

The Good News

Kilmarnock Baptist Church Newsletter

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Crowder's Corner



In case you haven't heard or read the profound and modern parable about starfish, I'll share it here.

Once there was a man walking on the beach and he encountered more starfish than he could count, beaching themselves. Bewildered by the sight, he wasn't sure what to do. He looked around for ideas

and seeing none, he began tossing starfish back into the ocean, one after the other. There were hundreds, perhaps thousands of starfish on the beach that day. He wondered how he could ever reach all of them before they perished. He realized that he probably could not. Undaunted by the task that lay before him, he continued to walk step-by-step, picking up starfish and throwing them back into the ocean.

Eventually, he met someone on the beach as he walked along. This person, too, saw the impossibility of the task. They did not share his optimism. They said, "What are you doing?"

"Saving starfish," was his reply.

"You cannot possibly save all of the starfish."

"You might be right," he said, while picking up another starfish and tossing it back into the water.

"You're going to fail, you know!"

"Maybe," said the man.

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Dates to Remember

- Tuesday, May 12** – WMU Meeting at 10:30 am
- Tuesday, May 12** – Budget & Finance Meeting at 5:00 pm
- Wednesday, May 13 & 27** – Prayer Shawl at 10:30 am
- Thursday, May 14** – Church Council at 1:00 pm
- Sunday, May 17** – Coffee Hour provided by Deacons after Service
- Monday, May 18** – Rappahannock Music Study Club, Piano Performance and Lunch, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Wednesday, May 20** – Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 pm
- Thursday, May 23** – Deacons Meeting at 10:00 am
- Tuesday, May 26** – JOY Meeting at 10:00 am
- Thursday, May 28** – Personnel Committee 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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The other repeated his assertion, "You can't save them all."

The man was undeterred. He reached down and picked up another starfish. As he wound up for his gentle toss of the creature back into the waters, he said, "I saved this one. And this one. And this one."



This story challenges us to acknowledge that some action is better than no action. It also invites us to reframe success, particularly when we face a seemingly impossible challenge.

I think of this simple parable every time I walk on my favorite beach in Northumberland County. While I have seen many creatures there, including eagles, osprey, cow nose rays, geese, deer, lots of jellyfish, horseshoe crabs, and others, I have yet to see a starfish. On the other hand, I usually walk that beach carrying two bags, one in which to place trash, and one in which to place glass.

I have picked up hundreds, if not thousands, of broken shards of glass on that beach. A few of them are genuine sea glass, but most are from broken bottles, or they appear to be. Every time I pick up a piece of glass, like the man in the parable I think to myself, "I saved another one." No, I'm not saving starfish. And the truth is, I might be saving barefoot beach walkers only in my own imagination. But I'm undeterred because I see lots of footprints of barefooted walkers.

If you ever sense urgency in my tone of voice or in my preaching, it's because we have only fleeting moments to make a difference in the lives of people around us. Like the beach walker in the parable, he throws the starfish back into the water because they can only survive for so long in the heat of the sun. He moves with a sense of urgency.

I think the same might be true for us. We see those around us who are grieving, or hurting, or suffering with mental, emotional, or physical distress. We need to seize the moment. When there is an urgency to the need, I feel

an urgency to respond. I consider that to be Christ prompting me to love my neighbor as myself. We might not be able to help every person, but like the man on the beach, that should not deter us from helping the ones we can help.

Thank you for looking for ways we can be the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors. As always, it remains my privilege to serve alongside you.

Peace,
Kevin



Woman's Missionary Union (WMU)

WMU News & Updates

On April 28 we delivered supper to the Free Health Clinic. It was one of their favorites, BBQ, slaw, potato salad, brownies and lemon bars.

Thank you to all who donated to the WMU in memory of Mary Ann Crane. One mission she very much liked to support was sending bibles - to our military personnel and to those who have had their bibles taken away because of persecution. We will be sending these donations soon to purchase bibles in her memory.



