

The Good News

Kilmarnock Baptist Church Newsletter

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Crowder's Corner



We had a wonderful Maundy Thursday service last week. In that service, I read these words from the gospel of John 13:31-35.

When he had gone out, meaning Judas, Jesus said, "now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God

has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I'm with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews, so now I say to you, where I am going, you cannot come. I'll give you a new Commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

As I prepared for that service, and every day since, I have been pondering Jesus' words, especially what he said about a new commandment, that we love one another, just as Jesus has loved us.

That seems like a really powerful mandate, a command. In fact, if you did not already know, mandate, or command, is the meaning of Maundy. The service we hold on Thursday of Holy week is all about celebrating Jesus' new command to his disciples to love one another.

A few days ago, I was scrolling through Facebook, and I found myself on a community forum for the Northern Neck. I was incredibly distressed when I saw one person after another take the position that people should fend

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Dates to Remember

- Thursday, Apr 9** – Church Council at 1:00 pm
- Tuesday, Apr 14** – WMU Meeting at 10:30 am
- Tuesday, Apr 14** – Budget & Finance Meeting at 5:00 pm
- Wednesday, Apr 8 & 22** – Prayer Shawl at 10:30 am
- Wednesday, Apr 15** – Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 pm
- Thursday, Apr 16** – Deacons Meeting at 10:00 am
- Thursday, Apr 23** – Personnel Committee at 1:00 pm
- Sunday, April 26** – Quarterly Business Mtg after service
- Tuesday, Apr 28** – JOY Meeting at 10:00 am
- 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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for themselves and pay their own way for everything. Someone said something like, "if you don't work, you don't eat."

I thought of Jesus' words. I also thought of Jesus' sacrifice. If there is a message that is central to the Gospel, it is that Christians are the beneficiaries of Jesus' sacrificial death,



so that we might live. In other words, every Christian admits that we receive eternal life, and we acknowledge that we cannot achieve it on our own. We cannot buy our salvation. We cannot afford our

salvation. Only Jesus could pay that price, and it pains me when I read how my neighbors refused to help each other, because "people don't deserve handouts." I am so thankful that God does not take this attitude towards us.

On another day last week, I received a phone call from a young mother who asked if I could loan her \$20 to buy a prescription. I asked her which pharmacy she used, and I asked her if it would be okay if I picked up the prescription and delivered it to her. I know that she has three small children, and I know that transportation in her family is complicated. She gladly received my offer of assistance. I'm not sure she fully understands how happily and easily I made the trek to Tappahannock, to the Walmart pharmacy, so I could deliver the prescription when she was not feeling well.

This feels like what Jesus meant when he commanded his disciples to love one another as he loved them. I am certain that Jesus loves this woman. I'm certain he would provide for her. And on this day, I was certain that he called me to provide what she needed. I was happy that my schedule allowed me to love her as Jesus loves me, and each of us.

As the old hymn says, "Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe."

It is truly my honor to serve alongside you.

Pastor Kevin

KBC Educational Financial Assistance for 2026-2027

We are looking for individuals in need of financial assistance in order to pursue further education, achieve career goals, or advance their careers. Applicants may be members of Kilmarnock Baptist Church or be recommended by a member of Kilmarnock Baptist Church.

Individuals wishing to apply must submit the following information in the form of a letter, no later than **noon on May 31, 2026**:

1. Your name and information about yourself
2. Description of the program/coursework in which you wish to enroll in order to pursue further education, achieve career goals, or advance your career
3. Description of how KBC financial assistance will help you in achieving your goals.

If you are NOT a member of Kilmarnock Baptist Church, you must also submit a letter of support from a member of Kilmarnock Baptist Church, along with the above three items, by the stated deadline.

Please send your letter(s) to Kilmarnock Baptist Church, ATTN: KBC Educational Financial Assistance, PO Box 99, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.

If you have any questions, please e-mail (info@kilmarnockbaptist.org) or call (804-435-1703).

Remember, the deadline for receiving all letters of application is **May 31, 2026, at noon**.

The KBC Deacons will review the Financial Assistance Applicant(s). Recipient(s) will be notified in a timely manner.



The daffodils presented on Easter Sunday were provided by Nancy Wetherington in Honor of **Mary Ann Crane**.



