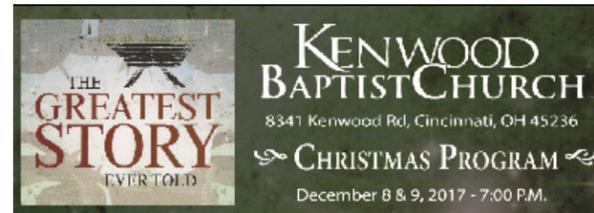


You're Invited

- December 8-9** The Greatest Story Ever Told Music Program, *7:00 p.m.*
- December 15** Night in Bethlehem, *6:30-8:00 p.m.*
- December 24** Christmas Eve Service For All Nations, *5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.*
- December 25** Christmas - No services
- December 25-January 1** Office Closed
- January 7 - February 11** "The Meaning of Marriage" sermon series
- January 10** Children's and Adult Wednesday Night Classes Begin, *6:45 p.m.*
- January 10** Wednesday Dinners Resume, *6:00 p.m.*
- January 18** Women's Bible Study Resumes
- February 11** Volunteer Appreciation Lunch, *12:30 p.m.*
- March 4-5** Dr. Ben Witherington III Visit and Veritas Forum
- March 30** Good Friday Service, *7:00 p.m.*
- March 31** Children and Family Ministry Easter Breakfast and Experience
- April 1** Easter Services, *9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.*
- April 8** Hymn Sing, *6:30 p.m.*
- April 22-24** Dr. Vince and Jo Vitale Visit and Veritas Forum
National Director of the Zacharias Institute
- April 25** Last Day of Children's Classes
- May 17-27** Medical Mission and Seminary Trip to Lebanon
- June 3** Hymn Sing and Mission Moment, *6:30-8:15 p.m.*
- June 18-22** Vacation Bible School
- July 1-7** Camp of the Woods Family Camp
- July 12-22** Student Mission Trip to Thailand

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Winter 2017

Ecclesia

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY AND GOD'S WORK AT KENWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH



Advent and New Year Sermon Series

Advent 2017 Sermon Series: mi·rac·u·lous

January 2018 Sermon Series: The Meaning of Marriage

Advent is a special season of the year as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. The Latin verb *advenire* means "to come." The season of advent remembers "the coming" of Christ into the world. The coming of Christ brings hope, love, joy, and peace to the world. We signify these realities with the lighting of the Advent wreath leading up to Christmas Eve when we light the Christ candle. This evening service of candlelight and communion is one of our most special times. We gather together to celebrate the adoration of the nations as we will hear God's Word proclaimed in many of the languages represented at Kenwood.

On Sunday mornings in Advent, we will begin a new sermon series called "mi·rac·u·lous." We will explore the birth of Jesus, our promised Messiah, from four scenes of the gospel according to Luke. The angel Gabriel announces the coming of a miraculous Son. Mary responds with praise for a miraculous Savior. Zechariah prophesies of a miraculous King. The heavenly host proclaims good news of a miraculous Message for all people. Each of these voices resound the glory

of Jesus who fulfills God's plan of redemption throughout history. We are well equipped from our fall Old Testament CASKET EMPTY series to recognize and worship our Savior. I warmly invite you and your family to share this Advent season together with us at Kenwood.

In January through the beginning of February, we will turn our attention to a series entitled "The Meaning of Marriage." Our key Scripture text will be Ephesians 5:15-33 where Paul describes marriage as "a profound mystery." Marriage is the place where we learn how the gospel shapes our most important relationships. We discover that in Christ we are called to a radical new way of life by the power of the Holy Spirit that uproots our innate self-centeredness. A biblical view of marriage will also help us understand our single years and encourage us to allow the light of the gospel into every relationship

God gives us. We will be reading Tim Keller's book *The Meaning of Marriage* in conjunction with this series. A series of messages at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City eventually became the foundation for this book.



These sermons have been the most requested over his long and influential ministry. I encourage you to read the book and even listen to the messages along the way. May the light of Jesus Christ shine upon us as we celebrate His coming and the beginning of a New Year of following Him. 

Advent

LUKE 1:31-33

"You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

January Series

EPHESIANS 5:25

"Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her."

Wednesday Night Dinner and Classes

Beginning January 10

Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. and classes begin at 6:45 p.m. Stay for the classes or just come for the fellowship at dinner.

Children's Classes tbd

Choir Rehearsal for seasoned singers and those interested in developing their voices. (Choir Room)

DivorceCare features practical information and biblical teaching for recovering from divorce or separation. (234)

Financial Peace looks at why God placed money in our lives. Be prepared to be challenged! (226) *begins January 17

Sharing Christ With Others is an 8 week class to encourage and equip you to witness, using Christianity Explored material. Led by Pastor David, Pastor Scott, and Lydia Davis.

