



# KirkWood Kronicle

## A Monthly Newsletter of KirkWood Presbyterian Church

KirkWood Presbyterian Church

April 2010



### Dear Members and Friends of KirkWood,

Next month our Presbytery's Healthy Growing Congregations Initiative with 16 clergy will come to an end as far as our monthly meetings are concerned. As you might guess, the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia led by Richard Short is trying to inculcate a zeal within it's churches to become communities of authentic disciples; disciples who are externally focused and who are eager to share their faith in Jesus Christ with others. Our own Bruce Knight's task force Walk Across the Room initiative is helping us as a congregation re-invest energy in sharing our faith with others and inviting folks to embrace an active trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Later this fall, KirkWood will explore this theme in greater detail with Sunday School classes, sermons, worship services and outreach events centered in this evangelistic effort.

Trust in Jesus Christ is not something you and I should keep to ourselves; we should be able and willing to joyfully speak to others of our faith and our intention to invite others to join us in this journey of faith. Christ has put you and me here in order to experience his grace and to invite others to come aboard the "gospel train." "Christianity is first and foremost a relationship—a relationship with Christ as the defining and motivating reality of followership: as Fred Minatrea says in his book, Shaped by God's Heart.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is too precious not to be joyfully shared with others. How are you doing in speaking and acting out the faith?

See ya in church.

*Michael*

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### Kingsmore's Annual

### Bar-B-Que

April 17th

Needed!!! workers during the day from early morning until everything is cleaned up after the dinner. If you can give any part of your day toward this fun event please sign up in the narthex.



## Bible Readings for the Month

April 4	Luke 24:1-12
April 11	John 20:19-31
April 18	John 21:1-19
April 25	John 10:22-30



Dick LaBarre on the death of his nephew, Bill Pugh  
The Mary Turner Family



## Permanent Prayer List for April

- Reggie Strickland
- Don Nelson's niece, Sylvia
- Ken Kingsmore's sister-in-law, Kim
- Carl Maymi's grandma, Pilar
- Allison Hoffman
- Jackie Whitaker
- Wanda Birch's aunt, Pat
- Sandy Ritter's sister, Wendy
- John Brawley
- Donna O'Hara's dad, Faust
- Nancy Ridsen's friend, Marion
- Mike Fore's friend, Carter
- Troy Lander's friend & co-worker, Branson
- Wanda Birch's nephew, Jeff
- Bill Cunningham's sister & brother-in-law, Ann & Ed
- Paul Stough's cousin, Billy
- Bob Bennett
- Catherine Nierescher's brother, Chuck
- Phyllis Madison
- Wanda Birch's sister, Joan
- Faye Shaw's sister, Sandy
- Janet Deaton's brother-in-law, Tom
- Charles Grube
- Nancy Keithley's daughter & son-in-law, Tina & Robert
- Kirk Allen's mom, Dorie
- JoAnn Kilgore's husband, Ray
- JoAnn Kilgore's daughter, Teresa
- Graeme Stockdale
- Tracy Louk's friend, Tina
- Cyndi Yakshe's cousin, Beth
- Burt & Jenna DeShayes' friend, Mike
- Bob Craig's sister, Diane
- Justin Pregler's friend, Eric
- Kelly Cartwright's co-worker, Tracey
- Kelly Cartwright's student, Craig's brother
- Norene Lovdahl's dad, John
- Laurie Anderson's mom, Margaret
- Sandy Westbrook's mom, Polly
- Pepper Westbrook's friend, Bill
- Steve Yakshe's step-dad, Bud
- Marsha Coverdale's niece, Heather & her husband, Sal
- Alan Dobson's uncle, Bud
- Jennifer Rouin's brother-in-law, Ryan
- Susan Searles' friend's daughter, Missy
- Alan Dobson's great aunt, Bea
- Cliff Williford
- Faye Shaw's cousin, Kathy
- Faye Shaw's uncle, Jess
- Connie Sledd's mom, Nita
- Matt Heaton's aunt, Mary
- Leslie Thompson's grandma, Elsie
- Leslie Thompson's cousin, Deborah
- Steve Prentiss' brother, Bill
- Grady Barnett's nephew, Jonah
- Cathy Harvey's dad, Roger
- Jim Kibler's cousin, Mary Jane
- Alice Gouge's friend, Dick
- Cathy Hudgin's friend, Phyllis
- Cathy Hudgin's friend, Jamie



