



The Knoll Word

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Monthly News of Grace Unbounded at Knollwood Baptist Church

Changing Colors, Changing Seasons



Dr. Ken Wilson Announces Retirement

Dr. Ken Wilson, our beloved Minister of Music for more than 30 years has announced his retirement, effective the end of February 2018. Dr. Wilson's letter of resignation can be read here: www.knollwood.org/resources/kbc-documents.

While our hearts are heavy with this news, we plan to take this opportunity to celebrate and honor our longtime worship leader and friend.

The Personnel Committee and the Deacon Executive Council are hard at work. Plans are being made to guide the church through what we see as a critical transition in the life of our congregation. It is difficult to imagine Knollwood without Ken Wilson, and he is not someone who can simply be replaced. As grateful recipients of his ministry and music, our first order of business will be to grieve his departure and to celebrate his ministry among us.

There will be ample opportunity in the coming months for feedback and discernment about the next chapter for Knollwood and its music ministry. In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns about the transition, please contact Forrest Causby, Chair of Deacons, fcausby@gmail.com or Beth Fields, Chair of Personnel, fieldsbfields@aol.com.

Hours Expanded for the Wellness and Community Center

The WCC is now open on a new set of seasonal fall hours. The walking track will now be open from Monday - Thursday 8 AM to 8 PM, Wednesday 8 AM to 5 PM / 7 - 8 PM, Friday 8 AM to 5 PM, and Sunday 5 - 8 PM.

We are thrilled to open these hours in the hope that more people can enjoy the phenomenal space, however, we will be in need of volunteers to help accommodate them. If you would like to help by volunteering your time, please contact Josh Godwin, josh@knollwood.org, or John Danforth, jdandforth@triad.rr.com. For a current schedule of activities, please consult our website at www.knollwood.org/exercising-faith.

The Guitar Maestro Turned Minister of Music

By BOB SETZER JR.



Many KBCers have heard some version of the story that follows. But for those who have not, as well as for the sake of posterity, let me tell the tale again.

Some years ago in these parts, there was a young man who loved the guitar. He also felt a profound call to the ministry of music.

But in that place and time, long before so-called “contemporary worship” made guitar-strumming worship leaders common, it felt like he had to choose.

In fact, when this aspiring guitar maestro first inquired about entering Wake Forest as a music major, he was told he would have to major in either voice or piano. Fortunately, this Spirit-borne Tarheel clung to his dream. And by the time he matriculated at Wake, a new chair of the music department was willing to take a chance on a would-be minister of music with a guitar.

The department chair arranged for classical guitar lessons through the North Carolina School of the Arts (NCSA). Thus, with help from the NCSA, this young man graduated as Wake’s first classical guitar major.

By the time he got to seminary, youth musicals--complete with guitars and drums--were the rage. Fortunately, at seminary, this guitar-wielding minister-of-music plan got a warm welcome.

In time, this minister-in-the-making and his wife (whom he met in the Wake Forest choir) landed at Knollwood where he became our beloved Dr. Ken Wilson. Here, Dr. Ken taught generations of guitar students and began Knollwood’s guitar school, all while building a ministry of music that Sunday by Sunday, continues to astound and aspire.

I’m grateful that in the early years, when others were trying to squeeze Ken Wilson into a more conventional mold, he clung to his vision of who and what God was calling him to be. As a result, we at Knollwood have been blessed in profound and wonderful ways by his ministry of more than 30 years.

No one is happier for Ken and sadder for us at his pending retirement than I. I’m happy that Ken and Cathy will soon enjoy a more relaxed pace of life, all while doting on their beloved grandchildren. But I’m sad for me, sad for us, that we are losing a beloved brother, minister, fellow pilgrim, and friend.

There is no chance of replacing Ken Wilson. He is an original, and there are no clones of him out there. (Trust me; I checked). Nonetheless, in time, we’ll find someone to carry on the ministry of worship and music at Knollwood that has become such a vital part of our life together.

But for now, let’s focus on thanking Ken for his long and storied service among us. And let’s shower him with our blessings and love as he goes.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob".

