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

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For centuries Christians have found **Holy Week** to be one of the most important weeks in the Christian Year. Each year we "relive" the experiences of Jesus by following him through the final few days, and seeking to deepen our personal spiritual lives by focusing on profound truths that are found in the scriptures and stories associated with these three days.

KBC will begin Holy Week with a **Procession of Palms** on Palm Sunday. Children are invited to participate in the processional and the Older Children's choir will sing as part of the grand procession. This service begins with Praise, but begins our journey toward the experience of the cross.

On **Maundy Thursday**, we will set aside time for personal prayer, confession, and reflection. The Sanctuary will be open for prayer from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a corporate service of prayer, silence and communion from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Individuals are encouraged to either come before the service, or stay after the service and prayer guides will be available as an optional resource during this time. Communion will be offered at the bottom of each hour (3:30, 4:30, etc.). The scriptures on Maundy-Thursday focus on the events surrounding the Upper Room, personal challenge and reflection and events such as Jesus washing the disciples feet.

On **Good Friday**, the Sanctuary Choir will be sharing a musical work entitled "A Service of Darkness" by Dale Wood at 7:00 p.m. The music and the readings will focus on the events surrounding the crucifixion. The mystery surrounding the cross is reflected in the quiet and dark atmosphere of this service. As a worshipping community, we worship not only individually, but corporately. The services designed for this week not only give personal space for reflection, but also encourage a communal expression that binds us together as a body of Christ. It is our prayer that you join us on this journey.



**KBC Welcomes  
Dr. David Crocker**

April 8th - 12 pm - Community Collaboration Meeting  
April 10th - 8 & 10:30 am - Preaching in worship  
April 10th - 9:15 am - Special Sunday School Class (Room 328)

KBC will host David Crocker, Founder of Operation Inasmuch April 8-10. Operation Inasmuch works to resource and equip congregations to actively engage their communities through hands-on mission projects and is also the foundation of KBC's successful Hands on Kirkwood ministry. In addition to teaching and preaching on Sunday the 10th, Dr. Crocker will be facilitating a meeting with local Kirkwood church and civic leaders about ways to collaborate and expand our Hands on Kirkwood ministry.



**Sundays at 4:30 pm  
room 304**

**Lenten**  
SCHEDULE

**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.

**April 3:** *Loving a Gay Son; a son's perspective* – David Engle (KBCer)

**April 10:** *Cyber Bullies and Safe Relationships Online;* for parents/grandparents - Maggie Roach (Girl Scouts)

**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.*

There is  
a place  
for you  
at  
Kirkwood  
Baptist  
Church



**Pastoral  
Kindling By Scott Stearman**

## Raising Hope

There's a new television show about a very dysfunctional family trying to raise a baby called Hope. I've only seen one episode, but from what I can tell the writers are less than serious about what it takes to truly "raise hope" – and given that this is a comedy, that's appropriate.

But we don't live in a sitcom; at least not intentionally. We live in a world where parents and grandparents are called upon to raise kids of hope... with dispositions of love and commitment to community. But it seems to me that with all of our societal progress this task hasn't gotten any easier. The moral complexities, the internet realities, the various options and presented choices to kids today make it a scary world for those trying to raise kids with Christ-like values.

But I'd like to highlight a few positives; there are multiple downsides to current realities, I'd like to stress a few very hopeful points. First, while cell phones do get kids in some trouble now and again, the fact is the security of every kid having a phone is a wonderful boon. The internet is indeed a potentially dangerous place for kids, but the wealth of information that resides at our finger tips is truly amazing – and potentially a great gain to education and progress. Bullying will always be with us (as long as human nature is human) but no longer is it acceptable to ridicule children because of differences in skin color or sexuality.

