

The Good News

Kilmarnock Baptist Church Newsletter

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New Beginnings



You have likely heard my news by now. It is time for me to move on. The last Sunday in May marks the end of my tenure as your interim pastor. God called me here for a specific task that has run its course.

What an honor it has been to serve God alongside you. Your openness to me, Diane, Darci, and my casual leadership style has been most pleasant. We are blessed. Your willingness to work with me through my Focus program for renewal has also been invigorating. You should read my report from the business meeting and keep it handy moving forward.

Speaking of forward motion, I am writing this prior to your time of voting for your next pastor. This is a time of celebration for you. Your candidate has been twice-vetted, through the BGAV and through your search team. They have all posed dozens of questions to this person. Some have been easy. Some difficult. All have been designed to get to know the person and how the person leads as a pastor. Getting to know your next shepherd will take time. But please rest assured that it is someone who is already matched for you.

I look forward to great things happening in Kilmarnock Baptist Church's future. Your next season is going to be exciting and challenging, but the spirit is right here to endure and emerge well-positioned for the changes that will come to this community in the next decade. Keep following the Lord in all things.

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Dates to Remember

- Sunday, May 5** - Service provided by Pastor Candidate (fellowship prior to and after service, followed by Called Business Meeting at 12:30 pm)
- Wednesday, May 8 & 22** – Prayer Shawl at 10:30 am
- Tuesday, May 14** – WMU Meeting at 10:30 am
- Wednesday, May 15** – Food Pantry
- Tuesday, May 14** – Budget & Finance Meeting at 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, May 21** – Deacons Meeting at 10:00 am
- Tuesday, May 21** – Church Council at 2:00 pm
- Tuesday, May 28** – JOY Group (time TBD)
- Wednesdays** – Choir Practice at 6:30 pm
- Thursdays** – Men’s Bible Study at 9:30 am

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As for Peptalk Ministries, the path forward remains in start-up mode, but there are multiple signs that this will also emerge as something special in the times to come. I ask for your prayers as it continues its slow-motion building process, providing opportunities for me to consult churches, coach for spiritual discernment, and lead deeply meaningful retreats for everyone wanting to grow closer to God. The path forward still needs some clearing to make room for the paving process, but God continues to inspire and encourage me through interim work for now. My "next" is not yet determined, but knowing you are in God's good hands helps me see the time is right for me to move on.

THANK YOU for being such wonderful people to work with!

Love,
Dave



Woman's Missionary Union (WMU)

News and Updates



Thank you KBC for your donations of blankets, pillows and money. We were able to deliver 14 new pillows and seven blankets to Interfaith. They were very appreciative.

On April 25 we delivered support to the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic. The menu was fried chicken, chicken tenders, coleslaw, potato salad, rolls, brownies and ice cream. Many thanks to our two new helpers, Margaret Denkinger for her brownies and Harriet Dawson for her coleslaw.



Israel - WMU Mission Project for May

"I will bless those who bless you." Genesis 12:3



Like you, we feel in our hearts that there must be something we can do for Israel and its people. After some research, we have found the most transparency in Samaritan's Purse. In Franklin Grahams' February Update, he speaks of dedicating 14 new ambulances in memory of the brave medics who were killed as they worked to save lives after the October 7 Hamas terrorist attacks.

Each ambulance bears the name and picture of a fallen first responder, plus scripture in English on one side and Hebrew on the other. Many of the verses are comforting Psalms written by King David, which is appropriate since the ambulances will be operated by Magen David Adom – literally the "Red Star of David," which is the Israeli Red Cross.

Samaritan's Purse has provided 18,500 food boxes, nearly 4,000 hot meals and more than 18,000 vouchers for families in need. (These were the latest numbers available and have greatly increased since published.)

After the delivery of the ambulances, 1,000 trauma kits left North Carolina. These kits are filled with 70 medical items, including a tourniquet, chest tube kit, suture kit, and intubation kit. Samaritan's Purse will provide each kit recipient with additional life support training to allow for the most efficient use of the new medical supplies.