Our May mission is craft supplies for the Boy's and Girl's Club. They use just about anything you can think of: sewing supplies, buttons, ribbons, beads, etc. If you prefer to give money, that will be very helpful. Along with supplies, we take them a check so they can purchase supplies also. Just be sure to put "Boys & Girls Club" on the memo line of your check.



May 10 - Bill and Denise Goodson

Recent Memorial Gifts



Building & Grounds in Memory of Virginia "Ginger" Vere

Carolyn Wilkins

Scholarship Fund in Memory of Virginia "Ginger" Vere

Gloria Boshier

Food Pantry in Memory of Virginia "Ginger" Vere

Charlie and Barbara Price

General Fund in Memory of Virginia "Ginger" Vere

Steve and Lynn Bonner

Mary Jane Gemmell

Building & Grounds in Memory of Mary Ann Crane

Carolyn Wilkins

General Fund in Memory of Mary Ann Crane

Janet Marshall

Agnes Holloway

Susan Whitlow

Music Fund in Memory of Mary Ann Crane

Sonny and Clare Thomas

Scholarship Fund in Memory of Mary Ann Crane

Gloria Boshier

Building & Grounds in Memory of Carl Lapasky

Carolyn Wilkins

General Fund in Memory of Carl Lapasky

Janet Marshall

Camille Grabb

Steve Bonner

Capital Reserve in Memory of Curtis Smith

Harriet Dawson

General Fund in Memory of Carolyn Wilkins' Mother

Sonny Thomas

Media Room in Memory of Don Headley

The First Baptist Church in Newport News

A Time for Prayer



"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

(Romans 12:12)

"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 April 2026 "A Time for Prayer" submissions for some individuals):

Kevin and Terri Crowder
 Jordan Haydon
 The family of Don Headley
 The family of Mary Ann Crane
 The family of Ginger Vere
 Sarah Steffey, daughter of Ginger Vere
 The family of Carl Lapasky
 The family of Curtis Smith
 Agnes Holloway's brother, Curtis Birch
 John Raymond

The family of Carolyn Wilkins following the passing of her mother
 Infants Izzie and Savannah (prayer request by Judy Crane)
 Jim Williams (husband of former Assistant Minister, Carolyn Williams)
 Patricia Campbell
 Ed Davis
 Lee Capps
 Keith Thomas
 Susan Rogers
 Carey Clayton
 Pam Kidwell
 Rob and Raney Paylor's niece, Renee
 Pat Tierno, friend of Judy Crane
 Josh Gedney
 Joey Burtner
 Rachel Hurst and children and her mother
 Billie and Ron Witt
 Jim Baker
 Ken Finkel
 Tina Lyons
 Mary Ellen Barrack
 Jennifer Clark
 Jameson McCrobie
 Jonathan McCrobie
 Martha Balderson
 Ryland Balderson
 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
 Visitors to KBC
 The United States

May Birthdays



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| 1 | Garrett Bonney |
| 2 | Linda Enders-Bailey |
| 2 | Barbara Makin |
| 3 | Grace Gates |
| 3 | Danny Tobin |
| 5 | Lynn Bonner |
| 6 | Terri Crowder |
| 15 | Janet Marshall |
| 23 | Hannah Bowles |
| 23 | Elaine Johnson |
| 25 | Jenny Crandall |
| 27 | Fannie Clingan |
| 30 | Jim Makin |

Around the Church



Ethan, Wayne, Mike and Rick man the Media Room every Sunday

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.



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

April 2026 Attendance

	Sunday School	Service	YouTube Views (as of 5/1/26)
4/5/26	20	91	131
4/12/26	21	63	101
4/19/26	21	60	92
4/26/26	22	64	58

March 2026 Finances

March 2026	
Donations	\$29,089.00
Expenses	\$26,061.94
	\$ 3,027.06 – in the Black

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Cres Saunders, Music Director
Janet Marshall, Ministry Assistant
Cindy Ferrell, Pianist

Church Office Hours:
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9:30 am – 3:00 pm
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Sunday Mornings:
Sunday School @ 9:45 am
Worship @ 11:00 am