



Being the presence of Christ in the world.

"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!" Luke 12:49

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...together in freedom to care and to reconcile in Jesus' name...

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Investing in the future



Sunday evening, February 27th a large group of KBC members and close friends gathered at the Mabee Hall on the campus of Missouri Baptist University to celebrate the completion of our Capital Campaign. A wonderful time was had by all as we gathered for a delicious meal and warm fellowship.

The master of ceremonies for the evening was our friend and former interim-pastor, Jim McCrossen, who made us laugh while he encouraged us to remember our calling to be a church that makes a difference in our community. The highlight of the evening was "The Great Reveal." \$1,291,327 has been pledged to the Campaign so far. Thanks to all who helped make the evening so special!



Investing in "wholy" Kids

Investing in "wholy" kids means that our whole congregation is encouraged and empowered to find their own way to show our children and youth that they are loved, supported, and cared for, thus, making an impact on their whole lives. Additionally, it means that their church teaches, reflects, and shares the love of Christ, thus teaching them how to make their lives holy. This weekend, there are several ways KBC is helping this great investment.



Sunday
March 6th
8am & 10:30am

Children's Sabbath

Come let a little child lead you to worship.

Children and Youth Leader Training

March 5, 2011 / 9am – 3pm (lunch included)

A training designed to help faith communities harness their asset-building potential. Led by **Jim Conway, Search Institute Senior Trainer**

For Parents Only!

One Sunday Only - March 6th
Special Elective Bible Study Class

Led by **Jim Conway, Search Institute Senior Trainer**, come learn how Search Institute resources can help encourage and equip you to be the best parent you can be.



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.

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**Pastoral
Kindling By Scott Stearman**

By the Numbers

On Sunday night someone asked me if I was quite happy about the “big reveal,” the number that “revealed” that not only did we surpass the campaign goal, but that we surpassed our challenge goal and are in striking distance of our stretch goal. That number (now at \$ 1,291,327) is indeed something to be happy about. I feel very blessed to know we are there already. I could not be more pleased that an effort we began two years ago has truly become a congregational dream.

But here are some other numbers I’m also ecstatic about:

- 157** The number of families/persons pledging towards our future (as of today.)
- 80** The number of people who participated in the one hour prayer vigil on Feb. 12.
- 200** (c.a.) The number of adults who attended our celebration event.
- 60** The number of youth and children at their celebration event.
- 40** The number of amazingly gifted leaders on our capital campaign leadership team.
- 1** The weekly number of dollars pledged by one of our kids to the campaign.
- 4** The number of very moving worship services where we actively thought, prayed, and hoped about our future.
- 27** The number of days till we elect a building committee and put them to work at helping lead us all in developing priorities based on our pledges.
- ???** The number of people (I didn’t count, but it was lots!) who said to me that they have been SO pleased with the emphasis of this campaign and the sense of renewal it has brought to our vision.
- 2** The number of buckets which brought such light-hearted but meaningful moments to our February worship.
- 1** The number of a very gifted Campaign Consultant without whom we could not have had any of these numbers.

Add all those numbers up, and you’ve got a sum of infinite worth.



Throughout the month of February KBC children collected change to “vote” for the ministers. Scott and Donna were the “winners” and will be doing something funny in the worship service some time in the month of March. The money collected will go toward the capital campaign. Thanks everyone for your participation!

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
- 4:45 pm Youth Choir
- 4:30 pm Children’s Choir
- 5:45pm Youth Snack Supper
- 6:15 pm Sunday Night Live

Upcoming Sermons

- March 13 *Sharing Adams Fall*
Matthew 4:1-11
- March 20 *Sharing Abraham’s Faith*
Romans 4:1-5, 13:17
- March 27 *Global Women Speaker*
Paw Gaw

March 6th

Childlike Faith - Parental Hope
Mark 10:13-16

Deacon of the Week

Karl Hartfelder

Bible Openers

Drew & Ryan Clutes - 8:00 am
- 10:30 am

Worship Care Team Leader

Mary Hastings

Worship Care Volunteers

Kelly & Chad Clutes, Kathy Schober,
Janis Dickerman, Don Hastings

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

Study led by Scott Stearman
**To those Loved and Called:
You’ve Got Mail!**
Romans 1:7

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.

March 9—Southwest Market
Poor Boy Sandwiches, Macaroni &
Cheese, Vegetarian Salad, Iced Brownies

March 16—Art of Entertaining
Turkey Tetrizzini, Corn, Tossed
Green Salad, Cake

**Calendar Reminders
for the week of March 6th**

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

Sunday, March 6th

Children's Sabbath

4:00 pm International Women's Day celebration at Jubilee Church

Monday, March 7th

7:00 pm Global Women, Too!

Tuesday, March 8th

10:00 am PrimeTimers

6:15 pm FAFF

Wednesday, March 9th

9:00 am Friendship International

6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, March 10th

6:30 pm Deacon Dinner Meeting

Saturday, March 12th

8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

In Membership

Please join me with a warm welcome for our new member, Tim Busche. Tim came forward the first part of December requesting membership by transfer of letter from a sister Baptist Church in St Charles County.



Tim is in management for Enterprise Leasing. Tim's Sweetheart, Cindy Midgett, is a Kirkwood Baptist Church member. Tim and Cindy are very active in Bible study and attend the Howe-Hickman Class. They also work in our Family Food Pantry & HOK, among other church activities.

