

The Good News

Kilmarnock Baptist Church Newsletter

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Crowder's Corner



Happy New Year!

As I write this on January 6, the Epiphany, we are making plans for our Sunday worship. This Sunday will be a special day, because this is when we ordain new deacons and welcome returning deacons to service. On Sunday, we will

welcome Judy Kelley back as a deacon and we will ordain Bill Joyner

There is no question that this is a special day for them and a special day in the life of the church. As you know, our deacons are elected in the fall of each year, following the vote of the membership. By electing people as deacons, we are identifying members of our congregation who have demonstrated gifts of service to the congregation and beyond.

When we set apart persons for deacon service, we are following an ancient tradition that extends as far back as the original apostles of Jesus, who set apart Stephen and others for service in the early church, so the apostles might focus on spreading the gospel.

Both Judy and Bill, like our other deacons, have committed themselves to serving Kilmarnock Baptist Church and our community. They will be assigned members and families within the church, to whom they will provide care and support. All of our deacons become the pastor's eyes and ears in the church and community to keep me informed of concerns about which I might not know. The deacons work as a caring team to provide

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Dates to Remember

Wednesday, Jan 7 – Personnel Committee at 1:00 pm

Thursday, Jan 8 – Church Council at 1:00 pm

Tuesday, Jan 13 – WMU Meeting at 10:30 am

Tuesday, Jan 13 – Budget & Finance Meeting at 5:00 pm

Wednesday, Jan 14 & 28 – Prayer Shawl at 10:30 am

Thursday, Jan 15 – Deacons Meeting at 10:00 am

Wednesday, Jan 21 – Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 pm

Sunday, Jan 25 – Quarterly Business Meeting after service

Tuesday, Jan 27 – JOY Meeting at 10:00 am

Tuesdays – Handbell Choir Practice at 6:00 pm

Wednesdays – Bible Study at 9:30 am (9:00 on Food Pantry Day)

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prayer, spiritual comfort, and if necessary, physical assistance to persons in need.

I am pleased that Kilmarnock Baptist Church is blessed to have quite so many caring active and former deacons.

As we welcome Judy and Bill to our deacon cohort, we thank Cindy Ferrell and Mike Kelley for their years of faithful service, as they rotate off the active Deacon list. Very simply, this church cannot survive as we know it without all of our volunteer leadership, and I am thankful for all of you.

As we begin this new year, and as Judy and Bill enter deacon service, please join me in praying for their fruitful ministry among us.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve alongside you all.

Peace,
Kevin

Woman's Missionary Union (WMU)

WMU News & Updates



Thank you KBC for your donations to our December Selected Missions. We will be able to send Rev. Victor Vula \$225, and \$355 for Mercy Chefs.

Please keep Victor and his family, students and teachers in your prayers. The situation in Myanmar remains dangerous.

Mercy Chefs continues to focus on meals for our military families from California to Virginia. Also, 15 months after the hurricane in western North Carolina, people are still rebuilding, and meals are still being served to families, teachers, and nearly 100 displaced children. In Jamaica, thousands of families still lack power, safe shelter, and steady access to food. Mercy Chefs is reaching out to school age children who would otherwise go without hot meals and groceries.

We are working on our ministries for 2026. Dates have

been set for us to prepare dinner for the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic. We will do this in January, April, August and October. The first meal will be taken to the volunteers on January 29th.

In January, we will also be purchasing pencils and Crayola crayons for the primary school. We have been told that by the second semester, the big collection of supplies done in August is exhausted. Pencils and crayons are always on the list of needed items.

All of us in the WMU are very grateful for your generosity. Without your support we would be unable to reach out to so many others. Your help is vital to our mission projects. Many thanks and Happy New Year!

Food Pantry News

Happy New Year
from the
Kilmarnock Baptist
Church Food
Pantry volunteers!



It was another busy food pantry in December. We served 47 households (102 individuals that included 16 children, 38 adults and 48 seniors).

We want to thank all of you that support those who are food insecure. Our group of volunteers is amazing for all they do – more than half of our volunteers are members of other churches in the community, but we all share the goal of helping those less fortunate. We also want to thank all those who donate to this mission opportunity – whether through financial donations, food donations or your prayers.

In 2025, the food pantry was able to distribute over 52,000 pounds of food to help the less fortunate in our community! Over 28,000 pounds were received through two USDA programs that provide food to us at NO COST! Most of the remaining 24,000 lbs. of food are ordered through the Healthy Harvest Food Bank, for which we pay a nominal distribution fee. It is amazing that we can supplement the food needs of an average of 50 households each month for approximately \$5 per household!