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Changes to Knollwood's Annual Stewardship and Generosity Campaign

BY MICKEY BOLES

Chair, Stewardship and Generosity Committee

As we enter the last quarter of 2017, our Stewardship and Generosity Committee has begun planning for next year and beyond. Over the past two years, we have tied our Stewardship and Generosity Campaign to the Lenten season. However, in surveying our members and in informal conversations, we discovered our members' clear preference is to return to having our Stewardship campaigns in the fall of each year. That way the pledge period is the following calendar year and for many people, the first of the year is the best time to make adjustments to their finances.

Because we had a pledge campaign during Lent of this year, we won't have another formal campaign this year. We'll simply ask you to review your pledging as we look forward to 2018 and continue, or even increase, your giving, if that is possible. Our next formal Stewardship and Generosity Campaign will be in the fall of 2018 when we pledge for calendar year 2019. Hopefully, returning to fall pledging for the next calendar year will be easier for everyone to understand.

As always, if you have questions or need to change your commitment, please contact our church administrator, Marlin Yoder, at marlin@knollwood.org or our financial administrator, Peggy Koonts at Finance@knollwood.org. You can also reach either Marlin or Peggy at the office by phone: 336-725-1343. You can also start or adjust your giving to the church online at knollwood.org/resources/giving-online.

Thank you for all that you do for Knollwood and for your generosity with your time, talents, and your financial support.



Dr. Bob Setzer leads the children in prayer.

AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our prayers and support are offered to **Bob Davis and Sandy Warrington** in the hospital.

We continue to remember **Jewel Benton, Jo Anne Goetz, and Laurie Phifer**, who were recently released to interim care.

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to **Sonya Bishop, Robbie Robertson, and Carolyn Kline** and their families, on the death of their father, **Jimmy Robertson**, charter member, Sept. 17;

to **True Pollock** and family on the death of her husband **Frank Pollock**, Sept. 23.

Congratulations to **Steve and Nancy Scoggin** on the birth of a granddaughter, **Sedona Laine**, born to **Matt and Lexi Scoggin**, Sept. 15 in;

to **Anne Compere** on the birth of her first great granddaughter, **Copelyn Eve**, born Sept. 11 to **Padgett and Carson Sullivan**. Copelyn's grandparents are **LouAnn and Scott Vaughn**.

IN MEMORIAM

James Robertson

January 4, 1918 - September 17, 2017
Charter Member

Frank Edward Pollock, M.D.

September 28, 1927 - September 23, 2017

The members of Knollwood extend their deepest sympathy to the bereaved and pray for God's healing presence in their lives.

NEWSLETTER

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BAPTIST CHURCH

Grace Unbounded

Resource Center Focus

By *BONNIE MCCARSON*

Resource Center Coordinator

As we return to fall programming with Wednesday night dinners and other new activities, we are gearing up in the library-resource center, as well. Over the summer we added a number of new books in the children and youth sections. Many of them are displayed in a rack on the top of one of the shelves in that area. That is, if they haven't already been checked out.

Also, look on the tops of all the shelves to see some of our newest titles and/or books related to special topics that are subjects of current studies. We try to showcase those as well as a few not-so-new gems that are part of our collection.

At present, we are preparing to order new books for adults. We encourage leaders of interest groups, Sunday School classes, and other activities to give us your suggestions. You can email me at bfmccarson@yahoo.com or drop a list by the library. Leave it with the librarian there on Wednesday night or Sunday morning, or drop it in the small basket at the self-checkout station. We welcome suggestions, especially of titles related to programs of the church and to your interests.

As we are returning from summer travels and settling in, please check around to see if you have any books you've finished but forgotten to return to the library as others may want to read them.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Oct. 13 Mountain Trip

Lunch at McSwain's Mountain House
Please bring a side dish or dessert; meat will be provided.

Depart from church at 9:30 AM.

Return by 5:30 PM.

Cost: \$2 per person.

Please reserve by Oct. 9, 2017, 725-1343

Oct. 31 Fall Sink Luncheon

11:30AM Gather in the Dining Room

12:00 PM Lunch in the Fellowship Hall

Please reserve by Oct. 23, 2017, 725-1343

Dec. 10 Flowers to Homebound

Ushering at Knollwood

By *CHARLIE MASSLER*

Usher Captain

All of us are busy! Yet, all of us are called to serve our fellow man and the Kingdom of our Lord. How do we do both? If you are busy, but still looking for a way to be of service in our church, this may be the opportunity for you. Ushering at Knollwood is a fun and easy way to provide an important service.

