



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

211 North Woodlawn Ave  
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July 2 - July 10

**Come - Celebrate - Get Involved**

The 140th year of KBC is quickly approaching. There are many things to do and many ways to get involved. Sign up for an event, volunteer your time, get the word out and plan to celebrate at all of the events being planned. See page 3 for the full schedule.

We are in need of about 100 tiki torches for some of the outside events. If you have any that we could borrow, please mark them with your name and drop them off at church. There will be a box in the Great Hall foyer. If you have any questions - call or ask Daniel.



**YOU GOT ART?**

Monday, July 5th

One of the features of the 140th KBC anniversary celebration is an art exhibit. We would like for it to be a display of art owned and/or created by KBC members.

This is an excellent opportunity for you to share your art work with your KBC family and visitors. There might also be art work displayed from the Kirkwood community as we reach out and share our celebration with the Kirkwood community.

If you have any art that you would like to exhibit, contact Sarah Kaplan, Donna Watts, or Keith Stockberger for details on this project.

**These are exciting times!**

**Golf Clinic and Scramble**

Friday, July 2nd  
Family Golf Center  
Clinic at 4:30 pm  
Scramble at 6:00 pm

All ages are invited to join in on the fun at the Family Golf Center. The cost will be \$10 and will include the clinic and scramble.

Reservations are needed by June 18th. Call or email Lynette Chrenka at 314-909-0619/[lkchrenka@gmail.com](mailto:lkchrenka@gmail.com) for information and/or reservations.



**July 3rd Baseball Game**

As part of KBC's 140th anniversary celebration, we are attending the Saturday, July 3rd St. Louis Cardinals vs. Milwaukee Brewers baseball game at 3:10 p.m. We still have 8 tickets available for \$33.00 each.

Please see John or Mary Forbis if you are interested.

**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

### Looking Back and Walking Forward

In 1758 Robert Robinson wrote these words, which countless Christians have sung as they praise the “Fount of Every Blessing:”

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Here by Thy great help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.

And ever since people have wondered what in the world it means to raise an Ebenezer.

There's just something that sounds funny about the word, Ebenezer. It's hard for me to say it and not smile. I'm pretty sure our next pet will be named Ebenezer. It will make me happy every time I call it.

But in truth Ebenezer is no laughing matter. Ebenezers are as essential to our spiritual/emotional health as oxygen is to our physical health. An Ebenezer means: “a stone of help.” In First Samuel 7:12: “Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, “Thus far has the LORD helped us.” And so I think the hymn writer Robinson is right on the mark when he suggests that if we are to arrive safe at home we have to spend a fair amount of time looking back in gratitude, erecting a monument which says “thanks God. Without divine help, I'd be a holy mess.”

The 140<sup>th</sup> KBC anniversary celebration being planned is part of our Ebenezer. It is we, a community of faith, looking back in gratitude for 140 years of faithfulness in order to be better prepared for what's around the corner. There's no getting around the fact that change is coming. It always does. There's also no question that there are hundreds of people, children of God, who faced the same challenge of changes that we face. No question, they were different challenges. But, no question, it is the same Spirit who will enable us to thrive in the midst of these challenges.

Just think of it. For the last 140 years, every Sunday people have gathered to worship God. From the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, through the first World War, the great depression, the second World War, the prosperous fifties and the bomb scare, the crazy sixties with the struggle over civil rights and Vietnam, people have sung hymns, prayed prayers, and listened to the challenge of Scripture. And in the midst of these large currents of big events, individuals have been born, have given their hearts and lives to Christ and to Christian priorities, and have lived good (albeit never perfect) lives and then died. Here, in this sustained fellowship of imperfect faithful folks, births were celebrated, young people were baptized, weddings were commemorated, and funerals were conducted. How many? God only knows.

It is only right that we take time to celebrate. And we have come up with a great plan to do so. It is a full week – well over 140 hours as it turns out.

