



KILMARNOCK BAPTIST CHURCH
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"The Good News"

a monthly newsletter of Kilmarnock Baptist Church



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Church Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
9:00am - 3:00pm



Sunday Mornings:
Sunday School @ 9:45am
Worship @ 11:00am

Wednesday Evenings:
Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00pm



December Birthdays

- 4 Toi Beane
- 4 Carolyn Williams
- 7 Oliver Crane
- 9 Rannie Ransone
- 9 Mike Swinney
- 10 Susan Whitlow
- 13 Keith Mason
- 13 Lisett Raymond
- 14 Michele Burtner
- 21 Judy Kelley
- 22 Jim Kelley



*December 20th from 1:00pm - 4:00pm,
located downstairs in Fellowship Hall.*



*Join us as we knit and crochet
on December 21st at 10:00am*

Prayer for the Month

Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth may we begin to see the world in the light of the understanding you give us. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. Amen.

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

- December 3: Debby Sachen
- December 10: Edith Houghton
- December 17: Debby Sachen
- December 24: Glen Burtner
- December 31: Bob Gray





Dear KBC Family,

Christmas provides a wonderful opportunity each year for us all to re-focus. Not only are we reminded of the awe-inspiring, world-changing, life-altering gift that is Jesus; but we are also reminded of our need for Jesus to heal us in our brokenness and bring peace between God and humans. This is why the angels declared triumphantly *“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace towards those he favors!”*



As a new year approaches, I want to challenge us to impact this world for good. People are in great need, and more than ever, we need to be people of prayer, faith, righteousness, and compassion. We need to love each other and love God above all else.

The last few months as your interim pastor have been a privilege, and I look forward to continue to serve Kilmarnock Baptist as long as I am needed. Your kindness, generosity, and support have been a big encouragement.

I would like to wish a special blessing for all of you. May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. God bless all of you now and forever.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all,

Carolyn

OCTOBER 2017

In memory of Thomas Stevens

Debby Sachen - Food Pantry

NOVEMBER 2017

In memory of Ken Holloway

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Crane - Food Pantry

Harriet Dawson - Food Pantry

Mary Jane Gemmell - Food Pantry

Debby Sachen - Food Pantry

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sutherland - Food Pantry

Nancy Wetherington - Food Pantry



Bethlehem Drive-through
a living nativity scene

Please join many of our KBC members as they assist Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church in the "**Journey To Bethlehem**" LIVE Nativity Scene at Saint Andrew's on Saturday, December 9th from 5:00pm - 8:00 pm.



The Pastoral Search Team is grateful for the opportunity to meet with the Congregation at the Town Hall meeting. We appreciate the comments and input as the Search Team creates a profile of a candidate as Pastor of Kilmarnock Baptist Church. We continue in our search for the Pastor that the Lord leads to us.



"Imagine an angel in need...any age, gender, or race. Now consider a gift you might give your angel...a toy, a candle, a book, a pair of socks, a doll, a basketball, a scarf, a mixing bowl, nail polish or make-up, a CD or DVD, or maybe some jewelry or a watch. This year our church family is partnering with the Boys and Girls Club to reach as many angels as possible...all ages, genders, and races. If you would like to be part of this ministry to assist the Boys and Girls Club programs in building good character and productive citizenship skills, please consider doing the following: think of an angel, purchase a gift or contribute a "never used/slightly used gift," to KBC by December 10 and your angel gifts will be taken to the Boys and Girls Club in time for Christmas. Do not wrap gifts and limit spending to \$40 per gift. Place your gifts under the KBC angel tree in the foyer. Thank you KBC family!! How many angels can you think of??"



True Christian Christmas

Christmas isn't showy gifts
Or glittering decoration;

It's honoring our Savior, Jesus Christ
In humble adoration.

It's serving those less fortunate,
Meeting their needs before our own;
It's making sure at Christmas time
That no one is alone.

It's taking what we would have spent
On things that no one needs,
And using it to help someone
With service and good deeds.

Our Savior showed us how to live
With charity, faith and service.
It makes the holidays a joy,
More peaceful, and less nervous.
So let's remember Christmas is
About our Savior's birth;
That's the way to happiness,
The way to peace on earth.

By Joanna Fuchs

WMU™

The WMU will meet

Tuesday, December 12th,

at 10:30 am

THERE WILL NOT BE A
SUPER TUESDAY
DURING DECEMBER.

THERE WILL BE A
DEACONS DINNER ON
DECEMBER 12th AT
5:30PM FOR PRESENT
AND INCOMING
DEACONS. PLEASE
BRING A SIDE DISH.
H'ORDERVES WILL BE
SERVED. THERE WILL BE
A MEETING
AFTERWARDS TO ELECT
THE OFFICERS FOR 2018.

Looking Ahead...

December 10th - Annual Christmas Fellowship Luncheon

December 17th - Christmas Choir Cantata

December 24th - 11:00am Worship and 5:00pm
Communion Candlelight Service



Another year is almost over. 2017 has been another wonderful year of **JOY**, quite literally! The Officers of **JOY** thank all who have joined us over the year in our adventures, fellowship and fun! Your support has been wonderful and we have been Blessed to share our activities with you! We look forward to another special year in 2018! Watch the Bulletin and Newsletter for **JOY** announcements of upcoming events for each month in 2018! Come join us!

