

THE Silver Trumpet

NEWSLETTER OF KENTUCKY MOUNTAIN BIBLE COLLEGE

PERSECUTED 4 CHRIST CONFERENCE APRIL 17-18

Did you know that the persecution of Christians is near an all time high? Christians are persecuted in 52 countries (mostly Muslim & communist). In spite of this great wave of persecution, the Christian Church is growing in many places at an unprecedented rate. We are pleased to announce that KMBC is hosting an inspiring conference to help increase awareness of the suffering of Christians in persecuted lands and the exploding growth that is occurring in many of these persecuting countries. Three guest speakers will give us eye-witness accounts of what is happening in these battleground countries.



Dr. Doug Carter - Senior VP at John Maxwell's' EQUIP Leadership, Inc.

Dr. Carter is a dynamic speaker and world traveler, ministering in many mid-eastern and south-eastern Asian countries. He will bring exciting reports of what is happening to Christians in these persecuted areas.



Dr. Michael Khalil - Founder & President of Step Forward Global Ministries.

Michael was born and educated in Egypt at Cairo University. He was converted at the age of six when he heard a missionary preach the gospel. He feels called to minister to the suffering and persecuted churches in the Middle East. He has done extensive work ministering among Iraqi, Kurd, and Syrian refugees who have suffered at the hands of ISIS and other terrorist groups.



Patrick Kline - Founder & Director of Vision Beyond Borders.

The major priority of VBB is getting God's Word into closed countries and to unreached people groups around the world. Patrick Kline has traveled extensively in SE Asia, smuggling Bibles into a number of hostile countries and bringing aid to suffering Christians. His ministry has reached into China, Vietnam, India, Myanmar, Pakistan, Burma, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Africa, Cuba,

Venezuela, and even into the most dangerous country of all, North Korea. Patrick has also worked much with those who are trying to free women enslaved in sex trafficking in India and Romania.

Do your best to attend this free conference. The stories of these persecuted Christians will thrill, inspire, and challenge your faith!!!



SPRING HOLINESS SUMMIT

MARCH 29-31

This promises to be a spiritual feast for those who love the message of holiness. Our speakers are Dr. Chris Bounds, Chairman of the Religion Department at Asbury University; Dr. John Oswalt, President of Wesley Biblical Seminary; and Rev. Chris Cravens, President of the Heartland Conference of the Bible Methodist Connection of Churches. All three men are excellent speakers and strong proponents of the message of Heart Holiness. The first service will start Sunday evening at 6:30 pm in the Helen Mathews Luce Chapel. Campus housing is limited and will be made available on a first come-first serve basis.



Rev. Chris Cravens



Dr. John Oswalt



Dr. Chris Bounds

KMBC'S GOT TALENT APRIL 17

In addition to the Persecution Conference, KMBC is simultaneously hosting its annual KMBC's Got Talent. The top performers will receive a **\$1000 scholarship** to KMBC and will be asked to perform in the "KMBC Got Talent" Show on Friday evening! A high percentage of those in our scholarshiped singing groups and counseling teams first participated in KMBC's Got Talent. Pastors and church leaders, this is a great way to introduce your juniors and seniors to KMBC! Students may perform in the following categories:



PREACHING PRESENTATION PERSUASIVE PRESENTATION VOCAL SOLO INSTRUMENTAL SOLO CREATIVE WRITING DRAMATIC PRESENTATION

FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.KMBC.EDU/GOT-TALENT

HOMECOMING (ALUMNI DAY) MAY 2

We want to have an open house to show off the new Nelson Center (Brengele basement). It is impressively beautiful. You will find it hard to believe until you see it! No one ever expected the project to turn out so nice. This will be a great time to congratulate Jim & Caty Nelson. Anyone who has worked with men in Brengele Hall Dorm for 25 years deserves a special honor!! It would be wonderful if a large group of their "Brengele sons" could come and congratulate them on this happy occasion.

