

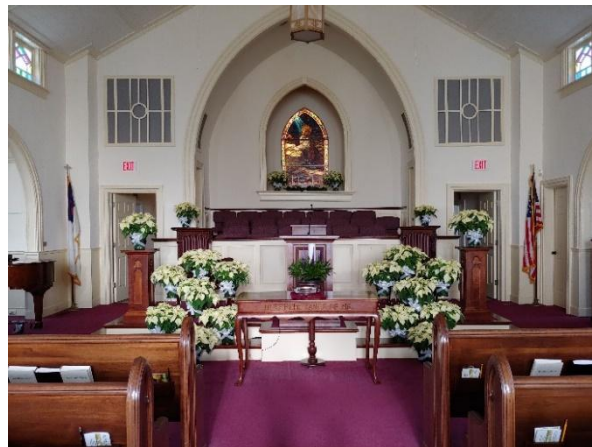
The Good News

Kilmarnock Baptist Church Newsletter

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Crowder's Corner



Greetings, friends!

Terri and I want to thank you for the opportunity to celebrate our anniversary this past weekend. We enjoyed a trip to Charleston, South Carolina, where we honeymooned years ago. While in Charleston, we had the privilege of worshipping at

Mother Emanuel AME Church. Mother Emanuel, a large, historic African American church, was founded in 1854. It is so large that the entire KBC sanctuary, possibly including the bell tower, might fit inside the sanctuary of this awe-inspiring worship space.

While the service looked and felt different from ours, it felt like a different kind of home, warm and friendly, yet with a different cadence. I especially enjoyed the music in the service. Besides the singers, organ, and piano, there was an electric keyboard, percussion, and a flugelhorn. The musical styles ranged from contemporary gospel to J. S. Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring."

I was inspired by the history as well as by the service. Martin Luther King Jr. preached there on at least one occasion.

As I think back to the two hours we spent at Mother Emanuel, I am reminded of the old gospel hymn that says, "when we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be."

We are back home now and glad to be here. We enjoyed watching our friend, Rev. Theresie Houghton, preach at

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Dates to Remember

Wednesday, Dec. 3 – Personnel Committee at 1:00 pm
Saturday, Dec. 6 – Deacons' Brunch, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 9 – WMU meeting at 10:30 am
Tuesday, Dec. 9 – Budget & Finance meeting at 5:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 10 & 24 – Prayer Shawl at 10:30 am
Thursday, Dec. 11 – Church Council at 1:00 pm
Friday, Dec. 12 – Grace Celtic Musicians at 5:30 pm
Sunday, Dec. 14 – Christmas Lunch after worship
Wednesday, Dec. 17 – Food Pantry at 1:00 pm
Thursday, Dec. 18 – Deacons Meeting at 10:00 am
Sunday, Dec. 21 – Master's Blend Breakfast at 9:30 am
Tuesday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service at 3:00 pm
Wednesdays – Bible Study at 9:30 am (all are welcome!)
Wednesdays – Choir Practice at 6:00 pm

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KBC as we drove home. I can't wait to read through the scrapbook that Mark Houghton returned to the church.

We look forward to seeing each of you in the coming days.

Pastor Kevin



Woman's Missionary Union (WMU)

News and Updates

There were 78 shoeboxes given for Operation Christmas Child this year. Thirty boxes were done online. When shoeboxes are built online, Samaritan's Purse can verify exactly what is in the box so they can go into places with many rules and regulations. They go to children in some of the hardest to reach areas. Thank you KBC for sending an opportunity for 78 children to hear the Gospel!

December Missions

This year we have two ministries to recommend for the WMU December Selection Missions: Rev. Victor Vula and Mercy Chefs.

I hope that you keep up with Victor's newsletter that is included in the KBC Newsletter. The fighting in Myanmar continues to escalate. Victor sends funds to support the work of their mother church to help provide shelter and food. As always, he has a list of needs and prayer requests for them. He continues to teach the children and spread the Gospel despite governmental restrictions. Please keep the people of Myanmar in your prayers and pray for Victor's safety as he works for his people.

