



KILMARNOCK BAPTIST CHURCH
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"The Good News"

a monthly newsletter of Kilmarnock Baptist Church



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



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

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



March Birthdays

- 8 Edward Davis, Jr
- 9 Joan Beane
- 12 Ken Holloway
- 17 Agnes Holloway
- 17 Pat Ramey
- 19 Margaret Denkinger
- 21 Melanie Tennant
- 23 Beth Cornwell
- 26 Michael Christopher
- 28 Lyle Drake
- 29 Creston Saunders
- 31 Harriet Gearheart



Join us as we knit and
crochet on March
16th at 10 am.

SUPER TUESDAY
is **MARCH 21ST**. LET
ZABRINA KNOW IF
YOUR COMMITTEE
IS MEETING.

Prayer for the Month

My Lord, my Savior,

Make me a lover of the truth,
which is your Word. Make me
careful of my thoughts, and the
words I speak, that I may not
think selfishly and speak cruelly.
Keep me holy unto thee. Amen.



The WMU will meet
**Tuesday, March
14th, at 10:30 am**

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

- March 5: Agnes Holloway
- March 12: Mary French Hutt
- March 19: Carol Nelson
- March 26: Edith Houghton

FLOWERS



ANNE BROMLEY

WELCOME

- March 5: Sue Brent
- March 12: Donna/Mike Swinney
- March 19: Harriet Dawson
- March 26: Jenny Crandall

NURSERY



Finding Vision Amid Distraction

On March 1st, we begin 40-days of prayer. The guide, beginning on page 111 of *Sailboat Church* by Joan Gray, offers a scripture passage, focus verse, short reflection, and space to write down your thoughts or a prayer.

Reading scripture before praying can help us focus. Too often, life clutters our minds with distractions. They take our attention away from God. Even when we try to sit still and focus on God, everything that is happening can begin racing across our minds. We think: *When will I hear about this? Or, did I call so-and-so?* These distractions take us away from God. Reading some verses in the Bible centers us. The Bible is the best reminder of who God is.

Looking at one verse narrows our focus further. Ancient Christians called this *lectio divina*, or Holy reading. We can read a verse over and over again. We can pray it until the words become our own.

The short reflection reminds us that we are not on this journey alone. In this case, our guide is Joan Gray, a Presbyterian minister. But, we must not get distracted by focusing on her. Instead, we focus on God. Joan is our guide. She offers thoughts, based on the scripture, for our prayers.

Then, there is blank space on the page. Write in your book. Ask God questions. Share your thoughts with God. My mother has kept a prayer notebook for over fifty years. She writes down her prayer requests. Then, she later goes back to write down how God answers them. This has been a powerful source of her engagement with God. It is not magical or special. As I recall, she usually keeps a small, spiral notebook with her Bible. When she has her morning devotion, she prays and revisits old concerns and prayer requests.

The four small groups have come up with some exciting vision statements. Here is a small sample:

- Reaching up, reaching out, and reaching in
- We see a church whose head is Jesus, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be just, show mercy, and walk humbly with God.
- To move outside our walls to meet human needs, wherever we may find the hurting, lonely or lost, and to help them in their discomfort by showing Christ's compassion.
- To be an active partner in efforts that benefit and unite our community and extended family and provide a welcoming fellowship for worship and support.

Now, we come together for a period of prayer. Let us seek God's guidance. Let us be clear-eyed and see where God is leading us. Let us unite and reach a consensus of God's vision for Kilmarnock Baptist Church.

Peace,
Matt

FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Save the Date

The joint KBC-KUMC Vacation Bible School will be held June 19-23 at KUMC this year. We will have our first planning meeting on Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 12:30pm at KUMC. As usual, we will need lots of volunteers for registration, publicity, decorating, Bible stories, Science, Sports, Music, Crafts, and individuals to get the children to their activities. If you are unable to attend the planning meeting, please let Carolyn Williams know where you would be willing to volunteer to serve.



