

THE CHURCH VOICE

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Newsletter

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FROM THE PASTOR

“You are the light of the world...Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven.” (Matthew 5:14-16)

This is the biblical reference for KBC's vision statement. It explains the importance of growing as disciples so that we can go out into the world serving and reflecting the love of Christ in all that we do. The Christian walk is one of growth and renewal so that we can go out into the world equipped and prepared to demonstrate the love of Christ by both our actions and our words. As we each go out---into our mission field (where we live, work and play) we see need and seek to meet it because that's what Jesus would do. We may be the only hands and feet of Christ that a person may ever see.

This is our challenge and our opportunity as the Church of Christ. So let us gather together to pray, worship, equip, and fellowship intentionally so that we are ready to walk in faith as we continue the journey wherever we are.

Please pray daily for God's guiding presence and discernment as we “continue the journey”. Pray for a willingness to “obey” God's leading and to truly desire to follow his calling in our lives. Every journey means there will be new opportunities and new possibilities. A journey is never static. Each turn will mean choices, transitions, and change.

So focus on the journey. It is both inward and outward and constantly changing because God is at work! Never forget---you are his missionary on a daily faith walk right where God has planted you. So be all that He would have you be.”

As we Serve together,

Pastor Bill

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Come and join together to give God your praise and obedience through weekly worship that includes the Lord's Supper (5/6 and 6/3), Pentecost Worship with Djankpa testimony (5/20), and Gospel Sing (6/24). Summer is approaching and KBC's summer worship schedule begins on Memorial Day. Men please feel free to forget the ties and suit/sport coat. This more informal/casual approach for everybody will continue until Labor Day. Everyone please dress comfortably ready to worship.

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.

OUR HOMEBOUNDS: Continue to remember all those in our church family who are homebound or assisting family members who are homebound. During May you are asked to especially remember temporarily Homebound Members are Joyce & Jim O'Neill, 4512 Woodfield Road, Kensington, MD 20895. You are encouraged to send Joyce and Jim a card or note during the month of May.

During the month of June you are asked to remember our homebound member, Michelle Lemoine, 2514 Holman Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Please send a note or card to encourage Michelle during the month of June.

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.

Please lift up in prayer those who have a birthday or wedding anniversary during this month.

MAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 - Ismael Barry
- 3 - Bill George, Alan Taylor
- 6 - Jim Johnson
- 16 - Ken Maddox
- 19 - Pam Maienschein
- 20 - June Lazo
- 21 - London Smith
- 23 - David Flumbaum, Isabella Smith
- 24 - Brenda Louia
- 27 - Othniel Djankpa
- 28 - Gloria Bennington
- 29 - JoAnne Burke

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- James & Joyce O'Neill, May 4*
- James & Anna Johnson, May 14*
- Jeff & Nancy Hill, May 16*
- Gary & Sandy Jones, May 16*
- Larry & Sally Carpenter, May 21*
- David & Rachelle Flumbaum, May 29*

JUNE

- 3 - Judy Pirnia
- 4 - Kiki Smith
- 5 - Travis Maienschein
- 12 – Bea Beach, Travis Hill
- 14 – Jennie Ray, Nich Young, Kate Krause
- 23 – Maggie Young

- Bob & Patsy Young, June 15*
- Joe & Laura Young, June 17*
- Charlie & Pat Doty, June 18*
- Debbie & Rich Mayhew, June 24*

KEEP CONNECTED

There is much to pray about and ways to get involved by going to the church web site (www.kensingtonbaptistchurch.org). Prayers and opportunities are available weekly by e-mail to all who are interested. If you are not on the “Weekly KBC Payer and Opportunities Gram”, please talk with Pastor Bill or e-mail him at (pastorbillgeorge@aol.com).

MISSIONS AND YOU: MEETING NEEDS IN CHRIST'S NAME

MIGRANT/HEALTH KITS MISSIONS PROJECT: We are in the middle of our annual collection of migrant/health kits. We do this in partnership with our sister churches in the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware (now Mid-Atlantic Baptist Network). The kits that we assemble are used in a variety of ministries including migrants, internationals, prison inmates, homeless and seamen. Through these migrant/health kits, we are able to share the love of Christ. Items needed include: a large bath towel, washcloth, toothbrush (adult), tooth paste (large), large comb (no rat tail combs), shampoo (full size), soap (full size bar) and deodorant. **PLEASE PUT ONLY REQUESTED ITEMS IN THE BAGS.** Bags are in the vestibule. If you can't shop but would like to make a monetary gift for someone else to shop that would be great.

