

The Good News

Kilmarnock Baptist Church Newsletter

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Crowder's Corner



What does it take to grow as a Christian in the 21st century? How does one develop the faith resources necessary to face the challenges of life in the modern world? What does it look like to grow over time in one's devotion to God and faithfulness to the teachings of Jesus?

These are the questions I ask myself regularly, sometimes multiple times throughout the day. And if I'm honest, there is a second set of questions. Is Kilmarnock Baptist Church doing all we can to promote faith development? How do we as a family of faith encourage spiritual growth when a common theme of so many of our lives is busyness? Do we add more events, more classes, more scheduled activities when we are constrained by our hectic schedule, our energy levels, and all of the other factors we know so well?

Last month in this column, I solicited your prayers for the church and community in multiple ways. Did you join me in those prayers? I sure hope so. I am struck by how KBC is a praying church. We appreciate the email prayer each week authored by Harriet, but offered by all of us. We appreciate the opportunity and privilege to pray for our homebound members in all of the prayer needs in our church, calling people by name every week. Our deacons gather monthly to pray for persons in our church and community with needs. Surely prayer might be one of the answers to many of the questions above.

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Dates to Remember

Thursday, Oct 8 – Church Council at 1:00 pm
Sunday, Oct 11 – Pastor Appreciation Coffee Hour
Tuesday, Oct 13 – WMU Meeting at 10:30 am
Tuesday, Oct 13 – Budget & Finance Meeting at 5:00 pm
Wednesday, Oct 14 & 28 – Prayer Shawl at 10:30 am
Thursday, Oct 15 – Deacons Meeting at 10:00 am
Wednesday, Oct 21 – Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 pm
Sunday, Oct 25 – Quarterly Business Mtg after Service
Wednesdays – Bible Study at 9:30 am (9:00 am on Food Pantry day)
Monday, Oct 26 – Certic Graces at 11:00 am
Tuesday, Oct 27 – JOY Meeting
Tuesdays – Handbell Practice at 6:00 pm
Wednesdays – Choir Practice at 6:00 pm

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Because I've been Baptist for a really long time, I think about some of the other ways that Baptist churches have historically answered those questions. In the Baptist church of my youth, we may have learned more about developing our faith in what was called Training Union, perhaps even more there than in Sunday School. That church also had active programs like Mission Friends, Girls in Action, Royal Ambassadors, WMU, Brotherhood, and age-graded choirs for all ages.

I am not so naïve as to suggest that we could resurrect all of those programs at KBC. Though I do think we need to ponder long and hard about how we accomplish the spiritual and faith development all of those programs fostered without having the same programs today!

I hope you don't read these words and think that the pastor is being critical. I assure you I am not. I also don't think that effective 20th century solutions tend to work very well in our 21st century. I simply find myself wondering how we might develop our faith in such a time-limited environment. Of course, the most astute among us might observe that we have no less time than our ancestors had! Anyway ... I am eager and open to how the Spirit might be leading you/us! Of this I am certain: God wants us to grow, individually and collectively, and I am so glad we are on this journey together.

Peace,
Kevin



Woman's Missionary Union (WMU)

WMU News & Updates

The **Interfaith Blanket Drive** continues. Comforters (any size), blankets and towels are needed. Don't forget that pillows are always welcomed. Items may be brought to the church.

October is **World Hunger Month**.

The WMU encourages donations be made to our Food Pantry. Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming, and the folks who come to the Pantry will be looking forward to receiving items to help with their holiday meals. Canned cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, canned yams, and canned pumpkin or other pie fillings are all needed. See the Food Pantry article in this month's Newsletter for more suggested items. As always, monetary donations are appreciated. Be sure to write "Food Pantry" on the memo line of your check.



Christmas Shoeboxes will be available soon for you to pick up and fill for a little girl or boy. If you build your own box, a \$10 fee for shipping is requested.



Remember, boxes most needed are for boys 10-14 years old and boys 2-4 years old.

Some items prohibited are soap, toothpaste, baby powder, lotions and liquids of any kind, breakable items, and candy, gum and other food items.

You may include compacts with mirrors and solid stick deodorant for older children. Tools are a good choice for older boys.

If you build your box online, the cost is \$30. Go to samaritanspurse.org/buildonline. The boxes that are filled online go to areas that are remote and where custom regulations are very strict. After you go online, please call Karen Cox (804-436-0416) or email (karencox821@gmail.com) so your boxes can be added to our church total.

