

The Good News

Kilmarnock Baptist Church Newsletter

P.O. Box 99
65 East Church Street
Kilmarnock, Virginia 22482
info@kilmarnockbaptist.net

October 1, 2025



Crowder's Corner



If you've been reading my monthly article in the newsletter, you know that I usually write something that is top of mind, based on what I've been doing. Today is no exception.

I have just come from a meeting with Paul Sciacchitano, a member of White Stone Church of the

Nazarene and local civic leader, to talk about housing in the region, and in Lancaster County in particular. This is the third meeting I have had recently with community leaders, and there will be more. Last week I met with John Bateman, who is the Economic Development Director and Assistant County Administrator for Lancaster County, Tina Reamer, who is the Director of Housing for Lancaster County, and with the Rev. Samuel Cain, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church to talk about the same subject. Earlier in the month, I met with Kathy Vesley, the Chief Executive Officer of Bay Aging.

In each of these conversations, we have had a free-flowing dialogue about homelessness, housing insecurity, as well as numerous related concerns, like employment, job training, and generational poverty.

Of course, we are not meeting in order simply to ruminate on the problems. On so many levels, what we're doing is identifying persons and groups who are interested in developing initiatives, strategies, and ultimately solutions, but we know this is going to be a very long journey. Every person who has inadequate housing has a story. Each

(continued on page 2)

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, Oct 8 & 22– Prayer Shawl Group at 10:30 am

Thursday, Oct 9 – Church Council at 1:00 pm

Saturday, Oct 11 – Community Concert to benefit Boys and Girls Club, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Monday, Oct 14 – WMU Meeting at 10:30 am

Wednesday, Oct 15 – Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 pm

Monday, Oct 20 – American Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:00 – 5:00 pm

Tuesday, Oct 21 – Deacons Meeting at 10:00 am

Sunday, Oct 26 – Annual Business Meeting after service

Tuesday, Oct 28 – JOY at 10:00 am in Beane Hall

Tuesdays – Handbell Choir Practice at 6:00 pm

Wednesdays – Bible Study at 9:30 am

Wednesdays – Choir Practice at 6:00 pm

Table of Contents

Crowder's Corner	1
Dates to Remember	1
JOY (Just Older Youth)	2
Woman's Missionary Union (WMU)	2
Anniversary Blessings	2
Food Pantry News	3
Bible Study Invitation	4
October Birthdays	4
A Time for Prayer	5
Concert to Benefit Boys and Girls Club	6
Recent Memorial Gifts	6
Around the Church	7
Just Some Church Humor	9
VIS Myanmar Ministries and Prayer Updates	10
Worship with Us	12
Volunteers Needed	12

(continued from page 1)

person has their own life challenges. And some of the persons who have the greatest housing needs are experiencing generational poverty.



Recently, I met a young man who is currently unhoused. When he and his mother were evicted, she secured emergency housing in a women's shelter in Saluda. Because he is 25 years old, he was not able to join her in the women's only shelter. When I presented him with the option of emergency housing in Gloucester, he declined, saying that he would not be able to see his mother if he was that far away. Clearly, I am learning not only of the needs of persons who are our neighbors. I am also learning about the resources available.



Providing a person with emergency housing for three days does not fix the underlying problems that led to the person being unhoused. How did they get in such a bind?

What do they do on day four and later?

Right now, I have far more questions than answers. In the coming months, I anticipate bringing you updates about these conversations. When Paul and I left our meeting, he was going to prepare an email list of persons he knows who work in this space, including leadership from The Link, Bay Aging, Department of Social Services, the county, church leaders, and others. I anticipate that we might create a housing summit event where these persons and others interested in this subject might come together to develop a plan of action that could include things like a comprehensive survey of every residence in Lancaster County, a point-in-time count of all persons who need housing, and subcommittees who will work on workplace housing, emergency housing, transitional housing, and persons who work in the philanthropic space who can speak to the best way to raise, manage, and leverage funds to meet the needs that are clearly present in the community.

It occurs to me that some of you might want to be part of these conversations, and no doubt you will have ample

opportunity to participate in conversations and much more in the future.

There are two verses that are constantly on my mind when I think about homelessness in 21st-century America. The first is this: *"the spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight of the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,"* (Luke 4:18-19). These are Jesus' words quoting from the prophet Isaiah. The other verse also contains Jesus speaking. He said, *"for as often as you have done this to the least of these, you have done it unto me."* (Matthew 25:40).

Stay tuned for updates. I will let you know our next steps as we develop them. Blessings to you all.

