



"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...*

211 North Woodlawn Ave
Kirkwood, MO 63122

Jazz Vespers

A Service of Readings and Carols

Featuring the Carolbeth True Ensemble

Sunday, December 5th, 6:00 pm

An offering will be received for the CBF Offering for Global Missions

Ronnie Adams has a passion for sharing hope. In his ministry among those living with HIV/AIDS in New York City, Ronnie – one of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's field personnel – is a pastor, a mentor, a confidant, a friend. As he leads Bible studies and provides pastoral care, he is the presence of Christ and a witness to how hope can change lives. [Read more](#) at CBFs website.

Holy Light

A Candlelight Service of Carols
Presented by the Kirkwood Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir, Children's Choir Chancel Ringers, KBC Brass, Percussion and Organ

Sunday, December 12th, 6:00 pm
Reception to follow

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The Roma Gypsies have been in Slovakia for more than 600 years, but even with this history, many Roma still don't feel at home. Discrimination is widespread – in the workplace, on city streets and even in some churches.

This is why Dianne and Shane McNary have made Slovakia home. This is where God's mission and their passion meet. [Read more](#) at CBFs website.



Bereavement Service

Sunday, December 19th, 3:00 pm

All are invited to this service as we extend comfort and hope to those whose grief makes Christmas a painful time. Come for a quiet hour of remembrance and reflection.

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**

Walking While Waiting –

By definition waiting rooms are want-to-be-elsewhere places. You want to be talking with the doctor, hearing the surgeon say your S.O. is in recovery, and seeing your car driven out of the shop. This advent season we will be hearing God's word and what God would say about our waiting rooms. We will be walking through these days knowing that we are not exempt from the same emotional struggles of those who have gone before. Those who asked: when, oh God, when?

We celebrate Advent with Christians of 100s of years, generations and generations before us, because we must remember – our spiritual lives are dependent on remembering - that to live faithfully is to live hopefully and to live hopefully is to live “waitingly.” We do not hope for what we already have. As generations waited for a savior, as Mary waited to give birth, we wait to see what God is causing to be born in our lives in our church.

Scripture tells us how to sit in the waiting room, and it's not to sit at all; or at least not to sit inattentively. The consistent lesson of wisdom is to walk while you wait. When the light doesn't fall on the horizon, look at the light which lights your path and take the next step. Walk as a child of the light, even when it seems like darkness reigns.

On Sunday I quoted Saul Bellow who in a letter said: “... I've never stopped looking for the real thing; and often I find the real thing. To fall into despair is just a high-class way of turning into a dope.”

Despair is not an option for those of faith. The real thing is there. With faithfulness and in God's time, we'll find it. But the “it” may always be different from our expectations.

Jeff Bridges won an Oscar last year for his portrait of an old washed up country singer. For sometime I've appreciated his acting and wasn't surprised to read that he was described as, “the most natural and least self-conscious screen actor who ever lived.” When asked about this, and how he does it in the middle of the chaos of making a film, this is what he said: “How can I describe it? You prepare. You do your due diligence, and then you come and it's completely different. It's rainy when it's supposed to be sunny. The director's [mad]. The other actor's not doing it the way you imagined. It's like you're all set to do a Viennese waltz and you show up to find a cha-cha band. You can spend your energy getting [mad] or you can dance the cha-cha.”

The life of faith: waiting, walking, and dancing to the music we hear, not always the music we expected.

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

- Dec 12 *Goodbye to the Sigh*
Isaiah 35:1-10
- Dec 19 Jody Clegg speaking
- Dec 26 *Christmas Praise*
Galatians 4:4-7

December 5th

James Layman speaking

Deacon of the Week

Kim Willis

Bible Openers

Emma Norton—8:00 am
Reed Easterling—10:30 am

Worship Care Team Leader

Caren White

Worship Care Volunteers

Debie Pesek, Cindy Norton,
Kim Royer, Kim Willis, Greg Pesek,
Jason Norton

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

**Quoting Qoheleth:
the Poetic Preacher of Ecclesiastes**

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.

December 8—Southwest Market
Poor Boy Sandwiches, Chicken & Wild
Rice Soup, Vegetarian Salad, Cookies

December 15—Art of Entertaining

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



Following the Star is a free daily devotional that carries you through the season of Advent.

www.followingthestar.org

**Calendar Reminders
for the week of December 5th**

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

Sunday, December 5th

- 2:30 pm Community Gospel Choir Concert
- 4:00 pm No Youth Handbells
- 6:00 pm Jazz Vesper Service

Monday, December 6th

- 7:00 pm Global Women, Too!

Tuesday, December

- 10:00 am PrimeTimers

Wednesday, December 8th

- 9:00 am Friendship International
- 9:30 am Global Women Bible Study

Thursday, December 9th

- 9:30 am Global Women Mission Circle
- 6:30 pm Deacon Dinner Meeting

Saturday, December 11th

- 8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:00 am Choirs / Musicians Rehearsal
- 4:15 pm Children's Opera with Pastor Scott & Cecelia
- 6:00 pm Agape Class Social

Food Pantry Schedule

Friday, December 10th

Team 5 - Bob Starkey, Don Willis

Saturday, December 11th

Team 6 - Doug & Amy Copeland, Mike Thomas, Mack & Ruth Murphy, Faye Johns, Parkway 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, December 5th. You can drop off your donations in the closet at the end of the Great Hall Foyer. Thank you!

