

THE Silver Trumpet

NEWSLETTER OF KENTUCKY MOUNTAIN BIBLE COLLEGE

HALLWAY OF HEROES

FOUNDER



DR. LELA G. MCCONNELL

This year KMBC celebrated its 90th birthday! The college has a very blessed, unique, and anointed history. This is true because it is a vine of God's planting and has been led by God-called individuals who gave their very best. They were very godly, committed, sacrificial, humble, frugal, and selfless individuals. They were models of holiness to the students, teaching the holy life by example

as well as precept. They were real heroes. Many worked at KMBC their entire lives - 40, 50, 60, and even 70 years! Mrs. Alice Fisher holds the record, working 70 consecutive years, from 1939 - 2009! These workers made an incredible investment. Few colleges have such a legacy of commitment! As a school we feel it is only right to honor these heroes who gave so much and impacted so many lives!! The administration hallway is being completely remodeled to provide appropriate and attractive space to display the pictures of these individuals who gave so much. The left side of the hallway will display the pictures of the leaders. The right side of the hallway will display the pictures of 25 individuals who worked 30 years or more at the college. Below each picture will be an inscription giving a brief bio about the person. The hallway and displays will look very elegant and professional when completed! The renovation will include a raised ceiling, new lighting, fresh paint, new trim, and new tile and carpet. A generous donor is covering the cost of the new pictures of our heroes. The renovation cost will be about an\ additional \$10,000. If you would like to help with this project to honor our heroes, just send your gift to KMBC, earmarked for "heroes."



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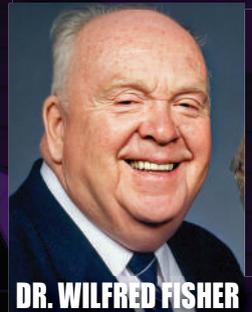
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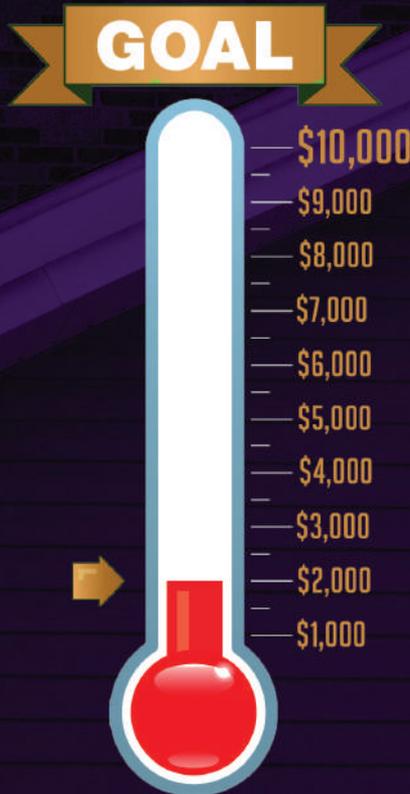


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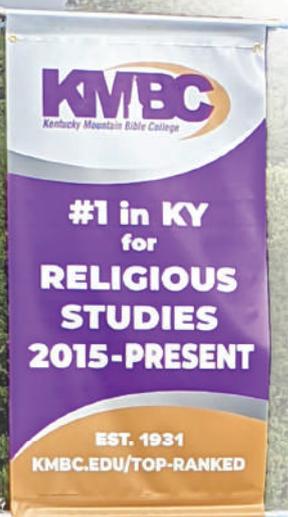
KMBC hosted Navigating Cultural Chaos on October 22 & 23. Visitors came from 17 different states, all the way from Massachusetts to Missouri – from Michigan to Brownsville, Texas! It was the best attended church leaders conference we have ever hosted, with even more online viewers than in-person. The campus was bustling with excitement.

The three speakers: Tim Throckmorton, Rev. Jared Henry, and Dr. Brian Powell, did an excellent job of discussing the hot topics of LGBTQ, Black Lives Matter, Critical Race Theory, Social Justice, Political Correctness, and Cancel Culture. They pointed out the relevance of the holiness message for today and how it solves most of these problems. The liberal left is trying to solve society's problems in their own strength, with God excluded from the equation. The end result is more prejudice, pain, injustice, and polarization in society. The speakers did an excellent job of handling very sensitive topics without sounding condescending and harsh. The attendees were very complimentary of the conference.

