

THE Silver Trumpet

NEWSLETTER OF KENTUCKY MOUNTAIN BIBLE COLLEGE

ORIGINS

CREATION CONFERENCE: APRIL 16-17



Where did we come from? How did we get here? Are we products of evolution and random chance or are we created by an infinitely intelligent God? Atheistic secularists try to convince us that evolution is the answer and is an undeniable scientific fact. Come to the "Origins" Conference and hear these false claims soundly refuted. Dr. Grady S. McMurtry, from Orlando, Florida, will be the featured speaker. He is a scientist and Christian apologist who specializes in disproving evolution and proving the truth of Biblical creation. He was an evolutionist for 20 years, a theistic evolutionist for a year and a half, and has been a Biblical Creationist for 35 years. He has lectured in universities, colleges, and churches all over the world. Dr. Speas says of Dr. McMurtry, "I have heard a number of Creationist speakers. He is by far the most interesting and convincing one I have ever heard!" This information will equip you so you can refute the evolutionary lies that are rampant in secular schools and are invading Christian schools at an alarming rate. For more information check out the KMBC website: kmbc.edu/origins.

KMBC TRIATHLON

KMBC'S NEW YOUTH RETREAT MINISTRY



Pictured here are the students who participated in KMBC's first ever triathlon contest. The top three contestants were, front row right to left: Caden Burke from Virginia, Josh Cox from Ohio, and Nate Tomlian from Pennsylvania. The triathlon consisted of bicycling from the campus two miles to the North Fork of the Kentucky River, kayaking several miles down the river, and running back toward campus. Caden Burke had the fastest time, with 44 minutes. The event was a big hit. The students are already talking about doing it again next year! KMBC owes a big thank you to World Vision for giving us the very nice bicycles and the kayaks. It's wonderful that as Christians we can have good clean fun.

Many youth pastors and youth group leaders are looking for places to take their youth groups where they can have fun and experience spiritual renewal. Unfortunately, some retreats are very expensive and can cost as much as \$1,000 or more per person. Most youth programs don't have that kind of money to spend. If you are looking for a quality retreat that is affordable you may want to consider a youth retreat hosted by KMBC. The college has perfect facilities to host very affordable youth retreats. We will also provide a team to put on the retreat, including the preaching, music, recreation, and food. Because we are located in an outdoor camping paradise we can offer mountain hiking, canoeing, kayaking, camping, zip lining, and more. All your leader needs to do is bring them with a few chaperones and we do the rest. For more information contact David Lorimer at dlorimer@kmbc.edu or call 606-693-5000 x 138.

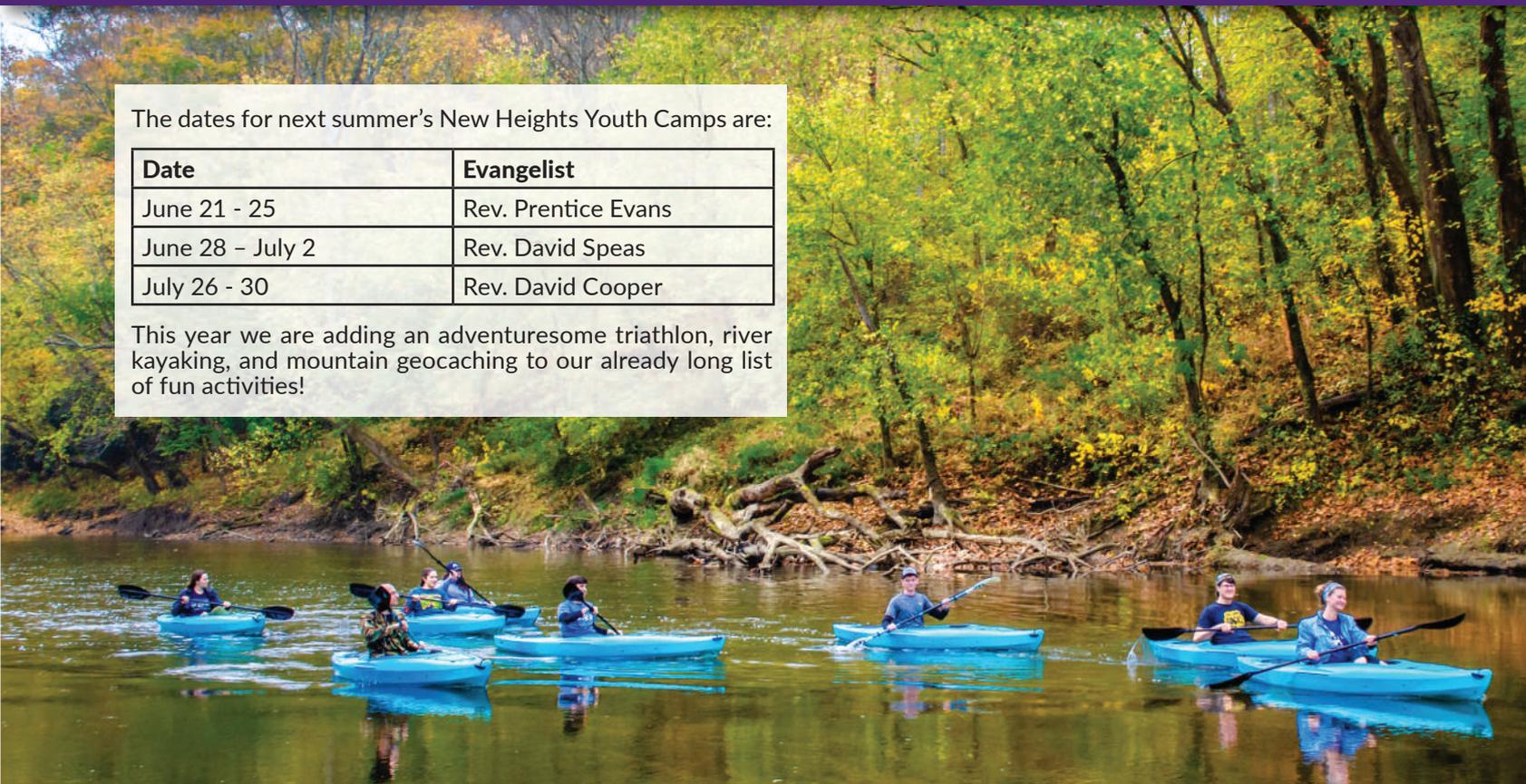
Our facilities can also be used for Marriage Enrichment and Men's Retreats.