The last **JOY** event for 2017 was delivering the gifts we made, along with candy to each of our shut-ins. We met on Tuesday, December 5th at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall, to fill Christmas bags with candy and divide up our deliveries. Going to visit these special people is so rewarding, and they are always pleased to see us and receive their gifts.

The Officers of the **JOY** Ministry wish you and yours, a very Blessed, **JOY**ful and Merry Christmas! May the New Year be Happy and bring you all many Blessings!

KBC Food Pantry

The KBC Food Pantry could use your help! We are getting closer to the Christmas holiday. Usually, the Warsaw Food Bank provides us with Christmas foods to distribute. This year is very unusual – they are not receiving the amount of donated food that they normally receive and they have not been able to meet all our needs. That means we will have to buy more of the food at the grocery stores.

If you would like to donate, we could use the following:

Boxed stuffing mix

Boxed mashed potatoes

Canned yams

Canned green beans

Canned fruit

In addition, we would like to make a bulk purchase of small turkeys, baking chickens or small hams. If you would like to make a monetary donation for this purchase, please write a check to KBC and notate “food pantry” in the memo line.

Your help toward providing the items for our food pantry clients to have a Christmas meal would be appreciated.

Our food pantry is always in need of the following:

Jelly

Syrup

Canned fruit

Drinks – either soft drinks or fruit juices



It has been a wonderful year of giving at the KBC Food Pantry this year. We are truly blessed with the volunteers from KBC, Kilmarnock Seventh Day Adventist Church and Irvington United Methodist Church. And to all those who currently donate food or make monetary donations to the KBC Food Pantry – THANK YOU!!!



Our Food Pantry "volunteers" have certainly expanded!!
More wagons to carry out food to our clients' cars.



WMU December Selected Mission

The Selected Mission for December is Virginia Baptist Disaster Relief. The December mission is normally for foreign missions, but the **WMU** feels that the terrible destruction and the long-term rebuilding of lives and homes need to be a priority for this year. If you feel led to donate, please make your check out to KBC with Disaster Relief on the memo line.

MINISTRY UPDATE: VICTOR VULA in MYANMAR

Dec. 3, 2017

My dear friend in Christ,
Greetings from Myanmar! Hope this email finds you well.
It's always our joy to bring our ministry news update and prayer needs to you.



Victory International School (VIS)



Praise God! Time is flying; it's December already and the school is going well. On Nov. 23 & 24 we had picture and fund days, the kids really had good time. On Dec. 18 we will have our Christmas Program; this year our theme will be "Love Came Down" which will be followed by a three weeks Christmas and New Year break. Christmas program is a good time where we bring the Good News of Christ as parents and friends are invited for the program.

Please continue to pray for us and support us for:

- ☞ Good leadership for me and for Muani.
- ☞ Ideas and financial needs for Christmas activities.
- ☞ Field trips for both teachers and students in early January 2018.
- ☞ Good and committed teachers for higher grades; and for the curriculum & books.
- ☞ Schools and churches that can approve our school and ministry we are involved with.
- ☞ For land and buildings for the school; and also rental cost for next academic year (Next year we will need to build more classrooms, and need for necessary supplies for classrooms and other school needs).



Water Filter & Humanitarian Aid

Thank God, we could build more live-sand water filters to Tuingo village. We are praying and planning to build more in this village and in the surrounding areas where most of the people drink water from hand-dug wells. This kind of water is often muddy and dirty throughout the year, especially in the rainy season.



Mission & Victory Community Chapel (VCC)

Praise God, VCC and the mission fields we are



partnering with are doing well. As Christmas is approaching, we pray to do programs in three different places. We need your prayer support as we are planning to feed people in the places with physical and spiritual food.



Thank you again for your prayer and financial support. If you would like to donate for the ministries that we are doing, you can send fund directly through WU or MoneyGram with Lal Sawi Vula (When you do it, i will need sender's name, amount sent, and tracking number).

May our good Lord and soon coming King continue to bless you and keep you safe!

Lal Sawi Vula (Victor), Managing Director
H. No. 93/C, Thiri Mingalar lane-twe (15),
East Ywama Ward, Insein Tsp., Yangon, Myanmar. Ph. 09-421-155-549 (Cell).



When we received the duPont Grant, we also borrowed an additional \$25,000. Beginning in 2016, we started paying it back at \$5,000 per year. When the payment was made in March of this year, only \$1,030 was taken from the budget funds. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this debt - a total of \$3,970. In March of 2018, we will need to pay back another \$5,000. If you are able to contribute once again, it will indeed be helpful. Thank you, Mary Ann, Treasurer

The Interfaith Service Council is very grateful for all of the new/gently used blankets, afghans, and sheets which members have donated recently. As we head into the winter months, these items will be in much demand. Currently, there continues to be a need for mattress covers and bed linens of any size.

