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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

W.O.W * begins on February 14th
@ 6:00pm
Fellowship Dinner @ 6:30pm
*Worship On Wednesdays



January Birthdays

- 2 Ryan Joyner
- 5 Joseph Shehigh
- 6 Denise Goodson
- 7 J. W. McNeal
- 8 John Nelson
- 9 Mike Swinney
- 9 Catherine Kimbrough
- 10 Jerry Hawley
- 10 Margaret Ransone
- 12 Micelle Lybarger
- 12 Steve Zukor
- 13 Marty Sutherland
- 14 Janet Joyner
- 19 Peggy Davis
- 20 Chris Hall
- 21 Linnie McCrobie
- 22 J. Al Christopher, Jr.
- 25 Don Headley
- 28 Winnie McCrobie
- 29 George Hutchings
- 30 Gary Wilkins



Join us as we knit and crochet on January 18th at 10:00am

Prayer for the Month

God our Father, in Jesus Christ you have freed us for a life that goes beyond ourselves. Guide us with your Spirit and help us to orient our lives as sisters and brothers in Christ, who lived, suffered, died and rose again for us, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.



DEACONS OF THE MONTH

- January 7: Linda Enders-Bailey
- January 14: Mary French Hutt
- January 21: Edith Houghton
- January 28: Judy Kelley

FLOWERS



GLORIA BOSHER

Food Pantry



January 17th from 1:00pm - 4:00pm, located downstairs in Fellowship Hall.




Dear Church Family,

As I have been reflecting over the events of the past year and looking forward to the progress of the coming year, I am reminded of how precious you all are to me. With your faithfulness and commitment and with all our volunteers working on church committees, we have been able to accomplish so much this year. I am most thankful for your commitment and faithfulness to the Lord and His church this year. It has been my highest honor and greatest joy to serve as your interim pastor these last five months. I thank you for your patience with me as I have discovered each day what it means to lead a church. I know that the Lord will reveal to our search team, the right individual to lead us into the future. My heart wants what will lead to your greatest good and God's highest glory.

As we look forward to the opportunities given to us in this New Year, I know that God will guide us and direct us. We just need to be diligent in our prayers, worship, and outreach. If we faithfully commit ourselves throughout 2018, I believe God will continue to bless our church in miraculous ways.

Happy New Year,

Carolyn



KBC will hold a ***Day of Prayer*** on Friday,
January 5th from 10:00am -2:00pm
All are welcomed!

If inclement weather arrives before January 5th,
please watch for an email from KBC for any
cancellations.

You may also listen to the radio station, 101.7 FM
for cancellations of all KBC events due to the
weather.

SUPER TUESDAY
is JANUARY 16TH.
LET THE OFFICE
KNOW IF YOUR
COMMITTEE IS
MEETING. THERE
WILL BE A CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
AT 6:30PM.

The Cemetery Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 9th at 5:00pm.

The Budget and Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 16th at 5:00pm.

Worship on Wednesday (W.O.W) will resume on February 14th . The organized theme for W.O.W. this session is still centered around the idea "Northern Neck United" created by Pastor Matt. Come out, worship and fellowship.



JOY will begin 2018 with a potluck breakfast meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd, at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. This is our annual planning meeting, so come and bring your ideas for **JOY** events for the coming year. We will also elect Officers. If you're interested in one of the Officer positions, please let Mary Jane, Warren or Marty know. Please bring a breakfast casserole or any breakfast food to share with everyone. We look forward to seeing you there and hearing your thoughts and ideas!



WMU 2017

Looking back on 2017, your WMU has had a very busy year. We have given two birthday parties at the Lancashire, fixed two dinners for the Free Health Clinic, delivered cookies to school teachers to show our appreciation for all they do, and delivered cookies to shut-ins in our church family.

With many thanks to KBC for your help and generosity, we were able to deliver craft supplies to the Boy's and Girl's Club, school supplies to the primary school, including Lables for Education.

Your contributions in memory of Roberta Pouchot were sent to Save The Children because of her love and devotion to children. You made many donations of linens, blankets, and afghans which were received gladly by Interfaith.

Once again you helped us provide Christmas for the 21 children in the Shalom Garden Orphanage Home in Kenya, Africa, and gave many items for the Christmas Angel Tree which were taken to the Boys and Girls Club.

But it doesn't stop here. Your loving gifts have blessed us with opportunities to give even more this year. We have made donations to the KBC food pantry, Interfaith, and Samaritan's Purse.

