

2017

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

JANUARY 21, 2018



Kalkaska Church of Christ

2017 NUMBERS

38

- **Baptisms**
 - 37 - Baptisms in 2016
 - 48 - Baptisms in 2015
 - 23- Baptisms in 2014

3

- **Memberships Transferred**
 - 5 in 2016
 - 10 in 2015
 - 3 in 2014

70

- **1st Time Guests**
 - 73 in 2016
 - 191 in 2015
 - 94 in 2014

396

- **Average weekly attendance**
 - 410 in 2016
 - 405 in 2015
 - 370 in 2014

GIVING

\$516,757.63

- 2015 General Fund Giving



\$531,543.91

- 2016 General Fund Giving
- +\$14,786.28 from 2015



\$555,441.13

- 2017 General Fund Giving
- +\$23,897.22 from 2016

Baptisms in 2017 at KCC

Jackson Arnold
Dean Barnes
Jet Bittenbender
Scott Bittenbender
Raelynn David
Sara Drinkwine
Chandler Everette
Vickie Harden
Kassie Hatfield
Frankie Husbands
John Jeffrey
Mary Jeffrey
Josh Johnson
Sharon Johnson
Coy Little
Katie Little
James McCrandall
Jillean McCrandall
Lea McCrandall

Karen Ogburn
Karmin Olds
Matthew Olds
Tyler Paulus
Matthew Phillips
Carolyn Ramsdell
Tayla Rucker
Dawn Sherwood
Sidney Shetler
Albert Skinner
Taryn Spencer
Brandy Stoops
Lisa Sutton
Sean Trabold
Sadie VanVliet
Josh Wakefield
Avrie Weighman
John Weighman
Trinity Weighman

New Members via Transfer in 2017

Edith Wooden
Geoffery Tegel
Jason Tracey

**SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S REPORT
12/31/2017**

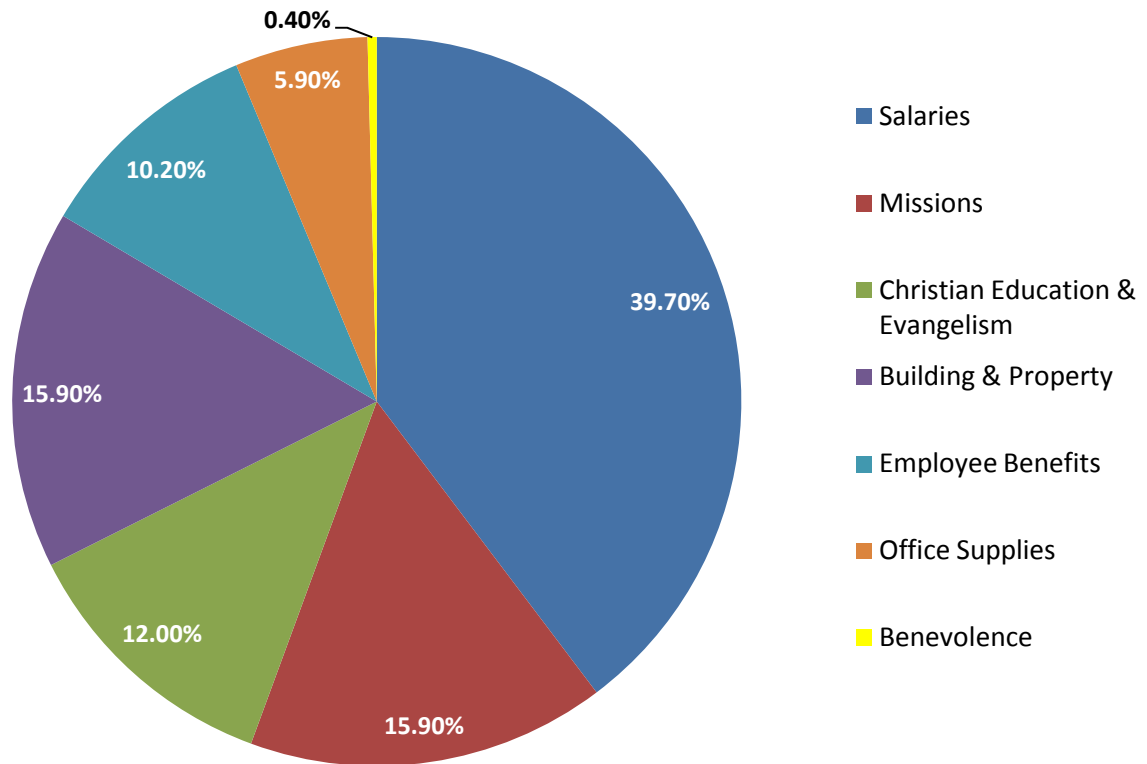
Beginning Balance (cash & cash equivalents)		\$ 160,354
Contributions		
General Fund Contributions	\$554,162	
Cornerstone Contributions	2,135	
Misc. Contributions	26,188	
Restricted Funds misc	20,189	
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Other Income		
Interest earned (CDF & Solomon)	\$ 3,001	
Credit Card Rewards	550	
Building Use	165	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,716
Liabilities		
Accounts Payables		\$19,625
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Total contributions/income/liabilities		\$ 786,369
Expenses		
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 554,453	
Misc. directed giving	24,010	
Total Expenses	<hr/>	\$578,463
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Ending Balance (cash & cash equivalents)		<u><u>\$207,906</u></u>

