



NEW BAPTIST COVENANT II

November
17-19

An informal alliance of more than 30 racial-ly, geographically, and theologically diverse Baptist organizations from throughout North America that claim more than 20 million members.

Thursday, November 17, 2011

7-9 p.m. **Worship Service for the General Public**

Music: Dello Thedford/Cecelia Stearman & combined choirs (scheduled)

Greetings: Dr. Alton Lacey (President, Missouri Baptist University)

Speaker: Dr. Freddy Clark (Pastor, Shalom Church)

Friday, November 18, 2011

8-9:45 a.m. **"Beneath the Skin" Conversations about the Bible and Racism**

Facilitated by Dr. Scott Stearman and Rev. Jeffrey Croft

10-11 a.m. **A Conversation with former President Jimmy Carter, Bob Abernathy,**

Dee Dee Coleman, and Wendell Griffen *Held via simulcast from Atlanta, GA*

11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Lunch**

2-4 p.m. **Community Concerns Breakout Sessions:** HIV education/ministry, youth violence, heroin addiction, ministry among foreign-born nationals

7-9 p.m. **Worship Service for the General Public**

Speakers include Carroll Baltimore, Tony Campolo, and Mary Wright Eddleman by national simulcast - music led by local choirs

Saturday, November 19, 2011 **A Day of Service within the community**

Location: St. Luke Memorial Baptist Church

3623 Finney Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63113

Coordinators: Rev. Dr. Jimmy Brown, Senior Pastor, St. Luke Memorial Church

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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

Countering Hateful Rhetoric

Just a year or so into the pastoral ministry of my first church (I was 23 when I started!) I was invited by a member to visit her brother John. John was in a hospice center. He had contracted a disease still poorly understood in those days. It went by the initials HIV. His case had advanced into AIDS. He wasn't expected to live long. He had lost half his body weight.

I was honored to have been asked, albeit a bit nervous about what I should do when I got there. I had been warned that he likely wouldn't talk to me. When we arrived John was in a hospital bed. He was emaciated and clearly didn't have too many days left. He sadly wasn't much older than me.

When we walked in the room, John's sister asked how things were going. She began a few seconds of small talk which John acknowledged, but offered mostly grunts. He was clearly suffering. She then introduced me as her pastor. I think she said, "he's going to pray with you."

The image of what happened next will forever be branded into my grey matter. He showed what can only be called revulsion at my presence. He crouched as far as he could on the other side of the bed, turning his face and body away from us. He closed his eyes and said not a mumbling word. I had never experienced that kind of rejection. I've never experienced it since – not that kind of revulsion anyway.

Though I was young, I knew immediately and intuitively that it wasn't personal. He had never met me. He had not really even looked at me. He wasn't rejecting me. He was rejecting the personification of the church. It was a church which had rejected him. I got it. Those who had condemned his person – not just for what he did, but for whom he was - had no right to pray at his bedside during his final days. He knew he was dying. He had no interest in dying a hypocrite. The pain of that moment, my inability to do anything other than offer a few words from scripture to a man who hated what I represented, is still very present.

I'm sometimes asked (implicitly and explicitly) why I feel it's important to counter religious bigotry that categorizes and demonizes people who are minorities. I have a theological answer to that question which could fill volumes. It starts with Genesis (we're all God's creation) and moves through Jonah (hope is for all) and arrives ultimately at the cross where the ground is level. But part of the passion that I feel for countering the hateful rhetoric of those of the "Westboro Baptist" fame comes from John. He did nothing more than give back what had been given to him.

Praise God there are now many churches who understand that the love of Christ is offered to all – that all means all. I'm glad we are one of them.

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

Upcoming Sermons

Nov 20 Donna Watts preaching
Nov 27 1st Sunday of Advent

November 13th

God's Investment Advice
Matthew 25:14-30

Deacon of the Week
Wil Duke

Bible Openers

Emma Norton (8:00)
(10:30)

Worship Care Team Leader
Debbie Howe

Worship Care Volunteers

Rhonda Pitt, Linda & Steve Miller,
Monica Stefanic,
Sarah & Josh Kaplan

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

Study led by Scott Stearman
"Is God A Christian?"
by Kirby Godsey

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.

