

Kilmarnock Baptist Church

Celebrating 100 Years

Organized on January 13, 1915



Church sanctuary
prior to any
renovations or the
construction of annex.

Extensive changes were
made in the early
1940's.

Church sanctuary
after Hanging
of the Greens
in December 2014.
Renovations to
interior were
completed in
2009.



One Hundred Years of Service to God and Community
1915 - 2015

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Preface

This history tells the story of Kilmarnock Baptist Church. This story will never be found in any other book, but it is nevertheless of significance to those of who have been involved. The faith and vision of those who first founded our church and who kept its ministry growing over the years is inspiring. We are inspired because God planted, watered and grew our Church. He provided the strength and resources over the years to undertake the task to which He called us. This relationship with God has deepened our involvement in the neighborhood of Kilmarnock of which we are a part.

As we celebrate our 100th year of our church organizing on January 13, 1915, we again approach a crossroad. Before we cross the road we need to look to the left as well as the right. We need to look to our past and rejoice in God's faithfulness, but we also need to look to the future with hope and expectancy, looking forward to the plans God has for us.

We are grateful for our past and our shared memories. We owe thanks to all who have contributed to this fascinating record of our history. Yet our thanks really belong to God who is the main character in these pages. Without Him there would be no story to tell. This is really a part of His story, the growth of His church. This is only a chapter in the continuing history of the work of Jesus Christ through His followers.

I have lived for not quite five years in the Northern Neck area. I have grown to love this area, its history and its way of life. Putting these pages together has created hours of interesting reading. I have enjoyed reading through old bulletins, talking to those who have lived their entire lives in Northern Neck and reading the minutes of this church. It has caused me to feel the pride and respect of whom this history is recorded.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed in the gathering of these materials. Most of the information was obtained from early members, old church minutes; "Historical Summary of the Church" by H. B. Chase; "A Historical Sketch of Kilmarnock Baptist Church" by B. Brainard Edmonds, Jr.; "Historical Summary of the Church" by H. J. Edmonds, Jr.; and an "Outline History of Kilmarnock Baptist Church", compiled by Robert S. Gallimore. Especially I thank Toi and Judy Beane who supplied church bulletins from 1973 through 1993. My thanks to the History Committee members, Peggy Davis, Augusta Sellew and George Hutchings, who spent many hours going through minutes and old records. My thanks to those who proofread these pages, especially Dean & Mildred Loudy and my wife, Diane, who spent many hours correcting grammar; and to Edith Houghton and Bill Moore who added their many years of experience and knowledge to these pages and to Harriet Dawson for updating this book to its 2015 publishing date.

It is the purpose of this article to share with others our history. If you find any errors, or you have additional information, please contact us so our records can be corrected and updated. This work is not complete. Nor did I try to make it complete. I am sure many events were left out or just overlooked. I hope the reading of this history will recall pleasant memories and help future generations understand and appreciate the long, spiritual life of Kilmarnock Baptist Church

I am proud of these one hundred years and I look forward to what our Lord has planned for us in the next 100 years. Join with me as we continue this story.

Robert Gray, January 18, 2015

Introduction

Paul writes in 1 Timothy 3:15, to his beloved family in the ministry so that they will know how people must conduct themselves in the household of God, “This is the church of the living God, which is the pillar and support of the truth.”(NLT) As we look back over the last 100 years, many changes have occurred in Kilmarnock, but the doctrines upon which Kilmarnock Baptist Church was founded are still present. It is our goal to continue to pursue the truth as it is found in God’s word. We need to look to the scriptures for insight into the future.

“For we were born but yesterday and know so little. Our days on earth are as transient as a shadow.”(Job 8:9) “But those who came before us will teach you. They will teach you from the wisdom of former generations.”(Job 8:10) “Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will show you, your elders, and they will tell you.”(Deut. 32: 7) “I consider the days of old, the years long ago.”(Psalm 77:5) “Just ask the former generation. Pay attention to the experience of our ancestors.”(Job 8:8) “I plan to keep on reminding you of these things--even though you already know them and are standing firm in the truth.”(2 Peter 1:12)

LEARN FROM OUR PAST – PLAN FOR OUR FUTURE

We have studied our past and seen events as they have unfolded. But our past is certainly more than events written down, photographs taken or stories passed down through the spoken word. The best part of the past is how we have affected our community, families, and each other because of God being at work in us. The joy we feel in knowing our Lord Jesus Christ and how he has blessed so many in the Kilmarnock area is a direct result of what has been done in the past. Our past is more than events; it is our Christian love for each other and reaching out to help those in need. Through our outreach visits, distribution of food and funds to those in need we glorify God and give him the praise for what He has done in the past.

In Philippians 3 it seems that Paul is looking back at his past, just as we have looked back at our past. In verses 7-9 he says; (NLT) *I once thought all these things were so very important, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I may have Christ and become one with Him.*

In these verses Paul says that all those things he had counted on as the most important things in life were no more than garbage to him. What was important was a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. What we know from our past is important but the best is what we have accomplished through our personal relationship with our Lord. Those things we have shown to others, out of our love for HIM.

As we look to the future we should expect change. In the next 10, 20, or 30 years, the church will be quite different from the church we know from our past. Many of the programs and styles of worship will change. I have seen churches meet in theatres, community areas, and in homes. I feel the church of the future will be more mission minded. I see the new generation involved in a small church with more community involvement meeting in places that do not look like a church.

The church of the future will be different from what we now know, but all those knowing Jesus as their Savior will consider their past as worthless as compared with knowing their Lord.

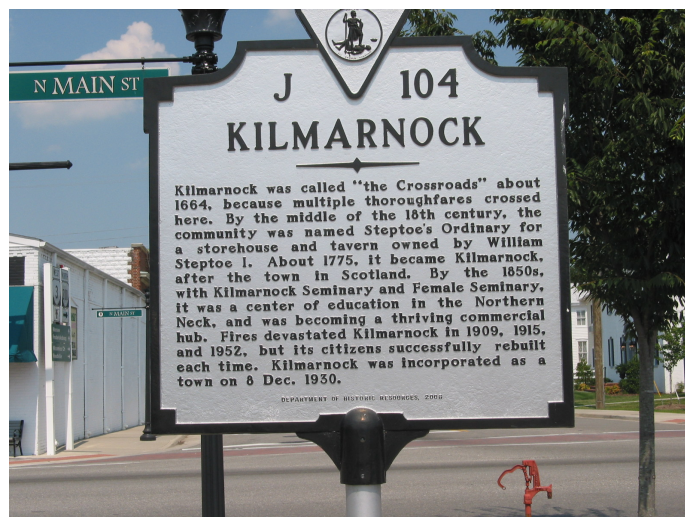
Robert Gray

Birth of Kilmarnock, Virginia

For years the American Indians lived on land located on the southern end of Virginia's historic Northern Neck. Their multiple paths created a cross road which later became the intersection of Route 3 and Route 200. In the mid 1660's Europeans settled at this intersection and by 1664 it became known as "The Crossroads."

The land which would eventually become the town of Kilmarnock was patented about 1664 by Gervase Dodson and George Wale, with Wale later becoming the sole owner. In 1676 records showed Anthony Steptoe owned 278 acres which was a major portion of the land now known as Kilmarnock. One of his heirs, William Steptoe, operated a storehouse and tavern, also known as an "ordinary", which by the middle of the 1700, became known as "Steptoe's Ordinary." Robert Gilmore in 1764, an agent for a mercantile firm based in Glasgow, Scotland, is thought to have been involved in giving the name of "Kilmarnock" to the crossroads location, using the name of Kilmarnock, Scotland, where he apparently also owned land, near East Ayrshire, Scotland. The first known reference to Kilmarnock is in a deed dated 1778. It was incorporated as the "Town of Kilmarnock" 1930. Fires destroyed much of Kilmarnock in 1909, 1945 and 1952 but its citizens rebuilt each time.

This settlement that grew into the present town of Kilmarnock is perhaps older than the city of Philadelphia, founded in 1682. When the present Christ's Church was built in 1732 by Robert "King" Carter, some wanted it in Kilmarnock, but the movement to have it put there failed. As far as can be determined, there was no church in the community or town until 1852, when Grace Episcopal Church, the first church in town was built. This was the only church in town until 1885 when the St. Francis Catholic Church was built.



