



# ALUMNI FOOTPRINTS

KENTUCKY MOUNTAIN BIBLE COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWS

## KMBC'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER 9, 2021

Due to Covid restrictions, the 2021 KMBC Homecoming/Alumni Day was postponed to October 9. This year, the KMBC Alumni Association will be celebrating KMBC's 90th birthday! KMBC, then KMBI, was founded in 1931 by Miss Lela G. McConnell and Miss Martha Archer. KMBI was started because a number of the Mt. Carmel students were getting called to ministry and needed some Bible college training. Today, KMBC continues to prepare men and women for holiness ministry around the world.

Since this is a big anniversary for the college, we want to celebrate in a big way. We plan to have our regular hymn sing and testimony time, plus have KMBC singing groups from the past come and sing. We are going all out to make the meal extra good this year. Following the meal will be the Stars vs the Stiffs basketball game between the KMBC students and the alumni. Be sure to mark your calendar and invite your classmates to come for this extra special occasion! Many of you have already started contacting your classmates about attending. Please continue to do so, or remind them if necessary. We hope to see many of you there!



### Mark Your Calendars:

Plan to attend Homecoming (Alumni Day) on Oct. 9, 2021!

### Reunion Classes:

1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011, and 2016.

### Reunion Class Officers:

Please help us contact your reunion classes! If you need your classmates' contact information, please email us at [kmbcalumni@gmail.com](mailto:kmbcalumni@gmail.com), or write for it at Alumni Secretary, 855 Hwy 541, Jackson, KY 41339.

## ALUMNI PROJECT



The alumni project for this year is to buy new kitchen equipment in honor of Miss Mary Ellen Mowery. Miss Mowery was very hard working and committed to KMBC. She graduated from KMBI in 1961 and worked as a dietitian until 2019, a total of 58 years! We feel that it is most fitting to honor Miss Mowery for her exemplary service to KMBC. She has been an extraordinary cook. She was very frugal and saved the college a lot of money while making everything taste home cooked! Because Miss Mowery was so frugal, she seldom asked for new equipment – she chose to do the best with what she had. This means that our stoves are old and need to be replaced. The newest conventional stove is 25 years old. The project plan is to buy a double wall natural gas convection oven for \$6,324 and a six burner gas range with griddle/broiler and two standard ovens for \$4,836, for a grand total of \$11,160. What better way to honor our retired dietitian than to give money to retrofit the kitchen, where she worked for 58 years, in her honor. Just send your gift to KMBC, marked for the Alumni Project.

# FREE KMBC REFRESHER COURSE

This last spring, KMBC made a special offer to its alumni for a free refresher course. The offer was well received, so KMBC will be extending this offer to this coming fall semester! KMBC is making a special offer to all who graduated from KMBC with an associates degree or from KMBC with a bachelors degree. If you are in one of these categories, you may take a refresher course from KMBC, free of charge for your own personal enrichment. KMBC wants to partner with its alumni and help them enjoy the invigorating experience of lifelong learning. To take advantage of this great opportunity, contact David Lorimer at 800-TRY-KMBC x 130, [kmbc@kmbc.edu](mailto:kmbc@kmbc.edu), or visit [kmbc.edu/apply](http://kmbc.edu/apply). A few great courses being offered include *Minor Prophets* with Rev. Mark Cravens, *Theology and Practice of Prayer* online with Rev. Jim Nelson, and *Comparative Religions* with Rev. David Street.

## FOOTPRINTS HERE & THERE

Rev. Gordon ('94) and Carmen ('85) Sampsel were installed as pastor of Pikeville Wesleyan Church in Pikeville, KY.



This spring, Dr. Jerome Van Kuiken ('96) received KMBC's Alumnus of the Year Award for his outstanding Christian service. Dr. Van Kuiken currently serves as the Dean of Oklahoma Wesleyan University's School of Ministry & Christian Thought.

Justin Shelor ('03) received a B.A. in Information Technology from Southern New Hampshire University.



After several years of being youth pastor at Hillside Nazarene in Clyde, MI, Nathan Neihof ('11) has stepped into the role of lead pastor.

Alix Hilaire ('11) has opened a new church, "All Nations-Tout Nasyon Church," in Mt. Dora, FL.