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Gift Catalog has 42 suggested gift ideas from Children & Families, Gifts Kids Can Give, Medical Projects, Construction Projects, etc. We chose three projects:

Feed a Hungry Baby for a Week - Babies are fed a special formula that their bodies can digest. These treatments prevent a lifetime of developmental disabilities.

Bicycles and Vehicles for Evangelism - For evangelists willing to go the extra mile, Samaritan's Purse provides sturdy bicycles or other



vehicles so they can reach isolated communities.

Operation Heal Our Patriots - The war on terror takes an awful toll not only on our military personnel, but also on their families and marriages. Each summer Samaritan's Purse invites 160 veterans and their spouses to be guests in Alaska for a week of wilderness activities and Biblically based marriage workshops.

Samaritan's Purse provides Gifts Kids Can Give so we gave our youngest children an opportunity to choose some gifts also. They chose three projects:

Blankets - A disaster can take away everything a family owns. Warm blankets are handed out to help children and families get through long cold nights.

Chickens - Each gift of chickens provides a poor family with a dozen baby chicks which grow up to provide eggs, a steady source of protein.

Balls & Recreational Items - Soccer balls and other sports equipment are given that will enable the teaching of skills, building teamwork, and sharing the hope of the Gospel with traumatized children.

So KBC we thank you for giving us the ability to provide help to hurting families, transportation for missionaries, warm blankets and baby chicks and so much more.



My dear friend in Christ,
Greetings from Myanmar! Hope you have a wonderful Christmas time.
Thank you always for your prayer and financial support. Please continue to pray for us and support us.
May our good Lord continue to bless you, and may 2018 be a blessed year for you and your love ones.
Grace and Peace from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Victor Vula

(By email on
12/26/17)

MINISTRY UPDATE: VICTOR VULA in MYANMAR

Dec. 26, 2017

My dear friend in Christ,
Greetings from Myanmar! Hope you had a wonderful Christmas time. Once again, it's our joy to bring our news update and prayer needs to you.



Victory International School (VIS)

Praise God! We had a wonderful Christmas time on Dec. 18; the



program went well, many parents shown up, we had a privilege to share the meaning of Christmas. Here are other news we had, we got 6th Grade curriculum, we were able to start teachers' workshop with a trainer

from British council. During Jan. 2-4, 2018 we will have teachers' field trip to May Myo and Mandalay. We are praying and planning to start Weekend English special class from Jan. 12, 2018; and eventually followed by weekday class from the end of March.

Please continue to pray for us and support us for:

- ☞ Leadership skills and new ideas for me and for Muani.
- ☞ Field trips for both teachers and students in early January.
- ☞ For our STEM competition on Jan. 27.
- ☞ Good and committed teachers for higher grades (Myanmar & English native speakers); and for the curriculum & books to be read for each Grade level.
- ☞ Schools or churches that can approve our school and other ministries we are involving with.
- ☞ For land and buildings for the school; and Rental cost (about \$1,400 per month) for the coming year.

Our current contract is about to be expired at the middle of March 2018. (Next year we will need to build more classrooms, and will supplies for that as well).



Water Filter & Humanitarian Aid

Build more live-sand water filters in Tuingo and the surrounding villages are going well. We are praying and planning to build more within the next two months. Most of the people around these areas are drinking water from hand-dug wells. This kind of water is often muddy and dirty throughout the year, especially in the rainy season. Please continue to pray for us and support us, more filters are needed.



Mission & Victory Community Chapel (VCC)

By His grace, VCC and the mission fields we are partnering with are doing well. We had a wonderful Christmas



celebration at VCC on Dec. 17. VCC involved with these mission centers and celebrated Christmas with them; even participated Christmas program at Prison held by our Mizo Church. Please continue to pray for us and support us; and partner with us.



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*) or send it to Inspire International: 1200 Wilmington Ave., Richmond, VA 23227 (new address); and note "*Myanmar Project*" in the memo line.



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).

2018

JANUARY -- Already? Sound familiar? Every year January seems to bring many questions about the previous year's decisions and how to plan for the new one. What will this new generation be like?

I never thought much about the changes in generations until I received an invitation to my oldest grandson's graduation from high school, learned that he was planning to embark on a year of traveling to the orient to "find himself" and to decide what he wanted to do for a living. In my day, he would have started thinking about that subject much earlier. My generation would be preparing to seek an affordable college or two, sending in an application and then waiting, believing that we had done all we needed to do to secure his future success! We would have even picked his major for him and, of course, paid the bills. He/she would have been seeking out leads to joining the best fraternity or sorority.