Samaritan's Purse is working directly with Magen David Adom, Sheba Medical Center (the largest healthcare system in Israel), and The Ministry of Health to make sure these supplies will be distributed to first responders located the furthest out from hospitals or other emergency care.

If you feel led to help the WMU send a donation to Samaritan's Purse, please write "SP Israel Response" on the memo line of your check.

Food Pantry



The April food pantry was busy, as usual. We received nearly 7,000 pounds of food from the USDA food programs and the Healthy Harvest Food Bank. It is amazing how fast the food is distributed in

the food pantry when the truck arrives and unloads pallets in the Fellowship Hall. Within 20 minutes, our army of volunteers had begun loading bags of food to be distributed after to our clients.

In April, the food pantry served 42 families (88 individuals).

A gentleman arrived at the food pantry after the truck had arrived and provided a bag of canned items as a donation. He was amazed at the number of volunteers and all they were doing to get ready to serve the community. After he looked at all that was happening, he opened his wallet and provided a sizeable donation to the food pantry!

We are so blessed with all the wonderful volunteers who support this community every month at the KBC Food Pantry!



Come join the JOY group on Tuesday, May 28, as we try out our skills at "Paint on Pottery" in Williamsburg. This will be followed by lunch at nearby Olive Garden.

Look for more details coming soon!



KBC Website



Did you know that KBC has revamped the website? Over the last few months, a small group (Harriet, Janet and Marty) have been working with Paul Kaufman of Tidewater

Systems to develop a more accurate and user-friendly website for KBC. If you get a chance, please visit the site at kilmarnockbaptistchurch.net.

In order to continue to add information, we need your help. Give us your thoughts.

And WE NEED CURRENT PICTURES! If you have taken pictures of various activities at KBC over the last few months, please let Harriet, Janet or Marty know. We would like to get a copy so we can add more pictures to the content on the site.

Thanks for your help!

Happy May Day!

"May Day", May 1st, is a day we reserve for fun springtime activities and picnics. Festivities include children dancing around the maypole and decorating it with ribbons and flowers.



First recorded in the year 900 AD, the celebration mainly focused on the symbolic use of fire to bless cattle and other livestock as they were moved to summer pastures. This custom continued into the early 19th century, as cattle would be made to jump over fires to protect their milk from being stolen by fairies. People would also leap over the fires for luck.

Alternately, "Mayday", the distress call, first came into use in England in 1923. There already was—"S.O.S."—which worked well for telegraph signals, but there were problems with understanding it over the radio in aircraft.

So, the international distress signal "S.O.S." gave way to the word "May-day", the phonetic equivalent of "M'aidez", the French call for "Help me."

A Time for Prayer



"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven." (James 5:14-15)

"A Time for Prayer" is an initiative started by Kilmarnock Baptist Church to focus on the power and importance of dedicated prayer time. It is also an effort to share information provided by those requesting prayer for concerns and celebrations. "A Time for Prayer" will be sent out each Wednesday by email. If you have a prayer concern or celebration, or updated information about an individual mentioned in an earlier publication, please contact your church deacon or the KBC office by calling 804-435-1703 or by emailing info@kilmarnockbaptist.net. The church office will also be able to share the name of your deacon if the name is unknown to you.

Please pray for the following individuals (additional information may be found in the April 2024 "A Time for Prayer" submissions for some individuals):

Margaret Socey
Jean Gilmore
Helen Reich

Edna Mason
Martha Balderson
Grace Gates
Janet Marshall
Matthew Joyner Family (arrival of baby daughter)
Edie Marshall
Keith Kelly (nephew of Agnes Holloway)
Lawrence Barrack
Pat Ramey
Jackie Rowland
Linda Enders-Bailey
Mary Stewart (neighbor of Harriet Dawson's)
Betty Holmes
Winnie McCrobie and Family
Steve Parker (Son of Mary French Hutt)
Joe Shehigh
KBC Pastor Search Committee
KBC Food Pantry Ministry
Victims of Wars
Those in Need



Have you lost a pet who held a special place in your heart? You can take comfort in knowing that God looks over them all.