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." — Ephesians 2:10

Celtic Graces to Perform at KBC

The Rappahannock Music Study Club, which is made up of mostly young music students and their parents and instructors, will be meeting Kilmarnock Baptist on **Monday, October 26**, in the Fellowship and Beane Halls. They have met here on a couple of occasions during the past year. They will begin with a short meeting at **11:00 am** and then there will be musical performances.

This time, the "Celtic Graces" (which includes Kevin Crowder on violin) will perform a series of animal themed pieces, such as Henry Mancini's "Pink Panther" and "Baby Elephant Walk," plus "How Much is That Doggie in the Window?", and Rossini's "Thieving Magpie Overture."



All of KBC's members and friends are invited to attend.

Food Pantry Needs for the Holidays

As we start enjoying the Fall weather, it's time to start thinking about the food needs of our food pantry clients during the holidays. Our goal is to provide food items to

support their Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.



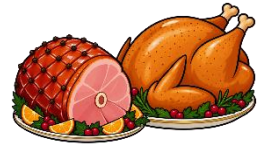
To accomplish that, we are asking for your support in meeting those needs. It can be by donating those food items, or providing monetary

donations so the food pantry volunteers can procure those items. If providing monetary donations, please ensure that you designate "Food Pantry" in the memo line of your check. Here's a list of items needed:

- Canned cranberry sauce
- Packaged dehydrated mashed potatoes
- Canned fruit
- Stuffing mix
- Canned green beans or canned corn
- Canned or packaged gravy mix
- Canned pumpkin or other varieties of pie filling

- Canned yams
- Small 2-pound bags of flour

We have begun procuring turkey roasts and whole turkeys for the November food pantry, and hams for the December food pantry. It's an extra busy time of the year for our volunteers in getting these items ready for our clients in addition to the regular distribution.



Monetary donations can also help us get what will be needed. In many cases, it is much cheaper for us to procure items, especially when we can procure through the food bank at 19 cents per pound distribution/handling fee or USDA at zero cost!

The KBC Food Pantry would like to thank all of you for your continued support!

Blessings,
KBC Food Pantry Volunteers



JOY will meet on **Tuesday, October 27, at 12:00 pm** in the church's parking lot to caravan to **Cygnets Restaurant** in Lottsburg, Virginia, for lunch. This cozy, casual, family-owned restaurant is housed in a renovated historic general store. It serves sandwiches (steak & cheese, chicken, Reubens, etc.), burgers, fried pork chops, shrimp salad and more.

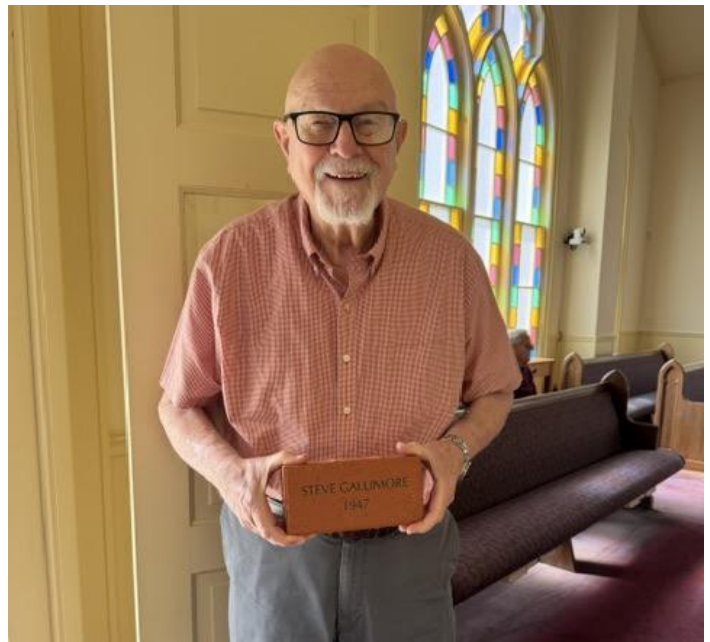
We Have New Bricks!!

Please take a few moments to visit our Memorial Garden at Kilmarnock Baptist Church and look at not only our new bricks (indicated below), but also our older bricks...so many beautiful people are remembered here.

