



KILMARNOCK BAPTIST CHURCH
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"The Good News"

a monthly newsletter of Kilmarnock Baptist Church



2016

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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



October Birthdays

- 1 Bob Gray
- 1 Charlie Price
- 2 Kevin Wilkins
- 3 Joe Beane, Jr
- 3 Gloria Boshier
- 4 Augusta Sellew
- 5 Mary French Hutt
- 6 Lynne Saunders
- 7 Barbara Smith
- 8 Billy Hudson
- 9 Harriet Dawson
- 12 Margaret Headley
- 13 Ida Gallimore
- 13 Ralph Ransone
- 16 Connie Jett
- 17 Robert Gibson
- 17 G. W. Urban
- 19 Edie Stackhouse
- 24 Maude Davis
- 27 Joseph Burtner
- 28 Jim Baker



Join us as we knit and
crochet on October
20th at 10 am.

Prayer for the Month

*This day, Father,
may my eyes be opened
to see the beauty
in all that is ordinary - yet
special - around me.
May the glory of all that you
have made remind me of
your presence and lead me
closer to you. It's in Jesus
name I pray, Amen.*

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

- October 2: Glen Burtner
- October 9: Bob Gray
- October 16: Agnes Holloway
- October 23: Mary French Hutt
- October 30: Carol Rushing Nelson



- October 2: Barbara Price
- October 9: Marty Sutherland
- October 16: Debbie Reiblich
- October 23: Lisette Raymond
- October 30: Margaret Headley

FLOWERS

KAREN COX





Visioning—Next Step: A Church-wide Study

In January 2016, the deacons met and decided to make prayer the centerpiece of deacon ministry for the year. Each meeting began with an extended period of prayer. I shared a little history or lesson about prayer, offered some instruction on some prayer method, and then we prayed. Gradually, we felt God leading us to ask, *What next?* The deacons spent time thinking about visioning, growing, and leading the church into the twenty-first century.

A few months ago, we started discussing visioning during church council meetings. We explored the future and thought together about what it might look like. In this space, in September, I invited members to join the deacons and other leaders in prayer about the future of KBC, and I hope that you have been praying about the future, about the visioning process, and about God's direction. Most importantly, let us move through this process together. Let visioning be an opportunity to grow as a church.

At the deacon retreat in September, the deacons looked at visioning in greater detail. We asked questions like, *Where do we want to go? How do we want to get there? Where do we feel God is leading us?* We discussed the difference between **who we are** and **what we do**. What we do is a reflection of who we are. Before we can decide what we are going to do, we must answer the question: who are we? In visioning, we are seeking to answer this question. For example, are we evangelistic? Are we mission-minded? Do we advocate for justice? Are we a chapel to meet the spiritual needs of those who are already here? The key questions must have the verb **to be**, not to do.

Part of the deacon retreat explored the process of visioning. The deacons, Pastor Carolyn, and I agreed that a church-wide study would help the congregation unify in the visioning process. We will find a book and invite people to join small groups for a 10-week study. Since prayer has been an integral part of this process, and, in many ways, preceded it, we will conclude the church-wide study with 40 days of prayer. The deacons have set a target number of participants for the small group study. They have covenanted together to encourage the congregation to find a group to join. With greater participation will come a deeper vision that is more reflective of the congregation. **The process will begin with a special worship service on January 1.**

Each small group will make visioning suggestions, especially in their last four meetings. A visioning committee from within the church council will put these suggestions together, share them with the congregation, organize additional listening/sharing sessions, and draft a vision. After further listening sessions, the congregation will have the opportunity to vote on the vision at the April business meeting.

Visioning is a collective activity. No one person can do it alone. We can share ideas, discuss them, be open to new ways, think outside the box, ask what other churches are doing, and follow when the Holy Spirit leads. Together we can cast a vision for the future. And, together we can live out God's vision for KBC.

Peace,

Matt

SUPER TUESDAY
is **OCTOBER 18.**
LET ZABRINA
KNOW IF YOUR
COMMITTEE IS
MEETING.



The WMU will meet

Tuesday, October 11, at 10:30 am
in Beane Hall.



*A Very Special
"Thank You!"*

Thank you KBC for your generosity. You've really helped us this year with our shopping for the shoeboxes.

Shoeboxes will be on the shelves for you to pick up in the next week or two. Each shoebox will have a brochure in it with ideas about packing your box and items we CANNOT ship.

