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BEYOND EXPECTATION!



For 19 years Kentucky Mountain Bible College has been in a continual building program. During this time eight new buildings were built and seven existing buildings were renovated. The campus was looking quite modernized and attractive – except the chapel. It looked old and decrepit. The decision was made to tear it down and build a new building. On November 6 & 7 KMBC dedicated the Helen Mathews Luce Chapel – by far the most attractive building on campus. One work team volunteer said it was the prettiest church he'd ever been in. I think I'd have to agree with him.

The Helen Mathews Luce Chapel dedication was indeed a high moment in the life of the college – probably the biggest and best attended event in KMBC's entire history! The general mood was one of amazement at the beauty of the new facility. No one had expected it to be so gorgeous. The cost of the project was about \$970,000. Done somewhere else it would have cost about 2½ million dollars. This impressive savings was made possible by nearly 100 volunteer work teams who donated their labor and by very careful shopping for building materials. The whole thing was a series of miracles and answers to prayer ! **To God be the glory!**



CHAPEL PERSPECTIVE







WHY I BELIEVE IN KMBC

I believe in KMBC because it works diligently to strengthen students' faith in the Bible and their commitment to Christ! Almost all graduate with a much deeper faith than they had when they enrolled. I have seen this graphically illustrated in my three children who have and are presently attending KMBC. My wife and I recently reflected on the positive and powerful transformation that KMBC has had on our own children's spiritual lives. For this we owe a big debt to the college!



The national trend is quite the opposite! Scary to say the least! Let me share some different survey findings. One survey found that when students go to college, church attendance drops approximately 80%. When students go to KMBC, church attendance goes up—not down! Another survey stated that 67 - 80% of church youth lose their faith when they go to a secular college while another survey found the drop out rate to be 70%. The rate of this spiritual loss is incredible.

The casualty rate for soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan has been a little less than 1 in 200. This is very sobering if you have a friend or a loved one serving in these war zones. In contrast, however, the spiritual casualty rate of our church youth going off to secular colleges is anywhere from 5 - 8 out of every ten. In Iraq it is less than 1/2 of 1%. In our secular colleges it is anywhere from 50 - 80%. That means that a soldier's physical life is 100 - 160 times safer in Iraq than our children's souls are at a secular college in our country!

Another concern I have is the compromised message taught by many so-called "Christian" universities. A large portion of these schools teach some form of theistic evolution, truth is relative, the first chapter of Genesis is only a myth, and the Bible is full of errors.

Many choose a college or university on the basis of prestige. Better yet choose one that uncompromisingly teaches the truth and builds up students' faith rather than tears it down. I believe in KMBC because it seeks to do this very thing!

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WORK TEAM VOLUNTEERS

Listed below is an amazing group of work team volunteers who came over a period of 26 months to build KMBC's new chapel. To the best of our ability we estimate that about 120 different volunteer workers took part in the project. Please accept our apology if we inadvertently left anyone out. Many made multiple trips. Some worked as many as 40 plus weeks. The savings from these work teams was phenomenal – over \$1,000,000.

10+ Weeks of Volunteer Service

George Waters	Bob Garner
Les Jackson	Dan Frances
Jerry McLaughlin	Dick Burk
Mike Leonard	Mike VanderKamp
Harold Burke	Jim Dewalt
Mike Greenert	Clyde McGillvary
Gary Knox	

5+ Weeks of Volunteer Service

Jack Duff	Ida Mae Waters
Rolland Fenton	Paul Capen
Chester Parson	Don Potter
B. Etling	Barry Cleave
Ken Alesi	Beth Cleave
Mike Davis	Gerry Lomas
Charles Spencer	Ch. McCallum
Shirley Spencer	

Generous Volunteer Service

Ch. Tompson	Marilyn Crane
D. Hog	Rachel Powdrill
Jerry Antram	Mike Spencer
John Hargrove	David Spencer
Chuck Cooper	Tracy Spencer
Roger Cooper	J. Steffanus
Jeff Tomlian	Red Davis
C. Matt	Ken Craker
David Crane	William Anthony
Lester Henry	Isaac Simons
Barry Weyant	D. Rose
Geoff Day	Terry Baker
Mike Rozman	Paul Krueger
Gary Winkler	Mike Christie
Don Swinehart	David Blazer
Ray Shingler	Dean Stoffer
Myron Fish	Bob King
Bill Cartwright	Robin Wright
D. McLaughlin	A. VanderKamp
Jay Brandon	Joseph Munn
J & D Smith	Chris Krotz
Charles Victor	J. Senpland
Luther DeWitt	D & J Elons