Our church has been blessed with dedicated and generous members. As you reflect upon our history as Kilmarnock Baptist Church, remember those whose lives should be "recorded" in our Memorial Garden. Or, consider loved ones you would like to have remembered here.

You may order a brick at any time by completing an order form in the church office or by calling Harriet Dawson (804-836-9649).

These are NEW additions to our KBC Memorial Brick Garden. Take a look and be amazed at what can be remembered on a 4" x 8" brick!



Deacon Keith Mason holds the brick honoring STEVE GALLIMORE.



Deacon Chair Edna Mason holds the brick given in memory of MARY ANN CRANE by KBC, remembering her as our organist for thirty years.



Member Gloria Boshier holds the brick she and her family gave in memory of EDWIN BOSHER.

A Time for Prayer



"Few sounds are as beautiful as hearing someone, who loves you, praying for you. When you hear a friend pray for you with compassion and God-given insight, it's a little like heaven touching earth."

And He Walks with Me – Our Daily Bread; January 16, 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" 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 August and September 2026 "A Time for Prayer" submissions for some individuals):

Kevin and Terri Crowder
Kilmarnock Baptist Church
Rob and Rainey Paylor
Janet Marshall
Food Pantry Team Leader, Marty Sutherland

Meals on Wheels Ministry Leader, Nancy Wetherington
All who attended, served, and participated in The

Gathering on September 19

The family of Lloyd B. Hubbard

The family of Terry Green

The family of Beverly Haynie

The family of Mike Goodman

The family of Curtis Smith

The family of Jenny Crandall

The family of Robert "Dan" Webb

Jim Baker

Joey Burtner

Sarah Steffey

Robert Wilkins

Stan Dawson

Dennis and Ruth Coleman

Jim Williams

Those impacted by wars

Those impacted by natural disasters

Michelle Lybargers' sister, Melissa

Karen Cox's sister, Leslie, and Leslie's husband, George

Lizzie and Savannah

Denise and Bob Goodson

Denise's grandson, Jacob

Martha Balderson and brother, Ryland

Curtis Birch

Those In need of life's essentials

Fannie Clingan

Mary Ellen Barrack

Jennifer Clark

Joe Sheigh

Gloria Boshier

Danny Tobin

Steve Gallimore

Joan and Joe Bill Beane



October 4 – Mike and Donna Swinney

October 5 – David and Susan Whitlow

October 28 – Robert and Donna Wilkins



All are welcome at KBC!

The Gathering

The Gathering was held on Saturday, September 19, and it was fun!



October Birthdays



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| 1 | Bob Gray |
| 1 | Charlie Price |
| 2 | Jack Bowles |
| 2 | Cindy Ferrell |
| 3 | Joe Beane, Jr. |
| 3 | Gloria Boshier |
| 5 | Mary French Hutt |
| 6 | Rick Ferrell |
| 6 | Lynne Saunders |
| 8 | Billy Hudson |
| 9 | Harriet Dawson |
| 12 | Margaret Headley |
| 12 | Rob Paylor |
| 12 | Nolan Sanders |
| 19 | Edie Stackhouse Baker |
| 23 | Jean Gilmore |
| 24 | Maude Davis |
| 24 | Amy Fuchs |
| 28 | Jim Baker |







On the Lighter Side

Pumpkin Puns



What happens when you drop a pumpkin? You get Squash!

What do you use to repair a jack-o-lantern? A pumpkin patch.

What did a Jack-o-lantern say to the pumpkin? Cut it out!

Who helps the little pumpkins cross the road to school?

The Crossing Gourd

What does a pumpkin pie say after a big meal? That was filling!

Why do pumpkins never quarrel? Because they have no stomach for fighting!

What do you get when you divide the circumference of your pumpkin by its diameter? Pumpkin Pi.

What did the Doctor say after the pumpkin had an accident? It looks like he'll be a vegetable the rest of his life.

What does a Jack O Lantern and Christian have in common? They both have a light inside.

Meditating Monks



One Buddhist monk leaned over to another and quietly asked, "Are you not thinking what I'm not thinking?"

God Creates Man and Woman

God and Adam were walking through the Garden of Eden, discussing various things. At one point, Adam says, "Wow, God, you sure made Eve awfully beautiful, just amazingly beautiful!" Spoke the Lord: "Yes, my son, that is so you would love her very, very deeply." After a brief moment, Adam hesitatingly commented, "But Lord, you made Eve not too smart." "Ah, yes," said God, "that is so she would love you very, very deeply."

