

THE Silver Trumpet

NEWSLETTER OF KENTUCKY MOUNTAIN BIBLE COLLEGE

NEW MOUNTAINTOP CABIN



In June, a crew of six work team volunteers from Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan framed up this 28x32 rustic cabin in just four days! The crew was led by Mike VanderKamp from Michigan, who is a very experienced and efficient builder. The framing lumber was harvested from the KMHA farm and cut on KMBC's own sawmill. The cabin was built near the top of the KMHA's mountain farm, on the edge of a beautiful valley. The front of the cabin has 12 large windows overlooking the valley. The views are spectacular, making one think he is in the Smoky Mountains. The spacious cabin has a great room 28x20, a tall cathedral ceiling, three bedrooms, and a large 16x28 loft. It will be used for our youth camps, KMBC college students, and faculty and staff. How convenient to have a touch of the Smokies just one mile from the campus! Adjacent to the cabin are four miles of beautiful, pristine hiking trails. This area is home to squirrels, rabbits, a host of song birds, deer, wild turkeys, coyotes, bobcats, an occasional bald eagle, and some wild horses. KMBC is so blessed to reside in one of the prettiest places on earth. We say a big thank you to this crew for giving us such a pretty place to camp and enjoy God's beautiful creation.

BUILDING A ROAD TO THE SKY

Pictured here is Jerry Cox (KMHA's farm manager) building a road to the ridge top on our 300 acre KMHA mountain farm. Using a bulldozer, we have cleared 1½ miles of beautiful hiking trails on top of the mountain ridges! Altogether we have over four miles of pristine hiking trails on the farm. We have our own little Appalachian trail! Two weeks ago an alumnus was taken up on the ridge. He said, "I never knew you had anything like this. This is the greatest asset you have. Some of these vistas are one million dollar views!" Some have said, "This is like being in the Smokies!" All this right in our backyard! These roads are opening the awesome beauty of Gods creation that we never had access to. Jerry Cox, who has lived on the farm all his life, said, "I've never been to some of these beautiful spots on the farm." The maintenance crew has cleared the trees and placed benches in select spots on the mountain tops to help hikers enjoy the spectacular views! Now the KMBC and Mt. Carmel family can enjoy a taste of the Smokies just one mile from our campuses. These trails and hiking areas will make excellent recreation areas for KMBC students and the youth who come to our New Heights youth camps. This will provide a wonderful opportunity for relaxation and nature studies. This will make a great area for our own version of geocaching. If you would like to see a virtual tour of this beautiful spot, look on KMBC's Facebook page by navigating to <https://rb.gy/sxyycl>



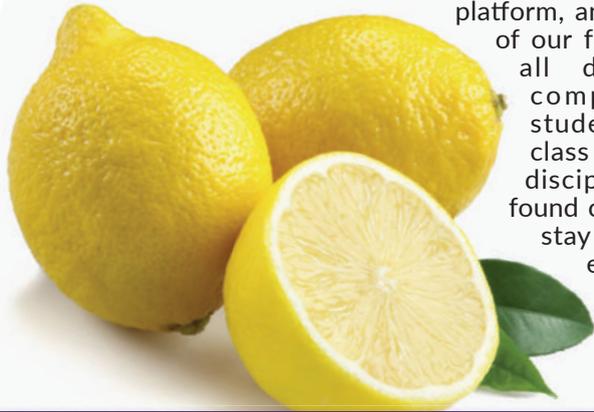
DONATION OF BICYCLES



KMBC received a donation of 41 slightly used, high-end commercial bikes from World Vision. The college had wanted to acquire some bikes so that our students and campers could do some mountain biking on the new trails we have made on the KMHA farm. We were waiting for some funding for this project. This winter, these bikes became available for free! These had been donated by a bike rental company from Seattle, Washington. The bikes were especially designed for the hilly terrain of Seattle – how perfect for our use. Thank you, Lord, for your unusual methods of supplying our need!

WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS ...

