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## OUTSTANDING CONFERENCE



On November 22, KMBC hosted a Voice of the Martyrs Young Adult Conference. It was a powerful event which made a great impression on those who attended.

In the above picture, these students are all wearing a shirt with the letter “N” in the Syrian language. It stands for followers of the Nazarene which the terrorists painted on the doors of Christian homes, so they could be easily located for persecution.

Russell Stendal, a missionary to the Colombian jungle, told his experience of being kidnapped and held hostage in the Colombian jungle by communist guerillas.

Since his release in 1983 he has worked to evangelize the very enemies who kidnapped him. Through his tireless efforts and the mighty power of God’s Spirit, he won the trust and respect of the communist guerillas. Many have been converted. For years he has tried to bring the Columbian government and the communist guerillas together for peace negotiations. After more than twenty separate peace negotiation talks, Russell was able to

help facilitate a cease-fire to an awful civil war that has been going on for over 50 years!

Sarah Liu shared her experience of six years of imprisonment and torture in a Chinese prison. It was amazing to hear how God gave unusual grace to help her endure the pain and suffering.

Brother John told incredible stories about the revival that is going on in Syria. He said so many people are coming to Christ that the church his father pastors in Damascus has to hold over a dozen services a week to accommodate the crowds!

He reported that major revivals are occurring among the Muslims in five Muslim countries including Syria, Iran, and Egypt. The brutality of the Muslim terrorists is opening the eyes of many, causing millions to abandon their Muslim faith, with large numbers coming to Christ!

It was thrilling to hear Brother John describe the bold witness of the Christians in these Muslim countries. His stories sounded like something out of the book of Acts! The entire conference was an awesome, faith-inspiring event! God is alive and well, and He is as powerful as ever!



## AMBER WISLER

Amber Wisler graduated from Georgetown College this past December with a Master of Arts in Education with Certification in Special Education (Learning and Behavioral Disorders). With this degree she is qualified to teach Pre-K through 12th grade, as well as teach at KMBC. Mrs. Wisler teaches education courses in KMBC's elementary education program. She also directs the college's remedial education program. KMBC is very grateful to have Amber on staff. She does an excellent job with the courses she teaches and gets very high student reviews.

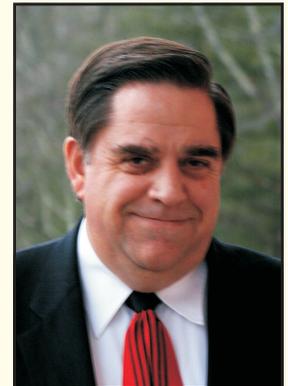
## RUTH (SPEAS) DARLAND

Ruth (Speas) Darland completed her Masters in Counseling Degree from Liberty University. This degree includes two programs, which qualifies her to do professional clinical counseling for addiction, substance abuse, marriage and family, and adolescent and crisis counseling. She is currently a licensed Professional Counselor Associate. After completing two years of residency she will have her own independent license. Her training and expertise in the field of professional counseling will be a great asset to KMBC as we prepare our students to minister to broken and dysfunctional people who have been abused by sin.



## WHY I BELIEVE IN KMBC

Recently I had the privilege of preaching for a pastor who had attended KMBC. He shared that his assistant who recently graduated with a ministerial degree from a holiness university had a school loan of \$90,000. Today, someone else told me that a relative who graduated from a holiness university had a student loan of \$100,000. That is staggering! How will a young minister with a small salary, who is usually starting out in a small church, be able to pay such a big debt?



Dr. Phil Speas

I believe in KMBC because we do our best to make the cost affordable. We deliberately keep our prices down, since 77% of our four year graduates go into ministry. Based on the financial data that we report to the government, *USA Today* rated Kentucky Mountain Bible College as the #10 least expensive college in the nation to receive a degree!

<http://college.usatoday.com/2015/01/05/15-least-expensive-colleges-to-get-your-degree/>

Wow! That is impressive!

