

The Good News

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Crowder's Corner



The things we take for granted.

As you probably know, Terri and I are in the process of building a house. This has been a multi-year journey, and we are quite excited as we see each bit of progress.

Our home building journey has helped me appreciate just how much I have taken for granted, especially little things like water and a flushable toilet.

Just over one month ago, Terri and I moved out of our small bungalow into a smaller 24-foot travel trailer. While this was an exciting step toward the completion of our house, due to one delay after another, we moved into the trailer without running water and without being able to use the toilet as it was intended.

I will not go into all of the details of how we have managed, but as I have told several of you, I have spent the last month washing my hair outside in the yard, sometimes in the dark, pouring water over my head out of a gallon milk jug. I completed the cleanup operation each morning back inside the trailer, taking a sponge bath, and using adult size wipes similar to the ones you might use on a baby. You see, not only were we without water, we couldn't dump the holding tanks from our trailer. This means we were excessively miserly with our water usage.

Our whole world has changed in the last few days, however. Our well has been installed, and our septic

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Dates to Remember

Tuesday, Aug 11 – WMU Meeting at 10:30 am

Tuesday, Aug 11 – Budget & Finance Meeting at 5:00 pm

Wednesday, Aug 12 & 26 – Prayer Shawl at 10:30 am

Thursday, Aug 13 – Church Council at 1:00 pm

Wednesday, Aug 19 – Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 pm

Thursday, Aug 22 – Deacons Meeting at 10:00 am

Tuesday, Aug 25 – JOY at 10:00 am

Thursday, Aug 27 – Personnel Committee at 10:00 am

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

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system has been installed and inspected. Just after breakfast this morning (on Saturday), Terri and I connected our trailer to the well with only 400 feet of water hose! After making sure that all of the water pipes worked as intended, without any leaks, we turned our attention to dumping our trailer holding tanks into our septic system. I must admit that the gurgling of the black and gray water into our septic system was a tremendous relief.

As of this moment, we now have running hot and cold water in the trailer, and the toilet works! This is the first time in 30 days that Terri and I have enjoyed such a convenience! I must admit that I have enjoyed seeing the raised eyebrows of friends when I've pointed out that I haven't showered in 30 days. Oh, I bathed, but in all honesty, I have not felt as clean as I do now, having enjoyed my first hot shower a little while ago. Yes, many of you offered to let Terri and me take a bath or shower at your home. Thank you for that. If we had truly been desperate, we would've taken you up on it.



Our home building saga, with our lack of water and sewer for so many weeks, reminds me just how much I can take for granted. I'll name two.

First, while I have approached these mild discomforts as an adventure, I am more than mindful that we have neighbors all around us who face such difficulties routinely. We have neighbors who live in travel trailers out of necessity, not convenience. We have other neighbors who struggle to pay their light bill or their water bill, and have to manage carrying water every day, like we have carried water during the last month. We have neighbors whose only toilet is an outhouse or porta potty. As I have taken our water for granted, I am mindful that many people don't have this luxury.

Second, there is something we all need even more than water, and it is as easy to take for granted as drinking water. What is this thing, this thing we all need, this thing we all depend on? It is God's grace. God's grace not only

saves us from ourselves and our sinfulness, it gives our life meaning and purpose. We might be able to fool ourselves for a while that we can survive without it, but in the end, we realize that life without God's grace is hardly meaningful or productive. It is as fresh as a cool breeze on a hot day. It is even more welcome than running water. I suppose that's why Jesus told the woman at the well that he had living water to offer her.

As hot and dry as our summer has been, our water situation has reminded me just how valuable living water really is.



Peace,
Kevin

Master's Blend Class Invitation

The Master's Blend Class invites everyone to join our study of the Book of Enoch throughout the month of August at 9:45 a.m. Please come early for snacks and fellowship before we begin.

The Book of Enoch is considered noncanonical, meaning it was never accepted as authoritative by either Jews or most Christians, and is not regarded as part of the Bible.



