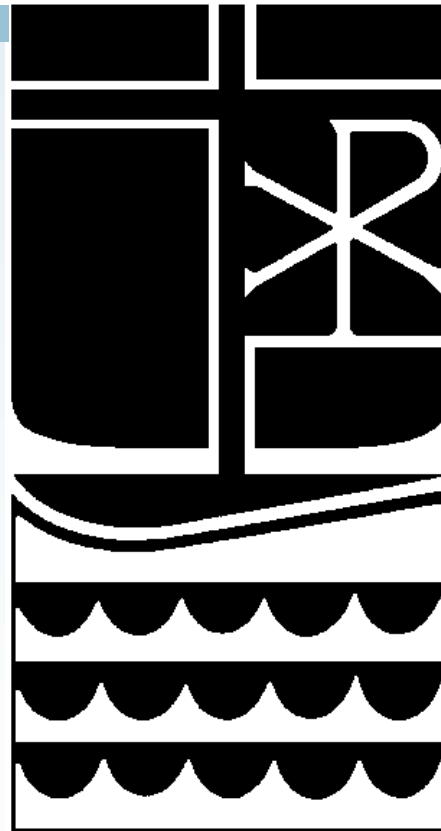


Crescent Hill Baptist Church

Life Together

February 2020



Worship

February 2 – “Blessed” – Matthew 5:1-12 – Jason Crosby preaching

February 9 – “The Law” – Matthew 5:13-20 – Jason Crosby preaching

February 16 – “The Power of Non-Violence” – Matthew 5:21-37 – Jason Crosby preaching

February 23 -- TBD

Wednesdays

February 5 - An Introduction to Reparations by Dr. Lewis Brogdon - Dr. Brogdon, Visiting Professor of Preaching and Black Church Studies at the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky, will be teaching and leading a special series on reparations. Dr. Brogdon will address how the Church, American history, scripture, privilege, and reparations intersect.

February 12 - Bible Study led by Bill Thomason—Minor Prophets of the Late 7th Century: Nahum, Zephaniah, and Habakkuk

February 19 - Bible Study led by Bill Thomason - An Introduction to Jeremiah: The Politics of Late 7th Century Judah and Jeremiah’s Call

February 26 - Ash Wednesday Service

City-Wide Book Club

This year's Empower West Louisville City-Wide Book Club featuring Dr. Mehrsa Baradaran's *The Color of Money: Black Banks and the Racial Wealth Gap* is on Thursday, **February 20** at 7:00 PM in the CHBC Sanctuary. Copies of the book are available at Carmichael's and from Amazon. Register at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) to attend

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Theology of the Cross Discussion Group

Sunday evenings during Lent, join us for discussions of theology, including modern and historical views of the Cross. We will use a section from Tony Jones’ book *Did God Kill Jesus?* as a starting point each week. The group will meet from 5:00-6:00 PM in the church Media Center/Library, led by Josh and Brittani Bair.

The group will run **Sundays March 1 - April 5**. Light refreshments offered. Childcare available. Participants are requested to obtain their own copy of the book prior to March 1 (available online). To sign up, contact Brittani Bair, brittani@chbcky.org.

Spring Bible Class

Dr. Hinson’s spring class offering will be “The Gospel of Luke and The Acts of the Apostles: Introducing and Promoting the Gospel to the Gentiles.” which is a study of the life and work of the author of Luke/Acts with particular attention to the Luke’s efforts to expand the Christian movement beyond its Jewish beginnings with support of Jesus’ life and teaching and the work of the Apostle Paul. The class will meet **Wednesdays** 10:30 AM-12:00 noon beginning **February 19** and ending **May 13**. Call the church office to sign up .

Social Justice Movie

On **Friday, February 12** at 7:00 PM in the Church Parlor, the Social Justice Team will present the 2019 Academy Award nominated film, *Jojo Rabbit*. Jojo is a lonely German boy who discovers that his single mother is hiding a Jewish girl in their attic. Aided only by his imaginary friend -- Adolf Hitler -- Jojo must confront his blind nationalism as World War II continues to rage on. Everyone is invited to watch the film and join in conversation following.