My grandson, David, did not have smooth teen years, his need for independence placed him and his parents on opposite sides of every argument and when he learned about a program which paid the way for a student to go to Korea for a year, he was very interested. The program's purpose was to teach Korean children conversational English. He jumped at the idea of getting away from home and the chance to make his own decisions. We all doubted he could live for a year without family help but he spent his year in the orient, and returned with decision made that he wanted to return to Asia, on his own, to continue his search for something worth fighting for. His only provisions would be a knapsack on his back, a passport in his pocket, but with no daily provisions or paycheck to sustain him. Again, against the family's doubts, he left home for foreign travel. He checked in, from time to time, but when he returned to the states it was only for a visit as he was anxious to begin a new life of service.

In Asia, he started his trek in Laos. After living for a time with strangers, where he earned no salary, just room and board, by working under the direction of anyone who would hire him, he learned what it means to live in real poverty. Often he found work at local orphanages and learned how to live without his family for guidance. He traveled many miles by foot, working for those who needed help, his pay was only for lodging and food, As he traveled he stopped to see the many historic shrines and treasures Asia has to offer. Country after country welcomed him, not only with hospitality, but also showed him the need for education and leadership for their people.

David returned to the USA and enrolled in college with a new goal. His two years in the orient taught him the need for education and he hoped to return and help raise their standard of living. He earned his law degree with honors, passed the bar and he and his new wife are currently working for the U. S. Government, finding out what *they* still need to know to reach *their* goal.

His cousin, Ryan, has just turned 19, and has a permanent job working for a computer company in Syracuse, NY. I asked my daughter to describe for me how Ryan had reached such a high salaried job right out of high school. The following is her summation of his rise up the ladder without university training:

"Ryan has never been driven to excel academically like his sister. He is all about practicality and learning through real world experience. He started programming in third grade (8 years old). He won his first of many Syracuse Hackathons (a competition for beginners in the computer world) at age 15. That led to his first real industry tech job at 16 and first dose of real responsibility. Upon graduation he applied, and was accepted to Rochester Institute of Technology. With much

thought he weighed his choices between university or learning on the job, decided to skip college and got a full time salaried position at a tech company right out of high school. This allowed him to develop a love of big city walking and travel (without a driver's license) and he moved away from home soon after."

"Ryan's sister, Maggie, started playing viola in third grade and quit two years later. It didn't become a life-long pursuit until she rejoined the orchestra in sixth grade and was selected for Junior High All County Orchestra two months later. She has always been at the top of her class academically with all of the associated honors (Honor roll, National Society, National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalist, and fourth in her graduating class). Her most noteworthy accomplishments have been musical, not academic. Audition after audition have won her honors in classical orchestral concerts with youth all over the state of New York. Recently, one of the orchestras, for which she auditioned and won fourth chair, played in Carnegie Hall. Maggie is 16 years old. She will begin her university training in September at Cornell."

"I am at least 35 years older than my children, there is a huge gap between their life experiences and mine. Their lives will be completely different than mine, but they live in a completely different culture than the one I grew up in. I am glad that I am able to give them a more solid foundation in the things that matter."

"Ryan immersed himself in technology and Maggie dove into music with equal commitment with no pressure from family. They both seem different from other kids in that they appear to have a lot more maturity than their peers. Looking forward, I worry about the world my children will live in. Mom, you experienced a World War and everything that entailed. My world was relatively calm, but I don't know how long that will last. My kids are poised to have productive lives, but only if they live in a sane world."

"I guess the best way to compare generations is to agree that each generation has its own plus and minus events but as I look back on dial telephones, a world without computers or Internet, things this generation will never know, yes, our childhoods were different but we bring our experiences into the ways we teach our children, and they do the same with their children, and so it goes."

Nancy concludes: "Responsibility, thoughtfulness, respect, frugality, empathy, I see many of these qualities lacking in teenagers that have much younger parents."

As for me, of my six grandchildren there are two younger ones who, at their young age still have no dreams of adult world living into which they will soon be involved so I will leave their stories and the accomplishments of my oldest granddaughter, for a future writing.

I thank my daughter for her input into this column, for much of her comments are more relevant to living in her generation than mine. My experiences would undoubtedly be more in line with medical changes than in music or technology. I can't even program my oven! But she does make the point that in every generation, each child's experiences are the result of how they relate to their parents' past upbringing. I look forward to hearing more about their progress.