Woman's Missionary Union (WMU)

WMU News & Updates



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

As believers prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior on Easter Sunday, we also reflect on the profound impact of Annie Armstrong, a champion of missions and a visionary leader whose legacy continues to inspire. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North

American Missions, established in 1895 by the WMU, is a vital resource for the North American Mission Board (NAMB), supporting the spread of the gospel across North America. Named in 1934 to honor Annie's leadership as the WMU's first national executive, the offering stands as a testament to her dedication to missions.

The North American mission field is a diverse and complex region comprised of the United States, Canada, and the territories of Puerto Rico, U. S. Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa. One hundred percent of the funds given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering go directly to meet the needs of missionaries throughout North America.

Annie was a trailblazer and her mission work included leading the formation of mission organizations for children, raising support for missionaries to Italian and Jewish immigrants, initiating fundraising to build churches in Cuba, gaining support for the first black female missionaries with the Home Mission Board, now NAMB, and advocating for Native Americans and impoverished mountain people.

Annie Armstrong once said, "What a glorious thing it is to be a co-worker with God in winning the world for Christ."

If you feel led to give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, please write "NAMB Easter" on the memo line of your check.

Food Pantry News

The March food pantry was busy, but not as busy as the holiday months. We served 42 households, which included 17 children, 28 adults, and 37 seniors, for a total of 82 individuals. The food pantry was able to provide a ham and other items for Easter dinner, along with their normal distribution.



If anyone is interested in seeing how the food pantry process works or is interested in volunteering, please stop by on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The volunteers arrive

around 10 am and begin setting up. The truck arrives at 11 am from the Healthy Harvest Food Bank. Lunch occurs around noon for the volunteers. After that, the distribution begins with a drive-thru food pantry. There are also deliveries to those in the town who are homebound or seniors with no transportation. The food pantry ends at 3 p.m.

We would love to have you join us to see how the food pantry operates! It's a blessing to be able to serve the community!

"The Great Dechurching" Book Discussion



There is still time to sign up to participate in a discussion group of the book, *The Great Dechurching: Who's Leaving, Why Are They Going, and What Will It Take to Bring Them Back?*

We already have eight participants, and we would love to have you! Please call, email, or text the pastor (540-455-4304 or KBCpastorKevin@gmail.com) if you want to participate. The meeting dates and times will be set in the next few days.

“Watching Mr. Pearson” Coming Soon to Compass Cinemas



beloved Tangier Island documentary *Been Here Stay Here*. RBL Films is delighted to bring another relevant and warm-hearted film to the community in collaboration with KT Pictures and Hedy Films.

Ry Levey
 RBL Films
<http://www.watchingmrpearson.com>

April Birthdays



- 6 Susan Rogers
- 11 Carolyn Wilkins
- 13 Edie Marshall
- 13 Debby Sachen
- 15 Colette Hudson
- 19 Judy Tierno
- 23 Bill Joyner
- 25 Dennis Coleman
- 27 Jim Johnson

You are invited to see the film, “Watching Mr. Pearson,” showing April 17-23 at Compass Cinemas in Irvington. This compassionate film explores aging, memory loss, and the bonds that form through care and service. Many faith communities find the themes especially meaningful, honoring elders, supporting caregivers, and responding to vulnerability with grace and presence. The story also highlights the quiet dedication of those who care for others, reflecting the same spirit of service that guides so many people called to serve their church and community.

The film was co-written and produced by Simon Kienitz Kincade, who is originally from the Chesapeake Bay region, making this run especially meaningful for audiences across the Northern Neck. The film is represented by RBL Films and PR, the team responsible for the distribution and publicity campaign for the



- April 12 – Debbie and Gerald Abbott
- April 13 – Sean and Hannah Bowles
- April 21 - Debbie and Dave Reiblich
- April 29 - William and Peggy Dunaway

“My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right.”
 — Abraham Lincoln

Recent Memorial Gifts



General Fund in Memory of Don Headley

Agnes Holloway
John and Hazel Farmer
Gloria Mingee
Jesse and Sheila Dize
Floyd and Sandra Griffiths
Janet and Mike Christopher

Media Room in Memory of Don Headley

Bryant and Amanda Dameron
Keith and Edna Mason
Harriet Dawson
Paul and Margaret Denkinger
Steve and Lynn Bonner
Robert Spitzer
Mary Jane Gemmel
Jon and Edie Purcell
Don and Jean Gilmore
Charlie and Barbara Price
Doris Scott
Mike and Judy Kelley
Bryant and Amanda Dameron
Dave and Susan Whitlow