Live Wires

On **Monday, February 17**, Joy Fron, director of adult programs at UCHM, will tell us about her memories of growing up around Rose Island. She has a delightful story about her parents “courting” on Rose Island. This will be a personal prelude to the March program.

Our entertainment, as always, begins at 11:00 AM with lunch following at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$7.00 and reservations are encouraged by calling the church office (896-4425) or emailing Bobbe Crouch (bobbe@chbcky.com) by the Friday before each event.

Reading Group

On **Thursday, February 27** at 7:00 PM in the Church Parlor the Reading Group will discuss Paulette Jiles’ first novel, *Enemy Women*.

For the Colleys of southeastern Missouri, the War between the States is a plague that threatens devastation, despite the family’s avowed neutrality. For eighteen-year-old Adair Colley, it is a nightmare that tears apart her family and forces her and her sisters to flee. The treachery of a fellow traveler, however, brings about her arrest, and she is caged with the criminal and deranged in a filthy women’s prison.

But young Adair finds that love can live even in a place of horror and despair. Her interrogator, a Union major, falls in love with her and vows to return for her when the fighting is over. Before he leaves for battle, he bestows upon her a precious gift: freedom. Now an escaped "enemy woman," Adair must make her harrowing way south buoyed by a promise . . . seeking a home and a family that may be nothing more than a memory.

Discounted copies are available at Carmichael’s when you mention the CHBC Reading Group. Everyone is invited to read and join the discussion.

February Birthdays and Calendar

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| 1 Rowan Claypool
Paw Kah Deh | 7 Adrienne Eisenmenger
9 Caleb Vaughn
Lillian Woolley-Dyer (1) | 18 Jim Soder
Beth Wade |
| 2 Laura Chipe
Ellen Massey
Kate Meador
Kasee Ha Moo
Ka Mwe Paw
Eve Payton (21)
Glory Ping (12)
Noble Tin | 11 Melanie Bootes Ison
Jed Johnson | 19 Micah Karwan
20 Marty Diehl
Hannah Woggon |
| 3 Rachel Blackburn
Lue The Dah Thaw (16) | 12 Allison Hammons
Parpay Kwye
Pek Lian | 21 Rebecca Church
Claude Drouet
Mu Kut Paw (13) |
| 4 Sydney Gardner | 13 Jane Harlan | 23 Veronica Cheng (1) |
| 5 Milt Gardner
Norman Lytle
Brooke Tarpey | 14 Htoo Htoo
Kaw Thaw Htoo (7) | 24 Noah Payton (17)
Robert Tunnell |
| 6 Dah Eh Poe Ping (4) | 15 Lah K'Paw (12)
Ehlerna Moo (5)
Leigh White | 25 Joy Henry
Dorothy Spurr
Tina Ward-Pugh |
| 7 Mary Katherine Barbee (18) | 17 Glen Eh Htoo (7)
Lindsey Thoo (5) | 26 Judy Clark
Lwe Gay KPaw So (11) |
| | 18 Sherman Harris
Mary Mills | 28 Joyce DeBoe |

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 12:30 PM Youngish Adult Lunch	27 12:00 PM Game Day	28	29	30 7:00 PM Reading Group	31	1
2	3	4	5 7:00 PM Church Council 7:00 PM Sowers of Justice	6	7	8 11:00 AM Women's Gathering
9 Valentine Auction 12:00 PM Worship Team 12:00 PM Missions Response Team 12:30 PM Celebrate Life Lunch 1:00 PM Youth Ice Skating 5:00 PM Divorce Recovery Workshop		11	12	13	14	15
16 12:00 PM Ministry Coordination Council 12:00 PM Personnel Team 5:00 PM Divorce Recovery Workshop	17 11:00 AM Live Wires	18 6:00 PM Sow- ers of Justice World Justice Day	19 10:30 AM Hinson Class 7:00 PM Finance Team	20 7:00 PM EmpowerWest Book Club	21 7:00 PM Social Justice Movie	22
23 12:00 PM Youngish Adult/Trivia Lunch 5:00 PM Divorce Recovery Workshop	24 12:00 PM Game Day	25	26 10:30 AM Hinson Class 6:15 PM Ash Wednesday Service	27 7:00 PM Reading Group	28	29 7:00 PM Missions Partnership

CHBC Involved in Proposed Bill to Ban Conversion Therapy in Kentucky

In the fall, CHBC hosted the initial meeting of the organization, Ban Conversion Therapy Kentucky. The groups work led to proposed legislation in Frankfort to ban the practice. Jason Crosby has visited Frankfort several times during this legislative session to help educate legislatures and the public on the dangers of conversion therapy. Jason penned this op-ed on the matter that has been widely circulated.

