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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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Go! Sunday, August 21

Go! Sunday is an exciting time for the children of KBC.

- Kindergarteners join us for worship
- First Graders will receive their Bibles
- Sixth graders make that long-awaited move to the youth division

The Kindergarteners who will be joining us in worship are:

Lily Clegg Rebekah Easterling Abi McReynolds
 Amy Miller Bennet Toth

The 1st graders who will be receiving Bibles are:

Peter Hastings Spencer Jones Ian Lane Kylie Madden
 Emma Norton Jack Stanley Avery Vance



A special thanks to our 4th & 5th grade students who made quiet bags for our new Kindergarteners. The parents of these kindergarteners will receive the book *Parenting in the Pew* by Robbie Castleman.

Our Preschool & Children's Teachers:

Amy Alexander, Preschool Division Director
 Von Hulin & Trish Jackson, Infants
 Ken Copeland, Jennifer Pirrie & Tom Toth, Toddlers & 2 year olds
 Monica Stefanic & Ken Copeland, Younger Preschoolers
 Tom Monje, Karl & Jenny Hartfelder, Older Preschoolers

Our Children's Division Teachers:

Barry & Rose Rudert, Darla Gavin and Pattye Taylor-Phillips, Kindergarten and First Grade
 Ginny Lawson and Don Bee, Second and Third Grade
 Wendy Shaw and Don Hastings, Fourth and Fifth Grade (this class is looking for another teacher)

Our Youth Division Teachers:

Dean Shaw, Youth Division Director
 Carol Foust, Daniel Johnson, Jason Kaminsky, Rebecca Toth and Chris Watts

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. Watch for adult class listings in next week's Kindler.

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.

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 for you
 at
 Kirkwood
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 Church



Pastoral **By Scott Stearman**

Ratings

Unless you've been living under a rock or in the bottom of some mine in Potosi, you've heard that the "S & P" downgraded the credit rating of the United States of America. We went from triple A, to double A's and a plus; whatever that means. As has been noted, this is the same outfit which rated all of those bundled sub-prime mortgages as triple A – which is partly what got us in this mess to begin with. But it's evident by the current state of the stock market, that many people are paying attention.

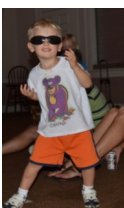
As much as we may not like it, ratings are a part of life. Businesses, television shows, restaurants all care about ratings. People are hired and fired on the basis of ratings. Shows are extended or canceled on the basis of ratings. And (obviously) stocks are bought and sold on the basis of ratings. And so people care about ratings. And so you do. You care about how you are rated in the minds of others. And so do I. We can't help it. It's in our DNA.

However, we can be conscious about: 1) how much we care and 2) whose rating really rates. When professionals rate, it matters that they are truly professional and that their record is good; something arguable about S & P, but that's not my real concern here. My concern is that many of us let the "ratings" of others matter more to us than we ought. It's not that we should never listen to the criticism, instruction, or advice of others. It's just that when we are truly looking at our rating, we should go where it matters.

For example a good place to start is with Jesus' story of the prodigal son. Therein we learn about a Father who so loves his child that family embarrassment, squandered wealth, and wicked decisions don't change his rating. In fact, from a long distance when he sees his son returning, he runs to greet him. The fat calf is killed and the party is thrown. A good time is had by all. All except the older brother who rates his younger sibling as a minus triple A.

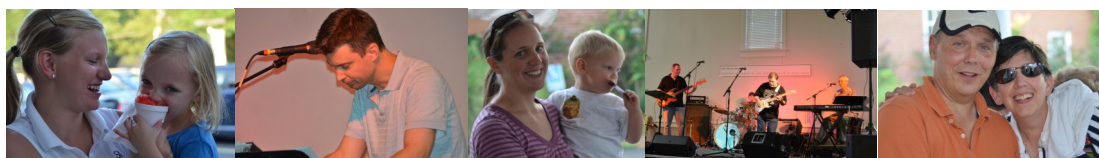
Of course in one sense, the other brother was right. The behavior was rightly rated poorly. But the father wasn't looking at the old behavior. He was looking at the return.