(We have \$83,162 in checkbook, \$13,208 with CDF & \$111,536 with Solomon Fund.)

See Mike Babcock or Dick Ickes if you have questions.

2017-2018 Budget Summaries				
	2017 Budget	2017 YTD Actual	2018 Amount	2018 % of Budget
Salaries	\$221,106	\$222,269	\$231,049	39.7%
Employee Benefits	56,091	61,598	59,216	10.2%
Office Supplies Expense	32,672	33,855	34,500	5.9%
Building & Property Expense	75,850	63,866	92,400	15.9%
Christian Education & Evangelism Expense	63,850	70,758	70,050	12.0%
Benevolence Expense	2,500	6,072	2,500	0.4%
Missions Expense	77,452	103,766	92,893	15.9%
TOTALS	\$529,521	\$562,183	\$582,608	100.0%
Weekly Needs	\$10,183		\$11,204	

2018 Budget Summary





2016 Year in Review

Andy Bratton - Senior Minister

God continues to do a great work here at KCC as was reflected in the year that is now behind us. The things that excited me most about the year were the dozens of baptisms we witnessed, the leadership development and accountability taking place, and the outreach to the community.

When I reflect on the baptisms over the past three years it is a reminder to me that God is still working in people's hearts through His Word to draw them to Him. It is also a reminder to me that we need to walk alongside our new Christians more intentionally so that our new believers can continue to be challenged to live and become like Jesus. That is our challenge.

Two programs I want to highlight are Titus 2 and Mission Impossible. I appreciate all of our programs, but those two programs represent what we are trying to accomplish when it comes to discipling people who have surrendered to Jesus and are wanting to grow in their faith. The Titus 2 ministry has over 80 women signed up this year. Every month they meet, women are given the opportunity to be discipled. Mission Impossible started with about 20 guys and ended with about 12. In that program we are training each other in leadership and encouraging men to meet together in smaller groups to hold each other accountable and to be discipled. Our Life Group program has also been a great asset in our tool belt when it comes to discipleship and accountability. As we live life together as Christians we will sharpen one another and encourage each other as we face life's challenges.

And finally, I can't tell you how grateful I am to the many people who volunteer here at KCC. We built wheelchair ramps, repaired roofs, built pole barns, gave away backpacks, stocked the school system with socks and underwear, hosted many funeral dinners, and housed the Kalkaska Baby Pantry. All of those things were connecting us to the community in which God has planted us. I am also grateful to the many volunteers that make this place function on a given Sunday. Our church is healthy when everyone discovers their PART.

We are in a stage of church growth called the "400 barrier." To get past this barrier there are things we need to do organizationally that may look differently but will allow us to minister to more people as God entrusts us with more and leads them here. I hope and pray you are as excited as I am about more people giving their lives to Jesus and joining us on our journey to be a Christ Inspired church filled with Christ Inspired people living to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

God Bless,
Andy B.



Annual Report 2017 to the Congregation

Tim Severance- Associate Minister

The first quarter of 2017 was a blur as my father was in and out of the hospital during the last 3 months of his earthly life. What began as a simple back pain appeared to me to be a slow leak from a previously patched aortic aneurysm in 2015. We took dad into the ER three times, spent countless weeks at Munson, and two stays at Long-term care in Kalkaska. Even after dozens of MRIs, CAT scans, and X-Rays, doctors could not identify his malady.

