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LUCK OF THE IRISH OR GRACE OF THE BELIEVER

In my pursuit of understanding the term “Luck of the Irish,” I discovered some amazing differences of opinion as to where the term came from and what it really means. Most have had the understanding that being Irish afforded that person some measure of luck that was not ordinarily available to anyone else. Although if you examine the history of the Irish people, you will discover that they were not inherently lucky.

One view of the term is that, “The term ‘Luck of the Irish’ originated in the USA and means bad luck and not good luck as most people think today. It is an ironic phrase used to describe the sad and tragic history of the people of Ireland. The Irish people are actually very unlucky as they had to leave their homeland in order to survive.” According to Edward T. O’Donnell, an Associate Professor of History at Holy Cross College and author of “1001 Things Everyone Should Know About Irish American History,” the term is not Irish in origin. “During the gold and silver rush years in the second half of the 19th century, a number of the most famous and successful miners were of Irish and Irish American birth....Over time this association of the Irish with mining fortunes led to the expression ‘luck of the Irish.’ Of course, it carried with it a certain tone of derision, as if to say, only by sheer luck, as opposed to brains, could these fools succeed.”

As I processed these historical opinions about the Irish I could not help but to see a similarity in the life of a believer, who like the Irish, will have to leave their current homeland to survive. If we are to live we cannot stay in our homeland of darkness, sin, and self-reliance, but must move to the light, forsake sin, and put our faith in Jesus Christ. Similarly, we like the Irish, once we have foolishly forsaken all to follow Jesus, will cause the on looking world to believe that if we are able to accomplish any success in

this world it must be by some foolish luck, because we are not intelligent enough to have wrought it ourselves.

There is a truth in that statement and that is we cannot and did not do it of our own volition. It was surely not by Irish luck or any other but by the grace of our God that we have struck Kingdom gold and inherited eternal life. We all were too foolish to find our way to the Kingdom on our own and had no way to buy our way in. Therefore, by the foolishness of the Gospel, we have found favor and rest for our souls. This grace cannot and will not fail and is available to all no matter how horrible the current homeland. So hold up your cross and not your clover, it is the grace of the believer that is to be sought after. Turn up your Christian white light and not your glass of green ale. Be drunk on the Holy Spirit and not on the bartender’s beer.

“Luck of the Irish” or “Grace of Believer,” you decide what you would prefer. I say, let the winds of March blow in a new desire upon those who are without the grace of God for salvation. Shall they desire grace above luck and the Kingdom of God over this wicked world and shall they surrender to the only One who can change their eternal destiny, Jesus Christ Himself.

Loving My Sheep

Pastor Bucas Sterling, III



Lev 25:10; ¹⁰And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim claim liberty throughout all the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you...

Celebrating Jubilee





WEAR RED FOR HEART DISEASE IN WOMEN CELEBRATING JUBILEE



The Health and Wellness Ministry held its first seminar of 2019, “Wear Red for Heart Disease in Women” on February 9th. Participants enjoyed a presentation on heart disease by Dr. Harjit Chahal of the Medstar Heart and Vascular Institute. There was also a Health Van available where participants were able to take advantage of heart-healthy screenings.



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Through This Vessel

**Thank you dear Lord for all that in this servant's life you do,
For allowing me this great opportunity, this chance to know you.**

**For precious life itself, all thanks to you, I owe.
Any good thing about me, is only because You have made it so.**

**You, God are awesome, I know that very well,
You saw me, and saved me and then gave me a story to tell.
Even though the particulars may be seen through my eyes,
It's totally about You, all powerful and knowing, all loving and all wise.**

**That I live, that I am here, is and must be for Your glory
And only by Your grace, can I begin to tell this great story.
Someone needs to hear about the difference You have made,
About the love that You give and the price that You've paid.**

**I must tell the story of what You've allowed this vessel to see,
The story You have for others...that You are telling through me.**

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SUPER BOWL FELLOWSHIP CELEBRATING JUBILEE

50
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Watching these die-heart football fans roll into the fellowship hall for Super Bowl LIII was quite interesting. There was not one member wearing the jersey of either team in the Super Bowl to be found. Of course the Redskins were well represented and then there was a good spattering of Cowboy apparel. There was also a good showing for the Steelers, Eagles and Bears. But alas, no Patriots or Rams could be found. There was clearly a KBC favored team however, the Rams.



Super Bowl LIII could only be enjoyed by defense lovers and Patriot fans. The mood in the fellowship hall was melancholy when the focus was on the game. This mood was a strong indicator of the hopes of those in attendance. There were two times, however, when the mood was upbeat, when the food was served and during half time break when folks were throwing balls across the room. There was a half time game held of throwing footballs through holes in a canvas partition.



