

THE Silver Trumpet



GORGEOUS CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

KMBC is very grateful to a large company that donated thousands of dollars worth of Christmas decorations. Included in this gift were many large, pre-lit Christmas trees, thousands of feet of Christmas lights, garlands, wreaths, and scores of lighted globes. As you can see from these pictures, the campus went all out to decorate like never before. It was fun! How gratifying to see the finished product! On December 3, we held our annual Christmas Cantata. The cantata was directed by our talented music director, Jay Wisler. We had a packed house. The crowd was so large some had to stand the whole service. It was the biggest crowd we've ever had for this event. Next year we plan to host the cantata 2 nights just to accommodate the large and growing crowd.



HELPING HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS

During fall break in October, twelve students and two staff members traveled to Port Arthur, TX, to help with Hurricane Harvey relief. Along with helping restore houses, the team gave out hundreds of hot meals, Bibles, and tracts. The following are some statements made by some who went on the trip:

"God really worked in my heart in healing ways and made me realize how much hard work and kindness impacts the Kingdom of God. It has been a joy and a privilege to serve the Lord on this trip."

"It was a real blessing to work with such a great team - everyone did their job without a complaint!"

"God really made an impact in TX. He blessed us with Himself by showing up in a powerful way."

"We came with a servant's heart expecting to bless, but God blessed each of us in unexpected ways. I'd do it again if I had the opportunity. God is so good!"

"I am so grateful for the way God poured His love into my heart during this trip. Then, and only then, could I genuinely love Him and love those I had the privilege to serve. This trip so blessed my heart!"

"God has really worked in my life, helping me be bolder in evangelism and to go outside my comfort zone in order to serve and minister to others."

"Amid the repeated team activities ... praying, praising, witnessing, working, serving personal revival came to each of us."

We are very proud of this group who were willing to give up their relaxing fall break and instead ride long hours cooped up in a van. They chose to be a blessing to others rather than please themselves. This is just what Jesus would do. They came back to campus very tired and very blessed!



DONATED CAR



Pictured here is a 2008, fairly low mileage, Mercury Grand Marquis LS that is in mint condition. It was donated by a friend from Michigan. It is obvious that the donor took excellent care of the vehicle. This will be a nice addition to our fleet of vehicles. In the summer we sometimes have as many as six ministry teams on the road at the same time and every vehicle is needed. Over the years the college has had many friends donate good used vehicles which has saved the school a lot of money. We are grateful to so many of our friends who support us in so many ways.

HOLINESS SUMMIT



Dr. Mike Avery
Former president of God's Bible School



Dr. Dan Schafer
President of World Gospel Mission



Dr. Norman Wilson
Long time speaker on the Wesleyan Hour

A major highlight for KMBC in recent years has been the privilege of hosting several Holiness Summits. Every summit has been a big hit. People come from many states to feast on good holiness preaching from some of the best holiness preachers in the country. A Holiness Summit is like compressing the best holiness camp meeting into 3 days. This year's speakers are Dr. Mike Avery, Dr. Dan Schafer, and Dr. Norman Wilson. We would love to have you come. The kick off service will be on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. The preaching schedule is as follows:

MARCH 25-27, 2018

Sunday

6:30 PM - Dr. Mike Avery

Monday

9:00 AM - Dr. Norman Wilson

10:30 AM - Dr. Dan Schafer

1:30 PM - Dr. Phil Speas

3:30 PM - Dr. Mike Avery

7:00 PM - Dr. Norman Wilson

Tuesday

9:00 AM - Dr. Dan Schafer

10:30 AM - Rev. Chris Cravens



WHY I BELIEVE IN KMBC

I recently came across a very interesting chart which gave the cost of educating a student in the accrediting association of which we are a member (KMBC is accredited by ABHE, Association for Biblical Higher Education). KMBC's cost per student was about 30% less than other schools our size! This is remarkable! How is it possible to provide a quality education for 30% less than your competitors? The answer is fairly simple. KMBC has developed a network of tremendous buying connections where we can get food, cleaning supplies, tools, and building supplies for free or greatly reduced prices, resulting in savings of about \$100,000 a year. Another major factor that lowers our cost is the many volunteer work team friends who donate their labor. We have about 15 teams that come each year, resulting in a savings of thousands of dollars. The college is deeply grateful for these friends who help us so much!