Dad, after a valiant fight, went to his heavenly home in March of 2017. While his absence has left a void in my life, his memories, generosity, and example of a loving father, remain security in my heart.

My wonderful wife of 17 years, Anita, continues to serve by my side volunteering at the church on the Worship team, leading our Life Group, making stage decorations, and attending the countless events KCC puts on. Our children, Scott & Kaylin, are also deeply involved with the activities of the church. Scott serves literally anywhere he is needed on Sunday mornings including First Impressions and on the Tech Team. Kaylin serves every other week in the Tiny Tots as well as in Kidmo, our Sunday children's program. This year KCC witnessed the rebirth of 38 people through baptism thereby committing their lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and trusting in His saving grace. We also grew through 3 people transferring their membership to KCC.

Life groups, our sermon-based small group program, boasted 177 people involved in 13 different groups. The Life Group my wife and I host is a highlight of our week as we share a potluck meal with some of our closest friends from church. After the meal we spend an hour each week discussing questions from that Sunday's sermon and ending with a time of prayer.

The lifeblood of any mid-size church is the volunteers who give of their talents and time to the body. KCC has over 60 positions for volunteers to plug in. Turnover rate is very low as members commit faithfully to their spots. There are roughly 261 volunteers serving at least once a month doing everything from cleaning windows to changing light bulbs.

This past year I took the position of chair for the Missions committee. Our team is committed to bringing more awareness to the church as a whole about the local, national, and international missions we partner with and how we can better support their efforts to share the gospel and disciple believers. The highlight of the year was Project 53, a decision to forward the offering from the last Sunday of the year completely to the missions we currently support. The offering on Sunday, December 31st given to the church was over an amazing \$19,000! We praise God for the generosity of our people and their support of missions!

In the coming year, be on the lookout for a new outdoor church LED sign, a new bus ministry along with the purchase of a airport shuttle-type bus, Sunday video recordings viewable online, and more opportunities to volunteer.

In Him,
Tim Severance



2017 Childrens' Ministry Year in Review

Sara Blasko - Children's Ministry Director

Tiny Tots - Thanks to our elders and our planning team, the Tiny Tots (0-3) are enjoying a lot more space to play. We tore down the wall separating the nursery and toddler room and it has made a huge difference. Our teachers are very appreciative for the extra room! The little ones are taught that God loves them and that he made them. A very huge thank you to the many volunteers in the toddler area!

Pre-K - For Faith Training, they are using the Christian Standard material called Heart Shaper and I believe we are doing just that. We have been using the Lil'K curriculum from Kidmo at the 11am hour. It is a really cute program that is similar to Blue's Clues or Mickey Mouse Club House. The kids watch a video program with their lesson and they have to find the Bible doodad throughout the lesson. Each week they have a craft and a take home paper full of activities.

Faith Training - Once again we are using the Heart Shaper material for faith training for K-5. We took a short break and did a series that was based on the movie the Secret Life of Pets. Each week there was a different pet and a Bible lesson to go with it. For example, one week our pet was dog and our lesson was on loyalty, and the story of Ruth and Naomi. A huge thank you to our Faith Training teachers for working with our kids every week.

Kidmo - Every Sunday at 11:00 we have a children's (K-5) service downstairs. We are using the Johnny Rogers Kidmo curriculum. It's a combination of fast paced videos that follow a theme and Bible lesson every week. Every week the kids compete to answer questions during our Kwizmo time. They also learn a Bible verse with actions during our memory max time. Following the video we break into small groups and have discussions and look up verses to help the kids really understand the lesson. They also have a map book to take home for the week, filled with fun activities and challenges pertaining to the lesson.

WASP - Wednesday nights right after school we will have WASP for all kids Kindergarten through 3rd grade. This year we will not be in classrooms but doing all of our games and lessons in mixed age groups all together in the Lower Level. For curriculum this year, we are using Veggie tales! We will be learning how to help kids be unselfish, help kids practice gratitude, help kids depend on God, and help kids be brave. Snacks are provided.

