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to care and to  
reconcile in Jesus' name...*



Cooperative Baptist  
**FELLOWSHIP**

*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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211 North Woodlawn Ave  
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## Bereavement Service

Sunday, December 19th at 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.*

Light refreshments will be served in the  
parlor after the service, courtesy of Bopp Chapel.

*Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.*

Matthew 5:4

## Christmas Eve Vespers

Friday, December 24th  
5:00 pm and 10:00 pm

*Come Celebrate the Savior with  
Carols, Choirs, Communion, and Candlelight*

*For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given;  
And the government will be upon His shoulder.*

*And His name will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6



### "Christmas Coffee House" Concert

Sunday, Dec., 19<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.



Please join Liz Murphy,  
Michelle Mote, and Norm  
White of the Community Gos-  
pel Choir and a few of Cecelia  
Stearman's private students for  
an informal Christmas concert  
on the 19th.

There will be coffee, hot cocoa and cookies to share.



Holiday  
*Breakfast*

### KBC Holiday Breakfast

Sunday, December 26th at 9am

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](http://www.kirkwoodbaptist.org)  
by December 17th.

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

#### 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**

## The Emmanuel Question

On Sunday I told the story of the violinist in the W.D.C metro. In 2007, The Washington Post videotaped the reactions of commuters to the music as they passed by the musician. The vast majority were too busy to stop. A few did and some of those threw coins into the violin case. It was, for most, an ordinary day on the Metro. Except it wasn't an ordinary violinist. The violinist was Joshua Bell playing his Stradivarius. Three days earlier he had filled Boston's Symphony Hall with people paying \$100 per seat.

The Post was exploring the question: "Have we been trained to recognize beauty outside the contexts we expect to encounter beauty?" Or, more succinctly, can we recognize great music anywhere outside of a concert hall?

This question is basically the "Emmanuel Question." No, not the question about Emmanuel Rahm's residency requirement for the Chicago mayor's race (I'm sure this is right where your minds went). But the essential question of Advent: do we see God at work in our waiting rooms? In the darkness do we see those flickering candles of God's presence? In the cold do we sense that there is some warmth of love and meaning? In the harsh windy winter, have we found the shelter of the savior who provides an ultimate hope and a present purpose? To live faith-fully we must learn to hear the music outside the concert hall. We must know that God is at work in and outside the church walls.

Many of you know that John Updike is a favorite author. In his "Bech is Back" he has a character describe his wife's religious commitment: "Many of her crowd went to church as faithfully as they played tennis and golf and attended rallies to keep out developers. Yet, their God, for all his colorful history and spangled attributes, lay above the earth like a layer of icy cirrus, a tenacious and diffident other whose tendrils failed to entwine with fibrous blood and muscle."

This is a recognizable theology of many, but it isn't Christian. The heart of our faith is the "word made flesh." It is the intervention of God in the manger. It is the reality of a fragile candle flame which pierces the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it. Sometimes the darkness seems as if it might. This is why it is so important to make sure we aren't running so quickly during our daily commute that we miss the music. This is why during the darkest time of the year we light candles and sing carols. We must be reminded that God did indeed get entwined with our earth; historically in the stable, presently in countless ways that we often walk right past.

On Christmas Eve we will gather as this church has for decades and light candles and fill a room with light. This act reminds us of the light we see in others and the light we carry into the world. Ask: where have I seen God's light today? We will undoubtedly see more, and hear more, when we're attentive to the beauty.

### CBF's Offering for Global Missions

The CBF Offering for Global Missions is the way many CBF field personnel are supported in ministry. Your gifts to the Offering are what sends them to the mission field and keeps them there to be and share the presence of Christ.

This year's Offering goal is \$5.5 million, (KBC's goal is \$18,000) and you are a vital part of reaching that goal and keeping field personnel in ministry.



