



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

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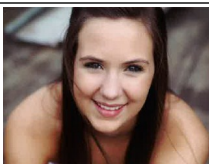
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Congratulations to our High School Graduates

Katie Alexander
Parkway South High School
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville
KBC Memories
Flower Cross at Easter
Thanks to KBC for allowing me to grow up in a great community.



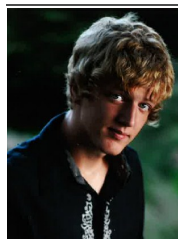
Caroline Bequette
Kirkwood High School
University of Missouri - Columbia



Tom Bernhard
Kirkwood High School
University of Missouri - Columbia



Ryan Cummings
Webster Groves High School
KBC Memories
Passport New Orleans
Thanks to KBC for supporting me, mission and choir trips.



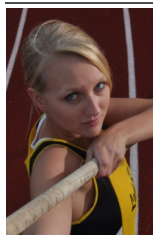
Spencer Farris
Kirkwood High School
University of Missouri - Columbia
KBC Memories
Passport New Orleans
Thanks to KBC for the memories.



Joe Pesek
De Smet Jesuit High School
Miami University
KBC Memories
Los Angeles Mission Trip
Thanks to KBC for all of their support towards fundraising and preparing me for passport Kenya!



Melissa Reed
Eureka High School
University of Missouri - Columbia
KBC Memories
Passport Kenya
Thanks to KBC for all of the opportunities to experience Christ through mission trips.



Alyssa Shaw
Lafayette High School
University of Missouri - Columbia
KBC Memories
Lock-ins
Thanks to KBC for supporting and teaching me all through my life.

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

Seniors

I decided that these thoughts which I expressed on Sunday (Good Shepherd Sunday) were quite appropriate for graduating seniors. Not that I expect them to actually read the church newsletter amidst all the graduation parties and college plans. But in one sense we're all graduating from one moment to the next. "I'm not gonna settle down and get a boring job, I'm gonna go to a village in the Himalayas and live purely and simply." All good and fine – I'm a fan of travel – but what the person will find is that village life is messy and complicated. There's no place more eaten up with complex politics and difficult economics than a small village.

"I'm quitting my job and buying farm – where life is easy and unsullied by tough decisions." Says the person who's never faced the weather as the enemy of their livelihood, or the endless quandaries of planting and harvesting, the boundless questions of feeding and slaughtering.

I don't believe there are any shortcuts to the abundant life. I don't think we find the gate to the abundant life that Jesus talks about by pursuing adrenalin rushes or really marvelous sunsets. There are no places to which we can escape! You should work at "finding your passion" but don't forget that some passions are just temporary fancies.

I'm tempted to say: you find the abundant life inside. I heard that growing up. "Accept Jesus. Say a prayer. Walk the isle. Get baptized." All good first steps – but a first step only matters if there is a second. And a third step. If I believed a lot of what I read, I'd be tempted to say: you find the abundant life on the outside. "Get a sail boat. Find your passion. Fall in love. Win the lottery. Save much and retire early."

Truth is, I don't believe the abundant life is found by escaping into some religious interior, nor is it in some beach-like exterior. In fact it's not inside/outside at all. We don't find it in space. Only in time, and actually only in the moment by moment, step by step, following the person and principles of Jesus.

Green pastures, still waters, overflowing cups and full tables. What do all those places have in common? The shepherd's guidance. Those places are meaningless abstractions apart from the guidance of the shepherd, who leads you to and through... and this is the part that I'm trying to get across today: and is forever doing so. There is never a moment when you and I don't need a shepherd. The abundant life isn't a place it's a time... a life lived moment by moment where the gift of each moment is opened as we live in love.

The shepherd doesn't lead the sheep to green grass, then get on a plane to a Caribbean island. The shepherd doesn't protect the sheep with that rod and staff during the week... so he can take the weekends off. The shepherd's job is never ever, ever never, ending.

One never graduates from sheep school.

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

- May 29 *The One in Whom we Live*
Acts 17:22-31
- June 5 John Hewett preaching
- June 12 *A River Runs from It*
John 7:37-39

May 22nd

Youth Sunday
Joe Pesek preaching

Deacon of the Week

Marilyn Minich

Bible Openers

Emily Hartfelder - 8:00 am
Reed Easterling - 10:30 am

Worship Care Team Leader

Katherine Sandvos

Worship Care Volunteers

Carol Guinn, Scott Stearman,
Michelle & Allen McReynolds,
Caroline Penberthy

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 & Linda Bryan
A Heavenly Study
What does the Bible say about
Heaven? What doesn't it say?

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.

May 25 - Mateker's Meat Shop

Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and
Gravy, Cole Slaw, Cake

June 1 - Garavelli's

Breaded Pork Chops, Baked Potatoes,
Vegetable Medley, Cherry Crumb Pie,
Sugar Free Cherry Pie

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

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

Sunday, May 22nd

Youth Sunday

4:30 pm Zumba
6:00 pm Community Gospel Choir concert at Concordia Lutheran

Monday, May 23rd

6:15 pm Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, May 24th

10:00 am PrimeTimers

Wednesday, May 25th

5:30 pm Yoga

Friday, May 27th

7:00pm Kirkwood High School Baccalaureate Service

Food Pantry Schedule

Friday, May 27th

Food Pickup - Team 3 (Denny Redington, Ron Condray)

Saturday, May 28th

Food Pantry - Team 3 (Von Hulin, Kathy Bernhard, Jim Brockman, George Bowling, Jerry & Ned Rogers, Joe Hamilton, South County Baptist)



KBC Book Club

Tuesday, May 31st, 7:00 pm
Reader's Theatre with Paul & Carole

In Sympathy

Our sympathy to Jean Tourville on the passing of her husband, Harold. Pinky passed away Sunday, May 15th. Visitation is Tuesday, May 17th from 3pm - 8pm at Kutis Funeral Home in Affton. Services will be at KBC Wednesday, May 18th at 10am.