Many left the event only wishing they could have heard more! If you were not able to attend and would like to view the sessions you can see them on KMBC's YouTube page: www.youtube.com/kmbcchapel/videos

CONGRATULATIONS

ALUMNUS LEAVES INHERITANCE TO KMBC



This banner on the KMBC campus advertises that the organization College Compare has rated Kentucky Mountain Bible College as the best college in Kentucky for religious studies from 2015-to present! This is what evaluating experts are saying of KMBC's spiritual qualities. While we may not get recognition for secular achievements, we are excelling in the things that really matter for eternity! KMBC is intentionally working hard to keep spirituality at the top.

Florence Fry of Findlay, Ohio, passed away January 10, 2021, at the age of 97. She graduated from KMBC in 1949. She served as a missionary with World Gospel Mission at the Peniel Inner City Mission in San Francisco for 39 years. After retiring from that work, she returned to her hometown in Findlay, Ohio, working at a home for needy and retired women, working for another 15 years. She said, "I've had a good and happy life and wouldn't change it....The Lord has been good to me all my days." KMBC is very grateful that she put her alma mater in her will, leaving her life insurance policy to the college. A number of friends of KMBC have put the college in their will. To all who have done so we say a big thank you! This helps strengthen the financial foundation of the college for years to come.



PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH AT KMBC

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Kentucky Mountain Bible College announced the formation of a Presidential Search Committee. Dr. Philip Speas, who has led the institution with distinction, will step down from the presidency in 2022 after 28 years of service. Dr. Speas says, "It has been my joy to serve our students at KMBC along with an exceptionally gifted team of godly faculty, staff, and administration. The support and encouragement of the larger KMBC family and of our trustees has been an enabling strength. All that has happened has been the result of God's provision and blessing on KMBC."

The process to identify and recruit candidates and, ultimately, appoint a new president must be thoughtful, disciplined, collaborative, and thorough. To manage this process, the Board of Trustees has appointed the Presidential Search Committee to assist with identifying and recommending candidates for the position. The 5-member committee is made up of representatives from the Board of Trustees, staff and alumni.

The Board of Trustees and Presidential Search Committee are committed to keeping the KMBC campus and constituency informed throughout the process. We welcome recommendations and applications for the position. The official job description as well as the essential functions and competencies of the position are posted at www.kmbc.edu/presidentialtransition. This webpage will also provide updates and a timeline of the search process.

As we enter this new chapter in the history of Kentucky Mountain Bible College, we would ask for the prayers and support of our alumni and friends.

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
- » Elementary Education Instructor
- » English & Composition Instructor

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.



WHY I BELIEVE IN KMBC

I believe in KMBC because we are very serious about walking with God and living holy lives. It's one thing to be able to "talk the talk," but its quite another thing to "walk the walk!" The organization **intelligent.com** has recently rated Kentucky Mountain Bible College as the number one college in Kentucky for discipleship! What a tribute! In the classroom students learn the doctrines and the theories, but in discipleship they learn how to put them into practice! This is what counts most with God! This determines who goes to heaven.

About four years ago, the schools' administrators made a decision to offer a sizable scholarship to every student who was part of a discipling group. (We have nearly 100% participation.) The discipling groups meet every Wednesday. Our concern was that students could put down the right answers on their tests but fail to apply the truth in their every day lives. Since we implemented this rigorous discipling program on our campus, we have seen a noticeable increase in our students' spirituality. There are fewer discipline problems on campus and there is greater victory over sin! They are also experiencing greater faithfulness in their devotional life. This emphasis has also improved our retention rates!

Each year our students answer a 150 question campus life survey. This year's spirutal life scores were the highest in over a decade with the students testifing of greater assurance of being saved from sin and of being sanctified wholly. This is true success where it really counts. These discipling groups are not only helping students walk in greater victory, they are teaching them how to be effective disciplers when they graduate and go into ministry. I believe in KMBC because we are very intentional about helping our students live in full victory. We are teaching our students to put God first!