And so I seek, as much as possible, to put the ratings of others in the context of the rating of the one Jesus tells us about; the one who unconditionally loves us – our creator who made us gloriously diverse with unique tastes and affinities. This One is fundamentally interested in a dynamic relationship based on grace. He sees us from afar, picks up his robe and comes running to welcome us home. The ratings of supposed experts of any stripe don't stack up to that triple A endorsement. Praise be to God.



Back 2 School Blues ... one hot night

Despite a heat index of 116, the show went on at KBC. It just went on indoors. Adults and kids of all ages had a great time eating, listening, and dancing at KBC's second annual blues show. Special thanks to Kingdom Brothers, Jody Clegg, and all the volunteers who made this such a fun night. Also, thanks to all those who brought school supplies, helping to kick-off KBC's support of [Push for Pencils](#) by KidsSmart. Remember, we will be collecting supplies through August 31st.



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
4:30 pm Zumba

Music and Youth programs
resume in late August

Upcoming Sermons

Aug 21 Hope Floats
Aug 28 Daniel Johnson preaching

August 14th

A Loving Lust

Bible Openers

Peter Hastings (10:30)

Deacon of the Week

Bocky Allison

Worship Care Team Leader

Debbie Howe

Worship Care Volunteers

Trish Ordelheide,
Linda & Steve Miller,
Monica Stefanic, Sarah & Josh Kaplan

Center Your Week

Wednesdays at KBC

4:45 pm Family Dinner
5:30 pm Yoga
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
"Is God A Christian?"
by Kirby Godsey

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 17 - Art of Entertaining

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

August 24 - Garavelli's

Grilled Chicken Breast, Sweet
Potatoes, Broccoli, Lemon Meringue
Pie, Sugar Free Cherry Pie

**Calendar Reminders
for the week of August 14th**

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

Sunday, August 14th

- 2:00 pm Property & Space Meeting
- 3:00 pm HOK Meeting
- 11:30 am 6th Grade Orientation Party

Monday, August 15th

- 7:00 am Yoga

Tuesday, August 16th

- 10:00 am PrimeTimers

Thursday, August 18th

- 6:30 pm CLC Meeting

Saturday, August 20th

- 9:30 am Adult Sunday School Teacher Workshop


Food Pantry Schedule

Friday, August 19th

Food Pickup - Team 6 (Jim Layman, OK Shellhammer)

Saturday, August 20th

Food Pantry - Team 6 (Doug & Amy Copeland, Mike Thomas, Mack & Ruth Murphy, Faye Johns, Parkway Baptist)



**Saturday
August 13th
8:00 am**

Men's Prayer Breakfast

In Celebration Birthdays

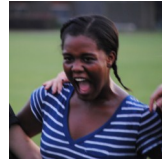
- 8/14 - Lillie Buffaloe
- 8/15 - Jason Norton
- 8/16 - Ray Easterling
- 8/17 - Jennifer Johnston
- 8/18 - Chris Alfaro, John McReynolds
- 8/19 - Ed Martin, Tyler Seay, Jeanie Jaco
- 8/20 - Anne Serkin
- 8/21 - Virginia Forbis, Polly Bruning, Ryan Cummings, Chelsea Lundberg
- 8/22 - Floyd Garrett, Tim Busche, Marilyn Kite
- 8/23 - Kim Royer, Keith Stockberger, Bill Crouch
- 8/24 - Marshall Hier, Jack Stanley, Kim Landman, Bennet Toth
- 8/25 - Whitney Calvin, Gene Henry, Allison Lange
- 8/27 - Charles Quertermus, Lori Calvin, Evelyn Magruder, Patricia Williams



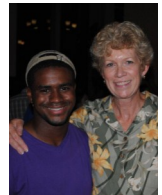
Farewell to Summer ... Interns



The Platters may have sung "it's a long, long while from May til December" but I think the days from May til August disappear the fastest. It seems as quickly as we were welcoming our three



summer interns, we are having to say goodbye to Kyle Alexander, Kiera Johnson and Rashid Pullem.



