



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:
W.O.W * @ 6:00pm
Fellowship Dinner @ 6:30pm
*Worship **On** Wednesdays
Choir Rehearsal on Wednesdays
@ 7:15pm



November:

- 2 Donna Wilkins
- 3 Jessica Abbott
- 3 Joel Spiers
- 7 Lester Brent
- 7 Cathy Elias
- 9 Barbara Price
- 11 Mary Huggins
- 11 Nathan Spiers
- 13 John Raymond
- 16 Brenda Burtner
- 24 Mel Holmes
- 25 Dean Tennant
- 26 Rebecca Price
- 26 Debbie Reiblich
- 27 Martha Balderson
- 28 Betty Holmes

Serving in November

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- November 5 - Edith Houghton
- November 12 - Debby Sachen
- November 19 - Glen Burtner
- November 26 - Mary French Hutt

FLOWERS

Nancy Wetherington

Many Thanks!!!

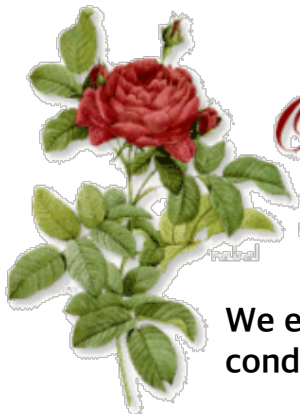
.....for all your encouraging words, cards, gifts, bountiful food, and support during Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Jim and I are truly blessed to be a part of such a loving fellowship of Christian believers.....**Carolyn**

A Prayer for November

At this time of thanksgiving, we thank you Lord, for the document that drew thirteen quibbling states into one firm and stalwart republic. Just as you tempered the wills of those gathered in that City of Brotherly Love, give us patience and wisdom, so that we may continue to be strongly united -- as families, as a nation, as brethren in Your name.

Benjamin Franklin (1706 - 1790)

from "Guideposts Daily Planner 2017"



Our Deepest Sympathy

We extend our sincere condolences to...

...Fannie Clingan, Janet and William Joyner, and Peggy and William Dunaway and their families, on the lost of Fannie's brother and their uncle, Thomas Stevens.

In Memory of: Roberta Pouchot

General Fund

- William and Peggy Dunaway
- The Nahas Family
- B. Abbott
- David and Susan Whitlow
- S. Bonner

SEPTEMBER

Memorial Gifts





Join us as we knit and crochet on November 16th at 10:00am. If you knit, crochet, or just want to learn, please come by the Church.

Please come out and join our praise and worship on Wednesdays at 6:00pm downstairs in Fellowship Hall. This is followed by a fellowship dinner at 6:30pm.



Our last W.O.W. service for the Fall will be on November 15th.



FOOD PANTRY

November 15th from 1:00pm-4:00pm, located downstairs in Beane Hall.



KBC is sponsoring a Day of Prayer on Friday, November 10th. The Sanctuary will be open from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. All are invited to come and pray.



Give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good
- Psalm 107:1 NIV

THANK YOU, LORD!

Looking Ahead...

Hanging of the Greens - December 3rd

Annual Christmas Fellowship Luncheon - December 10th

Christmas Choir Cantata - December 17th

Christmas Eve Services - December 24th



Dear KBC Family,

This is the happy time of the year where members of families, who live scattered at the four corners of the United States, travel to come together for Thanksgiving. During Thanksgiving week, bountiful menus are planned with the famous turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry jam, and pumpkin pie. As this wonderful family holiday takes place, it is a good time to ponder on the meaning of Thanksgiving Day. But to understand the essence of its' meaning, we must first consider the origin and evolution of this holiday.

Thanksgiving began as a day of fasting and prayer. American history tells that it originated in 1621 when the English Pilgrims, founders of a colony of Plymouth, had a celebration with Native Americans who brought gifts of food as a way of showing friendship. But there is no evidence that the participants of this feast thought of it as a thanksgiving celebration. However, two years later, as these Christian Pilgrims had a day of fasting and prayer to end a period of drought, this day became a day of giving thanks to God because rains came during their prayers. Two centuries later, President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November to be a day of thanksgiving and praise to God for all of His blessings in the midst of the Civil War. With time, this day became a home and family holiday where thanks were given to the Lord for all His blessings.

During the 20th century, new secular Thanksgiving traditions emerged. For example, the day after Thanksgiving gradually became known as the first day of the Christmas shopping season. Also, as football became popular, teams in the NFL established the tradition of playing nationally televised games on Thanksgiving afternoon. And today, the period from Thanksgiving Day to New Year's Day is collectively referred to as the holiday season. To the football fans and the early Christmas shoppers, I will say that most of these new Thanksgiving traditions have nothing wrong within themselves, except that they tend to slowly and subtly erode at the essence of what Thanksgiving should be about.