The biggest factor that reduces the cost of running the college is that our faculty and staff are willing to live sacrificially and work for less compensation than they would get at most colleges. Their commitment is huge and saves the college many thousands of dollars in salaries. I am deeply grateful for the talented people on staff who are so committed! The sacrificial and frugal lifestyles of our people provide tremendous role models for our students. What better way to learn commitment and good money management than seeing it lived every day in the lives of your teachers?

I am very pleased to report that KMBC is conscientious, frugal, and efficient in the use of its financial resources. The financial data shows that KMBC knows how to stretch a dollar more than most colleges. Donors can be pleased that a dollar contributed to KMBC goes a lot farther and accomplishes a lot more!

ENCOURAGING LETTER FROM SUPPORTER

This letter was written by a generous friend from Missouri who has established a sizable scholarship endowment at KMBC. He adds to the scholarship fund on a regular basis.

“Dear. Speas, Here are the reasons I chose KMBC to donate scholarship funds to: My aunt and uncle helped me through college and gave me constant encouragement. My uncle often talked of KMBC and its great atmosphere and mission. His interest intrigued me and got me interested in KMBC. One day I visited your campus and dined with your students. Also, I attended the morning Vespers and felt the great spirit. My opinion is that an investment in KMBC students is one of the best long-term investments that I could possible make. The message proclaimed is on time, on target, and on budget. The campus is beautiful, the staff and administration are dedicated, and the students are single-minded in the service of God. The fact that such a large percentage of graduates go into ministry is a true testament to the positive efforts of this college. I really appreciate the fact that recipients of scholarship funds always send me a letter of gratitude for such funds. I appreciate your personal thanks to me as well. I continue prayers for all!”

Thank you so much for these encouraging words and this strong recommendation.

WORK TEAM ROLL CALL



Pictured: Tom McCann Work Team



Date	Name	State	#	Work Done
Oct	Mike VanderKamp	MI	1	Concrete/Carpentry
	Dick Burk	PA	8	Reupholstery
	Tom McCann	OH	10	Carpentry/Tile/Electric/Plumbing/Painting
Nov	Mike VanderKamp	MI	1	Carpentry
Jan	Jack Duff	KY	1	Finish Carpentry



BIBLICAL CREATIONIST SPEAKER

Mike Riddle, a nationally known creationist speaker, gave very interesting and challenging presentations to the KMBC student body on Nov. 30 & Dec. 1. He gave strong evidence for the accuracy of the Biblical account of creation and Noah's flood. Evolutionists have done their best to convince us that these Biblical accounts are only mythological. They would have us believe that we are not created by God but are the product of chance and random forces that took place over millions and millions of years. Mr. Riddle skillfully proved that the Biblical accounts are true and the earth is quite young instead of millions of years old. He told about an archaeologist who very recently found some new dinosaur bones that still contained soft, elastic tissue and red blood cells. These couldn't have been millions of years old. The scientific community has done its best to keep these discoveries a secret. Dr. Riddle also brought out a standard, and often repeated, operating premise of secular science textbooks: that index fossils are used to determine the age of the rock layers. Interestingly, they also assert that the age of the fossil is determined by the age of the rock layer it is found in. This is unabashed, bogus, circular reasoning and brings into serious question secular science's operating assumptions. How encouraging and reassuring to hear that true science agrees with the Bible's assertions about creation.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: SAMANTHA GOLDEN



Samantha came to KMBC this last fall, but has known about the school for quite some time. When she arrived on campus as a high school sophomore the first time she said "It felt like home." This idea of "home" included the sense of family and spiritual clarity and maturity. That was important to her. As she was able to subsequently visit the school God confirmed His direction to KMBC.

