



KILMARNOCK BAPTIST CHURCH
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"The Good News"

a monthly newsletter of Kilmarnock Baptist Church



2016

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Zabrina Webster, Ministry Assistant
Mary Ann Crane, Organist
Lori Eanes, Pianist

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



May Birthdays

- 2 Linda Enders-Bailey
- 3 Grace Gates
- 3 Anne Bromley
- 3 Danny Tobin
- 9 Richard Russell
- 9 Gretchen Urban
- 9 Vernon Courtney
- 11 Pernell McNeal
- 12 Robbie Spiers
- 12 George Urban
- 13 Edison Tennant
- 15 Edwin Boshier
- 17 Max Wallenberg
- 19 Emmanuel Webster
- 25 Jenny Crandall
- 27 Fannie Clingan
- 27 H.C. Watson, Jr.
- 29 Tom Bonner
- 30 Kelle Urban

FLOWERS
PEGGY DAVIS

Prayer for the Month

My Creator, give me joyful eyes for joyful nature. May I be alive to the gentle influences of a May day which bring new experiences to all who may receive them: and may I serve thee by unfolding to others the love of truth, the love of good, and the love of beauty. Amen.



Join us as we knit and crochet on May 19th at 10 am.

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

- May 1: Nancy Wetherington
- May 8: Fannie Clingan
- May 15: Glen Gurtner
- May 22: Bob Gray
- May 29: Agnes Holloway

Dear KBC,

Thank you all so much for your very warm, loving welcome. It means so much to me. I'm loving every minute being your Ministry Assistant. I look forward to learning and growing with you in Christ.

Sincerely,
Zabrina

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- A graphic for a nursery featuring a sun, clouds, balloons, and a banner that says 'NURSERY'. The text 'WELCOME' is at the top.
- May 8: Louise Humphreys
 - May 15: Nancy Wetherington
 - May 22: Barbara Smith
 - May 29: Melanie Tennant

Business Meetings at KBC

As Baptists, our business meetings are one of our most valuable defining characteristics. We have a bottom-up theology. The congregation has the final say in all matters. From the congregation, everything moves upward, equally, toward God. Each person has *one voice*. This equality before God is a wonderful part of our tradition. Bullies will occasionally try to, as my mother says, “*grab the conversational ball*”. In Baptist life, everyone gets to speak and is equal before God.

Business meetings are a delightful testimony to what God does in our lives. Our faith is reflected in the warm and Christ-like way we conduct ourselves when we carry out our business. We can use this as an outreach opportunity. We can show Christ in us in our speech. Over the past few months, we have discussed topics, such as the continuing conversation about a screen in the sanctuary, in a healthy way. Let us continue to point to God in our business.

Kilmarnock Baptist Church has a quarterly business meeting on the fourth Sunday in each of the following months: **January, April, July, and October**. There is a provision to reschedule if there is another event, but rescheduling is unusual. Look ahead. Mark your calendar. And, please plan to attend. Attending and participating is how we live out this core tenet of the Baptist tradition.

During our meeting last Sunday, one person made a valuable suggestion—make the meeting reports available ahead of time. This will work if committee chairpersons, email reports to Zabrina two weeks before the meeting is scheduled (zabrina@kilmarnockbaptist.org). This will allow her time to assemble the meeting packets one week ahead of time, and she can then make them available in the church office for anyone who wishes to stop by and pick one up.

Another person brought up a valid question, but it was not connected with a motion on the floor or a new motion. The question was about additional information from one committee. **Every congregant is welcome at committee meetings and church council meetings**. Super Tuesday is the second Tuesday of each month. Attend a meeting. Ask questions. Join the conversation. It will enrich your knowledge and prompt thoughtful reflection in committees and church council. When we participate, we are living out our Baptist tradition.

By working together, our business meetings can be even more efficient, Christ-like, outreach opportunities. We can use church council meetings to discuss ideas, test the waters, share opinions and new information, pray, and grow together. During business meetings, we can conduct the business involved in being God’s church.

In last week’s business meeting agenda, there were several errors. First, Mary Jane Gemmell is the membership clerk. I apologize to her for not updating the agenda. Second, Carol Rushing is now Carol Nelson. Again, I apologize to her for missing this update. Together, we can improve in God’s calling. We are the body of Christ and we should all strive to grow together and in Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27-31).

Peace,
Matt



Sailing
Rendevous

...more
information to
come...



SUPER TUESDAY MAY 10TH

Let Matt or Carolyn know
if your committee is
meeting.

THE VOYAGERS

Pastor Carolyn Willams is leading a new Bible Study focusing on one book of the Bible at a time. It meets every Sunday. Come learn more about the Word of God.



A number of churches in our area collect items all year long for the shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. This year KBC is going to try this method. Each month, February through September, we will have a list of items needed to fill the boxes. Look for the lists in the front and back foyers. Please keep in mind the size of the shoebox, whether for a boy or a girl, and the age: 2-4, 5-9, 10-14. For the month of May, we are collecting practical items: scissors, sewing kits, safety pins, plastic spoons and forks in ziploc.



The WMU will meet

Tuesday, May 10, at 10:30 am

in Beane Hall. Thanks you, thank you from the WMU! We appreciate the wonderful KBC response to our March Selected Mission. Because of your generosity, \$515 was collected for the KBC Food Bank.



