



KILMARNOCK BAPTIST CHURCH
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"The Good News"

a monthly newsletter of Kilmarnock Baptist Church



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Sunday Mornings
Sunday School @ 9:45
Worship @ 11:00
Nursery Available

Church Office Hours
Mon - Thurs
9:00am - 4:00pm

Wednesday Evenings
W.O.W * @ 6:00
Fellowship Dinner @ 6:30
*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 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



Join us as we knit and
crochet on January

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GLORIA BOSHER



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 1: Bob Gray
- January 8: Agnes Holloway
- January 15: Mary French Hutt
- January 22: Carol Nelson
- January 29: Debby Sachen





A New Year & Commitment to God

As 2017 begins, Kilmarnock Baptist enters a visioning process. We look ahead to the future and try to discern where God is calling us now. This process is not about the past or, for that matter, the present. It is about the future—what is next? For many of us, we have to figure out what kind of church God is calling us to be. For some, the question is about the legacy we want to leave to the next generation.

When we go someplace on a regular basis, the place can take on a familiar feel—stores, friends' homes, various routes around town, and, even, church. Our visioning process and collectively reading *Sailboat Church* can help us appreciate church. We can renew our commitment to God while we explore who God is calling us to be in the next generation.

God's grace is a treasure. Instead of treating church, our faith, and God's grace as something familiar, we can hold it as our most valuable possession. Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes, "Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance... Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate" (*Cost of Discipleship*, p. 44).

As we start a new year and enter this visioning process, let us recommit ourselves to God. Let us remember that the cross precedes the grace of Christ. Grace is not cheap; it is one of the most valuable things in our lives.

In order to have a future, we are called to join God. To me, it is amazing to think that the Holy Spirit is already at work. As a group, we are called to listen to our calling and what is next. This task is not ours alone. We have the power of the creator of the universe with us (Psalm 139:7-12). None of us bear it alone as individuals, either. We listen to God together. We are a family who are committed to God together.

If you are in the habit of making New Year's Resolutions, consider making a resolution to live out your faith more fully than you have before. Each of us is on a journey. None of us have achieved God's perfection, nor can we achieve it on our own. Going to church or making a resolution will not achieve God's perfection, but our actions reflect the faith in our hearts (James 2:14-17).

None of us know where God is leading us. Finding out will be exciting! I look forward to going through this process with you.

Peace,
Matt

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9:6-7

Our dear faithful friends,

With these wonderful words from Isaiah we wish you a rich blessed Christmas in the name of Jesus. may Jesus Himself be the center of all our festivities, so that the message of His great gift of our salvation from sin and death both through each of you and through us out here may reach to many more before He comes to take His own home to eternal glory together with Him.

I, Edel am sorry that we have not written to you all this year, but letter writing has all the time been postponed by the daily always pressing things. With my soon 90 years I sleep more than I like, also throughout the day, so that I can't manage all that I would like to. Pray that I may know from day to day what the Lord wants me to do, and what I with good conscience can leave out. Thank you! Apart from all my writings I also now teach 4 pastors in "Biblical Discipleship". Both they and I are so glad for these hours. I do enjoy teaching again, and it is a joy to see how they suck it all up every time we are together. They didn't even want a Christmas vacation. Many pastors in the small churches have not had much teaching before they were asked to become pastors. Maybe I shall also give the disciple training to some married couples that have come into our church here. I also teach Genesis to our girl, Kathy and her sister Amalia, and it is a joy to see how they take it all in.

