

The Good News

Kilmarnock Baptist Church Newsletter

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Crowder's Corner



As I write these lines, Terri and I have finally begun the construction process on our new house. If you did not know, Terri and I began speaking with an architect at least five years ago. It's all been quite a process!

I thought we were going to break ground last October and be in our house by now. We actually broke ground on June 8. The foundation was constructed over the last two weeks, and framing of the house began this week.

At the same time that we have been working with the bank and the builder, we have been moving out of our home and into a 24-foot travel-trailer that sits on our lot where we can watch our house go up.

We are excited about this process, and at the same time, if you've ever built a house, you know how stressful this can be.

While I covet your prayers, I don't share this plight out of a sense of need. I share our story because there is much about building a house that makes it a good metaphor for building faith.

If you heard the sermon last Sunday, you know that I quoted Aristotle as saying, "strength is produced with much nourishment and many exertions."

If we are to grow and mature in our faith, we need lots of spiritual nourishment and many spiritual exertions. Like

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Dates to Remember

Friday, July 3 – Patriotic Concert at 6:00 pm

Sunday, July 5 – Hot Dog Picnic after service

Tuesday, July 14 – WMU Meeting at 10:30 am

Tuesday, July 14 – Budget & Finance Meeting at 5:00 pm

Wednesday, July 8 & 22 – Prayer Shawl at 10:30 am

Thursday, July 9 – Church Council at 1:00 pm

Wednesday, July 15 – Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 pm

Thursday, July 16 – Deacons Meeting at 10:00 am

Thursday, July 23 – Personnel Committee at 10:00 am

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



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building a house, much of our spiritual work can be exhausting, uncomfortable, or even painful. When people build houses, they make sacrifices to achieve their goals. In spiritual life, we similarly make sacrifices to achieve the goal of growth.



We might consider it a sacrifice to give up our time in order to serve others. We might consider the sacrifice to give away our resources to serve the kingdom. We might consider it a sacrifice to labor for the well-being of our brothers and sisters and the church.

Slowly, brick by brick, a foundation takes shape. Slowly, board by board, a house is built. Faith is the same way. Growth is labor-intensive, and it takes a lot of time. And just like Terri and I want quality building materials in our home, it makes sense that we would need quality building materials in our spiritual lives as well.

This week, our nation is celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the birth of our country. At the same time, Terri and I are watching our house go up. During this time of celebration and growth, I find myself wondering, where is Kilmarnock Baptist Church in its collective spiritual growth. What do we need to do to grow our faith? What does having a maturing faith look like? How are our current individual and collective challenges causing us to grow? Or inhibiting our growth? What do each of us need to do to prepare for the challenges of life that are sure to occur?

Peace,
Kevin



July 12 – Rob and Rainey Paylor
July 22 – Keith and Edna Mason



Woman's Missionary Union (WMU)

WMU News & Updates

On Tuesday, June 23, the WMU met with the JOY group. Our speaker was Janice Rosser Allen from International Cooperating Ministries (ICM). ICM is an active and exciting organization. Dois Rosser, Janice's father, had a vision: "a church within walking distance of everyone in the world." As President and CEO, Janice works to continue her father's vision and his legacy.

ICM is located in Newport News, VA, and you can learn more by going to their website at www.icm.org. Also, visit our church library. The books there are "The God Who Hung on the Cross" by Dois Rosser, Jr. and Ellen Vaughn, and "God in the Crossroads" by Janice Rosser Allen and Ellen Vaughn.

July Mission is Bibles



Our July mission is Bibles. Voice of the Martyrs wants to provide a Bible for every believer. In spite of the risk that comes with owning a Bible, persecuted

Christians are asking for God's Word. Voice of the Martyrs' front-line workers know of more than 850,000 Christians in hostile and restricted areas who need Bibles now. God's Word is treasured but not accessible.

Enemies of the gospel try to prevent its advancement by destroying and restricting access to Bibles designed for children. Help is needed to prepare the next generation.

Pray for the men and women who risk arrest, imprisonment, beatings and even death to get God's Word into the hands of those who otherwise might never receive it.

If you feel led to help us with this ministry, please write "WMU - Bibles" on the memo line of your check.

Educational Financial Assistance Recipients

Kilmarnock Baptist Church will provide Educational Financial Assistance to six applicants pursuing further education, striving to achieve career goals, or desiring to advance their careers. Presentations to those receiving Educational Financial Assistance will be made during a presentation service on Sunday, July 5, 2026.

Presentations will be made to the following deserving individuals who met all application requirements:

Nora Bowles, granddaughter of Donna Wilkins and Ed Davis, will be attending Rappahannock Community College to pursue a degree in Nursing.