Pastor Kevin



JOY will be meeting at **10:00 am on Tuesday, October 28**, in Beane Hall.

Come join us for a movie, to be followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. More details to follow soon!



October 4 – Mike and Donna Swinney
October 5 – David and Susan Whitlow
October 28 – Robert and Donna Wilkins



Woman's Missionary Union (WMU)

WMU News & Updates

Interfaith: The blanket drive continues. Our warm weather won't last much longer. Interfaith needs bedding in all sizes, new or gently used. This includes sheets, pillowcases, blankets, comforters, afghans and pillows. You can bring your items to the church, and we will deliver them for you, or you can take them to the warehouse at 1086 Harris Road. The warehouse is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 noon.



Free Health Clinic: We have one more meal this year for the Clinic on October 30. Then we start again in January 2026. This is an easy and much appreciated ministry. Meals are delivered on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the year. Anyone interested may help.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship: The week of prayer for the Global Mission Offering is October 5-11, 2025. This year the theme is "Embracing Neighbors, Nurturing Hope" based on Colossians 3:12-14 (NRSV):

¹² Therefore as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another, and if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

The focus this year is on the ministry of CBF field personnel Carson and Laura Foushee serving in Kanasawa, Japan.

Whether it is inviting people to church, out for coffee, or into their home for a meal, Carson and Laura live out their faith through hospitality and caring, bridging the gap between Japanese and internationals and connecting with believers and



those who are searching. 100% of your gifts to the Offering for Global Missions will support the presence of CBF field personnel serving in the U.S. and around the world. Pray about how you can support the Offering for Global Missions. What is God leading you to give? Pray for CBF field teams in Asia, Europe, Africa/Middle East and the Americas. Pray about how you and your church can become more involved in missions in your community.

Operation Christmas Child:

Shoeboxes will be out soon! If you provide a box, please include \$10 for shipping. **Bars of soap, along with toothpaste, are no longer accepted.**



You can build your box online if you prefer. Go to <https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline>. The cost is \$25 per box, which includes the \$10 shipping fee. If you order online, please call Karen Cox (804-436-0416) or email (karencox821@gmail.com) so the number of boxes you order can be added to the church total. **Shoeboxes are due November 9, and Dedication Sunday is November 16.**

Food Pantry News



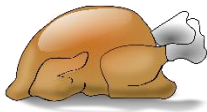
September 17 was another very busy day for the food pantry. We served 49 households. Total individuals were 117 (21 children, 48 adults and 48 seniors). A special thanks to all the dedicated

volunteers who spend their day setting up the pantry, unloading the delivery truck from the Healthy Harvest Food Bank, packing carts for distribution and spending time with all the wonderful members of our community who have food needs.

We are now working to fulfill the needs of our clients for their Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. We are asking for food donations or monetary donations for the holidays. Food donations could be the following:

- Canned cranberry sauce
- Packaged dehydrated mashed potatoes
- Canned fruit
- Stuffing mix

- Canned green beans or canned corn
- Canned or packaged gravy mix
- Canned pumpkin
- Canned pie mix
- Canned yams



Once we have completed our food pantry on October 15, we will begin procuring frozen turkeys and hams.

Many of our clients are in small households, so we purchase turkey roasts and small hams. We also purchase larger turkeys and hams for larger families. Turkeys will fill our 3 freezers for the November food pantry. It helps that we can get hams that just need refrigeration – we have a commercial refrigerator for those.

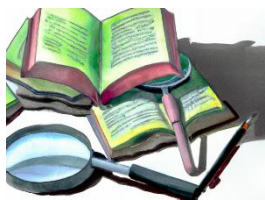
Monetary donations help us get what will be needed. In many cases, it is much cheaper for us to procure items, especially when we can get them through the food bank at \$.19/lb distribution/handling fee.

The KBC Food Pantry would like to thank all of you for your support! Your food donations, monetary donations, volunteer support and prayers have allowed the food pantry to support our neighbors in the community who are food insecure.

Blessings,

KBC Food Pantry Volunteers

Bible Study Invitation



Why Study God's Word?

Paul wrote to Timothy that "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in

righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

God's Word equips us to discern deception, resist temptation, and stand strong in a modern culture that often calls good evil and evil good. It's really a refuge for us in a world of chaos.

Jesus said that we are not to live by bread alone but by every word out of the mouth of God. It's our spiritual food!

Just as our bodies need food, our souls and spirits need truth. Studying the Word nourishes our faith, renews our minds, and transforms our hearts.