NEW HEIGHTS YOUTH CAMPS

The dates for next summer's New Heights Youth Camps are:

Date	Evangelist
June 21 - 25	Rev. Prentice Evans
June 28 - July 2	Rev. David Speas
July 26 - 30	Rev. David Cooper

This year we are adding an adventuresome triathlon, river kayaking, and mountain geocaching to our already long list of fun activities!



PERSECUTED FOR CHRIST

This fall KMBC had a virtual Persecuted For Christ Conference with Dr. Doug Carter and Dr. Michael Khalil. Dr. Khalil, who was raised in Egypt, gave his own powerful testimony of coming to Christ. As a boy he saw his family cruelly persecuted by radical Muslims. He himself was imprisoned for his faith numerous times. Dr. Carter and Dr. Khalil have made numerous trips to visit and encourage the persecuted underground church in Africa, the Mid-East and the Far-East. The two men shared amazing real live stories of people they met who have endured terrible persecution. In spite of this, the Church in many areas is growing like never before. An exciting phenomena among the Muslims is that many are seeing dreams and visions of Jesus. In one Muslim country, 90% of people who convert to Christianity have seen a dream or vision of Jesus. Their stories literally brought tears to our eyes. This conference brought real encouragement to our hearts as we heard of the incredible things God is doing around the world. The stories sounded like the book of Acts in the Bible! It is our prayer that some of our students will feel called to missions as a result of this conference.



WHY I BELIEVE IN KMBC

I believe in KMBC because it soundly rejects the new phenomena called compartmentalization. In my lifetime I have seen this new and scary teaching sweep across our country. Compartmentalization teaches that it is okay to embody, endorse, and practice very in-congruent values and ethics. I can claim to be a very righteous person and yet have a dominant dark side to my life. I can act good in public, maintaining a respectable image, and indulge in deviant behavior in private. It's my public persona and image that counts. The sins of my private life are my personal privilege and nobody's business.

According to compartmentalization, my life is like a house with many rooms. There are public rooms and there are private rooms. As long as my public rooms look good I'm fine. It doesn't matter what goes on in the attic, basement, or closet.

This terrible plague has become so widespread that one half of ministers in America are caught up in it. One half of them admit to looking at porn on their phones or computers. By title and profession they are men of God who publicly stand for truth and righteousness but lust and commit adultery in private. What a terrible spiritual disconnect!

At KMBC we believe I Thessalonians 5:23. In this verse Paul prays that God would "sanctify you wholly" (KJV). Another translation says "sanctify you through and through" (NIV), while another says "make you holy in every way" (NLT). This leaves no room for compartmentalization. We teach and preach that God can so thoroughly sanctify us that we are righteous in every part of our lives. Like a good apple, He can make us "good to the core!" Forty-four years ago I came as a freshman to KMBC. I was immediately impressed that the faculty and staff were godly in every way. My prayer is that our students today may see and believe that God can make them holy in every part of their lives.