**Happy Birthday to the following during the month of April:**

Adam Leslie	4/1
Fred Steel	
Maggie Stough	
Mitchell Maloney	4/2
Paul Rosenblatt	
Gerry LaBarre	4/3
Nora Heely	4/4
Noah McIntee	
Sarah Winkowski	
Bill Cunningham	4/5
Jane Stockdale	
Rachel Desch	4/7
Caroline Koscheski	
Leah Hasstedt	4/8
Kenneth Trumpoldt	
Art Patteson	4/9
Zack Angove	4/10
Fred Steel, Jr.	
Georgia Mast	4/11
Wendy Euker	4/12
Cheri Kammermann	4/13
Justin Young	

Cindy Cook	4/14
Sheila Farrah	
Emma Kelly	4/15
Jim Price	4/16
Sabrina Floros	4/18
Amanda Benner	4/19
Debbie Sommer	
Randy Hollowell	4/20
Lindsey True	
Brandon De La Garza	4/21
Casey King	
Kevin Parker	
Steve Prentiss	
Elaine Davenport	4/22
Jorge Cortina	4/23
Phyllis Smith	
Sonja DeShayes	4/24
Christine Heaton	
Matthew Knight	
Cathy Alexander	4/25
Ella Autrey	
Brian Chou	
Margaret "Mo" Turner	
Pristina Koon	4/26
Josh Cliborne	4/27
Wayne Weaver	
Jennifer Pottinger	4/28
Matthew Reno	
Kasey Williford	
Wendy Linehan	4/29
Luke Munns	
Michael Drejza	4/30
Alice Smith	



**Happy Anniversary to the following couples during the month of April:**

4/4
Charlie and Katie Blanton
4/5
Bill and Carolyn Gilbert
4/6
Dennis and Nancy Ridsen
4/7
Adam and Bellina Leslie
Jim and Leah Price
4/9
John and Ruth Lee
4/10
Jason and Kathy Angove
4/11
Kirk and Jamie Reno
4/15
Graeme and Jane Stockdale
4/20
Art and Cathy Alexander
4/23
Steve and Cindi Yakshe
4/29
Stan and Jeane Husch



**Births in the Church Family**

Matthew Lawson Justus, II was born Sunday, February 28, 2010 to Holly and Matt Justus of Piney Flats, Tennessee. Lawson is the grandson of Randy and Lyn Galloway.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				9:30 AM - 2 or More—Farrah 5:30 PM - MT Rehearsal 7:30 PM - Maundy Thursday Service "The Last Supper"	7:00 AM - Prayer Warriors	8:00AM - Bike Ride 1:00 PM - Softball Practice - Kiln Creek Park
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Easter - One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Food Pantry 6:45 AM - Sunrise Service - Wee KirkWood 9:40 AM - Easter Brunch	Church Office Closed 6:45 PM - God's S.T.A.R.S. - Nelson	1:00 PM - Staff Meeting 7:00 PM - Youth Committee 7:30 PM - Mission Committee Worship Committee	7:00 PM - A Beautiful Mess - Hudgins	9:30 AM - 2 or More—Farrah 7:00 PM - Stepping Stones - Knowles 8:20 PM - Softball Game - Liberty	7:00 AM - Prayer Warriors 7:15 PM - Iron Men - Maloney Friday Night Lights - Mershon	8:00AM—Bike Ride
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
12:00 PM - New Member Class 4:00 PM - Youth Choir 5:00 PM - HandBell Choir	6:45 PM - God's S.T.A.R.S. - Nelson 8:20 PM - Softball Game - Liberty	10:00 AM - Sarah Circle Bible Study 7:00 PM - Cong. Care Committee CE Committee 7:15 PM - 5 Smooth Stones - Williams	6:00 PM - Praise Team 7:00 PM - A Beautiful Mess - Hudgins 7:30 PM - Adult Choir	9:30 AM - 2 or More—Farrah 11:30 AM - KW Silver 6:45 PM - The Selah Group - Shaw 7:00 PM - Martha Circle	7:00 AM - Prayer Warriors 7:15 PM - Friday Night Lights - Mershon	Annual Kingsmore Bar-b-que 8:00AM—Bike Ride 6:00 PM - Bar-B-Que Dinner
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Kronicle Deadline 9:40 AM - Melody Singers 12:00 PM - King's Kids New Member Class 1:00 PM - Fisher Kids - Laser Tag 5:00 PM - HandBell Choir	6:20 PM - Softball Game - Liberty 6:45 PM - God's S.T.A.R.S. - Nelson	7:15 PM - 5 Smooth Stones - Williams 7:30 PM - Session Meeting	6:00 PM - Praise Team 7:00 PM - A Beautiful Mess - Hudgins 7:30 PM - Adult Choir	9:30 AM - 2 or More—Farrah 6:45 PM - The Selah Group - Shaw 7:00 PM - GPS - Egyud Stepping Stones - Knowles	7:00 AM - Prayer Warriors 10:00 AM - Kronicle Folding/Mailing 7:15 PM - Friday Night Lights - Mershon	8:00 AM - Bike Ride 9:00 AM - Presbytery Mtg. - Yorkminster 10:00 AM - Zuni "A Day in the Country"
25	26	27	28	29	30	
12:00 PM - New Member Class w/Session 2:00 PM - PEVA Choir Rehearsal - Royster	6:45 PM - God's S.T.A.R.S. - Nelson	7:00 PM - Property and Facility Comm. Mtg. 7:15 PM - 5 Smooth Stones - Williams 7:30 PM - PLD Committee	6:00 PM - Praise Team 7:00 PM - A Beautiful Mess - Hudgins 7:30 PM - Adult Choir	9:30 AM - 2 or More—Farrah 6:45 PM - The Selah Group - Shaw 7:00 PM - GPS - Egyud	7:00 AM - Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:15 PM - Friday Night Lights - Mershon	