Highway Marker on Corner of Main Street & Church Street

Birth of Morattico Church Our “Mother” Church

Nearby (north on Route 200) is Morattico Baptist Church, established by Rev Lewis Lunsford at “Morattico Hall,” the residence of Alexander Hunton in Lancaster County, Virginia. Lewis Lunsford was elected the first Minister of the Church. There were 16 adult members and two children in the Church when it was organized on January 7, 1778.

Morattico was the first Baptist Church on the Northern Neck Peninsula of Virginia and considered the mother church of most all the Baptist churches on the Northern Neck, as well as several Methodist churches.

Kilmarnock Baptist Church heritage is traceable to an inter-denominational Sunday School movement begun in August 1898 in the village of Kilmarnock, Virginia by Morattico Baptist Church.

Morattico Baptist also appointed a committee to arrange worship services on the second and fourth Sunday nights of each month in the village of Kilmarnock. The first service was held in January 1900. The Rev. F. W. Claybrook, pastor of the Morattico Field of churches and who had established several churches in the surrounding area, readily agreed to fill the pulpit.



Morattico Baptist Church as it stands in 2015

HENRIETTA HALL SHUCK (1817-1844)

First American Woman Missionary to China



Born on October 28, 1817 in Kilmarnock, Virginia, Henrietta Hall Shuck, was the first woman missionary to China. Her original house was located in the middle of the town within view of the future site of Kilmarnock Baptist Church. Her home is no longer standing, having been replaced in 1957 by an auto-repair shop. Henrietta lived for a number of years at this location, though she left for missionary service prior to the church's organization.

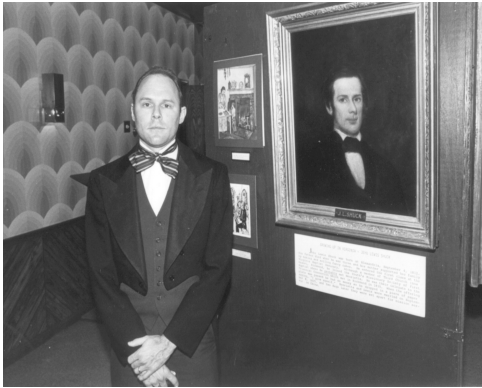
Henrietta Hall Shuck was born and largely nurtured in the town of Kilmarnock and surrounding Lancaster County. Her renowned father, Col. Addison Hall, served with distinction as pastor of Morattico Baptist Church and associated sister churches from 1836-1870. Henrietta was converted at a camp meeting at age thirteen, at Morattico Baptist Church by her Pastor, Jeremiah Bell Jeter. While in Richmond she met Jehu Lewis Shuck (1812-1863), a ministerial student at the Virginia Baptist Seminary. Concerned about new areas of ministry in foreign missions, Lewis Shuck attended a missionary meeting at which contributions were solicited. He had no money to give but he put in the collection plate a card reading "I give myself."

On September 8, 1835, at the age of seventeen, Henrietta married Lewis Shuck. Two days after their wedding, the Shucks were appointed as missionaries and the young couple sailed for China under the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society of the Triennial Convention. The Shucks arrived in Macao in 1836, where they lived and worked until the end of the Opium War (1839-1842), then moved to Hong Kong and a year later organized the first Baptist church there. While her husband was involved in evangelism and publishing, Henrietta opened a school for Chinese children and began taking Chinese orphans into her home, a practice she had begun in Macao. In Hong Kong the number grew to thirty-two children whom the Shucks fed, clothed, and nurtured.



At the young age of twenty seven, on November 27, 1844 she was taken from Christian work during childbirth (her fifth) and at her funeral, it was said, “the largest ever seen in Hong Kong.” Lewis continued the work until 1853.

During the renovation of downtown Kilmarnock in 2007, a state marker recognizing her birthplace was relocated a half a block away, to the front property of Kilmarnock Baptist Church.



In Salem, Virginia in November 1985, our own David and Susan Whitlow portrayed Henrietta Shuck and Lewis Shuck during a presentation at the Baptist General Association of Virginia. Susan Whitlow is a descendant of Henrietta Shuck.

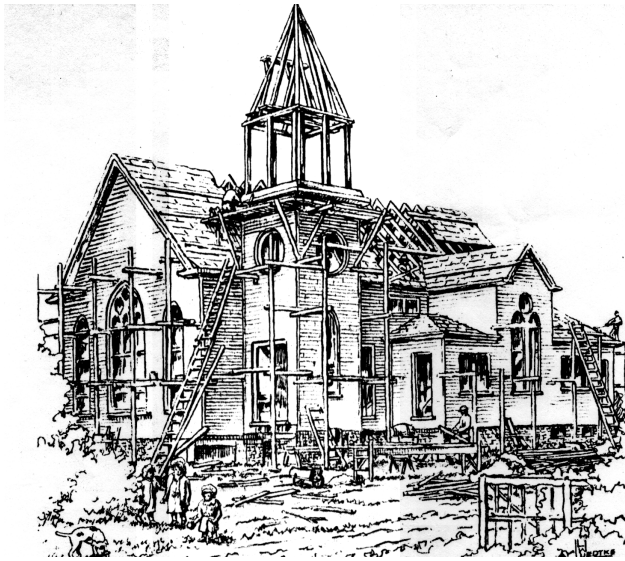


Tombstone of Henrietta Shuck in Hong Kong

HENRIETTA
 First American Female Missionary to China,
 daughter of
 the Rev. Addison Hall of Virginia, United States,
 consort of
 The Rev. J. Lewis Shuck, Missionary to China,
 from the
 American Baptist Board for Foreign Missions.
 She was born October 28, 1817,
 Married 8th September, 1835,
 Arrived in China September, 1836.
 in the prime of life, in the midst of her labors, and in
 the meridian of her usefulness, suddenly, but
 peacefully,
 she died at Hong Kong, November 27, 1844
 Age 27 years.

Birth of Kilmarnock Baptist Church

During the month of August 1898, members of the Morattico Baptist Church, living near the village of Kilmarnock, saw the need for a group of young people to gather for Sunday activities. These men and women decided that a Sunday School was a good answer to meet their needs. This group organized a meeting and thus this was the beginning of the first Sunday School which would eventually become Kilmarnock Baptist Church



The first meeting was held in an old school house (Reuben Moody home) near the village of Kilmarnock. The records of these first meetings are not in existence, but it is generally agreed that H. B. Chase, Sr. was the first superintendent. Mr. Chase continued to be active in the school and continue for many years as clerk of Kilmarnock Baptist Church

After meeting there for two Sundays, it was decided it was too far for the members to walk and a search began for a more centrally located building. At the corner of Main Street and Irvington Road was an abandoned one story frame building owned by James M. Brent that was available. Behind this building was a blacksmith shop that was known as “The Hub”. It was decided to use this as a meeting place. Nearby was a dwelling in which there was an organ available. Each Sunday the men would carry the organ to the shop to be played for the service. Afterward they returned it to the home. Each person bought and owned his own hymnbook.

During this first winter it was found that the blacksmith’s shop was drafty, so a decision was made relocate to a two story building on the site of the Colonial Store. Mr. T. W. Bonner was the owner. The first floor was used as a store and the second floor was the Town Hall. This Hall was used for civic and business meetings, dramas, suppers, parties, dances. The Town Hall was rented for \$33.00 per year. Being very large, it was not comfortable for a long term meeting place for Sunday activities.

Up to this time “several denominations met with this group. It was said that all groups apparently worked together in harmony, presenting suppers and other benefits to raise funds for the various needs that arose.” Fundraising events such as a “Rainbow Tea”, featuring, among other things, homemade potato chips, was put on about this time. The proceeds were used toward the purchase of an organ.

Soon this small group of worshipers was strong enough to become a mission, known in those days as a Preaching Station of Morattico Baptist Church

In January 1900, Morattico appointed a committee to arrange worship services in the town of Kilmarnock. Brother F. W. Claybrook, builder of several churches in the

surrounding neighborhoods and pastor of the Morattico field of churches was available to preach twice a month, the second and fourth Sunday nights in Kilmarnock. Although this was a Baptist undertaking with Baptist literature, in a sense it was a community one because quite a number from other denominations helped to make it a success

Meanwhile, Mr. J. M. Brent enlarged his store by adding a second story, fixing up the front half as a hall and added pews and a pulpit. This he offered to the Baptist to use as a chapel. The rent for this was to be "collections" from the regular preaching services. This made it much more suitable as a meeting place. In September 1901 the Sunday School and worship services moved back to Brent's Hall. Soon afterwards, Methodist members withdrew from the main body and returned to Bonner's Hall.