Reunion Classes:

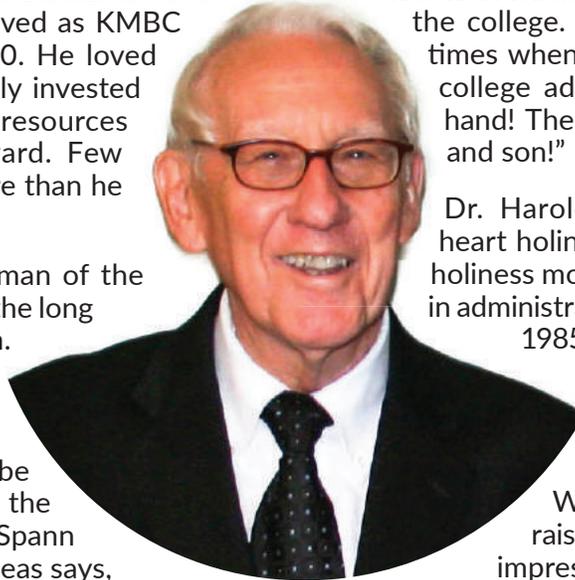
1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, and 2015.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. HAROLD SPANN

KMBC plans to have a memorial service March 31 at 10:30 AM in his honor. The public is invited to attend.

Dr. Harold Spann went to heaven December 2nd at the age of 91. He was a true holiness statesman and a great friend of KMBC. He served as KMBC Board chairman from 1987-2010. He loved KMBC with a passion and heavily invested his time, counsel, prayers, and resources to see the college move forward. Few outsiders have loved KMBC more than he did!

Dr. Spann was elected as chairman of the board when KMBC was starting the long process of seeking accreditation. His vast wealth of experience in administration was key to helping the college receive accreditation in 1994. The college would not be where it is today if it weren't for the wise and gifted leadership of Dr. Spann during those crucial years. Dr. Speas says, "He poured his life into me as he sought to



mentor me. He taught me how to be a college president, how to avoid mistakes, and how to raise funds for the college. I turned to him for advice many times when I was stumped because he knew college administration like the back of his hand! The bond between us was like father and son!"

Dr. Harold Spann loved the message of heart holiness and was a major player in the holiness movement during his life. He worked in administration at Asbury College from 1969-1985, serving as dean of students, fund-raiser, and vice president. In 1985 he was called to be president of Wesley Biblical Seminary, a position he held for 11 years. With his administrative and fund-raising skills, the seminary experienced impressive growth in every area.

In addition to these involvements, he served on the WGM Board for years, was chairman of Evangelism Resources, was chairman of Mt. Carmel School Board, and served as chairman of the board at Vennard College. He served as a fund-raising consultant for many Bible colleges and churches.

Dr. Harold Spann was a big giver, generously supporting many missionaries and Mt. Carmel School and KMBC workers. He lived modestly so that he could give more to the cause of Christ. He worked tirelessly and didn't take vacations. He was always busy doing kingdom work, often without pay. A long time personal friend said it well several years ago, "Dr. Spann is the most generous man I have ever known!"

He had a great love for people and deeply cared about what was happening in other people's lives. His awesome gift for remembering people's names, as well as their extended family, was most incredible.

His loving, faithful wife, Bernice, was very supportive of sacrificial ministry and helped him achieve what he did.

Harold Spann was truly a great person and had a huge impact in God's Kingdom. He gave God his best and he was loved by many! KMBC owes a huge debt to this godly man for his great contribution to KMBC.

ALUMNI PROJECT

Our alumni project this year is to raise funds for a special Dr. John Neihof scholarship fund. The goal is to raise at least \$10,000 from May 4, 2019 - May 2, 2020. A number of friends gave money at the time of Dr. John's funeral. Last year in May, the Alumni Association voted to raise at least \$10,000 additional money to add to what friends had given at the time of his death. Dr. John Neihof grew up on the Mt. Carmel & KMBC campuses. He was a much loved instructor for 23 years. This was his home - his heart was here! He invested the prime years of his life mentoring, loving, and pouring his life into his students. We want to honor him by establishing a generous scholarship fund that gives tribute to the legacy he left here at KMBC. It would be wonderful if every student he taught at KMBC would give a gift to this fund in his memory.

