



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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PASSPORTKENYA

Phyllis, Joe, Melissa and Alyssa have made it safely to Kenya and are in the middle camp!

This week they will be working side by side with Americans and Kenyans. The camp includes daily Bible study, recreation, free time, worship and a nightly party. On Thursday, they will all go to Nairobi to do mission work. Camp concludes on Friday. They will then go shopping at the Village Market in Nairobi, with new Kenyan Friends! Saturday they will get to go to the Tsavo Safari. Sunday will include more game drives, hiking and fun! They may also have an opportunity to be engaged in an environmental mission - planting trees! On Monday it's back to Nairobi and set sail for home!

MISSION PROJECTS

The camp will be divided into four groups, each going to a different site - some of the Child Development Centers that Africa Exchange is building in remote areas around Kenya. There will be some driving to get to each site. When there, They will engage the children with recreation and games and serve a lunch. Some groups may also have the opportunity to plant trees at some of the sites. They will have time to prepare at camp prior to the mission day to make sure everyone is ready. They will be going to visit places of extreme poverty. Seeing first hand what they quickly skip past using their TV remotes may overwhelm campers. Hearing that 3 billion people live on less than two dollars a day is one thing. Seeing it up close can be a life-altering event. But it will be a special and wonderful experience.



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.

Go! Sunday, August 22

There is nothing like a new box of crayons and a fresh spiral notebook to call us back to school. KBC will "start fresh" our Sunday School year on Go! Sunday, August 22. This is promotion day for preschoolers, children, and youth.



This is the day our Adult Bible Study Service Team encourages all adults to renew their commitment to the study of God's word. There is a place for YOU in a class at KBC on Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

- Watch coming editions of the Kindler for information about topics of study for adult classes.
• Be in prayer for our kids who are in significant transition years:
• Kindergarteners join us for worship,
• First Graders will receive their Bibles,
• Sixth graders make that long-awaited move to the youth division.

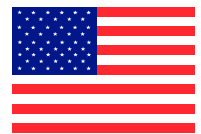
If Sunday morning Bible Study has not been a part of your weekly routine, join these kids in doing something new and exciting by joining with a class of friends to study God's word.

Congratulations to Sasa & Mira Zivanov!

Sasa and Mira are now citizens of the United States. They will be a part of the swearing in ceremony on Friday, August 20th. The ceremony will take place at the District Court House at 111 South 10th St in St Louis at 9:30 am.

There will be a group of KBCers going. We will car pool or take a van from the church at 8:30am

If you would like to join us, call the church office. Lunch details are pending.



There is a place for you at Kirkwood Baptist Church



Pastor Kindling By Scott Stearman

On a Small World, a Big Faith, and Ann Rice

During our trip to the Baptist World Congress – which happens every 5 years, this one in Hawai'i! – we took a side trip to the island of Kauai. We were on an excursion bus, which made a 5 minute stop to gawk at a blow hole on the coast. Beside the natural sight-seeing opportunity there were locals selling souvenirs. As I walked down the line of covered tables of strung sea shells and small wood carvings, I saw someone who looked a lot like a young man who grew up at KBC. Sure enough there in the middle of the Pacific was Caleb Lawson. He was in Hawai'i on a short vacation. He was as surprised to see me, as I was him.

It is a small world, and made even smaller by our capacity to travel and talk across large distances. The BWA meeting was a reminder that though we are separated by oceans and languages, what we humans share is much greater than that which separates us. There were 4,000 at this meeting, but the more significant figure to me is that over 100 countries were represented (and the sad figure of 1,000 that US immigration kept from attending).

What do all these Baptists, with distinct languages, cultures, expectations, share in common? It isn't agreement on every dot of doctrinal truth. It isn't agreement on musical tastes or how to dress for worship (I always appreciate the Africans and their bright, beautiful, flowing robes – quite a contrast with the Americans who show up in shorts and white tennis shoes). But it is an experience of love and a belief that God was at work in Christ.

The author Ann Rice has been in the news this last week. After a high profile conversion to Catholicism a decade plus ago, she has now renounced her faith. She says she will never go back to her atheistic days, that she still believes in Christ, but that no longer – given Catholicism's express views on social issues – can she call herself a Christian. After making this public statement, she said it's the first time she's felt sane in a long time.

