

Holmeswood Mission Statement

As a fellowship of Christ's followers, our mission is to fashion our lives after Christ's and to embrace our world with God's transforming love.

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**TOWN HALL MEETING FOR HBC MEMBERS
EARLY EDUCATION CENTER
FAMILIES AND STAFF**

**January 10, 2010—3:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall**

**A gathering to explore our partnerships together
for future improvement of this ministry**

A TOUR OF ISRAEL

January 12-22, 2010

**A travel group of Holmeswood members and others will travel
to Israel to explore the cities and countryside of the Bible**

THE ARTS AT HOLMESWOOD

January 31, 2010—5:00 p.m., Sanctuary

**"Songs to Warm You on a Cold Winter's Night"
Featuring
Holmeswood Musicians**

Life Together...“Different Books, Common Word: Baptists and Muslims”

From Boston to the Bible Belt, and from Beaumont to the nation's beltway, Baptists and Muslims are changing history with the way they change each other. Tired of being defined by extremists, some Baptists and Muslims in the United States have sought and found common ground: the common word in both traditions to love God and love neighbor. The courageous Baptists and Muslims in “Different Books, Common Word” will surprise you. “*Different Books, Common Word: Baptists and Muslims*,” produced by EthicsDaily.com, will be shown on KMBC-TV on Saturday afternoon, January 16 at 2:00 p.m. If you cannot watch it, DVR it! The hour-long documentary follows five stories of interfaith dialogue and action among Baptists and Muslims—two faith traditions often popularly characterized by their extremists.

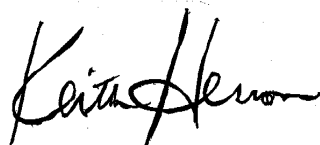
Shooting on “*Different Books, Common Word*” began in January 2009, when 40 Baptist and Muslim leaders gathered outside Boston for the first-ever national dialogue between the two Abrahamic faith traditions. Shooting continued for six months and covered stories in other locales:

- Washington, D.C., where the Islamic Society of North America maintains an interfaith office
- Oklahoma City and Norman, Okla., where Baptists and Muslims have developed friendships and humanitarian partnerships amid the legacy of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing that initially was blamed on Muslims
- The Texas-Louisiana border, where a Baptist pastor and Muslim businesswoman have pooled resources for hurricane relief and other community needs
- Memphis, Tenn., where a Baptist professor and Muslim medical physicist struck up what initially seemed an unlikely relationship to many
- Columbia, Tenn., where the Islamic center was firebombed in February 2008 by white supremacists, prompting various community responses

For a preview, check out the BCE website, www.ethicsdaily.com. Or, if your BFG wants to watch it, discuss it together as a class, go to the website www.differentbookscommonword.com for access to a discussion guide.

As Baptists, we have long been supporters of the freedom of religion. That single distinction is perhaps the most significant contribution Baptists have made to religion in American history. Unfortunately, right-wing driven reaction to Muslim extremists have caused many Baptists to reject their heritage and adopt an anti-Muslim sentiment that would restrict faithful Muslims from practicing their faith ... a faith derived from the same faith of Abraham we share in common. We do this without acknowledging that even we Christians have a hidden story of extremism that's demonstrated antithetical acts of violence against human rights.

I'm proud to be part of a church that would seek peace with persons of faith in our community. I'm also proud of our Baptist heritage that's willing to risk with a commitment to defend the faith of others, even though we differ in our commitments and understanding of God.



CONGRATULATIONS TO

Matt and Katie Murdick upon the birth of their daughter, Nella Marie, November 29. This is a proud five-generation family beginning with great-great-grandmother, Julia Simpson, great-grandfather, Walt Simpson, great-grandmother, Marie Wallace, grandparents, Allen and Kathy Pickett, also Aunt Lilli and Uncle Scott.

Dan and Monica Douglas upon the birth of their son, Tyson Charles, December 14. He is welcomed by grandparents Bill and Julie Sherriff and Uncle Matt and Aunt Toni Sherriff.

IN SYMPATHY

Holmeswood Baptist Church extends Christian sympathy to:

Janet Fetterman upon the death of her good friend, Richard Cass, November 18.

The Rick Andrews Family upon the death of his father, George Andrews, November 30.

The Wayne Sabatka Family upon the death of his mother, Belva Sabatka, December 7.

Deborah Wall and Family upon the death of her cousin, Linda Goring, December 14.

IN APPRECIATION

To My Friends at Holmeswood,

May I say a big word of thanks for the cards, calls and most of all the prayers at the time of the death of my sister. Again, my thanks for all kindnesses.

Love,

Vivian Franklin

Thank you to our Holmeswood Family for all your comforting cards and expressions of condolence upon the death of George Andrews, Rick's father. We appreciate your caring and concern during this time.

