



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



December Birthdays

- 4 Toi Beane
- 4 Carolyn Williams
- 7 Lynn Bowles
- 7 Oliver Crane
- 9 Ralph Ransone
- 9 Mike Swinney
- 10 Susan Whitlow
- 13 Lissett Raymond
- 13 Keith Mason
- 21 Judy Kelley
- 22 Jim Kelley

FLOWERS



DIANE GRAY



*Join us as we knit and
crochet on December
15th at 10 am.*

Prayer for the Month

Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth may we begin to see the world in the light of the understanding you give us. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. Amen.



DEACONS OF THE MONTH

- December 4: Fannie Clingan
- December 11: Glen Burtner
- December 18: Bob Gray
- December 25: Agnes Holloway



- December 4: Debbie Abbott
- December 11: Debby Sachen
- December 18: Jim and Edie Baker
- December 25: Gina Stump



Christmas '16 & Vision for the Future

On Sunday, January 1, 2017, we will begin the visioning process for God's next chapter at Kilmarnock Baptist Church. You have been hearing about it for several months, and now we are planning the weekly study groups. The groups will meet at different times and in different people's homes. They will each have a church member leading them. Pastor Carolyn and I will visit different groups.

Everyone will be studying a book called *Sailboat Church—Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice* by Joan S. Gray (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014). The church will order the books for the study group participants. They should cost around \$12 each. For those who want to read the book but do not wish to join a group, The Book Nook in Kilmarnock can order them for you.

During the first ten Sundays of 2017, our worship service will kick-off the chapter for the coming week. So, if you are not in a study group, I would encourage you to buy the book and read along. Better yet—join a group!

Visioning in a Baptist church is a collective effort. By having more members of the church take part, we will develop a vision that better reflects our congregation. If someone chooses not to take part in the process, they will not be able to help develop the vision. God gives each person many gifts. Over the years, I have seen how blessed Kilmarnock Baptist Church is. We have good leaders, talented teachers and thinkers, and hard workers. Each member has much to add to this process.

What does visioning have to do with Christmas? Advent and Christmas are old traditions. For many people, we have celebrated them for many years. Keeping the season fresh and exciting can be a challenge for some people. Likewise, the church has been around for nearly two millennia. What is new? What is different? How can we share the love of Christ in a fresh way?

Visioning is the season when we look at our culture, context, past, present, and dream about our future. Who is God calling Kilmarnock Baptist Church to be? Will the process yield an affirmation of who we are? Or, will we see ways in which we need to change?

Christmas is a reminder of the past: The season evokes childhood memories of parties. Many people are eager for Santa Claus to arrive. We can watch young children's excitement. The music, concerts, parades, and other special events celebrate the season and birth of Christ.

Each year, we might try new things during the season, and we might join traditions that predate our lives. Visioning is a little like this combination of old and new. When we vision for the future, we do not change Christian doctrine; we reexamine who we are as a Christian people in our context. I am excited to be on this journey with you!

Peace, Matt

SUPER TUESDAY
is DECEMBER
20TH. LET
ZABRINA KNOW
IF YOUR
COMMITTEE IS



The WMU will meet

Tuesday, December 13, at 10:30 am
in Beane Hall.



Why We Celebrate

Why do we celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas, though we don't know when He was born? It was necessary and inevitable that we select a date to celebrate an eternal miracle--the coming to earth of God in human form...Jesus, Who changed the entire world with His message of love, forgiveness, humility and peace. Christmas is an obligatory and indispensable holiday marking the transformation from guiltless selfishness to striving to follow His example of service to God and our fellow man.

That is worth celebrating.

By Joanna Fuchs



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.



JOY activities will end for this year when we will meet in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, December 6th to fill candy boxes and deliver them, along with the gifts we have made, to our shut-ins and those in nursing homes. If you can't join us, but would like to donate individually wrapped candy, there is a box in the Office or you can give it to Mary Jane or Marty. If you can, join us in visiting these special people!



MINISTRY UPDATE: VICTOR VULA in MYANMAR

November 2, 2016

My dear friend in Christ,

Greetings from Myanmar! Rainy season is finally over. Thank you again for your prayer and financial support. Please continue to pray for us and support us. Following is our latest ministry update and prayer needs:

Victory Center for Academics (VCA)

Thank God, first semester is done, we celebrated 100th Day on Oct. 26, and we have friends from the US helping us teach at VCA. We will soon celebrate Christmas on Dec. 21.

Students are enjoying their time at the school.

Please continue to pray so that we can fit Air conditioners in the classrooms; we need good and strong power supply for that. Once again, please please pray that we can give official announcement regarding partner school before the end of this year to parents. If you know any Bible based church/school that might want to help/work with us, that will be great. As we are nearing the end of the year, we are also praying for rental cost for next academic year.

Water Filter & Humanitarian Aid

Although rainy season is over in Myanmar, time by time we still experience heavy rain due to cyclone in different parts of Myanmar. For the time being, we were not able to provide water purification system. We hope and pray to provide them to the needy people, soon.

Mission & International Church

The mission church I am directing is going well. Our missionaries hold regular worship service for adult and children Sunday school every Sunday. We need your prayer support for our missionaries so that they can win many more souls.

Please continue to pray also for weekend English class and English speaking church in our area. For the time being, I am with my Mizo/Burmese speaking church as assistant pastor. As our senior pastor is out of town for almost 6 months now, I am leading this church.

Thank you again for your prayer and financial support. Your support is the main reason we can continue our works 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

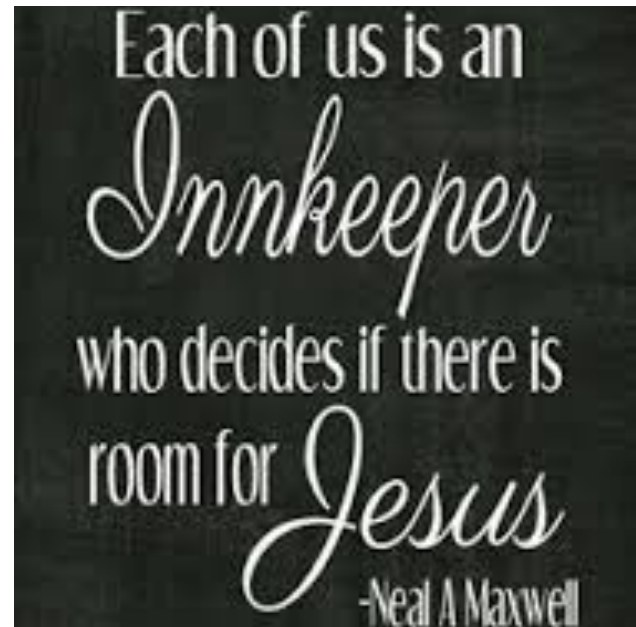
H. No. 93/C, Thiri Mingalar lane-twe (15), Bogone, Insein Tsp.,
Yangon, Myanmar. Ph. 09-421-155-549 (Cell).





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

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.



New Year Wishes

*I wish U to have a
Sweetest Sunday,
Marvelous Monday,
Tasty Tuesday,
Wonderful Wednesday,
Thankful Thursday,
Friendly Friday,
Successful Saturday.
Have a great Year.
HAPPY NEW YEAR.*

