



*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...

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The Future



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Facilities Assessment Presentation & Lunch Sunday, September 12th

One Worship Service
(10:30 am)

**Special Presentation by
LePique & Orne Architects**
(11:15 am)

Including preliminary drawings & estimated costs

Luncheon

Architects will join us and be available for your questions
Sign-up in the Great Hall Foyer or at
www.kirkwoodbaptist.org (under the community tab)

Church Vote
Ballot vote September 19th

Welcoming the Future Together

-- from Glen Calvin, Chair of the
Church Leadership Council



KBC Friends, Sunday September 12th we will get our first detailed look at the preliminary drawings from the architects who have been working with the facilities and planning committee. As Chair of the CLC this year I have had the privilege to see this go from words to pictures and numbers. I have witnessed first hand the time and the hard work this committee has invested in order to transform our vision into something tangible; drawings we can look at and quantify.

From a discussion about security and the general updating our church is in need of, through the listening sessions and the hiring of an architect we now find ourselves at what I think is the most exciting part... the time to act. Sunday the 12th represents the congregation's time to re-join the project. We have a great morning planned with a presentation in the Sanctuary followed by lunch in the Great Hall, a more informal setting to discuss further. The next Sunday we vote as a congregation to work on raising the money it will take to make this happen.

I have seen amazing things this summer at KBC with mission trips, incredible music, a week long celebration of our 140 years as a church, and the baptism of my son. In addition to all this I have witnessed first hand the initial steps of transforming our facility into a better representation of who we are and a facility that will allow us to serve God for the next 140 years.

Please make every effort to be there for this presentation and luncheon as we continue in Gods work through KBC.

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
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for YOU
at
Kirkwood
Baptist
Church



Pastoral Kindling By Scott Stearman

Old Wisdom for a New Day

Where do I find meaning in life? What is the value of pleasure? Do I think that wealth is worth more than it is? What constitutes a good life? What is a good death? How do I know when it's time to do a thing? Am I the only one who wonders about the seemingly meaninglessness of life? Doesn't it all go so quickly?

All these questions, and quite a few more, are addressed in a very old work called Ecclesiastes. It's a marvelous, poetic, disquieting, and inspiring work of what is called "wisdom literature." It represents some of the best thinking among the ancient Hebrews. And it challenges us at the core of human experience. Come encounter it – starting this Wednesday, September 1 at 6:05 pm (room 304). We'll be on through the end of the fall.

There are no peripheral issues in this book. We will not be dilly dallying around in the pastures of ethical trivia. We will not be sauntering along the sidewalks, window shopping various theological models, none of which make a wit bit of difference to our lives. We will not be swimming in the pools of indifference, cooled and soothed by the sounds of common religious phrases which might for a while keep us buoyant, but which long-term don't keep us afloat.

No, this is the stuff of real life. And real death. The writer of Ecclesiastes is not mincing words, is not drawing shadows on the wall, and is not attempting to fool anyone – particularly himself.

If you are ready for a discussion about the stuff of life, come join us. We will be, in the great phrase of the day: "keeping it real." One can do nothing else with this book. We should do nothing else when we are together seeking to understand nothing less than life and the One who created it.

Quoting Qoheleth; the Poetic Preacher of Ecclesiastes

A Bible Study, Dr. Scott L. Stearman

Wednesday nights starting September 1, 6 pm, room 304

Section 1: Meandering through Meaninglessness

- Sept. 1 Setting the Stage, Everything is meaningless. Ch. 1:1-11
 Sept. 8 Chasing after the Wind (Wisdom), Ch. 1:12 – 18 & 2:12-16
 Sept. 15 I Denied myself Nothing (Pleasure), Ch. 2:1-11
 Sept. 22 So I Hated Life (Work), Ch. 2:17-26

Section 2: A Time for Everything

- Sept. 29 A Season for Every Activity, Ch. 3:1-8
 Oct. 6 I Saw Nothing Better, Ch. 3: 9-22

Section 3: Searching for Meaning

- Oct. 13 Better one hand with Tranquility, Ch. 4
 Oct. 20 Awe of God, Ch. 5 – 6
 Oct. 27 Quarterly Congregational Meeting
 Nov. 3 Wisdom of the Sage, Ch. 7 – 8
 Nov. 10 The Same Destiny for all, Ch. 9

Section 4: Wisdom, not so meaningless...