One of the keys of "raising hope", it seems to me, is to heighten these positives while teaching children how to navigate the negatives. This is part of what our Lenten vespers has been about: reflecting on how to both love and teach others to love while living in a world of growing differences and difficulties. We discussed violence in Saint Louis with a fascinating discussion led by Norm White. Ken and Laurie Copeland gave us a peak of their inspiring story of helping to guide their beloved child through significant change. Dorothy Cunningham reminded us that whatever differences may exist among those we love it is ultimately a heart of love that helps parents/grandparents/church members navigate the difficult moral terrain. In each of these cases God gives new information through science and reason, and a moral impulse to do what we can by the love of Christ. This Sunday we will hear from David Engle about growing up gay in a very conservative Arkansas Baptist church. And finally on April 10 we will hear a presentation about removing the negatives around the online relationships of kids.

We tackle these difficult topics because we can't "raise hope" alone nor can we do so with our head stuck in the sand. We do ourselves and our children a disservice by acting as if the world is just like we thought it was or should have been in the 50s. We will forever alienate our kids from the values of Christ if we hypocritically act as if issues like these are below us, or as if there is nothing new to learn about loving all God's creation – in all of it's amazing diversity. If we model these conversations and explorations well, we'll truly be planting seeds of hope.

### Lunch Bunch - Growing into Easter

Time: Sunday, April 17, 2011 @ 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Don't forget to make plans to join us for our family friendly Lunch Bunch- "Growing into Easter" Sunday, April 17, 2011 @ 11:30am or right after second service. There will be yummy food from P'sghetti's Pasta and Sandwiches (donations accepted but not required), fun Easter-themed crafts, and lots of romping time. Please sign up on the website. Contact Sarah Pitt Kaplan for more information.



### 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

April 10 David Crocker speaking  
Operation Inasmuch  
April 17 *Betrayal*  
Matthew 26:14-28  
April 24 *Do Not be Afraid*  
Matthew 28:1-10

#### April 3rd

*God's Heart Cath*  
Ephesians 5:8-14

#### Deacon of the Week

Mike Howe

#### Bible Openers

Emma Norton - 8:00 am  
Erin Mote - 10:30 am

#### Worship Care Team Leader

Anne Serkin

#### Worship Care Volunteers

Michelle & Keith Mote, Trish Rikli,  
Faye Johns, Rebecca & Tom Toth

### 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 God 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.

#### April 6—Garavelli's

Meatloaf with Mushroom Gravy,  
Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Medley,  
Pecan Pie, Sugar Free Cherry Pie

#### April 13—Southwest Market

Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Pasta  
Cream of Broccoli, Green Beans,  
House Italian Salad, Cookies

**Calendar Reminders  
for the week of April 3**

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

**Sunday, April 3**

- 4:30 pm Lenten Vesper Service
- 3:30 pm Spiritual Growth & Development

**Monday, April 4th**

- 7:00 pm Global Women, Too!

**Tuesday, April 5th**

- 10:00 am PrimeTimers

**Wednesday, April 6th**

- 9:00 am Friendship International
- 6:00 on Friends to Family

**Saturday, April 9th**

- 8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

**Food Pantry Schedule**

**Friday, April 8th**

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

**Saturday, April 9th**

Food Pantry - Team 5 (Wil & Louise Duke, Jim Maysey, Brett Murch, Bill Trefts, Concord Baptist)



**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, April 3rd.

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

**In Thanks**

We want to express our thanks for the meals, prayers, cards, calls and visits. We are blessed to be remembered by our KBC friends! *Roger & Anne Richardson*

Thank you for the cards, letters and phone calls at the time of my grandson's illness and death of cancer. (Dr David Herin) His positive and friendly attitude on lecturing and research of the disease will not be forgotten.

*Betty Mills and Family*

**In Celebration Birthdays**

- 4/03—Alice Worrell
- 4/04—Jennifer Spangler
- 4/05—Dorothy Hassler
- 4/06—Keith Swank, Michelle Lange
- 4/08—Loretta Blattner, Glen Calvin, II, Carl Hollis
- 4/09—Glen Calvin, III, Parker Maxwell
- 4/10—Lottie Cunningham, Amy Easterling
- 4/11—Wanda Wenger
- 4/12—Michelle Mote, Olivia Johnson, David Miller, Spencer Farris, Susan Baldwin
- 4/13—Kathleen Cordes
- 4/14—Chad Clutes, Don Hastings
- 4/15—Daniel Hickman
- 4/16—Emil Dorn

*Easter Lilies*



Decorate the Sanctuary for Easter. Dedicate lilies in honor of or in memory of a loved one, if desired. You may then take your Easter Lily home on Easter Sunday. Cost is \$7.50 per plant. Submit form and payment to the church office by April 10th. (Forms available in office.)

