

# The Good News

Kilmarnock Baptist Church Newsletter

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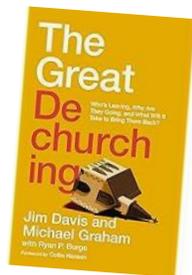
## Crowder's Corner



Do you have friends, family, neighbors or others who once attended (any) church but no longer attend? In our recent KBC Deacon's meeting, we pondered the question of outreach, attracting back former members as well as attracting new members. What are the best

approaches? How might we broaden the appeal of our congregation? Are there ways of conveying the Gospel that we are not considering? How can we show the community that we really do care about them? What are others saying about outreach in our time?

If you were in church on Sunday, or if you heard the sermon on the radio or online, you know that I mentioned a book as part of that conversation with the deacons. The book is *The Great De-churching: Who's Leaving, Why Are They Going, and What Will It Take to*



*Bring Them Back?* by Jim Davis, Michael Graham, and Ryan Burge. This book is currently available on Amazon for \$13.84. It is likely available from other booksellers as well. I suggested this book because I believe we need to understand the motivation behind people's decisions to withdraw from church. When I suggested to the deacons that we could form a reading group to work through this book, there was broad interest.

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## Dates to Remember

- Wednesday, Mar 4** – Personnel Committee at 1:00 pm
- Tuesday, Mar 10** – WMU Meeting at 10:30 am
- Tuesday, Mar 10** – Budget & Finance Meeting at 5:00 pm
- Wednesday, Mar 11 & 25** – Prayer Shawl at 10:30 am
- Thursday, Mar 12** – Church Council at 1:00 pm
- Sunday, Mar 15** – Handbells perform during Service
- Sunday, Mar 15** – Coffee Hour after Worship Service
- Wednesday, Mar 18** – Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 pm
- Thursday, Mar 19** – Deacons Meeting at 10:00 am
- Tuesday, Mar 24** – JOY Meeting at 11:30 am for lunch
- Tuesdays** – Handbell Practice at 6:00 pm
- Wednesdays** – Bible Study at 9:30 am (9:00 am on Food Pantry day)
- Wednesdays** – Choir Practice at 6:00 pm

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My plan would be to spend 60-90 minutes per session, once per week, over eight weeks or so, meeting to review our reading, ultimately addressing the question, "what might we do to draw people into a deeper relationship with Christ." Participants would read the book on their own and meet at church to discuss the material.

Would you like to join us? I hope so. Please get a copy of the book and let me know you want to participate. You may email me at [KBCpastorKevin@gmail.com](mailto:KBCpastorKevin@gmail.com), or you may call Janet in the church office. We will compile a list of participants. Once we know who's in, I'll reach back out to poll the group for a preferred meeting time. Then a week or so later, we will begin our group. Can you let me know by St. Patrick's Day, March 17? We will anticipate starting the group after Easter.

And another thing . . .



I am sure that you know by now that along with KBC Choir member, Michelle Lybarger, I play in the Northern Neck Orchestra, a remarkable ensemble for the size of the Kilmarnock community! While I certainly enjoy performing in

the orchestra, I believe that there is tremendous value having the KBC pastor actively engaged in the community in this way.

I say this to make sure you know that the upcoming concert, at 7:30 pm, March 7, might hold special interest for you. The NNO Music Director, Dr. Michael Repper, has curated a program consisting solely of music with a Christian overtone, and I am really excited about it. From Felix Mendelssohn's *Reformation Symphony* which contains a chorale of the hymn we know as "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," to Adolphus Hailstork's *Three Spirituals*, which include "Every time I Feel the Spirit," "Kum Ba Yah," and "On Freedom," to toe-tapping, modern and jazzy, *Amen!* by Carlos Simon, to the rousing finale, *Victory Stride*, by James P. Johnson, there truly is

something for everyone. I am certain the audience will be thrilled with the performance.

The concert will be held at the Lancaster Elementary School Theatre at 191 School Street, Kilmarnock. Tickets are available online ([www.northernneckorchestra.org](http://www.northernneckorchestra.org)) and at the door for \$40. Students are admitted free with an online reservation. Though the concert begins at 7:30, you do NOT want to miss Maestro Repper's preconcert intro to the program that will begin at 6:45. He is funny, engaging, and informative, offering everyone, including the first-time concert-goer an accessible and entertaining synopsis of what to listen for in the concert. I hope to see you there!