- Nov. 17 It's Better than Folly, Ch. 9:13 – 10:20
 Nov. 24 Thanksgiving (no dinner/meeting)
 Dec. 1 Bread upon the Waters, Ch. 11: 1-6
 Dec. 8 Remembering your Creator, Ch. 11:7 - 12
 Dec. 15 Catch-up or Wrap-up!
 Dec. 22/29 Christmas (no dinner/meeting)

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 Youth Hand Bells
 4:45 pm Youth Choir
 4:30 pm Older & Younger Children's Choir
 5:45pm Youth Snack Supper
 6:15 pm Sunday Night Live

Upcoming Sermons

- Sept 12 *A Silver Coin*
 Luke 15:1-10
 Sept 19 *A Bad Manager*
 Luke 16:1-13
 Sept 26 *A Beggar*
 Luke 16:19-31

September 5

A Tower
 Luke 14:25-33

Deacon of the Week
 Steve Rogers

Worship Care Team Leader
 Caren White

Worship Care Volunteers
 Debbie 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.

September 8 - Southwest Market

Poor Boy Sandwiches, Macaroni and
 Cheese, Vegetarian Salad, Cookies

Sept. 15 - Art of Entertaining

Beef Stroganoff, Caesar Salad, corn,
 Carmel Apple Pie

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

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

Sunday, September 5th

No evening Children or Youth activities

Monday, September 6th

Labor Day - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 7th

WEE Center 1st Day of School

10:00 am PrimeTimers

6:30 pm Facility Assessment & Planning Committee

Saturday, September 11th

8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:00 am Sound Team Meeting

Food Pantry Schedule

Friday, September 10th

Food Pickup - Team 1 (Steve Guinn, Wil Duke)

Saturday, September 11th

Food Pantry - Team 2 (Scott & Cecelia Stearman, Jim & Pat Bubash, Susan Kane, Janis Dickerman, Dennis Loehrer, Webster Groves 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, September 5th. You can drop off your donations in the closet at the end of the Great Hall Foyer. Thank you!

Following is a list of items that we are in particular need of:

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



**Global Women Bible Study
Wednesday, September 29th**

Global Women Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, September 29th. We will be using *Psalms: Prayers of the Heart*, a study guide written by Eugene H Peterson, translator of *The Message*. He writes, "We use the Psalms to present ourselves before God as honestly and thoroughly as we are able." If you would like more information, call Nell Lockhart at 314-966-0019 or Peggy Van Asdale at 314-822-4795. Study guides will be available.



**To the women of KBC:
Global Women Mission Circle**

Thursday, September 16th, 9:30 am

Please plan to be with us as we begin this new year of mission study. The Global Women Mission Circle will meet on September 16th in room 304. We are looking forward to beginning our new year of mission study. We are so pleased that this month as we turn our attention to "God's word in every language," we will have with us Peggy Rosensteel, who with her husband, has worked with Wycliffe Translators in Papua New Guinea for more than 20 years. Don't miss the opportunity to hear first hand about this vital work.



F.A.F.F. Dinner

Tuesday, September 14th, 6:15 pm

Entertainment provided by the KBC Brass

In Celebration Birthdays

- 9/05 - Greg Willis
- 9/06 - Dale Hassler, Joyce Henry
- 9/08 - Brianna Stefanic, Joy Jolliff, Kelly Shaw
- 9/09 - Lece Meyer
- 9/10 - Connie Walker
- 9/11 - Lige Cunningham
- 9/12 - Marjorie Adams, Mack Murphy
- 9/13 - Carolyn O'Neill
- 9/14 - Juanita Stevens
- 9/15 - Trish Rikli, Carla Stephens
- 9/16 - Gerald Cadwell, Betty Crouch
- 9/17 - Ron Condray, Lisa Browne
- 9/18 - Catherine Bowling

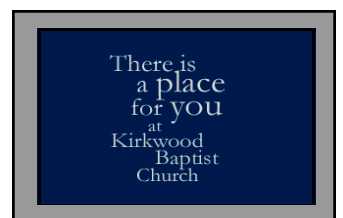


Saturday,
September 11th
8:00 am

Men's Prayer Breakfast



Now is a great time to join a choir! Prime-Timers, Sanctuary, Youth or Children - there is a place for you!



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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 8/22/10

Budget Receipts \$ 15,090.86

Budget Receipts YTD \$ 603,252.19

Budget Need YTD \$ 741,416.24

Attendance Report 8/22/10

Bible Study

Worship (8:00 - 96 / 10:30 - 227) 323

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

**Greentree Festival
 September 17th - 19th**

KBC Youth will again add flavor to the Kirkwood Greentree Festival by having our Ragin Cajun food booth.

We need your help to staff our booth!

Proceeds from our booth support international mission opportunities for KBC Youth.



**Greentree Parade
 Theme: Footloose Baptists**

Saturday, September 18

Join us as we celebrate Kirkwood, KBC and the Community Gospel Choir during the Greentree Parade. For more info, contact David Eaton (davidreaton99@gmail.com).



Lap Robes for Hands ON Kirkwood

For those interested in making fleece lap robes for the HOK Lap Robe Project on October 9, 2010, some kits are still available and placed on a table in 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 you have any questions please call Faye Mote at 965-7423. Please place finished robes in the plastic storage box under the same table by October 3rd and mark your name off the check list. Thanks for volunteering!

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