



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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# BACK 2 SCHOOL BLUES

## August 2nd

### Live Music

featuring  
**Kingdom  
Brothers**

with a special  
performance by

**Jody  
"church boy"  
Clegg**

### Food

**Pulled Pork  
Hot Dogs  
Chips  
Soda  
and more ...**

proceeds benefit youth missions

### Fellowship

**Grounds open  
at 6pm, music  
starts at 6:30**

**Bring a chair  
or blanket**

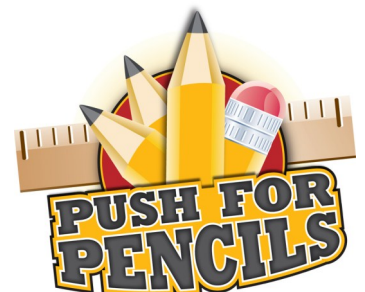
**Support  
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We will be collecting school  
supplies so kids in St Louis can  
go **Back 2 School!**





**Pastoral** By Scott Stearman

## Lessons from Norway?

In general I find people a bit too trigger happy with life lessons from catastrophic occasions. Some seem to assume that every event – particularly major tragic events like the mass shooting in Norway – lend themselves to sermonizing prescriptions. I think we need to be slow, careful, and very reflective about such lessons. I'm not one who believes that God allows suffering in order to teach us something, at least not in every instance. I don't think the holocaust has any meaningful lessons except that all human beings are capable of unspeakable evil.

The crazed gunman in Norway is just that – a crazed gunman. There may be lessons to learn here, but the first impulse should be sympathy. Sympathy for the hundreds of parents, relatives, friends, and acquaintances of those senselessly killed and sympathy for those (all too few) survivors who will undoubtedly suffer that strange plaguing guilt associated with those who live through such a moment. I have prayed for those folks, and for friends I have who live there. Undoubtedly the entire nation is in turmoil.

That being said, as one who lost acquaintances in the Oklahoma City bombing by a "Christian" terrorist, there is one fact which ought to be clear to all. Terrorists, crazed gunmen, madmen, are found in every religion, race, and creed. I've been to Norway. It's filled with exceptionally friendly folks, who have an amazing social system and a very low crime rate. I have friends who live there, friends who've served churches there. It's a classic place of unlocked doors. No one would have ever predicted this kind of violence in that kind of place. And that's just the point. No one thought that Oklahoma City would be a terrorist hit spot either.

I don't mean to imply that we should all go on vigilant alert, looking under every rock for a crazed gunman – the chances of being hit by lightning are much greater than finding yourself in such a situation. But I do mean that events like this are a reminder of the very simple truth of Romans 3 – ALL have sinned. This applies to good white Christian people and to dark skinned Muslim people. No people group is immune to the effects of evil. And no religion or race should be demonized. All religions are subject to corruption. A swastika is a bent cross. The KKK sees itself as a defender of Christianity – also using a cross, the symbol of love, as a sign of hate. Stalin attended a Christian seminary.

This does not imply that all religions are the same. They are not. It does imply that the answer to the human condition is not membership in any religion, nor genetic connection to any race. The answer is found in that simple command to love.

Too often this has been interpreted (as apparently by the nutcase Norwegian) as love those who are like you. But Jesus said: neighbors and enemies. So love, when understood as more than "affection for those who look and think as us," will lead us to an ever widening circle of empathy. Real love will force us to real encounter with those who are "other." That kind of love, seen most visibly and gloriously on the (real) cross, is our only hope. Crazed fundamentalists of all stripes will, I fear, always be with us. But let us remember the hope of John's prologue: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