However, Enoch is mentioned in Genesis 5:24, Hebrews 11:5, and Jude 14-15, which quotes from 1 Enoch 9. It is also possible that 1 Peter 3:19-20 refers to the Book of Watchers found in 1 Enoch, Chapters 1-36.

The Book of Enoch offers insights into the relatively unknown period of Jewish history before 165 BCE. The Book of Watchers interprets and expands upon the Genesis Flood story, explaining how evil entered God's good creation and foreshadowing God's impending destruction of this world.

For our study, we will use "The Book of Enoch for Beginners" by Phillip J. Long, which is available on Amazon. This guide will help expand your understanding of the Biblical world.



Woman's Missionary Union (WMU)

WMU News & Updates

Our **July Mission** was Bibles for Persecuted Christians. These people have had their churches and homes destroyed, been rejected by friends and families and have lost everything, including their Bibles. The Voice of the Martyrs has a list of 825,000 Christians who are waiting to have their Bibles replaced. If you would like to help, there is still time. We will extend the date for donations until mid-August.

In August we will take supper to the **Free Health Clinic**. The staff and volunteers constantly express their appreciation for the meals we bring. They especially enjoy pizza and BBQ. Your donations help us ensure we can deliver their favorites.

It doesn't seem possible that it's almost time to be thinking about **Christmas Shoeboxes**. School supplies will be on sale this month, so this is a very good time to purchase supplies for your shoebox. Don't forget--boxes for boys 5-9 years and 10-14 years are needed the most.

Food Pantry



It was a very busy, hot food pantry in July. Fifty households were served (14 children, 39 adults and 42 seniors for a total of 95 people). The food pantry uses pop-up canopy tents to provide shade for the

volunteers distributing food in the parking lot, along with fans and breaks when needed. Approximately 14 of the 50 households receive their distribution through delivery – these are mainly elderly or handicapped individuals with no transportation who live in the Kilmarnock town limits.

Thanks to the missions group at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, we were able to supply clients with toilet paper and paper towels for a second month. St. Andrews provides us with non-food items a few times each year. Their goal is to help with items that clients are unable to purchase through SNAP (food stamps).

We welcome the newest member of our volunteer squad – Bob Czaja, who stepped right up helping with deliveries or helping wherever needed during the day. Welcome Bob!!

The Food Pantry is such an amazing mission opportunity for the community. We thank all of you for your generosity through food or financial donations, along with your prayers!

A Very Special Thank You

Many of you may know that Pat Ramey always wanted to support the KBC Food Pantry. Due to her health, she supported through monetary and food donations. After her passing, Pat's neighbors wanted to support the Food Pantry in her honor. One day they went shopping and then showed up in a car filled with food donations!!

Our food pantry friends truly enjoyed receiving these extra items as part of their July distribution.

Thank you!!!



August 11 - Sonny and Clara Thomas
August 17 - John and Lisette Raymond
August 28 - Dennis and Ruth Coleman

KBC Food Pantry Coordinator Needed



Marty Sutherland has volunteered as the KBC Food Pantry Coordinator for many years. She feels it's time to step down from that role so that she can spend more time in Nebraska with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

It's now time for the next coordinator to fill that role in this wonderful mission opportunity. Marty will continue in the role until March 1, 2027, to allow time to train the new coordinator(s). It can be one coordinator or a shared coordinator role. At least one person will need to be a member of Kilmarnock Baptist Church due to handling the financial aspects of the position.

Are you ready to step into the position or maybe just want to understand more about the duties involved? Please contact Marty at 804-436-2073 or email to kbcfoodpantry1915@gmail.com to discuss.

Marty plans to continue as a food pantry volunteer when in town.