Kaden Bryan, grandson of Terri Thurman, will continue his studies at Frederick Community College where he will prepare to attend a four-year college in order to receive his teaching degree.

Terri Crowder will continue her studies at the University of Mary Washington where she is majoring in Historic Preservation.

Nickee Kelly, a student of Donna Wilkins, will be attending Rappahannock Community College where she plans to pursue a major in psychology leading to a career as a school counselor.

Aylee Saunders will continue her studies at James Madison University where she is pursuing a program leading to her becoming a counselor/therapist.

Sarah Spitzer, granddaughter of Margaret Headley, will attend Virginia Tech in the Fall where she will pursue a major in Human Development and a minor in Music.

Please remember these six students, as well as all of our students, during the school year ahead.

Edna Mason, Deacon Chair, Bill Joyner, Deacon and Treasurer, and Harriet Dawson, Deacon, participated in the selection process. Names of the recipients were shared with Deacons at their monthly meeting on June 18, 2026.



On **Friday, July 3, at 6:00 pm**, Pastor Kevin and friends will perform a medley of Patriotic Music in the KBC sanctuary.

Donations to defray the costs will be accepted.

The Lighter Side - Noah's Ark

Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark.



ONE: Don't miss the boat.

TWO: Remember that we are all in the same boat.

THREE: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

FOUR: Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

FIVE: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

SIX: Build your future on high ground.

SEVEN: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

EIGHT: Speed isn't an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

NINE: When you're stressed, float a while.

TEN: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

ELEVEN: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

A Time for Prayer



A prayer from June 19, 2021, Reflections:

“God, when we pray, help us genuinely seek you. Teach us to focus and to listen. Help us be still and open our hearts to you. Amen”

“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 June 2026 “A Time for Prayer” submissions for some individuals):

Kevin and Terri Crowder
 Janet Marshall
 Theresie Houghton
 David and Virlovelie Price and the upcoming birth of their baby
 Dean Tennant’s marriage
 Linda Enders-Bailey
 “Ms. K”
 Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one

Madi Smith
 Men in our lives
 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
 Susan Rogers
 Dick Grabar
 Joseph Farley
 Pam Kidwell
 Joey Burtner and his family
 Denise Goodson’s grandson, Jacob
 Rachel Hurst and family
 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
 Karen Cox
 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
 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
 Michelle Lybarger's sister, Melissa
 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

"A Time for Prayer" is Five Years Old!

Who would have ever believed our Pandemic-inspired prayer ministry would still be in existence five years after its beginning in June 2021? *"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"* has been sent out each Wednesday (except for two Wednesdays) since June 2021. It arrives to all enrolled persons by email at noon each Wednesday. At the present time, 177 individuals receive the prayer each week.

After five years, it seems appropriate to step back and look honestly at what we are doing and see if there are ways we can improve the effectiveness of this ministry.

During the month of July, you will have an opportunity to offer your suggestions to help the ministry be more responsive to the needs of our KBC Family. Please consider the following:

- Does the format of the prayer time need to be changed? More information, less information, more devotional like, more personal testimony?
- Does the timing need to be changed? Once a month, more often than once a week? Or eliminate?
- Should we have multiple prayer writers? On a rotation basis, guest basis?
- Should the length of the prayer be changed? Too short? Too long?
- Other constructive ways in which Prayer Time could be improved.

Please look for forms to be completed with your ideas and share in the box provided at each sanctuary entrance. And thank you for contributing to this ministry. Always PRAY!

July Birthdays



1	Pam Kidwell
6	Jeff Crane
8	Glen Burtner
9	Matt Joyner
13	Bob Grabb
14	Kay Williams
15	Gina Stump
15	Mary Savalina
16	Don Gilmore
19	Steve Bonner
25	Dan Sanders
27	Karen Cox

Prayer Updates for Myanmar – June 2026

Greetings from the rainy season in Myanmar! The weather in Yangon has become more pleasant, and we are enjoying the cooler temperatures, although the rainfall has been more than we need. While conditions continue to deteriorate in many parts of the country, particularly in Chin State and several other regions, and while we continue to face various challenges, we are grateful to report that the school is functioning well and remains steady.

Thank you for your continued support and faithful prayers for our ministry in Myanmar and for the people of our country.

Many families have been displaced from their villages and towns, and many have lost their homes, leaving them with no place to return. We greatly appreciate your prayers for peace, protection, provision, and God's sustaining grace during these difficult times.