## 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  
4:30 pm Zumba

Music and Youth programs  
resume in late August

### Upcoming Sermons

Aug 7 *How to Love Food*  
Aug 12 *A Loving Lust*

### **July 31st**

Kyle Alexander preaching

### Deacon of the Week

David Stephens

### 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  
5:30 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**

July 27 - Quarterly Congregational  
Meeting & Ice Cream Social

August 3 - Study led by  
Donna Watts  
*Parables*

### **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.

### **August 3 - Garavelli's**

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

### **August 10 - Southwest Market**

Chili Mac w/Spaghetti, Garlic Cheese  
Bread, Vegetarian Salad, Iced Brownies

**Calendar Reminders  
for the week of July 30th**

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

**Sunday, July 30th**  
9:15 am 5th Sunday Sing

**Monday, August 1st**  
7:00 am Yoga

**Tuesday, August 2nd**  
10:00 am PrimeTimers  
6:00 pm Back to School Blues

**Food Pantry Schedule**

**Friday, August 5th**  
Food Pickup - Team 4 (Jim Maysey, Jim Bubash)

**Saturday, August 6th**  
Food Pantry - Team 4 (Jennifer Pirrie, David & Lynette Chrenka, Glen Calvin, Jim Layman, Carol Owens, Tara Hill, Mary Earhart, Southwest Baptist)

**Interested in a  
Men's Bible Study Class?**



We started a women's class at the beginning of 2011 and we have had a great time. I shared with the Adult Bible Study Service Team that it seems in keeping with "Title 9" we should also offer a men's class. As I promoted to the women, there are lots of reasons why a men's only class could meet some needs. If you are interested in becoming a part of this kind of class,

please let me know by e-mail if possible:  
[dwatts@kirkwoodbaptist.org](mailto:dwatts@kirkwoodbaptist.org)

Learn  
&  
Grow

**In Thanks**

The following note, from the daughter of Harold & Kay Krampfert, accompanied a contribution.

Thank you again Scott, for the wonderful services for both mom and dad. The message was very meaningful and you do such a good job reaching out to non-believers and encouraging the rest of us - especially family. We treasure the congregation at KBC and the influence you all had on our young family while we were members. In His Love, *Brad & Carol Kocher*

The following note is from a youth group that stayed in our building a couple of nights while traveling to/from Oklahoma.

We really appreciate the time and effort you took to make our stay at your church easy and welcoming. We were greeted with excellent hospitality and the accommodations were great, both to and from Carnegie, Oklahoma. Kirkwood is a beautiful town. God taught us a lot and we grew closer as brothers and sisters in Christ while we helped and interacted with Cedar Creek Church. It was an experience that will long be remembered.

Thank you again for everything you did for us.

*Jerry Zeilstra*

Hebron United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA

**Adult Sunday School Teacher Workshop**

Saturday, August 20th, 9:00 am

The Adult Bible Study Service Team will be offering a workshop and we would love for you to come! It is Saturday, August 20, 9-11:30 a.m. You are invited if you either ARE an Adult Bible Study Teacher, a substitute, or, are interested in being a teacher!

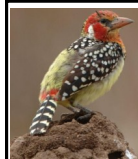
**F.A.F.F. Dinner**

Tuesday, August 9th, 6:15 pm

Entertainment provided by:

***Bird Watching with Susan Eaton***

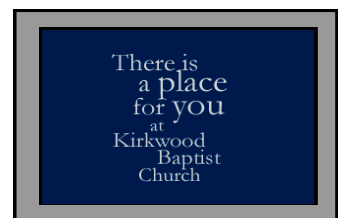
Come and enjoy as Susan shares her slides with us.



**In Celebration Birthdays**

- 7/31 - Ralph Sneed
- 8/01 - Pattye Taylor-Phillips
- 8/02 - Amelia Forbis, Susan Gordon
- 8/03 - Wendy Shaw, Jesse Nutt, Vi Berryman, Lydia Harter
- 8/04 - Susan Barred
- 8/05 - Barbara Harford
- 8/06 - Margot Hoeman, Anna Pearl Wright
- 8/08 - Helen Silman, John Truex, Cindy Midgett
- 8/09 - Ann Hier, Edward Norton
- 8/10 - Sandra Phinney
- 8/11 - Roger Richardson, Tristan Farrell
- 8/13 - Amy Miller

See what's new!



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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**

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Worship Arts Larry Daniels  
 Ministry Phil Maxwell

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Church Leadership Wendy Shaw  
 Resource Council

**Giving Report** 7/24/11  
 Budget Receipts \$ 24,012.53  
 Budget Receipts YTD \$ 507,861.98  
 Budget Need YTD \$ 641,382.00

**Attendance Report** 7/24/11  
 Bible Study 128  
 Worship (8:00 - 56 / 10:30 - 209) 265

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