November 16 - Mateker's
Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw,
Potato Salad, Cake

**November 23 -
No Evening Activities**

Calendar Reminders
for the week of November 13th

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

Sunday, November 13th

- 2:00 pm Property & Space Meeting
- 3:00 pm Youth Choir
- 3:30 pm Youth Bells
- 4:00 pm Youth to Oberweis (no SNL)
- 4:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, November 14th

7:00 am Yoga

Tuesday, November 15th

10:00 am PrimeTimers

Wednesday, November 16th

9:00 am Friendship International

Thursday, November 17th

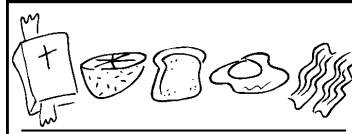
7:00 pm New Baptist Covenant

Friday, November 18th

(see cover for times) New Baptist Covenant

Saturday, November 19th

New Baptist Covenant Service day



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Men's Prayer Breakfast
will meet at the Sunset
Hills St Louis Bread Co.
Saturday, Nov. 12th
8:00 am



The contractors are off
and running in the
kitchen!
As of 11/6/11,
\$537,232.38 has been
received towards the
Capital Campaign.

Decorate the Sanctuary for Advent

Monday, November 21st at 6:00 pm

Please join the Worship Arts Council in preparing the sanctuary for the season of Advent. The first Sunday of Advent is Nov 27th and we celebrate with our traditional *Hanging of the Green*.

Food Pantry Schedule

Friday, November 18th

Food Pickup - Team 7 (David Stephens, Don Bee)

Saturday, November 19th

Food Pantry - Team 2 (Scott & Cecelia Stearman, Jim & Pat Bubash, Susan Kane, Janis Dickerman, Dennis Loehrer, Delmar Baptist)

Scrip Fundraising for KBC Missions

November Scrip will be ordered this Sunday, Nov 13th due to the Thanksgiving holiday and preparing for Black Friday shopping. Order now for all of your Black Friday shopping needs. Dec Scrip will be ordered on the 1st and 2nd weeks of the month. Scrip makes great gifts or is a great way to purchase gifts. Stop by the Scrip table to check all participating merchants.

For more information, go to our [website](#).

In Celebration Birthdays

- 11/13 - Wil Duke
- 11/16 - Ian Lane, Frances Bonebrake
- 11/17 - Betty Weitzman, Karen Beatty
- 11/18 - John Kier, Mauriece Smith
- 11/19 - Josh Kaplan, Jean Bradfield, Mark Lawson
- 11/20 - Amber Grider
- 11/21 - Joshua Landman, Chelsea Landman
- 11/22 - Than Landman, Mary Ann Wundrack, Caroline Penberthy
- 11/23 - Julie Thomas, Myrtle Johnson, Mitchell Bequette, Steve Rogers
- 11/24 - Dot Meeks
- 11/25 - Lea Ann Coates
- 11/26 - Jene Dutton

A Video of Gratitude

Preston Willis and his dad, Greg, will be available Sunday, November 13 and November 20 to capture YOU on video! **Since we won't have our traditional Thanksgiving meal as a church family**, we thought this would be a way to provide for us to share our words of gratitude for the last year. Watch for Preston and Greg and their camera and be ready to share your words of gratitude!

POINSETTIAS



Poinsettias

Help us decorate the sanctuary during Advent. The cost is \$7.00 per plant and forms can be turned into the church office. If you like, you can dedicate poinsettias in honor of, or in memory of, someone. If you need more forms, contact the church office.

Orders are due by Friday, November 18th.

Number ordered: _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Will be taking your plant home with you on

Christmas Eve? yes _____ no _____



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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 11/6/11
Budget Receipts \$ 20,871.56
Budget Receipts YTD \$766,826.36
Budget Need YTD \$962,073.00

Attendance Report 11/6/11
Bible Study 213
Worship (8:00-86 / 10:30-224) 310

All items to be included in the Kin-
dler are due no later than the Friday
before the issue you need them
printed in. Submit all materials to
Leigh at the church or via email:
lporter@kirkwoodbaptist.org



Hanging of the Green
November 27th at 6:00 pm

Gospel Christmas Concert
Featuring the
Community Gospel Choir &
Gospel Symphonic Choir
December 4th at 3:00 pm

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

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)

Hands On Kirkwood thank you notes have been received. We will print a few
in the coming weeks and more can be seen on the [HOK Facebook page](#).

New Parents Needing Meals!
A Care Calendar has been set up for Lucas and Jamie Shook- proud parents of
twin girls Nora and Margaret. Please consider signing up to bring this newly
expanded family a delicious meal now through Dec 9th. The calendar is set up
for Sundays, but you may pick another day of the week by clicking on "add
need" on the calendar. The log on info is carecalendar.org/logon/91487. The
log on number is 91487 and the security code is 4512. For any questions
please contact Beth Brasel at bbrasel@chaminade-stl.com.

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