Here's what I ask of you:

**Come** and be involved in all that you can. These fun events are more than just fun. They are building blocks of fellowship which lay more stones in this “living Ebenezer” we call Kirkwood Baptist Church.

**Write** to those who have moved to other cities and places and ask them to join us. Many are still living who have been a part of KBC. We'd like them to celebrate with us.

**Pray** that as we look back in gratitude that God will, as he did with our ancestors, inspire us to look forward with vision and hope so that we might “safely arrive at home.”

## 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 Handbells  
4:45 pm Youth Choir  
5:45 pm Youth Snack Supper  
6:15 pm Sunday Night Live

### Upcoming Sermons

June 20 *The Whispering Voice of Unity* Galatians 3:23-29  
June 27 *Freedom's Slaves* Galatians 5:1, 13-25

### June 13th

Rev Jeffrey Croft speaking

### Deacon of the Week

Karl Hartfelder

### Bible Openers:

Kylan and Ian Lane - 8:00  
Malea Baldwin - 10:30

### Worship Care Team Leader

Gay Mayse

### Worship Care Volunteers

Stephanie LaRoche, Kim Willis,  
Kathy Clegg, Anne Starkey,  
Cecelia Stearman, Bob Starkey

## 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

June 16th - Dr Terry Cooper  
June 23rd - Daniel Johnson  
June 30th - Ron Mackey (The Baptist Home)

### 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.

### June 16 - Art of Entertaining

Asian Style Pasta, Corn,  
Tossed Green Salad, Cake

### June 23 - Mateker's Meat Shop

Turkey and Dressing, Seasoned Green Beans, Tossed Salad with ranch Dressing, Cheesecake

**140th Anniversary Celebration  
July 2 - July 10**

**Friday, July 2nd**

4:30 pm KBC Golf Scramble and Clinic

**Saturday, July 3rd**

3:10 pm Cardinal Baseball Game

**Sunday, July 4th**

10:30 am Worship

12:00 pm Dinner on the Grounds

1:30 pm Concert

**Monday, July 5th**

3:00 - 9:00 pm Wandering Art Fair

**Tuesday, July 6th**

6:00 pm Church House Blues

**Wednesday, July 7th**

7:00 pm Movies Under the Stars

**Thursday, July 8th**

8:00 pm Improv Comedy Night

**Saturday, July 10th**

10:00 am Totally Immersed!

**Calendar Reminders  
for the week of June 13th**

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

**Sunday, June 13th**

11:30 am Prayer Experience

5:00 pm HOK Meeting

**Monday, June 14th**

9:00 am VBS

**Tuesday, June 15th**

9:00 am VBS

10:00 am PrimeTimers

**Wednesday, June 16th**

9:00 am VBS

6:00 pm Study - Dr Terry Cooper

**Thursday, June 17th**

9:00 am VBS

**Saturday, June 19th**

10:00 am Lundberg Reception

**Food Pantry Schedule**

**Friday, June 18th**

Food Pickup - Team 7 (David Stephens, Don Bee)

**Saturday, June 19th**

Food Pantry - Team 8 (Jody Clegg, Becky Ray, Doug & Darla Gavin, Dorothy Hassler, KBC Youth)

**In Celebration Birthdays**

6/13 - Alek Maxwell

6/15 - Keith Mote, June Hill, Helen Huettner

6/16 - Katherine Orsund

6/17 - Mason Farris, Beth Brasel, Rae Sneed

6/19 - Todd White, Linda Stephens, Leigh Anne Smith

6/20 - Rose Rudert

6/23 - Spencer Farris, Marie Davidson

6/25 - Avery Vance

6/26 - Peter Hastings, Brett Murch, Ron Brasel

**Centering Your Week**

Wednesday, June 30th at 6:00 pm

**Next Steps...**

**Learning about Assisted living options.**

Ron Mackey from the Baptist Home

**WIDOW'S MIGHT GAME PARTY**

**Thursday, June 17, 1:30 pm till 4:00 p.m.**

At the home of June Harter

Please join us for another fun time!