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KMBC LEGEND GOES HOME

Henrietta Griffith, a longtime KMBC worker, went to heaven on September 24. She was almost 98 years old. "Miss Griff," as she was affectionately called, taught 61 years at the college! She probably taught more KMBC alumni than any other teacher. Many former students said that she was their favorite teacher. President Speas said, "She was born to teach." She not only taught classes but pastored, was a dorm parent, and was the college's field ministries director - all at the same time. Miss Griffith could produce both quality and quantity! She was also civic minded, being very involved in the local and state WCTU. She was athletic and could play a good game of ping pong well into her eighties.

Henrietta was a prayer warrior and a strong proponent of heart holiness. She could teach and preach holiness with the best! She was creative yet rock solid and unflinching in her commitment to Bible truth. President Speas officiated at her funeral and said, "She was the same person I met when I came as a freshman in 1976!"

She was born in a fairly affluent family from New Jersey. Saved at the age of 14, she soon felt a call to be a missionary to eastern Kentucky. Many of her family and friends told her that coming to Kentucky was wasting her life. She would be a nobody - lost and forgotten. This city girl came anyway, without support. It was hard. She had to work long hours to earn money, while taking a full academic load. This hardship didn't break her - it only made her tougher and more resolute! And she wasn't lost in the hills of Kentucky - in fact, she got to travel all over the U.S., plus numerous trips around the world! KMBC and its alumni owe a huge debt to this brave and godly woman! Her impact on this earth was impressive, but her reward in heaven will be even greater. She requested that any memorial money be given to her endowed scholarship fund at KMBC so that it could continue to impact student's lives until Jesus comes!

NEW GENERAL MANAGER AT MOUNTAIN GOSPEL RADIO



Seth Stevenson and his family moved to the KMBC campus in September to become the new general manager of KMBC's radio station. Seth has a great love for radio and brings considerable experience in radio broadcasting with him. Prior to this, Seth had worked for the Bible Broadcasting Network, based out of Charlotte, NC. He was the station's operation manager, managing nine remote, full power stations. Dan Lorimer, WMTC's previous manager, did a great job of upgrading and expanding

the station's outreach during his time as general manager. The station now includes two stations: The mother station in Vancleve - WMTC 99.9 FM and a second station in Stanton, KY - WBFC 1470 AM and 98.7 FM.) This makes it possible to hear our broadcasts all the way from KMBC to the outskirts of Lexington, KY. The broadcast can also be heard on www.mountaingospel.org. More and more listeners are tuning in from distant states and around the world. If you like Southern Gospel programming, you can listen to our station almost anywhere in the world. If you or someone you know is interested in ministering through radio, Mountain Gospel has several openings. For more information contact Seth Stevenson at studio@mountaingospel.org

THEOLOGY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT TAUGHT BY DR. JOHN OSWALT



KMBC is pleased to announce that Dr. John Oswalt is teaching an online and in-person class on the theology of the Old Testament, this spring at KMBC. Dr. Oswalt is a renowned Wesleyan scholar who has specialized in Old Testament studies. He has been an Old Testament professor at Asbury Seminary, Trinity Divinity School, and Wesley Biblical Seminary, for a total of 47 years. Dr. Oswalt knows how to make the OT come alive, with profound insights, in a way that is easily understood. Whether in-person or through Zoom, don't miss this great opportunity to sharpen your understanding and love of the Old Testament! The dates are February 18-19, March 25-26, and April 22-23. For more information contact our admissions department at kmbc@kmbc.edu or by calling 800-879-5622.

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Rev. Mike Edwards graduated from KMBC in 1975. He was heavily involved in inner city rescue mission work for 44 years. He and his wife, Barbara, were both called to inner city mission work while they were students at KMBC. Mike was associate director of the Los Angeles Peniel Mission and later became director of the Los Angeles Mission. His final work was as founding president of City Mission Ministries. One friend summed up Mike's life in this way, "He made an unforgettable mark on the hearts of so many." Mike contracted COVID in 2020 and after a hard fought battle he went to heaven November 11, 2020. His wife, Barbara, who shared in his inner mission ministry, has set up an endowed memorial student scholarship in his memory. Barbara is grateful for the spiritual foundation that KMBC laid for their lives. Her desire is that funds from this endowment will help future God-called students pursue their calling to spread the Gospel message to a new generation. Thank you Barbara for honoring your husband and your alma mater in this time of loss! If any friends would like to contribute to this scholarship fund, they may do so by mailing a gift to KMBC marked for the Mike Edward's memorial scholarship.

