



Shout Out for the Newborn King

Gospel Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 4, 3pm
Kirkwood Baptist Church

Featuring

Gospel Symphonic Choir

Directed by Dello Thedford

and

Community Gospel Choir



Performing separately and together, the two choirs will present a selection of traditional Christmas spirituals and contemporary Gospel Christmas favorites sung by more than 100 glorious voices.

A free will offering will be taken.



Joy to the World!

December 11th at 6:00 pm

Featuring KBC's

Sanctuary Choir & Chancel Ringers

Bereavement Service

December 18th at 3:00 pm

Nativity Night

Sunday, December 18th at 4:30 pm

For families with children birth - 5th grade

Christmas Eve Vespers

December 24th at 5pm and 10pm

Christmas Day

One service at 10:30 am

New Year's Day

One service at 10:30 am

(No Holiday Breakfast)

Advent Devotional Guide

The Worship Arts Council has created an Advent Devotional Guide for 2011.

It is available at the Welcome Center and on our [website](#).

OUR VISION

We will be the presence of Jesus Christ in our community and beyond, through participative worship, open inquiry, loving fellowship, valued diversity, genuine inclusiveness, and servant leadership - encouraging all members to exercise God's gifts and calling as we share the Gospel with the whole world and minister to the whole person.



Pastoral Kindling By Scott Stearman

Expectant Advent

As a kid I remember being told that the term "pregnant" was a no-no. A woman (particularly in church) might be called "expectant," but not the "p-word." I didn't get it then, but I do understand it now (albeit we live in times with a good deal less "politesse.") Advent is about us all being expectant!

On Sunday we looked at Mark's gospel, where Jesus tells his followers to "watch" – which is to say: keep your wits about you. This attitude of expectancy is what defines Advent; just as a woman might be "expecting" a child, so we all should be looking out, expecting, God to be at work. What does this mean, exactly? Let me first say what it is not. It is not expecting God to do what you expect. Jesus says that the rain falls on the just and the unjust. We'd like to expect God to deliver rain on the good farmer's land, and dry up the evil one's dirt. But that's not, according to Jesus, the way God works. We live in a universe of natural causes and natural causes don't pay any attention to whether we are naughty or nice. So this attitude of expectancy is not God bringing about our desired vengeance, nor is it God working on our timetable. This much is clear in the multiple cases where Jesus says no one knows the hour. He's talking explicitly about the "end" but it applies to many other things. Telling time is hard, and often we just don't know when something will arrive until it already has.

So what is this posture of expectancy if it isn't expecting a "what or a when?" It is nothing more, and should be nothing less, than expecting "who." Advent is a time when we remind ourselves of what we need to live 365 days a year: life's twists and turns, ups and downs, joys and sorrows, represent our lives of constant change. But within each moment, the creative God of the universe has put a seed of possibility. This is to say, we look for the good in every moment. We look for the "redemptive reality" in every second. Wherever we find ourselves, God is already there. Living in the expectant love of God, empowers us to find that seed of God's work. Living expectantly is living with an attention that recognizes you're not in this alone. Someone is there, pointing to new possibilities, new beginnings. There are many moments in this world of free will, that I'm certain are not representative of God's best for our lives. But within each moment there is the hope of something good to come. For Joseph and Mary of two millennia ago I'm sure the news of a pre-marital expectancy seemed ambiguous at best. But inside there was a great hope.

College Care Packages

Exam time means stress, long hours, and little sleep. As a part of KBC's commitment to "hold the rope," we send care packages of goodies to remind them they are loved and appreciated. Here's how you can help!

1. Make homemade cookies (or other treat) to put in a package.
2. Add a note of encouragement to a package
3. Purchase a gift card through the Scrip program for \$10.

A collection box for notes and Scrip cards will be located outside the church office. Please have all items to the church by this Sunday, Dec 4th.