## Holy Week Schedule

**Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2010**

Portrayal of "The Last Supper", 7:30 P.M.



**Easter, April 4, 2010**

Sunrise Service in Wee KirkWood, 6:45 A.M.

(No Communion)

Contemporary Service at 8:30 (Communion)

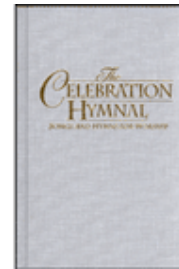
Easter Brunch, 9:40 A.M. (Bring a dish to share)

Traditional Service at 11:00 (Communion)

### New Hymnals

#### **"The Celebration Hymnal"**

Last chance to reserve a new hymnal dedicated to a loved one. Orders will be taken through April 18th. The Celebration Hymnal has more of the old traditional hymns than our current hymnal plus many of the new hymns in our current hymnal. The cost of each hymnal is \$10.00 and can be purchased in honor or in memory of a loved one, or just to glorify Christ. You can also purchase a hymnal to keep at home. Rae Lyn and Michael each have a copy of the hymnal in their offices if you wish to look at it first. Please sign up on the form in the narthex if you wish to purchase a hymnal. Make your check payable to KirkWood with hymnal on the memo line and put the check in the offering plate.



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### **Beginning HandBells**

Looking for beginning bell ringers. If you are at least 12 years of age and have an interest in learning to play handbells please contact Rae Lyn Dobson. We will be starting lessons on the technique of handbell ringing in the near future. As you progress you will be preparing to play with the HandBell Choir in the future. This does take a level of commitment equal to rehearsals 3 out of 4 Sundays each month and performance one Sunday a month at the 11:00 AM service.

# Youth Sunday School

The High School and Middle Schoolers will finish out their year with a follow-up study to our Twelve Ordinary Men with Twelve Extraordinary Women: How God Shaped Women of the Bible, and What He Wants to Do With You by John MacArthur.

Some of the women we'll study will include:

- Ruth (Ruth 1-4)
- Anna (Luke 2:36-38)
- Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (Luke 10:38-42)
- Mary Magdalene (Matthew 27:56-61)
- Sarah (Genesis 11-25)
- Hannah (1 Samuel 1-2)
- The Samaritan woman (John 4)
- Mary, the mother of Jesus (Luke 1-2)

The author starts, with Eve then moves on to Sarah, Rahab, Ruth, Hannah, Mary, Anna, The Samaritan Woman, Martha and Mary, Mary Magdalene and Lydia. How did the Jewish tradition of the day, their culture and the history around them impact the role they played in the fate of those around them and how all of these things shaped their own personal faith.