Octane - Octane is our 4th and 5th grade youth group that meets on Thursday nights. We will discover life lessons from the bible and apply them to our lives and what 4th and 5th graders are going through. We will be meeting in the Lower Level after school on Thursdays, but will leave the building on occasion for service projects, hands on lessons, and fun. This is such an important time for tweens to surround themselves with positive peer pressure, and to know that they can count on God and each other as they go through this, and every phase of life.

Vbs - In 2017 we had an amazing Vacation Bible School with around 140 kids every day! We did Maker Fun Factory as our theme where we learned about how God made each one of us with a purpose! The kids enjoyed bible lessons, games, snacks, and fun! In just 4 days the kids raised \$1,136 for our missionary, Joel Ickes, with Global City Initiative in NYC. Thanks to a very generous anonymous donor who matched the kids offering, we were able to send Joel \$2,272! Looking forward to 2018 we will be learning about how Jesus saves us with a shipwreck theme!



2017 Youth Ministry Year in Review

David Acker- Youth Minister

2017 was quite the year of change for our student ministries here at KCC. I am looking forward to the future here as we continue to build on the foundation that was already laid. A big thank you to Jody Terrell and the work that he did here for many years. It's been amazing to hear stories from teens already of how you impacted their lives.

We have two youth group nights a week; one that is for our Middle School students (6th-8th grade) on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30. Mike and Jill Ponstein along with Pete and Darcy Shetler have been a tremendous help on these nights. Then we also have our High School night on Sundays from 6:30-8:00. I also couldn't pull these nights off without the help of Darin and Lisa Cummings along with Todd and Kim Stephens.

For our Faith Training hour, normally I would be teaching our High School group and have Mike Ponstein and Pete Shetler teaching the Junior High. But to free them up to teach a men's class, I am currently teaching the whole group together. This might seem odd but I firmly believe that doing this occasionally helps to teach an appreciation for the whole body of Christ. This offers different teaching moments and also a chance for our older students to be challenged to display the way to act and handle themselves.

We had many special events and trips during this past year that many people chipped into help and continue to that allows for our youth ministry to run and have momentum.

Thank you church for all that you have done to make us feel welcome and at home. I am looking forward to the future. I see so much potential for growth. I do know that we are currently in a season of rebuilding. Thankfully I don't think it will take as much time as it's taking Jim Harbaugh to rebuild the Wolverines.

The two major events I have been able to do between Fusion and the New Year's Eve lock-in have been a great opportunity to build relationships that I hope have a lasting impact on our teens as they consider their relationship with Jesus. That will always be my hope and my goal to always point them back to that.

If you have a heart for discipling teenagers, I would like to sit down with you and explore that and what that would look like. I can't always have everyone help me but there are lots of ways for you to be involved. Thank you for allowing me to be in the position that I am in. It is humbling and I am ever so grateful. The biggest thank you goes to my wife and my son who really are the ones that encourage me and motivate me to do the best that I can. I am really, REALLY looking forward to 2018!



Worship at KCC

Darrell Boger - Worship Leader

The year or 2017 has been wonderful for KCC's worship ministry in many ways. First and foremost, God has blessed us with a willing and capable team of volunteers that always rise to challenges and take on issues. Without such an amazing group of people, our ministry would be non-existent.

2017 presented unique opportunities for our ministry. First, in May Tom Harrigan, a colleague of Andy's from The Creek in the greater Indianapolis area, held a workshop with the worship team. The event assessed our strengths and weaknesses and provided constructive criticism when needed. The church also welcomed guest worship leaders Aaron Boyd and Luke Cyrus.

2018 looks to be just as promising. We plan to continue development of our choir, upgrade some equipment, and do some group rehearsal. Thanks for all your continued love and support.

All Glory to God in the Highest!

Darrell Boger





Benevolence Report

Steve Mathis

We were able to bless a lady who had her hot water heater go out, in the winter of course. We were advised of the need by a member, and on researching, determined to see what we would do to help. A nearly new water heater was donated, but I did not verify the fuel needed, and after another member & I replaced the bad unit, we found it was a natural gas unit, whereas we needed a propane one. It ended up we purchased a new heater, and reinstalled it. The woman was extremely grateful to have a hot shower after weeks of no hot water.