As members in the Body of Christ, we study not just for ourselves—but to teach, encourage, and disciple others. God's Word is the sword we carry and the seed we sow.

In the end, the more we study, the more we see Jesus. And the more we see Him, the more we become like Him and that's really our life's goal.

Come to our bible study to sharpen your sword and replenish the seed in your sack!

Rick Ferrell

October Birthdays



1	Bob Gray
2	Jack Bowles
2	Cindy Ferrell
3	Joe Beane, Jr.
3	Gloria Boshier
5	Mary French Hutt
6	Rick Ferrell
6	Lynne Saunders
8	Billy Hudson
9	Harriet Dawson
12	Margaret Headley
12	Rob Paylor
12	Nolan Sanders
19	Edie Stackhouse Baker
23	Jean Gilmore
24	Maude Davis
28	Jim Baker

A Time for Prayer



“God, who is all knowing, grant us wisdom to discern your will and do what is right and acceptable and good. AMEN.”

(Reflections Devotional Guide; September 25, 2025)

“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.org. 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 September 2025 “A Time for Prayer” submissions for some individuals):

Jim and Elaine Johnson
David Rice (PRAISES!)
Joey Burtner
Terri Crowder
The family and friends of Larry Hoover
Rachel Hurst and Baby Roxanne
Sonny and Clara Thomas
Jason and Christa Robb

Billie and Ron Witt
Jim Baker
Ken Finkel
Nick Barr
Tina Lyons
Ted Tompkins’ daughter-in-law
Mary Ellen Barrack
Jennifer Clark
Jonathan McCrobie
The family and friends of Winnie McCrobie
Martha Balderson
Ryland Balderson
Agnes Holloway’s nephew, Nick Bowen
Curtis Smith
Robert and Donna Wilkins
Neal Marsh
Nick Morrisco
Stan Dawson
Pat Ramey
Grace Gates
Linda Lipscomb
Sue Brent
Leslie Page (Karen Cox’s sister)
Bill and Denise Goodson
Margaret and Paul Denkinger
The family and friends of Nelson Pontillo
Barry Rowland
Maude Davis
Walter Duval
Ruth and Dennis Coleman
Joan and Joe Bill Beane
The family and friends of Robbie Crowther
The family and friends of Haydon Marsh
The family and friends of Randy Lee Moubray
Pam Kidwell
Fannie Clingan
Donny Cantrell and Laura Nickels
Don and Margaret Headley
Steve Gallimore
Joe Shehigh
Danny Tobin
Kathi Bramblet’s sister
Jim and Barbara Makin’s great-granddaughter
Debbie Sachen
Global leaders
Food Pantry Ministry
Our WMU members
KBC Deacons

Victims of recent fires, floods, and other natural disasters
(Texas and other locations)
Those who are struggling to find jobs and to provide basic
needs for themselves and their families
Those who are traveling
Our students and school system personnel
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Crane
Mary Ann Crane
Ayla Saunders
Olivia Saunders
Creston Saunders
Kaden Bryan
Hailey Denkinger
Denise Goodson
Garrett Bonney
Mary Jane Gemmell
Our first responders
Local agencies dedicated to assisting those in need
Countries struggling to achieve peace
Global Baptist Churches
Kilmarnock Baptist Church and its gifted members
KBC Musicians
YouTube and Radio Ministry Worshipers
Families
Visitors to KBC
The United States

*Thank
You*

Thank you so very much for all the wonderful birthday wishes, cards, gifts and hugs! I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness. And, thank you to all who were able to come downstairs to join me and my family for lunch! I am truly blessed by my family and my Church family!

(Note: I received a special gift that I haven't been able to find out who gave it to me - a small wrapped box with a cloth black and white checked ribbon. I'm sorry I haven't been able to thank whoever you are, so a special thank you here).

Mary Jane Gemmell

Concert to Benefit Boys and Girls Club



KBC will host a concert to benefit the Boys and Girls Club on **Saturday, October 11, at 3:00 pm**, featuring the pastor and friends. All proceeds will benefit the BGCNN Capital Campaign.

All are invited!