We will be challenged and motivated by this moving and personal look into the lives of some of the Bible's most faithful women. Their struggles and temptations are the same trials faced by all believers in all ages. And the God to whom they were so committed is the same God who continues to mold and use ordinary people today.

# Fisher Kids

We would like to start by welcoming 6 Fisher Kids into the KirkWood family!! Lauren Williams, Wesley Nicholas, Brenden Kibler, Alex Rouin, Corin Edwards and Sam Shoun. All attended 12 weeks of confirmation classes and were welcomed into the KirkWood family at the Palm Sunday Service! Way to go – we know that was hard work!!

In March, we helped out with the church clean-up and the annual Easter egg hunt. We also got together and planned skits for the Talent/No Talent Show and then had a great time participating in the show.

In April, we plan to go to Laser Tag in Virginia Beach on April 18<sup>th</sup>. See the bulletin board for all the information and to sign up. On April 25<sup>th</sup> we will get together at KirkWood to make treats for the Beautiful Mess small group to give out to CNU students during exam week.

If you have any questions about the upcoming events, let us know. We are having a great year and hope to see you soon!

In Christ,

Troy and Joy Landers

Scott and Paige Shoun

## Upcoming Events:

April 18 – Laser Tag, Virginia Beach

April 25 – Meeting at KirkWood to make treats for CNU

May 9 – Selling Carnations at KirkWood for Mother's Day

June 5 – 6 - Overnight retreat to Fort AP Hill

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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**Teacher: Barbara Ball**

Unit: Primetime (1 & 2 grades) Wise Ways to Live. Life Focus: Its wise to love God and Others. Learn about God and His work through fun discovery learning and creative activities that kids love. Teachers will help children explore bible stories and verses that they are able to understand and recall. Every two weeks, students will learn a new bible verse. Lesson titles are

David's kindness (2 Samuel 4), Solomon's wisdom (1 Kings 3), the building of the temple (1 Kings 5), and Solomon disobeys God (1 Kings 11). **Don't miss this study! Children will learn that God wants our trust and obedience, which leads them to Jesus, their Savior.**

**Teacher: Faye Shaw**

Unit: iExplore (3 - 5 grades) The children will learn how to use their

Bibles as guides to discover some great help in how to show courage as they obey God in their daily lives. We will be studying stories of Daniel (Daniel 1, 3, 5, & 6) in April and May, and Esther (Esther 2-5; 7-8) in June. We will be learning a new bible verse with each lesson. Ask your child what he or she has learned each Sunday; you may be surprised!

# Congregational Care

## KirkWood in Pictures



# Congregational Care

Spring is finally here! Birds are singing, flowers are blooming and everything is fresh and new. Congregational Care hopes that you are all feeling refreshed, renewed and ready for all the fun things happening at KirkWood!

Thank you to all who came to the Lenten luncheon. It was a great success with good attendance and, as always, excellent food! All are welcome to come and join the KirkWood Silver group as we meet for lunch the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month; we have a lot of fun.

Coming up on April 17<sup>th</sup> is the annual KirkWood BBQ! If you have never been to a KirkWood BBQ "Kingsmore Style", well then, you've never really had BBQ! Please be on the lookout for sign up sheets to help out with this dinner. It takes a lot of people to prepare, cook, chop, sauce, package, serve and clean up those hundreds of pounds of BBQ, so please sign up! If you have never helped out making the BBQ, you are missing some great fellowship time - making the BBQ is almost as fun as eating it! Come out and give us a hand! Keep an eye out for notices on the CC bulletin board and in the Sunday morning Bulletins. We hope everyone can come - and bring a friend or two with you!!

As a look ahead, keep May 16<sup>th</sup> open for our next Congregational Fellowship Dinner. We will be celebrating our many Military friends and family in honor of Armed Forces Day, so dust off those uniforms and be ready to salute our heroes!

Congregational Care is trying to "go green" and we encourage you to bring your own mug for coffee on Sunday mornings and your own tableware for fellowship dinners. Not only does it help the environment, it saves money!

Finally, if you are looking for opportunities to help serve others in the church, please contact Scott Coverdale (867-7748) or Susan Egyud (766-3055) and one of us will be thrilled to help you find an activity that will fit your time, talent and schedule. Congregational Care is much more than dinners and fun evenings - we try to meet the many needs of the people in the church. There are always home-bound folks to visit, cards to write, meals to prepare and friends to comfort. Please consider helping; you will find it rewarding and your time will be a blessing to the KirkWood fellowship.