Based on KMBC data for the last 3 years, 39% of our four-year graduates graduated debt free. The average school loan for the the other 61% was \$12,402 upon graduation—a far cry from \$90,000 - \$100,000! Much thanks is owed to the faculty and staff who sacrifice so that those who are called into ministry can have an affordable education. Thank God, KMBC offers a quality education at a price students can afford!

# MISSIONS CONFERENCE



**Dr. Roy Lauter**

KMBC is hosting a dynamic missions convention, March 5th & 6th. This event will include powerful services and challenging seminars. The speakers will include Dr. Roy Lauter, Bill Ryan, and Dr. Louie Bustle.

Dr. Lauter is the president of New Hope International, a missions organization that trains people for missions ministry and facilitates short term mission trips. Dr. Lauter has taken more than 2,000 people on mission trips.

Bill and Beth Ryan are KMBC grads and WGM missionaries to a very remote and dangerous area of Honduras that is controlled by drug lords. Bill and Beth are truly grass-roots missionaries who



**Dr. Louie Bustle**

have chosen to live a very simple and somewhat primitive lifestyle so that they can reach these underprivileged people for Christ.

Dr. Louie Bustle has had a life-long career working in missions in the Church of the Nazarene. He and his wife started out as missionaries in the Caribbean, and then became the regional director of Nazarene missions over all of South America. This region experienced tremendous growth under his leadership. Following this he became Global Missions Director for the Church of the Nazarene. Dr. Bustle has a unique passion and grasp of world missions. Come and hear the exciting things God is doing around the world. It will stir your soul and help you be a better Christian!



**Bill and Beth Ryan**

## REV. I. D. & PAULINE SWINEHART SCHOLARSHIP

Rev. I. D. & Pauline Swinehart were a godly couple who gave their lives in ministry, pastoring five churches in Ohio and Pennsylvania with the Wesleyan Methodist Church and later the Wesleyan Church.

Rev. Swinehart also served several years as denominational evangelist. The Swineharts loved the message of heart holiness and came to appreciate KMBI/KMBC for its noble work of training ministers to spread the holiness message.

In 2000, family members decided to honor the Swineharts' memory by establishing a student scholarship endowment fund at Kentucky Mountain Bible College. The fund was started with \$18,100. As family members have continued to add to it regularly it has grown until it has reached \$168,415!

What a wonderful way to honor the memory of godly ancestors! With the earnings of this scholarship endowment fund we will be able to award about 12 scholarships in 2015. KMBC is deeply grateful to the Swinehart family for their kindness and generosity to KMBC and to our students.

Endowed scholarships are wonderful because they are a gift that keeps on giving year after year. To all our friends who have established endowed scholarships, we say a big thank you!



**Rev. I. D. & Pauline Swinehart**

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: ELIZABETH ELLIOT

Elizabeth is a bible quizzer who hails from Lexington, Kentucky, and started this fall with the intention of preparing for a God-called ministry. I asked her why she chose KMBC, and she responded with unusual clarity.

She had been looking for a school that fit four specific criteria; 1. It must be ministry focused, 2. It had to be affordable, 3. It must hold the Word of God to be inerrant, and 4. It must have a caring staff.

KMBC was the “perfect fit” according to Elizabeth. She had first come to a recruiting event at KMBC to hear an Answers in Genesis speaker. Her KMBC roommate for that event was a girl with a heart for missions and holi-



ness. The two spent quite some time talking about holiness, something Elizabeth had been hungering for. The next morning Dr Speas spoke on that subject, and Elizabeth responded to God’s call and was wholly sanctified.

I asked her about how that has played out since coming here as a student and she said she is now learning how to both live and share this holy life in a practical way. She greatly appreciates the way KMBC is geared toward ministry; “They teach you how to

use everything to glorify God.” she said.

Elizabeth is a bright light here, and continues to hunger after God and His truth. Please pray that God’s light will grow ever brighter through her.

