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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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*The Newsletter of Kirkwood Baptist Church*  
...together in freedom to care and to reconcile in Jesus' name...

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**It is no secret: KBC WEE Center is GREAT!**

Each year the KBC WEE Center offers priority registration to families that are members of KBC. This "perk" is one way the WEE Center seeks to say thank you for the support that KBC has provided through the years. The WEE Center Committee (Kelly Clutes; Lynette Chrenka, Rebecca Toth and Sara Pitt Kaplan) exists to facilitate a strong relationship with the faculty of the WEE Center. Jerrie Lape, WEE Center Director, is the daughter of Jerry and Kathy Schober. Jerrie served as a teacher for many years before assuming the leadership as Director. She does a wonderful job with her teachers, parents and children. We are blessed to have Jerrie on staff. We have 10 classrooms with a lead teacher and an assistant teacher in each. Our teaching staff is experienced and well loved. We also have a teacher that works with all of the classes for music and gross motor skills. KBC's partnership with the WEE Center is strong, and always changing with the needs of the day. Part of each child's tuition goes to offset expenses incurred by the church for utilities, office support, custodial support and art supplies that are shared. We strive to keep the balance of the WEE Center being self-supporting, recognizing the intangible benefits KBC receives from the great reputation the WEE Center has earned in our community. One very tangible benefit of the relationship with the WEE Center came at the end of 2010 when a WEE Center family donated an AED (automated external defibrillator) and provision for training. Through this family's generosity, the children of the WEE Center, and the KBC family will have this potentially life-saving device. The KBC WEE Center is a community within the KBC community. We are all family. In these uncertain economic times, the WEE Center families decided to create a scholarship fund to help families in need. You are welcome to make a donation through the KBC office.

*Donna Watty*



**KBC Members WEE Center Priority Registration**  
**2011-2012 School Year**

Registration Fee: \$25.00 (Non-refundable)

**Deadline: January 13th**

KBC Fax: 314-965-9285

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

My child needs Pre-K placement: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Please indicate preferred days:	1st Choice	2nd Choice
1 Day	T W Th	T W Th
2 Days	T W Th	T W Th
3 Days	T W Th	T W Th

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Pastoral  
Kindling By Scott Stearman**

**2010...**

Memory, we are told, is the ability to pick roses in the winter. It is winter and we do have some roses to pick. 2010 was a very good and active year at KBC and it is good to pick a few flowers of remembrance.

Of course my mind goes quickly to the periodic or annual. Our year began with a needed and well-appreciated caregiver's conference, where speakers were inspiring and informative and we had about half our attendees from the community. Our 2010 Lenten vespers were some of the most appreciated and attended in years. Our music during Holy Week was the talk of our community with the children singing a "Pie Jesus" which still rings in my ears. In July our week long celebration of our 140th anniversary was packed with the kind of events not many Baptist churches have ever put in a year, much less a week. The Greentree parade and Hands On Kirkwood weekends were both testimony to the commitment of our membership. And the year ended (Dec. 29) with the major online news organization in Saint Louis doing an article on our efforts to fulfill part of our stated mission (to "reconcile in Jesus name" – see [STLBeacon.org](http://STLBeacon.org) if you haven't already).

But we must also remember that in the midst of all the planning, preparation, and execution of those major events that weekly we fed over 100 families in our food pantry, tutored children in southeast Kirkwood, taught adult students at Friendship International, hosted countless 12-step meetings, met in Bible study, worship, prayer meeting and choir(s) practices. And I've left a good many roses unpicked.

You have your own roses from this year; things you learned, ideas which challenged you to be better or different, fellowship you encountered or laughter you shared with your community of faith. In the PHD's (post-holiday-doldrums) don't forget to remember. Remembrance of God's gifts of the past empower our present with faith. You might say that God never promised us a rose garden. And that's true enough. Sometimes we find lots of thorns. But always in life there are evidences of God's grace and presence blooming. May we look back at those gifts of God and forward toward a year of planting more.

### **To those Loved and Called: You've Got Mail! (Rom. 1:7)**

A discussion of Paul's Letter to the Romans  
Wednesday Nights at 6 pm (1/5 to 3/2), Room 304  
Led by Scott Stearman

Join us as we gather to read our mail together. There is much in Paul's letter to Rome which is as relevant to us as it was to those living in the "Eternal City" a few centuries ago. Our roads may have improved, our government slightly less tyrannical, but God's grace, human nature, and our calling to live a life of service hasn't changed in 2,000 years. Come along and join the discussion. There's no reason to leave this letter unopened.