It is worthy to note that the Methodists and Baptists for all these many years have worked very closely together in harmony in all Christian activities

On March 17, 1904, eighteen ladies organized a "Sunday School Society". This Society's first meeting was held in the house where Henrietta Hall Shuck, the first American woman missionary to China, once lived. This house was located on the lot where a new Gulf station, was built and next to George W. Noblett's place of business. They accepted the task of raising funds for the erection of a church building. This early "Sunday School Society" later became the "Ladies Aid Society." Mrs. W. E. Cox who had been instrumental in the organization of the Sunday School in 1898, was named its first president.

It was this society that raised the money to buy the land where the church now stands. In 1905 the Morattico Church minutes reported that there was \$1,175.00 in sight. They had been dealing for the land where the church now stands since 1902. Finally in 1908 the deeds were obtained. In the fall of 1908 work was begun on the building.

As Brainard Edmonds, Jr. stated, "The years that followed were perhaps the most active in the history of the church; turkey and chicken suppers, bazaars, oyster suppers, and entertainment. One benefit followed another, until on October 21, 1909 the framework of the church was standing and the cornerstone was laid." Dr. H. M. Wharton of Brantly Baptist Church of Baltimore, Md., preached the Dedicatory Sermon, and on that day enough money was subscribed to cancel all indebtedness against the building.

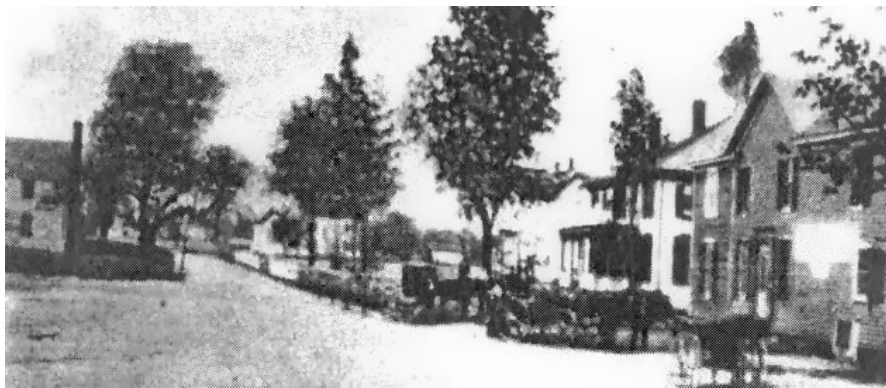
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| "A Historical Sketch of Kilmarnock Baptist Church" by B. Brainard Edmonds, Jr. | July 1950 |
| "Historical Summary of the Church" by H. J. Edmonds, Jr. | October 1959 |
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GROWTH OF KILMARNOCK BAPTIST CHURCH

It is quite difficult in our day to imagine what the village of Kilmarnock was like in the year 1909. The average life expectancy was 47 years. The average worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year, ninety percent of all doctors had no college education and 95% of all births took place at home. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen and sugar was four cents a pound. The American flag had only 46 stars. Crossword puzzles and ice tea hadn't been invented. There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Can we in 2009 ever know or imagine what life was like then? Today we have television, cell phones, satellites, fast food, internet, computers, iPods and Blackberries. We have bridges for shorter travel, cars instead of horses, trucks to bring in goods, grocery stores for a wide range of food products and Wal-Mart for most any other need. Life in the Northern Neck is very much different today.



Imagine the excitement in the small town of Kilmarnock in the early 1900's. Curious individuals would walk to the construction site to see what had happened the previous week. The foundation for this "new church" had been completed. It was ready for the laying of the cornerstone. A newspaper article announced the date for the laying of the cornerstone to the new church.

Now it's October 21, 1909. A crowd was gathering for the ceremony. Those gathered must have been involved in the fund raising or others who were curious about what was happening. A dedication speech was made as the cornerstone was put in place. Perhaps hymns were sung. It was a time of anticipation for the building completion. Many of those gathered were children that had have been meeting in the old school house and Bonner's Hall for Sunday School. Now they and their parents were looking forward to the completion of this "new church." This Kilmarnock church would soon operate as a mission of Morattico Baptist.

Both churches were served by the same pastor. This arrangement would continue until the Church was officially organized on January 13, 1915.

November 25, 1908 Property owned by Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Eubank and Mr. & Mrs. S. W. Eubank, was sold to the Trustees of the Kilmarnock Baptist Sunday School Society for one hundred dollars. Following is a copy of the deed from the Lancaster County Deed Book.

This Deed made this the twenty fifth day of November, 1908 between W. A. Eubank & Helen C. his wife, & W. Eubank & Laura, his wife, all of Lancaster Co. Va. Parties of the first part, & Dr. H. J. Edmonds, T. O. Smither & R. W. Boswell, all of Lancaster Co. Va. parties of the second part, Witness that in consideration of the sum of One Hundred Dollars cash in hand paid - The said parties of the first part doth grant unto the said parties of the second part as Trustees for the Kilmarnock Baptist Sunday School Society, with general warranty, that certain lot of land situated in the village of Kilmarnock, Va. in White Stone District & County of Lancaster & containing One half Acre, more or less, commencing at the corner of B. B. Edmonds lot on road leading to Rehoboth Church running with said road 32 yards, then running North with Mrs. O. J. Shelton's line 61 yards, then Westward 32 yards to B. B. Edmonds line, then South along said B. B. Edmonds line 61 yards to point of beginning. The said W. A. Eubank & Helen Eubank, S. W. Eubank, and Laura Eubank covenant that they have the right to convey the said land to the grantees; that they have done no act to encumber the said land; that the grantees shall have quiet possession of the said land, free from all encumbrances, and that the parties of the first part, will execute such for the assurances of the said land as may be requisite.

Witness the foregoing signatures and seals:

W. A. Eubank (Seal)
 Helen C. Eubank (Seal)
 S. W. Eubank (Seal)
 Laura Eubank (Seal)

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Witness the following signatures and seals.

W. A. Eubank (seal)
 Helen C. Eubank (seal)
 S. W. Eubank (seal)
 Laura Eubank (seal)

December 5, 1908 The Trustees of Kilmarnock Baptist Sunday School Society of Kilmarnock, Va. gave a gift of land to Morattico Baptist Church, which became the property Kilmarnock Baptist Church now occupies.

This deed made this the 5th day of December, 1908, between T. O. Smither, R. W. Boswell & H. J. Edmonds, Trustees for the Kilmarnock Baptist Sunday School Society of Kilmarnock, Va. of the first part & R. F. Huntton, Wm Henderson, Wm Rowe, R. A. Clark, John A. Sears & Everett Crowther, R. W. Chilton, Trustees for Morattico Baptist Church of the second part. Witness that the parties of the first part grant & convey as a gift for the purpose of erecting a Baptist Church thereon, a certain lot or parcel of land situated in Kilmarnock, Va. & in the County of Lancaster, commencing at an iron axle driven in the ground at the corner of B. B. Edmonds lot & running along the road leading to Rehoboth Church 136 feet to the corner of Mrs. O. J. Shelton's lot, then north along the line of Mrs. O. J. Shelton's lot 183 feet to an iron stake driven in the ground, thence west 136 feet to B. B. Edmonds lot, then south along the line of B. B. Edmonds 198 feet to the starting point, to the parties of the second part to have & to hold to them & their successors in office for the benefit of the Morattico Baptist Church forever with general warranty of title. Given under my hands & sealed this 5th day of Dec. 1908.

T. O. Smither (Seal)
 H. J. Edmonds (Seal)
 R. W. Boswell (Seal)
 Trustees.

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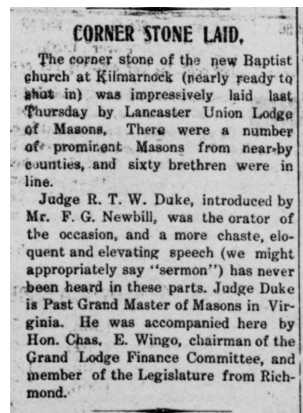
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 Trustees

October 29, 1909 An article in the Virginia Citizen, a newspaper published in nearby Irvington stated, "The corner stone of the new Baptist church at Kilmarnock (nearly ready to shut in) was impressively laid last Thursday by Lancaster Union Lodge of Masons. There were a number of prominent Masons from near-by counties, and sixty brethren were in line. Judge R. T. W. Duke, introduced by Mr. F. G. Newbill, was the orator



Cornerstone (touched up)

of the occasion, and a more chaste, eloquent and elevating speech (we might appropriately say "sermon") has never been heard in these parts. Judge Duke is Past Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. He was accompanied here by Hon. Chas. E. Wingo, chairman of the Grand Lodge Finance Committee and member of the Legislature from Richmond."