FALL CHURCH LEADERS CONFERENCE WAS A BIG HIT!



On November 15 & 16, KMBC hosted the largest event in its history! The Recharge Conference for church leaders, Renew Conference for youth, and Collingsworth concert, brought about 500 people to our campus. People came from 17 states to attend, as far away as Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Iowa, and Arizona! Phil Collingsworth said the crowd was packed in the chapel "like a well organized group of sardines!" The Collingsworth concert was a great worship experience, as we listened to beautiful vocal and instrumental music. Dr. Bounds masterfully explained the Biblical basis of the traditional view of sexuality. Dr. Hermiz movingly told the story of his family's massacre by Muslim Jihadist in the early 20th century. Ahmad, a recent convert from Saudi Arabia, told what it was like to grow up as a devout Muslim in the most Muslim country in the world. To return to his own country as a believer would be certain death! We praise God for His presence and help in making these events a great success!



RAPIDLY EXPANDING YOUTH CAMP MINISTRY

1-2-3-4! ... In 2017 we had ONE youth camp – in 2018 we had TWO youth camps – in 2019 we had THREE youth camps – this year we are planning on hosting FOUR. The dates are June 22-26, June 29-July 3, July 27-31, & August 3-7. Last year we had 225 youth registered for our three camps – more are expected to come this summer. This year we are adding more exciting outdoor features, including mountain hiking and other high adventure sports! Because of our location in the mountains we can offer more exciting and unique activities that you won't find at most youth camps: zip lines, dual-racing water slides, canoeing, mountain-hiking, mountaintop fireworks, shooting range, archery tag, & more! All of this is combined with a very strong spiritual emphasis at a price that is very affordable. We encourage pastors to consider bringing their youth groups to take advantage of this great opportunity. It will be hard to find a better deal! A real incentive for pastors is our beautiful new guest quarters (The Nelson Center) where they can stay in comfort for free while their youth are having a great time and are getting spiritual help!

KMBC ONLINE

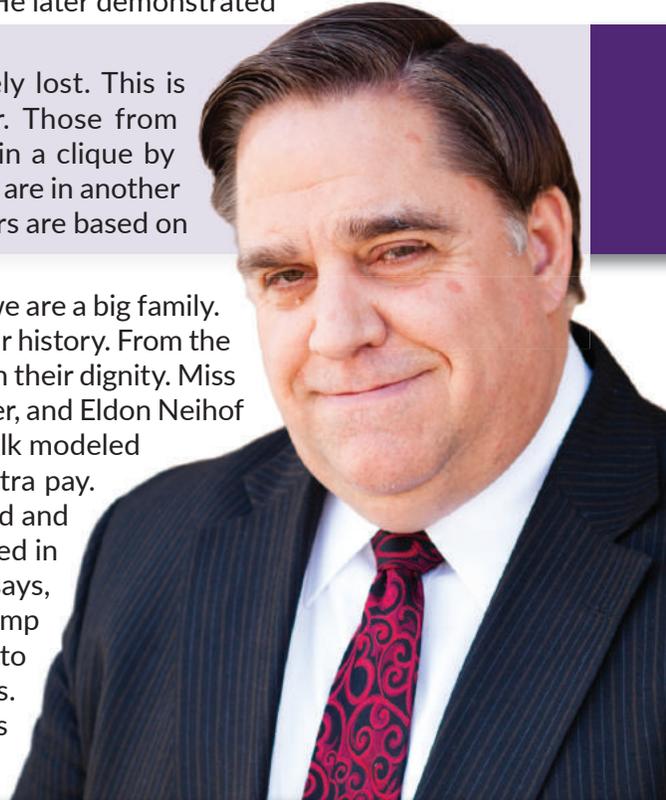
KMBC's Online Program continues to expand with new offerings each semester. If you are interested in taking courses online in pursuit of a degree or simply for personal enrichment, find out more online at www.kmbc.edu/online-classes.