Adam ('12) & Valerie (FS) Vanaman brought youth from Hillsboro Nazarene Church (IN), to work with Danny Speas ('13) doing flood relief work in Breathitt County, KY, following major flooding this spring.



Micah Kerney ('14) graduated from Medical School as Micah Kerney MD. He is pictured here with his parents Rachel ('86) and David Kerney.



Caleb Jack ('18) graduated from Liberty University with a B.A. in Criminal Justice and Homeland Security.



Paul Glover ('19) graduated from Big Sandy Community and Technical College with a degree in Electrical Technology.



Ashley (Milks) ('12) was united in marriage to Dave Rice on Aug. 29, 2020. They make their home in Lexington, KY.



Bradley Pyle ('18) was united in marriage to Lume Nishikawa ('17). On Dec. 20, 2020. They make their home in Japan where Bradley is a teacher.



Jared Cox ('19) was united in marriage to Laney Jane Frazier on Jan. 9.



Shawnda Dykhoff ('08) was united in marriage to Kyle Bilbee on Feb. 27, 2021. Shawnda is Senior Pastor at Brinker Heights Wesleyan Church in Marion, IN.



Essie Elliana Clark was born to Caleb & Andrea Clark ('19) on Nov. 19, 2020. They make their home in MS. Paternal Grandparents are Chad & Diane Clark ('98).



Atlas Reed Glover was born to Paul ('19) & Etta ('18) Glover on Mar. 3. He joins his sister Nova. Paternal Grandparents are Charlie ('78) & Joni ('79) Glover.



Lewis Franklin Johnson was born to Travis & Katrina Johnson ('15) on Mar. 17. He joins a sister and a brother. Travis serves as youth pastor at Weedville Wesleyan Church in Weedville, PA.



Olivia Hope Speas was born to Danny ('16) & Alyssa ('13) Speas on Apr. 5. She joins her sister Emery. Danny pastors Jackson First United Methodist Church in Jackson, KY. Paternal Grandparents are Dr. & Mrs. Philip Speas ('79).



Aiden Reed Mathes was born to Justin ('07) & Kala ('13) Mathes on Apr. 17. He joins two brothers and a sister.



Zoe Petra Semrow was born to Kolton & Adelle Semrow ('14) on Apr. 20. She joins two brothers and a sister. Kolton & Adelle serve at KMBC as Dean of Men and Dean of Women.



Isla Elaine Kraft was born to Ben and Taylor Kraft (FS) on May 1. She joins a brother. Paternal Grandparents are Doug ('99) and Jill ('01) Kraft.



William Elias Lorimer and Josiah David Lorimer were born to David ('06) & Deanna ('13) Lorimer on May 8. They join a brother, Clayton. David & Deanna serve at KMBC, where David is Director of Admissions.



Khesed Emet Darland & Shekinah Ahavah Darland were born to Zane ('12) & Ruth ('09) Darland on May 12. They join two brothers and a sister. Zane serves as Academic Dean at KMBC, and Ruth as a licensed campus counselor. Maternal Grandparents are Dr. & Mrs. Philip Speas ('79).

## IN HEAVEN



Betty Jo (Deaton) Allen ('58) passed away on June 12, 2020. She was a graduate of Mt. Carmel, and KMBI. She taught at the Christian Day School in Tallega, KY until her marriage to James Allen ('60) in 1960. Betty worked tirelessly side by side with her husband as they pastored for the next 55 years at Woodsbend Community Church, Grayson Church of the Nazarene, Index Community Church, and Lakeview Community Church. She is survived by her husband, James Allen ('60); 3 daughters: Susan (Eddie '84) Dennison, Sally Hudson, and Sharon (Rick) Kinney (FS); and 3 grandchildren.



Mike Edwards ('75), age 66, passed away on Nov. 11, 2020, due to Covid complications. While attending KMBC, Mike answered God's call to inner city mission work in California. For 44 years, he and his wife, Barbara ('76) ministered to the homeless and those struggling with addiction. Known as a witty, fun-loving, life-of-the-party kind of guy, Mike never met a stranger. His life was characterized by a passion for God and his love for family and friends. He loved teaching, whether to men in the mission rehabilitation program or his Sunday School class at Concord Community Church.