JOY is planning a trip to the Riverside Center Dinner Theater on April 26 in Fredericksburg to see "Saturday Night Fever, The Musical." Based on the 1977 hit movie that featured and popularized the disco music of the BeeGees, this stage version focuses on talented, streetwise Tony Manero, a nineteen-year-old Brooklyn youth who attempts to escape the tensions of his seemingly meaningless life through disco dancing.

Ticket cost for seniors is \$64, which includes the musical and a full meal (salads, entrée, sides, dessert, coffee, tea or water and gratuity). More info in email news. If interested, contact Mary Jane, Warren or Marty NO LATER THAN March 5. Reservations must be made early to guarantee seating for this popular musical. Payment should be made by March 12 with a check payable to Warren Sutherland (he will make reservations through a credit card).

NEEDED! JOY needs donations of individually wrapped candy to be used to prepare and deliver Easter gifts to shut-ins and those in nursing homes. Please leave the candy in the Office or, better yet, bring it and come join us on Tuesday, March 28th, at 10am, to help us prepare and deliver to these special people. Thanks for your help!

FROM THE MOUSE'S CORNER

By Harriet Gearhart

February 2017

It has been twelve months since I have written a column from the “Mouse's Corner” but every now and then someone asks me “When will you return to writing for the newsletter?” My reply has always been “When I can find something interesting to write about.”

Although the mouse has not returned to report on his adventures, Warren Sutherland has continued to remind me that there are many who still look forward to reading something from my world that is humorous or uplifting and I tell him that I am still looking for an unusual or interesting event.

The Lord, also, seems to want me to write again. At times he provides me with a subject but I may not feel the urge to follow through. Between tax preparation and other problems, I have not been very receptive lately to ideas, even the ones I felt were from the Lord. This time I knew it definitely was from Him. No one could have picked such perfect timing to send me such a message!

On this particular morning I was getting ready for another ordinary day when a movement outside the patio door caught my attention. I was just in time to see a very large bird fly down and land in the yard about ten feet from the house.

At first I was not sure what it was but on closer inspection I realized that it was a great bald eagle, no doubt one half of our resident eagle couple who reside on the Great Wicomico River. Confused and evidently very frightened, he quickly hid under a branch of a nearby hemlock tree. I was so startled it took me a moment to remember where I had last seen my camera. When I located it and returned to the scene, I had lost the best moment for picture taking.

However, when I returned he was still there and I tried to focus on the great bird who was still looking from side to side as if trying to find a way to escape. The light was definitely not right for photo taking, being early morning and the west side of the house still shaded from the rising sun, but I knew if I didn't try, I would have nothing to prove I had really seen a bald eagle in my yard!

I had time to shoot one fast photo and hope that the light was bright enough to recognize the magnificent creature.

In past columns, you may remember, I reported a visit from a hawk and another visit from a black and white cat who was a near twin to my own “Scalliwag”. Country living has its rewards at times as this when wildlife drops into your presense without warning.

The camera showed that the scene through the view finder too dark to get a clear picture. I took a chance that the sun had risen enough to at least reveal that there had been an object hidden under the tree branch. Unfortunately it had not been light enough and the photo was not clear enough to show any definite shape or form.

I wish I had been better prepared for such an event but the only thought that entered my mind at that moment was “wonderful things happen when you least expect them!”

I should remember that every day of my life wonderful things can happen even if they are not recognized as something expected. I know from whom they come. Thank you, Lord.

MINISTRY UPDATE: VICTOR VULA in MYANMAR

Jan. 2, 2017

My dear friend in Christ,

Happy New Year! Hope you had a wonderful time at Christmas and New Year with your love ones. Muani and the kids spend their Christmas and New Year time with Muani's parents' house in the north. I was not able to go with them as I have some works to be done during the school break. I too had a good time with our church members. Following is our latest ministry update and prayer needs. Thank you again for your prayer and financial support. Please continue to pray for us and support us.