Education Fund in Memory of Don Headley

Paul and Margaret Denkinger
Gloria Boshier
Gary and Carolyn Wilkins

Food Pantry in Memory of Don Headley

Marty Sutherland
Grace Gates

Cemetery Fund in Memory of Don Headley

Sonny and Clara Thomas

Building & Grounds Fund in Memory of Don Headley

Nancy Wetherington

WMU in Memory of Mary Ann Crane

Nancy Wetherington
Margaret Headley
Charles and Barbara Price

Music Fund in Memory of Mary Ann Crane

Keith and Edna Mason
Don and Jean Gilmore
Harriet Dawson
Janet Marshall

Food Pantry in Memory of Mary Ann Crane

Marty Sutherland
Grace Gates

General Fund in Memory of Mary Ann Crane

Paul and Margaret Denkinger
Joe Shehigh
Linda Whittaker
Denise Goodson
Mary Jane Gemmell
Camille Grabb
Agnes Holloway
Susan Whitlow

Education Fund in Memory of Mary Ann Crane

Gloria Boshier

General Fund in Memory of Ginger Vere

Mary Jane Gemmell
Agnes Holloway

Education Fund in Memory of Ginger Vere

Harriet Dawson

General Fund in Memory of Mary Conway

Joe Shehigh



KBC, along with Calvary Baptist Church and New St. John's Baptist Church, provided lunch at the Lenten Services on Wednesday, March 25. Thank you Mary French Hutt, Nancy Wetherington, Camille Grabb, Bob Gray and Marty Sutherland for volunteering to support this luncheon!

A Time for Prayer



***“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”***
(John 15: 27)

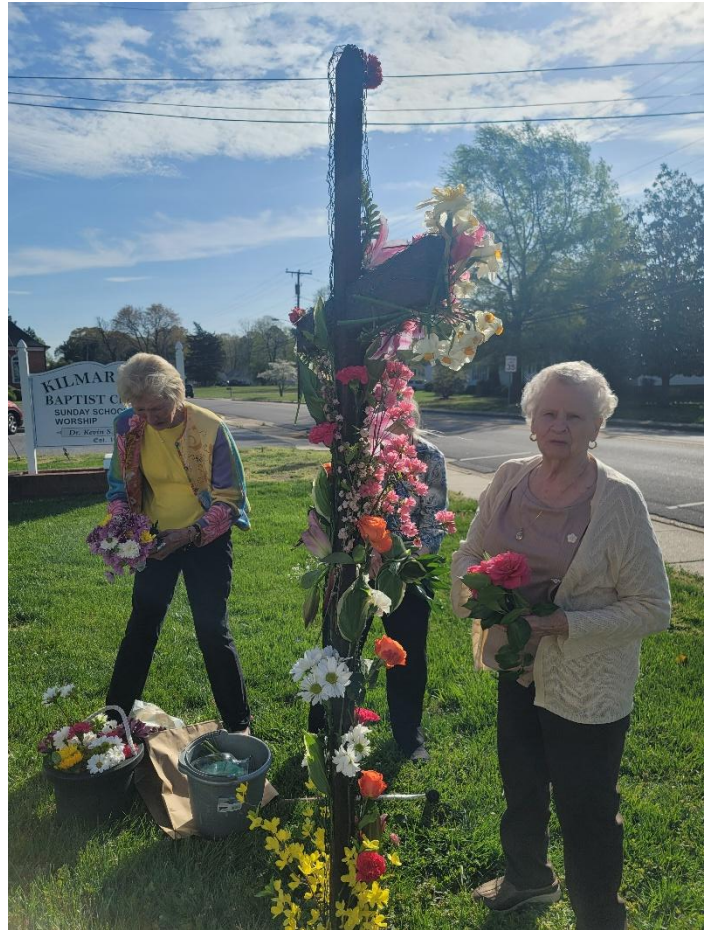
“A Time for Prayer” is an initiative started by Kilmarnock Baptist Church to focus on the power and importance of dedicated prayer time. It is also an effort to share information provided by those requesting prayer for concerns and celebrations. “A Time for Prayer” will be sent out each Wednesday by 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 March 2026 “A Time for Prayer” submissions for some individuals):