Who are our Ushers and what do they do? Our Ushers are men and women ... old to young ... retired to high school age ... husbands and wives ... anyone really, who is willing to greet their friends and our visitors with a handshake and a smile ... help with seating congregants ... answer questions ... distribute Orders of Worship ... assist with the collection of the offering ... and help with any number of special tasks.

How often are Ushers asked to serve? Ushers are divided into four teams and are asked to serve during only one morning worship service per month. On the occasional months during which there are five Sundays in a month, one team will be asked to serve two Sundays during that month. Ushers are also asked to serve, if available, for special services such as Christmas, Good Friday, Maundy Thursday, and memorial and funeral services.

The number of folks serving as Ushers at Knollwood has decreased. We need to rebuild our numbers. If you think you might be interested in serving as an Usher at Knollwood, please contact Charlie Massler. He will be happy to answer any questions you might have or to 'sign you up.' We want you.

HYMN FESTIVAL 2017

Let Justice Sing Down

Congregational Songs for Our Times

Friday, Nov. 3–Saturday, Nov. 4

This two-day music festival unites individuals and choirs, clergy and laity from the Winston-Salem area faith communities in musical celebration of shared worship and common concerns of social justice in our city, our country, and our world.

Worship leadership involves six of the best-known church musicians in the United States and will take place at First Baptist Church on Fifth Street. Details to be available soon.

I Am Your Mother: Singing Creation - Singing Hope

Sunday School Elective with Michael Hawn

Sunday, Nov. 5

An overview of how creation theology has evolved from Francis of Assisi ("All Creatures") through the 21st century with the idea that there is little hope for peace (shalom) among people unless we take care of the resources of the natural created order.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Fall Fun for kbc.kids

By *CHRISSEY HARDY*



Our fall is off to a great start with KBC.kids. We've had higher than ever participation on Wednesday nights, our Sunday School classes are bubbling with great discussion and children are reflecting deeply on the stories of our faith through the Godly Play curriculum we use in Children's Worship. We've also been working hard on memorizing some Bible verses together, and I love it when children stop me in the hallway to tell me verses they've committed to heart.

All this learning has been balanced out with some really fun activities, too. Josh and the youth helped host our first Parents' Night Out on a Friday night, and the kids worked hard to mix, bake and prepare homemade pumpkin bars for us to deliver to H.O.P.E. (*Help Our People Eat*) of Winston-Salem. The following Saturday morning, we had 25 Knollwood friends show up at H.O.P.E. headquarters and spend several hours working together to pack produce bags that would be delivered to families in our community who live in food deserts and to make lunches that would go to children who rely on school breakfasts and lunches during the week, but have no food to eat on the weekends. One child said, "I didn't realize that there were people right here in OUR TOWN who don't have enough food to eat.... I always thought that was just in other places." We're grateful for the opportunities to work together to serve those in need as we're living out our faith in tangible ways.

There is more fun ahead for October. We have a hayride to a pumpkin patch at Tanglewood Park on Oct. 7 and are looking forward to participating in the Refugees, Neighbors, Friends Celebration on Knollwood's campus on Oct. 21 (see page 8). Of course, we'll round out the month with a festive Trunk or Treat (see page 7) on Oct. 25 - wear a costume, bring a treat bag, and invite a friend. What wonderful opportunities these are for our children and families to connect with others in our church family and greater community!



Children's Ministry volunteers at H.O.P.E. (*Help Our People Eat*) of Winston-Salem



THROUGH THE WEEK SCHOOL

A New School Year Begins

By *LUCRECIA NORMAN*

Minister of Senior Adults & Weekday Preschool



September fun included Yoga, playing with scarves during Music Class, and celebrating birthdays.

In the photo above, the Readiness Class is helping our Environmental Workshop Teacher make a raised bed for their garden and plantings.

KBC.KIDS CALENDAR

- OCT 7** Hayride/Pumpkin Patch
- OCT 21** Welcoming Refugees Festival
- OCT 25** Trunk or Treat
- NOV 3-4** Family Retreat/Camp Merriwood
- NOV 15** Friendsgiving
- NOV 29** Advent Wreath Building
- DEC 6** An Improvised Christmas Pageant
- DEC 17** Agape Sunday
- DEC 24** Christmas Eve Service
- JAN 7** Family Bowling
- FEB 10** Churchwide Valentine's Dance
- FEB 23** Parents' Night Out
- MAR 3** Children's Sunday Rehearsal/Lunch
- MAR 4** Children's Sunday
- MAR 31** Easter Egg Hunt
- APR 21** Spring Hike
- MAY 12** Family Putt Putt
- JUN 25-28** Vacation Bible School

Small Group Faith Formation Opportunities for Fall



Diane Lipsett,
Minister of Faith Formation and Education

Interpreting the Bible—Especially the Hard Stuff

An Adult Sunday School Elective with Diane Lipsett

Oct. 1, and Oct. 8

9:45-10:45 AM

In the Fellowship Hall, Bldg. B

All are welcome.