Florence Frye ('49), age 97, passed away on Jan. 10. After graduation from KMBI, she continued her education at Marion College. She retired from Peniel World Gospel Missions in San Francisco in Dec. 1994, where she served as a minister to the homeless for over 40 years! Upon returning to the Findlay, OH area, she

worked at the Judson Palmer Home and attended East Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Findlay.



Ellen Marie (Tanner) Boggs ('54) passed away on Jan. 13. She graduated from Mt. Carmel and KMBI, where she met and married Ran Boggs. The couple spent time pastoring a small church in the area before moving to Wilmore, KY, where Ellen graduated with her BA from Asbury College in 1960. The couple returned to KMBI, where Ellen taught art and worked in the office for 35 years. The couple retired in 1995, moving to Arizona to be near family where they remained involved in the Glendale Nazarene Church. Ellen was a talented artist using various mediums. She never hesitated to take on a project to serve others. She wrote original poems and faith-based dramatizations, directed school plays, and sang alongside her husband in ministry. Ellen is survived by her daughter, Vicky Snyder, and granddaughter, Lindsay Lorimor of Peoria, AZ.



Rev. Gene Long ('58), passed away on Jan. 10 due to Covid complications. In 2007, Gene was chosen KMBC Alumnus of the Year for spiritual leadership and his contributions to holiness literature, having authored two published books by that year and afterwards three more. His *Survey of Holiness Literature* Vol. 1 & 2 have been used as college textbooks. He is a former pastor of two churches in Indiana, a business owner, financial analyst, and project analyst. During the 1980's Gene pursued a Masters Degree in History at the University of Memphis. Throughout his life, Gene had a thirst for knowledge and was an avid reader. He was able to teach Bible classes at Bartlett Baptist Church from the early 1990's until the Lord

called him home. He is survived by his wife, Terry Anderson, along with 4 children; a stepson; and grandchildren.



Sharon Annette Munson ('77), passed away on Jan. 11. Upon graduating from KMBI, she married David Munson on July 16, 1977. Sharon then attended Morehead State University, graduating with an associate degree in Secretarial Studies. In the fall of 1980, Sharon and Dave moved to North Pole, Alaska to join the ministry of Far North Missionary Fellowship, working among the Alaskan Natives. In the fall of 2004, the family moved to Mt. Carmel School. Her duties included managing the office and being Dave's secretary. She is survived by her husband Dave ('77); her sons: David ('14) & Carrie ('10), Kevin ('08) & Krista ('08), and Brian & fiancé Darby; and 9 grandchildren.



Janet Ruth Nicholas ('64), age 77, passed away on Jan. 14, due to Covid complications. She is survived by her husband Rev. Claude Nicholas ('64). She served as a faithful pastor's wife and ministry partner for 55 years in several churches as well as traveling across the country sharing the gospel and loving people. She was known for her beautiful smile, contagious laugh, gentle spirit, servant's heart, and powerful prayer life. But nothing was more apparent than her love for the Lord and desire to serve him in every aspect of her life. Jan's simple faith inspired so many and she left a beautiful testimony of peace remaining faithful all the way to the end. She was mother to 3 children and their spouses, and had 9 grandchildren.



Clara Ann (Leedom) Ritchey ('61), age 80, passed away on Jan. 17. She served as a missionary in the Bahamas for 24 years, and in Jamaica for 3 years where she started a school. In 1993, she married Rev. Harry Lee Ritchey. Clara conducted numerous VBS's for various churches, taught children's Sunday School classes and served as the pianist for all the churches where her husband ministered. She also taught children through the Release Time Program. She was a kind person and had a way of connecting with children. She is survived by her husband, 2 step-children and their spouses; 10 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren.



Sophia Pilar Martin (FS) passed away on Jan. 21, due to Covid complications. She is survived by her baby daughter Violetta, parents, and extended family.



Donald Byrnes ('62), age 94, passed away on Feb. 2. He married Madeline (Wharton) on June 16, 1945. She preceded him in death in 2005. Mr. Byrnes was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in WWII. He attended Mt. Carmel and KMBC. He was a dedicated minister to several congregations. His faithfulness to God took him and his family from Stockton, CA, to Columbus, IN, to Martinsville, IN, to Parkersburg, WV., and finally to Julian, NC. After retiring from active ministry, he served as the D.S. for the Central Lakes District of the Evangelical Methodist Church while living in Shelbyville, IN. In

his later years, Don continued to preach, filling in for vacationing ministers. He is survived by his wife Lois Byrnes, whom he married in 2011, his 4 children, 9 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren.



