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NEW HOME FOR RETIREES

At most work places, when faithful workers retire, they are given a special commemorative gift, a nice party, a lot of well wishes, handshakes, good-byes, and then they are gone for good! Not so at KMBC! We don't send our retirees away. We try to take good care of them, providing for their basic needs in the same loving, secure environment in which they worked.



Mary Ellen Mowery

This summer and fall KMBC is building a very comfortable, handicap-accessible house for two outstanding long-term workers (Miss Henrietta Griffith who taught 63 years and Miss Mary Ellen Mowery who has been our dietician for 53 years). Both of these ladies spent most of their working years living in tiny dorm apartments. Now we want to give them something better in their sunset years!

We are excited that a friend of the college has volunteered to secure the volunteer work teams to build this home. The basement has been dug and the foundation poured. We hope to have it framed up and the roof on by the first of August and ready to move into by Thanksgiving.



Henrietta Griffith

CONGRATULATIONS



Daniel Lorimer, Manager of WMTC Mountain Gospel Radio, has completed a Masters degree. Dan graduated from KMBC in 2009 and joined the staff at KMBC the same year. He worked in Information Technology for several years, and then became the General Manager of Mountain Gospel Radio,

WMTC, in 2011. This past semester, Dan completed a Masters of Education with an Emphasis in Educational Technology.

In addition to his work at Mountain Gospel Radio, Dan also serves on the KMBC faculty as the technology instructor. His wife, Charlotte, also works at Mountain Gospel as an on-air host.

Dan's leadership has expanded Mountain Gospel into online streaming and mobile apps, at www.mountaingospel.org. Mountain Gospel is currently raising funds for an expansion into the Winchester and Lexington coverage area through the purchase of another Christian radio station. KMBC is blessed by dedicated and talented workers. We congratulate Daniel Lorimer on his achievement!

GREAT CONTRIBUTION



On April 30, KMBC presented Distinguished Service Awards to Don and Ted Shmidt. Don and Ted are a father and son team who diligently managed KMBC's investments from 2002-2014. After many years of faithful service, due to age and family health concerns, Don decided it was time to pass the torch on to someone else.

Don & Ted were volunteers who worked like they were being paid big salaries. During the years they were managing KMBC's financial holdings, our investments more than doubled, and almost \$900,000 was returned to the college in earnings. KMBC wishes to thank these men for going way above and beyond the call of duty! Words are totally inadequate to thank them for their extraordinary service.

BUILT TO LAST WHY I BELIEVE IN KMBC

A number of years ago a mechanic friend of mine told me that KMBC should consider buying a Dodge Sprinter Van, built by Mercedes-Benz. He said that they were far superior to any other large vans. He claimed that the fuel economy and the great durability would save us considerable money in the long-run.



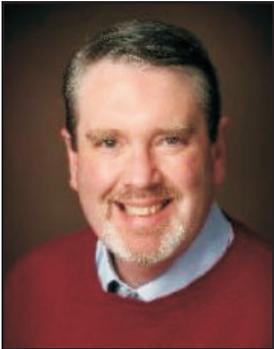
Dr. Phil Speas

I followed his advice. He was right! It has saved us thousands of dollars. The van is 10 years old and has been driven about 320,000 miles. It gets fantastic mileage, uses almost no oil, and runs like a new vehicle! Amazing! Why? It was built by Mercedes-Benz and it was built to last! The counterpart vans look impressive when they are new but aren't built with the same quality or to the high specifications of Mercedes-Benz. I'm sold on our Sprinter van because it has lasted the life of 2 vans made by its competitors and is still going strong.

I believe in KMBC because the graduates it produces are built to last! Recent nationwide studies are showing that roughly 80% of people who go into the ministry quit within five years. That is deplorable. A few months ago KMBC did a fifteen year study of its recent 4 year grads who went into the ministry. The drop-out rate was only 22% compared to the studies that showed a national drop-out rate of 80%. KMBC's rate is 363% better! I believe in KMBC because, like Mercedes-Benz, it produces a product that is built to last for the long haul!

BIBLICAL CHURCH GROWTH & EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

NOV. 7 & 8, 2014



Dr. Tim Roehl

For years KMBC has had the reputation of providing top quality training for students preparing for ministry. KMBC has a new dream of providing quality continuing education opportunities for its alumni and other friends in ministry. Continuing education helps us stay fresh and keeps us from becoming boring and falling into a rut. President Speas says that his wife, who is an ER nurse, has to take an average of one continuing education class a month just to be an ER nurse. If continuing education is needed for those in the medical field, is it not also needed for those who are working in ministry?



