

Newsletter of Kenmore Baptist Church

The Compass ~ July 2024



Greetings Church Family!

Here we are.... July 1- on our new journey together as I move to full time as your pastor! How exciting! I am blessed beyond measure, and look forward to all that God has in store for us as we grow together.

As we grow and move into God's plan for this ministry, there will be pushback, there will be warfare; and Satan will attack us any way he can- including from the INSIDE. That is why we have to be committed to each other, in King Jesus, and stand firm on the Word together!

UNITY is so important to any ministry, and it is certainly important to the Church.

When the world speaks of UNITY, it insists on acceptance of all differences instead of a celebration of diversity. When the world speaks of unity, it insists on equality for all, without understanding how equity works.

Our King, and our playbook (the Bible), instruct us on how we are commanded to practice UNITY, and how it sets us apart..... let's get into it!

Unity is SO important word for Christians to consider, define, pray about, and strive for with all of our might. "Complete unity" is what Jesus prayed for just before He went to the cross.

In John 17: 20-23 King Jesus says, "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. The glory that You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are One, I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me."

Inspired by the Spirit of God, the Apostle Paul exhorts us to "pursue," "strive for," "make every effort for" unity. The Psalmist of the Old Testament sings about "how good and pleasing it is when God's people live together in unity." And we all know that our experience declares the same thing.



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In our current culture, there is a severe disconnect within relationships. Too often when there is a disagreement or misunderstanding, we assume that we can't work through these differences and that we are no longer friends. That is not right, and certainly not how the body of Christ should be!

Truthfully, our differences are the starting place for unity!

The Greek word used in Jesus' unity prayer is, "teleioō" which adds a connotation of being completed as one. The word Paul uses to describe unity in Christ is, "katartizō" and it has a connotation of mending, as if gluing the fractured pieces back together. Thinking differently, looking differently, and feeling differently are not roadblocks to unity—they are the ingredients for it! So, that is good news for Christians—because we sure do look and feel different than the rest of the world right now!

Let this be an encouragement to you— we are meant to do life together, and if there are differences that you need to work on with someone, make the effort to talk it out and strive for the UNITY King Jesus calls us to live in!

The future is bright, KBC! Onward and upward....

Much love—

Pastor Brian

Honoring The Sabbath

a weekly Bible Study

with Gia Wheeler, Anavay Taffe, Dan and Karen Souter
Meeting at KBC on Saturday Mornings at 9am.



Saturday, August 10. rain or shine,
You have asked and here we are!
10-12 only

**We will be hosting a day that
folks can come to shop, and buy nothing!
We will give it all away free.**
**Start putting your gently used items to be
Loved again by the next owner!**



Christian Ed POP UP Free event for families

**Saturday August 24
10-11am**

Bible Story, Games and water play
Snacks and prizes!!!

**Adults are required to stay with their
children**



KBC Family Night at the Ball Park August 9 at 705pm

The evening will be complete with Fireworks after the Game. Reserved Seats on the third base side are available for just \$9 with the memorial gift from Robert Weymouth. Order and Pay for your tickets from Bonnie Tordy by July 31.

birthdays

- JULY 2 LINDA MOAK
- JULY 3 KAREN BEACHER
- JULY 4 JOE STEINBORN SR
- JULY 5 ELIZABETH MILLEN
FAITH THERMIDOR
- JULY 6 EVA MUCCI
GAVIN MILLER, SR
- JULY 9 REYLEA SOUTER MOUNTIAN
- JULY 12 EDNA HENRICH
- JULY 18 CHERYL MALZAN
- JULY 20 CYNTHIA WIDMER
- JULY 24 DON SCALICE
- JULY 28 CHERYL GREENE
CARRIE SCHNEIDER
- JULY 29 PETER MILLER
- JULY 30 DOUGLAS MALZAN
GAIL MALZAN
- JULY 31 JESSICA KOHN



- JULY 3 ROGER AND DEBBIE GRANT
- JULY 6 CHRIS AND CHERYL GREENE
- JULY 16 GARY AND BARBARA SCHULTZ
- JULY 17 JOHN AND LOIS NOCERA
- JULY 18 DOUGLAS AND PHILINE MACK
- JULY 24 ROBERT AND GRACE BARNES
- JULY 29 MATTHEW AND DESIREE KAYKO

SAVE THE DATE!

Bonfire at
Donna Ryans
September 27

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The American Baptist women's ministries of Erie and Niagara Falls are planning a bus trip to Pennsylvania Dutch Country and the Sight and Sound theatre for a spectacular, powerful performance of "Daniel".

We will be staying overnight Tuesday, August 20th to Wednesday, August 21st 2024.

The price of the trip includes a one night stay at the Hampton Inn Lancaster and a smorgasbord dinner, tickets to the performance of "Daniel", a visit to Kitchen Kettle Village and a time to shop at the Tangiers Outlet Mall in Lancaster, PA. We will also be having lunch on Tuesday, August 20th at the Bonanza Steakhouse in New Columbia, PA at individual expense. We already have 9 ladies going. Hope you will join us.

If interested, please contact Barb Schultz. 941-412-6321 or Sharon Benton 716-873-3563 for more information.