Spring 1911 A reference in the Virginia Citizen stated that the new Kilmarnock Baptist Church was soon to be completed.

June 1912 According to the Virginia Citizen, a reference was made that "Children's Day" exercise was held in the "new" church.

July 13, 1913 According to the Virginia Citizen, "Dedication Day was a perfect success. If you were not present you failed to enjoy three splendid gospel sermons by Dr. Wharton, a bounteous dinner and to lend your mite to liquidate the church indebtedness. But if you were present, then you know Kilmarnock Baptist Church was dedicated free of debt. Rev. T. C. Bagby (pastor of Morattico Baptist Field 1911-1914) had the assistance of his brother, Dr. Oliver Bagby, and a splendid choir which he practiced several weeks. And Mrs. Everard Chase faithfully performed on the organ; therefore, the singing was splendid. All the services were attended by large crowds." Dr. Wharton was the pastor of Brantley Baptist Church in Baltimore."



NEW KILMARNOCK BAPTIST CHURCH, CHURCH AVENUE, KILMARNOCK, VA.

January 13, 1915 Construction of the new church was completed under the leadership of H. S. Driscoll (pastor 1914-1919). The first Organizational Meeting of Kilmarnock Baptist church was duly chartered and constituted as a congregation. Sixty seven were listed as Charter Members, most of them from Morattico Baptist, and they were constituted as a congregation on this date.

Hand-Written Minutes of
Organization Meeting

Jan 13-1915

Kilmarnock Baptist Church was organized Jan 13-1915 with 67 constituent members.

Bros T. O. Smither, Dr H. J. Edmonds, Dr J. T. Wayman, E. M. Chase & H. B. Chase were elected deacons.

T. O. Smither was elected Treasurer
H. B. Chase was elected Clerk
Sister E. M. Chase was elected Organist & church covenant, which were adopted.

Bro Driscoll read articles of faith & church covenant, which were adopted.

The first Friday night in each month was appointed as the time of meeting.

The Duplin System for all church benefits was adopted.

Motion was made & carried that we have communion every fifth Sunday morning.

The individual communion service was recommended by pastor & motion made & carried that we postpone purchasing of a service until next meeting.

Motion made & seconded & carried that we would try to secure services of Bro J. D. Garland for the purpose of holding a revival in our church.

Church voted to receive H. S. Driscoll, wife & two children, Lois & Gladys as constituent members.

adjourned 9:12 - W. B. Chase Clerk

Typed Minutes of
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Motion made & seconded & carried that we would try to secure services of Bro J. D. Garland for the purpose of holding a revival in our church.

Church voted to receive H. S. Driscoll, wife and two children, Lois & Gladys as constituent members.
adjourned 9-12 W. B. Chase Clerk

June 1916 A communion service was purchased

October 1916 The Women's Missionary Union was organized. It was decided at a business meeting the WMU funds were to be kept separate from church's funds.

October, 1918 No meetings were held because of the flu.

May 23, 1926 An article on the front page of the Rappahannock Record reports "This was a red-letter day for Kilmarnock Baptist Church. The morning session of the church was taken up by the Sunday School under the management of A. B. Acree. At 3 pm the B.Y.P.U. (Baptist Young Peoples Union) of Irvington gave an inspirational demonstration. Then at 8 pm Brother H. H. Gibson (then newly-named pastor of the Morattico Field of Churches took charge and delivered to a large and attentive audience a masterful sermon on the subject of prayer. After the sermon the church received several new members. Thus was rounded out the day in useful service.

June 2, 1939 Church voted to have Vacation Bible School to be held jointly with the Methodists, June 2 until Friday. The church voted \$5.00 to help defray expenses.

December 5, 1940 Mrs. Edmonds suggested that iron rails be placed down the steps for protection and support of churchgoers.

January 13, 1944 R. G. Claybrook made a motion to pay our pastor, Rev. Clyde Kirby, \$900.00 dollars per year beginning January 1st 1944. Motion was passed. This was an increase of \$100.00 per year and his salary had not changed since 1939.

May 1, 1947 Kilmarnock Baptist got its first full time pastor since the Morattico Field was divided. The Rev. Gordon T. Mason served as pastor until May 1, 1954.



Rev. Gordon T. Mason

December 2, 1947 Church voted to purchase an organ and to pay cash. Later minutes indicated a loan was made and it was paid in full in January 6, 1950.

April 9, 1948 The "Committee on Leaks" reported that the leaks had been repaired.

January 7, 1949 Mrs. Jessie Palmer gave a set of chimes as a memorial to her recently deceased husband, Latane Palmer.

April 14, 1950 The pastor nominated a "Barrel and Ice Committee" for the Association consisting of Bro. Cox and Bro. Acree. This same committee was asked to beg permission from Albin Elmore for the use of his vacant lot for parking cars at the Association Meeting.

April 14, 1950 A motion was made, seconded and carried that a committee be selected to have the overstuffed furniture of the pulpit re-covered to match the carpeting or curtains, as well as replacing the small baptistery curtain with a harmonizing material.

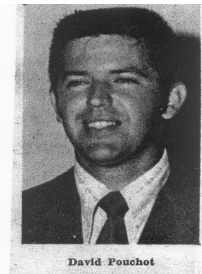
May 6, 1955 Ground was broken for the church's first and only parsonage. Completed in 1957, Frank S. Longino, his wife Betty, and daughters, Donna and Linda, became the first family to live in the new parsonage. Longino, who had been choir director, served as interim pastor and later student pastor of the church from the fall of 1955 until the church ordained him in June 1958.

August 10, 1956 It was reported to the church that the Parsonage was completed and the total cost was \$25,104.21, which was \$328.94 over the estimated cost. The church approved a request to The Bank of Lancaster for a loan of \$14,800.00 at the interest rate of 4% per annum.



August 9, 1957 An announcement in the Sunday's bulletin, "Members of the Parsonage Fund Committee will be canvassing this afternoon in the homes of those who have not made a contribution to this special drive for eliminating the Parsonage's debt."

1958 David Pouchot was the first young person to serve as Youth Pastor when this program was begun. David, received his call into the ministry in 1970, began his seminary preparation for service in 1971 and was ordained as a Baptist pastor.



May 9, 1958 Church approved a recommendation that the Rappahannock Association examine Mr. Longino for ordination.

September 30, 1958 Resignation of Rev. Frank Longino became effective.



Rev. John Houghton

April 1, 1959 Rev. John E. Houghton became the pastor of Kilmarnock Baptist Church and served as choir director until 1987. Rev Houghton also began mid-week Bible Study soon after becoming pastor and continued until his retirement. These studies ran for a nine month period each year – September through May. In the later years two sessions were held each week: one in the morning for those who found morning more convenient and one in the evening for those who could not come in the morning;

June 27, 1959 KBC finalized the purchase of 1.16 Acres from Winter H McCrobie and Beverly H. McCrobie directly behind the rear parking area of the church, at the cost of \$800.00.

November 6, 1959 The Steering Committee previously appointed, submitted its recommendation concerning a proposed Building Program. It suggested that the Church build a separate Educational Building. This building would house Sunday School classes, Church Library, Church Office and a Pastor's Study.

1960 Kilmarnock Baptist, in cooperation with the Methodist Church, organized a Community Choir to prepare an Easter Cantata. For several years, the cantata presented was John Stainer's "The Crucifixion". Other cantatas were presented for a number of years using different directors and accompanists. Their presentations were always presented during Holy Week usually on Holy Friday and often in our church.

April 24, 1960 By an unanimous vote, the Church membership adopted the recommendation for the installation of a new furnace and air-conditioning for the present church facilities.

June 10, 1960 It was announced in a business session that the baptistery heater had been installed

September 25, 1960 At a called Business Meeting, the members of the Church accepted without a dissenting vote to accept the low bid of \$62,998.00 for the construction of the Educational Building and to borrow up to \$35,000 from the Bank of Lancaster and to borrow up to \$40,000 on unsecured bearer bonds.