Her calling to teach came from her exposure to the public school system her junior and senior year after being home-schooled to that point. She senses a call to teach high school in the public domain, and has chosen to strengthen herself in God's word and will at KMBC in preparation.

What she has found as an enrichment in the short time she has been here is an atmosphere where people are honest and open, a God-focused community, and spiritual leadership/discipleship that not only leads but personally encourages.

As our interview concluded, Samantha noted that whether someone is going into full time ministry or not, what they would find at KMBC is a universal commitment to Christ-centeredness and a focus on serving others.

I am asking you to support Samantha in prayer, as she has great perception, is thoughtful and possesses a quality of leadership that I believe is rare in the Christian community today.

TWO YOUTH CAMPS INSTEAD OF ONE

EXCELLENT FINANCIAL DATA



ABHE (The Association for Biblical Higher Education), the accrediting association of which KMBC is a member, has some very interesting charts and financial data. These charts show the financial averages of accredited Bible colleges grouped by size. Compared with other schools our size our financial numbers are very strong. Our total assets are 2½ times larger than other schools of our size. KMBC's net value, based on our annual audit, grew last year by \$441,000 whereas other schools our size only grew about \$50,000. Our endowment, though not huge, is about 3 times the size of similarly sized schools.

"I have invested in KMBC ... because I know KMBC is doing an outstanding job in training and preparing youth for church related ministries. I feel my investment is an eternal investment."

- A Friend from Florida



Our summer youth camp program has been growing. At last summer's youth camp we had a full house. This summer we have decided to host two camps - June 25-29 & July 9-13. We are trying to make it our best year ever. We plan to add some new exciting outdoor activities, including a zip-line. With a river in our front yard and a mountain in our back yard we can do a lot of outdoor fun activities that other camps can only dream about. In the past, campers have told us that our camp is more spiritual and fun than other camps. We are doing our best to keep this reputation. Plan now to bring a group this summer. It could make an eternal difference in a life of a teenager at your church. The cost is \$100 per camper, \$90 if they pre-register, and \$80 if they come in a group of six or more.

MISS MARY ELLEN MOWERY'S 86TH BIRTHDAY

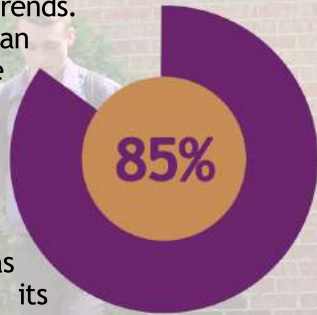
On December 5th the KMBC campus held a surprise birthday celebration for Miss Mowery. She came to KMBC in 1958 and has worked in the school's kitchen ever since - 59 consecutive years! She has been our head dietician for 48 of those years. What a record! She cooked the very day the campus honored her. President Speas noted that according to Social Security policy she was eligible to retire 24 years ago! Miss Mowery has demonstrated an incredible work ethic - she wants to keep working as long as she is able. She has an uncanny way of knowing how to cook for large crowds and make it taste home cooked. Visitors most often remark about four things when they visit the campus: the students are very friendly and polite, the campus is beautiful, they feel the presence of God, and the food tastes home cooked! Volunteer work teams often complain, with a smile on their face, that they gain weight while they are here. Thank you, Miss Mowery, for all your sacrificial hard work that has blessed so many!!



85% FOUR YEAR GRADS GO INTO MINISTRY

KMBC just conducted a survey of the students who graduated with a bachelor's degree from KMBC in the last five years. The survey found that 85% have either gone into ministry or are pursuing higher education for ministry. Those are very impressive numbers! We did a survey about five years ago and found the number entering ministry to be 77%. Thank God for these encouraging trends.

Few, if any, Christian colleges have these kinds of statistics. KMBC was established in 1931 for the purpose of training youth for ministry. Thank God it has remained true to its original calling!