Rick & Maggie Andrews

Dear Holmeswood,

A child is the greatest gift that our lives can bestow.

It brings the most exquisite joy that we will ever know.

Some days deliver happiness, far more than we can touch,

We need the help of all our friends to comprehend how much.

And so we thank you for the gifts, both those you brought and are,

That celebrate this rich, full life and its rising star!...*Domenico Scarlatti*

WOW ! ! We are so overwhelmed by the generous gifts we have received. For that we would like to sincerely thank the Holmeswood body for showing us what it means to be the body of Christ through your generosity, love, prayers and support. Thank you for bestowing all these things upon us to welcome and celebrate the new addition to our family, showing her so early what a community can look like through Christ's love. We appreciate all the blessings and could not have brought Nella into the world so joyfully without all the support, prayers and uplifting love you've showered us with. Thank you, Holmeswood! We love you! Your thoughtfulness will not be forgotten and did not go unnoticed.

**From The Murdicks, with love,
Katie, Matt and Little Baby Nella**

IN APPRECIATION...continued

To Our Holmeswood Family,
Thank you for your prayers, cards and kind words of sympathy upon the death of Wayne's mother December 7. She is finally at peace with the One who loved her first, most and best.

Wayne & Joanne Sabatka

Dear Holmeswood Member,

December 6 Keith Herron announced that Tammy Jackson Gill will resign her position as Pastor to Children and Their Families at the end of the year. While we hate to see Tammy leave this position, we are very appreciative of her leadership and the positive impact she made on the Children's Ministry. We are also glad that Tammy and her husband, Jody, will continue to attend and be active in our church!

To demonstrate our appreciation for her many talents, we will collect a love offering for her. We hope to present this gift to her on Sunday, January 10, 2010. If you are able, please consider contributing a financial gift. You may deposit your gift in the offering plate (please designate it for Tammy) or you may mail it to Joanne Sappington at the church (9700 Holmes Road, Kansas City MO 64131). If you plan to give something, please do so by Wednesday, January 6, 2010.

May God bless you with a safe and Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,

Mark Garrett
Chairperson, Personnel Committee



"The Youth Group" News

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Sundays, 9:30—10:30 a.m. BFG

Re-Imagining the Future

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Every New Year is a great time to think about new starts and trying a new way of doing things. One concern the Youth share quite often is their ability to procrastinate. While procrastination can get a person into trouble, it can also be an indicator of other issues taking place. From the person looking in from the outside, procrastination usually is blamed on laziness or a lack of motivation. What the Youth express is really a sense of anxiety, pressure and an overwhelming sense of not doing well in a success driven culture. There are the occasional confessions that an individual just did not feel like doing a project, but more often they express an anxious feeling of not even knowing where or how to start.

We have also discussed that many of us (myself included) may appear to be procrastinating, but actually are working in our heads towards a project. It is in the crunch time of a deadline that our adrenaline kicks in and we can finish our assignment. The problem is, most Youth have not learned how to work within their preferred learning style comfortably. Here are some New Year ideas for all of us who tend to work under the gun whether it is a preferred style or an anxiety issue:

- Make a list of everything you need to do with deadline dates included (the idea is to get things out of your head so you don't freak out).
- Keep the list somewhere in your sight, and as you accomplish even one page of an assignment, check it off.
- Give yourself little incentives or treats for finished projects.
- Make sure you have a work environment suitable for your learning style: some people like complete quiet, others need the television or radio on to stay seated.
- Report your progress to someone—let a parent, friend or sibling know they need to help you stay on track—but let them know what would be helpful to you.
- Figure out how long it takes you to accomplish certain tasks and set your own deadline for when you will begin working on something.

GOOD LUCK AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

**RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION FOR
TAMMY JACKSON GILL**

Pastor Tammy resigned from her position as Pastor of Children and Their Families to continue her work toward graduation from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in May. Sunday, January 10, 2010, we will recognize Tammy with our appreciation for the ministry she has had with us these past few years. A Love Offering is being collected and will be presented to her on that day. Contact the Church Office to make your donation to this offering.

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

IN HONOR OF CORA

A Dog Named Christmas by Greg Kincaid has been placed in the Library in honor of Cora Kost by Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Herron, parents of our Senior Pastor. It's a great holiday read, only 143 pages. The author tells the story of a developmentally challenged young man, Todd McCray, who lives with his parents on a farm in eastern Kansas. Todd hears about a program the local animal shelter is promoting to get people to adopt a dog for the holiday season. His father objects but Todd selects a dog and names him "Christmas." Christmas changes their lives. It's a story of Christmas love and joy.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

The First Christmas—What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus' Birth by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Keith used this book in three seminar sessions prior to Christmas. The authors describe the meaning of the birth of Jesus for the early church and challenges readers to think about the meaning of his birth for us today. In the preface the authors say, "The stories of the birth are about light in our darkness, the fulfillment of our deepest yearnings and the birth of Christ in us."