Today as we see the United States losing the Christian values on which it was founded and increasingly becoming a secular nation, it is not the time to forget the real meaning of important holidays that celebrate our God such as Easter, Christmas, and Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving Day is NOT about us, it is simply about thanking the One and only living God, for His endless love, His gift of grace, His unflinching protection, and His abundant blessings.

Ephesians 5:20 says to give thanks always for all things to God. Not just for the good things, but to give thanks to God always regardless of circumstances because, as Romans 8:28 says, we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

But genuine thankfulness, only happens when we truly realize what the Lord has done for us and how much God loves us. Because He loved us, the blood of Christ has made us whole, and has brought peace into our lives in the midst of a desperate world in constant turmoil. Because He loves us, we know that one day we will live eternally in the glory of His presence and for this, we should humbly say "thank you Lord!"

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Carolyn

**SUPER TUESDAY
IS NOVEMBER 14th
AT 4:30PM.**

**LET THE OFFICE
KNOW IF YOUR
COMMITTEE IS
MEETING.**

**CHURCH COUNCIL
WILL MEET AT
6:30PM.**



**Shoebox Dedication Sunday
November 12, 2017**

We will dedicate the shoeboxes on Sunday, November 12th during the 11:00am worship service.

We are part of the Rappatomac Area Team which includes Westmoreland, Essex, Richmond County, Middlesex, King and Queen, Lancaster and Northumberland. Last year our area collected 7,955 shoebox gifts. Our goal this year is for the Rappatomac Team to collect over 10,000 Shoebox Gospel Opportunities.

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through simple, gift filled shoe boxes. Each packed box is also the opportunity to Share the Good News of Jesus with a child, and perhaps a family or community.

In over 100 countries, local churches are following Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts with the Greatest Journey, a dynamic discipleship course developed by Samaritan's Purse that teaches boys and girls to faithfully follow Christ and share Him with others. When they graduate, the children receive a certificate and a New Testament in their language.

Begin praying now for the recipients of these shoebox gifts. Pray boldly for the child who will receive your gift. Add this child to your prayer list. God already has a person planned to receive your special gifts.



AROUND THE WORLD

“LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME ...

FOR OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD”

— LUKE 18:16 —

Their smiles and joyous laughter speak a universal language. In 109 countries across the globe, the Lord used Operation Christmas Child to bless boys and girls who have endured poverty, famine, disease, and war. From traumatized Syrian refugees living in camps in southern Europe to earthquake survivors in Nepal's Himalayan Mountains, Samaritan's Purse was able to share the Good News of Jesus Christ thanks to your simple shoebox gifts filled with toys and love.



KBC Food Pantry

The KBC Food Pantry could use your help! We are getting closer to the holidays. Usually, the Warsaw Food Bank provides us with Thanksgiving and 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 are able 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 are able 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 Thanksgiving and 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



We are truly blessed with the KBC Food Pantry 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 new food pantry “volunteer” - a wagon to carry our clients’ food to their cars!!





As we draw to the end of another fantastic year of **JOY** events, there's still time for you to join us to help with our yearly, Christmas shut-ins project.

On Tuesday, November 28th, at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall, **JOY** will meet to make gifts for our shut-ins. This year we will be making lace angels for each person and we can use your help putting these together. Afterwards, we will provide pizza and salad for lunch. Plan on joining us!

Looking to December, put on your calendar December 5th, 10:00am, so you can join **JOY** in putting together candy bags and delivering the gifts and candy to our shut-ins. Watch for upcoming **JOY** announcements in future Bulletins and the December Newsletter.

JOY needs donations of wrapped candy for this project. If you would like to donate, we will have a box in the office starting the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 19th and until December 5th.



WMU Mission Project for November 2017

The **WMU's** mission project for November is delivering cookies to our shut-ins. Each member is asked to bring three dozen cookies to our November 14th meeting.

MINISTRY UPDATE: VICTOR VULA in MYANMAR

Oct. 11, 2017

My dear friend in Christ,

Greetings from Myanmar! Hope this email finds you well. Time is flying; rainy season is now over and we started smelling winter season. Once again, it is our joy to bring our ministry update and prayer needs. Please continue to pray for us and support us. Thank you.

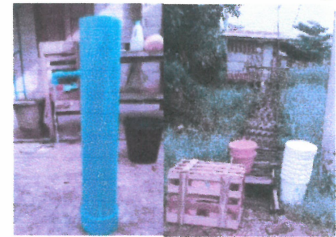
Victory International School (VIS)

Thank you always for your prayer for VIS. We now finished our first semester and will celebrate 100 days of school very soon. We also started preparing activities for Christmas program which will be held on Dec. 19. It is our joy to the Lord for bringing visitors time to time at VIS. Our prayer is that, one day the Lord will provide strong and excellent schools from other countries to work with us. STEM class (*related with Math & Science*) is over now, some students will participate at a competition related with this course, and we are really excited about that. Also our Art class is finishing and we are going to end this course with a competition in two weeks.