Recent Memorial Gifts



General Fund in Memory of Winnie McCrobie

Jane Gemmell
David Alga
Janet Christopher
Steve and Lynn Bonner
Joe Shehigh
The Crenshaw's
Susan Whitlow
The Lee's
The Wollard's
Gary and Carolyn Wilkins

Cemetery Fund in Memory of Winnie McCrobie

Bob and Camille Grabb

Music Fund in Memory of Winnie McCrobie

Keith and Edna Mason

Food Pantry in Memory of Winnie McCrobie

Susan Dameron
Marty Sutherland
Charles and Barbara Price

Education Fund in Memory of Winnie McCrobie

Harriet Dawson

Building and Grounds in Memory of Winnie McCrobie

Nancy Wetherington

Around the Church



Church Picnic at Belle Isle State Park



Church picnic at Belle Isle State Park



The handbell choir practices for their first performance. Look at that concentration!

Just Some Church Humor



Jesus Christ, Moses, and an old, bearded guy were playing golf. On the first tee, Moses shanked his ball into a lake. He parted the water and hit his ball onto the green.

Jesus teed off, hitting his ball into another water hazard. But he walked on water and stroked his ball just short of the cup.

Then the old man with the beard stepped up for his tee shot. He hit the ball with tremendous force but hooked it badly. The ball bounced off the clubhouse roof, hit the cart path, and rolled down a hill into a pond, coming to rest on a lily pad. A frog hopped over and picked up the ball, then an eagle swooped down, snatched the frog, and flew over the green. The frog dropped the ball, and it rolled into the cup for a hole in one.

Moses turned to Jesus and said, "I hate playing golf with your dad."



A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran, she prayed, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!'

While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again!

As she ran, she once again began to pray, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!'



A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six-year-olds. After explaining the commandment to 'Honor thy father and thy mother,' the teacher asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

"A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones."
Proverbs 17:22

VIS Myanmar Ministries and Prayer Updates – September 2025

Our Activities These Past Few Weeks

Parent-Teacher Conference – This is the time for parents and teachers to talk about the academic progress of their kids. We are happy to learn that our students are performing well both academically and behaviorally.

Teacher-In-Service – We have a teacher in service once a month for a whole day, during which we often discuss, encourage, and learn from one another to improve our teaching skills, and then prepare for the next classes.



Humanitarian Aid – We continued to assist people in need with rice bags, a few bottles of cooking oil, and water filtration systems (Lilypad). We are also pleased to share that our missionary partners continue to preach and spread the gospel in their communities as part of their missionary activity. Our main responsibility is to provide them with financial and material support on occasion.

Victory Community Chapel (VCC) – VCC continue to meet regularly on Sunday mornings where we teach pure biblical truth and engage young people in worship through songs and music. We are delighted to see more people getting involved in these activities. We use our tithes and offerings to support our missionary partners and to provide Sunday fellowship meals.

Prayer Updates

- *School registration* – It's great that our school is registered, but the current government has several demands, such as a number of payments (always coming in large amounts), paper works and a ban on discussing religion (Christian teaching) in class. We need your prayer support.
- *Accreditation* – We are still looking for accreditation or a strong partnership with other organizations or schools. Our government's education department also demands accreditation in order to ensure that our students can continue their education after VIS. Additionally, our high school graduates face challenges when pursuing their college degrees. Pray that we would be able to meet these demands.



- *New Building and Land for sports facility* – Please continue to pray with us for a new building or renovate the existed building at the rented land as we were unable to do during the last summer due to the limited funds we have, and the unimaginable increase in building materials. For younger students who have spent the last fourteen years in these temporary classrooms, this renovation or new building project is very necessary. Please pray also that we can acquire a piece of land near our school building that is for sale with a good price for the sports facility.



- *For peace and justice to be restored* – Please continue to keep us in your prayers. Additional restrictions have been placed in a number of areas as our current government intends to hold a general election in December. Please pray also for the safety of our teachers and students; as young people fled the country; older people are also forced to obey the conscript law.

We always appreciate your unending financial and prayer support. Please keep supporting us and pray for us. Please also pray for our projects and the required fundings. Thank you. 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.

Yours in Christ,

Victor Lal S. Vula, Managing Director
H. No. 93/C, Thiri Mingalar Lane (15),
East Ywama Ward, Insein Tsp., Yangon.
Ph. (+95 9) 421155549



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 Mike Kelley.

Contact Information for Pastor Kevin Crowder

Phone: (540) 455-3404
Email: KBCPastorKevin@gmail.com

Dr. Kevin Crowder, Pastor
Cres Saunders, Music Director
Janet Marshall, Ministry Assistant
Mary Ann Crane, Organist
Cindy Ferrell, Pianist

Church Office Hours:
Tuesday – Thursday
9:30 am – 3:00 pm
Phone: 804-435-1703

Website: www.kilmarnockbaptist.net
Email: info@kilmarnockbaptist.org

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