

THE CHURCH VOICE

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FROM THE PASTOR

Our theme as a church is “The Journey Continues”. We gather together for times of worship, Bible Study, fellowship, missions and service. Then we depart into the world seeking to live out our faith as fully as possible. Some days, if we are honest, are easier to live out our faith than others. Why is it that way? Maybe it is because we live in a world of constant transitions and we find it hard to adapt or keep up with all that is changing.

Still, transitions are a part of the journey known as life. A journey implies that there could be a destination in mind even if the entire route may not be known. That is where the adventure sneaks in even when we have our eyes fixed on God's leading. There are always surprises along the way, even if we think we know where we are going as individuals and as the church.

Simply put, the journey of life is a journey of growing and continuing in faith knowing that God is present and will help us to respond to the transitions that will surely come. Never forget that each of us is needed no matter our stage in life. You are gifted to serve and you are needed. So open the eyes of your heart and look around. How is God calling you to serve?

Be on the look out for “PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES” this summer. God is working and we are invited to join in. This means being intentional! So please commit to pray faithfully and patiently, waiting for God to act so you can join in as God leads in His own wondrous way.

God bless you as you continue the journey.

Pastor Bill

JUST A THOUGHT: WALKING WITH GOD

“The essence of the Christian life is knowing God and walking with him. It's about sticking with him when the sky is blue and also when it's filled with clouds or choked with smoke. It's about walking with the Lord through thick and thin, and pressing on through every heartache and trial that happens to come our way.”

-Greg Laurie--

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

This year the summer worship schedule begins on Sunday, July 1st, in the Social Hall and goes through September 2nd. You are asked once again to dress less formally and for comfort. Men please feel free to forget the ties and suit/sports coat. This schedule, as in past year, will continue in effect through the first weekend in September.

Don't forget that even though the choir does not rehearse during the summer months, they still help guide our worship as they sing and provide service music for our various services. Being summer, we do things a “tad different” as Craig would say. So, come ready to sing and praise God!

AFTER WORSHIP FELLOWSHIPS

Our Summer After Worship Fellowships will follow the Morning Worship Service on July 29th and August 26th. Plan to stay and visit over the goodies shared by the KBC family. Each family unit is asked to bring either a snack food, finger food, or fruit. Beverage is provided by the church. Volunteer hosts/hostesses will set-up for the fellowship. See you there!

IMPORTANT! THE RELATIONSHIP BUILDING TEAM AND CHURCH COUNCIL ASK THAT YOU BRING FOODS THAT ARE READY TO BE SERVED FOR THE FELLOWSHIP. Please don't bring food that needs to be heated or takes a lot of preparation for the hosts and hostesses. They enjoy being a part of worship.

Also, this year our July and August After Worship Fellowships food location will be in a different spot since we are worshipping in the Social Hall. Turning the oven on is not possible! Your help with bringing “ready to serve” foods will be a huge blessing!

WE STILL NEED SOME SUMMER AFTER WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS!

If you can help out with the July 29th Fellowship, please be sure to sign-up in the vestibule on the sign-up sheet! Your willingness to serve as host/hostess is a real blessing. Thank you to those who have already signed up for August 26th. We still could use one more volunteer on 8/26.

THE PRIORITY OF PRAYER

WILL YOU COMMIT TO PRAY?: Make a difference! Commit to daily prayer and seek to discern God's guiding presence within your life and that of KBC. Pray that KBC will be the best church for our communities in which we live and serve. Pray that KBC will grow as a blessing to the world around us. Pray that you will be able to hear his voice and respond to it in faith---moment by moment.

PLEASE PRAY for one another and all those on our spoken and unspoken prayer lists. Please lift up our partner church (Iglesia La Voz de Cristo al Mundo) in prayer. Please pray for the communities in which we live and serve. Pray that our eyes and hearts will be opened to see these places as God sees them---filled with needy people.

Throughout our vestibule areas we have a virtual reminder of how we might pray for God to work among the peoples of our communities surrounding KBC. Be sure and retake that walk and commit to pray!

OUR HOMEBOUNDS: Continue to remember all those in our church family who are homebound or assisting family members who are homebound. In July, you are asked to especially remember Ellen Real, 4102 Decatur Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895. Ellen will be 96 on July 7th. Send her a note or card to encourage her.