When the New Year started no one was expecting this semester to be arguably the most unique in KMBC's history! These last few months have been taxed with abrupt change, economic uncertainty, and physical (and often social) isolation, but KMBC's faculty and staff rallied to the challenge to finish the semester strongly. Due to COVID-19, KMBC was forced to close its residential campus for the remainder of the semester and transition to 100% online education. KMBC's faculty responded with flexibility and poise through this transition and national crisis. In a matter of days, KMBC's faculty managed to completely change the course delivery method and campus engagement as we adjusted to using Zoom. This is a far bigger deal than it may at first sound. There are some major differences in teaching remotely versus teaching in-person. On the fly, our instructors adjusted class assignments, class activities, and lectures to accommodate the new platform, and to the credit of our faculty, this was all done without complaint! Our student life staff, class sponsors, and discipleship groups found creative ways to stay connected and encourage our student body. The online experience



gained this semester will continue to help KMBC's faculty improve our online courses in the years to come. COVID-19 gave KMBC a bunch of lemons. With a lot of creativity and hard work they turned the lemons into lemonade.

Here are a few comments of what students had to say about KMBC's transition online.

- » *I have really appreciated "the staff encouragement" and KMBC's "consistent communication with students."*
- » *"Zoom classes! Almost feels like real classes!"*
- » *KMBC is doing great at "reaching out and connecting with students and creating opportunities for virtual socialization."*
- » *Thank you KMBC for "showing you care and understand" and "trying to make everything feel normal."*
- » *"They have done very well with everything. This coronavirus has been something entirely new for everybody. I think KMBC has handled it as well as is possible."*
- » *"The teachers are very encouraging and we have fun conversations before class...They are being very proactive in encouraging us through...Facebook groups. They also still plan fun group things."*
- » *KMBC, thank you for "preparing me for ministry in every way possible."*
- » *"KMBC is like a glass of water in the desert. I LOVE KMBC! Can't wait to be back!!"*

WORLD VISION DONATION

The Christian organization, World Vision, has been a huge blessing to KMBC! Over the last 15 years we have been given hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of high quality goods from World Vision. KMBC has received semi loads of insulation, floor tile, roofing shingles, and high-end siding and trim. World Vision has provided the school with plumbing supplies, food, utensils, paint, small appliances, stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, hot water heaters, air conditioners, cooking grills, cleaning supplies, paper goods, furniture, tools, and much more. Most of the goods received were free. Some other items were at greatly reduced prices. The generosity of World Vision has greatly lowered our operational costs, while enhancing the functionality and beauty of our campus. Pictured here is a semi load of donated items - mostly furniture for the faculty and staff. The KMBC campus is very grateful to World Vision for the many blessings they have sent our way!

Note: If your church or Christian ministry would like to learn how they can become a partner with World Vision feel free to contact President Speas at 606-693-5000 ext 120.



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NEW COUNSELING MINOR

With depression, domestic abuse, and anxiety on the rise in the U.S., KMBC is seeking to prepare holiness leaders to address these rising challenges. We are excited to announce the launch of our new counseling minor starting this fall. Ruth Darland (KMBC Class of 2009) is a licensed mental health counselor and will be teaching most of the classes for the program. This degree is designed to prepare students who want to go on for a masters degree and licensure in either counseling or psychology. We have a desire to prepare students for counseling with a Biblical foundation and worldview. It is also available as a cognate for students who would like to add some counseling or psychology knowledge to their primary major. A major part of every Christian's role today is working with people one on one to help them heal and learn to live in the light of the resurrection. This concentration will equip anyone going into ministry to work with people on a deeper level to develop them into disciples for Christ.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HONORS GRADUATE

David Bagby, class of 2015 and faculty, graduated at the top of his class this May from Wesley Biblical Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree. He has been asked to share a speech at the WBS commencement in September.

Last fall, David began the application process for a Ph.D. program in Biblical Studies at Asbury Theological Seminary. David was accepted into the program with a full tuition scholarship which also covers books, fees, and more! Lord willing, he plans to start his Ph.D. this fall while continuing to teach courses for KMBC. David says, "I will praise the Lord for calling me to love Him with all of my mind. It has been a blessed five years at WBS pursuing a master's degree, and I am looking forward to beginning Ph.D. work this fall. I thank the Lord for this tremendous opportunity to use my mind for His glory!" David has a desire to one day publish books from a Wesleyan-holiness perspective.

At KMBC, we believe in academic excellence both for our students and for our faculty. We rejoice with David in his educational accomplishments for the Lord and for KMBC.