You can follow your box online and find out its destination. The website is in brochure. The cost to ship your box is \$7. If you have more than one box (and we hope you do), you only need to write one check. Fill out the form in your brochure and place it and your check in your shoebox.

If you want us to shop for you, please write on your check, "OCC Shopping". If you wish to make a donation to help with mailing costs, write on your check, "OCC Mailing".

Collection is the third week in November. Last year, we delivered 63 boxes. Let's try to get 100 in 2016.

From the Desk of the Associate Pastor

Christmas will be upon us before we know it. It is time to be thinking about our part in the upcoming drive-thru "Journey to Bethlehem" living nativity, hosted by St. Andrews Presbyterian. We are one of the many churches participating in this exciting new event on December 10th from 6-9pm. (Rain date is December 11th).

There will be seven scenes plus a Carolers scene. Kilmarnock Baptist will be doing the "Three Kings" scene. I have the costumes, but I need at least three volunteers, and women can also participate (the costumes have headdresses, so no one would know). We can do more than one team of three people as well. St. Andrews is building all the sets and obtaining the animals. Yes, we will have a camel.

You can also participate by saving gallon milk jugs. They are making luminaries to light the pathway, and we need lots of them. If you wish to be part of the Carolers, there will be a number of participants from different churches.

We are looking forward to a wonderful outreach to our community, and fun and fellowship with our Christian brothers and sisters from other churches.

Yours in Christ,
Carolyn



JOY will be going to Deltaville where Melanie Tennant will give us a tour of Ullman Sails, on Tuesday, October 25th. After our tour, we will have lunch at The Steamboat Restaurant at the Piankatank River Golf Course. We will meet in the KBC parking lot at 10am to carpool. Please let Mary Jane or Marty know if you'd like to go, so we can make lunch reservations. This will be a very interesting tour and we hope you'll join us for a great day of fellowship!

MINISTRY UPDATE: VICTOR VULA in MYANMAR

Sept. 5, 2016

My dear friend in Christ,

Greetings from Myanmar! Hope this news update and prayer needs finds you well. Thank you always for your prayer and financial support. Please continue to pray for us and support us. Following is our latest ministry update:

VICTORY CENTER FOR ACADEMICS (VCA)

Over the last two months we faced several circumstances which we had to deal with: final payment for rental cost, parents complaining about teachers and some students leaving the school; thank God



things are going better now. We have more parents inquiring, teachers are more dedicating, and improving in their teaching. We have teacher-parent conference on Aug. 26; it went well; we praise the Lord for that. Please continue to pray for us so that we can give clear answers to parents regarding partner school before the end of this year. Also that we can have air conditioner in each classroom, and be able to start computer class, starting from this month.



WATER FILTER & HUMANITARIAN AID

As Myanmar is still in monsoon season which is followed by flood in several places; many disadvantaged communities are facing clean water problem. The southern part of Myanmar is



facing more flood



these days. Our ministry is building Bio-sand water filtration system in the northern part of Myanmar for flood victims. However, we could not build many; please pray so that we can build many more water filtration systems. We are also praying for providing water filtration systems and rice to flood victims in Yangon & Ayeyawaddy delta areas. Please continue to pray also for earthquake victims; a strong 6.8

magnitude earthquake hit the historical sight of Bagan area, Myanmar on Aug. 24. Few people died and injured; however a lot of Buddhist historical temples were destroyed.

MISSION & INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

The mission church I am directing is going well. We have 3 mission centers. We need your prayer support for our missionaries so that they can win souls. Please continue to pray also for starting English speaking church in our area.

Thank you again for your prayer and financial support. Please continue to pray for our works and support us. If you would like to support, you can send fund directly to me 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).

WMU News

The annual Claybrook/Dunaway group meeting will be on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at Corrottoman Baptist Church. It begins at 10:30am. The Ladies of Corrottoman will serve lunch. Karen Burke will be the guest speaker. All are welcome.



Worship on Wednesday (W.O.W) has started. Pastor Matt organized the theme for W.O.W. this fall around the idea "Northern Neck United". The focus is on racial reconciliation. 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

Friday Night Movies have started. It's open for all our members and community friends. Movie nights are on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. Doors will be open at 6:30pm for popcorn, soft drinks, and fellowship. The movie will start at 7:00pm in Beane Hall.

The dates and movies are as follows: September 23 - Love & Mercy; October 14 - A Royal Night Out; October 28 - The American President.