WHY I BELIEVE IN KMBC

I believe in KMBC because it promotes the spirit of New Testament servanthood. One day Jesus' disciples were having a lively discussion about who was going to be greatest in God's Kingdom. Jesus shocked them by saying that whoever wanted to be great in God's Kingdom needed to be servant of all! He went on to tell them that He came not to be served as some great one but to be a servant of servants. He later demonstrated what servanthood looked like by washing their dirty feet.

In some Christian circles this kind of servanthood has been largely lost. This is especially true in many colleges. There is often a pecking order. Those from wealthier homes, with nicer cars and designer clothes, are often in a clique by themselves, while those with less money and less expensive clothes, are in another clique. Then there are cliques based on perceived intelligence. Others are based on "coolness versus being uncool."

Praise God, KMBC isn't like that – it has very few "cliques." Instead, we are a big family. Very few class distinctions exist on KMBC's campus. This is part of our history. From the beginning our leaders have been servants. No menial job was beneath their dignity. Miss McConnell, Miss Archer, Raymond Swauger, Karl Paulo, Wilfred Fisher, and Eldon Neihof were all servants – often working harder than anyone else. These folk modeled humility and servanthood. They received no extra perks and no extra pay. Their lifestyle made no fashion statements. Thank God, servanthood and humility has become part of KMBC's DNA. Because it is role modeled in the lives of workers it is passed on to our students. The old adage says, "like begets like." Mission organizations, denominational leaders, camp presidents, and other church leaders remark that our students tend to reflect a more humble servant spirit than students from most schools. I praise God that we have been able to instill in our students this important New Testament Christlike trait!



NEW HIKING TRAILS

In September the college rented a D-5 Caterpillar dozer to make new hiking trails on the KMHA school farm. In a week's time we had made 1 ½ miles of new hiking trails on the top of the ridges. The views are spectacular. What a great feeling to be on top looking down.

In addition to the new roads we also repaired existing old roads. All total the farm has over four miles of nice hiking trails. This improvement is part of a grand scheme to make the upper part of the school farm a great place for those who love nature and outdoor camping. KMBC students have already begun to enjoy these new hiking trails and the beautiful vistas they provide. Plans are in place to utilize these trails in our summer youth camps.



CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

Are you a senior citizen who is disappointed with the returns on your CD's? Are you worried about losing your retirement funds if the stock market takes a big down turn? Would you like a good, guaranteed rate of income for the rest of your life? If the answer to these three questions is yes, a KMBC charitable gift annuity might be what you are looking for. Below are some answers to common questions about annuities.

Q. What is a Charitable Gift Annuity?

A. A person who makes an irrevocable gift to Kentucky Mountain Bible College receives a fixed annual income payment (an annuity) at a fixed rate that is determined by their age.

Q. How long will I receive an annual income?

A. As long as you live.

Q. Are there different ways I can fund a Charitable Gift Annuity?

A. Yes. You can give cash, stock, or certain other assets. If you donate stock or other property that has appreciated in value you can save some tax on your capital gains.

Q. Will I be taxed on the income I receive?

A. A portion of the income is tax free while a portion is taxable, based on a formula determined by your age.

Q. Will I receive a charitable tax deduction when I establish an annuity?

A. You will receive an income tax deduction for a portion of the gift the year you give it. The IRS has tables that determine the amount of your tax deduction.

Q. How does Kentucky Mountain Bible College benefit from a Charitable Gift Annuity?

A. After your death, the annuity principle is used to benefit KMBC in training youth for spiritual leadership and ministry.

Q. What are the amounts needed to set up an annuity?

A. \$5,000 and up.

Q. Is my annuity with KMBC secure?

A. Yes! Each year the U.S. Department of Education gives KMBC the highest financial rating possible, after examining our financial audit and records. The government allows charities to spend a portion of the annuity principle while the donor is alive. KMBC exceeds the government regulation by not spending any of the principle while the person is alive.

Q. How are the annuity rates determined?

A. A national annuity board sets the recommended rates for all annuities in the U.S. The rates are based on your age, sex, and whether you want this annuity to cover just yourself or another person as well. The older you are when you establish an annuity the higher the rates.