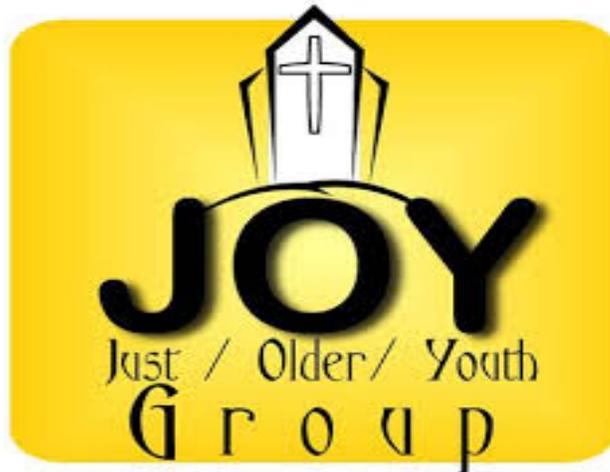
Sara has suffered a number of mini strokes lately, and that has caused difficulties in walking and strong weakening of all her muscles. When our doctor saw her in the beginning of this month she showed Kathy how to train Sara's muscles, so that she does not become totally helpless. So Kathy is training with her and taking her for a walk every day. It is totally incredible how much it has helped in such a short time. She practically walks much better than I do, for I cannot manage without my walker or my two canes I use when I go shopping. As Sara's muscles grow stronger we hope she will again be able to sit and teach our Discipleship program to both old and new believers who really need to know it. Right now her main ministry is prayer and that is in no way the least part of the work here.

Diana, one of our girls has left us. Not that she or we had anything to complain about – she just wanted to try something else. However, we are not sorry that she left for she was way too domineering, never allowing Kathy to do anything but what she, Diana, wanted. So everything has totally changed now when Kathy is managing all the work alone. We have seen a wonderful change in her; she has become more independent and is working well on her own initiative. We are incredibly glad for her and couldn't manage at all without her good help. She has now got company from her older sister, Amalia, who by day is helping a young family, Pastor Ricardo's son Amilcar with his wife Tany and little baby boy, who was born just as Amilcar was diagnosed with severe cancer in his throat. Amilcar was very ill, but the Lord heard our prayers and we expect next week to hear good results from his last cat scan. He is now eager to start leading the youth work again in El Dorado where he also will be a good help to his dad. Amalia has been and is an invaluable help to them and they to her, as she just had been through a very difficult time at home in Boca. Here at our place she is helping especially with the children's work on Saturdays. Kathy is also helping there, but has more than enough to do with helping us. She will start her education as a nurse in January.

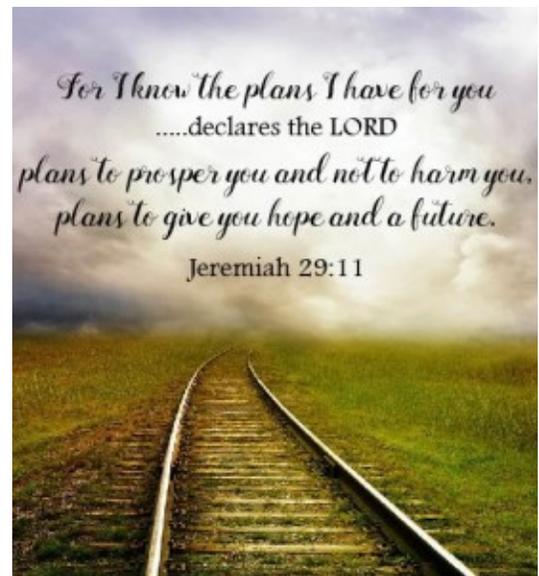
We also have another good helper in Edgar who has a room not far from us, but mostly sleeps here in one of the rooms we use for the children's work. He drives our car for us when we need to go somewhere, help in the property when he is not at work, gives bible teaching to the young boys, and helps us with a lot of other things. Yes, we are privileged, for also many others are giving us a hand where we need it. Just think how many old people have to sit alone and unable to manage, suffering without the help they so desperately need. Here in Panama no one can stay in an old peoples home without having to pay a costly sum for it.

Those who come to our church thrive both in Sunday school and at the services, but we cannot say that we see more of the neighbors coming in spite of visiting them, giving out tracts and invitations. But several have moved over to us from other churches, so pray that no wrong teaching shall sneak in, and pray that we may be able to disciple them. The children's work goes well. Also many young ones come, since they have a good sports program. Pray that the Gospel may really sink into their hearts to salvation, for they all hear the Word every time they come. Yes, I know that we have to take the long view, and I am convinced that a children's and young people's work is some of the most important work in a church, but it is also clear that we live in the last days. May we all use time as Jesus wants it, Math. 28:18-20, until he comes.