Our first game party in February was filled with laughter, meeting new people and plenty of food. If you don't like games you are most welcome to sit and talk. Anyone who enjoys games is welcome to come - just bring a game.

Reservations are necessary so that we know how many tables to set. Please RSVP to Jackie Neuhaus at (314)822-2834 who is spearheading this event or to June Harter at (314) 822-8737 by June 14. When you call in your reservation we will tell what we need you to bring for dessert.

**Pastor's Coffee**

Sunday, June 13, 2010

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

If you have been visiting Kirkwood Baptist for have joined in the past year, you are invited to a Pastor's Coffee in the church parlor - the room near the organ.

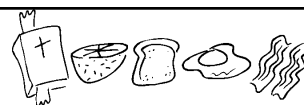
Come for fellowship, friendship and light refreshments. Get to know some of KBC's Deacon's and Pastor Scott. Also, get to know more about Kirkwood Baptist Church and each other.

Please RSVP to the church office by calling 314-965-2349 if you plan to attend, or come anyway, even if it is at the last minute. We hope to see you there!

The Deacon Membership Outreach Team

**In Mission**

Our Bosnian Missionaries, Sasa and Mira Zivanov, are taking their citizenship test on June 18. The test is very hard and they must make 60% or better to pass. They will receive their citizenship is they pass the test, however, the official ceremony will be in July. Pray that they will do well on the test. We will notify you of the date of the Citizenship Ceremony.



**Men's Prayer Breakfast**

**Saturday, June 12th**

**8:00 am**

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a place  
for you  
at  
Kirkwood  
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Church

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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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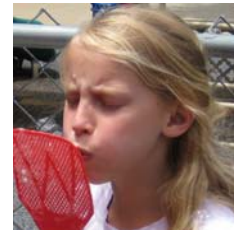
**Giving Report** 5/30/10  
 Total Receipts \$ 10,616.55  
 Budget Receipts YTD \$ 384,362.81  
 Budget Need YTD \$ 479,939.92

**Attendance Report** 5/30/10  
 Bible Study  
 Worship (8:00 - 63 / 10:30 - 202) 265

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



**KBC Lunch Bunch Group  
 June 6, 2010**



**A Note from the Personnel Committee**

It is with regret that we announce the retirement of Gay Mayse from Kirkwood Baptist Church. Her last day in the office will be July 1. We will host a Retirement Party on June 27, after the second service.

For almost 24 faithful years Gay has served at KBC, primarily acting as administrative support for the Educational ministries. In truth Gay did much more than type and keep up with the church database. Scott has often called Gay the "institutional memory" of the staff. Her knowledge and concern for the members of KBC will be sorely missed. We wish her all the best, as she and Harold enjoy their retirement.

KBC will soon be hiring a part-time receptionist (job title: "Hospitality Coordinator") and will later (likely in the Fall) hire a part-time communication assistant. Details on the former will be posted in next week's Kindler.

*Caren White, Chair*

**PrimeTimers to Sing at the Baptist Home**

The PrimeTimers will travel to Ironton to sing at the Baptist Home on June 24th. This will be a wonderful time for us to take toiletry gift items to those living there. It is an opportunity for the entire KBC family to join in donating items for their benefit. Needed items include: toothpaste (Fixodent, Efferdent), Kleenex, washcloths, deodorant, mouth wash, soap, shampoo, hand & body lotion and Vaseline. They also use supplies such as calico prints, small silk flowers, glue sticks, thimbles, and other craft items. Anything sent is greatly appreciated. You can leave your donation in a marked box located by the coat rack in front of the main church office. Thanks for your consideration!

The PrimeTimers are traveling by chartered bus and there are extra seats available for anyone interested in making the trip with us. We will leave at 9:00 am and return to KBC about 5:30pm. See Keith Stockberger for details.

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