A Fall Meeting of

The Evening Women’s Book Club

The evening women’s book club will gather Oct. 24, 7 PM to discuss their fall read: Stephanie Powell Watt’s *No One is Coming to Save Us*, an African American retelling of *The Great Gatsby*, set in North Carolina. The author’s *We Are Taking Only What We Need* won the Ernest J. Gaines Award, and her short fiction has received a Pushcart Prize and been included in *Best New Stories from the South*. She was recently featured at the Bookmarks Festival of Books and Authors and her book has been chosen as the inaugural pick for the American Library Association’s Book Club Central by this year’s honorary chair, Sarah Jessica Parker. Copies of *No One is Coming to Save Us* are available at the Bookmarks bookstore.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Early Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays 6:30-8:15 AM

This longstanding, committed Bible study group meets weekly in homes and is open to newcomers. For information, contact Dean Clifford at cliffordconsult@mindspring.com, or 336-418-0278.

Morning Bible Study

Wednesdays 7:30-9 AM

This lively early morning women’s Bible study meets at the home of Rachel Wiggins, 2320 Georgia Ave. For information, contact Rachel Wiggins, rdwiggins@triad.rr.com, or Diana Long, dlong1221@gmail.com.

Seasons

Children’s Ministry’s Bible Study for Moms of Young Children 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 9:15-10:45 AM

This Knollwood Bible study is focused on encouraging mothers of preschool and elementary-age children through scripture and prayer, providing a space for them to renew their spirit through biblical study and fellowship. Led by a group of Knollwood moms. E-mail chrissy@knollwood.org if you are interested.

Lunch With Luke

A Brown Bag Bible Study For Women

Thursdays 12:15-1:15 PM

This new group is studying the Gospel of Luke, facilitated by Evalynn Davis and using a personal study guide. Bring your own lunch and your Bible. Drinks are provided and participants take turns bringing a dessert. For information, contact Evalynn Davis, ebdavis@yadtel.net, or Linda Yellen, lindasyellen@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School for all ages 9:45 AM

Worship Service 10:55 AM

SUNDAY AUDIO RECORDINGS

Dr. Bob’s Sunday sermons are available online at knollwood.org.

Recorded worship services are available on CD for \$1.

Contact the church office, 336-725-1343, or frontdesk@knollwood.org.

Wednesday Faith Formation Offerings in October

OPTION 1

Come to the Table (*continues*)
Large group option in fellowship hall

OCTOBER 4

At Tables Around the Globe –

an intergenerational missions night
All ages together as we move and create and learn about Baptists and global partners are joining God’s work in the world improving access to food, hospitality, and justice.

OCTOBER 11

Farmworkers as Neighbors

with Anna Jensen, Executive Director of the North Carolina Farmworkers’ Project.
Anna (who grew up at Knollwood) will share insights from her work leading an organization which functions as a resource center, home base, and connection to care for more than 2,000 farmworkers in five counties around Benson, N.C.

OCTOBER 18

Welcoming Refugees,

Being Welcomed in Return

Come meet some of the families who have arrived as refugees in Winston-Salem, and the volunteer teams from our congregation who have welcomed them. Hear stories of hospitality, resilience, and welcome.

OCTOBER 25

Trunk or Treat!

Trunk or Treat is a favorite Knollwood tradition. Children (and adults) will wear their costumes for a fun filled intergenerational evening. After dinner, the children will parade through the Fellowship Hall in their costumes before Trunk or Treat for candy, play carnival games for prizes, enjoy crafts, popcorn, a bounce house and much more fun.

OPTION 2

OCTOBER 4, 11, AND 18

Contemplative Song a short-term choral ensemble

A three-week opportunity to sing as a contemplative practice, led by our music minister, Ken Wilson. No prior choir experience necessary. Come and “...sing psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts” (Ephesians 5:19).