Our "food fairy" also supplied a box of assorted foods to additionally help. We held on to the donated heater, and it turned out that another family came home one day to a puddle on the floor, which turned out to be that their hot water heater had rusted out at the bottom leaking out its 30 gallons of water, fortunately with no lasting consequences. With about \$30 of donated fittings, and the heater we already had, it was replaced in about 3 hours, mess all cleaned up.

There were some small needs which were attended to, as well as some other food helps from our food fairies. Several people were referred to KAIR for monetary needs which we felt we could not help with, and others that were helped with some financial counseling to help them get their spending in line with their resources, I.E. teaching to fish.

I look forward to whatever is put before me in the coming new year.

Respectfully,
Steve Mathis





Library Report

Geri Sue Gallagher

2017 was an awesome year for material being taken out of the libraries. We had several requests that we were able to gladly fulfill. We also had many items donated and really appreciate all the contributions.

The library budget for 2018 has been increased by \$500 to allow for the purchase of a new computer. The current computer's hard drive is wearing out so this is a necessary cost to support the Cross System software used in cataloguing material.

Debbie Davis and Le' Baxter both volunteer with me in the library and we are in the Library on Wednesday afternoons. We could really use help with the Children's library on Wednesday. The shelves need checked and some weeding of old material. We have several new beautiful books in the Children's library. If anyone is interested please contact the Church office.

When I retired 16 years ago, I asked Jeanne if she needed help in the Library.

She said she had been praying that someone would volunteer as she really needed some help. It was my privilege to work with Jeanne for so many years and witness the love she had for books and I remember how her eyes lit up and a big smile would appear on her face when she found out the book order came in. She was so helpful to anyone who asked her for a recommendation about a book or a particular author, I was amazed that she remembered what was on the shelves even when the numbers rose to 7500 items.

Thank you to Jeanne's family for the sacrifice of time she spent on the library and also for choosing the remembrance donations to The Kalkaska Church of Christ Library.

Geri Sue





Men's Ministry

Dean Farrier

At KCC the goal of our Men and Boys Ministry is to stir the hearts of men to grow closer to God and walk more closely with our brothers and sons. We have two slogans, "Every boy needs an uncle" and "Bring a friend". In 2017 we sponsored the following events:

- I. Five "Fifth Sunday Preacher's Prayer Partner's Prayer Breakfasts". These meetings feature a hot buffet breakfast, round table fellowship, an inspiring devotional and round table prayer. The Prayer Partner's Breakfasts are quarterly when there is a fifth Sunday in a month. We gather at 7:15am. In 2017, we averaged 35 men per meeting. Look for these meetings in 2018 at the end of April, July, September and December.
- II. A Higher Call Conference at Gaylord E-Free Church was attended by 10 men in mid March. This Spiritual pep-talk encourages men and boys to know their God and do His work. This was approximately our tenth year attending this meeting with 10 to 15 men. The theme for the 2018 Conference is "Full Draw" and will be held on March 19th.
- III. Community Comedy Night with Tommy and John Mark Oaks, sponsored by KCC Men's Ministry. This fun filled event for couples and families was held in February. It featured the Oaks father & son duo retelling of Esau and Jacob story (Gen. 25-34) with a western cowboy flare. The menu was a chili and loaded Mac-n-cheese cook-off.
- IV. The 14th Annual Men and Boys Pancake Breakfast and Clay Pigeon Shoot was held on Saturday, April 8th. This event has out grown its original home at Gene and Shirley Farrier's property. We now hold the breakfast, devotional and safety training in the fellowship hall at KCC. We then commute to Wilderness Christian Assembly for the shoot and bonfire lunch. Each year we teach a number of men and boys how to safely handle and shoot shotguns. This year we had about 50 for breakfast and 34 shooters. We want thank Wilderness Christian Assembly for hosting the shoot and McLean's Hardware for their donation of clay pigeons. The 2018 event will be held on Saturday, April 7th, weather dependent.
- V. The 13th Annual Men & Boys Float and Bonfire cookout was held on Sunday, September 10th. This event includes a regatta of brightly colored canoes and kayaks floating down the mighty Manistee River. The day concludes with an inspirational devotional and bonfire dinner (and sometimes chocolate chip cookies). This year we had about 30 people floating on the river and a 4 member ground crew. We hold this event the Sunday after Labor Day each year. In 2018 the date will be Sunday, September 9th.