Water Filter & Humanitarian Aid

Thank God, we can continue distributing more Lilypad water filters, and are planning to build more Live-sand water filtration systems. Please continue to pray for us and support us for this project. Again, this project is helpful for our missionary partners as they use them for their ministry tools while helping people in disadvantaged communities.



Mission & Victory Community Chapel (VCC)

Victory Community Chapel is going well, as well as our Sunday school class. We are praying for more people to attend at our Sunday worship service. One of our prayers is to start one hour



English conversation class before we start our Sunday worship service each week; and we are looking for any Bible believing church to partner with us so that we can minister our community more effectively. As part of VCC ministry, my good friend Jonathan Stone and I were able to hold Parenting training in Kalay Myo during last week. During the first week of November, my other good friend Richard, Veia and I will hold Bible preaching seminar in Kalay Myo for the pastors. The mission (Burmese-Mizo) church I am directing is also going well. Picture is one of our mission centers in Shan state, the eastern part of Myanmar.



Here are our prayer needs at the ministry:

Please continue to pray for qualified and dedicated Godly teachers (*both Myanmar & native English speakers*), at least 3 more laptop computers, schools in other countries to connect with us so that our students can join schools in another countries, land and buildings for the school (*Next year we will celebrate our 10th year of school and we are still running the school at rented buildings, we are still unstable like guests*), etc. Please continue to pray also for restriction from the government for holding worship service at houses; many Christians in Myanmar meet at houses. We also request your prayer support for peace, especially for the western state of Rakhine.

Thank you again for your prayer and financial support. If you would like to donate, 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!

Yours in Christ,

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



International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

This year the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church will be observed on November 5th. It is a day set aside to especially remember our suffering brothers and sisters in other parts of the world, who risk their lives every day for Christ. We have become more aware of persecution in recent years due to the news account of ISIS, Boko Haram, and other groups. It should also be noted that the most hostile country for Christians is North Korea. Believers must hide their faith completely, even from family members.

When those who are persecuted know their fellow Christians are praying for them, it is an encouragement and helps them stay true to their commitment. One of the organizations that ministers to persecuted Christians, Voice of the Martyrs, has suggested ten ways to pray for suffering Christians. Pray that they will:

1. Sense God's presence.
2. Know the body of Christ is praying for them.
3. Experience God's comfort.
4. See God open doors to evangelism.
5. Boldly share the Gospel.
6. Forgive and love their persecutors.
7. Be granted wisdom in covert ministry work.
8. Remain joyful amid suffering.
9. Mature in their faith.
10. Be rooted in God's word.

Let us be diligent to pray regularly for the persecuted church.



FROM THE MOUSE'S CORNER

By Harriet Gearhart
November 2017

While cleaning out some dusty corners of the garage lately, I came across this poem that I had been inspired to write 30 years ago. As I look around at the growing number of new houses being built today, I wonder if any of these new homeowners can imagine the building shortcuts other newcomers made in the “olden days”, just to save a few pennies! To be truthful, the reason we did it was stated in the fifth couplet below. I am glad I didn’t decide to be a poet!!

OUR HOUSE

This house was built with loving hands and sometimes tired feet.
We’ve learned a lot from past mistakes, at least the rafters meet!

The walls are framed with spruce or fir or maybe even pine.
The bank may hold the mortgage but all the nails are mine!

We built a very big garage in which to store our stuff
But when we finished building it, it wasn’t big enough.

When problems have arisen which seemed too large to solve
We put our heads together and strange tools did evolve.

A wooden clamp, a scaffold strong, a plywood hoist, a tee
We could have rented most of them, but we’re too cheap, you see!

Whenever a board gets in the way “real carpenters” would move it.
If not, it would be dangerous. I’ve two black eyes to prove it!

Our kitchen here has been designed with just one cook in mind.
It’s small and it’s sufficient but the cook must be efficient.

It has been said too many cooks can spoil a tasty dish.
But when it comes to cleaning up, some help would be my wish.

At cleanup time the kitchen grows (I do not understand)
It grows so large there’s even room for one more helping hand.

We’d planned to build a smaller house, stacked upward through the trees
With lots of windows front and back to let in every breeze.

But in our quest for light and air we left too little space
To hang our pictures and our plates, they’re stored tho’ just in case.

And after all is said and done there was a plan, you see
We may have altered it a bit but it suits us to a TEE!

Harriet B. Gearhart, 1988