Sign up at frontdesk@knollwood.org or 336-725-1343.

OPTION 3

OCTOBER 11

Book discussion group:

Seeking Refuge:

On the Shores of the Global

Refugee Crisis

led by Dean Clifford

As we look forward to our Oct. 21 inter-faith celebration of our city’s welcome to refugees, (see page 8) this small group will discuss an award-winning short book that describes the current global situation and urges us to a “Christ shaped conscience.” The book is co-authored by Stephan Bauman (keynote speaker for the upcoming event), Matthew Soerens, and Dr. Issam Smeir.

To sign up and receive a copy of the book contact frontdesk@knollwood.org or 336-725-1343.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

Dinner is served

5:30–6:10 PM

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Sharing celebrations and concerns

6:00–6:15 PM

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Evening program

6:15–7:00 PM

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KidsConnect

6:15–7:00 PM

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Middle School Bells

5:15 PM

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Children’s Choirs

5:15 PM

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Chancel Choir

7:00 PM

KIDS.CONNECT SCHEDULE

October 4

Intergenerational Activities

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October 11

K-2 Kids - Rec with Josh

3-5 Kids - Stepping Stones: Story-telling and Art about the Refugee Experience

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October 18

K-2 Kids - Stepping Stones: Story-telling and Art about the Refugee Experience

3-5 Kids - Rec with John Danforth



Refugees, Neighbors, Friends— An Interfaith Celebration

Saturday, October 21, 2017

1-4 PM in the WCC, dining room and the fellowship hall

Excitement is building as we get closer to a Saturday afternoon celebration of our city's interfaith response to the global refugee crisis on Oct. 21 from 1-4 p.m. here at Knollwood. Admission is free. All are welcome.

Children's events will include soccer games, face painting, bouncy houses, arts and crafts and more. Information booths will provide valuable resources for volunteers supporting refugee families. We'll hear local stories of arrival and welcome.

At 3 p.m. Stephan Bauman, former President and CEO of World Relief, will deliver the keynote address in the fellowship hall. Bauman currently is executive director of the Cornerstone Foundation, which serves people in the least resourced and accessible places of the world.

The afternoon schedule:

- 1-3 PM Reception: food from the refugees' homelands; information booths; activities for children and families, including inflatables, arts and crafts, soccer and other games
- 2-3 PM Stories of the refugee experience (a video feature); reflections on welcome (an interfaith panel discussion)
- 3-4 PM Stephan Bauman - Keynote speech, book signing (Seeking Refuge: on the Shores of the Global Refugee Crisis and Break Open the Sky)
- 3-4 PM. Supervised children's activities

The celebration is sponsored by the Rice-Cunningham Fund of Knollwood Baptist Church and the Carlton Mitchell Interfaith Series of Interfaith Winston-Salem.

Knollwood Service Team Trip to AMOS Health and Hope, October 6-15.

By *BETH FIELDS*

AMOS Health and Hope is a Christian non-profit organization that exists to improve the health of impoverished communities by working alongside them in health, education and development in Nicaragua. It is one of our international mission partners, headed by Drs. David and Laura Parajon.

On Oct. 6, 11 Knollwoodians will travel to the AMOS compound on the outskirts of Managua. During their time at the compound, Service Team members will work alongside AMOS Health Educators as they share water sanitation and hygiene information with the Nejapa community. They will also help to complete the final phase of the porch construction at the Samaritan Clinic, which serves the local community. Water filter covers, constructed by the Kindred Spirits Sunday School class, and Project WASH kits assembled on a recent Wednesday evening will be taken by this group to AMOS for distribution to the community. Service Team members are: Corinne Causby, Carol and John Danforth, Beth Fields, Bill and Ren Leathers, Suzanne Newsome, Bambi and Bob Setzer, Cathy and Ken Wilson.

Please keep this group in your prayers as they travel to this region to learn from and work with the Nejapa community.

All God's Children Planning Meeting And Lunch

Sunday, October 1

12:15 PM in the dining room

All God's Children is a ministry team drawing together people interested in working for social justice as an expression of our faith.

Come join us for a planning meeting for the year ahead. Childcare and a light lunch will be provided. Registration by email is encouraged. Contact Spence O'Neill, allgodschildrenkbc@gmail.com.