Gift Annuity Rates – Single Life

Age	Rate	Age	Rate	Age	Rate	Age	Rate
65	5.1	72	5.8	79	7.1	85	8.3
66	5.2	73	5.9	80	7.3	86	8.5
67	5.3	74	6.1	81	7.5	87	8.7
68	5.3	75	6.2	82	7.7	88	8.9
69	5.4	76	6.4	83	7.9	89	9.2
70	5.6	77	6.6	84	8.1	90	9.5
71	5.7	78	6.8				

If you have any questions about a KMBC Charitable Gift Annuity, please contact us.

ESTATE PROVIDES SIZABLE SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

Harold and Eunice Powell were charter members of Faith Wesleyan Church in Lakeland, Florida. They were very godly people who were quite active in their local church. This sweet, gentle couple were good examples of how sanctified people should live. The Powells lived very frugally. This enabled them to give more to the Lord's work. Harold passed away in 2007 and Eunice joined him in heaven this past July. KMBC is deeply grateful to the Powells for making provisions in their will to establish a generous scholarship endowment fund to help needy deserving students. We say a big thank you to all our friends who have remembered KMBC in their estate planning.

NEW SPACIOUS APARTMENT



In November the KMBC maintenance team and work teams finished a walk-out basement apartment under the new home where Miss Griffith and Miss Mowery live. This apartment has about 1400 square feet. The new occupants are delighted with their new home. The wife said this apartment is excellent plus! We are so thankful for the crew of workers who helped get this apartment ready for occupancy.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

The following positions are open and need to be filled:

- Office receptionist with basic computer skills
- Secretary with basic computer skills
- Maintenance helper with general maintenance knowledge
- Pastors for our KMHA churches: One church is larger and pays a full-time salary. The other is a smaller country church that is bi-vocational.

If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact President Speas by phone: 606-693-5000 x 120 or by email: president@kmbc.edu



MISSION TRIP TO CUBA

Professor David Street and his wife, Louise, along with several KMBC students, went on a missions trip to Cuba over our fall break. The team was able to deliver 17 suitcases filled with Bibles and much needed medical supplies. They rejoiced that they had no interference as they went through customs! The Christians in Cuba were thrilled to get the Bibles, since they are illegal and very expensive. (An interesting note is that the average monthly wage is only \$20!) The doctor who received the medical supplies held up one item and said, "This is like gold in Cuba." He held up another item and said, "If that was like gold, this is like silver!" The group was able to minister to a newly trained group of pastors, as well as to the children. Two of the students on the team were fluent in Spanish and were able to serve as the team's interpreters. The team returned tired and blessed, having seen God answer prayer and work miracles before their eyes.

WORK TEAM ROLL CALL

Month	Leader	State	#	Work Done
Nov.	Jack Duff	KY	1	Trim Work
	Mike VanderKamp	MI	1	Concrete
	David Speas	TN	1	Flooring
Dec.	Mike VanderKamp	MI	2	Concrete & Carpentry

Interested in bringing a work team to KMBC? Give us a call at 606-693-5000.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT KMBC



March 29-31 - Holiness Summit



March 31 - Memorial Service for Dr. Spann



April 17 - KMBC's Got Talent



April 17-18 - Persecuted 4 Christ Conference



May 2 - Homecoming (Alumni Day)



May 15 - Commencement



June 22-26 - New Heights Youth Camp I



June 29-July 3 - New Heights Youth Camp II



July 27-31 - New Heights Youth Camp III



August 3-7 - New Heights Youth Camp IV

PHONATHON: JANUARY 27-FEBRUARY 1



\$30,000

\$25,000

\$15,000

"Hi! I'm Luke from Monticello, Mississippi. I'm a senior at KMBC. God has greatly used the people and classes here to encourage me to hunger after God and to equip me to get involved in ministry. After graduation, I plan to go into pastoral 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. We had an excellent response to last years' Phonathon. We are hoping to do as well this year.