In Celebration Birthdays

- 5/22 - Suzy Schoonmaker, Maralee McDougall
- 5/23 - Don Luisi, Clara Parsons
- 5/24 - John Osborne
- 5/25 - Carol Owens, James Hastings
- 5/26 - Lexie Weitzel
- 5/29 - Tom Bernhard, Michael Hassler, Tyler Johnson
- 5/31 - Abi McReynolds, Zola Cadwell, Virgil Pirtle
- 6/01 - Caren White
- 6/02 - Vivian Weitzel, Molly Farrell
- 6/03 - Kathy Schober
- 6/04 - JL Berry, Larry Daniels, Alyson Dickerman



Join fellow KBCers for a day of fun in the sun! Well... a day of fun yard work in the sun!

Saturday, May 21st, 8am

Bring your gloves, tools - if you have them and the whole family. Let's all chip in and make the KBC grounds beautiful.

How Can I Support KBC Youth Missions?

1. TOWELS - KBC Youth need your used towels for our Car Wash & BBQ on Saturday, June 18th. Clean out your closet and drop off your old towels in the Great Hall foyer and be sure to come on the 19th to have lunch while the youth wash your car!
2. BOX FANS - Senior adults in Perry County, AL - site of the KBC Youth mission trip - are in need of box fans. Many seniors do not have air conditioning and Sowing Seeds of Hope will help distribute these fans to those in need. Pick one up and drop it off at KBC or make a donation (marked Box fan / Youth Mission Trip) so that fans can be purchased.

Global Women Mission Circle

Thursday, May 19th, 9:30 am, Great Hall
Women in ministry - we will focus on women living out their calling as chaplains, church starters, pastors and mission workers. Please come and learn with us.

Harrison Ave Missionary Baptist Church

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Harrison ... would like to invite you to our **Family and Friends Day service Sunday, May 22nd at 3:00 pm.** Our theme is Forgiven and Forgiving, Matthew 6:14, "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."

Minister Donnell Alexander of Trinity Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church will be our guest speaker.

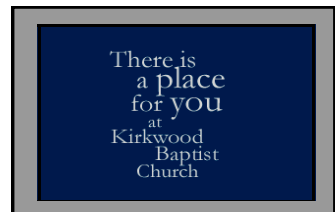
Please join us and bring a friend. We look forward to fellowshiping with you!

To God Be the Glory!

Jacquelyn Van Alstyne, Chairperson
Rev. Jeffrey G Croft, Pastor



Save the Date!
October 22, 2011



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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

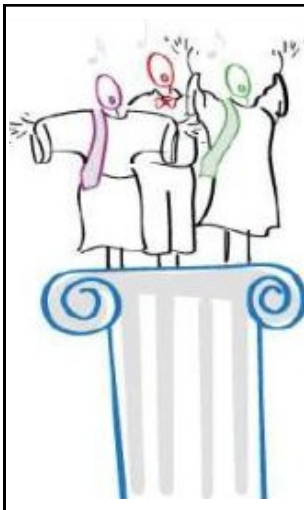
Gift ID & Development
Raunda Ward

Church Leadership Wendy Shaw
Resource Council

Giving Report 5/15/11
Budget Receipts \$ 11,576.75
Budget Receipts YTD \$ 333,230.30
Budget Need YTD \$ 427,588.00

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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



Community Gospel Choir
Season Four Finale Gospel Concert

Sunday, May 22nd at 6 pm

Concordia Lutheran Church
505 S Kirkwood Rd. Kirkwood, MO 63122

Admission: One can of food to contribute to KirkCare Food Pantry

More than 60 glorious voices will perform a wide selection of traditional spirituals and gospel favorites.

Featuring guest performances by:

- Celeste Brown and Linda Majors from the Legend Singers
- Movements 4 Christ Dance Group from Mt Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 13th through Thursday, June 16th 9am - 12pm
For children who will be 3 years old by June 1st (and potty trained) through children who have completed 5th grade.

Register online today at

<http://www.kirkwoodbaptist.org/vacation-bible-school/>

Here on Main Street, kids will explore stories Jesus told about everyday people in everyday situations. But His stories took radical twists that challenged people to look at themselves and others in new and unexpected ways.

Kids will be challenged to retell Jesus' stories as they make **gratitude, compassion, forgiveness and grace** a part of their everyday lives.

Our **Mission Emphasis** will be led by Wendy Shaw who will have just returned from a Global Women trip to Burma. Also, our 4th & 5th grade students will work on local mission projects.

So welcome to Main Street where you can participate in an inside-out, upside-down experience like no other ... and let Jesus make a difference in **YOU!**



Girls Night at the Munny

We still have LOTS of tickets to Little Mermaid at the Munny on **Friday July 8**. The cost is \$24 and this is **girls only!** We have really good seats for this price and we will get a backstage tour and a reserved picnic area. Feel free to invite friends. I have 75 tickets and I think I will have enough tickets for everyone but it will be first come, first served. I will need final numbers and payment by June 15.

For reservations or information, contact Wendy Shaw at das16812@aol.com or (314) 265-1149

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