Victory Center for Academics (VCA)

Thank God, we had a wonderful Christmas and Fun fair program on Dec. 21. Many parents and friends showed up; the kids did their presentations very well. We are now in our Christmas holiday. Class will resume on Jan. 9. During this week, teachers and staff will go for excursion in the East during. Everyone is excited about it.



Please continue to pray for the school; for rental cost (*we need to renew the contract in February, 2017*), curriculum, school partnership, Air conditioners for each classroom, good & dedicated teachers, books for the library, tuition assistance to needy students, etc.

Water Filter & Humanitarian Aid

Around Christmas time, I was able to provide a few Lilypad water filters. God willing, I will be traveling to the North for our church annual conference in February; I hope to build more live-sand water filters there. I am also praying to provide many more Lilypad water filters to disadvantage communities near Yangon city. Please continue to pray for us and support us. Thank you.



Mission & International Church

The mission church I am directing is going well. We had wonderful Christmas programs to those places and held salvation crusades as well. Thank God, the Lord gave us one soul. Please continue to pray for us and support us so that we can win many more souls.



Thank you again for your prayer and financial support. This is the main source that help us do better works at the ministry and, enabling us 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 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: 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).

2017 Community Lenten Services

Sponsored by the Lancaster County Ministerial Association
Hosted by Kilmarnock Baptist Church
Each Wednesday – March 1 through April 12 – 12:05 PM

Date	Leader	Preacher	Reader
3/01/17	The Rev. Matt Tennant Kilmarnock Baptist	The Rev. Mary Haskins Hartswell Baptist	Gail Turner Calvary Baptist
3/08/17	The Rev. Kim Bunns Sharon Baptist	The Rev. Tae-Wan Kang Bethel UMC, Emmanuel UMC	Sherry Mann St. Mary's/Trinity Episcopal
*3/15/17	The Rev. Penny Cory Kilmarnock Methodist	The Rev. Keith Curran St. Andrews Presbyterian (Interim Pastor)	Virginia Blackwell Corrottoman Baptist

****NOTE**
Lent service and luncheon will be held at KUMC.

2017 MEMORIAL GIFTS

ADDED JANUARY 30, 2017

In memory of Frances Marsh

WMU

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Anderson

Jean Ellis

Margaret L. Forrester

Nancy E. Johannes

Betty and Bobby Fields

Leah G. Pittman

Mr. and Mrs. Steven L. Pittman

Greg McMillian

Stuart and Jane Dunaway

Jane Dunaway

Nell K. Casto

Peggy Davis

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Crace

Anne Bromley

In memory Jayne Jackson

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Price—Food Pantry

Oliver and Mary Ann Crane—Music Fund

Nancy Wetherington—Music Fund

Anne Bromley—Music Fund

In Honor Of Winnie and Linnie McCrobie

Dr. and Mrs. Mike Nickerson—Music Fund

ADDED FEBRUARY 7, 2017

In memory of Lynn Bowles

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sutherland

In memory of Frances Marsh

Nancy Wetherington

ADDED FEBRUARY 21, 2017

In memory of Robert Gibson

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Price

ADDED FEBRUARY 28, 2017

In memory of Ralph Ransone

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sutherland

LISA SPIERS MEMORIAL 5K

Presented by Kilmarnock Baptist Church



SEE A CURE



KILMARNOCK BAPTIST
CHURCH presents...
Lisa Spiers Memorial 5K Run/
Walk

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Raising awareness for Ocular
Melanoma

Registration is now open.
Go to the website
www.lisaspiers5K.org.

5K Volunteers Needed

The Lisa Spiers Memorial 5k will be held on Saturday, April 1. Volunteers are needed for various tasks the day before and the day of the event. Some tasks are:

Packing 5k bags

Registrations and packet pickup

Games

Start/Finish Setup

Route Guidance/Cheerleaders

Water Stations

Timekeepers

Floater

Marty Sutherland is handling the volunteer list. She will be contacting all those who helped last year. If interested in volunteering this year, please contact Marty at 577-4028.