Rev. Mike Pounds



Rev. Jeff Keaton

Our guest speakers for this fall conference are Dr. Tim Roehl, Rev. Mike Pounds, and Rev. Jeff Keaton. Dr. Roehl will be teaching pastors and churches how to work as “missionaries” to an American culture that has become increasingly pagan and atheistic. Rev. Mike Pounds will present the concept of “house churches” and tell how they are becoming increasingly effective in reaching people who are prejudiced against organized religion. Rev. Jeff Keaton, who was a very successful pastor, will share effective methods of evangelism in the local church. Be sure to mark your calendar and come to this conference to get some ideas on how to effectively reach and win the lost in your local area. Another added plus is that the meals and conference are free! How can you beat a deal like that!

3RD ANNUAL HOLINESS SUMMIT WAS A BIG HIT

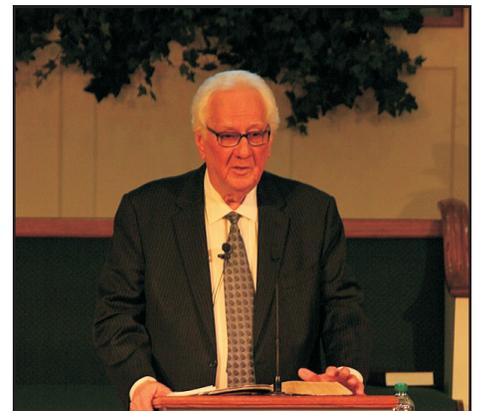
Our April 27-29 Holiness Summit was a big hit, drawing visitors from 15 different states! They came from Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Texas, Georgia, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Colorado, Oklahoma, and California! The preaching was outstanding. A visitor friend of mine said that it had been a long time since he had heard such great holiness preaching and had been in such powerfully anointed services! It was truly a holiness feast. Accompanying the great preaching were a number of excellent altar services with seekers lining the altar and the front row pews. If you are hungry for great holiness preaching and spirit-anointed services, be sure to make plans to attend our next Holiness Summit!



Dr. Michael Avery



Dr. Louie Bustle



Dr. Earle Wilson

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Since Alyssa O'Donnell was little, she had a dream of teaching second grade and sharing her love of music and love of God. She wanted to be a light that these children could see.

To pursue this dream, after graduating from high school she entered a secular university with the intention of getting a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education. The first year there she concentrated on honing her flute skills and learning to play and teach the trumpet and French horn. What she also learned was how to make excuses and drift away from God. The drifting took wings, and all too soon she developed into a foul mouthed, bitter, and immoral young woman. She felt sorry about her lifestyle when she went to the Christian campus youth meetings, but eventually stopped going to those. The secular education she was pursuing was having its intended effect; the secularizing of her values and the elimination of her standards.

The summer following this first year of college she was scheduled to attend a church camp as a counselor, though she felt very conflicted because of what her life had become. Before the camp began, however, God began to speak to her through a devotional book and *The Christian Atheist* by Craig

Groeschel, and she began to once again seek God. At the camp, though she felt most unworthy, God continued to call her to make a complete surrender. On a Wednesday evening under the preaching of Rev. Claude Nicolas, she obeyed God and made the surrender He was calling for. With a common interest in music, Alyssa spoke to KMBC's singing group "By Grace" who were also at the camp. They challenged her to surrender a relationship she was in to God and pursue her music education dream at KMBC. After praying about it, she concluded it was the direction she should go.



Alyssa O'Donnell

Alyssa began at KMBC in the fall of 2013, and has not for a moment regretted her choice. She said recently that since coming here she has realized her value in God's eyes and has been continually challenged to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the God who loves her. She also stated that she has been inspired by the faculty and staff to live a holy life because she has seen it done on campus.

Currently Alyssa is part of KMBC's summer counseling team, and is being both stretched and blessed as she ministers in Jesus' name. Please keep Alyssa in your prayers as she reaches for the dreams God has for her.

AMAZING SERVICE



determined that a special party should be held in honor of his 100th trip. Words are inadequate to describe the great contribution that Jerry and Les have made to the college. These men are more than volunteers – they have been called of God to provide major help for KMBC's building program. Thank you men for answering God's call!

Pictured are Jerry and Darlene McLaughlin of Homeworth, Ohio, and Les Jackson of Stow, Ohio. Jerry and Les have each come to work at KMBC 100 times or more. They worked over 40 weeks on the building of the chapel alone! Jerry's wife, Darlene, secretly phoned the school and told us that it was her husband's 99th trip. When President Speas learned of this, it was deter-



MYERS MEMORIAL GARDEN



On Alumni Day, April 26, KMBC dedicated the beautiful Myers Memorial Garden. This garden honors three heroic groups of people who have made a major impact on the college.