I'm sympathetic to Rice's concerns, but am amazed that she is about 500 years behind. Or at least 400. The early Baptists understood that God's truth was larger than any one person or any one group. They believed that the Spirit was at work in persons individually and in the local church communally, and that understanding required a kind of freedom. The early Baptists embraced a freedom for individuals to disagree and for churches to differ. Starting in 1610 early Baptists made it clear that no church, denomination, pope, or potentate could compel the conscious or demand conviction. Early in our nation's history, Baptists fought for the freedom of religion, believing that all should be free to worship as their conscious dictated.

Ann Rice shouldn't have rejected Christianity, she should have embraced being a Baptist. There is room for her in this large, diverse, energetic group of Jesus followers. We don't all agree, but we do all see the need to serve in the name of Christ – for God so loved this small world that he deemed it worth saving. It isn't saved by our submission to a set of beliefs, but our adoption of a big faith that puts a loving heart and working hands ahead of agreeing brains.

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

Upcoming Sermons

Aug 8 *Do Not Be Afraid*
Luke 12:32-40
Aug 15 Robert Jackson preaching
Aug 22 *Going for Main Thing!*
Luke 13:10-17
Aug 29 Donna Watts preaching

August 8

Deacon of the Week

Phil Maxwell

Worship Care Team Leader

Amy Easterling

Worship Care Volunteers

Trish Jackson, Beverly Bates,
Helen Killebrew, Ron Kilkenny,
Ray Easterling

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 Donna Watts
Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

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.

August 11 - Southwest Market

Chili Mac with Mostaccioli,
Corn Bread Muffins, Vegetarian Salad,
Iced Brownies

August 18 - Art of Entertaining

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

**Calendar Reminders
for the week of August 8**

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

Tuesday, August 10

10:00 am PrimeTimers
6:15pm FAFF Dinner

Wednesday, August 11th

6:00 pm Bible Study
6:00 pm Adult Bible Study Service Team Meeting

Saturday, August 14th

8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:00 am Deacon Retreat

Food Pantry Schedule

Friday, August 13th

Food Pickup - Team 6 (Jim Bubash)

Saturday, August 14th

Food Pantry - Team 7 (Bob & Anne Starkey, David Stephens, Phil Maxwell, Fee Fee Baptist, Eric Hungerford)

A Chance to Say Good-bye

As many of you know, Marcella Simmons is moving to Kentucky to be near her son. She will be in town this Sunday, August 8th and would like to have the chance to see friends before she leaves. Please take a few minutes after 10:30 service to wish her well. Her new contact information is: Marcella Simmons, 953 Stacker St., Lewisburg, KY, 42256, phone (270)755-2131.



**Saturday,
August 14
8:00 am**

Men's Prayer Breakfast

F.A.F.F. Dinner

Tuesday, August 10th, 6:15 pm

Entertainment

The Song Styling's of Larry & Cindy Daniels

In Celebration Birthdays

- 8/08 - Helen Silman, John Truex, Cindy Midgett
- 8/09 - Ann Hier, Edward Norton
- 8/10 - Sandra Phinney
- 8/11 - Roger Richardson, Tristan Farrell
- 8/13 - Amy Miller
- 8/14 - Lillie Buffaloe
- 8/15 - Jason Norton
- 8/16 - Ray Easterling
- 8/17 - Jennifer Johnston
- 8/18 - Christopher Alfaro, Josh McReynolds
- 8/19 - Ed Martin, Jeanie Jaco
- 8/20 - Anne Serkin, Carol Wittenberg
- 8/21 - Ryan Cummings, Chelsea Lundberg, Virginia Forbis, Polly Bruning

In Membership

13 year old Jake Pesek comes from a busy household! His parents both work outside the home, and two older brothers and a younger sister keep everyone busy. Jake will be moving to the 8th grade at Bernard Middle School this August. His interests are varied, but he especially likes Social Studies, Geography, Soccer, Lacrosse and "hangin' with friends" (not necessarily in that order!). He's recently felt that 'tug' in his heart and decided to accept Christ fully into his life. Due to a strong Christian family and support through the years from teachers and friends at KBC, his conversion was a 'nurturing' conversion rather than a 'crisis' conversion. He enjoys the church youth group, and is looking forward to his baptism, and hearing the congregation's words "We rejoice with you. We will pray for you. And we will walk with you in the ways of Jesus until that day when He shall bring us all home."