INSPIRE A LEADER WITH A FREE CLASS!

Pastors & Church Leaders, is there someone in your church that you feel would be benefited by Bible College training? KMBC is giving you the opportunity to provide them with 1 free online class! The "Discover Possibilities" voucher enables a pastor or church leader to introduce someone to Biblical training in an affordable way. It is not valid for full-time students and cannot be combined with other scholarship offers.

For details and to secure a voucher, contact David Lorimer at kmbc@kmbc.edu or 800-859-5622 ext 130.

NEW WALK-IN COOLER/FREEZER



KMBC just built a new walk-in cooler and freezer that is top-of-the-line. It is insulated way above the recommended specs and almost doubles our storage capacity! The cooks are very excited because it will be much more convenient to use. It has an outside entrance, which will make unloading much easier. In the past we had to walk through four doorways to put goods into the cooler - now we have only one doorway. To get to the old freezer the cooks had to walk down a flight of steps to the basement. The college has several food buying connections, which allows us to buy way below costs. With the added spaces we can take advantage of stock-piling when special deals become available, which lowers our overall food budget. We say special thanks to our maintenance crew and work team friends who built this fine cooler/freezer facility!

WORK TEAM ROLL CALL

Month	Leader	State	#	Work Done
May	Mike VanderKamp	MI	1	Insulation/Siding
June	Gary Knox	OH	4	Siding
	David Rauschenberger	IN	1	Dozer Work/Landscaping
July	Mike Spencer	KY	2	Mechanic Work
Sept.	Brian Withrow	KY	5	Carpentry/Drywall
Nov.	Gary Knox	OH	4	Carpentry/Siding
	I-Tech	PA	2	Electric

Interested in bringing a team? Call us at 606-693-5000.

CAMPERS GIVE SPIRITUALITY HIGH RATINGS



This year KMBC hosted three excellent youth camps. Because of our location, we are able to offer very exciting fun activities that most camps can't offer – such as kayaking, ziplines, mountain-hiking, water slide, shooting range, hayrides, and mountain-top fire works. While the youth loved these fun events, they loved the spiritual emphasis even more! A poll of the campers showed that they were more impressed by the spiritual atmosphere than the fun events, which were outstanding. This is what they said:

"I have been involved in many camps and this is the only camp that has both a spiritual and fun aspect. Usually we only get one and the other lacks. This gives campers 5 times a day being soaked in the Word of God, fellowship with believers, and love." – North Carolina

"I liked a lot of things at camp. I loved how nice the counselors are and just how godly they are. I loved the water-slide and the zip-line because all of these were so fun. This is my first time at this camp and I love everyone and everything here. I loved all the passages that were preached and taught. I love to sing. Some songs that we sang were amazing and uplifting." – Ohio

"I loved the zip-line, water-slide, activities, and especially the last night of worship during the afterglow. God came and greatly blessed the services." – Kentucky

"What I liked about camp was how we all felt so close to God and how I personally have grown in my faith. I liked how everyone was so friendly and kind!" – Spain



DONATION OF BEAUTIFUL RV

Some very generous friends of the college from Ohio donated this 2016 Highland Ridge RV (5th wheel trailer) to KMBC. This RV is in mint condition. The owner said he only used it three times. It looks like it is new. Because of COVID, RVs are in short supply and are in very high demand. (Due to COVID, people are afraid to go on cruises or fly on jets.) Over the years friends of the college have donated a number of vehicles to the college, which has been a great blessing. KMBC wishes to say a great big thank you to this generous couple for donating this very valuable RV!

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.

EXPANDING SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENTS

In recent years, KMBC has been greatly blessed by many generous friends who have established endowed student scholarships. To date we have 85 named scholarships. They range from as large as \$354,000 to \$5,000. Some of these scholarships were established with a one time large gift; others were established with a number of smaller gifts. Many who have established a scholarship endowment add to the fund regularly. These endowed scholarship funds are invested and the earnings from the investments are given to needy/deserving students. 88% of our students are benefited by these scholarships. Our students are very grateful for the kind and generous friends who help them pay for their education. Thank you for investing in our students! The beautiful part of an endowed scholarship is that it is a legacy that provides scholarships year after year. Listed below are the endowed scholarship that our friends have established at KMBC.