We would like to thank all of the many volunteers who help put these events together. We also want to thank the many-many participants who make these events successful. We need all of you because "every boy needs an uncle". Together we are shedding God's Light into our community. "Remember to bring a friend!"

For His Glory,
Brett Gallagher & Dean Farrier





Women's Ministry

Jill Ponstein



The KCC Women's ministry team's goal is to reach the heart of women. A team of 8-10 women meet every other month to determine how best to fulfill this goal.

In May, Lisa Bratton completed the first year of Titus 2 Women's Bible Study and successfully launched the second year in September with 80 plus women participating--over a 30% increase. This monthly Bible Study starts with dinner together, viewing a video to kick off the session and then ladies are dismissed to smaller groups. These groups usually have two mentors and 4-6 mentees that talk through the lesson and deepen relationships with each other in order to grow our community within the church.

We also launched "Himterest"- a spin off Pinterest where we gathered to fellowship and learn a new art. We had everything from massage lessons, Bible journaling, sewing, couponing, meal planning, and even watermelon cutting. This was not well attended, but everyone who did attend was blessed!



We wrapped up the year with our annual Christmas Tea! It was a blessed afternoon with tea and cookies. Connie Farrier, Kim Babcock, and Clarissa Kniss catered a lot of the food so that hostesses could focus on tables and cookies. We awarded people's choice tables, laughed during skits and games, swayed to the sound of Melanie Terrell's guitar, and hearts were touched with the story of Callan Tinkle. We had about 225 in attendance this year with 25 BEAUTIFULLY decorated tables. We of course are already looking forward to next year!

New for 2018, we are looking to participate in a retreat of some form. Winsome Women at the Grand Hotel, Mackinaw Island, has peaked our interest. The retreat runs in May 17-18 where we can hear from Nancy DeMoss (one of the authors of our current Titus 2 Bible studies), Sarah Scieber, Ben Manthei and musician Sandi Patty on the theme; "The Great I Am".



Thanks to all the women who have participated in the Women's Ministry programs. You have blessed me!

Jill Ponstein



Community Outreach in our Schools

Hollie Bittenbender

Back to School Drive - KCC blessed the students of Birch Street Elementary, Cherry Street Elementary, Rapid City Elementary and Kalkaska Middle School with a large variety of school supplies to supplement students in need this fall during the "Back to School" season. Supplies were divided up between grade levels and each grade was given a box filled with items from backpacks, paper supplies to socks and shoes. KCC members and friends donated all of these supplies and then a group of about 10 volunteers sorted the donations and packed them up into the designated boxes. The Kalkaska cross country team along with the KCC volunteers came to help us pack up the supplies and deliver them to the schools. The delivery happened before school started so teachers to divide them up and share for students needs. The teachers of all the schools were especially grateful and reported how much the supplies were needed and appreciated. Some the favorite supplies were the Lysol wipes, Kleenex, socks, shoes, and underwear.



Here is a total list of everything that was donated and supplied to our schools from KCC. Thank you all so much for meeting some of the needs of our most precious members of our community! 120 backpacks, 400 notebooks, 200 boxes of crayons, 232 glue sticks, 46 packs of colored pencils, 91 packs of markers, 31 packs of dry erase markers, 16 boxes of teacher dry erase markers sets, 49 rulers, 75 pairs of scissors, 110 highlighters, 86 packs of mechanical pencils, 42 pencil sharpeners, 106 packs of pencils, 51 packs of erasers, 32 pencil boxes, 26 canisters of disinfectant wipes, 88 Kleenex boxes, 21 bottles of hand sanitizer, 48 composition books, 32 - 3 ring binders, 4 boxes of band-aids, 19 pairs of tennis shoes, 28 packages of underwear, 33 packages of socks & countless folders!