In November, your donations helped the food pantry provide items for a Thanksgiving dinner for each household, including a turkey and sides. In December, items for a Christmas dinner included a ham and sides. Of course, this was in addition to their normal distribution.

Our partnerships with other churches and organizations also supported our needs for non-food items, such as toilet paper, paper towels and cleaning supplies.

Again, thank you to all that support this meaningful community need!

Happy New Year and blessings to all of you,

KBC Food Pantry Volunteers



JOY will be viewing the Sight & Sound "Miracle of Christmas" DVD on Tuesday, January 27, at 10:00 am in Beane Hall. This

showing was filmed Live on stage.

This holiday season, travel back in time to Bethlehem as the original Christmas story unfolds all around you. Journey alongside Mary and Joseph, a flock of surprised shepherds, and three wise men-along with their camels! There may be no room at the inn, but God has a lovely stable prepared as the angels announce the coming of the Messiah!

Experience MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS as it comes to life on stage with massive sets and live animals in this cherished holiday production from Sight & Sound.

Hot soup will be provided for lunch after the showing in the Fellowship Hall.

A Time for Prayer



Please remember all those we prayed for in December as referenced in our December 2025 Time for Prayer prayers. In addition, please pray as St. Francis of Assisi prayed:

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life." Amen.

Recent Memorial Gifts

Cemetery Fund in Memory/Honor of Milton and Marie Webb.

Carolyn Webb

Food Pantry in Memory of Marshall Smith

Charles and Barbara Price



January Birthdays



5	Joe Shehigh
6	Denise Goodson
12	Michelle Lyberger
13	Marty Sutherland
14	Janet Joyner
15	Nate Childress
21	Lynnie McCrobie
25	Don Headley
26	Rainey Paylor
30	Gary Wilkins



Grace Celtic Musicians bless us with a beautiful Christmas concert on December 12

Around the Church



Keith Mason wins the annual Christmas Men's Sock and Tie Contest at our Master's Blend Christmas breakfast



The volunteers behind our wonderful Christmas lunch

Prayer Updates for Myanmar – December 2025

This month brought joyful news as we celebrated baby showers for two teachers and a bridal shower for one teacher. It is also the month when we remember Jesus, the King, coming down from heaven to become human so that He could save us from sin. Our Christmas theme this year is “Born to Be the King.” Pre-K3 to Grade 2 enjoyed a special Program in the morning, while Grades 3 to 12 had another meaningful time in the afternoon during which I shared a short message about Jesus, the King. Christmas is a wonderful opportunity to share Jesus, as hearts are often more open during this season.



Humanitarian Aid – As fighting continues, many homes have been destroyed, innocent lives have been lost; mostly due to airstrikes, and countless others have been forced to flee in search of safety. Despite these challenges, our ministry continues to faithfully send support through our partners as we are able. We are grateful to share that our missionary partners remain faithful in preaching and spreading the Gospel, especially during this Christmas season.

Prayer Updates

- ***For Godly and dedicated teachers*** – We are deeply grateful for the many wonderful teachers at VIS. However, due to maternity leave and the ongoing situation in our country, we are facing significant challenges in recruiting qualified replacement teachers. Please pray that our current teachers will remain with us, and that we may find qualified teachers as soon as possible; before the end of this academic year in February 2026; especially for Math and Science in the upper grades.
- ***New Building and Land for sports facility*** – We are grateful that 98% of our current students have re-enrolled. With new students enrolling; especially in Pre-K3 and K4, our space is becoming increasingly limited. Please continue to pray with us for the provision of new classroom facilities for the younger grades, as well as sports facilities. With our limited funds, it is difficult to plan large projects; our hope for now is to find additional land to rent for a playground and to renovate the existing rented buildings for classrooms.
- ***Curriculum for High School*** – Please continue to pray for a US-based, internationally recognized curriculum that is suitable for our school. We have been using the Bob Jones University (BJU) homeschool program, which has served us well. However, since this curriculum is not accredited, our students face challenges



when pursuing high school continuation or college admission in Asia and Europe, as these institutions require a more widely recognized, accredited curriculum.

- ***For peace and justice to be restored*** – Please continue to keep us in your prayers. Our current government plans a general election in two phases: in December and January which we may be forced to participate in. We also ask for your prayers for the safety of our teachers and students, especially the male students in high school, and that peace may soon be restored in Myanmar.

Victory Community Chapel (VCC) –



VCC remains committed to gathering every Sunday morning to faithfully teach the truth of God's Word. Yesterday, we were blessed to celebrate Christmas with a large group of friends. It is encouraging to see VCC continuing to grow, especially among the youth. We hope to launch children's and youth programs this summer. Please continue to keep this ministry in your prayers.

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.*

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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 Mike Kelley.

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