The Good News

Kilmarnock Baptist Church Newsletter

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Crowder's Corner



When was the last time you read through the entire Bible? Have you ever undertaken such a task? And to be sure, it is a significant undertaking!

For the last few weeks, I have been deciding to commit to read through the entire Bible in 2027, and I hope you'll join me on this journey.

It has been a minute, as they say, since I read the entire book of the Scriptures from cover to cover. In my own spiritual journey, I have read through the entire King James Version, the Jerusalem Bible, the New King James Version, the New American Standard Version (twice), and the New International Version. Of course, I have read most New Testament books several times, and I am reading in the Gospels almost constantly.

For 2027, I am committing to read the New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition. This particular translation was produced by a diverse committee of Bible scholars, whose goal was to produce a readable English translation, using the best of modern scholarship to determine the original texts.

I am excited about this undertaking to read through the Scriptures, and I am sobered by the scope of the task.

If you have ever begun this task, and not finished it, I can think of no better time than the present to recommit. If

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Dates to Remember

Tuesday, Nov 10 – WMU Meeting at 10:30 am
Tuesday, Nov 10 – Budget & Finance Meeting at 5:00 pm
Wednesday, Nov 11 & 25 – Prayer Shawl at 10:30 am
Thursday, Nov 12 – Church Council at 1:00 pm
Sunday, Nov 15 – Handbells Performance during service
Wednesday, Nov 18 – Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 pm
Thursday, Nov 19 – Deacons Meeting at 10:00 am
Wednesdays – Bible Study at 9:30 am (9:00 am on Food Pantry day)
Tuesdays – Handbell Practice at 6:00 pm
Wednesdays – Choir Practice at 6:00 pm

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there is any book that has buffaloed you, perhaps like the book of Revelation, I hope you'll consider joining in this project. If you have gotten bogged down in the genealogies in the book of Numbers, you're in really good company and we will get through that together.

There is an old saying by and about Baptists, that we are "people of the Book." There is another cherished saying among historical Baptists, "that we have no creed, but the Bible." It seems to me, if we really are people of the book, and if we have any aspiration to know what Scripture says, from time to time we need to read through the thing.



Yes, I preach from a primary biblical text or two each week. Yes, we have an active Sunday School where we review biblical texts for how they apply to our lives. And I would assert that there might be no better way to grasp the meaning of the Scriptures than to read each entire book.

So what do you say? Do you have a Bible translation you want to read? Do you want the perspective of reading a fresh translation like I do? Are there a couple of books you need to read through to finish the project you started years ago? No matter what your answer, I hope you will join me so we can encourage one another on our spiritual journey through the Bible in 2027!

Peace,
Kevin



November 27 – Kevin and Terri Crowder

Woman's Missionary Union (WMU)

WMU News & Updates



Deputy Santa Program: The WMU is supporting the Lancaster County Deputy project again this year. The officers provide toys for needy children in the area, as well as warm coats and shoes. If you would like to help us with this mission, please write "Deputy Santa" on your check. The deputies need time to shop for these children, so it would be very helpful for the donations to be in by the end of November.

Don't forget our **KBC food pantry**. Families look forward to being able to pick up items for their Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. Monetary donations as well as canned items are much appreciated.

We delivered our last **Free Health Clinic** supper for the year in October. Chicken cordon blue and homemade rolls with other items were delivered. We start again in January 2027.

Shoeboxes are out and ready for you to pick up and fill. If you shop online, please call Karen Cox (436-0416) or email (karencox821@gmail.com) after you order your boxes so they can be added to our church total.

JOY
(Just Older Youth)

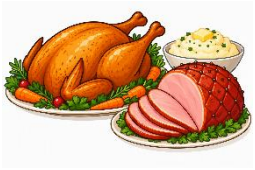
JOY will not be meeting during the months of November and December. Enjoy your holidays, and be ready to meet up again in January!

Food Pantry Needs for the Holidays

Thank you to all those who have already supported the KBC Food Pantry with monetary or food donations for the November and December food pantries. Our goal is to provide food items to support our food pantry clients' Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

Here's a list of items we are planning to provide:

- 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 to procure 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 additional items ready for our clients, in addition to the regular distribution.

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

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

The KBC Memorial Garden

A question was recently asked, "How did the memorial garden get started?" It is hoped the fond memories of this writer will help to answer that question!