In August, we ask that you especially lift up and remember Katy (Katy) Starr with a note or card. Katy's current address is Room 303B, 3618 Littledale Road, Kensington, MD 20895.

LET'S CELEBRATE: Please lift up in prayer those who have a birthday or wedding anniversary during this month.

JULY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 3 - Cathy Muse
- 4 - Lillian Jones
- 7 - Michelle Lemoine, Ellen Real
- 9 - Kelly Laney
- 10 - Logan Hill
- 12- Betty Dodds-Putkovich
- 26 - Francis Djankpa
- 27- Jennifer Young
- 29 - Dante Marino, Joyce O'Neill

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- David & Susie Starr, July 9*
- Rene & Marta Gomez, July 17*

AUGUST

- 2 - Pat Doty
- 3 - Linda Huggins
- 4 - Anthony Del Grosso
- 5 – Will George, Linda Ibrahim
- 6 – Lidia Hernandez, Katie Ray Guenther
- 9 – Marta Taylor
- 13 – Jethro Djankpa
- 18 – Alex Ambert-Gonzalez
- 19 – Christopher Maienschein
- 20 – Brett Jones
- 26 – Julie Barringer
- 31 – Caeli Barbour

- Francis & Gladys Djankpa, Aug. 6*

KATHRYN STARR PRAYER ROOM: It is open on Sundays from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays this room is open between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The third option is to call the pastor and schedule another time for use of the room. The Prayer Room is located in one of the side rooms that opens off the Social Hall.

ONE DAY VBS (JULY 21ST)

KBC has been invited to come and participate with our sister church (Great Love Mission Church, 1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville, MD 20850) in their one-day VBS this summer on Saturday, July 21st from 9:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m. Children ranging in age from Age 2 through 5th grade are invited. This year's theme is "Babylon-Daniel's Courage in Captivity." There is no registration fee and snack and lunch will be provided. Donations are welcome and appreciated.

On-line registration is now available at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/great-love>.

As you will remember, KBC and Great Love Mission Church had a joint Children's Ministry Program for the last four years until Great Love moved to its present location in Rockville back in March of this year. So the children at Great Love wish to offer a special invitation to the children of KBC to come and join them on July 21st.

CITIZENSHIP PREP AND SUMMER ENGLISH CLASSES THROUGH AUGUST 9TH (TWICE WEEKLY): Please continue to lift up these classes in your prayers. Pray for students and teachers. Classes meet from 7-9 p.m. The classes will finish up with a party on August 13. If you would like to contribute "a snack", please talk with Barbara DeNoyer.

MISSIONS AND YOU: MEETING NEEDS IN CHRIST'S NAME

1) SCHOOL SUPPLIES MISSION PROJECT (JULY 8TH-AUGUST 5TH): Once again we have the opportunity to bring the Christmas season to the summer months as we seek to meet the special needs of children and their families from Montgomery County. As Christians, we are called to help encourage, support, and minister to those who are in need.

We are asking the church family to dig deep and give generously through "Back to School Supplies" Mission Project.

Starting on July 8th, we will have in the sanctuary vestibule a collection box to gather your generous donations of school supplies. So why not make a difference in someone else's life. Experience the joy of giving. Your generosity last year helped many children.

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Here's what we Need...

Backpacks	Erasers
Boxes of pencils & pens	Rulers
Marble composition books	Glue
Crayons, box of 16-48	Glue Sticks
Boxes of markers	Highlighters
Notebook dividers	3-ring binders
Spiral notebooks	Scissors
Boxes of colored pencils	Pocket Folders
Wide Ruled loose-leaf paper	Pencil boxes & cases

P.S. If you cannot shop yourself and would like to make a monetary contribution, mark on your check or envelope that this is for "School Supplies".

2) ESL (ENGLISH-AS-A-SECOND LANGUAGE) NEWS!: Registration for this fall's English classes will take place on the opening night of class. This will be Monday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. Who can you invite?

PARTNER WITH THE ESL TEACHING TEAM BY: a) Praying and discerning whether you could be called by God to help teach and commit to the training; b) Advertising/sharing about our classes to potential students; and/or c) commit to making an occasional "snack" contribution starting in September.

Barbara DeNoyer is our ESL Coordinator and will be glad to share more fully how you can be a part of this ministry.