Begin Your Week with Worship Sundays at KBC

- 7:45 am & 10:15 am Deacons Pre-Service Prayers
- 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship Service
- 9:15 am Bible Study for all ages
- 4:00 pm Community Gospel Choir
- 4:00 pm Youth Hand Bells
- 4:30 pm Children's Choir
- 4:30 pm Zumba
- 5:00 pm Youth Choir
- 5:45 pm Youth Snack Supper
- 6:15 pm Sunday Night Live

December 4th 2nd Sunday of Advent

Deacon of the Week

Allison Felter

Bible Openers (8:00)

Jacob Spangler (10:30)

Worship Care Team Leader

Anne Serkin

Worship Care Volunteers

Michelle & Keith Mote, Pat Lacey, Faye Johns, Tom & Rebecca Toth

Center Your Week

Wednesdays at KBC

- 4:45 pm Family Dinner
- 5:30 pm Yoga
- 5:45 pm Prayer Meeting
- 6:00 pm Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Chancel Ringers, KBC Brass
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

Current Studies

Bible Study led by Scott Stearman

KBC Family Dinner

\$6/adult, \$2/child, \$16/family of 4+ Reservation/Cancellation Deadline: Noon on Monday for the following Wednesday. Late cancellations will be charged.

December 7 - Art of Entertaining
Beef Stroganoff, Caesar Salad, Rolls, Cheesecake

December 14 - Mateker's
Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Cake

Calendar Reminders for the week of December 4th

See pg. 2 for regularly scheduled Sunday & Wednesday activities.

Sunday, December 4th

- 12:00 pm Older & Younger Children's Choir
- 1:00 pm Youth Choir
- 2:00 pm Youth Handbells
- 3:00 pm Gospel Choir Concert
- No Evening Youth Activities

Monday, December 5th

- 7:00 am Yoga
- 7:00 pm Global Women, Too!

Tuesday, December 6th

- 10:00 am PrimeTimers
- 6:00 pm Personnel Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 7th

- 9:00 am Friendship International

Thursday, December 8th

- 6:30 pm Deacon Meeting

Saturday, December 10th

- 8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm Youth Christmas Progressive Dinner
- 6:00 pm Hastings Class Party at the Easterling's

Food Pantry Schedule

Friday, December 9th

Food Pickup - Team 1 (Steve Guinn, Wil Duke)

Saturday, December 10th

Food Pantry - Team 4 (Jennifer Pirrie, David & Lynette Chrenka, Glen Calvin, Jim Layman, Mary Earhart, Southwest Baptist, Church of Christ)

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS



Please don't forget to bring your filled bag of food for KirkCare and the Family Food Pantry on the 1st Sunday of the month.

You can drop off your donations in the closet at the end of the Great Hall Foyer. Thank you!

Following are items that we are in need of:

- ▶Canned Fruit
- ▶Peanut Butter
- ▶Boxed Potatoes
- ▶Jelly
- ▶Boxed Complete Meals
- ▶Canned Meats
- ▶Boxed Complete Meals
- ▶Macaroni & Cheese
- ▶Hearty Soups

In Celebration Birthdays

- 12/05 - Barry Rudert
- 12/06 - Lois Rudert, Marilyn Minich
- 12/07 - Emmanuel Lowery
- 12/09 - Chris Watts, Lily Clegg
- 12/10 - Jennifer Pirrie, Suzanne DeVolder
- 12/11 - Ross Harter
- 12/12 - Emmanuel Lowery, Jr, Elise Nutt
- 12/17 - Bettye Tanner, Holly Vance



The Pastor and members of Harrison Ave Missionary Baptist Church invite you to join us on **Saturday, December 3 at 5:00 pm** for an evening of Praise and Worship as

The Praise Experience Continues

Please bring non-perishable food items for our donation to the needy.