Who knew the Kilmarnock Baptist Church Memorial Garden is now over twenty years old?! The project was started in April 2003 by S. W. Dawson to fulfill requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout, when the church membership voted to sponsor the project. The inspiration for the project came from Karen Burke, Linda Peterson, Lynne Saunders and Nancy Wetherington, who suggested to Dawson that there was a need for such a place where members of the church family could be remembered. They also encouraged him to consider designing a place where people could go to meditate and pray.

The idea took root and was discussed with contractor and member, Cres Saunders, to ensure the garden would complement the existing structure. Plans were drawn by Dawson's architect father, and shared with Garnett Fisher, who later designed the format of the brickwork and laid the bricks. Mal Ransone, an Eagle Scout himself from KBC, provided landscaping for the garden.

Fund raising was spearheaded by Oliver Crane, who helped sponsor a spaghetti fund raiser which was supported by the church family and the community. Fellow boy scouts provided assistance in selling tickets and serving.



Oliver Crane holding his homemade bread to be served at the Spaghetti Fund Raiser with S. W. Dawson and Dean Loudy hoping to get a slice!



Members of KBC Attending Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser



Dedication Brick

Linda Peterson provided significant support for the garden. The lamp in the center of the garden was given in memory of her husband, Jon, with the words of Jon's favorite hymn engraved on a plaque at the base of the lamp (I Come to the Garden Alone).

The two benches that flank the garden were given by Dawson to say thank you to those who contributed so much time and energy to his project. The names of four "inspiring" women were engraved on the bench. Bob Gray has continued to maintain the benches with replacement materials and staining to keep the benches safe for us.

The garden was dedicated on December 21, 2003. Pastors Mary Dell and Bill Sigler lead the dedication service with welcoming remarks and prayers. Dawson read scripture verses that can be found printed on bricks in the garden, and the names of individuals remembered by Kilmarnock Baptist Church family and friends, whose names are also engraved on the bricks.

Since that date more than twenty years ago, many more bricks have been added to the garden. This writer has always been amazed by the uniqueness of each brick.

Edith Houghton and family provided a brick at the entrance to the garden that quoted Pastor John Houghton's ending of every service. Not only do we now remember the man but also his powerful words.



Pictured are (l to r) S. W. Dawson, Pastor Mary Dell Sigler, and Pastor Bill Sigler following the Dedication of the Kilmarnock Baptist Church Memorial Garden on December 21, 2003.

The bricks are not only given in **memory** of loved ones, but many contribute a brick in **honor** of loved ones. Friends of Diane and Bob Gray purchased bricks in honor of Bob and Diane's 50th wedding anniversary. Edward J. Davis purchased a brick in honor of his beloved wife, Peggy.

For this writer, the purpose behind this garden was fulfilled when, just before bell practice years ago, this writer walked past the garden and found Walt Mallory sitting there. He commented that he had never had a place to go and remember his dad because his dad's



ashes had been scattered following his death. The two bricks remembering his dad that he had placed in the garden gave him the place he needed to think about his dad.

Please take a few moments and visit our Memorial Garden. Each brick tells its own story…and there are some interesting stories to be told! You will find you have favorites (check out "Having Tea in Heaven"), and yes, there is one that is rated "PG13" out there.

Honoring and remembering our loved ones. Taking time to reflect on our many blessings. It doesn't get much better than that!

If you would like to purchase a brick to honor or memorialize a loved one, please complete the form found in the church office or contact Harriet Dawson at 804-435-6240.

Note: Although Boy Scout Troop 242, which was sponsored by Kilmarnock Baptist Church, no longer exists, our church family benefited from the projects of many future Eagle Scouts. Greg and David Price (sons of Charles and Barbara Price) contributed multiple projects at the Woodlawn Cemetery, including a meditation garden there; Will Dunaway (son of William and Peggy Dunaway) organized and built the first KBC playground; Ryan Joyner (son of Bill and Janet Joyner) made revisions to the KBC playground

Harriet Dawson

A Time for Prayer



"May we have eyes that are open to the needs of others, may we have hearts that feel compassion for others, and may we have hands that are willing to meet the needs of others."