This was the first Super Bowl party where our men and women participated jointly. The Women's Enrichment and Men's Ministries teamed up to put on this year's event. They helped keep some enthusiasm going with the games and give-a-ways they held during the game. The game enjoyed by most was a timed game where you had to write the names of the 32 NFL teams based on their logo. It was amazing how challenging it was, even for those following the NFL since the NFL/AFL days, to just run through the logos quickly.



Just a couple of notes on the game; this was the Patriots sixth win in a Super Bowl that was historically boring not just because it was another win for the Pats in their 13-3 victory over the Rams, with the lowest scoring game in Super Bowl history. It bottomed out below 21 total points of the Dolphins over the Redskins, 14-7. Additionally, the 3-3 score after three quarters was the lowest in Super bowl history. It was the first time in 53 games that a touchdown was not scored through the first 53 minutes of the game.



As everyone filed out of the fellowship hall there were smiles on most faces. Why you say? They enjoyed hanging out and fellowshiping with their KBC family; it didn't matter who won the game. These folks just enjoyed being together, which is always a result in this House of the Lord.



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SUPER BOWL FELLOWSHIP, CONT'D CELEBRATING JUBILEE

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CELEBRATING JUBILEE

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2019 Marriage Retreat

Attention Married Couples: We cordially invite you to join us at our Marriage Retreat scheduled for Thursday, November 7th – Saturday, November 9th at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Richmond, VA. The cost per couple is \$500 which includes a 2 night stay in a Deluxe Suite, three meals including made to order breakfast bar, refreshments, and conference materials. Initial non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due on Sunday, March 10th. We look forward to a great time of fellowship, instruction, fun and connection.

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due on March 10th.

Gentlemen's Journey to Manhood

Attention Young men!! The Gentleman's Journey to Manhood is about to launch! This 12-month program will guide young men ages 13 to 18, through spiritual, physical, and intellectual growth into manhood. On Saturday, March 9th at 10am, there will be an interest meeting for parents and young men who want to learn more about this program. Leaders will be present to provide information about the program.

KBC MEN'S MINISTRY

Saturday
March 9th
10am

Gentleman's
Journey to
MANHOOD

A 12 month program designed to walk **young men ages 13-18** through the journey to **manhood**.

Ladies Ice Cream Social

The Women's Enrichment Ministry will be hosting a Ladies Ice Cream Social on Friday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m. This event will be a time where we can come together and Celebrate Sisters in love, you may register for this free event on-line from now through March 24th or sign-up in person on March 17th or 24th. All ladies all ages are welcome to attend. Lots of Fun, Games, Prizes and Fellowship. POC: Lena Boyd (301) 627-9500.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2019
7:00 PM

Ladies Ice Cream Social

All ladies of all ages are welcome to attend.

Lots of fun,
games,
prizes and
fellowship

Mission's Conference

The Missions Ministry is hosting a conference, "Missions Beyond the Four Walls". Please join us here at the Legacy Center on Saturday March 30th from 8am to 12:15pm to gain valuable insight on how to finance, plan, and spiritually prepare for Missions. The cost is \$15 per person. Register online through Monday, March 25th or in-person on Sundays, March 10th and 24th after each service.

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Cost per person *\$15
**no day of the event registration*

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Register online today!



**CHURCH CALENDAR
CELEBRATING JUBILEE**

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**Kettering Baptist Church
Legacy Center**
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26	27	28	01	02 8am Prayer Meeting 8am Men's "The 33" 10am Circle of Comfort 10am Church-wide Evangelism Walk
03	04	05	06 12pm Bible Study 7pm Bible Study & Awana	07	08 7pm Church Council Meeting	09 8am Men's "The 33" 10am Gentlemen's Journey Interest Mtg
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins	11	12	13 12pm Dementia Workshop 7pm Bible Study & Awana	14	15 7pm Youth & Children Lunch Prep	16 8am Prayer Meeting 8am Men's "The 33" 10am Youth & Children Evangelism
17 DTM Registration Alive Young Adult Day	18	19	20 12pm Bible Study 7pm Bible Study & Awana	21	22	23
24 DTM Registration	25	26	27 12pm Bible Study 7pm Bible Study & Awana	28	29 7pm WEM Ice Cream Social	30 9am Missions Conference
31	01 DTM Classes Begin	02 PASTOR'S BIRTHDAY! 	03 12pm Bible Study 7pm Bible Study & Awana	04	05 7PM Men's Game Night	06 8am Men's "The 33" 10am Circle of Comfort 10am Career Fair

March 2019