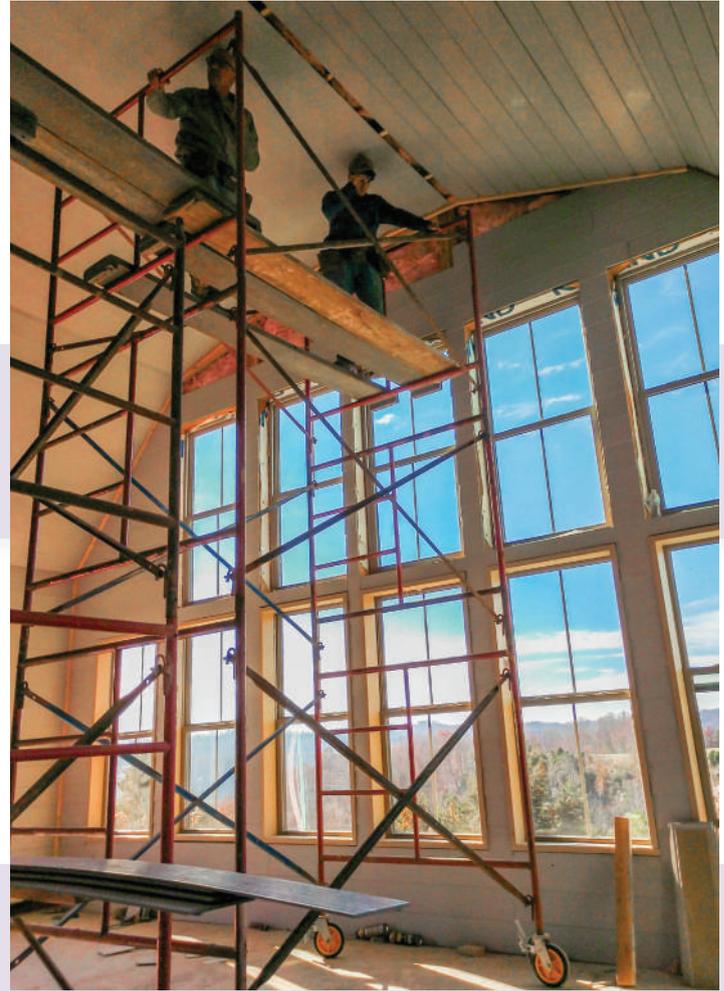
WORK TEAM ROLL CALL

Month	Leader	State	#	Work Done
June	Mike VanderKamp	IN, MI, OH	6	Carpentry
July	Gary Klinger			Painting
	Hoffman	IN	12	Carpentry & Landscaping
	Larry Gates	IN, OH	14	Carpentry, Masonry, Siding, Carpet Laying, & Landscaping
Oct.	Joe Munn	MI	4	Siding
	Brian Withrow	KY	2	Siding
	Gary Knox	IN, OH	7	Siding & Carpentry
	Jack Duff	KY	1	Trim Carpentry

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

FINISHING KMBC'S CABIN

Pictured here is a team finishing the inside of KMBC's rustic cabin. It is perched on the edge of a ravine overlooking a beautiful valley on the KMHA farm. This cabin will be used by KMBC students and staff. It will provide a wonderful place to enjoy God's presence in quiet solitude, while viewing His beautiful creation. This special spot is less than a mile from campus and yet it feels like you have traveled to another state! When finished, the cabin will have a large loft where sizable groups of students can camp out over night. Next to the cabin is a large picnic shelter and a fire ring where groups can roast hot dogs and marshmallows and enjoy a good campfire sing-along. This will also be used by our summer youth camps. Next door to the cabin is a nice large network of hiking trails and a shooting range. What a wonderful asset for the college to have such great outdoor facilities so close to the campus.



MIRACLES STILL HAPPEN TODAY



BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS

This year the flowers on campus were especially pretty! The campus gardener experimented with some new combinations of flowers – which exceeded everyone’s expectations. They have made the campus more cherry and have brought enjoyment to all. Visitors regularly comment about the beauty of the campus. We say thank you to the maintenance crew who do such a good job of keeping our campus looking attractive.