Pastor Kevin



## Woman's Missionary Union (WMU)

### WMU News & Updates

**March Mission: Mercy Chefs** - The WMU March Selected Mission is Mercy Chefs. Their mission statement is "Just Go Feed People." They are doing just that in five states: Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Power is returning to those affected by the cold, snow and ice, so their main focus at this time is delivering family grocery boxes. These boxes have enough ingredients for families to prepare 40-50 meals. Each box costs \$50 to prepare.



**Mercy Chefs update:** February 26, 2026 - Mercy Chefs has been on the Thailand-Myanmar border with their global partners for several years helping to feed ethnic minority families. For their partner's security, they have said very little about this work but feel it's time for you to learn what is happening in this area. These families are hiding in jungles, fleeing bombings, and rebuilding again and again after their villages have been burned down by their own government. When Mercy Chefs first began serving hot meals to children in these communities,

nearly 40% were malnourished. Through their sustained feeding program of two nutritious meals each day, five days a week, that number has fallen to 14%. Children who were once too weak to concentrate are now learning. Families, already carrying the weight of war, no longer have to wonder if their children will have something to eat that day.

When the earthquake hit on March 28, 2025, Mercy Chefs was already there feeding families. Their work continues in Thailand-Myanmar while they are actively working in five states in our country helping people struggling with severe cold, snow and ice.

If you feel led to help us with this ministry, please write "WMU Selected" or "Mercy Chefs" on the memo line of your check.

**Sponsor a Child** - On March 27, 2026, the Lancaster County Virginia Education Foundation will take almost 100 Lancaster County fifth-grade students and chaperones to Washington, D.C. This will be the twenty-



fourth year for these students to spend a full day touring our nation's capital. For some students this will be their first and only opportunity to visit

Washington, D.C. The students will tour the museums, monuments, memorials, and see the White House and the United States Capitol.

If you would like to help sponsor a child, please write LCVF trip on the memo line of your check.



We would like to thank our church family for the wonderful luncheon celebrating Paul's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday!

The food preparation, cards, and birthday wishes were so appreciated, and made for a special day for our family. We love you all and are proud to be a part of this special church.

The Denkinger Family

## Cards for Mary Ann Crane



So many have asked where to send cards for Mary Ann. To make things easier, a box will be provided in the church office and the vestibule. Or you can send your cards to Kilmarnock Baptist Church, c/o Mary Ann Crane, and

we will make sure they are personally delivered.

Please pray for Mary Ann and show her how much we love and miss her!



The JOY group will be meeting at **11:30 am** on **Tuesday, March 24**, in the church parking lot. We will then caravan to Nick's Spaghetti and Steakhouse in Saluda for lunch. There will be no program, just a day of fellowship.

Hope you can join us!

## Recent Memorial Gifts

### Media Room Fund in Memory of Don Headley

Don and Jean Gilmore  
Steve and Lynn Bonner  
Robert Spitzer  
Mary Jane Gemmell  
Edie Purcell  
Harriet Dawson  
Paul and Margaret Denkinger

### Scholarship Fund in Memory of Don Headley

Paul and Margaret Denkinger  
Gloria Boshier



## March Birthdays



- 5 Jameson McCrobie
- 5 Kathy Bramblet
- 6 David Whitlow
- 7 Kay Mock
- 8 Edward Davis, Jr.
- 9 Joan Beane
- 12 Wayne Rogers
- 15 Terri Thurman
- 17 Agnes Holloway
- 17 Pat Ramey
- 19 Margaret Denkinger
- 23 Clara Thomas

## A Time for Prayer



***“I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.”*** (Psalm 121:1-2)

“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](mailto: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 February 2026 “A Time for Prayer” submissions for some individuals):

- Kevin Crowder
- Kevin’s friend, Eddie
- The Farley family
- The family of Rob and Raney Paylor
- The family of George Carmody, Margaret Denkinger’s brother-in-law
- We remember Diane Gray and her family
- Agnes Holloway’s brother, Curtis Birch
- Jim Williams (husband of former Assistant Minister, Carolyn Williams)
- Marty Sutherland



March 9 - Paul and Margaret Denkinger



Beginning Friday, April 3, at 12:30 pm, listen to radio station 99.7 FM as J. Vernon McGee’s “Bible Bus” goes back to the beginning of Genesis and starts a new 5-year journey studying the entire Word of God.

