



The Newsletter of Kirkwood Baptist Church ...together in freedom to care and to reconcile in Jesus' name...



Church Leadership Council

Church Leadership Council & Deacon Retreat Saturday, January 21st, 9am

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Chair Phil Maxwell (Thru June 2012)

Vice Carol Foust (Thru June 2013)

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

The Grand Vision

In case you haven't noticed we are in the middle of election-cycle crazy season. There are several politicians proposing their answers to our national problems. There is always a great deal of talk about grand sweeping ideas, things that will change the future, bring jobs to every family, security to a world of terrorism, and set our nation right. I don't eschew all this talk. Some of it is right and some quite good. But there's always, it seems to me, a lot of pandering and posturing. Always more talking than walking, the painting of large beautiful castles in the sky.

But this is also true in church; for that matter in every community. There always seems to be a surplus of those who will give their verbal wisdom to any issue and a dearth of those willing to give of their own elbow grease. It's easy to find those who will propose "if only X" – knowing full well that X isn't in the realm of reality. In this regard I think the biggest temptation (and most of us fight it) is the lure of grand abstractions which pose as easy solutions to our present problems. But in reality many of our problems just need good old hard work. When your yard needs to be mowed, your washing machine fixed, and your breaker box is tripped, you don't call a real estate agent. You get work mowing, fixing, and switching. A new house is only new for a bit; its yard will need to be mowed as well. My car is 9 years old now. I have to fix this or that now and again. But those mechanic bills are nothing when stacked next to a car payment – albeit a new car is tempting.

We live in a culture where few and fewer young couples go to church and when they do they go less often than their parents. The stats are quite stark. The precipitous drop in attendance is unparalleled. In response to this (and to be charitable, with a desire to reach out) some have proposed doing everything possible to be "relevant" to a new generation. Throw out the organ, bring in a band. Get rid of the altar, create a stage. Toss out the robes or ties and find a golf shirt. The pastor might even (I'm not making this up) spend a week in a bed on the roof of a church in Texas – so that he can promote a book about sex. (Only in Texas?) If that's getting "with it," I'm happy to be without it. As the Romans found out 1,000s of years ago, you can always get crowds with a circus and bread, bread and circuses. But that seems to me like fixing your house by selling it. We know (on this Bible and science are in evident agreement) that we are hard wired for true authentic belonging – community. We also know that people long more for purpose than entertainment, for connection more than "networking," and for truth more than today's relevancy which will be tomorrow's old news. We know that a crowd is different than a community.

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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

January 22nd New Nets

Jonah 3:1-5, John 1:43-51

Deacon of the Week

Allison Felter

Bible Openers

Emily Hartfelder (8:00)

Amy Miller (10:30)

Worship Care Team Leader

Caren White

Worship Care Volunteers

Kelly Shaw, Trish Ordelheide,
Pat Bubash, Lauren Bean,
Lauren Watts, Glen Calvin

Center Your Week

Wednesdays at KBC

4:45 pm Family Dinner
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.

January 25 - Mateker's

Fried Chicken, Slaw,
Potato Salad, Cheesecake

February 1 - Art of Entertaining

Pasta Primavera, Italian Salad,
Rolls, Cake

**Calendar Reminders
for the week of January 22nd**

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

Sunday, January 22nd

11:30 am Quarterly Congregational Meeting
4:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 24th

10:00 am PrimeTimers

Wednesday, January 25th

9:00 am Friendship International

Friday, January 27th

9:30 am Global Women Bible Study



Congregational Meeting

Sunday
January 22nd
11:30am

A Note from the BRC

We are pleased that the alterations to the Great Hall and kitchen are expected to be completed in two weeks. During the quarterly business meeting on January 22, the BRC will give an update on the construction and make a recommendation for re-purposing the mezzanine.

Discussions on Phase II are continuing and recommendations will be made at a later time.