Kids Hope USA - This past summer KCC sponsored Sara Blasko and Hollie Bittenbender to complete 6 weeks of training to become Kids Hope USA directors. Kids Hope USA is an organization that trains mentors to work one on one with students in a local school. Kids Hope' focus is to reach out to children who need someone in their life who cares, who shows up, and who makes them a priority. Research shows that the number one change that can be made in a child's life is one inspiring relationship. Kids Hope USA partners churches to local schools, to be the change in at risk students lives. At risk includes students who may come from single parent homes, live in foster care, are grandparent raised, challenged academically, or have had some sort of trauma in their life. Teachers recognize when they have a student who needs more, especially a caring mentor and refer their student to the program. We currently have 10 KHUSA trained mentors from KCC, 9 of which have been paired to a student between the grades of Kindergarten and third grade. KCC has partnered with Birch Street Elementary School for our first pilot year. Many of our mentors began seeing their students several weeks ago, and others are just starting. This program's motto is "One Child. One Hour. One Church. One School." Each of our mentors is committed to meeting with his/her student for one hour each week while school is in session. This provides consistency, stability, relationship building and often motivation for the student to come to school on their mentor day. Each of our mentors has been paired to a prayer partner who prays over the student and mentor prior to or while the mentoring is taking place. This outreach program is truly the hands and feet of Jesus in action, showing love through showing up, through caring words and through setting an example of what a follower of Jesus looks like. Anyone who wants to be a part of this ministry, whether as a mentor, a prayer partner or volunteering through organizing and coming up with craft/game ideas for mentors to use in their sessions, please see Sara Blasko or Hollie Bittenbender.



Kalkaska Baby Pantry

The Kalkaska Baby Pantry has been steadily growing over the past three and a half years. We are open 2 days a month, the second and fourth Tuesday's from 9:30 am until 1:00 pm. We provide diapers, wipes, wash, lotion, baby food as it's donated, and clothing from size newborn to 4T.

In 2014, when the church first started housing the Baby Pantry, 1,644 diapers and 55 packages of baby wipes were distributed to the babies in our area. This past year, 17,016 diapers and 463 packages of baby wipes were distributed, in addition to 668 pull-ups (diapers used during potty training), 151 bottles of baby wash and 65 bottles of baby lotion. We now average about 75 babies per month that receive assistance from the Pantry.

The Kalkaska Baby Pantry Board has been working hard to improve the Pantry. We attend the Food Coalition meetings in Traverse City once a month to qualify for Grant monies that are given out each year and work with the other Baby Pantries in our 5 county area. This year, participating with other Baby Pantries in the area and Carter's children's clothing store, we were able to pass out over 75 new warm winter pajamas to the families at our pantry. Also, thanks to the Friends of the Kalkaska County Library, each child also received a new book at the December Baby Pantry. February is Child Dental Month, and we have new toothbrushes and toothpaste standing by to be passed out at the February Baby Pantry.

The two programs that are the most widely used by families needing assistance are WIC and the food stamp program, and neither of those provides diapers. That is why the Baby Pantry is so needed. One of our team members sent us a study that was done on new mothers, and one of their biggest concerns was not being able to comfort their baby because they did not have clean diapers. Our Baby Pantry is helping with that concern.

We would like to thank the Elders and the Church for your continued support of the Baby Pantry, so we can continue to aid the families in our community.

Kalkaska Baby Pantry Board
Kim Stephens – President
Mickie Castle- Vice President
Shirley Farrier – Treasurer
Linda Crawford – Secretary
Deb Davis - Trustee





Missions Annual Report

Tim Severance

*Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.
(Matthew 28:19,20a)*

The Kalkaska Church of Christ currently supports 14 missions: 5 local missions, 5 national missions, and 4 international missions. The church has allocated \$90,000 towards missions this year which is 15.65% of this year's budget (See 2018 Budget for details).

Last year we began emphasizing one of the missions we support each month. We will continue this in 2018. Our hope is to make our missions more visible to the congregation in order to better partner with them in the spreading of the gospel. There are many additional ways to support and encourage our missionaries other than financially and we will be pursuing those avenues this coming year.

In December, we were informed that Wes & Alta Beasley would no longer be working with Pioneer Bible Translators. Wes wrote:

"Thank you and all the KCC folks for your faithful support over the years. We still need your prayers but with regret I am informing you that this is my last trip abroad to do Bible translation checking. A whole host of reasons, but the bottom line is that now is our transition time to another type of ministry in God's kingdom..."

We ask that you discontinue sending checks right away. We have a balance in our PBT mission funds which will either be used for one last trip or will be used in the big outreach of Pioneer Bible Translators. Thanks again for helping us do this work.

We have also discontinued support of ICOM (formerly known as Mission Services) as they have changed leadership and focus.

We are looking at adding new missions to support in 2018 and will keep the church body informed as to our progress via the KCC E-News and kccwired.com.