Church before Construction of Educational Building

October 23, 1960 Ground was broken for the Educational Building.

October 8, 1961 The congregation dedicated its newly constructed Educational Building. At the 11:00 am and 2:00 pm Worship Service, the Rev. Dr. W. Taliaferro Thompson, professor emeritus of Christian Education at Union Theological Seminary, was the speaker. According to the Rappahannock Record, the two story building, described as a modified Williamsburg type, was designed by architect D. A. Edmonds of Remo. It was constructed by the Stanley Dawson Construction Company of Kilmarnock, and measured 28' by 110' and contained 6,160 square feet.



Educational Building to right rear of Sanctuary

February 1964 Church completes first major renovation of Sanctuary.

December 5, 1965 KBC observed its fiftieth anniversary after sixty seven Baptists came together and constituted the Kilmarnock Baptist Church. The chartering group, largely from Morattico Baptist Church, our "mother" church, had for some years prior to organization in 1909, been meeting for Sunday School and worship in several locations. Dr. Solon B. Cousins, professor emeritus of the Department of Bible and Religion,

University of Richmond was guest speaker. Of the 67 original members who chartered the Kilmarnock Baptist church, nine were still faithful and active on its fiftieth anniversary.



Nine active charter members

(left to right) (front row) Mrs. Frances Treakle Whaley, Mrs. Linda Flowers Blake, Mrs. Sadie Cox Edmonds, Mrs. Marian James Chase, (middle row) Mrs. Adele Kramer Spriggs, Mrs. Ida Tapscott Brent, Sam Chase Eubank, (back row) R. Garnett Claybrook and Robert M. Shearan

November, 1968 During the summer of 1968, under the leadership of John Houghton, the idea developed of a having a county church youth group to provide an educational and fellowship outlet for our youth during the fall and winter months. The idea took shape and in November 1968, an invitation was extended to the youth of our county to become a part of this group. A large number of youth came and every denomination was represented; Baptist, Methodist, Episcopalian, Catholic and Presbyterian. The first year the folk musical "Good News" was presented to various audiences. For the next twelve years a different folk musical was presented each year. Kilmarnock Baptist was the sole sponsor and encourager of the project. The director was John Houghton and the accompanist was Edith Houghton. One of the highlights for the youth was the year they made a presentation to the guests of the Tides Inn. They were treated to a cruise aboard the Miss Ann and were served a great meal.

June 2, 1969 Kilmarnock Baptist begins an early family worship at 9:00 a.m. during the months of June, July and August in addition to the 11:00 a.m. service. It was offered as an opportunity for families to worship God and have a longer portion of the day free for family activities.

May 3, 1970 At a special called meeting of the church, a recommendation was made to purchase the Hasting Property located between the Methodist Church and Kilmarnock Church. The Minutes stated that this recommendation was approved almost unanimously. This motion authorized the purchase and the property to be divided in half as nearly as possible and one half sold to the Methodist Church. This structure would be removed and the area be used for parking.



November 1, 1970 Miss Judith Beane began her lifetime of mission work after making her commitment to serve Christ in 1964 at Kilmarnock Baptist Church. Judith began after serving two summers as a summer missionary in Georgia. After two years in New Mexico and Sausalito, California working with the Home Mission Board as part of the US-2 Program, the Lord open doors for her to recognize the need to assist "street people" in Marin County, California. She claimed that with the support of the WMU of Kilmarnock Baptist, and thirteen churches in the Rappahannock Baptist Association,



Miss Judith Mae Beane

"The Open Doors Ministry, Inc" was begun. Her desire was to help these individuals with meals, a coffee house, a place for Bible study and worship. Now with 30 to 40 volunteers, this ministry still is effective in 2009 and actively helping to meet the needs of homeless in Marin County, just across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco. Dr. Judith Beane still serves on the Board of Directors of this mission and Kilmarnock Baptist still helps to support this ministry through their annual budget

May 13, 1973 Rev. John Houghton received his Doctor of Ministries Degree in graduation exercises at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia.



May 19, 1974 Congregation enjoyed a delightful day as they celebrated our heritage. Six active charter members were recognized (see photo from left) Adele Kramer Spriggs, Frances Treakle Whaley, R. Garnett Claybrook, Marian James Chase, Linda Flowers Blake and Ida Tapscott Brent. The choir music was appropriate, inspirational and beautiful.

May 19, 1974 Mrs. Marian Chase was recognized on her 97th birthday. Following worship, a reception was held in the fellowship hall, honoring Mrs. Chase on her birthday.

July 21, 1974 Pastor Houghton petitioned the church for permission to leave the parsonage, which his family had occupied since coming to Kilmarnock, and move to a farmhouse which he had bought on Fleets Bay Road which he planned to remodel and expand. Permission was granted and with it a living expense.

August 10, 1975 It was announced that the parsonage had been rented to a young couple, David C. and Nancy Coulter.

November 2, 1975 First radio broadcast of our regular worship service was on Station WKWI. It was requested on November 9th that members would “assist greatly in the quality and strength of our broadcast signal by sitting together in a closely-gathered body, in the center of the auditorium, and as near to the pulpit area as possible.”

June, 1977 Church begins a weekly half-hour radio program, “Master-Control”, each Saturday afternoon at 12:30 over WKWI FM, a local radio station. These taped broadcasts of music and dialogue between outstanding Christian guest personalities are provided through Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

January 8, 1978 Kilmarnock Baptist had the privilege of sharing with Morattico Baptist, our Mother Church, on the occasion of its 200th anniversary. Mr. Brainard Edmonds brought “daughter” greetings on our behalf in a gracious address.

February 17, 1978 Article printed in the church bulletin. (copied) “FIRE TRUCKS ARE RED BECAUSE.... Fire trucks have four wheels and eight men. Everyone knows that four and eight are twelve. There are 12 inches in a foot. A foot is a ruler. Queen Elizabeth, a ruler, is also the name of the largest ship on the seas. Seas have fish and fish have fins. The Finns fought the Russians. Russians are red. Fire trucks are always rushin’, therefore fire trucks are red. If you think this is wild, you should hear people explain why they don’t have time to attend Sunday School and Worship Service.”

March 2, 1980 During a special called meeting of the church, the Building and Grounds Committee proposed to remodel the suite of rooms in the Educational Building by adding an independent heating/cooling system. The motion included, insulation of all interior walls and ceilings; to furr-out existing walls and panel entire area; drop ceilings and install paneled acoustical ceiling tile; install recessed indirect lighting panels; install adequate shelf and cabinet space; stain and or paint as needed; cut through stair-way wall a new door opening for pastor's study room; carpet; auxiliary heat pump in attic zoned for this four room area and the purchase of furniture as the committee determines necessary, not to exceed \$10,000.

August 30, 1980 In a report to the church it was reported that Kilmarnock Baptist Church is the sole owner of **Woodlawn Burial Park, Inc.**, having purchased shares of stock belonging to the late Dr. C.F. Hawthorne, Lloyd B. Hubbard and Ammon G. Dunton. Located just north of Kilmarnock on Route 3, the land purchased consisted of 21.762 acres, about 5 acres open with the remainder wooded. The open land and a portion of the woods, some 8.835 acres in all, was designated as a cemetery and laid out for 1,400 plots, 10' x 20', each to accommodate four graves sites, or a total of 5,600 sites.



As part of the consideration for purchase, two acres of the wooded unplotted land was sold to Lloyd B. Hubbard and B. H. B. Hubbard. In addition to the cemetery acreage and after sales to the Highway Department and to Hubbard, the corporation still owns 10.171+- acres of woodland north of the cemetery with a road frontage of 420.66 feet.

October, 1980 Our church made the decision to establish a student aid scholarship fund to be called "The Kilmarnock Baptist Church Educational Fund" after being the recipient of a generous gift designated for that use and others having expressed the desire to give to such a fund. Its principal would be invested at the highest anticipated return and only the interest would be made available for grants.

January 14, 1981 The congregation reviewed the preliminary plans of the new building proposal. The plans called for an addition of a two-story brick framed construction of modified colonial design, connecting the church auditorium building with the educational building. The proposed size was 36' x 50'. The main floor will have 5 to 6 large adult classrooms, depending on partitioning arrangement, hallways, entrance and exit space, and stairways to the basement area. The basement area would be unfinished except for ceiling, concrete floor and dressed-block walls. The basement area would open into the fellowship hall. The motion was unanimously approved.