Tim's sports interest are tennis, he plays and watches the tournaments. He also follows our Cardinal's and Ram's. Tim was in attendance in the game where the Cardinals won the World Series against the Brewers in 1981.

Tim has two teenage sons, age 15 and 18 years living outside the St Louis area. Most of us remember the church bus wreck last August on I-44. Tim's sons were on the bus but were not one of the injured.

Tim and Cindy have been dating for over four years and are a big part of each others life.

Bob Starkey, Membership Deacon

Food Pantry Schedule

Friday, March 11th

Food Pickup - Team 8 (Bill Behr, David Chrenka)

Saturday, March 12th

Food Pantry - Team 1 (Eric & Krista Theby, Cindy Midget, Tim Busche, June Harter, Bettye Tanner, Ken Chapman, New Hope Christian Fellowship)

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, March 6th.

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

In Sympathy

Our sympathy to Betty Mills on the passing of her grandson, Dr David Herin. Mr Herin lived in Houston, TX.

Our sympathy to Miranda Tze on the passing of her father, Tony Tze. Mr Tze passed away Sunday, February 20th. Miranda is the daughter of Jennifer Spangler and a 5th grader here at KBC.

In Celebration Birthdays

- 3/06—Lisa Andrews-Kaminsky
- 3/07—Art Calix, Kelly Swank
- 3/08—Steve Guinn, Jon Browne
- 3/09—Jason Kaminsky
- 3/12—Leslie Brann, Pat Tajkowski, Donna Lovett
- 3/13—Jeni Swank
- 3/14—Billye Holder, Anne Starkey
- 3/15—Don Kinder, Jerry Schober
- 3/16—Tom Monje
- 3/18—John Mote, Judy Ewalt, Donna Hayden, Tricia Jackson

Global Women, Too!

Monday, March 7th at 7:00 pm

Join us for study and fellowship next Monday evening at the Bread Co at the corner of Lindbergh and Watson.

Give-up a Teddy Bear for Lent

During March, in conjunction with KBC's Lenten focus on non-violence, the 4th and 5th grade girls are helping Youth in Action of Kirkwood collect Teddy Bears in memory of Christina Taylor Green, a victim of senseless violence. Collection box for NEW bears will be located in the Mission Filled Café.

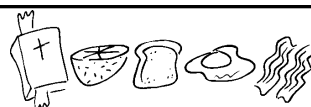


F.A.F.F. Dinner

Tuesday, March 8th, 6:15 pm

Entertainment provided by:

The Choir Boys



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, March 12th
8:00 am

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These are some examples of our Lay-led 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 Phil Maxwell
 Gift ID & Development
 Raunda Ward
 Church Leadership Wendy Shaw
 Resource Council

Giving Report 2/27/11
 Budget Receipts \$ 13,649.36
 Budget Receipts YTD \$ 129,443.44
 Budget Need YTD \$ 192,414.60

Attendance Report 2/27/11
 Bible Study 208
 Worship (8:00 - 9:10 / 10:30 - 2:46) 337

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



Ash Wednesday, the First Step in the Lenten Journey

Baptists have sometimes struggled to know how to observe Ash Wednesday. Do we put ashes on our forehead, do we treat it as a normal day, or should we explore this tradition and draw new meaning from its presence on the calendar?

A growing number of Christians are finding that observing important dates in the Christian year can give opportunity for a deeper spiritual life. Long practiced Christian rituals such as Ash

Wednesday can be extremely moving. I have heard stories about priests walking through airports on Ash Wednesday and being swamped by fellow travelers asking for Ashes to be placed on their foreheads because their busy travel schedules had not allowed for time to go to Church to pray.

Ash Wednesday is our first step on our journey toward the Resurrection. Ash Wednesday is the day we realize that we are mortal, sinful people, who need the grace of a loving Savior in our lives. This personal recognition is an important step in dealing honestly with who we are, and who we feel God is calling us to be.

Ashes are often made from the previous year's Palms that were used on Palm Sunday. The Ashes are mixed with oil and placed on the forehead as a sign of deep penitence. The symbolism of the Ashes is to remind us of our mortality and help us to realize we will one day return to Ash.

Baptists should not be afraid of this tradition, and should certainly respect how meaningful this tradition is to many Christians. In our own congregation, there are many people who feel it is important to embrace this tradition, and so ashes will be available in our parlor for those who find this tradition to be important to their worship experience.



Lenten Vesper Services

Sundays, March 13th - April 10th, 4:30 pm in room 304

The Love of Power and the Power of Love

Background: One of the difficulties Christians face in "loving our neighbor as we love ourselves" is that our neighbors are often quite different than us! This has always been true, but has never been truer. We are surrounded by neighbors who don't look or act like us. How do we love them? The answer to that is often this: get them to look, act, think, and believe, like us (makes them so much easier to love). But that is an abuse of power. God calls us to make disciples of Christ, not disciples of us. Learning to love is partly learning the restraint of power and the power of respectful restraint. Learning to love is partly about seeing that some differences are evidence of the glory of God.

Music: Glen Calvin will be leading an old-fashioned sing-along with guitar, focused primarily on folk songs which deal with love, power, oppression, poverty, etc.

March 13: *Our Neighbors in the North City* – our responsibility in this era and culture of violence. **Norm White** – SLU professor of Criminal Justice and advocate for anti-violence in Saint Louis. **Following weeks TBD**

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