Number of Plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor / memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Global Women, Too!**

Monday, April 4th at 7:00 pm

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

**Fiesta Playhouse**

Sunday, May 1st @ 6:00 pm

**Save the date!**

**Calling All Acts**

Singers, Dancers, Comedians, Actors, Magicians, Storytellers, Professionals and Amateurs.

**Start planning now!**

Tickets go on sale April 10th. Check next weeks Kinder for details about the **Fiesta!**

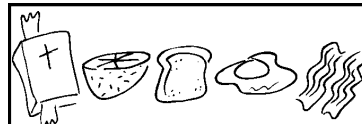


**KBC Book Club**

Thursday, March 31, 7:00 pm

**Snow Flower and the Secret Fan**

by Lisa See



Men's Prayer Breakfast

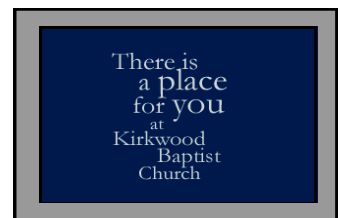
Saturday, April 9th  
8:00 am

**F.A.F.F. Dinner**

Tuesday, April 12th, 6:15 pm

Entertainment provided by:

**Lindbergh High School Strolling Strings**



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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  
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**Giving Report** 3/27/11  
 Budget Receipts \$ 12,130.50  
 Budget Receipts YTD \$ 206,403.09  
 Budget Need YTD \$ 277,932.20

**Attendance Report** 3/27/11  
 Bible Study  
 Worship (8:00 - 62 / 10:30 - 195 ) 257

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**Community News**

**Missouri Baptist University**

Presents Club A  
 featuring **Allusion**

...vocal jazz and so much more  
 and the MBU Jazz Ensemble  
 Saturday, April 2, 2011

7:30 pm – doors open at 7:00

Mabee Great Hall Pillsbury Chapel

\$2 cover charge (donation), under 12 free  
 Desserts and beverages available for purchase

**Organ Recital**

Sunday, April 3rd, 5:00 pm

You're invited to an Evensong Duo Organ Recital Sunday, April 3, 5pm at St. Peter's Episcopal Church to be played by our organist, Tom Pearce, and his wife Emily, organist of First Unitarian Church, St. Louis. Their half-hour program will feature music of Tomkins, Carlton, Soler, and Handel. A 5:30 p.m. Evensong Service will follow.



**8th Annual Taste of Webster - Kirkwood**

Sunday, April 17th, 6pm - 8pm

Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S Geyer Rd

Tickets are \$35 in advance; \$40 at the door and can be purchased through Shepherd's Center of Webster-Kirkwood, 1333 W Lockwood Ave. (314-395-0988)

Music by St Louis Chamber Jazz. Silent Auction to be held!

Proceeds to support the Shepherd's Center of Webster-Kirkwood.

For more information go to [www.shepherdscenter-wk.org](http://www.shepherdscenter-wk.org).

**Looking for Employment???**

If the unemployment bug has taken a bite out of you then listen up. We are taking a sample of people in the Kirkwood area, without regard to religious denomination, who are interested in forming a group to learn the steps to search, locate and accept new employment.

This is not a recruitment agency, you will have to search on your own but we will provide you with the tools and emotional support to do this. Members of our initial group have mentored others searching for new employment and have had success in helping them locate and accept new employment.

I have many years of human resources experiences. I understand the complexities of networking, interviewing and "closing the deal" on new employment. I firmly believe that a positive mental attitude is something that can be mastered and is absolutely necessary for these troubling times. Those interested in learning more can contact

[Kirkwoodje@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Kirkwoodje@sbcglobal.net).

*Jon Hale*

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