## Recipe Requested

Here is the recipe for the orange jello that was at the Lenten luncheon and that won the "Most Unusual" award at the chili contest.

### Creamy Orange Gelatin

4 pkgs. (3 oz) orange jello                      4 cups boiling water  
 ½ gal. vanilla ice cream softened \*        1 ½ cups orange juice  
 2 cans (11 oz) mandarin oranges, drained

In a large bowl, dissolve jello in boiling water. Stir in ice cream and orange juice until well blended. Chill until partially set. Fold in oranges. Pour into 2 six cup ring molds coated with mayonnaise. Refrigerate overnight or until firm. Bonnie note: I usually make only one-half of the recipe and chill it in a 9 x 13 baking dish. \*Whatever the current amount is in a container of ice cream.

**WHO ARE YOU?** That's right, I'm asking you. Specifically if you are a woman ages 18+. As women we have a wonderful opportunity to "retreat" to Corolla on May 21-23 (the weekend before Memorial Day). We will have the opportunity to learn more of God's word and how it applies to us, fellowship with one another, break bread together, have many laughs, and enjoy a beach-type atmosphere. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity you need to sign up in the narthex, and drop off a check for \$55 made out to KirkWood with Women's Retreat on memo line in the church office. April Mershon (325-7189) will contact you about the retreat in order to get more details from you about the retreat. You can always contact her if you have any questions about the weekend. As always, please keep this weekend in your prayers for safekeeping, wisdom, knowledge, and a whole lot of fun! Come and explore who you are and how God sees you.



# Congregational Care



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST 2010

SOME PEOPLE FEEL THE  
RAIN, OTHERS JUST GET  
WET

### Lesson 7, April 30

Can You Feel the Attitude and  
Gratitude? Grit, Grace and  
Gratitude

Luke 19:1-10

Food: Dick Knowles

### Lesson 8, May 28

Can You Feel the Call to  
Discipleship? When You Are  
Tired of Clapping with One  
Hand

Mark 10:17-22

### Lesson 9, June 25

Can You Feel the Quality of  
Childlikeness? What Our  
Children Are Teaching Us



Martha Circle will not meet on Thursday April 1 to allow for the observance of Maundy Thursday. We will, however, meet as usual on April 15th, at 7 p.m. at KirkWood. We'll be discussing the last chapter of "Discovering God's Will for Your Life", and planning our year-end dinner outing, but if you're interesting in joining the Circle, we'd love to have you join us! Contact Linda Briggs (867-6932) for more information.

Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 13th, at 10:00 AM, in the Fellowship Hall, continuing our study, *Joshua: a Journey of Faith, Lesson 8, A Place of Rest*. Let's celebrate Eastertide and Springtime by extending our fellowship over lunch together at a nearby restaurant. Ladies, keep working on the Linus Project blankets. You may bring any blankets you have completed to the April meeting. All blankets should be turned in by the May meeting. Newcomers are always welcome. Call Wanda Birch at 868-8651, if you have questions.

For the month of April, the Eating Out Group will be going to the new restaurant in Hampton called Bensi Ristorante Italiano located in the Peninsula Towne Center. We will meet at the restaurant on Saturday April 24, 2010 at 6:00 PM. Please RSVP by April 21, 2010 to Faye Shaw at e-mail [afshaw@cox.net](mailto:afshaw@cox.net) or 868-4290.

## Eating Out Group



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE  
BLANKETS+

**BLANKETS+ OFFERING TOTAL**  
this year came to \$1,371.07! Sarah Circle and the Mission Committee commend with gratitude all you generous people for such a beautiful, caring response to the needs of people around the world facing critical conditions from disaster.



**KIRKWOOD SILVER** will return to Smithfield Station on Thursday, April 15th, for a delicious waterside lunch. Those who wish may enjoy a springtime stroll along quaint Main Street to browse the shops or visit the museum in the historic town of Smithfield. It should be lovely there this time of the year. We'll carpool from KirkWood parking lot, **leaving at 10:45 AM**. Sign up in the Narthex beginning Sunday, March 28th. Newcomers are encouraged to give KW Silver a try. You don't REALLY have to be "silver" to join in the sometimes zany fun and the always warm fellowship. If you have questions, call Bill Gilbert at 868-8953, or Wanda or Jim Birch at 868-8651.