## DONATED APPRECIATED STOCK

The college is very grateful to Al Reeser of Essex, Connecticut, for a very generous donation of appreciated stock to be used to establish an endowed scholarship fund. Al is a nephew of Dr. Lela G. McConnell, who founded Kentucky Mountain Bible College in 1931. Mr. Reeser wanted to establish a memorial scholarship in his mother’s name, Anna Bessie McConnell Reeser, who was a sister of Dr. McConnell.

As a kid, Al remembers Miss McConnell visiting his home in Honeybrook, Pennsylvania, with students from the college. He said, “Back then, we didn’t have much money to give to my aunt and her work. Now I am trying to make up for what we couldn’t do back then.” Thank you very much for this great gift. Your Aunt Lela would be very pleased and proud!

## PASSED THE HALF-WAY MARK!

In March of 2013, KMBC launched the Stand In The Gap Campaign, with the goal to raise \$1,500,000. The categories include:

**\$500,000 student scholarship endowment**

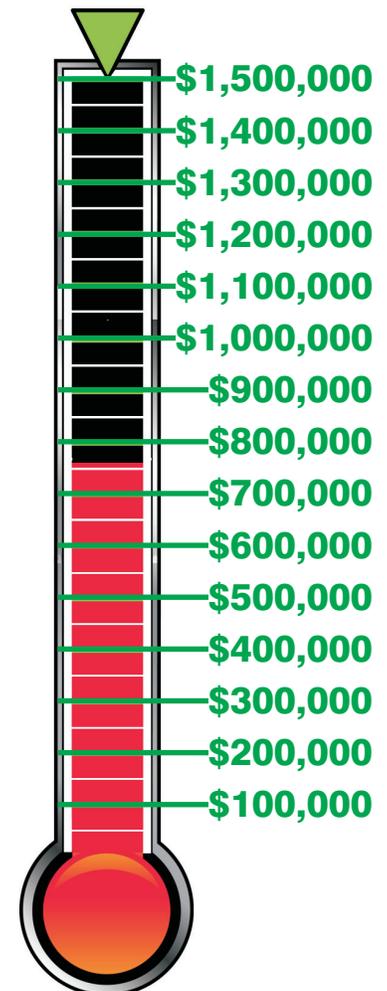
**\$400,000 faculty (staff endowment and support)**

**\$300,000 wills and annuities**

**\$200,000 campus improvements**

**\$200,000 sewer treatment**

Praise the Lord, as of January 21, 2015, we have passed the half-way mark with \$764,328. We are half-way to our goal with 2 years to go. What a victory! We are deeply grateful to all who have given. Please pray that we reach the goal of \$1,500,000 by December 31, 2016.





**Rainta Bowers**

## **OUTLOUD**

**April 24-25**

Do you know of a Christian youth who has talents (singing, playing instruments, or public speaking) that they would like to use for the Lord? KMBC is inviting Christian youth to enter our talent contest for a chance to win a scholarship. The response to these talent contests has been impressive, turning up excellent talent! A good number who competed not only won scholarships, but are now in KMBC's scholarship singing groups!



**Aaron Williams**

KMBC encourages pastors and youth leaders to round up their youth (sophomore, juniors, and seniors) and bring them to our spring recruiting event "Outloud."

Visitors and KMBC students will have a chance to have great clean fun, using their talents for God, and be challenged to do great things for God. Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar.

We invite pastors, youth leaders, and parents to bring a van load to this exciting event. It could be a life changing event for the youth you care so much about!

Here are pictures of students who participated in the contest last year.