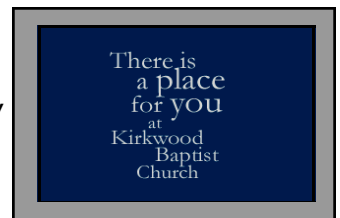


Dave Eaton
Deacon Membership Team



Welcome! Helen Silman (born Helen Cheatham), who comes to Kirkwood Baptist most recently from Geyer Road Baptist Church, but who was a lifelong member of the now defunct Des Peres Baptist Church. Helen was born and raised at Arcadia, Missouri, where at the age of eight she knew and accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. As a young woman, Helen did as many others from Southeast Missouri have done through the decades, she headed to St. Louis for opportunity - the "Big Smoke" as it was affectionately known - a place of industry, a place of jobs, a place to start a new life. She met and married Grover Silman of Blytheville, Arkansas (who had found his way to the Big Smoke too), and together they established and provided a Christian home for their three children, Paul, Terri and Stephen. Back in the '40s, Helen, who is a wonderfully young ninety years old now, found herself a part of what would later become known as the "Greatest Generation". You might say she was a "Rosie the Riveter" back in the days of WWII - while making a home for Grover, with a baby under one arm, she worked at making "mess kits" for the boys defending our great country. Later in life she worked as a bridal consultant at Jaccard's. Helen has lead a diverse life, from playing golf to playing bridge, but her pride lies in having been a homemaker, one who raised three loving children. But above all, it is Helen's love of God which brings her joy and guides her along life's path. Welcome, Helen Silman, may you find KBC fulfills your church family needs.

David Bryan
Deacon Membership Team



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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 7/25/10
Total Receipts \$ 18,893.17
Budget Receipts YTD \$ 532,606.14
Budget Need YTD \$ 654,190.80

Attendance Report 7/18/10
Bible Study 141
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Blessed by Being a Mentor

When I first read about our church having a mentor program linking adults with youth, I knew I wanted to participate. It was a very rewarding experience. When Daniel Copeland sang *Amazing Grace* Sunday, it was a feeling of closeness that developed during the two years we shared.

Feeling a need to "slow down," I did not plan to take part in 2009-2010. Imagine my surprise when I received an email stating that Daniel Hickman was my new assignment! Knowing how much time and thought Daniel Johnson puts into matching adults with youth, and feeling God had a hand in it, Daniel H. became my second mentee. We shared meals at Orchard House, played Rummikub, visited the Omnimax, and played tennis.

In the fall of 2009, Daniel rode his bike to Kirkwood Park for tennis with our "Senior Group" at 7 am. (It was June 7 before he agreed to come again at that early hour.) In the meantime, Daniel told me that he was going to get his driving permit. As I was picking him up one day I asked, "Did you get your permit? Do you have it with you? Would you like to drive?" He answered, "Yes" to all.

I pulled into the church parking lot at Manchester and Sappington. I had been praying about witnessing to Daniel. This seemed to be the perfect time. I remained in the driver's seat and shared my experience of accepting Jesus. "I wanted so much to be saved. I thought, 'if I only knew what to do, I would do it.' One day my sister and I were washing dishes. She was singing a country western song. I was so convicted and said, 'Oh, shut up!' I broke into tears. It was then I called out in words not audible, 'Lord save me!' Immediately my depression was gone and I began singing a hymn." Daniel's response was that he wanted to be a Christian some day, but wasn't ready to make a commitment.

Daniel did a very good job driving to Orchard House. We enjoyed our lunch then played Rummikub until his mom picked him up.

June 7, Daniel agreed to meet me again at 7 am for tennis. Afterwards, I asked if he had a few minutes to talk. He said, "Sure." I asked if he had thought any more about our earlier conversation about accepting Jesus. He answered, "Yes I have, especially since my uncle died." I reminded him that it was not good works, walking the aisle, or being baptized, but believing in your heart. I asked, "Are you willing to pray and ask Jesus to come into your heart?" He asked "Now?" I said yes and he answered yes. I said "I'll pray first and then you can pray." I asked God to help him. Then Daniel prayed. He prayed from his heart in words all his own. It was a sacred moment. We talked for a few minutes before parting.

I talked to Daniel a couple of weeks later. He had not talked with Daniel Johnson or his parents. He was planning on doing that soon.

Daniel told his parents that he was going to go forward on July 4th but had not told them about accepting Christ on the tennis court.

Daniel told me that he had played tennis again at Kirkwood Park and thought, "That's where I accepted Jesus." I told him, "That will always be a special spot to you, just as the spot on the kitchen floor is to me."

Dorothy Hassler

There will be an informational meeting on August 28th for anyone interested in this program. Contact Daniel Johnson for more information.

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