On a cold, grey January morning in 2014, I walked into Crescent Hill Baptist Church. I saw the red flashing light on my office phone indicating a voicemail message. I had never met the person who called. However, his message said he wanted to meet with me as soon as possible. Something about his tone told me he was worried and concerned.

Later that afternoon we met. He was a young man in his early twenties. After exchanging pleasantries he shared his story with me. He told me he was born and raised in Eastern Kentucky. When he was not at home or school, he was at church as child. He began preaching at churches throughout Eastern Kentucky in his early teens. He moved to Louisville to attend a conservative Christian institution of higher education. He was nearing graduation and a preaching job awaited him back in the mountains.

However, in the months preceding our first meeting he realized he could no longer go on denying that he was gay. This young man did not graduate from that institution. He did not get the job back home. He did forgo many hopes and dreams because of his sexual orientation.

As a Baptist pastor, I have heard many stories similar to his over the years from individuals whose identities and livelihoods are tethered to conservative Christian contexts where homosexuality is considered to be a sin.

Even though gay and lesbian people in conservative Christian contexts often face great personal, professional, financial, familial, and other hardships, they continue to embrace their sexual orientation because they have no choice.

Scientists have long told us that same-sex attraction is not a choice. I am no scientist, but the many people I have met who have endured such pain and difficulty inflicted by religious leaders and institutions for embracing their same-sex orientation further supports widely-held scientific conclusions.

Because same-sex attraction is not a choice, conversion therapy is dangerous, destructive, and deadly. In a nutshell, conversion therapy is an effort to “get the gay away.” Ban Conversion Therapy Kentucky is a grass-roots organization working to shed light on the practice. On its website Ban Conversion Therapy Kentucky explains, “Conversion therapists use a variety of shaming, emotionally traumatic or physically painful stimuli to make their victims associate those stimuli with their LGBTQ identities.”

The American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychological Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics have all denounced the practice. According to a National Public Radio report that aired this week, “LGBTQ young people are already significantly more likely to attempt suicide than their heterosexual peers. But according to researchers at San Francisco State University, rates of attempted suicide among LGBTQ youth more than double when parents try to change their sexual orientation. And those rates triple when parent and therapists and religious leaders try to do so.”

Last week Utah became the 19th state to ban conversion therapy. Utah is not a bastion of liberalism. Fifty-nine of the 75 members of the Utah State House of Representatives are Republicans. Twenty-three of the 29 members of the Utah State Senate are Republicans. Governor Gary Herbert is a Republican as well.

In 2013, Alan Chambers walked away from Exodus International. Exodus International was one of the most prominent conversion therapy centers in the nation at the time. Regarding his evolving perspective on same-sex orientation in 2015 in the *Washington Post* he wrote, “And then I repented. I changed my mind. I chose to believe the truth about God-that he is indeed a God of love and grace. I chose to be free. I chose to love without reserve, starting with myself, and then others. I chose to embrace rather than push away.”

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The Bible, in addition to science and my own experience, tells me that same-sex attraction is not a choice. The Bible says little if anything about homosexuality. However, the Bible is very clear that all of us are made in the image of God – homosexual and heterosexual.

The Bible says little if anything about homosexuality, but the Bible is very clear about the importance of kindness and loving one another.

Currently, two separate bills have been proposed in the Kentucky State Senate and House of Representative (SB85 and HB199) that would ban what some refer to as “conversion therapy” in Kentucky, but what is more accurately defined as conversion torture. This proposal has bipartisan support in Frankfort. If a red state like Utah sees the harm done by the practice, then a red state like Kentucky should do the same.

While I wish more Kentuckians would join me in fully welcoming and affirming same-sex orientation and relationships, all Kentucky Christians at the very least should lend their support to banning conversion torture. Christians who result to barbaric practices that inflict great pain and increase death by suicide are not acting in a Christ-like manner. In fact, they undermine the very message of love and grace they purport to advance.