Following are items that we are in particular need of:

- ▶Canned Fruit
- ▶Canned Meats
- ▶Peanut Butter
- ▶Boxed Complete Meals
- ▶Boxed Potatoes
- ▶Macaroni & Cheese
- ▶Jelly
- ▶Hearty Soups
- ▶Boxed Complete Meals

In Celebration Birthdays

- 12/05—Barry Rudert
- 12/06—Lois Rudert, Marilyn Minich
- 12/09—Lily Clegg, Chris Watts
- 12/10—Jennifer Pirrie, Suzanne DeVolder, Virginia Johns
- 12/12—Elise Nutt
- 12/16—Rebecca Schoeneberg
- 12/17—Bettye Tanner
- 12/18—Robert Belden, Deanna Shaw, Eric Theby

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Christmas Eve Vespers

December 24th at 5pm and 10pm



KBC Holiday Breakfast

Sunday, December 26th at 9:00 am

We invite you, your family, and guests to don their Christmas sweaters and join us for a homemade breakfast of ham, eggs, fresh biscuits, country gravy and fruit. For reservations, call the church office or sign up on line on the event sign up page at www.kirkwoodbaptist.org by December 17th.

**There will be NO 8:00am worship service.
We will join together for worship at 10:30 am.**

**Shout Out for the Newborn King
Community Gospel Choir presents**

Two Gospel Christmas Concerts

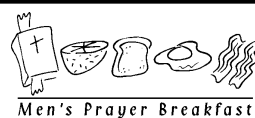
Saturday, Dec. 4, 3 PM at First Baptist Church of Ballwin Special guest Susan Slaughter.

Sunday, Dec. 5, 2:30 PM at Kirkwood Baptist Church
Special guests Gospel Symphonic Choir.
Free-will offering will be taken.

F.A.F.F. Dinner

Tuesday, December 14th, 6:15 pm

Everyone attending the December 14th FAFF get together is requested to bring two "Olde Tyme" photos of themselves for a "Who Can That Be?" contest. They can be wedding, graduation, childhood, or comic photos (no baby pictures, please). Everyone will then try to identify whose picture is whose. Recognition will be given for the person easiest and most difficult to ID, as well as whose photo was the funniest. Who an correctly ID the most pictures? Com on the 14th and find out (don't forget your own photos)!



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, December 11th
8:00 am

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These are some examples of our Lay lead 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
 Steve Guinn

Worship Arts Doug Gavin
 Ministry Debra Lueckerath

Gift ID & Development

Church Leadership Glen Calvin
 Resource Council

Giving Report 11/21/10
 Budget Receipts \$ 15,253.10
 Budget Receipts YTD \$ 839,955.97
 Budget Need YTD \$1,024,989.92

Attendance Report 11/21/10
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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

GLOBAL WOMEN ON THE GO!

Global Women, Too! Saturday, December 4th at 10 am A wonderful time of fun, food and friends! You'll enjoy a cooking demonstration and food tasting by Judy Parham, Independent Representative with Demarle at Home. We will meet at the home of Donna Watts. **All profits go toward support Global Women.** Be looking for details about our December 6th meeting in next weeks Kindler.

Rwandan Beads - Last year Global Women sold beautiful Christmas cards we received from Phoebe Warbara, our friend from Rwanda. This year we have beads made by Rwandan women. The beads are made of magazine papers, colored and strung and are available for \$10 each. The income from the beads is given to C' CAAL which is the Christian-Cultural Awareness & Assistance League, located in Houston, where Phoebe and her husband work to help refugees from Africa. We will have a table set up by the church office on Sunday, December 5 before and after services. Please remember Phoebe and Christian in their ministry to the African community.

MOLDOVA December 5 will be the last Sunday for the collection of money to buy a serger for the ladies in Moldova. We are working with a Global Women's group from Georgia who will be buying a sewing machine. This will be a wonderful Christian gift for Julia Ubeivole who is head of Birthing Hope in Moldova. She and her staff offer hope to women in poverty, prostitution, illness, whatever is needed. You can give by writing a check to the church and in the lower left corner please write Global Women/serger.

Mission Circle PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE - You are invited to join the Mission Circle which normally meets the third Thursday of the month. This group will meet on Thursday, December 9 in the Church Parlor, 9:30 - 11:00 am. Daniel Johnson will speak to the group about his recent trip to Slovenia at 9:30 am. We hope you will join us for coffee and Christmas goodies.

The **WIDOW'S MIGHT** will hold their annual third Sunday luncheon at the home of June Harter following the second worship service on December 19th. Please make a reservation with June at (314) 822-8737 or with Charlotte James at (314) 849-6122. Our luncheon will be a pot luck so we need to hear from you soon. Also begin looking for that funny white elephant to bring.

Global Women send thanks to the church for their on-going support through contributions and prayer.

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