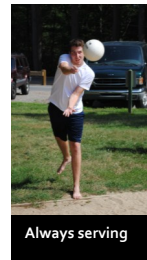
It's been a great summer and KBC appreciates their good work out in front and behind the scenes. Now it hasn't all been easy; there have been growing pains, learning curves, and a whole lot of miles and time away from home. But God has been there every step of the way; helping our interns

forge new relationships and deepen others, teaching them more about themselves and others, showing them how to stay focused on the heart of ministry, and giving each intern the chance to put their faith into action.

The next time you see any of our interns, I hope you'll take a chance to thank them in your own way and to show your appreciation for their work and for their courage accept this role in the life of KBC. May God bless them as they continue to follow his lead.



All wet @ Niagara Falls



Always serving



Good time @ Good Harbor



The foreman at work



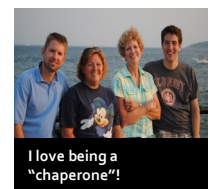
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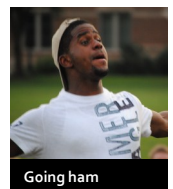
Kiera and friends



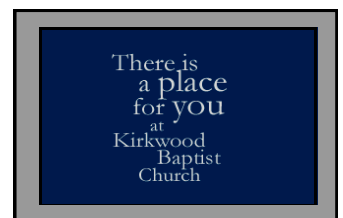
Rashid & friends



I love being a "chaperone"!



Going ham



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These are some examples of our Lay-led 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
Becky Ray

Worship Arts Larry Daniels
Ministry Phil Maxwell

Gift ID & Development
Raunda Ward

Church Leadership

Resource Council Wendy Shaw

Giving Report 8/07/11

Budget Receipts \$ 31,412.89

Budget Receipts YTD \$ 549,930.20

Budget Need YTD \$ 684,140.80

Attendance Report 8/07/11

Bible Study 146

Worship (8:00 / 10:30) 61/237

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

Adult Sunday School Teacher Workshop

Saturday, August 20th, 9:00 am

The Adult Bible Study Service Team is offering a workshop and we would love for you to come! It is Saturday, August 20, 9-11:30 a.m. You are invited if you either ARE an Adult Bible Study Teacher, a substitute, or, are interested in being a teacher! Dr. Pamela Stanfield will be leading this workshop. Contact Donna Watts for more information.

Pamela M. Stanfield, Ed. D. is currently a professor at Missouri Baptist University, teaching classes in the areas of educational administration, curriculum and instruction, and classroom and behavior management. She also serves as a mentor for new school leaders as part of the Missouri Administrator Mentoring Project.

Dr. Stanfield received her B.A. in elementary education from Augusta College in Augusta, Georgia. Her M. A. in elementary education and her Ed.D. in educational administration were completed at the University of Missouri – St. Louis. She taught at the elementary level for nine years and served as an elementary school principal for 17 years, before becoming a university professor.

Dr. Stanfield has taught high school and college age students as a Sunday School teacher and also served as youth director for a few years during the search for a youth pastor. She has been a volunteer at Camp Barnabas, a Christian camp for children with disabilities or serious medical conditions.

Dr. Stanfield has received recognition for her efforts as an educator including being selected as Missouri's National Distinguished Principal. She received a Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Missouri – St. Louis and a Special Ambassador's Award from the Special School District recognizing her efforts working with children with special needs. In addition, Dr. Stanfield was one of the first Missouri recipients of the Milken Family National Educator Awards. The Milken recognition is a national award which comes with a \$25,000 stipend. Most recently she was named the Distinguished Professor of the Year for 2009-2010 at Missouri Baptist University.

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