WOLFGANG SCHOLARSHIP

Leonard and Delores Wolfgang dearly loved KMBC. They were the parents of Wanda Speas (KMBC'S first lady). The couple were in ministry for 54 years, pastoring five churches and also serving as missionaries to Jamaica. The Wolfgangs sent all five of their children to Mt. Carmel High School and to KMBC. They were also instrumental in getting many youth in their churches to attend. Delores went to heaven 14 years ago. Leonard later married Ruby Brown, who taught for many years in the Mt. Carmel elementary school. On April 24, Leonard passed away at the age of 88. When his first wife, Delores, passed away he had a dream of establishing a \$10,000 scholarship fund to help other students attend KMBC. This seemed like a lot of money for a retired preacher to come up with on a small fixed income, but he was determined and lived very frugally so he could give more. The Wolfgangs passion for ministry training inspired other friends to give for this project. Leonard added to the scholarship every chance he could. When he did pulpit supply he'd have the church send his check to the college for his scholarship fund. He added to it bit by bit for 14 years. He made his last donation just five weeks before his death. His scholarship fund is now many times more than his original goal. We thank God for this godly couple who sent all their children to KMBC and supported the college every way they could out of their meager income. Just like the Wolfgangs, many of our supporters have limited resources but generously give what they can. To all who support the college we say a big "Thank You!!"

LIFE INSURANCE ESTATE GIFT



Martha Blakeman from Lockbourne, Ohio passed away on September 22, 2019 at the age of 88. Martha graduated from KMBC in 1954. After finishing her Bible college education she went on to nursing school to become a RN. She served as a missionary in Loreda, TX as well as in Papua New Guinea for eight years as a pioneer nurse working in a number of remote areas. She worked to establish the first medical clinic in the area. A missionary coworker who served alongside her said that Martha was an excellent missionary! Upon returning to the U.S. she enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and rose to the rank of captain. KMBC is proud of Martha and is so thankful that she made KMBC the beneficiary of her life insurance policy! To all our friends who have included KMBC in their estate planning we say a big thank you!

ANOTHER HERO GOES HOME



THE PASSING OF A SWEET GODLY LADY

Catherine Joan "Caty" Nelson, 86, joined the heavenly chorus on Friday, May 15 from her home on the Kentucky Mountain Bible College campus. She was born in Richland, Iowa to Warner and Catherine Schultz in 1934. The family moved to Schenectady, NY in the late 1940's. In college she earned a degree in Secretarial Science and a BS in Home Economics. She was converted in 1984 and entirely sanctified in 1993. Caty and Jim were married in 1987. In January of 1994, Caty and Jim came to study at Kentucky Mountain Bible College. It was there that she earned her Associate of Arts Degree in Religion in 1996, and continued on as the dean of women and eventually registrar until 2008, when she stepped down to coordinate the coffee house, tutor, and relax a little.

Caty Nelson lived among us as a consistent, authentic, New Testament Christian. She was a blessing to have on our campus, radiating Jesus wherever she went! We are so glad that God called the Nelsons to come to KMBC over 26 years ago. They have loved on, prayed for, befriended, and discipled our students since they came to our campus. Our alumni love the Nelsons and remember them with great fondness. Caty's sweet influence will be missed!!

Jim was exemplary in his loving and unfailing care of Caty when her health began to fail. He was really serious about his wedding vows - for better, for worse, in sickness and in health. Throughout Caty's sickness Jim has shown us how to love your wife as yourself! Jim did all of this without a hint of complaint. Jim, we love you and our prayers are with you!



Mrs. Eldon (Agnes) Neihof passed away April 24, at the age of 84. She graduated from Mt. Carmel school in 1953, Kentucky Mountain Bible Institute in 1956, and Asbury College in 1959. Eldon and Agnes were married 61 years. They ministered at Mt. Carmel and KMBC from 1959-2004. Eldon and Agnes served as boys' dorm parents at Mt. Carmel, and Agnes taught in the elementary school for many years. They moved to the KMBC campus (where they lived for 24 years) when Eldon was asked to be the dean of KMBC. Mrs. Neihof served as her husband's secretary and then as his assistant when he became president of the Kentucky Mountain Holiness Association. They were a great team who worked very well together. She loved working in the background, supporting her husband's ministry. Agnes was an excellent wife, teacher, secretary, hostess, mother, grandmother and encourager. Mrs. Neihof was a gracious lady who exuded real Christian virtue. She was very well suited for the ministry and was a key to her husband's effectiveness and success. Mt. Carmel schools, KMBC, and the KMHA owe a huge debt to the Neihofs for their sacrificial and tireless service. They gave it their very best - 110% at least!