The other ministry is Mercy Chefs. Mercy Chefs is a non-profit organization headquartered in Portsmouth, VA. They provide professionally prepared, restaurant quality meals to victims, volunteers, and first responders during natural disasters and emergencies. Their focus is on food, and lots of it. They are funded by large private donors and have a 96% Charity Navigator rating.

Mercy Chefs delivered food boxes to military families impacted by the government shutdown. Thousands of boxes and bags of produce were handed out to military personnel on bases in the United States. Each box cost \$50 and contained all the ingredients to fix 50 meals.



When the hurricane hit Jamaica, an all-volunteer crew was sent to prepare hot meals for those who lost so much. They also responded to the earthquake in Myanmar and prepared thousands of meals there.

If you feel led to help one or both of these ministries, please make your check payable to Kilmarnock Baptist Church and add your donation information on the memo line.

Food Pantry News



November was an amazing month for the Food Pantry. Just as scripture says in Matthew 25:35-40, *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..."*, amazing individuals did amazing things to help the less fortunate in our community:

- St. Andrews Presbyterian and Kilmarnock Methodist Churches had food drives and provided a lot of foods needed to stock our pantry
- The WMU and the KBC congregation provided many Thanksgiving items for our pantry
- Kilmarnock Seventh Day Adventist Church provided a bag of cleaning supplies for each household.
- A lady who lives in Richmond but is building a house in Weems was led to help stock a pantry. She made a Costco run and delivered a large SUV full of goods – paper products, cleaning products, canned and packaged foods, hygiene items, etc.
- St. Andrews Presbyterian Church cooked and packaged turkey dinners and offered our food pantry recipients packaged dinners with a drive-through the

day before Thanksgiving. Six of our food pantry volunteers also picked up dinners and delivered them to our food pantry homebound neighbors.

A special thanks to all who provided monetary donations to be used to purchase turkey roasts for smaller households, full-sized turkeys for larger families, and all the other items for a thanksgiving meal that we could not procure through the Food Bank.

The Food Pantry on November 19 was exceptionally busy. As expected with folks wanting Thanksgiving items along with their regular distribution, we served 40% more households than our normal monthly average! This happens each year for the November and December food pantries. We served 63 households (34 children, 59 adults, and 55 seniors, for a total of 148 individuals)!

We also expect a larger number of clients for our December Food Pantry. We plan to have hams, canned yams, canned vegetables, stuffing, mashed potatoes, etc. If you would like to donate to our December food pantry needs with food items or monetary needs, it will be very much appreciated.

The KBC Food Pantry would like to thank all of you for your continued support! We wish a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!

Blessings,
KBC Food Pantry Volunteers



Donations from a lady who filled her SUV with a Costco trip

Master's Blend Christmas Breakfast

What do scripture, ties, socks, and good food have in common? IT'S THE ANNUAL MASTER'S BLEND CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST, of



course! And YOU are invited! The Master's Blend Sunday School Class invites you to a CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST on **Sunday, December 21, 2025, at 9:00 am in the KBC Fellowship Hall**. And don't hesitate to bring any guests who may be visiting with you during this holiday season.

There will be breakfast, the Annual Men's Holiday Tie and Socks Contest (always a nail biter!!), and then we will study God's word through scripture, stories, and reflections...and we have a VERY special guest who will share some of his holiday experiences while in Vietnam, with us.



What better way to celebrate the Hope of Advent than by joining together to break bread, pray, laugh, and learn more about our Lord and Savior? Hope to see you on Sunday, December 21....or here's another idea...join us in



Bag of Thanksgiving items for each client. A turkey was placed in each car separately.

Sunday School all month long where we are studying all four of the Advent Virtues! MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

p.s. MEN! Wear those holiday socks and ties you've always dreamed of wearing!