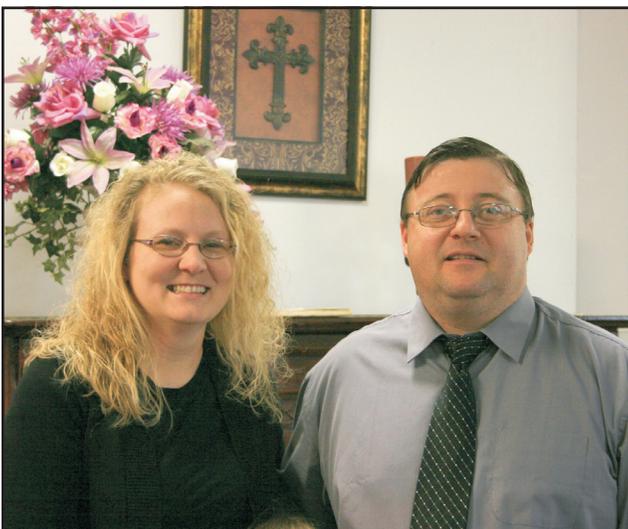
## **Mt. Carmel Family Camp — July 26 - August 2**

**Evangelists: Rev George Holly and Rev. Lane Loman**

• Air-conditioned Auditorium • RV Hookups • Air-conditioned Dorm

**For Information Call 606-666-5008**

## **KMBC's ON-LINE CLASS**



Byron Spencer recently completed an on-line class, the Theology of Holiness, at Kentucky Mountain Bible College, and I asked him how it went.

He said, "The on-line class was really good. I learned a lot from the class, and I continue to use the text-book in my pastoral studies. The class was easy to negotiate," he went on to say, "and I got quick responses to my questions; grades were returned speedily, and it was flexible."

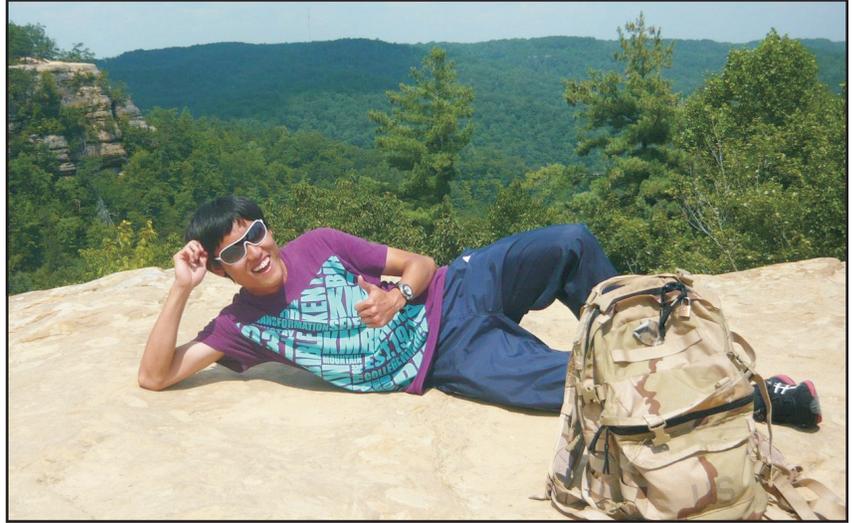
Being flexible is particularly important to Byron who has a family, works full time, and has just taken his first pastoral position. He noted that the faculty were good to work with and considerate to the issues surrounding a man with a full time job.

Are you interested in KMBC's on-line offerings, or do you know someone who may be? This is a great opportunity to strengthen your grip on God's Word. Call, text, or e-mail us and we will work to address your needs.

# YOUTH CAMP - JULY 27 - 31

KMBC is planning for another great camp for 7th - 12th grade youth. Last summer's camp enrolled 80+ campers. This year we are trying for 100. The cost is \$100 - \$90 if you pre-register and \$80 per person if you bring a large group.

Other camps that offer the kind of activities that we provide are \$200 and up. The KMBC campus is an ideal place to host the camp since it is located in the middle of God's great outdoors. Here campers can go canoeing, hiking, water sliding, and other great outdoor stuff. All this in a spiritually charged atmosphere.