Kevin and Terri Crowder
The family of Mary Ann Crane
The family of Ginger Vere
Sarah Steffey, daughter of Ginger Vere
Izzie and Savannah, infants known by Judy Crane
Agnes Holloway’s brother, Curtis Birch
Jim Williams (husband of former Assistant Minister,
Carolyn Williams)
Jim and Barbara Makin
Susan Rogers

Carey Clayton
Pam Kidwell
Raney and Rob Paylor’s niece, Renee
Pat Tierno, friend of Judy Crane
Rick Taylor, Amy and Bobby Saville, friends of Martha
Balderson
Anthony Shelton
Josh Gedney
Joey Burtner
Rachel Hurst, her children and her mother
Billie and Ron Witt
Jim Baker
Ken Finkel
Tina Lyons
Nick Barr
Ted Tompkins’ daughter-in-Law
Mary Ellen Barrack
Jennifer Clark
Jameson McCrobie
Jonathan McCrobie
Mary Savalina
Martha Balderson
Ryland Balderson
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
Steve Gallimore
Joe Shehigh
Danny Tobin
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
Michelle Lybarger's sister
Ayla Saunders
Olivia Saunders
Creston Saunders
Kaden Bryan
Hailey Denkinger
All of our college students
Denise and Bill Goodson
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
YouTube and Radio Ministry Worshipers
Families
Visitors to KBC
The United States
The family of Carl Lapasky who passed away Fri, April 3



The Flowering of the Cross on Easter morning



JOY Group enjoys a wonderful lunch at Nick's Restaurant



Beautiful lilies and daffodils fill the sanctuary on Easter morning

Prayer Updates for Myanmar – March 2026

Greetings from the hot summer in Myanmar! We thank God for the opportunity to take our teachers on a field trip during the last week of February. We are also grateful that our summer English classes are going well and that we were able to hold VBS last week. In addition, we praise God for the start of renovation work on the “K” level classrooms, which we hope to complete within the next two to three weeks. As fuel shortages continue to affect many parts of the world, Myanmar has been hit particularly hard. We are currently able to drive and purchase gasoline only every other day, and even then in limited quantities. We are uncertain how long this situation will last, but it may create transportation challenges for students coming to school. Despite these difficulties, our hope remains in the Lord, who continues to care for and provide for His people.



Prayer Updates

- ***For peace and justice to be restored*** – Please continue to keep us in your prayers, that peace may be restored in our country. The recently elected leaders are in the process of forming a government; although we do not expect conditions to improve, we do hope that at least, conscription will be lifted and that access to electricity will improve. At present, more restricted laws are being enacted to control the people, and intense fighting continues in many parts of the country.
- ***For good and qualified teachers, especially for the upper grades*** – Many young people are still seeking ways to leave Myanmar, including some of our teachers. However, we are grateful that many dedicated and wonderful teachers continue to serve at VIS. As we still do not have enough teachers for each class, especially in the upper grades; we ask that you continue to pray with us for additional teachers. In particular, please pray that during our summer break we will be able to recruit both local and foreign teachers who are willing to come and serve as missionaries.
- ***For the completion of renovation work and the provision of land for sports facilities*** – Although the cost of building materials continues to rise, we have been able to carry on with our renovation work. We are grateful for all who support us and give thanks to God for His provision. Please also pray that we may soon have permanent classrooms for the younger grades, as well as additional space to improve our sports facilities and car parking areas.



- **Gospel Work and Aid to the Needy** – We are grateful that we are able to continue supporting our missionary partners and that the door remains open for the Gospel of Christ to be shared. We also continue to provide aid to those who have fled their villages due to the ongoing civil unrest and are now living near Yangon. We hope and pray that we will be able to do even more to serve and assist them.



Victory Community Chapel (VCC)

Although we were unable to meet every Sunday, we were able to hold VBS for the children. I also had the opportunity to travel north where most of our mother churches are located, to provide Bible training. We plan to conduct more trainings. Additionally, the missionary partners we support are actively carrying out evangelistic works in various areas outside Yangon.



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,
Lal Sawi Vula @ Victor
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.



We’re always looking for handbell players.
Curious about whether you can do it?
Come try it and see!

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.

February 2026 Attendance

	Sunday School	Service	YouTube Views (as of 4/7/26)
3/1/26	20	61	89
3/8/26	17	69	103
3/15/26	10	60	83
3/22/26	16	77	124
3/29/26	17	61	103

February 2026 Finances

February 2026	
Donations	\$18,257.00
Expenses	\$13,430.17
	\$ 4,826.83 – in the Black

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

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

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