Baptist Seminary of Kentucky 2020 Dr. Glenn Hinson

Dr. Donyelle McCray, Assistant Professor of Homiletics, Yale Divinity School

Lecture 1 – The Apostle Pauli: Preaching as the Invitation to Freedom

Lecture 2 – Saint Langston: Friend of Prophets and Truthbearers

Monday, March 2, 2020; 10:30 AM—3:00 PM; St. Stephen Church, 1018 S. 15th St.

Registration Fee (includes lunch): \$10 per student; \$30 per non-student.

Register at www.bsk.edu/hinson-lectures/



2020 William M. Johnson Lecture—March 28-29



Lecturer, Dr. Molly Marshall, retiring President, Central Baptist Seminary; former Professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and former member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church. **Saturday, March 28,** Dinner at 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall, \$25.00, followed by lecture at 7:00 PM

Sunday morning, March 29, Q & A session at 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM worship service, Molly Marshall preaching

Holy Yoga

Holy Yoga embraces the essential elements of yoga: breath work, meditation and physical postures. In all of these elements Christ is the center of our worship and intention. We are happy to offer a welcoming, safe, community minded environment for all people to authentically connect to God with our heart, soul, mind and strength.

Keri Engelsman is offering Holy Yoga classes on **Monday from 7am-8am** (slow flow- provides poses that range from gentle to challenging with a focus on alignment) and **Wednesday at 7pm-8pm** (Yin-passive, seated practice that holds poses for 2-4 minutes to target connective tissue to increase flexibility) in the gym. Cost is \$10/class, there is no registration and classes are ongoing. All levels of practice are encouraged to attend. Bring water and a mat if you have one. You can follow class schedule and updates on Facebook at Alive and Thrive Yoga.

Picking up the Pieces: A Healing Approach to Divorce

To help people begin to reassemble lives fragmented by the end of a committed relationship, Divorce Recovery Louisville presents its 39th annual Divorce Recovery Workshop on **four Sunday evenings starting February 9** from 5:00-7:30 PM each evening. The presentations each evening are free and open to the public. Pre-register on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/divorce-recovery-workshop-tickets-89603790349> for the first evening, or register at the door if you prefer.

Gun Violence Prevention Team

Members of the CHBC community are invited to attend monthly meetings in the Gathering Room at Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church. A group of individuals from several congregations have met to discuss books related to gun violence, and at the January meeting the group viewed a recorded webinar from a yearlong series called “Standing Our Holy Ground.” The webinars can be found at PresbyterianPeaceFellowship.org/gunviolence. At the next meeting scheduled for February 15, 11 a.m., the group will watch the film “Trigger – The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence.”

CBF Youth Missions Weekend

CBF Kentucky’s annual Youth Missions Weekend will be hosted by Crescent Hill Baptist Church this year. Youth groups from across the state will gather **Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21** for worship, Bible study, fellowship, and mission projects. This year the coordinator for the event is our own Minister to Youth, Brittani Bair.

Brittani is looking for volunteers from CHBC to serve as hosts/hostesses during the event, to welcome students as they arrive, to assist with group check-in, to direct youth and their leaders to where they need to be. We will be partnering with Baptist Seminary of Kentucky for some assistance with small group and worship leaders for the event as well. The more smiling faces from adults that youth encounter during the weekend, the better their experience will be. Help would also be useful during meals, assisting with sound/tech for worship in the Chapel, monitoring the gym, serving ice cream and assisting with group games. If you are interested in being part of extending warm CHBC hospitality to fellow church groups, or would like more information, please contact Brittani at (502) 295-0274 or brittani@chbcky.org.

Ministry Coordination Meeting

Beginning in 2020, representatives from the Church Council, with a representative member of each ministry team, will meet quarterly to coordinate the ministries of CHBC. With so many opportunities, ministries, and activities, we need to coordinate with all the teams so that efforts are not duplicated, opportunities do not overlap, and so that events can be added to the calendar in a timely fashion. This will also help with publicizing information for the teams.

The first ministry coordination meeting will occur on **Sunday, February 16** following worship. At this meeting, we will look at the plans for the rest of February, and plan for March, April and May. At April’s meeting, we will plan for June – August. In July, we will plan for September – November. In October, we will plan for December, January, and February.