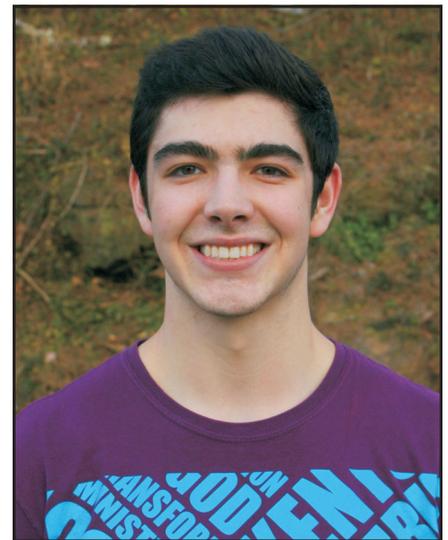


## QUOTES FROM CAMPERS:



*KaLoy: I looked forward to being in the really godly atmosphere. It is a great place to meet godly friends that you will keep. The food was really good. I can't say enough good things about the camp! It's the reason I'm a student at KMBC.*

*Garett: I like the atmosphere and the spiritual focus. I loved the tea and the food was good. The interaction with the games helped everyone get involved. The canoeing and hiking at Natural Bridge were lots of fun. I came to the camp three years - it is the best church camp I have ever attended.*

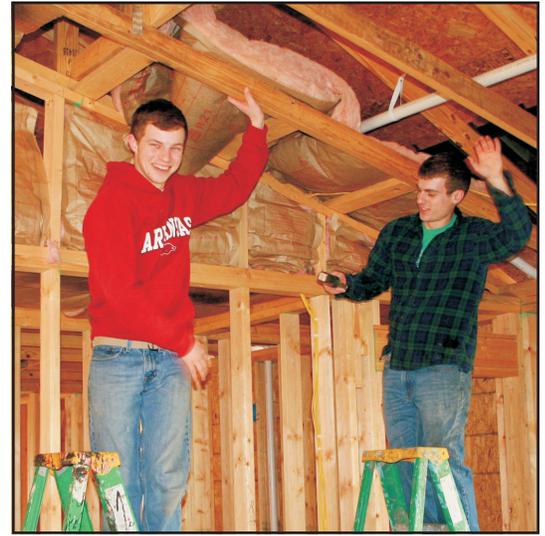


**If you are a pastor, youth leader, or parent looking for an affordable, spiritual, top-quality camp look no further! We'd love to have you bring your teens. For more information check out our web site at [www.kmbc.edu/youthcamp](http://www.kmbc.edu/youthcamp)**

## PROGRESS ON HOUSE

Pictured here is a group installing the insulation. (This insulation was donated and the only cost to KMBC was shipping.) Since the insulation is free we are making sure that it is extra thick. This will reduce both heating and cooling costs. In December and January, teams roughed in the heating & cooling and electric & plumbing. As soon as crews finish insulation, the house will be ready for drywall and painting. Several work teams are planning to come this spring. We need several more teams to help us finish. If you can bring a team please give us a call.

The two ladies that it is being built for (Miss Griffith and Miss Mowery) are excited about moving in. All together they have worked for KMBC a total of 116 years! With that kind of awesome tenure they deserve a special place.



## WORK TEAMS NEEDED

When visitors drive on campus they are often surprised by its beauty. They never expected anything so nice and attractive. Much of the credit for our beautiful campus goes to the hundreds of volunteer work teams who have given so tirelessly and generously of their time and talents. Some have come over 100 times to work on our campus—incredible! These teams have saved the college millions of dollars in labor costs. KMBC could never have made so many improvements without their help. When thanked for their generous service they most often humbly say, “We who come get the greatest blessings.”

Sadly, many of our most faithful volunteers are getting to the age where they must lay down their hammers and saws. To continue to make improvements, KMBC needs a new group of volunteer workers to take their place.

We need framing carpenters, electricians, heating & cooling specialists, plumbers, finish carpenters, drywall hangers & finishers, block & brick layers, cement workers, heavy equipment operators, tile installers, painters, carpet layers, cabinet builders, lots of helpers, and the list goes on.

