation with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observance will be the recipient of the 2018–2019 Frederick Buechner Prize. Paterson’s work has been recognized with numerous awards, including a Pulitzer Prize for fiction, the National Book Award for fiction, and the National Book Critics Circle Award for fiction. She has also won the National Book Award for children’s literature, the Newbery Medal, and the Hans Christian Andersen Award. Paterson’s body of work has been made into several films and television adaptations, including "The Bridge to Terabithia," "A WRinkle in Time," and "The Tale of Despereaux." Her novels have been translated into more than 30 languages and have sold over 20 million copies worldwide. Paterson’s work has been celebrated for its exploration of difficult themes, such as the impact of war and violence on individuals and communities. Her work has also been praised for its portrayal of the power of love and compassion. Paterson’s latest novel, "The Tale of Despereaux," has been adapted into a successful animated film. Paterson’s writing continues to inspire readers around the world, and she remains an active and influential figure in the literary world. Paterson’s trip to King is anticipated to be a moving and inspiring event for all attendees. Paterson is a living legend in the world of literature, and her visit to King University is a testament to the university’s commitment to hosting influential and inspiring speakers. Paterson’s visit is part of the university’s ongoing effort to bring together the academic community and the broader community to engage in meaningful conversations and events. King University is proud to welcome Katherine Paterson to its campus and to honor her contributions to the world of literature.