Worship through Art provides the opportunity to explore God through the process of creating. (101)

Childcare is available for children ages 3 and younger whose parent(s) are attending a class.

RSVP to Pastor Sara O'Connor: saraoconnor@kenwoodbaptist.org.

Proclaim His Glory to the Nations

Fred and Tacie Anderson will lead a group of students and adults to Thailand next July.

Fred, who serves as Pastor of Student Ministries, says, "Our team is thrilled that God has opened up this opportunity for us to serve alongside local missionaries in Chiang Rai. Our desire is to join God's mission to bring hope to this world."

The group plans to serve the people of Thailand in five ways. They will partner with a local Christian mission agency in witnessing to and caring for the children and families of those in prison. With another local agency, the group will help run a sports camp for youth. Later, they will make their way to the extremely poor and oppressed hill tribe villages to teach English and share the gospel. Drawing on the unique talents of the group, they plan to develop skits to communicate the gospel and to teach women self defense skills.

To prepare for the mission, the Andersons produced a training video for their young missionaries with the help of Kit Ripley, Kenwood member and longtime missionary in Thailand. Please pray for God to prepare the hearts of those the group will encounter, for God to lead the group in peace and safety, and for God to instill an even deeper love for Him in those who go to share His Word.



Students prepare an authentic Thai meal as a fundraiser for their trip to Thailand.

The group draws inspiration from the team verse:

PSALM 96:3 "Proclaim His glory to the nations, His mighty deeds to all peoples."

Did you know?

We have a new way to donate and a new volunteer ministry.

We now use a service called Pushpay for our electronic donations and monetary needs. So you just got familiar with Paypal right? You can still use that service if need be, but we have officially switched. Pushpay, is the recommended service to be used with Community Church Builder and costs Kenwood less in fees. With Pushpay you can set up regular donations to be directed to the church, do all of your giving online, designate to specific funds or causes, and even utilize the phone app for ease of use.

We will begin a new volunteer ministry called "The Premise Keepers" in January. If you like to clean, paint, fidget or fix, plan on spending 2 hours after worship on the 4th Sunday of the month. You'll meet new friends, have a great lunch, and finally get to paint or repair that spot that's been bugging you! This effort is being overseen by Glenn Perry and is open to men and woman of any age and skill range. *Mark your calendar: Jan 28, Feb 25, March 25, April 29, and May 20* (a week early). Watch the e-news for monthly reminders.

Share the Wonder of Christ

The Christmas season is the time of year that people not consistently involved in a church are more open to attending church or a special event.

It's an opportunity we can't let pass us by. With that in mind, we are striving to invite 2500 people to our various special gatherings this season. This goal is easily achieved if 250 members engage in a conversation and invite 10 people/families to Kenwood.

Through the Fox Fund, we have purchased an evangelistic booklet called "*How to Have a Happy Christmas.*" This booklet suggests slowing down and reflecting on what really matters. It's a quick and engaging read that might provide the chance for a significant conversation. We suggest that



members put some tickets and postcard invites in the booklet and give them to neighbors or co-workers. Perhaps including a few cookies or candy canes "opens the door" a bit more!

The variety of events and offerings at Kenwood ensures that almost anyone could feel open to a particular event. Consider emphasizing the choir concert, children's event, or the International Christmas Eve Candlelight service, depending on who you are talking to.

May God move within us and give us joyful courage to invite that neighbor or co-worker to come to church with us this Christmas season. And may God grant favor and fruit with such a simple outreach.

Welcoming new staff members



In October, Susan Hill began serving as our Ministries Coordinator. This is an equipping role to help church leaders manage, recruit, train, and retain volunteers and to facilitate management of standing boards, committees, and other ministry functions. The ministries coordinator sees that leaders have the right resources and structures to complete their mission. She will be coordinating weekly volunteer needs utilizing Church Community Builder

and relationships within the ministry, managing office volunteers, and helping with communication. This job was developed at the encouragement of Janice Ferguson who, as a volunteer, served some of this role this past year. It has been great having Susan serve in this new capacity!



In October, Brian Carrigg began working as our new Technical Director. Brian comes to us from the Florence Baptist Church where he served as the

worship engineer for over three years. He has a degree from Cincinnati Christian University where he served as the technical director for four years. His role there included training and equipping others in audio engineering in both live roles and recorded media. Brian jumped right into action with our team and has already made a wonderful contribution to Kenwood's Sunday morning worship. Brian has been married for 5 years to Cami and they have a one year old daughter Charlotte.



416 SHOEBOXES

OCC PACKING PARTY Kenwood packed a total of 416 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for Christmas this year, and over half were packed during the OCC Packing Party! A special 'thank you' for a very successful and fun OCC Packing Party and for your generous support and donations to this important ministry.