May 31, 1981 Church approved a change order of the existing construction to remove the old baptistery tank, stairway and closet-area and add a new fiberglass baptistery, and stairway and landing. Also approved were a new robbing areas, dressing rooms for baptistery area, robe area for choir, and a viewing opening for baptismal services. Other improvements approved were a heat pump and new lighting.

August 7, 1981 It was reported that the church's new addition was severely damaged by last Tuesday evening's violent thunderstorm and torrential rains. Apparently, great volumes of roof and surface water piled up water against the newly-erected first-floor (basement) 12-inch masonry walls, caving in one side completely and causing the steel, plywood and frame second-floor above to topple with it. Approximately one-half of the perimeter wall and the framed super-structure above will have to be replaced, over to the mid-point of the building. We believe that the general contractor builder's risk insurance will pay for the damage.

March 7, 1982 The congregation observed a day of celebration and dedication of its new Education Building and Social Hall that connects the Sanctuary and the Educational Building.. This addition provided additional space for Sunday School classes, a choir practice room, storage and a large assembly room which was named Beane Hall. The name was bestowed in honor of Joseph W. Beane Sr., chairman of the building committee who daily watched over construction and spent untold hours on the project. Services were broadcast live over station WKWI. A sit down dinner for the congregation and invited guests were held at 12:30 pm in the church fellowship hall. The addition and other renovation in the choir, baptistery and pulpit areas and access areas into existing building were constructed and furnished at an approximate cost of \$125,000. The building was planned and supervised under the direction of the church's building and grounds committee consisting of Joseph W. Beane, Sr. chairman, Stephen W. Bonner, Jane M. Kelley, Jennings L Courtney, Louise C. Walton, Edward J. Davis, Muriel M Jennings, Susan G. Moenssens, John H. Wayman, Leah W. Bonner, E. J. Webb, Jr. and Dr Charles D. Price.



Sanctuary connected to Educational Building

July 18, 1982 Church approved the establishment of a display in the church showing a record of the memorial gifts.

October 17, 1982 A committee from the Music Department stated they had purchased a studio piano for the sum of \$2,550.00

May 20, 1984 It was stated that the summer schedule of two services in June, July and August had been discussed many times. While the schedule has increased considerably the numbers of people who worship in the summer; some have indicated a preference for doing away with the early service. After a printed survey from the membership the final count was, 31 to discontinue the 9:00 a.m. and have only the 11:00 a.m. and 31 voted to continue the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. service. An observation was made from the survey that the "older" members of our church tend to favor the traditional schedule with worship only at 11:00 a.m. and the "newer" families tend to be more flexible and favor an alternate opportunity of worship. It was decided to discontinue the summer schedule.

February, 1985 From the church's bulletin a summary was given by the Moderator of the last Congregational Meeting. It started with a this comment from the moderator. "To Keep You Informed- two dozen of our membership met on January, 27 to conduct our 1st quarterly congregational session. This approximately 8.9% of our resident membership slightly exceeds our 5% required by our By-Laws. This unofficial report (that followed) by the moderator is for the benefit of the 91.1% who were not present.

July 21, 1985 Sanctuary Renovation Recommendations made to church to include: new pews and carpeting, choir was expanded and the baptistery was enlarged, repainted two



classrooms, carpet in Men's classroom, complete P.A. system including wireless microphone, tape recorder, speaker in nursery, speaker in basement with connections to plug in a microphone and to installing mauve carpet in sanctuary, with matching pew covering. Pews will have curved arms with white ends, padded seat, padded back with wooden back. Walls and woodwork to be painted: The total cost reported to be \$27,526.34.

January 26, 1986 A celebration and dedication for the newly renovated church auditorium and furnishing during the morning worship hour was held, followed in the early afternoon with a fellowship dinner.

April 26, 1987 Congregation received and approved a resolution of support in behalf of Dr. Barbara M. Filling's petition to our church that we endorse and support her pursuit of ordination to the gospel ministry. The resolution included a request for an Examining Council supplied by the Rappahannock Association. On May 17, 1987 the Examining Council reported they had met and endorsed Dr. Filling as a "fit" candidate for the gospel ministry and recommended that we proceed with an ordination service at the church's discretion.

June 28, 1987 Church hosted and participated in the Service of Ordination for Dr. Barbara M. Filling. This was a historical event for Kilmarnock Baptist and the Rappahannock Association, ordaining one of the first women pastor in the state of Virginia.

August 21, 1987 The former Men's Bible Class has been converted to a reception-parlor area. It will display our Memorial Desk and Book which will include regularly displayed records of memorial gifts to our church. New furniture and lamps have been installed.

October 18, 1987 J. Creston Saunders was elected by our church to serve as Sanctuary Choir Director. His wife, Lynn Saunders will serve as Choir Accompanist. Colette P. Hudson will serve as Church Organist.

October 23, 1988 A recommendation by Muriel Jennings, Chairman of the Constitution & By-Laws Committee was offered to the church to amend the Constitution, changing the wording regarding Deacons eligibility.” The committee suggested the word “male” be removed for the Deacons Eligibility thus making women eligible for election as Deacon. This was passed at a later meeting by a two thirds majority. Mrs. Lillian Moore was elected the first female deacon in Kilmarnock Baptist Church.



Mrs. Lillian Moore

May 8, 1988 Rev. Houghton was awarded his honorary Doctor of Divinity by the University of Richmond while serving a four year term on the Board of Trustees from 1985 through 1989.

January 14, 1990 KBC observed the 75th anniversary of its organization. Dr. William Lumpkin, retired pastor of Freemason Street Baptist Church, Norfolk, and formerly Professor of Church History at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville was guest minister.

January 20, 1991 Glen W. Burtner elected as Sanctuary Choir Director.



Glen W. Burtner

January 19, 1992 Church in a regular Business Session approved the motion to complete the elevator project and to use a loan from the Cemetery Fund. On January 24, 1992 the Jessie Ball duPont Fund made payment of a grant and a no-interest loan for a portion of this project.

July 10, 1994 The Interim Pastor Committee, Deacons, and the Budget and Finance Committee in unanimous agreement recommended that Dr. Julian Pentecost be recommended for this position. The church approved this recommendation.



July 31, 1994 Dr. John E. Houghton’s last day of service as pastor after serving for 35 years. During his 35 years of service Rev Houghton also began mid-week Bible Study soon after becoming pastor and continued until his retirement. These studies ran for a nine month period each year – September through May. In the later years two sessions were held each week; one in the morning and one in the evening for those who could not come in the morning. Under his leadership Kilmarnock Baptist had mission organizations for all age groups. One of the most active mission groups, started in the early 60’s, were the YWA’s. Kilmarnock Baptist has always had a very active WMS including mission organizations for all age groups. There were the WMU, Business Women’s Circle, Sadie Edmonds Circle and the France T. Whaley Circle for young women/mothers. John Houghton also served as choir director from 1959 to 1987, served a four year term on the Board of Trustees at the University of Richmond form 1985-1989 and was awarded his honorary Doctor of Divinity by the University. The following week, Dr. John E. Houghton was made Pastor-Emeritus.

November 12, 1995 Church voted to extend a call to William M. and Mary Dell Sigler III as co-pastors of Kilmarnock Baptist Church. Bill and Mary Dell were the first couple from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond to co-pastor a church.



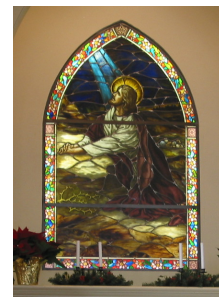
December 8, 1995 New Hymnals are placed in the sanctuary to replace the 1956 edition of Baptist Hymnals purchased in 1960.

January 21, 1996 Church approved organizing a Church Council to remove the burden of church management from Deacons and give Pastor & other organization the opportunity to focus on refining ministry priorities.

January 21, 1996 Pulpit Area Improvement Committee submitted a watercolor rendering of the proposed stained glass window. Recommendation included changing the existing window to an open arch, raising the ceiling in the Baptistery, and other improvements.

February, 1996 The Lancaster/Northumberland Habitat for Humanity had its first meeting at Kilmarnock Baptist Church, called by Dr. John Houghton two years after his retirement. He served several years on the Board of Directors as well as its president. Also Dan Arnold and Merle Peed, members of our church, served on the first Board of Directors. This organization has been supported financially by KBC since it beginning.