FOUNDERS

\$150,000+

Leroy & Mildred McCurdy
Sanctified Church of Christ
I.D. & P. Swinehart
Gordon Van Donselaar

LEADERS

\$100,000+-\$150,000

Audra & Owen Diddle
Miller & Myers
Silas & Betty West

PRESIDENTS

\$50,000+-\$100,000

Gary Boggs
Paul Greene
McConnell-Reeser, Annie Bessie
McLauchlin & Cornell
John & Nancy Parcell Ministerial
Harold & Eunice Powell
Harold Spann
Sherman Stoess (Peniel Mission)

PARTNERS

\$15,000+-\$50,000

II Timothy 2:15
John Andrus
Ran Boggs
Louis & Hilma Bouck
Dorothy Burr
Jay & Margaret Dargan
Garth & Marion Driscoll
Wilfred & Alice Fisher
Fletcher & Belcher
Fletcher Family
Henrietta Griffith
Ken & Ann Holbert
Bob Hoots
Jonathan & Pat Kline
Fred R. Messenger
Gene & Clarice Moyer
Eldon & Agnes Neihof
Dr. John Neihof
David & Joy Paul
Pfieffer
Robert Ritter
Seldon Short
David & Doris Stahl
Joshua Stauffer
VanderKamp Family
Gordon Wiles
Bryan & Barb Wright
Delores Wolfgang

BUILDERS

\$5,000-15,000

Julie Adams
William Blair
George & Betty Brown
Brown-Wease
Ercel & Irene Carter
Craig R. Connell
Paul Dean
James & Elaine Duncan
Florence Fry
Jonathan & Vera & Brent Furry
Thomas Holland
Kenneth & Mabel Huffman Kendall
V.L. Kirkpatrick
Eddie & Mary Lockwood
Tom & Becky Lorimer
Roland Mason
Richard & Mae Mathes
David Mercer
Mielke Memorial
Munson-Wood-Bailey
Dr. John Neihof (WMTC)
Janet Nicholas
Josephine Osborne
Parnell & Bouk
Pilot View Friends Church
Faye Riley
St. Marks Brown Church
Jesse Sandburg
Glenna Self
Violetta Severson
Donald & Betty Seymour
Ruby Shaw
Roy & Theresa Sims
Glenn Smith
Mabel F. Smith
Robert & Catharine Smith
Dorothy Spencer
John & Masako Trosen
Merrill Ward Family
David Willison
Donna Woodring

"For many years, I have observed that KMBC has one of the best records of training young people for full time ministry. I established a scholarship fund with KMBC because I wanted my life as a holiness minister to live on after I was gone. I thank God that I am even now reaping eternal benefits from this investment." - Rev. John Andrus



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! UPCOMING EVENTS AT KMBC

-  December 5 - Christmas Cantata
-  January 17 - Spring Semester Begins
-  February 20-25 - Spring Revival
-  April 8-9 - Worldview Conference & KGT

-  May 26 - Commencement
-  June 20-24 - New Heights Youth Camp I
-  June 27-July 1 - New Heights Youth Camp II
-  July 25-29 - New Heights Youth Camp III

WORLDVIEW YOUTH CONFERENCE APRIL 8-9, 2022

Jeff Keaton, Renewanation founder, president and CEO, will be speaking to today's youth on how to have a biblical worldview! According to George Barna only 4% of American youth have a Christian worldview. Today's youth are statistically less Christian and more confused about moral and spiritual truth than ever in our nation's history. They are subtly being taught socialism, Marxism, and atheism in our public schools from kindergarten on up. Note: what a person believes determines how they act! Jeff Keaton has devoted his life to helping Christian youth have a Christian worldview. He is probably the foremost Wesleyan advocate in America who is addressing this subject with teens. Jeff is a very engaging speaker that youth will greatly enjoy.

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 8-9, 2022

FIND OUT MORE: WWW.KMBC.EDU/YWC



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\$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS!



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