DEACON MINISTRY

CALL ON US: Please feel free to call on you deacon if you have a need. We are willing to lend a listening ear and helping hand. Please know we are praying for you. Deacon Family Ministry lists are found on table in vestibule. Deacons presently serving include: Julie Barringer, Adissa Barry, Barbara Bryant, Barbara DeNoyer, Brett Jones and Rosalind Walker.

IN HOME COMMUNION: If you are homebound and interested in receiving communion at home, please talk with Brett Jones (301 946-5305). The Deacons are glad to make a visit and serve communion.

WOMEN'S CARE & SHARE GROUP (NEXT SATURDAY, July 7th and August 4th from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.): Sign-up sheets found in the vestibule. It is designed to give women a time together in fellowship and prayer support. Program includes crafting project, short devotional, and prayer time. As women craft together they can talk and share. The group “covenants together” to not share outside of group so that care and mutual support can grow. There is a \$5 per gathering cost for craft materials.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP will not meet during the summer. Bible Study will resume again on September 19th at 10:15 am. Next September the group will begin studying about Jesus disciples using the New Testament. For more information, talk with Pastor Bill. All are welcome.

LISTEN LOCAL Composers' CONCERT...

a program featuring music of four local composers:

- *Anders Lundegard: Fire (saxophone and piano)*
- *Joseph Santo: Trio (flute, cello and piano)*
- *Jessica Krash: Dangerous Curves (solo piano)*
- *Jacob Dalager: Etude No. 1 (brass quintet)*

Sunday, July 15th at 3:00 p.m.

Also Listen Local Concerts will feature Amy Thomas (flute) and David Thomas (clarinet) in concert on Sunday, September 9th, at 3:00 p.m.

Where: Kensington Baptist Church

CONCERTS ARE FREE (DONATIONS ACCEPTED, \$15 SUGGESTED AMOUNT (RECEPTION FOLLOWING EACH CONCERT). **ALL ARE WELCOME**

KBC LUNCH BUNCH (AUGUST 19TH) The next KBC Lunch Bunch will be on Sunday, August 19th, at 12:30 p.m. We will be returning to Fuddruckers on Rockville Pike. Sign-up sheet will be found in vestibule starting in mid-July.

LOOKING AHEAD

SEPTEMBER

- 8 - Women's Care & Share Group (10:30-12:30 pm)
- 9 - Listen Local Concert & Reception (3:00 pm)
- 10 - English-As-Second Language (ESL) – Registration and Start of Classes (7-9 pm)
- 12 - Church Council Meeting (7:30 pm)
- 13 - Staff Meeting (10:30 am)
- 19 - Wednesday Bible Study Resumes (10:15 am)
- 30 - Gospel Sing (11:00 am) followed by After Worship Fellowship & Quarterly Business Meeting

BIRTHDAY PARTY CELEBRATION FOR WOMEN'S SHELTER – OCTOBER 6

KBC has supported the women's shelters on Parklawn Avenue for many years. Since January (2017) the shelters have combined into a newly renovated facility that houses 70 women in four dormitories with two adjoining dining areas. The new women's shelter is located at 2 Taft Court, Rockville, MD (off Gude Drive).

The new location enables the shelter to have just one birthday celebration for the women rather than parties for two shelters. Keeping this in mind, the Church Council and Deacons supported the idea that we host one party for 70 people each year rather than help toward two parties as we have done in the past. With this in mind, we have begun asking people to plan ahead and commit to how you are willing to help out in this important missions effort in 2018.

We will need eight \$10 Target Gift Cards, eight birthday cards, and **16** mylar birthday balloons. In addition we will need paper plates, napkins, ice cream, birthday cake, punch, and fruit trays that will feed a total of 70 women residents who will be at the birthday party. Monetary contributions are gladly accepted toward items needed for this birthday celebration.

The party will be held for the October birthday honorees on October 6th. How is God calling you to help out? The truth is we need a lot of volunteers. The sign-up sheet will be available from August 12 or 19 in the vestibule.

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PASTOR ON VACATION: Pastor Bill and Di George will be on vacation from August 6-12. In case of an emergency, please contact your deacon or the church office (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday). Deacon Family Ministry lists are available in the vestibule.

CLOSING THOUGHT

“As church, we have people, ministries, programs, and a beautiful building, but we are powerless without the Spirit. The Spirit is what we need most. We need the Spirit to help find the right words to tell people about God's love, and to show people God's love. We need the Spirit's guidance in knowing just what to do to help the people in need around us.”

J. Hawthorne (2018)