December
Captain: Debbie Pritchard

2nd
Infants Crystal Logan, Lynn Lawson, Gracie Lynne Logan
Toddlers Beth and Lee Cagle
Evening No Nursery

5th
Lynn Lawson and Debbie Pritchard

9th
Infants Mendy Johnson, Jody Jones, Lisa Melton
Toddlers Brittany and Will Henderson
Evening No Nursery

12th
Lanie and Phillip Tiller

16th
Infants Lori Shaw, Sheryl Cutler, Debbie Pritchard
Toddlers Chelsea and Jake Beisecker
Evening No Nursery

19th
Victoria Bryant and Joanie Galloway

23rd
Infants Jennifer Woods, Sandy Gaskins, Caroline Connor
Toddlers Dawn and Dennis West
Evening No Nursery

26th
No Services

30th
Infants Deena and Jimmy Shelley, Shirley Wilkes
Toddlers Kim and Wendell Warr
Evening No Services

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“Glorifying and Worshipping Jesus Christ by fulfilling
the Great Commission”


Guest Speaker & Potential Transitional Pastor -
Dr. Ron Barker / December 2nd

Ron received his Bachelor of Science degree from East Tennessee State University. He went on to receive his Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and his Doctorate of Ministry from North Greenville University. He also is a veteran having served in the U.S. Navy Seabees in 1969-1972 with an active tour of duty in Vietnam in 1970. In addition, he has taught at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (1976-1977) and served as an adjunct and full time professor for North Georgia College and State University (2003-2005), and at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute in Hendersonville, NC and at Charleston Southern.

Ron was saved at the age of 10 and accepted his call to the ministry while serving in the military. He has pastored churches in Tennessee, Oklahoma, Texas, and Georgia. He also served on staff for three years as Associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta with Dr. Charles Stanley. Before coming to South Carolina, Ron served in the Evangelism section of the Home Mission Board for nine years and the Missouri Baptist Convention as an associate in Personal Evangelism / Spiritual Awakening. He now serves in a similar capacity at the South Carolina convention.

Ron and his wife Joy have three children. He says, “Out of my life’s experiences I have been able to go through these last 35 years with a lot of confidence in the faithfulness of the Lord. Being married, raising three children, pastoring, traveling, and teaching have all had their challenges but in every case God has been more than faithful to me.”

Come meet Ron this coming Sunday! It’s going to be a great time of worship!
Let me begin by taking this opportunity to once more thank you for allowing me to walk beside you these past twelve years as your pastor. It’s been such a high honor for me to serve alongside you and I wanted to take this time to do several things in this article. First was to simply thank you for your faithful service to our great God. It is no small task to shepherd God’s people, but serving you has been a privilege because of your faithfulness, love, and support.

Secondly, I wanted to share one last thought regarding my favorite time of year – Christmas. We read in Isaiah 9:6, “For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”

The chapters preceding Isaiah 9 are chapters of judgement, darkness, defeat, and depression. It is into such a context that there comes this wonderful world: “The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined” (vs.2).

So as we think of the coming Messiah, consider first The Glory of His Advent. Verse 6 reminds us that Jesus came in the glory of His humanity. This truth is the great fact of Christmas – that God came to Earth in the form of a little infant and took upon himself flesh and blood. He came as Emmanuel – God with us. He was also a Son given. So, we see the glory of His deity. Then note with me The Glory of His Attributes. He came as King, “Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end” (vs. 7). His name embraces all the attributes of a true and perfect king. The name Wonderful Counselor speaks of His infinite wisdom. The name “Mighty God” tells of His infinite power. The name “The Everlasting Father” is suggestive of His infinite love, and the name “Prince of Peace,” reflects His infinite redemption. Thirdly as we consider the coming Messiah, think with me of The Glory of His Anointing. The One who was called the Babe of Bethlehem is coming back as King of Kings and Lord of Lords (vs. 3)! In a world of unrest, turmoil, and flickering hopes, how wonderful is such a message! So as you celebrate the Christmas season, ponder the following, “Happiness at Christmas is a very empty thing…unless our hearts with love enthrone the Heavenly Babe as King.” May Jesus forever be enthroned upon the hearts of my sweet KBC family.

Lastly, I wanted to leave you with my closing thoughts as I conclude my last article. Sometimes following the Lord requires you leaving a place and people you deeply love. These past few months have been quite a struggle for me as I have wrestled with God’s call on my life. The thought of letting something go that I deeply love has been excruciatingly difficult. But as I surrendered to His will, it’s really not a “lettin’ go” as much as it is just “letting God” do what He wants to do in my life and in the life of KBC. So when I finally surrendered to His will (I can be stubborn… ask Tina), I was reminded of my faith journey when it comes to obedience – sometimes saying yes to God is exceedingly hard… but the blessings of obedience can be exceedingly great. God may call some of you, especially our young people, to make hard calls of obedience in your life one day. To them I would say, when God puts something before you and though it may be hard, difficult, crazy, and simply doesn’t make sense from a human perspective; know that your faith will grow with each step of faith you obediently take for His glory.