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN TO READ DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The Legend of the Candy Cane by Lori Walburg

The Pine Tree Parable by Liz Carter

The Crippled Lamb by Max Lucado

The Christmas Story by Cathy Johnson

Mary's First Christmas by Walter Wangerin

THANK YOU FOR GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

For gifts in December, thanks to Ernie Berube, Bonnie Dysart, Cora Kost, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Herron and Philip Daniel.

For gifts to the library collection during 2009, thank you and God Bless!

Pat Tennison

FAITH COMMUNITY HEALTH

Lora Lau, RN

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Faith Community Health Team is sponsoring a workshop about Diabetes, "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Diabetes" Wednesday, January 20 and Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. This program will be facilitated by Tanya Salyer, RN, who is a Holmeswood Baptist Church member. Tanya is a Diabetes Care Manager and has many years of experience in this area. More information will be provided after the New Year.



This time of year creates many emotions in each of us with memories of previous Holiday time. Part of the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi is: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,

Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy; "

The Faith Community Health Team wishes you joy and peace.

MISSIONS

The following letter of thanks was received for our continual support of community missions:

Dear Sister Pat and Holmeswood,

Thank you for your strong support over the past 24 years. Your church has always been one of the key supporters of the Forest Avenue Family Shelter. Your church has rehabbed rooms for us, you have three groups who come monthly and quarterly to serve meals and preach the gospel, you gave \$1,501.29 last year. Your partnership is highly appreciated and greatly needed as I am sure you know.

As we begin a new year, the two greatest needs are prayer for our staff that they will be filled with God's power and love, and that our guests will be able to hear the gospel and receive Christ. The other great need for which we are attempting to challenge churches to get each member to join the "Buck a Month Club." This is something in which children's Sunday School groups can take part. One buck a month from many people will help us feed, clothe and shelter our guests.

We have become the largest single women's shelter in the city and the second largest family shelter. That means we are the net at the bottom of Kansas City to catch those who have nowhere to go. Jesus said: *It is the sick who need a physician, not the well.* Our mission is still the same after 24 years: to make disciples for Jesus Christ.

Thank you again for helping us carry out the great commission among Kansas City's homeless community.

J. Ken Smith, Executive Director

Forest Avenue Family Shelter

FOOD PANTRY

Please remember your adopted food items for the Food Pantry.

You may bring your donations any time and leave it in the church workroom.

GLOBAL MISSIONS

As we enter 2010, please consider supporting the Cooperative Baptist Global Mission Offering.

Year round we collect an offering to support Global Mission efforts.

The offering goes directly to CBF missionaries serving in the United States and around the world.



ARTS AT HOLMESWOOD CONCERT SERIES

January 31, 2010—5:00 p.m.

This Spring we will be hosting a series of special concerts and performances, one a month, which will be offered on Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. We will begin this Series with a recital of our own Holmeswood talent in a recital, January 31, entitled "Songs to Warm You on a Cold Winter's Night." You will have the opportunity to enjoy performances from our most talented members in a delightful evening of beautiful music. Make plans now to attend this special concert...and invite a friend or two.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

KIM BURK

Holmeswood Baptist Church welcomed Kimberly Burk to membership Sunday, November 29, by transfer of letter from First Baptist Church, Peculiar, Missouri. Kim and her parents, Bob and Juanita Springate, and sister, Stephanie, started attending Holmeswood when Kim was in the second grade and she was baptized in 1984. In 2005, Tim, Kim and Brooklyn joined the First Baptist Church of Peculiar, Missouri, where Tim serves as Choir Director. He is also Holmeswood's Rise & Shine Praise Team Leader. Kim was born in Kansas City, Missouri, graduated from Lee's Summit High School (1994), earned a B.S. degree in Education (1999) and a Master of Education Administration degree in 2000 from Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville. She taught third grade three years in the Raytown School District. When Brooklyn was born in January 2005, Kim became a stay-at-home-mom and has been blessed to stay at home with both girls ever since. Delaney was born March 2009. In her spare time she paints murals and creates various other craft projects. The Burk Family resides at 210 north Darrowby Drive, Raymore, MO 64083-9182, 816-616-8047 (Cell: Kim), kimberlyburk@comcast.net.