Knollwood Cares

Crystal Leathers, Director

Knollwood Cares is a ministry of congregational care. It unites the diaconate, the congregation, and the staff in ministry teams designed to meet specific needs of our congregation. Every Knollwood member is invited to find a place of service on a team and serve as long as they feel led.

You can make a real difference in the lives of others and be blessed in your own journey of faith. Please join us as we serve together. Training and support will be provided as needed. Sign ups for teams will be in early October on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights.

Bereavement Team

Captain: Lynda Noffsinger

This team provides ministry to those experiencing loss, especially those grieving the death of a loved one. When appropriate this may involve visiting the home, providing care items, visiting at the funeral home, attending the funeral, writing notes and making phone calls to express concern and support, and providing follow-up care and support.

Hospital Visitation Team

Captain: Margaret Mauney

This team works with the ministerial staff in organizing visits to members and/or their families who are in the hospital as well as providing follow-up after discharge. The team members may write notes or cards of encouragement or phone when appropriate.

Loving Hands Team

Captain: Lynn Roach

This team ministers to those whose temporary needs for support are not met by another KBC ministry team or group. Through visits, telephone calls, and cards, team members provide emotional and spiritual support to the person or family.

This team also works with church staff who coordinate in-home communion for homebound members, if they wish to receive it.

Memorial Reception Team

Captain: Trina Jackson

This team serves our members during their time of grief by providing funeral/memorial service meals or receptions for family members and friends. The team provides food, assists with set-up, flowers, serves and cleans up after the meal.

New Member and Visitor Contact Team

Captain: Ted Dougherty

This team serves as a welcome committee for new church members and those considering membership. Team members will be responsible for efforts such as building relationships with individuals and families visiting the church and considering membership,

meeting new members for Wednesday night dinner and fellowship, introducing them to other Knollwood members who will assist in welcoming them into all aspects of the Knollwood community, calling visitors to thank them for attending service at Knollwood and answering questions, assisting all family members in finding their place in various church activities.

Reconnections Team

Captain: Katy Boles

This team helps the church to stay in touch with church members or families who, for a variety of reasons, are not presently active in the life of the church. We simply want to let those with extended absences know they have been missed. This is primarily a telephone ministry.

Transportation Team

Captain: Renée CocloughHinson

This team functions to provide transportation to and from Sunday morning church services as requested by church members. By placing team members into groups, the responsibility for the transport of any one member can be rotated.

New Anthem Debuted In Dr. Ken Wilson's Honor

On Sunday, Sept. 24, an anthem commissioned by Knollwood in Dr. Ken Wilson's honor was debuted in worship. The anthem, *Let All Creation Dance*, was composed by Brian Wren (text) and James Biery (music).

The text of the anthem, a 1989 hymn written by English hymn writer Brian Wren (b. 1936), was selected by Lauren Winkelman. The music was commissioned from Michigan composer, organist, and church musician James Biery (b. 1956). Mr. Biery has composed a number of anthems and organ works used in worship at Knollwood.

Church-wide "Lunch Out" or G.A.P. (Getting Acquainted People)

Sunday, October 1

Do you ever look around in worship and see someone you don't know? Maybe you see someone you keep trying to connect with but never get the chance? We want to help connect you with these people.

On Sunday, October 1, our new member and visitor team is sponsoring a church-wide "lunch out" for which we encourage you to find someone new and ask them to join you for lunch.

We will be gathering either at:
The Olive Tree, 580 S. Stratford Rd.
Panera, 2209 Cloverdale Ave.
Arby's 400 Knollwood St.
Five Points, 109 S. Stratford Rd.
The Loop, 3205 S. Stratford Rd.

There will be a member(s) of the New Member and Visitor Team who will be in the narthex to direct you if needed after worship that day, but you are also welcome to choose one of these places and find other Knollwoodians when you arrive.

Look for a KBC sign at the restaurant where one of our members will greet you and give you a name tag.

Our hope is that you will meet and connect with both new and familiar faces in our church.

Ted Dougherty, Chair
New Member and Visitor Team

Why Take Time to Welcome and Engage Visitors and Even New Members?

By BEN WAGENER

Do you remember the first time you came to Knollwood Baptist Church?

Did someone invite you to come to KBC and introduce you to another member?

Who took time to greet you and seemed really interested in you and not just with a passing "hello?"