I heard about a golfer given the opportunity to play the Augusta National golf course, home of the Master’s golf tournament. Playing the course approached a caddy and as this novice golfer approached the famed Amen Corner, he landed in the middle of the 13th hole. He asked his caddy for a short iron for the purpose of laying up. His caddy replied, “What do you want with this iron?” The golfer answered, “I want to play it safe by just laying up just this side of the creek.” The caddy exclaimed, “Man you didn’t come all the way to lay up at Amen Corner!” and he took the short iron from the golfer’s hand and replaced it with a fairway wood. The golfer looked timid saying, “I might go into the water if I hit this wood!” And the caddy replied, “You might or you might not, but one thing for sure is this – you’ll never know until you try.”

I don’t know about you, but I don’t want to “lay-up” for Jesus. Now there’s nothing wrong with spending your life hitting lay-ups and there is a time to be careful in life for sure. But often in life God commends boldness and courage. God told Joshua “Be strong and very courageous.” Paul said “We had the boldness of God.” Solomon said, “The righteous are as bold as a lion.”

You only have one opportunity to play the course God laid out for you. You may get to play an entire 18 holes or you may be blessed to play even more but do take advantage of the time you have in this life to go for the green. Life is not about lay-ups but boldly taking the shot He’s given you knowing that He is with you.

As God brings me to mind, I hope you can say of me that I was faithful in administering the gospel and preaching His precious Word. I hope you’ll remember fondly the great times we’ve had and perhaps forget the times I let you down. Know that I covet your prayers for me and my family during these months of transition but also know that I will be praying for you as well. I am ecstatic that Ron Barker will be leading as your transitional pastor. Ron will serve and lead you well. Great days are ahead of you and I’ll be cheering you on!

You know every pastor is in reality an interim pastor…how thankful I am to have been yours and to share life with you in this season of our lives. May God bless you KBC.

Much love,

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More News & Events:

Our Wednesday Night Meals are from 5:30 to 6:15. The last meal for this year is December 12.

In an effort to update the list for Wednesday Night Meals, a new sign up sheet will be going around in Life Group classes for the new year. Even if you were previously on the list, please sign up if you want to be on the permanent list.

Please remember that we need an accurate count for our meals.

Thank You!

Also, as a drop-off site, we collected a total of 4,041 shoeboxes, with 283 from our church family!

Thank you again for helping us provide this ministry as a drop-off location, and a special thank you to Janee’ Stone who helped lead KBC in this ministry.

Knit & Purl Girls

Every Thursday @ 9 AM
Come join us!

Disaster Relief Chainsaw Unit

WNBA is asking for several men who are servant oriented who can operate a chainsaw and minister to people in time of crisis. There will be a training session on Saturday, March 16, at North Conway Baptist Church. Please let the church office know if you are interested in serving.

January 7th @ 6:30 pm
Guest Speaker: Bart Cochcroft, Gideon Chaplain
Cooking: Kevin Stone

Lottie Moon Christmas Post Office

Use the Lottie Moon Post Office outside the sanctuary to mail church members Christmas Cards.

We will need Life Group classes to help with this again.

December 9th - GIFT class
December 16th - Journey Class
December 23rd - Families of Faith and Learning to Live Class
December 30th - Life Matters Class

Thank You!

Children’s Choir Christmas Musical

“IT ALL HAPPENED IN THE COUNTRY” will be held on Sunday, December 16th @ 5:30 pm
Come hear our children’s choir share the Christmas story in a new and different way!

January 8th @ 12:00 p.m.
Menu: Pork BBQ
Bring a vegetable, salad or dessert and a friend!

Prison Ministry Christmas Shopping Spree

Friday, December 14
If you are helping with this event, please be at the prison farm at 6:30 pm and leave all valuables (wallets, purses, cell phones, etc.) locked in your car. We need plenty of people to help wrap gifts that evening - See Lin for more info.

Let’s Go Caroling

Church-wide Caroling - December 9th @ 4:00 pm
We will visit some of our shut-ins and then return to the church for refreshments. Everyone is invited!!

Thank You!
Christmas is here! We have two big events you need to be aware of. This first is Xtreme Winter. Be sure to sign up. It only costs $50 plus food money. We will leave on December 27th at 9am and return on the 29th around 8 pm. The next thing I want to tell you about is our youth Christmas part on December 15th at 6 pm at the Moore’s house. Wear your tacky sweater!

Merry Christmas!

Wes

Xtreme Winter
It’s time to sign up for X-treme Winter! We will leave December 27 for three days filled with great music from Toby Mac, Casting Crowns, Jordan Feliz and more! Sign up today to reserve your spot. Total cost = $50 + food money. See Wes for more details.

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STUDENTS

DECEMBER 2018

December 20th
4:30-8:30
We are heading to the Accidental Artist in Bishopville to create a special Christmas present for our family. Meet at the church at 4:30. We will return for food and games at the church.
Please sign up by December 16th

CHILDREN’S CHURCH
DECEMBER 23RD
COCOA, COOKIES, AND
THE REAL CHRISTMAS STORY
FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

MEET IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER
@ 10:30

December 27th
- 29th
Gatlinburg, TN
If you signed up, your $50 deposit is due now. Your final balance is due December 1.

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