



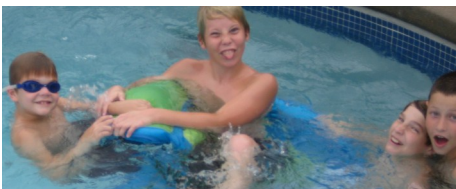
"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!" Luke 12:49

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## Family Retreat 2011 Camp Mihaska



## Want to Help a St. Louis School?

Schools in the City of St. Louis do not always enjoy the same support as schools in suburban areas. Teachers often need to use their own money to copy papers for their students or to purchase basic school supplies – or do without. Classrooms may not be painted regularly. The staff may not feel encouragement or support from the nearby community.



Our church has been invited to join a number of other congregations who have "adopted" an elementary school for the coming school year. If a team of Kirkwood Baptist members forms to support a school, the team members will learn about the needs of a particular building, then creatively decide how to give their minds and time in support of the teachers and students there.

Does this appeal to you? If you are interested in being part of a KBC team for this ministry throughout the coming school year, please let the Ministry Council know right away. We need to decide by August 7 if there is enough commitment to do a good job. Please phone or e-mail Phil Maxwell (314-822-0932; [villamaxwell@charter.net](mailto:villamaxwell@charter.net)), or the KBC office (314-965-2349.)

### 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 By Scott Stearman

## Is God a Christian?

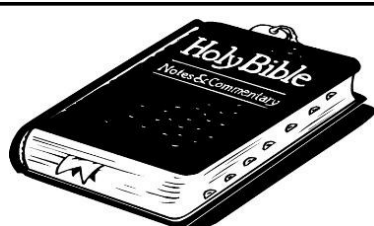
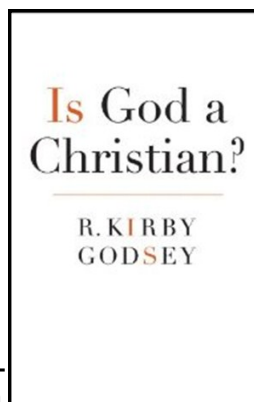
A provocative question to use as a title of a book – at least if you are a Christian (and Baptist) thinker. The former President (and current Chancellor) of Mercer University, R. Kirby Godsey, has written his attempt at an answer; or more accurately his attempt at getting a conversation going around the question itself.

From the jacket: “In a world composed of almost seven billion people, about 2.2 billion of them claim to be Christian. And while Christianity is continuing to grow at a modest rate, other religions are growing at a faster pace. Some scholars predict that Islam will overtake Christianity as the world’s largest religion by the middle of the twenty-first century. Predictions aside, religions are competing for the world stage, and in the competition, Christians seem certain that God is on their side. Christians often think and behave as though God is a Christian.

This book is written to ask if that assumption is true and to foster a more open conversation about other world religions. The world has grown too small and the stakes for mankind have grown too high for any of us to engage our faith as if our understanding of God represents the only way God’s presence may be known in the world. We need, more than ever before, to develop creative communities of conversation. Conversation does not begin with talking. It begins with listening.

Godsey asserts that we should open ourselves to new spectrums of light that may emanate from faiths foreign to our own. Our high calling is to commit ourselves to building a better pathway for creating understanding and mutual respect among people of faith throughout the world.

If you are interested in engaging Godsey’s argument, in his very well written and easy to read book, I invite you to a discussion. We’ll start on August 10 (Wednesday at 6:00) with an introduction. Those who are interested can either buy the book yourself, or let me (or Leigh Porter) know and I’ll do a bulk order to hand out on the 10<sup>th</sup>.



### 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)

### 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

Music and Youth programs resume in late August

#### Upcoming Sermons

Aug 12 *A Loving Lust*

#### August 7th

*How to Love Food*

#### Bible Openers

Emma Norton (10::30)

#### Deacon of the Week

Caren White

#### Worship Care Team Leader

Amy Alexander

#### Worship Care Volunteers

Susan & Doug Baldwin, Leslie Johnson, Cindy Daniels, Kathy Bernhard

### 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

Beginning Aug 10th  
Study led by  
Scott Stearman  
*Is God a Christian?*

#### 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 10 - Southwest Market

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

#### August 17 - Art of Entertaining

Angel Hair Chicken Pasta, Corn, Strawberry Walnut Salad, Cheesecake

**Calendar Reminders  
for the week of August 7th**

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

**Sunday, August 7th**

5:00 pm Youth SNL - Get Inspired

**Monday, August 8th**

7:00 am Yoga

**Tuesday, August 9th**

10:00 am PrimeTimers

6:15 pm FAFF

**Wednesday, August 10th**

5:00 pm Youth Prayer Service

**Saturday, August 13th**

8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

**Food Pantry Schedule**

**Friday, August 12th**

Food Pickup - Team 5 (Bob Starkey, Don Willis)

**Saturday, August 13th**

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, August 7th. You can drop off your donations in the closet at the end of the Great Hall Foyer. Thank you!