NEW SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENTS

Friends of KMBC started five new endowed scholarships in the month of December! This has to be a record! The number of endowed scholarships is now up to 67. In addition to this, a good number of those who already had an endowed scholarship have recently added more money to increase the principal. It is thrilling to see this good upward trend. This is a great blessing to our students. To all who have given for scholarship funds KMBC says a big "Thank You!"



TALENT CATEGORIES

3-5 MINUTES

PREACHING

- CHRISTIAN INSPIRATIONAL

PERSUASIVE PRESENTATION

- IDENTIFY A SPIRITUAL/MISSIONAL
NEED AND PERSUADE OTHERS
TO GET INVOLVED

DRAMATIC PRESENTATION

- DRAMA/MIME/MONOLOGUE

CREATIVE WRITING

- RELIGIOUS IN NATURE

VOCAL SOLO

- SACRED WORSHIP IN NATURE
- WITH TRACK OR LIVE ACCOMP
- SUBMIT TRACK TO MUSIC@KMBC.EDU

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO

- HYMN OR WORSHIP ARRANGEMENT
- WITH TRACK OR LIVE ACCOMP
- SUBMIT TRACK TO MUSIC@KMBC.EDU

KMBC'S GOT ★ TALENT

APRIL 20-21, 2018

THE WINNER OF EACH
CATEGORY WILL RECEIVE A
\$1000.00
SCHOLARSHIP
TO KMBC AND BE ASKED TO
PERFORM IN THE FRIDAY
EVENING "KMBC'S GOT TALENT"
SHOW.

*Even if you're not
competing, come and join
us for a great weekend
discovering KMBC!*



WEEKEND ALSO INCLUDES:

A KMBC OPEN HOUSE, TALENT SHOW, GAMES & ACTIVITIES. MEET NEW FRIENDS! TALK WITH PROFESSORS! COME EARLY AND ENJOY SITTING IN ON THE KMBC EXPERIENCE BY ATTENDING CLASSES!

KMBC is hosting its annual KMBC's Got Talent contest on April 20. In recent years, this event has been a great opportunity for prospective students to compete for KMBC scholarships. We are happy to announce that we have increased the number of contest categories from three to six. Students can now compete in the following areas: vocal, instrumental, public speaking, creative writing, drama/mime, and leadership. If you know of a high school junior or senior who has a heart for God, please encourage them to seriously consider competing in KMBC's Got Talent Contest, which is a part of our spring recruiting event on April 20 & 21. If they have talent in these areas they could win a sizable KMBC scholarship. For more information look up www.kmbc.edu/got-talent.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! - UPCOMING EVENTS AT KMBC



February 18-23 - Convocation



March 25-27 - Holiness Summit



April 20-21 - Got Talent



April 5 - Alumni Day



May 18 - Commencement



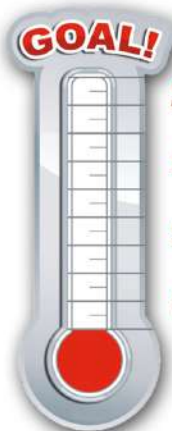
July 9-13 - Mt. Carmel Youth Camp

PHONATHON JUST SAY "YES"

"Hi! I'm Rosa from Monticello, Mississippi. I'm a junior at KMBC this year. I'm glad God directed me to come to KMBC. Attending KMBC has changed my life and given me a solid biblical foundation as I prepare for His ministry!"



In the next few days friendly voices from KMBC will be calling friends of the college asking them to participate in our annual Phonathon. If you receive a call, we hope you will say "Yes." Every year hundreds of our supporters say "Yes" and give to the Annual KMBC Phonathon, which supports our annual fund. It is a great blessing to the callers, the college, and the friends who give.



\$30,000

\$25,000

\$15,000

\$5,000



FEBRUARY 5 - FEBRUARY 17

GIVE ONLINE AT WWW.KMBC.EDU/PHONATHON