On August 20, I (President Philip Speas) came down with a fairly high fever. I felt achy and very tired. The fever persisted for a week. At times I was sweating profusely. I supposed I had gotten some virus and would just have to wait it out. Three days later my wife said I turned blue (she is an ER nurse). She rushed me to the hospital. The infectious disease doctor tested me for everything imaginable – from malaria to COVID. They pumped me full of antibiotics, hoping something would work. I had several doctors, PAs, and nurse practitioners working on my case. My illness was a mystery. It was causing my internal organs to shut down. It attacked my digestive and respiratory systems. I was experiencing kidney failure, I had cirrhosis of the liver, my blood count was dangerously low, and I had a racing, dangerously erratic heartbeat. Three times the Rapid Response Team rushed in when things got bad, to keep me from coding. Fortunately for me I didn’t know how serious things were. My wife knew and was scared but didn’t tell me until I was well on the way to recovery. On my third day in the hospital, my daughter, Ruth, put out a SOS appeal for prayer on my behalf on Facebook. The next day the main doctor gave us some very good news – he told my wife that all of my organ functions that had been failing had made an abrupt turn-around and were all headed in the right direction!! My wife and I turned to each other and said, “This is a God thing!” We were amazed that my condition had improved so quickly and dramatically in a few hours. The following day my levels were almost completely normal and I was able to go home. The doctors still didn’t know the cause of my illness. Several days after I went home, the doctor told us that the test results showed I had Ehrlichiosis, a rare disease caused by a tick bite. Upon returning home we learned that hundreds of friends had gotten the SOS and had earnestly interceded on our behalf. One friend told me he had prayed for me all night. I am greatly humbled and deeply grateful for all our friends who lifted me to God’s throne. This week I went for a check-up with the cardiologist who worked on me. He told me that I had fully recovered from my illness. Twice he told me, with emphasis in his voice, “You are a lucky man to have fully recovered!” He told me that I could have easily died. Praise God, I have no lingering effects from my illness. This experience has caused me to be more thoughtful and grateful to God, my family, and my friends. To all of you who prayed for me I say a big, heart-felt thanks. Be encouraged, God is still in the miracle business and can answer prayer today!

NEW SCHOLARSHIP

A couple from upstate New York recently established a new endowed scholarship fund at KMBC. In years past they came as excellent workers on work teams. They wanted to invest in helping KMBC students because they believe in the mission and product of the school. We say thank you for making this investment which will help many students for years to come. It is exciting to see the number of named scholarships grow. We now have about 75!

SPECIAL OFFER: DUAL ENROLLMENT FOR 1/2 PRICE

Do you know a high schooler who is eager to earn some college credit? KMBC is offering dual enrollment courses both online and on campus. These classes allow teenagers to begin their college education early. There are many benefits to taking these courses while still in high school.

Starting college early gives students a great advantage, as the classes allow them to experience college-level work, so they can get a better idea of what to expect from future courses. Those who participate in dual enrollment courses can also complete part of their degree before attending college full-time, enabling them to save money on school expenses, since they may not have to pay for room and board as long. Furthermore, the student saves time and energy because courses fulfill both high school and college requirements.

Cost: Only \$150 per credit after scholarships! (Books not included)

On-campus, live “in-the-classroom” online, and recorded online options are available. If interested, please contact David Lorimer at 800-879-5622 or kmbc@kmbc.edu.

ENHANCED EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY



Although Covid-19 has brought its share of challenges, we praise the Lord for how He continues to advance His kingdom and the mission of KMBC in these uncertain days. As part of the CARES Act passed earlier this year, KMBC received special grant funding specifically designated to help colleges enhance their online education. As usual, the KMBC staff worked hard to maximize the potential of the grant. Over the summer, our IT team worked tirelessly in researching, planning, and retrofitting KMBC’s classrooms for live, online student engagement. Thanks to the CARES Act and the hard work of Steve Lorimer, Joe Ritter, Kirk Bagby, David Bagby, and Jordan Dunn, our classrooms have been enhanced to give online students a high-quality, live, immersive classroom experience. Each classroom is equipped with multiple cameras, enabling the online student to clearly see and hear everything going on in the classroom as well as multiple screens to allow the instructor and residential students to comfortably interact with online students. Each of KMBC’s five classrooms now have 360-degree cameras to capture classroom discussion as well as high definition cameras clearly capturing the instructor, projectors, and SmartBoards. The setup has been engineered to be as easy and seamless as possible for both students and faculty. This setup has given students the flexibility to move fluidly between live in-person and live online. WYMT, our local news network, featured two spots on our classroom upgrades. After another interview with Terri Krause, a Ph.D. student in educational technology from Purdue University, she commented, “I am more impressed with what you have done than you can probably know. I have seen and been in a lot of learning environments, and yours is better designed/implemented than any of them!” KMBC’s accrediting association was also impressed with our design and has invited KMBC representatives to share our setup at their annual meetings in February of 2021. We praise the Lord for how He takes a difficult situation and turns it into a blessing!