The first group honored is the Myers Family and those who drowned in the July 5, 1939, flood. They literally gave their lives. Memorial funds given to Nettie Myers following the drowning of her husband Horace and three children, were given to build the Myers Chapel. A beautiful bronze plaque marks the site of the altar in the chapel and tells the powerful story of the flood.



The second group honored is called the KMBC Hall of Fame. These plaques list the names, years of service, and positions filled by 23 KMBC workers who worked at the college 30 years or more. This collective group of names represent an amazing amount of piety, commitment, and sacrifice.

The third group honored is called the KMBC Work Team Hall of Fame. This group consists of 68 people who have come on at least 10 work teams to help out at KMBC. Some have come as much as one hundred times. What an incredible contribution they have made to KMBC.

Very special thanks are due to Sara Luce for the beautiful design and Jerry McLaughlin and Gene Light for a major part of the construction. To all who worked on the project and provided funding, we say a big heart-felt thanks.



“HIS HANDS”



In April, a large work team from the “His Hands” organization came from Michigan to work at KMBC. This team of about 40 people, led by Mike VanderKamp, put new roofs on



2 apartment complexes, built a 70' deck on the KMBC cabin, weeded and mulched KMBC's many flower gardens, and did numerous other jobs. “His Hands,” which has been coming for over 20 years, is the largest team we have and does an amazing



amount of work. Their work ethic, including the youth, is very impressive. We are deeply grateful to this team and all of our work team friends for the tremendous contribution they have made to KMBC over the years.



STAND IN THE GAP PROGRESS

In March of 2013 KMBC launched a new capital campaign – Stand in the Gap. It seems that there are many gaps appearing everywhere in our culture, morals, homes, government, schools, and churches. Who will stand in the gap? We believe God is calling KMBC to stand in the gap and make a real difference for God and righteousness. Our goal is to enlist 200 volunteer student recruiters and raise \$1,500,000 by December 31, 2017.



The categories include:

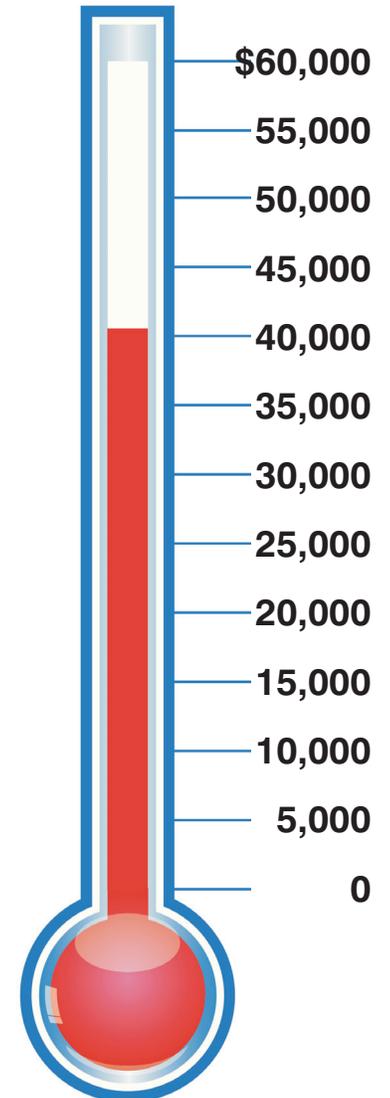
- \$500,000 student scholarship endowment
- \$400,000 faculty/staff endowment and support
- \$300,000 wills and annuities
- \$200,000 campus improvements
- \$100,000 sewer treatment

Praise God, as of June 30, \$469,205 has been raised for Stand in the Gap! We are most grateful to all who have given to this program. Please join us in prayer that we can reach these important goals.

SUMMER BUILDING PROJECT MATCHING FUND

At Easter time we announced that a special group of friends of the college have made possible an exciting gift matching opportunity. This group of friends pledged to match up to \$30,000, dollar for dollar, for our summer building project fund. What a great deal – every dollar given equals 2! The principal building project this summer is to build a nice retirement home for Miss Henrietta Griffith and Miss Mary Ellen Mowery. If the response to this matching challenge is good we will have a total of \$60,000 for our summer building projects.

I am happy to report that the combined challenge and matching money received to date is \$40,550. We only need \$19,450 to reach our goal. If you would like to participate and have your dollars doubled, be sure to earmark your gift for the summer building project matching fund. We wish to thank everyone who has given to this worthy project!