**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!

**In Celebration Birthdays**

- 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
- 8/14 - Lillie Buffaloe
- 8/15 - Jason Norton
- 8/16 - Ray Easterling
- 8/17 - Jennifer Johnston
- 8/18 - Chris Alfaro, John McReynolds
- 8/19 - Ed Martin, Tyler Seay, Jeanie Jaco
- 8/20 - Anne Serkin

**Lap Robes for HOK**

H.O.K. is on the way. October 22nd is closer than we think! The lap robe project has begun and if you are interested in finishing one or more of them, some kits are now available and will be placed on a table at the back of the Great Hall. Two styles are represented - hem-stitched edges or hand-knotted edges. Please sign out on the sign-up sheet for the number taken.



If one of the styles you would prefer is not on the table or you need more information please contact Faye Mote at 314-965-7423. More kits of either style can be made available. When the robes are finished place them in the plastic storage box under the table by October 16th and mark your name off the check list.

THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING

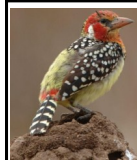
**F.A.F.F. Dinner**

Tuesday, August 9th, 6:15 pm

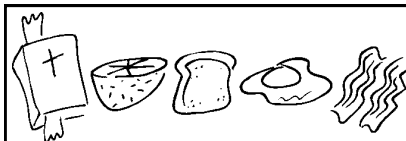
Entertainment provided by:

**Bird Watching with Susan Eaton**

Come and enjoy and Susan shares her slides with us.



F.A.F.F. invites **EVERYONE** to the entertainment portion of the August monthly meeting. Susan Eaton will share photos from her exciting bird-watching trip to South Africa. In addition to many strange-looking birds, she also saw lion, giraffe, zebra, hippo, rhino, leopard, etc. Please join us on **Tuesday August 9 at 7 pm in the Great Hall.**

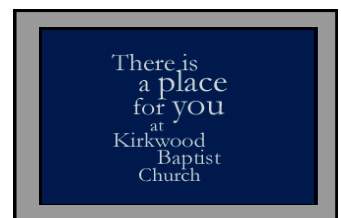


**Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Saturday  
August 13th  
8:00 am



**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**

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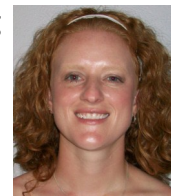
**Giving Report** 7/31/11  
Budget Receipts \$ 10,555.33  
Budget Receipts YTD \$ 518,417.31  
Budget Need YTD \$ 662,791.40

**Attendance Report** 7/31/11  
Bible Study 146  
Worship (8:00 - 43 / 10:30 - 191) 234

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

**In Membership**

**Jaime Delgado** came to know Christ when she became active in Young Life when she was in high school (Webster Groves) – coincidentally, Young Life now occupies space in our churches “white house”, out back. Jaime was baptized at KBC on May 15. She attended Mizzou, where she received a degree in Sports Medicine, then obtained a Master’s in Secondary Education at UMSL. Jaime is both a coach (soccer and cheerleading) and a teacher, at both Affton High School and Hazelwood East. Please welcome Jaime and get to know her as she embarks on a long and fruitful journey for and with our Lord.



**Jeff and Kristen Seay**, along with their precious 11-month old son Tyler, come to us from Georgia. Jeff transfers his membership from Mt. Zion Baptist, Snellville, and Kristen, who was raised at the First Baptist, Snellville, transfers from Thomsville Road Baptist, Tallahassee, FL, where she attended while obtaining a Master’s at Florida State. As the story goes, Jeff and Kristen have a long history, all the way back to being in nursery together at West Side Baptist in Snellville, dating in high school and college, to starting a family together. Jeff is a veterinarian (Veterinary Center’s of America) and has brought his career here in support of Kristen, who is working on a PhD at Washington University. Kristen’s studies have been in social science and she worked at investigating child abuse in Georgia. Please welcome these Georgia Bulldogs to Mizzou Tiger Country, a wonderful young family - we are happy that you landed at KBC.



We also welcome Betty Bock who joined with KBC last Sunday. We look forward to getting to know her and making her feel a part of this faith family.



**GLOBAL WOMEN ON THE GO!**

Registration (\$60) for the **Global Women Summit** is now open. The meeting is October 14-15 in Huntsville, Alabama at the Trinity United Methodist Church. You can register at [www.globalwomengo.org](http://www.globalwomengo.org). Room reservations are available at the Radisson Suite Hotel at (256) 882-9400. Ask for the Global Women special rate. If you want to ride in the church van, please make a reservation with Donna Watts at (314) 965-2349. Questions, please call Peggy VanAsdale at 822-4795 or Nell Lockhart at 954-9550.

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