KMBC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

KMBC has the following openings for staff positions:

- » General Maintenance – basic knowledge for campus repairs
- » Kitchen assistant – general knowledge for food preparation
- » Office secretary – basic computer and PR skills for talking on the phone

KMBC is a great place to minister in a Christian environment. Over the years many retired people have found the campus an ideal place to continue serving God in a meaningful way. Please contact the college if you have an interest in any of these areas.



COMMENDATION FROM CAMP BOARD MEMBER

A note from a camp board member says, "We appreciated the youth camp team from Kentucky Mountain Bible College. They did an absolutely fantastic job... I have traveled all over the United States to many, many youth camps. I've chaperoned or been the sponsor for many youth camp teams. I told your team that if I were picking a team to represent a Bible college I would pick them. I want you to know that you have done very, very well in the people you have picked. They represented Jesus well and they represented KMBC well!"

INHERITANCE RECEIVED

KMBC is very grateful to Dan and Dorothy Cottrell from Milwaukee, Oregon, for remembering the college in their will. Dan and Dorothy were involved in lay ministry and lived very simple and frugal lives. Their careful living made it possible for them to give generously to a number of charitable causes at their death. Dorothy passed away in 2015 and Dan joined her in heaven in 2018. KMBC is deeply grateful to this couple for their generous gift to KMBC.

OOPS!



In the last edition of the Silver Trumpet we published the wrong picture for Martha Blakeman. We apologize for the error. KMBC is proud of Matha's service to the Lord and her continued investment in preparing others for ministry by making KMBC the beneficiary of her life insurance policy.

CALLING THE CALLED

Are there students in your family, church, workplace, or community that feel a call to ministry or want to build a strong Biblical foundation before joining the military or workforce? KMBC is looking for Community Builders! KMBC students then and now have answered the call to learn more about God, His Word, and His plan for their lives and careers. You answered that call, and have been led into full time ministry, being His hands and feet in your workplace, or showing the love of the Lord in your home. We often hear how much of an impact KMBC had in your lives and ministries. KMBC is asking our alumni and friends to refer 500 ministry minded people for study at KMBC! There are people in your church, family, and community that may never meet a KMBC representative other than you. Help us connect with them, and we'll take it from there! As a token of our appreciation we will send you some fun KMBC gifts! Help us build our KMBC community and get some gear to represent KMBC! Just submit your their contact information at kmbc.edu/callingthecalled.



Static Cling
1 Student



T-Shirt
5 Students



Ball Cap
10 Students



Mug
15 Students



Leather Journal
25 Students



Jacket
35 Students



JVL Bluetooth Speaker
50 Students

Help us reach new 500 new students and get gear for yourself!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! UPCOMING EVENTS AT KMBC



January 25-30 - Phonathan



April 16-17 - Origins Creation Conference



January 31 - February 2 - Prayer Summit



May 1 - Alumni Day

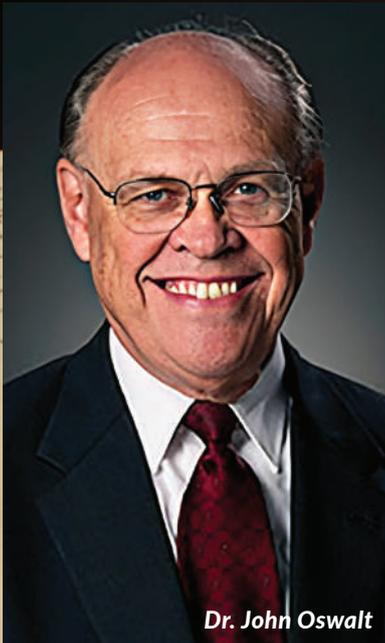


February 21-26 - KMBC Convocation



May 14 - KMBC Commencement

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY



Dr. John Oswald

Isaiah

KMBC is offering an online and in-person one hour class on Isaiah, taught by Dr. John Oswald. Dr. Oswald is a renowned Wesleyan scholar, who has specialized in Old Testament studies, especially the book of Isaiah. He has been an Old Testament professor at Asbury Seminary, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and Wesley Biblical Seminary, for a total of 46 years. Dr. Oswald has authored 11 books, including a two volume work on Isaiah in the New International Commentary. In addition to this work, he is a much sought after evangelist and conference speaker. The course will take place over two weekends, January 29-30 and February 26-27. Whether in-person or through Zoom, don't miss this opportunity to study under a great Old Testament scholar who knows how to make the Old Testament come alive with profound insight and meaning!