April 21, 1996 The Deacon's Family Ministry Plan was adopted. This plan would allow the Deacons to join the Pastor and church staff in ministering to the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of each church member and family. The church would be divided into groups of ten or more families and assigned to a deacon.



April 21, 1996 It was reported that the Stained Glass Window Project was completed and 241 hours of volunteer labor was donated. The total cost was \$9,510.51.

April 21, 1996 Recommendation was made and approved to construct a 20' x 30' addition to the present kitchen, to renovate the old kitchen and to provide commercial appliances; refrigerator, freezer, convection oven, gas stove and mixer. A loan was secured for \$40,000.

April 28, 1996 A written report in the Church's Minutes from the Building and Grounds Committee stated; "Planting of spring flowers around our building show that this year we have a score of, Gardeners 60%, Squirrels 40%. This is a large improvement over last spring, which could be scored Squirrels 90% and Building and Grounds Personnel 10%. We look forward to an even higher score in the next year but, realizing the tenacity of the Kilmarnock squirrels, we see little hope of ever achieving 100% success."

November 15, 1996 Approved installation of alarm system.

Spring 1997 Mary Dell Sigler, along with Betty Bryant from Rappahannock General Hospital, established a volunteer chaplains' program which is still in existence today at RGH.

January 18, 1998 Will Dunaway asked permission to use the refurbishment of our playground as his Eagle Scout Project. The project was approved with the Building and Grounds Committee approving all plans.

April 18, 1998 The church approved the purchased of Hand Bells. It was reported at the business meeting that \$2,460.00 was in the "Bell Fund" and \$1,714.11 in the "Music Fund". The church voted to approve the purchase.



April 18, 1999 Approval was made to install a double-sided sign that would be colonial in nature and to have white lettering with black outline.

November 2000 **Woman to lead Pastors' Conference** - For the first time, a female was elected president of the Virginia Baptist Pastors' Conference. Mary Dell Sigler, co-pastor at Kilmarnock Baptist Church in Kilmarnock, Va., was elected to the post November 13, 2000. At least 10 Virginia Baptist churches currently have female pastors, and more than 350 have ordained women deacons

April 9, 2000 At the request of Building and Grounds Committee, a committee was appointed to study sanctuary renovations. This committee after several meetings during 2000 explored many different structural possibilities. Architectural drawings were submitted to the church with recommendations to do the work in two phases. The members of this original committee were: Judy Beane, Toi Beane, Lynn Bonner, Anne Bromley, Karen Burke, Peggy Davis, Elizabeth Folger, Ida Gallimore, Colette Hudson, Pat Kirby, Dean Loudy, Margaret McKenney, Lillian Moore, Gerry Peed, Jon Peterson, Pat Ramey, Anne Russell, Cres Saunders, Sonny Thomas (Chair) and Pastors (ex officio). The first meeting was April 24, 2000.

June 4, 2000 Melissa Clarke was approved by the church to served as Children and Youth Director during the summer of 2000. On October 22, 2000 Melissa was called to serve as the Youth/Children's Director full time, to begin in January, 2001.

July 22, 2001 The church approved a recommendation to hire Jennifer McCann as our architect and authorized drawings for the renovation.



October 20, 2002 An organ was donated to the Church in Memory of Jon Peterson by his wife Linda Peterson.

April 27, 2003 Decision was made to support an Eagle Scout Project to be led by S.W. Dawson. His project would be a Memorial Garden consisting of low maintenance flowers and shrubs.



S.W. Dawson

July 20, 2003 Mr. Walt Mallorie was accepted to the position of Children and Youth Music Director to begin immediately.

September 2003 Our community was struck by Hurricane Isabel. The unanticipated winds did considerable damage to the Northern Neck Area. Major damage occurred to homes and property. With fallen trees and power outages; grocery stores, gas stations and local business were unable to open because of power loss. Residents were unable to meet their needs. After it hit, Mary Dell Sigler, co-pastor stated she received a call from Lloyd Jackson of the Virginia Baptist Mission Board, asking if KBC could be used to house workers from Georgia who would be providing a food station in Kilmarnock in one of the shopping center parking lots. She not only offered sleeping space at KBC but Mary Dell also offered the KBC Fellowship Hall and Kitchen as the feeding station location for the community. The feeding station stayed for two weeks and became one of the shining moments for KBC's outreach/service ministry.



September 15, 2004 A bequest from the **Muriel Jennings Trust** was received to be used for the “General Religious and Charitable Purposes” of the church. Based upon the Budget and Finance Committee’s deliberations, the funds were divided between the following:

- Endowment Fund – to assure a long term health and a receptacle for future bequest*
- Building Fund – to boost support for our current and future renovation projects*
- Capital Reserve Fund – to replenish funds previously disbursed for capital items*
- Missions – to fund additional opportunities identified by the Mission Committee*
- Education Fund – to increase ability to generate interest income for scholarships*
- General Fund – to support the church’s current needs and priorities.*

January 2005 Bill Sigler planned and coordinated the Unity in Christ Community Worship Service at Lancaster Middle which involved the church choirs and members of all churches in Kilmarnock, regardless of denomination distinctions. It was a major attempt to involve all ages, genders and races in Worship. Appropriately four hundred attended what was hoped would be an annual worship event. The Worship in the Park is an outgrowth of this initial unity attempt.

April 2005 Conceived as a way to be more responsive to youth, young families, and community members seeking a church home, Bill Sigler envisioned a Wednesday night service that would be contemporary in nature. The concept was further discussed by Deacons and Church Council members and the first WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) was held on June 22, 2005 and continued throughout the summer 2005. The response was so positive to this contemporary service which involved a variety of speakers including lay speakers, special music, current themes, and fellowship suppers, it continues to the present day.

September 18, 2005 Plans for renovations of the sanctuary (Phase 1) and enlargement of the church (Phase 2) were submitted to the church. After lengthy discussion and another meeting in October, it was decided to present the final plans at a called business meeting.

November 6, 2005 At a Called Business Meeting the plans for renovation of the sanctuary (Phase 1) were presented. There were seventy members present. Phase 1 was approved by a substantial majority. The body then decided to take a vote on the enlargement projects then known as Phase 2. This passed by a majority of less than 5 votes.

January 28, 2007 After receiving a cost estimate of \$2,100,000 - \$2,400,000 for the combined projects, a professional fund-raiser was employed and a program entitled “**God’s Plans: Imagine the Possibilities**” was begun. After a lengthy effort only about an eighth of this amount had been pledged and the expansion projects were abandoned by the church. It was understood that improvement and redecorations of the sanctuary would be pursued as funds were available for this purpose.

April 22, 2007 William and Mary Dell Sigler resigned as co-pastors. Mary Dell went to work with Hospice of Virginia, and Bill pastored Saluda Baptist Church.

November 25, 2007 KBC approved approximately \$40,000 to paint the roof of the sanctuary, replace shingles on the Educational building as part of the renovation.

December 9, 2007 Church voted to call Rev. Charles Gibson as Intentional Interim Pastor.

January 4, 2009 Church voted to call Dr. Jim White, to serve as Interim Pastor. Upon church approval and acceptance of this call, Dr. White began on January 14, 2009.

January 11, 2009 Approval was given to the Building and Grounds Committee to repaint the interior of the Sanctuary, the outside columns, window frames and doors. Also redesign the choir pulpit area and rewire and add recessed lighting in the sanctuary.



Sanctuary after renovating Choir Loft, Repainting Sanctuary & Carpeting Pulpit Area

June 14, 2009 The Deacons and Church Council recommended to the church to allow Church Resource Service to use the small office next to the church office and the monthly use of the adjoining Sunday School class. Recommendation was approved.

July 26, 2009. In a regular Monthly meeting the church unanimously approved the purchase of new pews and carpet for the Sanctuary. The style of the pews to be gothic, using walnut wood, stained to match the wood trim and steps to the platform. Also approval was given to the installation of new carpet. Total cost to be approximately \$64,000.

August 16, 2009 Kilmarnock Baptist Church in a special Called Business Meeting and at the recommendation of the Pastor's Search Committee, voted to extend a called to Rev. Matthew Tennant as our pastor, to begin on October 18, 2009. Rev. Tennant is presently attending the University of Oxford, in Oxford, UK, and is expected to finish his Doctor of Philosophy in Theology next year.