What does this mean for Ministry Teams? 1) We need a representative of each team to be present for the Coordinating Meetings. 2) We need the teams to plan ahead and come in with ministry ideas that they would like to implement in the following quarter.

If you have questions regarding the Ministry Coordinating Meetings, please ask a member of the Church Council.

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Children, Family, and Community Ministries

Regular Weekly Activities

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 AM – Sunday School for all ages

Sundays, 5:00-6:30 PM – Divorce Recovery Childcare (room 104)

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 PM – Children's Activities

Young-ish Adults Lunch and Conversation

The young-ish adult group will gather in the Fellowship Hall on February 23. Please let Andrea know if you are coming and if you need childcare!

We Need Your Input

We want to try something different this year, but we would like your feedback before proceeding with and planning for this idea. Many, many years ago CHBC did an intergenerational VBS in the evenings. We would like to try that model again. Tentatively, we are looking at Sunday, July 12 – Wednesday, July 15. We would begin our time at 4:00 PM with activities for children, youth, and their families that would include more traditional VBS activities such as crafts, games, and recreation. At 5:00 we hope many adults would join us for dinner, Bible Study and then we would break into tracks to pursue fun activities together. The tracks may include activities such as painting, music, drama, or science experiments. We are seeking your input before we spend time, energy and money planning this endeavor. So please, email, call or talk to Andrea and let her know if this sounds like something you would attend and/or help with planning.

Tentative Summer Schedule

K-2nd Grade Campout, June 7-8

Messy Art Camp, June 15-19, 10AM – 2PM, K-5th grade students, \$30

Passport Kids Camp, June 23-26, Berea, KY, 3rd-5th grade students, \$125

Intergenerational VBS, July 12-15, 4:00-7:00 PM (see above for info)

Getting to Know You

Each month we will be highlighting a family or individual member as a way to get to know each other. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to be featured!! If you would be willing to let us highlight your family, please let Andrea know!

Meet the Meadors

Kate and Mike Meador joined CHBC about three years ago. Since then, they have added two daughters to their family. Ava will turn three in late February, and Maddie turned one in December.

Kate is originally from New Smyrna Beach, FL, and Mike is from Fordyce, AK. Kate has a BA in History from Flagler College in St. Augustine, FL and an MA in Heritage Resource Management from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA. Mike has a BS in Mathematics from Ouachita University in Arkadelphia, AR and an MA in Math Education from Columbia University in NYC. Currently, Kate is the Director of the Conrad-Caldwell House, and Mike is an Actuary at Humana.

Kate and Mike are members of the Inspire Sunday School class, while you can find Ava in the Toddler Sunday School class and Maddie in the Nursery. Mike has also recently joined the Finance Team.

Together, Kate and Mike like to visit presidential homes and dabble in real estate. Kate enjoys reading, crafting, and yoga. Mike enjoys racquetball, building things, cooking and baking.



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It's hard to be thinking about summer when it is so cold outside but it will be here before you know it and our youth are already looking forward to another Passport experience. Several of them spoke on Wednesday night about how meaningful Passport is for them. Their faces light up when they talk about their time there and you can tell how deeply the time there affects them. We need your help to make this trip happen.

The Valentine's bake sale/auction/Passport fundraiser is **Sunday, February 9**. We are looking for donations and hope that you can contribute. It can be something sweet. It can be something savory. It can be anything: cake, cookies, fudge, cheese straws, bread, jelly, the possibilities abound! The auction will begin shortly after 9:00 AM and will run until a few minutes past the end of morning worship once everyone makes their way downstairs. Items can be for the main auction or we also have an area where people can just purchase treats. Most of those are 50 cents for two cookies but we can also price items for \$1 or \$2 – a price point where everyone can participate and people love a quick treat!

Watch for the items the youth contribute and support them with your bids. Please help us spread the word as we need both item donations and bidders! William M. Johnson, Facilities Manager
bill@chbcky.org

And start planning for our Father's Day Auction. As we did last year, we will have both baked goods and art and craft items that people make.

Please let Melanie Bunger know if you will be able to contribute something to the Valentines Baked Goods Auction.

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