

# The Good News

Kilmarnock Baptist Church Newsletter

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## Crowder's Corner



Yesterday, while many of you were worshipping at KBC, I was able to be away thanks to your generosity in allowing me time off on the fifth Sundays this year. I visited Mt. Olive Baptist Church, where my friend, the Rev. Dr. Tyron Williams, serves as pastor. I had hoped to hear Dr. Williams

preach, but because it was also a fifth Sunday, the congregation welcomed a guest minister, the Rev. Dr. Tonita Nobles.

I won't repeat her entire sermon here, but one of the titles she used for her sermon captured my attention. That title was, "Oh! So, you want the good seats?" She was preaching on Mark 10:35-45, where James and John told Jesus what they wanted to sit at his right and left hand in glory. You know the story. Jesus responded to the request with questions. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" Jesus asked them if they were willing to pay the price for the good seats.

That remains a profound question: are we, Jesus' modern-day followers, prepared to pay the price, financially, emotionally, physically, and every other way, to be his follower? If we want true relational intimacy with Jesus, that is what it takes, paying the high price. The price might be higher than we are willing to pay. In fact, it is likely that the price is more than most of us are willing to pay. What are we willing to give up to have the good seats?

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## Dates to Remember

- Tuesday, June 9** – WMU Meeting at 10:30 am
- Tuesday, June 9** – Budget & Finance Meeting at 5:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 10 & 24** – Prayer Shawl at 10:30 am
- Thursday, June 11** – Church Council at 1:00 pm
- Sunday, June 14** – Coffee Hour following service
- Monday, June 15** – Blood Drive, 12:00-5:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 17** – Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 pm
- Thursday, June 18** – Deacons Meeting at 10:00 am
- Tuesday, June 23** – WMU/JOY Meeting at 10:00 am
- Thursday, June 25** – Personnel Committee at 10:00 am
- 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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When I arrived at Mount Olive on Sunday, I anticipated what might happen. My experience has taught me that clergy who visit African-American

churches are often graced with the good seats, those on the chancel next to the pastor. Being an introvert, I would have been quite happy to worship anonymously as one of the few white faces in that African-American congregation, but the pastor would have no part of it. As soon as he saw me, he invited me to sit on the chancel beside him. Last week, I told Edna that I was not going to be surprised if he requested that I bring greeting from Kilmarnock Baptist Church to his congregation. As it turns out, he did not ask for that kind of greeting, but he did ask me to offer the benediction at the conclusion of the service, and I was happy to do so. If sitting on the chancel beside fellow clergy is actually sitting in the place of honor, I was willing, but not eager.

A few days ago, I heard an interview with Spike Lee. You may know him as an Academy Award-winning filmmaker. He is also famous for sitting on the front row at Madison Square Garden for New York Knicks basketball games. He was asked many things in the interview; one question caught my attention. Because the seats in Madison Square Garden are notoriously expensive, the interviewer wanted to know how much the tickets for Spike Lee's seats would cost for the upcoming NBA finals. He paused. I don't know if he was embarrassed or reluctant, but he was slow to divulge how much he was willing to pay to sit courtside. After a moment of delay, he indicated that the cheap seats for the NBA finals, those seats at the very top of the balcony were selling for \$4,000 each! He indicated that courtside seats would likely fetch upwards of \$200,000!

As astounding as the sum is to me, there will probably be a couple of hundred people who will bid against one another to pay the high price to sit courtside at Madison Square Garden to watch the 2026 NBA finals ... and be seen doing so.

I am thankful that the kingdom of God does not require a financial outlay available only to the wealthiest among us. On the other hand, Jesus' response to James and John indicates that true obedience might be even costlier. "Instead," Jesus said, "whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

There is nothing wrong with wanting to sit in the good seats. The question is this: Are we willing to pay the price of service and servanthood to sit in the seats that are truly and eternally GOOD?

Peace,  
Kevin



## Woman's Missionary Union (WMU)

### WMU News & Updates

*"A church in walking distance of everyone in the world. Building churches that plant churches."*

Did you know that there is an organization that believes this, and has been working on this very ministry for 40 years?



In 1986, Dois Rosser, Jr. wanted to bring transformational Bible teaching to pastors worldwide. But Mr. Rosser discovered a critical roadblock hindering the discipleship of Christians in other countries. Without a permanent church building, congregations lacked legitimacy, particularly in hostile cultures. Christians had no place to worship legally or safely, and they struggled in their efforts to train leaders, make disciples and plant churches. When Mr. Rosser learned he could empower congregations to build their own buildings for very little cost, he expanded his International Cooperating Ministries (ICM) vision and set

out to put a church within walking distance of everyone in the world. There have been 14,000 plus churches built, 27 million plus disciples trained, and 108 countries reached.

On **June 23**, the JOY Group and the WMU will host Janice Rosser Allen, daughter of Dois Rosser, and President and CEO of ICM. We hope all will join us for this special program about a world changing ministry.