Jim and Barbara Makin  
 Pam Kidwell  
 Pat Tierno, friend of Judy Crane  
 Rick Taylor, Amy and Bobby Saville, friends of Martha Balderson  
 Jeff Bartley, cousin of Mike Kelley  
 Anthony Shelton  
 Josh Gedney  
 David Haslett  
 Ginger Vere and daughter, Sarah  
 David Rice  
 Joey Burtner  
 Rachel Hurst and children and her mother  
 Sonny and Clara Thomas  
 Billie and Ron Witt  
 Jim Baker  
 Ken Finkel  
 Nick Barr  
 Tina Lyons  
 Ted Tompkins' daughter-in-law  
 Mary Ellen Barrack  
 Jennifer Clark  
 Jameson McCrobie  
 Jonathan McCrobie  
 Mary Savalina  
 Martha Balderson  
 Ryland Balderson  
 Agnes Holloway's nephew, Nick Bowen  
 Curtis Smith  
 Robert and Donna Wilkins  
 Nick Morrisco  
 Stan Dawson  
 Pat Ramey  
 Lawrence Barrack  
 Grace Gates  
 Linda Lipscomb  
 Sue Brent  
 Leslie Page (Karen Cox's sister)  
 Margaret and Paul Denkinger  
 Maude Davis  
 Walter Duval  
 Ruth and Dennis Coleman  
 Joan and Joe Bill Beane  
 Fannie Clingan  
 Donny Cantrell and Laura Nickels  
 The Don Headley family  
 Steve Gallimore  
 Joe Shehigh

Danny Tobin  
 The family of Barbara Gray (sister of Kathi Bramblet)  
 Debbie Sachen  
 Global leaders  
 Food Pantry Ministry  
 Our WMU Members  
 KBC Deacons  
 Victims of violence  
 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  
 Ed Lee, brother-in-law of Gail Saylor  
 Michelle Lybarger's sister  
 Ayla Saunders  
 Olivia Saunders  
 Creston Saunders  
 Kaden Bryan  
 Hailey Denkinger  
 All of our college students  
 Denise Goodson  
 Carroll Dudley (Edna Mason's brother)  
 Jenn Mason  
 Personnel who provide assistance: our first responders, medical personnel, road crews, electric power providers, grocery store personnel, media providers  
 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  
 Those recovering from the recent snow and ice storms

***Dear Church Family,***

***I extend my heartfelt gratitude to you for your love, support and prayers since Don's homegoing. I have been comforted by your kindness and love more than you know. Don loved his church.***

***My love to each of you,  
Margaret Headley***

## Around the Church



**A surprise party for Paul Denkinger's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday was held after church service on February 15. Paul and Margaret's granddaughter, Hailey, and her friend, Colton, entertained us with beautiful music.**

## 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](http://www.youtube.com/user/kilmarnockbaptist)

You can also go to the KBC website [kilmarnockbaptist.net](http://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.



Join us for worship on **Sunday, March 15**, and enjoy special music presented by our **Handbell Choir**. Their beautiful performance will add a meaningful and uplifting touch to our service. We hope you’ll come and be blessed!

## February 2026 Attendance

|         | Sunday School | Service | YouTube Views (as of 3/3/26) |
|---------|---------------|---------|------------------------------|
| 2/1/26  | 12            | 40      | 105                          |
| 2/8/26  | 15            | 43      | 104                          |
| 2/15/26 | 19            | 53      | 100                          |
| 2/22/26 | 11            | 57      | 52                           |

## January 2026 Finances

| January 2026 |                            |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| Donations    | \$13,966.00                |
| Expenses     | \$10,956.90                |
|              | \$ 3,009.10 – in the black |

**Dr. Kevin Crowder, Pastor**  
**Cres Saunders, Music Director**  
**Janet Marshall, Ministry Assistant**  
**Cindy Ferrell, Pianist**

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 Tuesday – Thursday  
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**Sunday Mornings:**  
 Sunday School @ 9:45 am  
 Worship @ 11:00 am

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