Let us close with a big thank you for all loving prayers and support for us throughout this so soon past year. We would very much like to hear from you and wish you all much blessing from our Lord in the year we are about to enter. Let us remember Math.28:18 in whatever it may hold for us. With our love in Christ, Edel and Sara



JOY will begin 2017 with a breakfast meeting on Tuesday, January 24th, at 10am in Fellowship Hall. This is our yearly planning meeting, so we hope you will join us with your ideas for interesting and fun activities for us to do this coming year. Please bring a breakfast casserole or any breakfast food to share. We hope to see you there!



The KBC Food Pantry has a continuing need for donations of both **jelly and syrup**. This need is a constant one. Monetary donations are never turned away either!! We appreciate everyone's continued support of our program. Thank you in advance for your help.

MINISTRY UPDATE: VICTOR VULA in MYANMAR

Dec. 1, 2016

My dear friend in Christ,

Greetings from Myanmar! It's always a joy to bring our latest ministry update and prayer needs to you. Thank you again for your prayer and financial support. Please continue to pray for us and support us.

Victory Center for Academics (VCA)

Praise God, it's already December. Our Christmas program is just 20 days away. During the month of November, we had picture and fun days. We also had Chapel time with Peter and his friends; it is such a joy to have them at VCA; there is not



enough words how much we appreciate their presence at the school.

Please continue to pray for the school; for school partnership, rental cost (*the current contract will be expired at the end of February, 2017*), Air conditioners for each classroom, good & dedicated teachers, curriculum, books for the library, tuition assistance to needy students, etc.

Water Filter & Humanitarian Aid

As rainy season is over in Myanmar and enter into the winter season, and soon the summer will be here; water is going to be a problem again at some regions. God willing, I will be traveling to the North within the next couple of weeks and plan to build more live-sand water filters. I am also preparing to provide a few Lilypad water filters to some places near Yangon area. Please continue to pray for us and support us. Thanks.



Mission & International Church

The mission church I am directing is going well. Within the next two weeks we will have salvation camp meetings at each of our mission centers.



During Christmas time we will also have Christmas celebrations where we will be sharing the true meaning of Christmas. We need your prayer support for those meetings, and also for our missionaries as they seek to win more souls to Christ.



Thank you again for your prayer and financial support. Your support is the main source that help us do better works at the ministry and be able to continue our ministry here in Myanmar. Please continue to pray for us and support us. If you would like to donate, you can send fund directly by 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: 1900 Chamberlayne Ave., Richmond, VA 23222; and note "Myanmar Project" in the memo line.

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),
Bogone, Insein Tsp., Yangon, Myanmar.
Ph. 09-421-155-549 (Cell).



Worship on Wednesday (W.O.W) will resume on January 4, 2017. The organized theme for W.O.W. this session is still centered around the idea "Northern Neck United" created by Paster Matt. Come out, worship and fellowship.

When we received the renovation grant, we also borrowed an additional \$25,000 from duPont. We have to pay it back, interest free, \$5,000 a year for five years and it began this year. We made the first payment this past March. A designated account for Debt Reduction has been generated for anyone who would like to help with the \$5,000 each year. Your contribution helps us not to touch the church's funds. Thank you, Mary Ann, Treasurer

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A New Year's Blessing

May God make your year a happy one!
 Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
 But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
 Not by making your path easy,
 But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
 Not by taking hardships from you,
 But by taking fear from your heart;
 Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
 But by keeping your face bright,
 even in the shadows;
 Not by making your life always pleasant,
 But by showing you when people
 and their causes need you most,
 and by making you anxious to be there to help.
 GOD'S LOVE, PEACE, HOPE & JOY
 To you for the year ahead.

Happy New Year!

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**SUPER TUESDAY
 is JANUARY 17TH.
 LET ZABRINA
 KNOW IF YOUR
 COMMITTEE IS
 MEETING.**

WMU™

The WMU will meet
**Tuesday, January 10th, at 10:30
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