Psalm 35: 5-6

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, Your judgments are like the great deep;

You save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

A New Arrival

Bill and Janet Joyner are proud to announce the birth of their first grandchild on Easter Sunday, March 31, at 12:26 am. Iris Mae Joyner weighed in at 7 lbs. 3.2 ounces and was 19.5 inches. She is the daughter of Matthew Joyner and Alexis Dodd of Chehalis, Washington, and the great granddaughter of both Agnes Holloway and Fannie Clingan.



May 10 - Bill and Denise Goodson
 May 29 - Lester and Sue Brent

May Birthdays



- 2 Linda Enders-Bailey
- 2 Barbara Makin
- 3 Grace Gates
- 3 Danny Tobin
- 5 Lynn Bonner
- 8 Jo Johnson
- 12 Robbie Spiers
- 15 Ed Boshier
- 15 Janet Marshall
- 23 Elaine Johnson
- 25 Jenny Crandall
- 27 Fannie Clingan
- 30 Jim Makin

Children's Drawings

A Kindergarten teacher was observing the children while they drew their art. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to where one little girl was working diligently, the teacher asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But honey, no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat or looking up from her drawing, the little girl replied, "They will in a minute."

“COME TO THE TABLE”

Throughout the month of April, the Master’s Blend Sunday School class studied a powerful four-week unit entitled, “Come to the Table,” a study of The Lord’s Supper. The class members remembered and proclaimed aspects of this gift given to the disciples and to us in order to remember our Lord and Savior. The members also examined themselves as they approached The Table. And finally, the members learned to express gratitude for all they had been given.



The final class session involved participating in The Lord’s Supper. Pastor Dave Pepler directed the members through this experience, allowing for a time of deep reflection prior to the eating of the bread and the drinking of the cup.

It has been suggested that the reflection suggestions be shared with our church family through this newsletter as we approach Communion on Sunday, May 5. Please use these suggestions during your worship experience.

Prior to Eating THE BREAD, consider...

When we partake of the Lord’s Supper, we REMEMBER THE PAST, EMBRACE THE PRESENT, and ANTICIPATE THE FUTURE.

The vow you may want to make: “This is my life, the life that is given to me, and it is this life that I have to live, as well as I can. My life is unique. Nobody else will ever live it. I have my own history, my own family, my own body, my own character, my own friends, my own way of thinking, speaking, and acting...yes, I have my own life to live. No one else has the same challenge. I am alone because I am unique. Many people can help me to live my life, but after all is said and done, I have to make my own choices about how to live.”

As Christians, it helps to remember how Christ lived and died to help determine how we want to live and die...to help us make our choices.

It helps to remember:

- Though I am a sinner and have fallen far short of the glory of God, I have been forgiven.
- Though the world seems to be spinning completely out of control, God is in control and sovereign over it all.
- Though I often feel alone and forsaken, I am surrounded by a community of people who share my beliefs and hopes.
- Though the culture around me is sinful, violent and self-absorbed, I know who I am and who God has called me to be: forgiven, peaceful, and others-centered.
- Though I grieve over the losses and disappointments in my life, I know that beyond every death there can be a resurrection.

How will you choose to live your life?

Prior to Drinking THE CUP, consider...

“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.” (Matthew 7:13–14)

When I take The Lord’s Supper, I remember who I am and whose I am.

I REMEMBER a man who lived a perfect, sinless life, I remember His horrible death on the cross, and I remember His Glorious Resurrection.

When I take The Lord’s Supper, I remind myself that Jesus Christ has changed my life. I believe in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. I am reminded of His life of servanthood and that the way I live my life should proclaim His.