Prayer Updates

- **For additional teachers, especially in Mathematics and Science** – We are grateful to God for the teachers He has already provided. However, we are still seeking additional teachers for both junior and senior high school levels, particularly in Science and Mathematics. We kindly ask for your prayers that these needs will be met.
- **For reliable electricity and sufficient fuel** – We are thankful that we have been able to receive a more stable electricity supply, allowing us to operate without using the generator for the past month. However, we continue to face limitations with fuel availability, as we are only able to obtain about 40 liters per week. In addition, vehicle movement is restricted to alternate days, which creates challenges for the school bus service as well as for parents who personally drop off and pick up their children.
- **For students' pathway to College** – Since Myanmar government colleges do not accept graduates from international schools that follow curricula different from the Myanmar national curriculum, and as an increasing number of countries are imposing stricter student visa requirements; we are facing significant challenges in helping students transition to higher education after high school graduation. To address these challenges, we are actively seeking partnerships with colleges and universities in Europe and Asia, as well as with educational agencies that specialize in supporting students with college admissions and pathway programs. Our goal is to create more opportunities and accessible routes for our graduates to pursue higher education and achieve their academic aspirations.



- **To obtain ACSI accreditation** – As a member of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), our next goal is to achieve accreditation through this organization. This accreditation will help strengthen the quality of education we provide and demonstrate our commitment to excellence in Christian education. Please pray for success as we work toward this important milestone. We are also grateful that some of our teachers are currently participating in ACSI's teacher training programs, which are an important part of the accreditation process. We pray that God will guide and bless these efforts, providing wisdom, strength, and favor as we move forward.



Victory Community Chapel (VCC)

God willing, we plan to resume our Sunday morning worship services, providing opportunities for children, youth, and adults to learn and study the truths of God's Word together.

We always appreciate your unending financial and prayer support. Please keep supporting us and pray for us.

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.



Prayer Update: Fresh Fighting in My Home State and Other Regions Where Many of Our People Reside

The civil war in Myanmar began after the military seized power from the civilian government in February 2021. In response, resistance groups formed, including the People's Defense Forces (PDF), working alongside the National Unity Government (NUG), which was established by elected Members of Parliament following the 2020 general election. Since then, armed conflict has spread throughout the country.

What initially began as unrest in urban areas has increasingly shifted into rural communities. The ongoing conflict has brought fear, uncertainty, and suffering to countless families across Myanmar. Many people, including innocent civilians, have lost their lives. Entire communities have been displaced, livelihoods disrupted, and access to education, healthcare, and basic necessities severely affected. Myanmar not only needs human rights; it also needs the protection and preservation of human lives.

Few weeks ago, fresh fighting broke out in the Khampat area of Sagaing Region, forcing many residents to flee their homes in search of safety. Among those affected are members of our mother church, the Wesleyan



church. Families have been displaced with little time to prepare, leaving behind their homes, belongings, and sources of income. Some church members who have relatives in safer areas have sought refuge with them. Others, having nowhere else to go, have been received and cared for by our National Headquarters. Beginning on June 8, 2026, the National Headquarters has been providing shelter and daily meals for approximately fifty displaced individuals. At this time, it is uncertain how long these families will need to remain under the care of our church. The cost of providing food is currently amounts to approximately US\$200 per day. Our ministry also sent some funds toward this cost and other basic needs.

During this difficult season, we humbly ask for your continued prayers for God's protection, provision, and peace for those who have been displaced by the ongoing conflict. Please also pray for strength, comfort, and hope for our church members and others who are facing uncertainty, loss, and hardship. In addition, we ask for wisdom, guidance, and adequate resources for our national leaders, as well as other relief organizations and churches as they work to meet the growing needs of displaced families and vulnerable communities.



Khampat, located in the northern part of Sagaing Region, is home to my people, churches, and many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. The area has experienced repeated instability throughout the ongoing conflict, resulting in the displacement of many civilians.

There is also intense fighting taking place in the southern part of Chin State along the Indian border. At the same time, the northwestern part of Chin State, where my hometown is located; and the surrounding areas are anticipating renewed fighting. My mother and siblings still live there and are preparing to flee at a moment's notice should the situation deteriorate further.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers, asking God to sustain and strengthen His people even in the midst of suffering and uncertainty, and to bring peace to Myanmar. We also ask our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world to prayerfully consider how they might partner with us in supporting those affected by this crisis through prayer, practical assistance, and compassionate outreach.

Yours in Christ,

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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

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.

June 2026 Attendance

	Sunday School	Service	YouTube Views (as of 6/30/26)
6/7/26	18	59	67
6/14/26	17	62	59
6/21/26	20	59	90
6/28/26	22	51	45

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Sunday Mornings:

Sunday School @ 9:45 am

Worship @ 11:00 am