October 11, 2009 The last Sunday of worship with our Interim Pastor, Dr. Jim White, with his wife Connie by his side. A framed picture of KBC was presented by Bob Gray, Deacon Chairman, at the end of the service, signed by many of our members and friends.



October 11, 2009 First Sunday in Sanctuary after installation of new walnut pews, carpet, choir chairs and refurbished Communion Table.



New Pews and Carpet



October 18, 2009 Rev. Matthew Tennant began First Sunday as Pastor.

October 24, 2009 A Family Festival and Pet Blessing were held to celebrate our 100 years since the laying of the cornerstone of the church. It included many activities including Moon Bounce, Puppets, and Remote Control Car Racing.

October 25, 2009 Kilmarnock Baptist Church celebrated 100 years after the laying of the cornerstone of our building on October 21, 1909. Cottage Prayer was planned in the homes of several members on Friday evening. Saturday, October 24, a Family Festival for the community was held, followed by the “Reign” Band and a Pet Blessing. Sunday morning Dr. Fred Anderson, Executive Director of the Virginia Historical Society, was the guest speaker as he portrayed Jeremiah Bell Jeter. A church dinner followed in the Fellowship Hall.

January, 2010 Deacons formed a Team Ministry. Each Deacon would serve on a ministry they felt led to serve. The first year the Team Ministries were: Home Bound & Sick Ministry, Hospital Visitation Ministry, Prayer Ministry, Small Job Ministry, Food Pantry Ministry, Visitor and New Member Ministry, Bereavement Ministry, Crisis Ministry and Communication Ministry.

April 1, 2010 A Seder meal was provided which demonstrated a story that had a sad beginning and a happy ending. It was fun, different and very interesting to all that participated in this festive meal, demonstrating its meaning to Christian heritage.



April 10, 2010 An Eagle Scout project was presented by Charles Price allowing Matthew Joyner as his Eagle Scout project, to improve and repair the church playground equipment.

December, 2010 Several members went to Panama to visit and encourage missionaries Sarah Watson and Edel Rassmussen.

May 29, 2011 Authorization was given to Building and Grounds Committee to purchase a new air conditioner for Beane Hall. Request for funds up to \$12,000 using the Capital Reserve Fund were approved.

June 26, 2011 Mission group leaves for Mobile Alabama to assist with clean up operations after more than 50 tornadoes devastated the State of Alabama on April 27, 2011. The group was hosted by the Shades Crest Baptist Church in Hoover, Alabama.



July, 2011 Approval was given to form a committee of five to study ways to lower expenses. It was to be called the Green Committee and would look for ways to reduce the electrical bill, provide suggestions to lower building expenses and ways to reduce our water bills.

October 9, 2011 Pastor Appreciation Day to appreciate the Pastor and his Family.

October 15-16, 2011 A Hobby Show Case was held in addition to the Family Festival to demonstrate the many talents of our members. Crafts were exhibited during the Family Festival and were available for viewing until after Sunday's service.



May 2, 2012 Kilmarnock Baptist hosted the youth from Johnstown Christian School Choir who presented a musical while on tour.

May 21, 2012 First Meeting of the senior ministry. As a result of the Deacon's Team ministries, a ministry for seniors was created. They picked the name JOY Ministry (Just Older Youth).



August 18, 2012 A picnic was held at Belle Isle State Park. After a beautiful day, good food, fun and fellowship music was provided by the riverside by Southern Grace Gospel Singers

January 27, 2013 Robbie Spiers was approved as the Music Director.

April 15-20, 2013 Pastor Matt was invited to teach philosophy of religion at L'Université Chrétienne du Nord d'Haïti, Limbe, Haiti. He was accompanied by his son Dean. Upon their return, Dean reported the need by the Source of Light Orphanage to have cubby hole shelving for kids to store their few personal items.

April 28, 2013 Approval was given for an intern position to be filled by Carolyn Williams.

June 8, 2013 The First Annual Talent show was held. Many individuals demonstrated their talent. This event continues through 2014.

July 28, 2013 Decision by the church was approved to have a Super Tuesday on the second Tuesday of each month. This time would be for each committee to meet. Light dinner will be held a 6:30 followed by the Church Council.

February, 2014 A team of four members went to the Source of Light Orphanage in Port-au-Prince to build storage cubbies for the children. This was the first time the children had their own space to store items.



April, 2014 Pastor Matt returned to teach philosophy of religion at L'Université Chrétienne du Nord d'Haïti, Limbe, Haiti.

July, 2014 Eleven individuals went to the Source of Light Orphanage in Port-au-Prince to lead the 28 children in Vacation Bible School.



July 27, 2014 Church in a Business Session approved a recommendation from the Personnel Committee to ordain Carolyn Williams. Her ordination Service was held on Saturday May 23, 2014. The Church passed a recommendation to employ her as Associate Pastor.

July 27, 2014 The Budget and Finance Committee reported approval of an expenditure of up to \$60,000 for a new roof for the sanctuary. Completion was achieved in November, 2014. Upon removal of the old metal roof, metal singles from the original roof were discovered. Some shingles were saved for members should they desire to have a piece of church history.

November 5, 2014 The Blackwood Legacy Quartet, direct from Nashville, presented a special concert of southern gospel and worship music to a full sanctuary.

December, 2014 Kilmarnock Baptist shipped a van stuffed with Christmas presents for the children of the Source of Light Orphanage to Port-au-Prince.

PASTORS WHO HAVE SERVED
Kilmarnock Baptist Church
During the First 100 Years

Fred W. Claybrook		1909-1911
T. C. Bagby *		1911-1914
Herbert S. Driscoll **		1914-1919
L. D. Bass		Summer 1919 to Fall 1925
H. H. Gibson		Spring 1926 to Fall 1930
H. D. Anderson		April 1931 to August 1938
C. Robert Stevens		Jan 15, 1939 to April 1942
Clyde A. Kirby		June 1942 to April 1946
Gordon T. Mason ***		May 1, 1947 to May 1, 1954
William Shaeffer		March 1955-to fall 1955
Frank S. Longino		Fall 1955 to September 30, 1958
John E. Houghton	(Pastor Emeritus)	April 1, 1959 to July 31, 1994
Julian H. Pentecost	(Interim Pastor)	Sept. 1, 1994 to Dec. 31, 1995
Bill and Mary Dell Sigler		Jan, 1, 1996 to July 22, 2007
Charles Gibson	(Intentional Interim)	January 2008 to December 2008
Jim White	(Interim Pastor)	January 2009 to October 11, 2009
Rev. Matthew Tennant		October 12, 2009 to July 9, 2017
Rev. Carolyn Williams	(Associate Pastor)	April 28, 2013 to July 9, 2017
Rev. Carolyn Williams	(Interim Pastor)	July 10, 2017 to Present

* Later served as foreign missionary to Brazil

** Pastor when church was chartered

*** First full-time pastor when "field" divided



















Ordination of Rev. Carolyn Williams



Laying on of hands by Carolyn's husband, Jim Williams



JOY Senior Ministry



Interior of Church on Tangier Island



Easy Riders on Tangier



Lunch at Pamunkey Indian Reservation



Christmas Crafts for Shut Ins



Gifts for Residents in Lancashire

Our Haiti Friends



H2O Youth Group





God & Family Class Picnic



Picnic at Belle Isle State Park



Family Festival



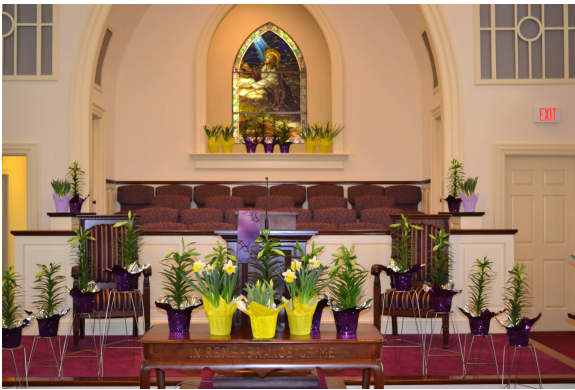
Vacation Bible School



Chefs at Picnic at Belle Isle

Hobby Showcase





**Removal of Metal Shingles before installation of
New Roof on Sanctuary, November 2014**



Food Bank Crew





**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT OUR LORD
PLANS FOR US IN THE FUTURE**