When I take The Lord’s Supper, I first examine my life...my relationships, my habits, my happiness, my finances, my health, my spiritual condition, and what I need to do to have a closer relationship with God.

I consider my blessings before taking The Lord’s Supper...my material blessings, my relationships, my emotional and physical well-being...and I say THANK YOU.

I am proclaiming the life, death, and resurrection of my Lord Jesus Christ every time I participate in The Lord’s Supper. This is serious. I do not take it lightly. I celebrate all that Christ’s life has made possible for me. I am grateful!

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, for indeed our God is a consuming fire.” (Luke 22:28-29.)



VIS Myanmar Ministry and Prayer Updates – April 2024

Greetings from the hot summer in Myanmar!



Thank God, we are grateful that our educational ministry is operating well and that our God is watching over us and keeps us safe. We were able to start the summer English and Burmese language programs and are going well. We finished the sunshade in front of the school building and the drains surrounding the new building. We could continue with the preparatory works; teachers are currently organizing and preparing lessons for the upcoming school year. Works on the playground and parking area at the rental property has also

begun. We are always grateful for your prayer supports, please keep praying for us, and for the following needs:

- Myanmar needs much prayers. Many young people are terrified to stay in Myanmar as a result of the new conscription law and are looking for ways to leave the country. Thousands of people have fled Myanmar for nearby countries like Thailand and India, but many others are stuck and are still trying to find a way out. Occasionally, we hear reports that young people are being abducted at night.
- Currently, we are putting a lot of effort into getting the school re-registered with the current administration. Despite the numerous restrictions, we aim to submit on time by April 12, 2024, which is just one week away, with the assistance of knowledgeable friends. There are many payments were involved in addition to the numerous paperwork that needed to be completed. Please pray with us so that things will go well and for the acceptance of our application materials.
- At VIS, finding competent and dedicated teachers is a constant challenge. Young people fleeing the nation out of dread of the conscription law is an additional problem to this. We ask for your continued support in prayer; we believe that there are still God-loving and dedicated teachers are still in Myanmar.



- We continue to endure eight hours a day for power outages. As the temperature rises, there is an increasing need for better electricity.
- Thank God, the mission projects we are working with our partners are moving forward effectively even though things are becoming worse every day. And we pray for greater accountability to be shown to those affected by the rising number of conflicts and displaced people. It is anticipated that the number of conflicts will increase.
- My daughter, Victoria, received acceptance to Dallas Baptist University. Even though she received several scholarships, we are still unable to support her with the over \$30,000 that she still needs. Please pray with us so that God will supply all of her needs.



Thank you again for your prayer and financial support. Please keep supporting us and pray for us. Any gift at all is helpful. *Donations in the US can be sent to ABWE, 522 Lewisberry Road, New Cumberland, PA 17070-2313, and note "project 0820381" on the check in the memo line. You can call them at (717) 774-7000. Our contacts there are Matt Johnson and Andrew Caudill.*

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Worship with Us

- **Worship Service on YouTube**

The KBC Worship Service is live on YouTube each Sunday at 11:00 am. Just type the following URL in your browser and it will take you directly to the site. Then click on the date of the service you wish to view.

www.youtube.com/user/kilmarnockbaptist

You can also go to the KBC website kilmarnockbaptist.net and select [Click Here for Link to KBC Worship Services](#).

- **Worship Service on the Radio (101.7 Bay FM, WKWI)**

The service is also available on the radio. This service will be the prior week's recorded service.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Media Room Committee.

Volunteers Needed



The Media Room Team needs additional volunteers to serve on a rotating basis on Sunday mornings for the sake of the radio recording and the YouTube broadcast and recording. We have new, simpler software and will offer training for the willing. If you might consider this opportunity in media ministry, even only inquiring into the possibility, please speak to Don Headley or Mike Kelley.

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Sunday Mornings:
 Sunday School @ 9:45 am
 Worship @ 11:00 am