Help Wanted: KMBC is looking for additional kitchen and campus maintenance personnel. Interested? Contact Dr. Phil Speas at 606-693-5000 ext. 120 or president@kmbc.edu

NEW LARGE SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

If you saw Dr. Speas with a smile on his face this last December, in addition to celebrating the birth of our Savior, President Speas was rejoicing over the largest scholarship endowment gift KMBC has ever received. We praise the Lord for this investment from Sanctified Church of Christ! KMBC has had a great connection with this denomination for over 60 years. Our singing groups and ministry teams have ministered many times in their churches, mission, and camps, across the years. Many of their youth have attended Mt. Carmel High School and KMBC. A good number of these youth then went into the ministry. The leaders of this group have specified that earnings from this endowment are to provide scholarships for KMBC students who are planning to go into the ministry. What a wonderful way to build God's kingdom, by helping God called youth to prepare for the ministry. We say a big heart-felt thank you to the Sanctified Church of Christ!

WHY KMBC DURING COVID-19

We understand that parents and youth leaders likely have questions about college plans during this very challenging time. You don't want to delay your child's education, but you also want to make sure that they are safe and not taking any unnecessary risks. In this time of uncertainty, we encourage you to consider KMBC.

Minimal Exposure

The risk of contracting Covid-19 is directly related to exposure. KMBC is a niche college focused on ministry preparation. The total campus population is about 120.

KMBC is a small campus located about 7 miles from town in a lightly-populated, rural area. The local area has had low numbers of Covid-19 cases (only 3 cases ever in the county as of May 22).

KMBC is a relatively self-contained campus, with one main entrance and no pass-through traffic. Nearly all students, faculty, and staff live on campus, reducing the amount of exposure from the greater public. Meals and student services are provided on campus.

Outdoor Opportunities

KMBC students have access to over 200 acres of unpopulated privately-owned outdoor space, providing ample room for exercise and recreation without exposure to the public.

Health Care

KMBC is located 10 minutes from a regional hospital, with the ability to transfer and life flight.

KMBC maintains guest housing which can provide quarantine quarters for students if needed.

Caring Campus Environment

Faculty care about each student as a whole person – academically, socially, and spiritually.

Smaller campus and class size promote one-on-one interaction between professors and students.

Discipleship and mentoring helps strengthen each student spiritually and personally.

Class Options

KMBC offers both on campus and online courses, with the option to move between both fluidly in case the student needs to return home or be quarantined during the semester.

Financial Affordability

KMBC maintains an affordable price for private Christian college to make it possible for students to graduate with little to no college debt. Please contact us if you have financial concerns for this fall.

We encourage students to pursue the full campus experience at KMBC this year. If you have any questions or would like to discuss our Covid-19 protection and prevention policies, please contact our Director of Admissions, David Lorimer, at dlorimer@kmbc.edu or 800-879-5622 ext 138.

KMBC MISSION TRIP TO A CLOSED COUNTRY



In the middle of March, five KMBC students smuggled Bibles, medical supplies, and items for infants into a closed country. This closed country is not very friendly to Christians. Their government forbids the building of new churches and has strict guidelines on how many converts can attend a service at a given time.

Our students were blessed to serve the church there by not only smuggling supplies but also participating in services and encouraging the church members there. Our missionaries did everything from digging a cistern to preaching the gospel of full salvation! One of the highlights was preaching at an underground Christian school and two kids were born again! At another location, the students were challenged at breakfast one morning by a local waiter about the existence of God and were able to use arguments they had learned in their apologetics class to cause him to think more deeply about what he believed.

KMBC teaches our students to have a heart for missions. We are thankful that they were able to get home safely just before the panic of the virus seemed to take over. They were able to smuggle in almost two-hundred Bibles that were dispersed among several churches. Our students are thankful for the education they receive at Kentucky Mountain Bible College. Their education pays multiple dividends to the growth of God's kingdom!

OUTSTANDING PHONATHON!

A huge "Thank You" to all our friends who made pledges for our annual phonathon. Our goal was to get \$30,000 in pledges. We received just over \$36,368! This is the most we have received in a number of years! A record number of students and staff helped with the calling. It was a very blessed and fun-filled week! KMBC is most grateful for all its friends who support with their generous gifts and prayers.

TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE FOR ONLINE CLASSES

Beginning this fall, KMBC's online students will be able to live stream courses and benefit from real time interaction and feedback in the classroom. Online students will be better able to connect and engage with the campus community and enjoy a greater breadth of online course offerings. KMBC is retrofitting its classrooms with an integrative system and 360 degree cameras to give the online student the most enriching virtual experience possible. While we are hoping for a somewhat normal semester in the fall, this upgrade will provide KMBC a contingency plan and give students the option to move between residential and online classes fluidly in case the student needs to return home or be quarantined during the semester. If you (or a friend) are interested in taking an online class from KMBC for credit or for personal enrichment, feel free to contact our admissions department at 1-800-879-5622, kmbc@kmbc.edu, or by visiting www.kmbc.edu/online-classes. In addition to offering great online Bible and theology courses, KMBC is excited to offer two new courses this fall: Introduction to Digital Photography with Pastor Scott Olson and Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL) as Ministry with WGM Missionary Shushan Richardson (KMBC Class of 2011).



WHY I BELIEVE IN KMBC

Recent presidents of the United States have made frequent references to the term "American Exceptionalism." This idea was first introduced in 1835 by the French philosopher Alexis de Tocqueville, after he had made an extensive tour of our country while it was still young. He noted that the U.S. was different from all the countries in Europe. He said that there was a unique American spirit that breathed freedom, opportunity, optimism, creativity, and entrepreneurialism that was unlike anything he had seen in Europe. He was most awed and fascinated by this new phenomena that he called "American Exceptionalism."

This exceptional spirit reminds me of the Wesleyan Revival, started by John and Charles Wesley, George Whitefield, and Francis Asbury. This revival was spiritually exceptional and lasted for 100 years. It radically changed England and America. The converts were more pious, devout, evangelistic, missions minded, and lived by a higher ethical standard than followers that came out of other religious movements. The fires from this revival burned much longer than the fires of other revivals.

Kentucky Mountain Bible College is the offspring of the great Wesleyan revival. When I enrolled as a freshman 44 years ago, I saw a higher grade of sweet holy piety than I had seen before. The professors were the godliest people I had ever known. They reeked with godliness. I was enamored by their holy walk with God and was made hungry for what they had. As president of KMBC it has been my aim to maintain and cultivate this spiritual Wesleyan exceptionalism that I witnessed 44 years ago as a freshman on this campus. At KMBC we are intentional about walking in the Spirit and cultivating a much higher grade of Christianity than is often seen in many of our churches and Christian colleges. When de Tocqueville visited America, he clearly noted that something exceptional was going on in this country. In the same way many visitors remark about an unusual presence of God they sense when they set foot on our campus. They quickly notice that something exceptional is going on. This is what makes KMBC unique. May it ever be so!

43 STURDY BENCHES



Two years ago the local power company put in a new power line to the KMBC campus. To do this they had to cut down a bunch of oak trees. Since the trees were not valuable, premium logs, they were going to be discarded. However, the folks at KMBC are resourceful and know how to turn things like wasted wood into something valuable that will be a blessing to many. A decision was made to cut the logs up to make sturdy benches to put along our new hiking trails and around our campfire circle on the top of our KMHA farm. The logs were cut on our sawmill and assembled by our maintenance crew.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! UPCOMING EVENTS AT KMBC



July 26 - August 2 - Mt. Carmel Family Camp



August 20 - KMBC Classes Begin



July 27-31 - New Heights Youth Camp III



August 22 - 2020 Commencement



August 3-7 - New Heights Youth Camp IV



October 16-17 - Persecuted 4 Christ Conference

PERSECUTED FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE RESCHEDULED: OCTOBER 16-17, 2020

How to Do Church When It's Illegal to Meet

Earlier this year the U.S. government suddenly ordered churches to stop holding public services. Pastors who ignored this order were threatened with fines and jail terms. Never had this happened in our nation's 244 year history. Americans had always assumed that we would be free to hold public worship services. The order to stop was a scary eye-opener. Fortunately, the ban has been lifted.



Dr. Doug Carter

This, however, is a way of life for many Christians. In 52 countries, Christians are persecuted, fined, imprisoned, tortured, and even killed for practicing their faith. In spite of this, the church in many areas is thriving. The speakers at this conference work directly with persecuted Christians. Dr. Doug Carter, Senior VP at John Maxwell's' EQUIP Leadership, Inc., and Dr. Michael Khalil, founder and President of Step Forward Global Ministries, will tell touching and moving stories of Christians who have overcome and even died for their faith. They will share how they have built Christ's Church in the face of great opposition and persecution. Let's learn from them how to effectively do church when it's illegal. The time may come when it's illegal to do church in America. Let's learn from them how to be victorious in difficult times.



Dr. Michael Khalil

Dr. Carter has traveled the world 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. Khalil 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 and has himself endured imprisoned in Sudan.