**Plans for May 20th:** Carol Ann and Jack Schelz have invited the KirkWood Silver group to their beach home in Southern Shores, Outer Banks, NC! This would be an all day trip and would offer opportunities to be on the beach OR to participate in NON-beach points of interest options within 15 to 30 minutes of the Schelz's home: Duck Park and its boardwalk that extends out over the Sound; the Corolla Lighthouse; Wildlife Education Center, which includes a decoy exhibit and an aquarium; Whalehead, a restored private hunting home open for tours; the Wright Brothers' Memorial with Museum; and Roanoke Island with its Elizabethan Garden. We'll share lunch either out or at the Schelz's home, and those who wish may stay for dinner at one of the great Outer Banks restaurants. A detailed information packet on these activities will be available on the April Smithfield trip.

# Congregational Care

## Discipleship Groups – Facilitators Meet Quarterly, Mostly For Fun

The facilitators get together about 4 times a year to keep up with each other and share new ideas. Each time we meet we focus on one of the key ingredients of a healthy small group.

The Group Ministry Task was the emphasis of our November (2009) meeting and was hosted by the Shaw's. Everyone brought one of the ingredients to a mystery pie and we put it together and baked it in Faye's kitchen, while we waited to taste the results. The purpose of that group dessert-making was to symbolize how a successful group ministry, brings people closer together, while using the "gifts" of every member to accomplish something great. Well, the pie wasn't great (soupy); we ate it anyway and enjoyed the fellowship.

Our most recent meeting was in February, with a Prayer and Praise focus. The Mershon's hosted this meeting, treating us to delicious desserts and fruits. Rich and Steve brought their guitars to help us sing a few songs of praise to kick off the meeting! All night, whether our voices were lifted in praise or lowered in prayer and petition, we enjoyed the fellowship with God.

In May, the Knowles will treat us to some hospitality at their home and the topic of conversation will be Great Fellowship as Disciples of Christ. We'll explore the meaning of Christian Fellowship and talk about the way(s) that kind of fellowship may differ from gatherings with non-believers. Also, we'll discuss how we can be the *life of the party* and a *light of hope* in those less Christian gatherings. I hope all the facilitators can be there.

Enjoy April Showers – or have we had enough in March?

Blessings, Gina Williams, Discipleship Group Coordinator

## Discipleship: Together in the great adventure of following Jesus

Men want their life to count. We want to experience success in our careers, have a happy marriage, and raise children who are emotionally and spiritually healthy. Men who attend church want to have a maturing relationship with Christ and to be of service to those inside and outside the church. Men fail everyday – in their marriages, with their children, and in their careers – even though they had no intention of failing. The statistics are demoralizing. **For every 10 men in the church . . .**

- Nine will have children leave the church before they graduate from high school
- Eight will not find their jobs satisfying
- Six will pay only the monthly minimum on their credit cards
- Five will have a major problem with pornography
- Four will get divorces, affecting one million children a year
- Only one will have a Biblical worldview (think like Jesus thinks)
- All will struggle to balance responsibilities at home and at work

Why is this happening? The primary reason that men fail is that they have not been properly discipled.

They want to follow Christ in the details of their lives, but they don't have the tools to be able to do it. On April 9th, the Iron Men of KirkWood will give you the tools and unpack the toolbox to help you become the person you have always wanted to be.

The Iron Men of KirkWood will be utilizing Tony Dungy's "Dare to Be Uncommon" Men's Bible Study during our small group meeting the second Friday of each month from 7:15-9:00 PM at Bob Maloney's house. Tom Watson, Rich Eglyud, and I used this excellent study during the KirkWood Men's Retreat. The study is seven sessions long, reinforcing important life lessons:

1. Strengthening Your Core;
2. Loving Your Family;
3. Lifting Your Family and Others;
4. Your Full Potential;
5. A Mission That Matters;
6. Influence Over Image; and
7. Live Your Faith.

Unfortunately, not all KirkWood men were able to attend the retreat therefore, I would like to extend the spiritual enrichment opportunity to all men.

Blessings,  
Phil

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Our Mission Statement: As we "Draw the Circle Wide" we affirm our call by Jesus Christ to share the Gospel and be instruments of compassion, social justice and systemic change.