Short-term mission trips are on the radar for KCC. We hope to organize trips to visit missions that we support on a yearly basis. There are monies set aside for those who desire to go first-time on one of these trips.

The KCC Missions Committee meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Green Room. If you are a member of KCC and would like to become a member of the Missions Committee, contact Tim Severance.



Elders at KCC



Mike Babcock

I have been blessed to be part of the Kalkaska Church of Christ family my whole life. I was 9 years old when I was baptized by Paul Stacey, our KCC Minister at the time. I knew I was a sinner and wanted Jesus to be my Lord and Savior and it has been my deepest desire to serve God wherever He'd use me. I went to Great Lakes Christian College for a year to gain more Bible knowledge and came back to Kalkaska to serve in the church, and begin a career in the oil and gas business with Ruben Essary. I married his youngest daughter, Kim - my high school sweetheart, 42 years ago. This doesn't seem that long ago! Our four children, Andrew, Jill, Megan and Kaley, are married to wonderful mates, Windy, Mike, Jody, and Michael, that all love God and that we love. The best part...they have given us 11 amazing grandchildren. For 25 years, I have owned a small business, Trend Services here in Kalkaska. In my spare time, I enjoy being a husband, father and Papa! I run 5K's and bike for fun? I've received and seen countless blessings every year at KCC. I give thanks, honor and glory to our God in what His has done, and what He has yet to do, at KCC.



Dave Israel

I was born in Asheville, North Carolina and come from a strong southern Baptist family. My mom and dad moved to Michigan in the early 1950's and settled in River Rouge (suburb) of Detroit. I attended school in River Rouge and graduated in 1966. I spent a few years in the car factories and joined the River Rouge Police Department in 1970. I married my wife, Nanette in 1986 and God blessed us with 2 children, Lyndsay and Frank. I also have 2 children from a previous marriage. Their names are Lisa and David. Lisa lives in Iron Mountain and David lives in River Rouge. I retired from the River Rouge Police Department in 1994 and we moved to Kalkaska. I started with the Kalkaska Sheriff' Office on July 14, 1994. We searched for a church for a while and eventually came to KCC. We liked it. The people were friendly and Nanette was baptized by Dan Johnson in the old church. We found a home. We loved it. I continued with the Sheriff' Office and retired in 2015 after a total of 46 years in law enforcement. God blessed me with 2 careers. Nanette and I often refer to our move to Kalkaska as a "God thing". I enjoy serving KCC as an Elder, but most of all, I enjoy working for the Lord and the fellowship in this church. My favorite verses in the bible are found in Ephesians 6 VS 10-19. (The Armor of GOD)



Dale Farrier

My name is Dale Farrier. For those of you that don't know me, I'm the eldest child of Gene and Shirley Farrier. My wife Lisa and I were married nearly 2 years ago here at KCC. Together, we have 5 adult children and 6 grandkids, ranging in age from 14 down to newborn. Being brought up in a Christian home (thank you Mom & Dad!), God has always been part of my life. I asked Jesus into my heart while in grade school and was baptized when I was 12 or 13. Kids' ministry has been a large part of my life here at KCC over the last 14 years or so. I've helped with our kids programs Caraway Street, KidStuf and Family Stuff. I quite frequently get to lead the kids in communion meditation downstairs and upstairs with you adults from time to time. I think I've helped with the Men & Boys clay pigeon shoots and river floats since they started. I help with KCC yard & building maintenance and am part of the KCC Safety Committee. What do I have to offer KCC as an Elder? I've worked for and been on Boards most of my adult life. I work with budgets and policies daily. That said, I am a sinner! But, by the Grace of God I've been saved! I would be honored to work alongside other men of faith to help nurture and grow the family of believers here at KCC and strengthen and sharpen my own faith.



“We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.” 2 Corinthians 5:8 NKJV

Following is a list of people that have passed from this life in 2017

Geraldine Peck – January 27, 2017

William Severance – March 19, 2017

Royce Dale Kniss – March, 24, 2017

Korena Sue England – April 23, 2017

Doris Tuffts – June 6, 2017

Edward Curtis – July 22, 2017

Larry Schumacher – August 16, 2017

Lloyd Strang – October 17, 2017

Jeanne Lantzer – December 13, 2017