DEADLINE: MAY 13th

GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING: The focus for this year's Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Mission Offering is "Beloved Community Starts With You." CBF folk engage in God's mission with and among the most neglected and least evangelized people on the earth. The goal, as we partner together, is to "share community" and share Christ's love. Our goal at KBC for this special mission offering over and above regular tithes and offerings is \$650. What is it that God would have you give?

**KBC GOAL \$650
RECEIVED TO DATE: \$520
STILL NEED: \$130
DEADLINE: MAY 13th**

During June we are collecting food for the Bethesda Help Pantry. Please put your donations in the box marked "Bethesda Help" found in vestibule.

PREPARING FOR CITIZENSHIP CLASS: KBC is holding a citizenship class for interested internationals this summer. The class is for anyone preparing to take the U.S. Naturalization test in the fall of 2018 or later, and for anyone interested in learning the basics of American history and government. Classes are held from 7-9 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays through August 9th and starts on May 21st.

SUMMER ENGLISH CLASS: KBC is also holding a free English class that focuses on conversation and writing. It also meets on Mondays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. Through August 9th and starts on May 21st.

SMALL GROUPS

WOMEN'S CARE & SHARE GROUP (NEXT SATURDAY, MAY 5th AND JUNE 9th): Don't forget to sign up for Women's Care & Share Group Meetings. The Sign-up sheet can be found in the vestibule. The group meets from 10:30 am-12:30 pm. with a time of crafting, sharing, devotional, and prayer. The cost is \$5 per person.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets at 10:15 a.m. On the first and third Wednesdays of May and June before taking a summer break. The current topic is “Who is Jesus?” and uses the Gospels. For more information, talk with Pastor Bill. All are welcome.

DEACON MINISTRY

CALL ON US: Please feel free to call on you deacon if you hve 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.

UPCOMING AFTER WORSHIP FELLOWSHIPS

Please bring a finger food, snack food, or fruit for our May 20th After Worship Fellowship that will follow Morning Worship. Please have your food ready to serve. We will be celebrating Francis Djankpa's Ph.D graduation at the fellowship. Please plan to come and be a part.

AFTER WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP (JUNE 24TH): Following Gospel Sing Worship on June 24 we will have an After Worship Fellowship. This year it will be a Picnic-style Fellowship to celebrate summer. Plan to stay and visit over the goodies shared by the KBC family. Each family unit is asked to bring either a fruit, salad or dessert to share at this time of fellowship. There will be a sign-up sheet. Beverage and meat provided by the church. Volunteer hosts/hostesses will set-up for the fellowship. See you there!

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

“The foundation of a prayerful life is knowing God. A promise is only as good as the person who makes it. When you make knowing Him your focus, you will come to trust His promises and the power of prayer will be come your reality.”

(J.K. Dean, 2009)

“If Christ is alive, He desires to lead the church. If Christ desires to lead the Church, His will should be sought. If His will can be sought, It can be discerned. And if it can be discerned, it deserves to be obeyed.”

(Paul Anderson)

“While the Bible can be mined for a life time, it's really about just two subjects: how we relate to God and how we relate to others. While the literature may be complex at times, these larger biblical themes are rather simple and obvious. The hard part comes in getting beyond our own selves and loving God with all our being and loving our “neighbors” who see and do life differently.”

(John Pierce, 2014)

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING ACTIONS

1) Church voted to fully replace large flat roof at current Maryland code of thermal R Value of 30 (Orndorff & Spaid) and have Shamrock do necessary removal of A/C ductwork and then fabricate and install duct fittings. Total cost \$43,165. 2) Church also voted to replace wiring to sound system and perform reasonable safety upgrades to restrooms based on recommendations of Don Stackhouse with concurrence of Resourcing Team. 3) Church also voted to once again sponsor (\$250) the MACBF Great Obstacle Race to support Refuge and Hope International in Uganda. 4) Finally, church voted to collect for a recently created missions offering for MACBF to help churches engage in missions endeavors during the month of June. The new offering is the "Bill George-Pat Bolinger Mission Fund of the MACBF."

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: We offer a warm welcome to our newest church members, Cristina and Ken Maddox, 9813 Parkwood Drive, Bethesda, MD 20814

They joined on statement of Christian faith and experience during the month of April. Please keep them lifted up in prayer.