Special Brick Dedication

Sunday, November 30, 2025, KBC welcomed Theresie Houghton to share God's Word from a pulpit once occupied by her father-in-law, Dr. John Houghton. It was a special day in our church as her husband, Mark Houghton, presented the church family with a scrapbook compiled by his parents over their thirty-five plus years of serving the KBC congregation. Memories reflected families throughout the years as well as events occurring during this period of time. The gift is a treasure.

In addition, the Houghton children presented memorial bricks for placement in the KBC Memorial Brick Garden to remember their mother, Edith Houghton, and their sister, Kim Pontillo.

Please take a few moments to visit our Memorial Garden at Kilmarnock Baptist Church and look at not only our new bricks (indicated below), but also our older bricks...so many beautiful people are remembered here.

Our church has been blessed with dedicated and generous members. As you reflect upon our history as Kilmarnock Baptist Church, try and remember those whose lives should be "recorded" in our Memorial Garden. Or, consider loved ones you would like to have remembered here.

You may order a brick at any time by completing an order form in the church office or by calling Harriet Dawson (804-836-9649).

These are our new additions to the KBC Memorial Brick Garden:

In Memory of EDITH C. HOUGHTON: Given by Her Family

In Memory of KIM HOUGHTON PONTILLO : Given by Her Family

Take a look and be amazed at what can be remembered on a 4" x 8" brick!



Mark and Theresie Houghton with dedicated bricks



Mark Houghton presents scrapbook to church family



December 14 – Wayne and Susan Rogers
December 22 – Rick and Cindy Ferrell



Grace Celtic Musicians to Perform

Kilmarnock Baptist Church will be hosting a Christmas musical performance by the Grace Celtic Musicians on **Friday, December 12, at 5:30 pm**. Hope to see you (and your friends) there!

Birth Announcement

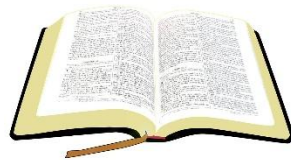
Luna Soleil Joyner was born November 14, 2025, at 12:27 pm to Matthew Joyner and Ally Dodd. She weighed 6 lbs., 9.3 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long. Luna was welcomed home by her big sister, Iris. Matthew is a member of KBC, and is the son of Bill and Janet Joyner and the grandson of Fannie Clingan and Agnes Holloway. Matthew and Ally's address is 3300 21st Ave SW Apt G-11, Tumwater, WA 98512.



Luna Soleil Joyner

Join Us for Bible Study

This is a call to join us on a fresh journey of living out our faith through God's Word. We believe God's truth and His standards of right and wrong are unchanging and following them often means stepping beyond our comfort zones and traditions. At Kilmarnock Baptist Church, we are a fellowship of believers who want more than head knowledge. We want to live by what God says. We know this isn't easy. The hardest step is moving from simply believing to actually doing, and none of us can do that unless we understand how God wants us to live and what He wants us to do. Come to our bible study on **Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am** and discover what it means to walk with God.



Rick Ferrell

Recent Memorial Gifts

Education Fund in Memory of Marshall Smith
Harriet Dawson



December Birthdays



2	Steve Tevault
2	Steve Gallimore
9	Mike Swinney
10	Susan Whitlow
13	Keith Mason
13	Lisette Raymond
21	Judy Kelley
22	Jim Kelley

A Time for Prayer



As we prepare for this Advent Season, remember the words of Mary: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior"

(Luke 1:46-47))

"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 November 2025 "A Time for Prayer" submissions for some individuals):

Victims of the government shutdown

Kevin Crowder

Donna Swinney and family following the passing of her brother

Andrea Swinney

Anthony Shelton

Josh Gedney

David Haslett

Ginger Vere and daughter, Sarah

David Rice (PRAISES!)