WORK TEAM ROLL CALL

DATE	TEAM LEADER	STATE	NO	WORK DONE
June	Gary Knox	OH	17	Tile/Painting/Drywall/Carpentry/Garden
	Al Morgart	PA	21	Carpentry/Drywall/Painting/Cleaning
	Jerry McLaughlin	OH	3	Carpentry
	Clyde McGillvary	OH	1	Carpentry
	David Crane	MI	10	Stained Glass
	Karen Bishop	PA	21	Carpentry/Cleaning/Painting/Garden
	Jim Dewalt	OH	1	Electric
July	Jacinda Shafer	IA	1	Painting/Garden
	Lester Henry	PA/OH	2	Excavation/Landscaping
	Jerry McLaughlin	OH	3	Carpentry
	Mike VanderKamp	MI	1	Excavation/Carpentry
	Mike Spencer	KY	1	Excavation
Aug.	Barry Weyant	PA	3	Trim
	David Crane	MI	2	Stained Glass
	Chuck Cooper	KY	2	Oak Flooring
Sept.	Barry Weyant	PA	3	Trim
	Mike VanderKamp	MI	1	Retaining Walls
	Mike Leonard	OH	2	Carpentry
	Jack Duff	KY	1	Trim
Oct.	Jeff Tomlian	PA/KY	3	Painting
	Don Swinehart	PA	1	Trim
	Dick Burk	PA	9	Carpet/Carpentry/Cleaning
	Mike VanderKamp	MI	1	Cement
	Geoff Day	OH	3	Landscaping
	Jerry McLaughlin	OH	2	Tile
	Gary Knox	OH/MI	3	Tile
	Jim Dewalt	OH	1	Electric
	Jack Duff	KY	1	Trim
	Luther DeWitt	KY	2	Trim
	Gary Wrinkler	KY	1	Electric
Nov.	Gary Knox	OH	1	Trim
	Dick Burk	PA	3	Carpet/Trim
	George Waters	NY/ONT	8	Heating/Cooling
	Charles Spencer	OH	2	Cleaning
	Jack Duff	KY	1	Trim
	David Crane	MI	5	Stained Glass

J. Porter	Matt Ritchie	Bill McKinley	Arbie Gibson
J. Ford	Josh Sowers	Gary Archer	Bob Gable
Mark Bunch	Jerry Hipfner	J. Al Morgart	Judy Gable
J. Brower	John Raynor	Ian Powdrill	Carol
J & B Teravest	Steven	Jan Fader	Richardson
Mike Furrow	Cummings	Tom Fader	Karen Wiard
Jessica Furrow	S. Thompson	Blair West	

CREATORS OF BEAUTY



Before construction began, Sarah Louise Luce (a professional interior decorator) was asked if she would like to decorate her grandmother's chapel. She agreed and tackled the job with a passion. She gave the college a chapel that exceeded everyone's expectations! President Speas said, "You put the frosting on the cake – you get an 'A+' for the job." Pictured here are Wanda Speas and Sarah Louise Luce who worked so hard and well together on the project. Several other professional interior architects also worked on the project. Thanks, crew, for doing a fantastic job!

MULTIFACETED PROJECT

The construction of the Helen Mathews Luce Chapel project was a complex, multifaceted one. It consisted of a spacious chapel with overflow areas plus a balcony, a spacious foyer, and roomy restrooms. The building also has a nice fine arts component with classrooms, practice rooms, office, and storage space. The ground floor area includes a preaching/prayer chapel, a spacious area for future growth, a guest room, and a medium sized apartment. In conjunction with the construction of this beautiful building we created two new parking areas, re-landscaped the entrance drive to the campus and corrected a drainage problem that caused flooding of the Administration porch. President Speas said, "You've heard of killing two birds with one stone – well we killed a whole flock with one stone!"

HELEN MATHEWS LUCE MEMORIAL CABINET



Pictured here is a memorial cabinet which artfully tells the story of Mrs. Helen Mathews Luce for whom the chapel is named. Standing beside the memorial cabinet are two of her granddaughters, Sarah Louise Luce of Atlanta, Georgia (next to Dr Harold Spann), and Beth Luce Reed of Lutz, Florida. Helen Mathews Luce was a great laywoman who loved, supported, and diligently prayed for organizations and missionaries who taught scriptural holiness. Her husband, Lawrence Luce, was an entrepreneur who developed a new type of school bus with safety features in 1927. The fledgling company was named Blue Bird Body Company. In time Blue Bird became the leading manufacturer of school buses in the world.