### **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**

January 16 Hal Morse Speaking  
January 23 *Your Christian Name*  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
January 30 *Humble Walking*  
Matthew 5:1-12

#### **January 9th**

*New Beginnings*  
Matthew 3:13-17

#### **Deacon of the Week**

Bill Crouch

#### **Bible Openers**

Drew & Ryan Clutes - 8:00 am  
Reed Easterling - 10:30 am

#### **Worship Care Team Leader**

Debbie Howe

#### **Worship Care Volunteers**

Rhonda Pitt, Linda Miller,  
Monica Stefanic, Sarah Pitt Kaplan,  
Josh Kaplan, Steve Miller

### **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  
**To those Loved and Called:  
You've Got Mail!**  
Romans 1:7

#### **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.

#### **January 12—Southwest Market**

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Pasta  
Cream of Broccoli, Green Beans,  
House Italian Salad, Iced Brownies

#### **January 19—Art of Entertaining**

Beef Stroganoff, Caesar Salad,  
Corn, Cheesecake

**Calendar Reminders  
for the week of January 9th**

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

**Sunday, January 9th**

2:00 pm Property & Space Meeting  
Youth & Children's evening activities resume

**Monday, January 10th**

7:00 pm Capital Campaign Leadership Team

**Tuesday, January 11th**

10:00 am Prime Timers

**Wednesday, January 12th**

9:00 am Friendship International  
9:30 am Global Women Bible Study  
6:00 pm Friends to Family

**Thursday, January 13th**

6:30 pm Deacon Meeting

**Food Pantry Schedule**

**Friday, January 14th**

Food Pickup - Team 8 (Bill Behr, David Chrenka)

**Saturday, January 15th**

Food Pantry - Team 1 (Eric & Krista Theby, Cindy Midget, Tim Busche, June Harter, Bettye Tanner, Ken Chapman, New Hope Christian Fellowship, New Covenant United Methodist)



Saturday  
January 8th  
8:00 am

Men's Prayer Breakfast

**Global Women Mission Circle**

Thursday, January 20th, 9:30 am

Please join us as we learn about Operación San Andres, founded in 2003 on the outskirts of Lima, Peru. They provide medical, educational, nutritional and spiritual ministries. CBF field personnel Christopher and Vessica Rose work there and are aided by a long-term relationship with two Houston church—South Main Baptist and Tallowood Baptist. Come and learn more!

**In Celebration Birthdays**

- 1/09—Phil Maxwell
- 1/12—Jane Pirtle, Tom Toth
- 1/14—David Bryan
- 1/15—Trish Jackson, Sadie Humes, Susan Eaton
- 1/17—Jeannie Staples
- 1/18—Ginny Lawson
- 1/19—Emma Norton, Daniel Copeland, Gerry Vaughn, Nathan McReynolds
- 1/20—Polly Lundberg, Mitzi Farrell
- 1/21—Jo Ann Trefts
- 1/22—Dean Shaw, Alyssa Shaw

**Women's Bible Study Class**  
Beginning Sunday, January 2, 2011 at 9:15 a.m.  
KBC Office Conference Room  
Facilitated by Donna Watts

There are many reasons you might enjoy gathering with women only to explore the Bible and its themes. My prayer is that this offering will draw women from the KBC pews to a small group where God's Word forms the foundation of shared friendship, honest exploration and life changing and inspiring insight.

**In Sympathy**

Our sympathy to Bob Walker on the passing of his step-mother Thelma Treptow Walker. Mrs Walker passed away Wednesday, December 29th. Services were Monday, January 3rd.



**Warm-up at the KBC Youth**

**2011 Chili Lunch & Dessert Auction**



Sunday, January 30th

following the 10:30 am Worship Service

**MENU**

3 Chili Varieties with all the fixins'  
Hotdogs and Noodles for kids  
Coffee, Tea, Lemonade or Water

**COST**

\$4 adults / \$2 children  
3 and under eat FREE  
\$1 per dessert slice

**WE NEED YOUR DESSERTS**

All the fantastic desserts auctioned are donated by you, the members and friends of KBC. The math is simple. The more desserts we have, the more funds we raise to enable our youth to be the hands of Christ.

To provide a dessert for this year's auction, please fill out and submit an entry card or enter online by Sunday, January 23rd.

Entry forms are available in the KBC office or online at [www.kirkwoodbaptist.org/community/event-sign-ups](http://www.kirkwoodbaptist.org/community/event-sign-ups).

\* Prizes awarded for the "Best Looking", the "Most Creative Name", and the "Cha Ching" dessert.



**All proceeds support the 2011 Youth Choir Tour & Mission Trip to Marion County, Alabama.**

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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 Resource Council Glen Calvin

**Giving Report** 12/26/10  
 Budget Receipts \$ 18,328.89  
 Budget Receipts YTD \$ 942,351.64  
 Budget Need YTD \$ 1,133,930.63

**Attendance Report** 12/26/10  
 Bible Study NA  
 Worship (8:00 - NA / 10:30 - 194) 194

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



**Friends to Family**

**Friends to Family: F2F**

**First Wednesday of every month, 6-7 p.m.**  
 (Except in January...we will meet the 2nd Wednesday, the 12th)

- Review the previous month's guest list and pray for them
- Brainstorm ways to make connections with KBC people and ministries
- Make contacts: call, email, letter, invitations to next month's events, etc.
- Extend personal and intentional invitations to Let's Do Lunch.



**Church Leadership Council**

**Church Leadership Council Retreat**

**Saturday, January 22nd**  
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

KBC's Church Leadership Council of 2010 and 2011 will have a joint meeting on the 22nd. A light breakfast will be served.

We will be discussing and learning how to better meet the needs of our KBC family and those of the community. Kellee Sikes will be leading a strategic planning session around these topics.

We encourage all members to come to this important meeting.

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