Nativity Night

Sunday, December 18th, 4:30 pm
For families with children birth through 5th grade. Parents will enjoy a couple of hours out while the children prepare to present the Nativity Story at 6:30pm for their parents. We will wrap up by 7pm Cost is \$5.00 per child. Please register on line at www.kirkwoodbaptist.org/community/event-sign-ups

In Sympathy

Our sympathy to Larry & Cindy Daniels on the passing of Larry's uncle, Bernard Fitzpatrick. Mr Fitzpatrick passed away Monday, November 28th.



God's mission, your passion

The CBF Offering financially supports CBF field personnel around the world by funding their ministries, salaries and benefits. These field personnel share the gospel among those who haven't heard, meet physical needs among the most neglected and serve the local church by providing ways for Fellowship Baptist like you to participate in life-changing ministry.

This year, CBF is highlighting **Refuge and Hope in Sub-Saharan Africa and Touching Miami with Love.** KBC's goal for 2011-2012 is \$18,000.



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet at the Sunset Hills St Louis Bread Co. Saturday, Dec. 10th 8:00 am



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**These are some examples of
our Lay lead ministries at KBC**

Bosnian Food Pantry Louise Duke

Counseling Services Linda Bryan

Global Women
Nell Lockhart / Peggy Van Asdale

Friendship Int'l Norma Hawkins

Stephen Ministry Kathryn Rogers

Councils of KBC

Spiritual Growth & Development

Becky Ray

Worship Arts Larry Daniels

Ministry Council Phil Maxwell

Gift ID & Development

Raunda Ward

Church Leadership Wendy Shaw

Giving Report 11/27/11

Budget Receipts \$ 13,269.65

Budget Receipts YTD \$827,595.56

Budget Need YTD \$1,026,211.20

Cap. Campaign YTD \$ 568,928.38

Attendance Report 11/27/11

Bible Study 192

Worship (8:00-53 / 10:30-228) 281

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dler are due no later than the Friday
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Leigh at the church or via email:
lporter@kirkwoodbaptist.org



**Remembering our Covenant
with Sasha & Mira Zivanov**

Sunday, December 11th, 10:30am service

In June, Sasha and Mira were commissioned CBF Affili-
ate Field Personnel. But they were not the only ones who
took on a new role. So did KBC. Recognizing the sense
of security and support field personnel need, all "affiliate" or "self-
supporting" field personnel must have an Encourager Church to walk along-
side them. KBC will fulfill that role for the Zivanov's, a role with which KBC is
very familiar. As a way to bless this new venture and acknowledge our new
role, KBC will set aside time for us to Remember our Covenant with Sasha
and Mira on December 11th. During the service we will present the Zi-
vanov's with an Anthology of Encouragement. The collection will include
notes of encouragement or appreciation to which they can turn for inspira-
tion, for encouragement, for solace, and for a reminder of God's presence
and KBC's support. These can be a personal word, a favorite scripture, an
insightful quote, or a prayer. If you would like to help encourage Sasha and
Mira you can drop off a notecard at the church office or at the KBC Welcome
Center. For consistency, if possible, please use a 3x5 index card.

Come visit our booths on Sunday, December 4



- ◆ This year Global Women will be helping one of our partners, [Rahab's Rope](#), a non-profit which has been at our Marketplace during the SUMMIT for several years. There will be jewelry and scarves for sale. Wendy Shaw is heading this venture.
- ◆ The beautiful Christmas cards made in Rwanda were brought back to us this year by Phoebe Warbara. We sold out last year ! The cards are \$2.00 each.

Global Women, Too!

Monday, December 5th at 7:00 pm

Join us for study and fellowship next Monday
evening at the home of Donna Watts.

THE WIDOW'S MIGHT

The Widow's Might will have a Christmas Party at the home of June Harter. It will be Saturday, December 17 from noon - 3:00 p.m. Please remember to bring a white elephant! Please call June Harter at 822-8737 or Nell Lockhart at 966-0019 to sign up for party food to bring.

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