TIRED OF CD'S PAYING ALMOST NOTHING?

A friend of the college, who lives in Florida, was tired of low CD and bank rates. He decided that a charitable gift annuity with KMBC was a better option. Instead of getting almost nothing he will be guaranteed 9% as long as he lives. With a charitable gift annuity he is doing two things: he is making a generous gift to the college, and he is guaranteeing himself a good rate of return for the rest of his life. That sounds like a win-win situation! We say a big thank you to this friend and to all of our other friends who have established charitable gift annuities with KMBC. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call for more information.

UNIQUE ANSWERS TO PRAYER

About a year and a half ago KMBC's plant manager shared his concern with President Speas that a number of our major buildings had roofs that were in very poor condition. We didn't have funding in our budget for these needs. To buy the materials would be very expensive. We made it a matter of prayer. Not long after that the college was able to buy 2½ semi-loads of top quality shingles for about 1/3 of the market price. Later the college received a semi-load of shingles for free! God's provisions are totally amazing. These connections saved the college tens of thousands of dollars. In this picture a crew is putting a new roof on Brengle Hall. The roof should be on by the time you receive this news letter. This new roof will be the 6th new roof at KMBC in a little over a year. Now all of our major buildings have relatively new roofs. God truly answered prayer in a much bigger and faster way than we had expected!



WORK TEAM ROLL CALL

DATE	NAME	STATE	#	WORK DONE
April	Mike VanderKamp	MI	40	Roofing, carpentry, gardening, cleaning
	MMap		8	Carpentry, ceramic tile, plumbing, cleaning, painting, tree removal
	Geoff Day	OH	3	Landscaping
	Gary Knox	OH	3	Carpentry, concrete
May	Jerry McLaughlin	OH	2	Concrete
	Frank Powell	WV	10	Carpentry, roofing, painting, cleaning
June	Haven Ensley	NC	2	Excavation, concrete

DONATED SUBURBAN

Marjorie Cornell, of Dearborn, MI, was a dear friend and supporter of KMBC for many years. She had been involved in evangelism and children's ministry much of her life. A few months ago, Marjorie went home to heaven. Before her passing she left instructions that she wanted the red suburban that she used in her evangelistic ministries to be given to KMBC. We are very grateful for this gift. It has low mileage and is in immaculate condition! We are grateful that Marjorie made provision in her will that this excellent vehicle be given to KMBC. Over the years, KMBC has been blessed with a good number of donated, quality vehicles. To all our friends who have remembered KMBC in their wills we say a big "thank you." A will is a valuable tool to help promote the causes and ministries you believe in long after you go to heaven. Today, KMBC is in a strong place financially because friends remembered the school in their wills years ago.



KMBC OFFERS ON-LINE CLASSES

We are happy to announce that KMBC has been approved to begin on-line classes. Across our nation, more and more older adult learners are wanting to take college level classes and finish a college degree. This trend is also true with many who are receiving a call to ministry later in life. They want college level ministerial training but feel they are unable to quit their job and move to a college campus to pursue their education.

This fall KMBC will be offering two classes: Theology of Holiness and English Bible Survey. These classes will be offered to students who are Kentucky residents. Eventually, we plan to add more classes and get permission to offer classes in more states. Our plan is to expand in the future so we can offer not only on-line classes, but on line degrees. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call our admissions office at 606-693-5000-X 130 or 138.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Kolton and Adelle Semrow came to KMBC from Port Huron, Michigan with the intention of getting grounded in the word of God and actively equipped for ministry. They came to genuine faith in Christ when young, nine and five years of age respectively, and both attended Hillside Wesleyan Church until their trek to Kentucky in the fall of 2009. Their pastor, the late David Mercer, encouraged them to attend KMBC, referring to it as the "Green Beret of Bible Colleges."

While neither of them sensed a call to a specific area of ministry, Kolton knew from God's word that we all are called to be ready to give an answer for the hope within us. With that understanding, the choice to attend a Bible College to be equipped and made ready was just the next logical step. When asked what was the most important thing they gained from being at KMBC, they both said, "The teaching of sanctification." "Not only was it taught, they continued, "but it was truly lived out before us." Both Kolton and Adelle were wholly sanctified in their second year at KMBC, Kolton saying, "I wrestled for some time, but as soon as it was done, I knew it."

They have decided to stay on at KMBC as staff, ministering primarily in Admissions and Development. We are deeply blessed to have them here, and are thankful to God for His faithfulness in raising up such quality workers. Please pray for Kolton and Adelle as they seek to serve God at KMBC.