Martha Ann (Lee) Owsley, ('65), age 76, passed away on Feb. 20. After graduation from KMBC, she went to Trevecca University and received an education degree in 1968. Martha earned her master's degree in 1983 from Northern Kentucky University. Martha enjoyed playing the piano for choir, district functions, and church services. She also led the choir and cantatas. Martha was a member of Bucyrus Nazarene Church. She taught school for 16 years. She is survived by her husband Larry Owsley ('65), 2 children and their spouses; 4 grandchildren; and a twin sister, Mary (Mike) Norris ('65).

Jimmy Lee Lang (FS), age 45, passed away in his sleep on Feb. 22. Jimmy met his wife Carmen at KMBC, and they married Dec. 29, 2001, before transferring to Ohio Christian University where he graduated with a BA in Leadership and Ministry. Later, he earned a Masters of Theology from Liberty University. He pastored Raisin Center Friends Church in Adrian, MI for 6 years; and Bethel Brethren in Christ Church in Merrill, MI for 11 years. He is survived by his wife Carmen and their 9 children.



Dorellen Elizabeth Smith-Belleau ('76), age 65, passed away on Feb. 25. After graduating from KMBC, she attended Central Michigan University, and received a degree in English. She married David Belleau in 1983. She worked as a Library Assistant at Wheatland Township Library and substitute taught at the

junior high and high school level in various schools. She faithfully prayed for others, had compassion toward lonely people, and was a great listener with understanding towards others. Dorellen is survived by her husband and sisters: Ava Smith ('56) of KMBC, Genevieve (Lewis '58) Weeber, and Eunice (Bill) Lockwood ('64).



David Paul ('68), age 73, passed away on Mar. 4. David married Mildred (Caldwell) on June 27, 1969. She preceded him in death in 2009. David & Mildred spent 40 years serving the Lord side by side. David was blessed to have found Joy Carpenter Paul to share his remaining years with whom he married on June 23, 2012. David & Joy spent 8 years serving the Lord and enjoying retirement together. After graduating from KMBC, he graduated with a BA from Vennard College. Later, he earned a master's degree in Behavioral Studies from Lael College and Graduate School. David spent 42 years of his life serving the Lord as a Senior Pastor. David retired from pastoring in 2011 and went to KMBC to serve as an instructor. David attended Bentleyville Union Holiness Camp Meeting Association where he became the president for 27 years. At the age of 67, he retired and moved to PA where he enjoyed spending time with family. He is survived by his wife Joy Paul; two sons, Jonathan (Amy) Paul ('95) and Jason (Grace) Paul (FS); and six grandchildren.



Richard (Dick) Wilson Barker, ('50), age 92, passed away on Mar. 3. After graduating from KMBC, he attended Taylor University and then completed his undergraduate studies at Marion College. He received an M.Div. from Asbury Seminary and had two years of further graduate study at Garrett Theological Seminary.

He was married 63 years to Barbara Adkins Barker. Richard & Barbara were directors of the WGM Student Center in Wilmore for 11 years; and missionaries in Japan with WGM and the Wesleyan Mission for over 20 years. He pastored 3 UMC churches in the West Michigan Conference. He was a member of the Wilmore Free Methodist Church, and was past president of Wilmore Camp Meeting. He is survived by his wife; 5 children and their spouses; 12 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.



Rev. Stephen Lester Henry ('01), age 43, passed away on June 1, due to Covid complications. He was ordained in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. Since 2006, Steve served as pastor of Victory Heights United Brethren Church. Prior to that, he had worked at Mars Hill radio network in Syracuse, NY. He started the first Christian radio broadcast network in Papua New Guinea, called "Wantok Radio Light." Recently, Steve authored a book called *Custom Scars*, a narrative of his life journey with Marfan Syndrome. **As Steve leaves behind his wife Amanda ('01) and their 5 children, KMBC is taking up a love offering to help with their expenses. We would like to ask you to join in giving a generous offering to help them out in this great time of need. Gifts may be sent to KMBC marked "Steve Henry." Thank you!**

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