The KBC Food Pantry has approximately 25 dedicated volunteers. Some are members of KBC, but over half are members of other churches. Over the last few years, the pantry has established leads for each area of food pantry distribution, so the coordinator mainly handles the following tasks:

- Orders food from the food bank to supplement the USDA program foods
- Manages food pantry set up for distribution day
- Verifies that all ServSafe requirements are met for food safety
- Provides information for the volunteers to meet annual certification requirements
- Submits paperwork for annual certifications
- Submits monthly reports to USDA-FeedMore

Marty is available to train the next coordinator over the next few months and early next year. If you feel led to this wonderful mission opportunity, please contact Marty!



Recent Memorial Gifts

Building & Grounds in Memory of Pat Ramey

Charlie and Barbara Price
Gary Wilkins

General Fund in Memory of Pat Ramey

Mary Jane Gemmell

Education Fund in Memory of Pat Ramey

Harriet Dawson

Food Pantry in Memory of Pat Ramey

Marty Sutherland

Media Room in Memory of Don Headley

Margaret Socey

Music Fund in Memory of Mary Ann Crane

Margaret Socey

New Addition to the Price Family!



David and Virlovelie Price are thankful for the safe arrival of their son, Caleb Daniel, born July 1 and weighing 6 lbs. 4 oz. Charlie and Barbara Price are the grateful grandparents.

Barbara says, "Little Caleb is so precious, and it is pure delight to hold him. We are indeed blessed!"

The Gathering



You are warmly invited to join us on Saturday, September 19, at 3:00 p.m. for "The Gathering." This is a wonderful opportunity to relax, unwind, and reconnect with one another in the welcoming atmosphere of our Fellowship Hall.

We will be serving fried chicken, refreshing iced tea, soft drinks, and water. While it's not mandatory, we would be thrilled if you could bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.

Enjoy a delightful evening featuring entertainment from four fantastic groups:

Molly Magee

Ms. K

David Rice

Reign

(Band from our former WOW Services)

Robbie Spiers, David

Humphries, Karen Burke, Lynne

Saunders, Stephanie Hudson,

Glen Burtner, Joe Scott, and

others

Please let us know if you'll be attending. You can email info@kilmarnockbaptist.org with the number of attendees or call 804-435-1703 before August 30.

"And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noon day." – Isaiah 58:10

On the Lighter Side

Smartest People in the World

A doctor, a lawyer, a little boy and a priest were out for a Sunday afternoon flight on a small private plane. Suddenly, the plane developed engine trouble. Despite the best efforts of the pilot, the plane started to go down. Finally, the pilot grabbed a parachute, yelled to the passengers that they had better jump, and then he bailed out.

Unfortunately, there were only three parachutes remaining. The doctor grabbed one and said, "I'm a doctor, I save lives, so I must live," and jumped out.

The lawyer then said, "I'm a lawyer and lawyers are the smartest people in the world. I deserve to live." He also grabbed a parachute and jumped.

The priest looked at the little boy and said, "My son, I've lived a long and full life. You are young and have your whole life ahead of you. Take the last parachute and live in peace."



The little boy handed the parachute back to the priest and said, "Not to worry, Father. The 'smartest man in the world' just took off with my backpack."

August Birthdays



1	Andrea Swinney
5	Bill Goodson
6	Tonya Raymond
7	Peggy Dunaway
11	Sonny Thomas
14	Edna Mason
19	Elizabeth Sanders
23	Ayla Saunders
27	Debbie Abbott
27	Cres Saunders

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.

Giving Online

It is now possible to make direct deposits to KBC online.

Use the link at <https://app.autobooks.co/pay/kilmarnock-baptist-church>. Or use the QR Code:



Either one takes you to the same page and allows you to set a donation amount and make a note as to the fund you wish to donate to (you must know which fund, i.e. general, or a specific designated account).

You may set it as a one time, weekly or monthly donation. You may also pay by Apple pay, credit card or your own bank account.

July 2026 Attendance

	Sunday School	Service	YouTube Views (as of 8/2/26)
7/5/26	12	66	82
7/12/26	20	50	49
7/19/26	20	52	59
7/26/26	19	53	52

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