We will meet at **10:00 am** for light refreshments. After our program, lunch will be provided.

## Food Pantry



The May food pantry was very busy and VERY hot! It was over 90 degrees outside, so our canopy tents helped provide shade.

We thank everyone for providing food and monetary donations to support the food pantry. We also have some wonderful partners – Kilmarnock United Methodist Church recently provided toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste and toothbrushes for our clients. The St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Missions Committee recently called to ask what they could provide in the next couple months. Both churches provide items that food pantry clients don't regularly receive and are not able to use their SNAP benefits to procure. We sincerely appreciate all donations received.

The Animal Welfare League provides dog and cat food for our clients who have pets. It has been a wonderful partnership with the AWL!

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

**WOULD YOU PLEASE TALK TO ME? I WANT TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU!**

**-GOD**

*Thank You*

*KBC Family,*

*Thank you for remembering us and praying for us during the loss of my mom, Lennis Marlow. We appreciate the lovely cards with the comforting words, the calls, all the acts of kindness and the love that you have shown us. Everything that you do brings comfort to us during this difficult time.*

*In Christian love,  
Carolyn and Gary Wilkins and family*

## Recent Memorial Gifts



### Food Pantry in Memory of Carolyn Wilkins' mother

Grace Gates  
Marty Sutherland

### Food Pantry in Memory of Ginger Vere

Grace Gates  
Marty Sutherland

### General Fund in Memory of Ginger Vere

Keith and Edna Mason

### WMU Missions in Memory of Ginger Vere

Nancy Wetherington

### Building and Grounds in Memory of Curtis Smith

Charles and Barbara Price

### General Fund in Memory of Curtis Smith

Keith and Edna Mason

### General Fund in Memory of Carl Lapasky

Keith and Edna Mason



## A Time for Prayer

*"Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."*

(Matthew 6:10)

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

Kevin and Terri Crowder  
 Janet Marshall  
 Don Gilmore  
 Cres Saunders  
 Media Room Technicians  
 Franklin Dowless' Mother  
 Sean, Hannah, and Jack Bowles  
 Michelle and 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  
 Maddie Smith  
 The family of Carolyn Wilkins following the passing of her mother  
 Izzie and Savannah, infants Judy Crane requested prayers for  
 Agnes Holloway's brother, Curtis Birch  
 Jim Williams (husband of former Assistant Minister, Carolyn Williams)  
 Mary Savalina  
 John Raymond  
 Patricia Campbell  
 Ed Davis  
 Lee Capps  
 Keith Thomas  
 Susan Rogers  
 Carey Clayton  
 Pam Kidwell  
 Grace Gates  
 Raney and Rob Paylor's niece, Renee  
 Pat Tierno, friend of Judy Crane  
 Josh Gedney  
 Joey Burtner  
 Denise Goodson's grandson, Jacob  
 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  
 Josh Getney  
 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, Melissa  
 Ayla Saunders  
 Olivia Saunders  
 Creston Saunders  
 Kaden Bryan  
 Hailey Denkinger  
 All of our college students  
 Denise and Bill Goodson  
 The women in our lives  
 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



June 9 – Jim and Barbara Makin  
 June 12 – Bob and Camille Grabb  
 June 19 – Gary and Carolyn Wilkins  
 June 20 – Mike and Judy Kelley  
 June 30 – Dan and Elizabeth Sanders

### June Birthdays



1	Ethan Avina
3	Robert Wilkins
13	Gerald Abbott
15	Marshall Smith
16	Jennifer Riley
27	Howard Demory

### Lost and Found



Did you know there's a Lost and Found drawer in the church office? It holds quite a few items, including several pairs of glasses, and even an old phone.

### Church Bulletin Bloopers

- Don't let worry kill you off – let the church help.
- Let us join David and Lisa in the celebration of their wedding and bring their happiness to a conclusion.
- Diana and Don request your presents at their wedding.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?". Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Ushers will eat latecomers.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 pm. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.



# The Gathering

Let's Relax, Unwind, and Gather on  
**Saturday, September 19, 2026**

at 3:00 p.m.

in the Fellowship Hall

**Kilmarnock Baptist Church**



**Members, Former Members, Friends, and Guests  
All Are Invited**

**Fried chicken will be provided.  
Bring your favorite side dishes to share.**

**We'll eat at 4:00 p.m.**

**Music begins at 4:30, provided by:**

**Molly Magee**

**Ms. K**

**David Rice**

**Robbie Spiers and others**

**For more information, please call the church office at (804) 453-1703  
Reservations Requested**

## 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.

## May 2026 Attendance

	Sunday School	Service	YouTube Views (as of 6/2/26)
5/3/26	20	55	84
5/10/26	15	56	654
5/17/26	19	54	60
5/24/26	18	53	51
5/31/26	18	52	46

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