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The Haiti
Preparation
Meetings are at
7 pm
in the Pastor's
Study
on the following
dates

May 5
May 19
June 9
July 7
July 21



From the desk of your Associate Pastor



It's that time of year! It's time to start planning our Vacation Bible School. We will host the "Surf Shack" VBS July 11-15th from 6-8pm. Dinner will start each night at 5:30pm. This year we will be dusting off our surfboards and building a surf shack. I hope that everyone will get excited and come to the fellowship luncheon planning meeting this Sunday directly after the worship service. The men and women at KUMC have also been invited.

Tables will be decorated representing the various volunteer needs. Please select and sit at the table where you would like to volunteer to serve. We will need volunteers for publicity and decorating before the event. We will also need a team of volunteers that week for registration, food, Bible stories, music, sports, science discovery, and crafts. We also need "travelers." This is the team of men and women who serve as leaders and companions with each age group as they travel from room to room within the church. There will be a sign up sheet at each table area for all of these opportunities. Please sign up before you leave the luncheon so I will have a record of where you will be willing to serve. If you are unable to attend the luncheon and wish to volunteer, please let me know where you would like to work.

We will host a pre-registration event on Saturday July 9th from 10am-2pm. There will be age appropriate giveaways and each pre-registrant will be entered into a drawing for a boogie board. The drawing will be held on Friday night July 15th at the assembly.

I am looking forward to a fun and successful VBS. Thanks in advance for your participation.

Yours in Christ,
Carolyn Williams

Food Pantry

May 11
&
May 25
1-3 pm



There will be a breakfast
On May 1st.

MINISTRY UPDATE: VICTOR VULA in MYANMAR

My dear friend in Christ,

Greetings from Myanmar in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior! Myanmar has been enjoying a new, civilian government after 54 years of military dictatorship since April 1, 2016. This week is the Burmese New Year festival, also called water festival. We are now in this long 2 weeks holiday.

News about earthquake

You might have read in the news. Last night, April 13, a strong 6.9 magnitude earthquake struck the northern part of Myanmar; the same area that experienced a strong flood last year. There were no immediate reports of serious injuries or death, and no major damages. However, the people in that area are scared because this is the first time such strong earthquake struck the area in our history, and also of such strong flood. This area is my wife's native state. Our family and friends there told us that people are terrified, and afraid that there might be another earthquake. Your prayer support is highly appreciated.

News about our ministry

Hope you received my previous email update. We were able to pay rental cost of the school for 6 months in March; deadline for paying the rest of the months is July 8. Our summer kids are enjoying. Please continue to pray for the school:

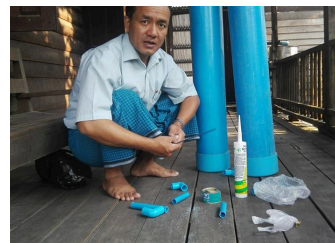
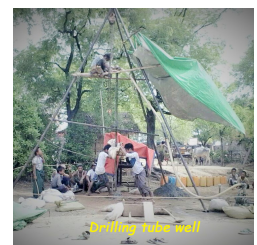
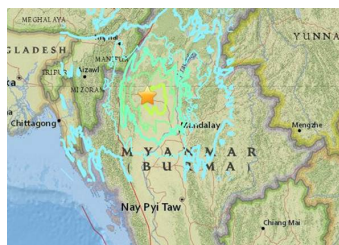
- for resource (e.g., dedicated teachers, trainers, curriculum, classroom and indoor/ outdoor materials, library books, computers, air cons, furniture etc.),
- to stabilize the school (e.g., permanent place and buildings for the school, accreditation, registration from the government, etc.), and
- expanding the ministry (e.g., building more preschools in rural areas, providing more water filtration systems and drill many more water wells, home for the poor and orphans, international church in our community, etc.).

Please also pray for Muani and myself, we are going to attend an internship program and visit a school in Colorado.

Attachment pictures are, one of our summer classes, minor damage by earthquake, one of our preschools in rural area, water filtration system and how water is drilled.

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

Yours in Christ,
Victor Vula



WMU News

We are looking for cookie recipes suitable for diabetics. We package and deliver cookies twice a year, once for Teacher Appreciation Week and again for our shut-ins during the holidays. If you have a recipe to share, please give it to any of our WMU members.

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Kilmarnock Baptist Church Food Pantry

Kilmarnock Baptist Church has a food pantry that is open the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 1 – 3 p.m. The purpose is to provide food to needy families in Lancaster County. A registration process is in place to determine eligibility.

Where does the food come from? Most of the food is provided through the Northern Neck Food Bank in Warsaw, which is a redistribution center for Feed More, Inc. (Central Virginia Food Bank in Richmond, VA).

Is there a cost? The food from the Food Bank is provided at \$ 0.19 or less per pound. In 2015, the KBC Food Pantry received 41,304 pounds of food (canned and packaged items, meats, fresh vegetables and bakery items). Cost was nearly \$5,000. When the Food Bank does not have some certain food items, the KBC Food Pantry then purchases those items from Walmart or other local grocery stores at a much higher cost.

Where do funds come from to operate the KBC Food Pantry? The Food Pantry relies on donations from individuals. A few churches in the area also provide monetary donations, food donations and/or volunteer help (Kilmarnock United Methodist Church, Kilmarnock Seventh-Day Adventist Church, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and Irvington United Methodist Church).

Who volunteers at the KBC Food Pantry? Mainly KBC members but also members of Irvington United Methodist Church and Kilmarnock Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Additional volunteers are always needed. Contact Agnes Holloway, KBC Food Pantry Manager, if interested in assisting this wonderful ministry.