If you have any of these skills or are a general helper and would like to get involved just give us a call. You will be a great benefit to God’s kingdom and receive a special blessing from God as well.

## WORK TEAM ROLL CALL

DATE	NAME	STATE	No	WORK DONE
Oct	Sam Miller	NC	3	Carpentry
Oct	Gary Archer	OH	2	Carpentry
Dec	Gary Knox	OH	3	Heating & Cooling
Jan	David Blazer	TN OH	2	Electrical
Jan	Kathy Siegel	OH	5	Electrical, painting, cleaning, cooking

## DIRECTOR OF CHURCH RELATIONS



Rev. Bob England, a long-time Wesleyan pastor, is joining KMBC as the new Director of Church Relations. President Speas said that he has dreamed of having someone fill a position like this for years, but never had the available staff. Bob brings with him a rich history of pastoral experience having pastored six churches over a span of 45 years. He also served as Assistant District Superintendent of the Indiana South District of the Wesleyan church for 12 years. He served on the District Board of Administration for 25 years and was the coordinator of the Ministerial Development Program for 14 years. Bob has a true pastor’s heart and a great love for people. He will be working as a liaison between the college and the churches and pastors who are our friends. He will be working with pastors and church leaders to find ways that KMBC can be of greater support and benefit to these friends. We extend a warm welcome to Bob and his wife Vivian as they join the KMBC staff.

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The College Choir from KMBC, under the direction of Mr. Jay Wisler, will be lifting up the name of Jesus through choral ministry. The choir is made up of students from around the United States. While the main thrust of the tour will take place March 14-22, the choir will be ministering in pre/post services. Come join us for a blessed time of worship and testimony!

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8 10:45 AM**  
Lancaster Church of the Nazarene 859-792-3252  
249 Lexington Road, Lancaster, KY 40444

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8 6:00 PM**  
Lafayette Church of the Nazarene 859-278-7213  
264 Lafayette Parkway Lexington, KY 40503

**SATURDAY MARCH 14 7:00 PM**  
Trinity Friends Church 276-632-2652  
217 Spring Street Martinsville, VA

**SUNDAY MARCH 15 10:45 AM**  
Immanuel Friends Church 336-623-7961  
405 S. Merriman Street Eden, NC

**SUNDAY MARCH 15 6:00 PM**  
Raeford Evangelical Methodist 910-368-8985  
379 West Palmer St. Raeford, NC 28376

**MONDAY MARCH 16 7:00 PM**  
United Wesleyan Church 423-312-2352  
201 Spring Street Jamestown, TN

**TUESDAY MARCH 17 6:00 PM**  
Shankey Brach First Church of God 931-243-2736  
733 Livingston Highway Celina, TN

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 18 6:30 PM**  
Decatur First Independent Methodist 256-355-7518  
3 Oxmore Flint Road SW Decatur, AL

**THURSDAY MARCH 19 7:00 PM**  
Albany United Church of the Nazarene 606-688-6765  
534 Nazarene Rd. Albany, KY 42602

**SUNDAY MARCH 22 10:30 AM**  
Hillsboro Church of the Nazarene 765-798-2350  
453 S. State Road 341 Hillsboro, IN

**SUNDAY MARCH 22 6:00 PM**  
Six Points Wesleyan Church 317-758-4239  
1545 West 226th Street, Sheridan, IN 46069

**SUNDAY MARCH 29 10:00 AM**  
Sturgis Evangelical Church 269-651-9176  
28201 Fawn River Rd Sturgis, MI

**SUNDAY MARCH 29 6:00 PM**  
Trinity Wesleyan Church 419-302-5152  
414 East Market Street Lima, OH

**SUNDAY APRIL 19 10:30 AM**  
Church@GrandinVillage 540-342-1420  
1701 Memorial Ave SW Roanoke, Virginia

**SUNDAY APRIL 19 6:00 PM**  
New Life Church of the Nazarene 865-483-1137  
200 Lafayette Drive, Oak Ridge, TN