Wedding Offer



During the wedding rehearsal, the groom approached the pastor with an unusual offer: "Look, I'll give you \$100 if you'll change the wedding vows. When you get to the part

where I'm supposed to promise to 'love, honor and obey' and 'be faithful to her forever,' well, I'd appreciate it if you'd just leave that out." He passed the minister a \$100 bill and walked away satisfied.

On the day of the wedding, when it came time for the groom's vows, the pastor looked the young man in the eye and said: "Will you promise to prostrate yourself before her, obey her every command and wish, serve her breakfast in bed every morning of your life, and swear eternally before God and your lovely wife that you will not ever even look at another woman, as long as you both shall live?" The groom gulped and looked around, and said in a tiny voice, "Yes," then leaned toward the pastor and hissed: "I thought we had a deal." The pastor put a \$100 bill into the groom's hand and whispered: "She made me a better offer."

Random Quips

As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in public schools.

I used to be indecisive; now I'm not sure.

My reality check just bounced.

No sense being pessimistic. It wouldn't work anyway.

I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.

Consciousness: that annoying time between naps.

If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?

Clones are people two.

Always try to be modest, and be proud of it!

I can resist anything but temptation

What do they call church pastors in Germany? German Shepherds.

VIS Myanmar Ministries and Prayer Updates – September 2026

Praise God! This month, we were able to hold several important activities at our school, including Parent-Teacher Conference Day, the 2025–2026 Awards Day, and Picture Day. The rainy season is gradually coming to an end, although occasional rainfall continues to cause flooding in some areas, leaving significant damage. We are grateful that we were able to provide support to some of those affected. We continue to pray for their safety, recovery, and well-being. Thank you so much for your continued support and faithful prayers. Despite the many challenges we continue to face, we are grateful to witness God's protection, provision, and guidance in countless ways. Through every circumstance, He continually reminds us of His faithfulness and goodness. We thank God for His unfailing grace and sustaining presence in our lives and ministry



Victory Community Chapel (VCC)

We are grateful that VCC continues to gather every Sunday for worship. Through this ministry, we are also able to support missionary pastors by helping with their Gospel work and assisting people who are facing difficult circumstances. We thank God for the opportunities He continues to give us to serve Him and bless others during these challenging times.



Praises & Prayer Requests

- **For additional teachers, especially in Mathematics and Science** – We are grateful to God for the teachers He has provided. However, we are still in great need of two additional high school teachers; particularly in Mathematics and Physics. The shortage of qualified teachers in these subjects can affect students' confidence in the school. We kindly ask for your prayers that God will provide the right teachers for these positions before the end of this academic year.
- **Students' Pathway to College** – After much research, we have been able to partner with several educational organizations in Myanmar that are currently assisting us and will continue to partner with us in the future.
- Our main goal is to ensure that VIS students are well prepared for university in whatever field they choose and can gain direct admission without needing to complete an additional foundation year after graduating from high school. To help achieve this, we are exploring internationally recognized accreditation options for VIS. As a step forward, we may be able to begin the ACSI accreditation process next year. Please pray that God will guide us and that everything will go well.

- **Curriculum for High School** – As we continue to explore and evaluate options for our high school curriculum, we are currently considering the Sevenstar curriculum, which is Cognia-accredited and offers a promising option for VIS. However, even with a 50% discount, the cost remains difficult for many of our students. We pray that we may receive assistance with the curriculum fees next year. If the results are positive, we believe this could provide clearer direction for VIS while helping us maintain the high standard of education we strive to provide.
- **For the provision of land for younger grades and sports facilities** – Once again, we kindly ask you to continue praying with us that God will provide the necessary funds to acquire additional land for classrooms for our younger grades, as well as to expand our sports facilities and parking areas.
- **Flooding and the Ongoing Situation** – The people of Myanmar continue to face hardship due to ongoing conflict and flooding. Many have been displaced or lost their homes. Please pray for wisdom and resources to help those in need with food and other essentials, and pray especially for peace, protection, and God's provision for the people of Myanmar.

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.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Victor Lalsawi Vula
Managing Director



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.

August 2026 Attendance

	Sunday School	Service	YouTube Views (as of 10/5/26)
9/6/26	18	66	56
9/13/26	21	70	96
9/20/26	20	65	107
9/27/16	17	56	51

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Sunday Mornings:

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