# Mission News

The Mission Committee welcomes and encourages new members to our fold. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., room 1A.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Jesus said, "Do you love me? Feed my sheep". (John 21:15-19)

Please don't forget that our One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected on Easter Sunday. Please bring your fish boxes. Remember, in sharing resources, we not only witness God's love in action in their lives; we feel it moving in our own.



**A DAY IN THE COUNTRY**, Zuni Presbyterian Homes' Annual Visitors' Day, will be held on **Saturday, April 24th. from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM.** The residents of Zuni Presbyterian Homes will welcome you with smiles to their campus and be happy to give you a tour of the grounds and cottages which serve as their home. You'll also have an opportunity to visit the Peanut Shop (on site), purchase potted plants for your garden, try a Pork Chop Sandwich for lunch (or a hamburger or hot dog), play Bingo, hear some outstanding musical performances, bid on authentic Amish quilts and/or a print by local wildlife artist Jim Wilson, go on a hayride, purchase bake sale items, enjoy watching children play on inflatables or try their hand at carnival games, and all while being entertained by a terrific clown! A Day in the Country offers all this and more! A special highlight this year will be the Ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new pool. The previous pool was destroyed in 2006 by heavy rains from a Nor'easter.

If you'd like to volunteer to help at Day in the Country manning a booth for an hour and a half (KirkWood's Mission Committee could use help with the Lemonade Stand), providing baked goods, guessing jars (no chocolate, please), or a monetary gift or gift card, talk to Wanda Birch (or Jim) at church or at 868-8651. Does anyone have a time share vacation or other vacation week or weekend that could be donated to be auctioned at Day in the Country? There will be a volunteer/donation sign-up sheet in the Narthex beginning March 28th.

**HELPING THE LEAST OF THEM:** Since 1973, that's the mission of the Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (PPCC) assisting people who want to access counseling in a faith-based context – who lack insurance or the ability to pay the fees. Bill Gilbert of KirkWood is currently serving on the Board of Directors for the PPCC.

On Friday, April 16, PPCC will hold it's first Annual Benefit Auction and Banquet at point Plaza Suites and Conference Center, Newport News, to raise money for the Client Assistance Fund. Last year, PPCC assisted more than 200 people, drawing upon more than \$102,000 from this fund. This year the need is even greater with a goal of \$139,550.

Tickets to the event are \$65 per person (\$40 may be deducted for income tax purposes according to IRS Regulation 67-246, Federal Tax ID No. 54-0930168) and are available by contacting the PPCC at 757-873-2273 or by email at [office@peninsulapastoral.com](mailto:office@peninsulapastoral.com).

If unable to attend, please consider sending a gift of support for the Client Assistance Fund to PPCC, 707 Gum Rock Court, Newport News, Virginia 23606. KirkWood has been a supporter of PPCC for several years and we hope you will help us continue to support this valuable mission work.

## PORT (People Offering Resources Together)

The Mission Committee would again like to thank all the volunteers who came out to help man the overnight shelter on March 4<sup>th</sup> at North Riverside Baptist. We served 88 guests. It means so much to them to engage in conversation and share stories and experiences. Let us always be aware of Galatians 6:9 "Let us not become weary in doing good." Bless you all for answering the call for help.

**JUST A REMINDER\*\*\*\*\***The first Sunday of the month is our collection day for the St. Luke's food pantry. If you forget to bring it on the first Sunday, please bring it as soon as you remember..... you don't have to wait until the next month! You may put it in the basket in the large Narthex closet. Thank you for your continued donations.

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- One Great Hour of Sharing Offering - April 4<sup>th</sup>
- Food Pantry - April 4<sup>th</sup>
- H.O.P.E (Helping Other People Eat) - April 11<sup>th</sup>
- Day in the Country (Zuni) - April 24<sup>th</sup>
- Next Mission Meeting - April 6<sup>th</sup>

**ADULT MISSION TRIP -- Wow!** It appears there is plenty of interest in organizing an adult mission trip. So, our next step is to form a committee, pray and do it. Details will follow.



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**Sunday School:** 9:40 AM (infant - adult)

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## Special dates in April

- April 1 - Maundy Thursday - "The Last Supper" Portrayal, 7:30 P.M.
- April 2 - Good Friday
- April 4 - Easter
- April 21 - Administrative Professionals Day
- April 22 - Earth Day