Food Pantry Schedule

Friday, January 27th

Food Pickup - Team 6 (Jim Layman, OK Shellhammer)

Saturday, January 28th

Food Pantry - Team 1 (Eric & Krista Theby, Cindy Midget, Tim Busche, June Harter, Bettye Tanner, Joyce Lemoins, Ken Chapman, Aubuchon Family, New Covenant United Methodist, Webster Groves Baptist)

In Thanks

To the KBC Family,
Thank you for your thoughts & prayers during my Uncle Bs passing. Much gratitude always!
Larry & Cindy Daniels

In Sympathy

Our sympathy to Sasha Zivanov on the passing of his father. Mr Zivanov passed away Sunday, January 15th. Sasha is traveling to Serbia to be with his family.

In Celebration Birthdays

- 1/22 - Dean Shaw, Alyssa Shaw
- 1/23 - Norma Hawkins, Mark Harter, Helen Killebrew
- 1/24 - Sean Farrell
- 1/25 - Kelly Clutes, Ina Koch, Ray Killebrew
- 1/27 - Bob Jaco, Nancy Wamble
- 1/28 - Clyde Creel, Darla Gavin
- 1/29 - Theanna Zika
- 1/30 - Pat Bubash
- 2/01 - Joe Pesek
- 2/03 - Jenna Pesek

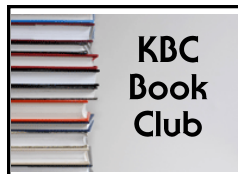


As of January 15, 2012, \$623,980.06 has been received towards the Capital Campaign. Thank you for these monetary gifts as well as the elbow grease that has been applied so far!

Global Women Mission Circle

Thursday, January 19th at 10:00 am, Room 304
Please join us as we start the new year discussing the ongoing work of CBF Global Missions in Haiti. We will also be making Spring plans for Global Women.

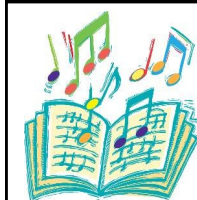
Hope you can be with us!



KBC Book Club

Tuesday, January 31st
7:00 pm

Cleopatra
by Stacey Schiff



5th Sunday Sing Along

Sunday, January 29th, 9:15am
We will meet in the Sanctuary.

there *is* a *place* for *you* at Kirkwood Baptist Church



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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 1/15/12
Budget Receipts \$ 13,458.60
Budget Receipts YTD \$ 40,906.35
Budget Need YTD \$ 57,479.31

Attendance Report 1/15/12
Bible Study 207
Worship (8:00-55 / 10:30-239) 294

All items to be included in the Kindler 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

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Seems silly to remind you, but we sometimes forget. People are born, they are nurtured and educated, they need love and belonging, they participate in families and vocations, and then they die. All this happens fairly quickly, if you ask me. I'm all for entertainment, but churches are about the core of life, not whimsical fancy. At every stage, at every stage, we need a loving community of those who will help and challenge us to love God and love our neighbors. That is where the church must be engaged – which is to say, putting pastoral ministry at the center of its mission; which is to say by the call of God's love we give ourselves to the hatch, match, patch, and dispatch business.

And with that at the core, we then go out and serve our broader community together. We aren't going to get everyone in our STL community to come to KBC, nor should we – nor should they. We aren't going to have a big ol circus crowd. But we are going to do what KBC has done for over 140 years: care and reconcile in Jesus name. It's not easy work. But its worthy work, worth infinitely more than a thousand castles in the air.

First Annual Des Peres Legacy Lecture in Congregational Health

January 29, 2012

Third Baptist Church, 620 N. Grand, St. Louis, MO 63103

Discussion Guides:

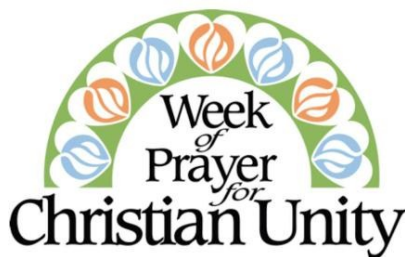
- Dr. Jimmy Brown**, Pastor of St. Luke Memorial Baptist Church, St. Louis
- Dr. Heather Entrekin**, Des Peres Assoc. Professor of Congregational Health
Director of Doctor of Ministry, Central Baptist Theological Seminary
- Dr. Scott Stearman**, Pastor of Kirkwood Baptist Church, Kirkwood

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