BEN DURBIN

Holmeswood Baptist Church welcomed Ben Durbin to membership Sunday, December 20, by profession of faith and he is a candidate for baptism. Ben, the youngest of the Durbin children, was born in Blue Springs, Missouri. He is in the fifth grade at Meadow Lane Elementary School, Lee's Summit School District. Ben plays trumpet in the school band and his favorite subjects are math and physical education. He likes to collect baseball cards, currently plays basketball with the Lee's Summit Junior Basketball Association and also participates in baseball and soccer. Ben, sister, Bailey, brother, Rob, and parents, Jan and Jim Durbin, reside at 1522 NE Yorkshire Drive, Lee's Summit, MO 64086-5458, 8186-525-8736.

WELCOME TO ANCHORS

Kim Snyder is honored and excited to be working with The Anchors! She loves Senior Adults, and this is a wonderful ministry in which to be involved. She never quite sees folks as being "old." Her grandfather went on his first mission trip to Curitiba, Brazil at the age of 85! So, for Kim, old is "ancient!" The Snyder Family joined Holmeswood almost 12 years ago after moving to Overland Park from Dallas. They now live in Olathe. Kim has a BS in Psychology from Texas A & M, and an MDivBL from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Having never really quit learning, Kim will be on an archaeological dig in Israel this summer (where things go back 5,000 years), taking classes at Tel Aviv University. She plans to share what she learns after returning. Kim has worked with most major groups in the church, having served with Preschoolers, Children, Youth, Adult Education, Facilities Administration, Sound and Light, Wedding Coordinator, and Activist, just to name a few. She is currently a co-teacher in the AC-2.5 BFG and finds her gifts are best suited with adults. Many of you know her name, because she is a 6½ year survivor of a primary brain tumor. Her daughter, Megan, is 10 and in 5th grade. Husband, Tim, is a member of the AC-3 BFG. If you want to know Kim better, come to Anchors! She hasn't seen anyone there who's "old!"

STEEPLE PEEPLE

Classes resume January 12, 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor, with expanded classes. We will be using a format we're calling "intensives." We will spend a few weeks of concentrated study and effort learning about one thing, then move on to another topic for a few weeks. We don't know the exact order yet ... Ginger, Tim and Patty will figure that out over the Christmas break ... but we will tackle topics like script analysis, sketch writing, stage make-up, stage lighting, stage management, acting, etc., etc. This will allow others to participate in some of these shorter topic-related classes who may not have the time to commit every week. We will publicize these classes and open enrollment to the community, so begin talking this up to other folk in the church and in your neighborhood.

FREE DRAMA CLASSES: OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Ages 12 and up are invited to join Drama Classes starting Tuesday, January 12, 6:30 p.m. and continuing through the Spring at Holmeswood Baptist Church, 9700 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131. Intensive training in all aspects of theater will be taught by three renowned instructors culminating in a performance in late Spring. For more information call the church office at 816-942-1729. No church affiliation required.

Happy Birthday

- 1/02 Ken Sanders, Kylene Young
- 1/03 Brooklyn Burk
- 1/04 Noel Johnson, Lora Lau
- 1/06 Kimmy McCurry, Mallory Pennington
- 1/07 Paul John, Marylou Williams
- 1/08 Becky Herrera, Tatyana Horev
- 1/10 Kathy Lockyer, Yelena Rybitskiy
- 1/11 Ione Brannan, Larry Cornwell,
Beth (Johnson) Welsh
- 1/12 Ron Shouse, Eugene Vasin
- 1/13 Veronica Bricker, Kate Hanch
- 1/14 Alex Herron, Alexandra Wilcoxon
- 1/15 Denny Fowler, Lynna Goud,
Kaitlin Lyman, Merle Smith
- 1/16 Donna Everett
- 1/17 Ernie Berube, Tim Freeman
- 1/18 Kevin Daniel, Erin Hill,
Amy Jenkins, Kelsey Lockyer,
Ben Skalitzky
- 1/20 Thom John, Antwaun Zeno
- 1/21 Libby Adams, Mitchell Smedley
- 1/22 Daryn Decker, Joanne Sappington,
Patsy Simpson
- 1/23 Dan Stephens
- 1/25 Mary "Peggy" Coleman,
Eleanor Merkeron, Billie Mills
- 1/26 Gloria Davisson, Benjamin Durbin,
Linda Frank
- 1/28 Matt Stephens
- 1/29 Danielle Smedley
- 1/30 Kent Wilcoxon
- 1/31 Linda Lewer



November 29	
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	205
8:30 a.m. Worship Service	89
10:45 a.m. Worship Service	150
Pledge Received	\$15,141
December 6	
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	227
8:30 a.m. Worship Service	est. 81
10:45 a.m. Worship Service	165
Pledge Received	\$20,937
December 13	
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	237
8:30 a.m. Worship Service	124
10:45 a.m. Worship Service	216
Pledge Received	\$16,322
December 20	
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	205
8:30 a.m. Worship Service	73
10:45 a.m. Worship Service	137
Pledge Received	\$12,852

Statistics