## 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 26 *Christmas Praise*  
Galatians 4:4-7

### December 19th

*About a Boy*  
Matthew 1:18-25  
Jody Clegg speaking

### Deacon of the Week

Jon Browne

### Bible Openers

Ian Lane—8:00 am  
Erin Mote—10:30 am

### Worship Care Team Leader

Mary Hastings

### Worship Care Volunteers

Kathy Schober, Kelly & Chad Clutes,  
Janis Dickerson,  
Mary & Don Hastings

## 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 22

**No Evening Activities**

### December 29

**No Evening Activities**

### January 5—Garavelli's

Beef Stew, Tossed Salad with Italian  
Dressing, Fruit Cocktail, Southern  
Pecan Pie, Sugar Free Cherry Pie

**Calendar Reminders  
for the week of December 19th**

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

**Sunday, December 19th**

12:00 pm Widow's Might Luncheon  
3:00 pm Bereavement Service  
5:00 pm Christmas Coffee House  
No regular Sunday evening activities

**Tuesday, December 21st**

10:00 am No PrimeTimers  
12:00 pm Staff Christmas Luncheon (office closed until 3pm)

**Wednesday, December 22nd**

9:00 am Friendship International  
No Wednesday evening activities

**Friday, December 24th**

Church Office closed  
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Vesper Service  
10:00 pm Christmas Eve Vesper Service

**Bereavement Service**

December 19th at 3:00 pm

**Christmas Eve Vespers**

December 24th at 5pm and 10pm



Contributions for 2010 should be post-marked by December 31, 2010 or received in the church office by noon on December 31, 2010.

Call Becky Davidson, if you have any questions.  
314.965.2349

(The church office will close at noon on the 31st.)

**Food Pantry Schedule**

No Food Pantry Christmas Day or New Year's Day

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.

**In Sympathy**

Our sympathy to Matt, Pattye and Brendan Phillips upon the death of Matt's father, Tom Phillips. Mr. Phillips passed away Saturday, December 11th. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Wed., Dec. 15, 10 a.m. at St. Peter Catholic Church in Kirkwood.

Our sympathy to Harriet and Tom Stein upon the passing of Harriet's mother, Carrie Lewis. Mrs. Lewis passed away Tuesday, December 14th. Services will be held in Alabama on Monday, December 20th.

**In Celebration Birthdays**

- 12/19—Peggy Hufford, Katie Behr
- 12/20—Kylie Madden
- 12/21—Grace Copeland
- 12/22—Reatha Fogarty, Judy Layman
- 12/23—Don Bonney
- 12/26—Eileen Merritt, Luke Graham
- 12/29—Dena Condray, Raunda Ward
- 12/31—Curt Holland, Eli Murch

**Global Women**

Thank you. Thank you for your loving and generous giving to provide a serger for the use in training women in sewing skill as they struggle to make new lives for themselves. Several of our women had the opportunity to meet Yulia and Vladimir Ubeivolc at the Global Voices Summit in Austin. They are long time ministry partners with Global Women, working to rescue and restore women who have been prostituted, trafficked and/or abused. They operate a shelter, Beginning of Life, in Chisinau, Moldova. We have received the following note from Yulia and Vladimir:

*We are back home, we are in the battle again! Thank you very much for inviting us to the Global Women conference. It was a great time. Again and again we are convinced of your faithfulness and friendship. Global Women is an example for us for long-term commitment. You can not imagine, how large is your support. We continue to do what we can do... there are 10 girls in our shelters now, and 4 more are on our support. We continue to work in schools. Yesterday our people trained 130 directors from Romanian speaking schools, talking about human trafficking, and we received invitations from these schools to return throughout the academic year. We will provide the same training for Russian speaking directors. We see that today there are much more opportunities for Beginning of Life than it was 2-3 years ago. Each year we double our efforts, and again, **We appreciate your support!***

Please join with Global Women in praying for them, for the Beginning of Life team they direct and for the women whose lives are being transformed because of the love and care they receive from these dear people. Pray also for their strength and wisdom as they minister to so many. Again and again, thank you. Your gifts are aiding their work.

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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  
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 Ministry Debra Lueckerath  
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**Giving Report** 12/5/10  
 Budget Receipts \$ 24,731.76  
 Budget Receipts YTD \$ 874,728.99  
 Budget Need YTD \$ 1,068,511.64

**Attendance Report** 12/5/10  
 Bible Study  
 Worship (8:00 -56 / 10:30 - 196) 252

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**KBC Inclement Weather Policy**  
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 In the case of bad weather, any cancellations or changes will be posted:  
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 • On our voicemail system at **(314) 965-2349**  
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 • **On KMOX (1120 AM)** radio.  
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 • On our church website at **www.kirkwoodbaptist.org**.  
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