If you left a contact, who called, e-mailed, or sent you a card?

Who invited you to their Sunday School class, choir, a special event in the church, a service project, or took you out for a meal?

I believe visitors and new members want to know they are deeply loved for who they are and not just their professional status, looks, wealth, achievements, or being a relative of a member.

I also believe these people want to experience the unbounded grace of God that never leaves them and to be challenged to grow and not be casual in their spiritual formation.

The goal of KBC's new member and visitor team is for everyone at KBC to practice radical hospitality so that "newbies" sense we really care about them and want the best for them regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, special needs, or socioeconomic status.

We can grow in our capacity to become welcoming by inviting people in the community and not just wait for them to come to church.

We want to encourage "newbies" through our loving presence to experience this unbounded love as they become more passionate in following Jesus with heads, hearts, and hands.

What will you do this week in the community or this Sunday to practice hospitality and not just greet the friends you already know?

Your KBC New Member and Visitor Team

Ben Wagener	Linda Yellen
Debbie Pruitt	Matt Jamison
Ed Archer	Phil Hendrix
Evan Sieges	Spence O'Neill
Forrest Causby	Steve Cramer
Frank Dawkins	Susan Edge
Frank Johnson	Tom Ginn
John Danforth	Vicki Johnson
Len Preslar	Ted Dougherty, chair

The Small Moments

By JOSH GODWIN

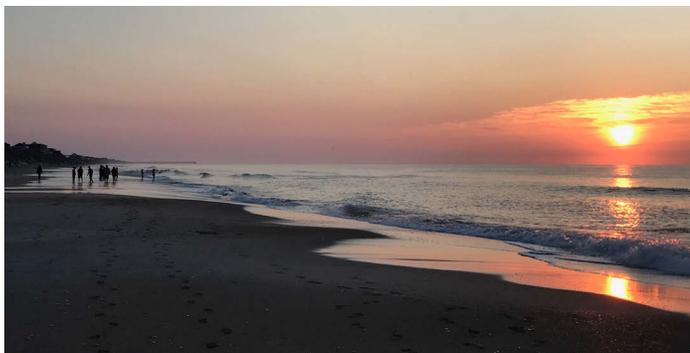


Call me crazy if you like, but one of the best things I've done over the past month was waking up at 5:45 AM. After falling into an air mattress the night before well past midnight, I rose to rouse a packed house of teenagers for a sunrise walk down the beach. Have you ever been among groggy teenagers at 6AM? It's normally not a very pleasant experience. Sure, it took some extra ruffling and a few more pokes in the shoulder and maybe a few got left behind because they couldn't make muster. But this time, on this morning, it was something special.

Once they made it out on the beach, it all became worth the early wake-up. Being on the beach at sunrise is a special moment. In many ways, it's a holy moment. It's a time when you can let go of yourself. The rhythm of the waves crashing on the sand provides a cadence for your steps; the air switches from cool to warm like the tide rolling in and out; the breeze floods your ears and drowns out other noises. In that moment I was able to watch as our youth encountered each other and God in a tangible way.

It's moments like this that remind me how important it is to find the time to be with God. In our SNYG sessions this fall, we've talked among our group about what it means to really listen to one another and be heard by others. What does it feel like to truly be heard by someone? What does it feel like to truly hear God? These are deep questions that require a whole lot more space than what is available in this newsletter. So if you want to be part of the conversation, join us for SNYG in the coming weeks.

October will be a busy month for us at KBC.ym. We will kick off the month off with our Adopt-A-Stream project the evening of Oct. 1. Just a few weeks after that, we're rolling out all the stops for another night of adventure at the OverNighter. OverNighter is our way of packing as much fun as possible into a 12 hour period from Friday evening into Saturday morning. Beginning on Friday, Oct. 13 and ending the next morning, OverNighter will be full of laughs, adventures, and memories. Anyone currently in 6th-12th grades, including friends, can be part of the adventure.



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THANK YOU

Since 1957, Knollwood's very beginning, it has been my church (with the exception of five years in Raleigh). I sat in the balcony and cried with joy when Jim and I returned. Dr. Bob and Knollwood's people have kept it the same wonderful church it's always been. Ted Philpott has made our Agape SS class grow and be such a blessing. Thank you Knollwood for all the love you have shown Manford and me during this trying time. God bless each of you.

Anne Booker Haxton and Manford Haxton

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