The Luce family was faithful to honor God with their resources and created a philanthropic legacy that is remembered today. The college is very grateful to Albert Luce who gave a substantial gift for the chapel in memory of his godly mother, Helen Mathews Luce.

MEMORIALS IN NEW CHAPEL

The college was greatly blessed to have so many friends take memorials in the new chapel – 86 in all. These memorials raised \$798,900 for the building project. What a great way to honor loved ones and friends. These memorials are identified throughout the building with attractive name plates and plaques.



JOHN C. LASKO

Pictured here is John C. Lasko, who also gave a substantial gift for the construction of the new chapel. Over the years God blessed him and helped his business grow. Out of gratitude for God's goodness he established a foundation dedicated to building God's kingdom by assisting with the construction of churches. The college is very grateful to Mr. Lasko for his generosity and the part he played in making it possible to have such a lovely chapel.

SAVINGS THROUGH CAREFUL SHOPPING

As soon as the decision was made to build a new chapel, the college began searching for building materials at bargain prices. We were able to secure carpet, carpet glue, tile, stair treads, paint, faucets, toilets, showers, door closers, metal doors, fiber glass and styrofoam insulation at less than half price. We were also able to purchase the pews, baptistry, round porch columns, pulpit furniture, steeple, furnaces and air conditioners at dealer costs. These purchases greatly reduced the cost of the building.

KMBC SINGING GROUPS IN CONCERT



The chapel dedication event consisted of three services. One of these services was a concert put on by four of KMBC's own singing groups: a ladies' choir, a men's quartet, a ladies' trio and a mixed trio. The groups sang to a full house and did an excellent job of singing inspirational songs that speak to the heart.

KMBC'S MIGHTY MEN



II Samuel 23 gives a list of the mighty men in David's army and their exploits which helped him establish his kingdom with such power. Without these great men David would not have been so successful.

In the same way KMBC has been blessed with a number of great and dedicated men who have gone far beyond the call of duty in helping us build the new chapel. Pictured here is a group of KMBC's mighty men. Each worked at least 10 weeks on the chapel. Some worked over 40 weeks! From left to right they are: Clyde McGillvary, Mike Greenert, Harold Burke, Dan Francis, Gary Knox, George Waters, Les Jackson, Mike VanderKamp, Jerry McLaughlin, Jim Dewalt, Dick Burk, and Bob Garner.

Not included in the picture is Mike Leonard who was also one of the mighty men. Each one was given an attractive plaque for their distinguished service. The commitment of these volunteers is unparalleled. I have never seen anything like it! These men were called of God to help us and they answered the call. What a blessing they were. We couldn't have done it without their help!



Mrs. Myers was a true spiritual hero who bravely pressed on in spite of her tragic loss. She continued to teach for 38 years. She unselfishly gave the money friends had personally sent to her following the flood to build a new chapel on the relocated campus. The chapel was built in 1941 and was called Myers Chapel. It was used until 2008.

HOME-MADE TRIM

One of the unique features of the chapel is the trim that makes it so strikingly beautiful—10,000 feet of it! The KMBC staff and students made almost all of it. We harvested the trees on the KMHA farm, sawed the logs on our saw mill, dried the wood in our kiln, planed the dried boards with our planer, and made it into trim with our tools. That is a lot of sawing, cutting, sanding, staining, and sealing! One student remarked, “Although the chapel is very beautiful, it is the trim that really sets it off.”

NETTIE MYERS MEMORIAL CABINET

This memorial cabinet honors Mrs. Nettie Myers and her family. Standing beside the cabinet is Mrs. Henrietta Griffith, a long-time friend and coworker with Mrs. Myers.

In the early hours of July 5, 1939, sheets of torrential rain caused a flash flood which completely washed away the original KMBC campus. A 20-foot wall of water crashed down on the campus, sweeping away Nettie, her husband Horace, their two young boys Titus & Phillip, infant daughter Lela Grace, and two nieces Glenys Miller and Betty May Myers. Nettie alone survived, being rescued miles down stream.