From October 2026 KBC Sunday School Lessons

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

Kevin and Terri Crowder
Kilmarnock Baptist Church
The family and friends of Jenny Crandall
The family and friends of Curtis Smith
Karen Cox
Margaret Headley
Edna Mason
Cindy Ferrell
Bob Gray
Agnes Holloway
Sean Bowles
The Peterson family (requests by S. Bowles)
Meredith Tompkins
Rob and Rainey Paylor
Janet Marshall
Food Pantry Team Leader, Marty Sutherland
Our Youth: Nolan, Ethan, Jameson
Jim Baker
Joey Burtner
Diane Peppler
Pope Leo
Sarah Steffey
Robert Wilkins
Stan Dawson
Dennis and Ruth Coleman
Jim Williams
Keith Thomas
Patricia Campbell
Sonny Thomas
Adell Foster
Don Peachy
Jason Ferrell
Maddy Smith
Danny Sanders
Wayne Rogers
John Raymond
Cres Saunders
Margaret and Paul Denkinger
Don Gilmore
Mary Savalina
Maude Davis
Grace Gates
Sue Brent
Linda Lipscomb
Pam Kidwell
Jan Cardwell
Kathi Bramblet
Tina Lyons
Donny Cantrell and Laurie Nickels
Ron and Billie Witt
Fannie Clingan
Alvin Thomas
Mary Ellen Barrack
Jennifer Clark
Joe Shehigh
Gloria Bosher
Danny Tobin
Steve Gallimore
Joan and Joe Bill Beane
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
All students and the personnel who support them
Local, state, national, and global leaders
Those impacted by wars
Those impacted by natural disasters
Those in need of life's essentials

Just because I carry it well, doesn't mean it's not heavy.

That's why I all the more need God's help. I need to call and seek His name every day. People don't know everything. Others don't even have an idea of what I'm going through, but God knows. He knows every detail, and I believe he will carry me through. These struggles are heavy, but there's victory in the Lord.

\- ***Joena San Diego***



Recent Memorial Gifts

Building & Grounds in Memory of Jenny Crandall
Gary and Carolyn Wilkins

General Fund in Memory of Jenny Crandall
Nancy Wetherington
Charles and Barbara Price
Mary Jane Gemmell
Keith and Edna Mason
John and Edna Roberts
Bob Gray

Education Fund in Memory of Jenny Crandall
Harriet Dawson

Food Pantry in Memory of Dan Webb
Marty Sutherland

General Fund in Memory of Dan Webb
Bryan Goetsch

Care Fund in Memory of Pat Ramey
The family of Pat Ramey

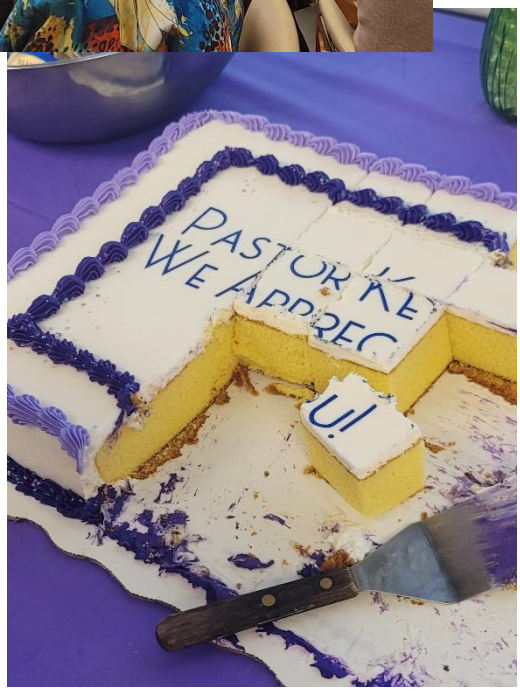
November Birthdays



2	Donna Wilkins
7	Cathy Elias
10	Kevin Crowder
13	John Raymond
15	Sean Bowles
16	Brenda Burtner
23	Dana Abdella
26	Debbie Reiblich
27	Martha Balderson
30	Peggy Whaley

Around the Church





Pastor Appreciation Sunday – and we do appreciate Pastor Kevin!

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.

October 2026 Attendance

	Sunday School	Service	YouTube Views (as of 11/4/26)
10/4/26	19	62	86
10/11/26	18	51	121
10/18/26	22	60	75
10/25/16	20	52	70

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

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