Joey Burtner

Terri Crowder

Rachel Hurst and children

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

Jameson McCrobie and his family

David Marsh

Mary Savalina

Martha Balderson

Ryland Balderson

Agnes Holloway's nephew, Nick Bowen

Curtis Smith and his family following the passing of son, Marshall

Robert and Donna Wilkins

Nick Morrisco

Stan Dawson

Pat Ramey

Lawrence Barrack

Grace Gates

Linda Lipscomb

Sue Brent

Leslie Page (Karen Cox's sister)

Bill and Denise Goodson

Margaret and Paul Denkinger and their family

Maude Davis

Walter Duval

Ruth and Dennis Coleman

Joan and Joe Bill Beane

Fannie Clingan

Donny Cantrell and Laura Nickels

Don and Margaret Headley

Steve Gallimore

Joe Shehigh

Danny Tobin

Kathi Bramblet's sister

Debbie Sachen

Global leaders
 Food Pantry Ministry
 Our WMU members
 KBC deacons
 Victims of recent fires, floods, and other natural disasters
 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
 Mary Ann Crane
 Ayla Saunders
 Olivia Saunders
 Creston Saunders
 Kaden Bryan
 Hailey Denkinger
 Denise Goodson
 John Raymond
 Carroll Dudley (Edna Mason's brother)
 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

Grounds and Maintenance

Things are looking brighter at our church lately. Have you noticed our newly washed exterior? These are the "before" pictures. You'll need to look at the church building to see the "after."



The Bible Broadcasting Network (BBN) is offering 31 Days of Christian Christmas Music beginning December 1!

Share the real meaning of Christmas with your friends and family by inviting them to listen to BBN (99.7 FM on your radio, or online at bbnradio.org).

Prayer Updates for Myanmar – November 2025

Our Activities for November

Parent Special Day: Preschool and K-5 parents enjoy spending time with their children at school, and the students love having their parents join them.

Book Characters Day: Each year, we host dress-up days, including our most recent Book Character Day, which is always a fun and enjoyable event.



Chapel with Richard: Each month, we hold chapel and assembly sessions where we share important Christian teachings and character-building topics with our students. In November, we especially enjoyed having Richard Utber from Australia speak to our students about salvation.

Humanitarian Aid – As fighting continues in northern Myanmar, including Chin State, my home state; many innocent people have lost their lives, and countless others have been forced to flee for safety. Our ministry continues to faithfully support through our partners. And we are grateful to share that our missionary partners remain steadfast in preaching and spreading the Gospel within their communities.



Prayer Updates

- **For Godly and dedicated teachers** – We are fortunate to have many exceptional teachers who have served at VIS for many years. However, due to the ongoing situation in our country, some have had to leave, making it a significant challenge to recruit qualified replacements. Please pray that we may find both local and international teachers, especially for Math and Science in the upper grades.
- **New Building and Land for sports facility** – Please continue to pray with us for the provision of a new building or the renovation of our existing one on the rented land. Last summer, we were unable to begin this project due to limited funds and the significant increase in construction material costs. For our younger students, who have spent the past fourteen years in these temporary classrooms, this renovation or new building is greatly needed.

We also ask for your prayers as we look for ways to develop a sports facility.

- **Curriculum for High School** – We have been using the Bob Jones University (BJU) homeschool curriculum, which has served us well. However, as Myanmar citizens are currently banned to travel to the U.S., our students face challenges when pursuing high school continuation or college admission in Asia and Europe, since this curriculum is not accredited. Please pray that we can find a US-based, accredited curriculum that is suitable for our school.
- **For peace and justice to be restored** – Please continue to keep us in your prayers. As our current government plans a sham general election in December (first phase) and January (second phase), new clashes have erupted in areas where they have lost control in preparation for the third phase. We also ask for your prayers for the safety of our teachers and students, and that peace may soon be restored in Myanmar.

Victory Community Chapel (VCC) – VCC remains committed to meeting each Sunday morning to teach the truth of God's Word, with young people leading in worship through songs and music. We are encouraged to see growing involvement, particularly from youth. Our tithes and offerings are used to support our missionary partners and to provide our weekly fellowship meals.



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

Add: H. No. 93/D, 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.

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Janet Marshall, Ministry Assistant
Mary Ann Crane, Organist
Cindy Ferrell, Pianist

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Sunday Mornings:

Sunday School @ 9:45 am

Worship @ 11:00 am