CATACOMBS

On Friday, November 19, the Kentucky Mountain Bible College Dramatic Ministries class presented *Catacombs*, by Paul McCusker. *Catacombs*, a moving dramatization of the persecuted church, challenged the crowd of 300 plus present for ILLEGAL, the Fall event for prospective students, with a message of faith, suffering, and endurance. The story took place in a future time and place where it is illegal to be a Christian. As winter approached, a hodgepodge of believers, led by KMBC Freshman Dustin Cox (Vanceleve, KY) as Sam, gathered to struggle for survival.

Eventually, the atheistic police force, led by KMBC Senior Alix Hilaire (Mt. Dora, FL) playing the role of Robert Slater, detected the Christian's hideout. A story of excruciating



trial unfolded as one by one the believers were executed for their faith. Slater attempted to manipulate James Smith, the leader of the Christian underground, played by KMBC Senior David Speas (Vanceleve, KY), into recanting by executing believers in succession.

The cast of 14 students was under the direction of Dr. John Neihof, Jr. along with assistant director, KMBC Senior Melissa Mathieu (Vanceleave, MS). The performance served as a major component of the Dramatic Ministries class. Dr. John reported that “the entire cast and crew prayed that the message of *Catacombs* would be real in our lives—that we would stand true to suffer for the name of Jesus Christ should we be required to do so.”

The cast prayed much for those attending to make a fresh commitment of their lives to be true to Christ. At the close of the production, the altar was lined with young people and adults renewing their commitment to be faithful to Christ.

IGNITE!

KMBC is hosting a spring recruiting event on April 15 & 16 for interested sophomores, juniors, seniors, and recent high school graduates. The event called “Ignite” will give interested youth a great chance to look at KMBC and what it offers. This youth packed event will be a mixture of exciting games, good instruction, great fellowship, and soul stirring inspiration. If you are a parent, youth leader, or pastor of a teenager, this would be a great opportunity to introduce them to a spiritual Bible College that could positively change their life forever! Research shows that campus visits are very influential and effective. We are committing a lot of prayer and resources to make sure this event is the best. We expect a large attendance so be sure to mark it on your calendar and make plans to come.





BEAUTIFUL STAINED GLASS

We are deeply indebted to David Crane, standing second from the left, and his helpers for the 16 beautiful stained glass windows in the Helen Mathews Luce Chapel. We had previously thought that stained glass windows would not fit into our budget. Thanks to the crew in this picture and those who took stained glass windows as memorials, KMBC was able to afford them. These windows are much more colorful than the average stained glass. They literally come alive when light is shining through them. Their presence in the sanctuary creates a more transcendent, reverent feeling that naturally lifts one's thoughts God-ward.

A HERO GOES HOME

On December the 5th, at the age of 95, Mrs. Alice Fisher, a greatly beloved member of the KMBC family, went home to be with the Lord. She was one of the spiritual giants that made KMBC the school it is.

Alice Fisher was born on Sept. 25, 1915, converted at the age of 17, graduated from Portland Bible Institute in 1937, and was married to Wilfred Fisher the same year. Together they finished their work at Asbury College in December of 1939. They agreed to come and work at KMBI to help finish out the school year. I've heard Dr. Fisher say many times, with a grin on his face, "Be careful about temporary arrangements!"

The Fishers served as dorm parents for 18 years, living with their children in a tiny apartment the size of 2 dorm rooms. Mrs. Fisher taught English, Bible, and Theology from 1940-1990. She served as registrar from 1944-1993 and as the president's secretary from 1993-2009. She worked 70 years for the college – that has to be some kind of a record! She estimated that she taught over 1500 students. A verse she often quoted to her students was I Corinthians 14:12: "Seek that ye may excel to the edifying the church." This described her perfectly. She sought excellence in everything she did, especially in her walk with God. She was an excellent teacher, carried herself with grace and dignity, was a great prayer warrior, encourager, and campus hostess. Someone said, "If any couple lives out the life of holiness it is the Fishers!" She was the president's secretary for 16 years. Dr. Speas has often said, "The good Lord doesn't make them any better!" Her kind is rare. She leaves big shoes to fill and will be greatly missed! Some people become saints after they die—she was one long before!



**Dr. Wilfred and Mrs. Alice Fisher
commemorating 70 years of service
in December 2009**

Since Alice Fisher gave so much of her life to KMBC, the family would like any memorial gifts to go toward the Wilfred & Alice Fisher Scholarship Fund that was established several years ago. Income from this endowed scholarship fund will be given to needy, deserving students for many years to come. What better way to honor Mrs. Fisher than by helping students attend the school she loved?