



"God can always be depended upon, but never anticipated precisely. Again and again, surprise has proved to be God's other name."

JOHN CLAYPOOL

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 11, 2025**



Crescent Hill
BAPTIST CHURCH

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10:45 AM

We gather to worship the Living God. In order to focus our hearts on this purpose, we ask that you silence all cell phones, alarm watches, and other electronic devices.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Now the Green Blade Riseth

NOEL NOUVELET
French Carol, arr. Louie Bailey

GREETING

Jordan Conley

THE WORK & WITNESS OF OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

If you are a guest at Crescent Hill, consider filling out one of our connection cards in the pew rack in front of you, or scanning the QR code on the back of your worship folder. We'll reach out to connect about our community, one that we'd love for you to be a part of.

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

INVOCATION

Chad Buck

*HYMN OF PRAISE 634

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDA

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty –
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams, 1775

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: PEW BIBLE, 128

Acts 9:36-43

Corrie Hammons

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Chancel Ensemble; Louie Bailey, conductor & piano

"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off t
o find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Corrie Hammons

*HYMN OF EASTER

Love Is Come Again

NOEL NOUVELET

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him,
Love who had been slain,
Thinking that He never would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

John Macleod Campbell Crum

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Margaret Graves

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Light of a Clear Blue Morning

Dolly Parton

Elizabeth Weaver, vocals & guitar

based on Craig Hella Johnson's arrangement

It's been a long dark night
And I've been a waitin' for the morning
It's been a long hard fight
But I see a brand new day a dawning
I've been looking for the sunshine
'Cause I ain't seen it in so long
Everything's gonna work out fine
Everything's gonna be alright
It's gonna be okay.

It's been a long long time
Since I've known the taste of freedom
And those clinging vines
That had me bound, well I don't need 'em
I've been like a captured eagle,
you know an eagle's born to fly
Now that I have found my freedom,
like an eagle I am eager for the sky

I can see the light of a clear blue morning
I can see the light of a brand new day
I can see the light of a clear blue morning
Everything's gonna be alright
It's gonna be okay

OFFERING OF OURSELVES, OUR TITHES, & OUR GIFTS

Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of Crescent Hill Baptist Church.

*EASTER DOXOLOGY

All Praise to God, Eternal One

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All praise to God, Eternal One, and praise to Christ, Redeeming Son, Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise to the Spirit, ever near, Great Three in One, be with us here, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen. *Louie Bailey, 2000*

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

"Get up": When Thriving in Ministry Feels Too Late

Jordan Conley

*INVITATION TO RESPOND

Crescent Hill is a welcoming community of faith. We invite those seeking baptism for the first time, or those seeking to join our fellowship from another faith community to come forward during the Hymn of Response. Rather than a place of guilt, we invite you to come forward to claim your identity as the beloved of God united in beloved community. Welcome home

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 60

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. **Refrain**

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided –
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. **Refrain**

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

BENEDICTION

Jordan Conley

POSTLUDE

Morning Reflections

Louie Bailey

*Worshippers are invited to rise, in body or spirit.

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- We invite those who wish to be baptized or join the church to share that decision with the church near the conclusion of worship. However, if you would prefer to explore baptism or church membership privately, the ministers would be glad to discuss those decisions with you following worship.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 11

- 9:15 Coffee (Birchwood Lobby)
- 9:30 Sunday School
- Harbor Class (Second Floor)
 - Unlikely Saints Class (Room 211)
 - Agape Harmony Class (Parlor)
 - Barnabas Class (Library)
 - Inspire Class (4:30pm, homes of class members)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 Divorce Recovery

MONDAY, MAY 12

- 2:00 Staff Meeting (Parlor)
- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

TUESDAY, MAY 13

- 7:00 Personnel Meeting (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

- 5:00 Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Wednesday Program
Frankfort Avenue Group
(Heritage Hall)
- 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
(Choir Room)

THURSDAY, MAY 15

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)
- 5:45 Change of Heart (Heritage Hall)

FRIDAY, MAY 16

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

Food Pantry Collection Day
Next Sunday, May 18

Thank you for Giving

Your gifts are making a difference in our church and our world. Below are several methods you can use to contribute financially to Crescent Hill. We appreciate your generosity. Get started or manage your giving at chbcky.org/give.



EASY. QUICK. SECURE.

Scan the QR Code with your smartphone camera to make an electronic contribution now.

ONLINE.



Schedule a recurring or one time gift charged to your debit or credit card. Get started at chhcky.org/give.

DONATE STOCKS.



Contact Bobbe Crouch in the church office to explore these options confidentially.

AUTOMATIC BANK PAY.



Log in at your bank's website and follow instructions to set up Crescent Hill Baptist Church as a new payee. The financial institution will send the church a check.

MAIL.



Send to Financial Secretary, Bobbe Crouch. Be sure to specify if your check is intended for the Unified Budget or another purpose.

TEXT.



Text "GIVE" to 502.237.7312 and follow the prompts.

FROM YOUR IRA.



For those over 70.5 years old, tax-free IRA gifts offer a huge financial benefit. Reach out to Bobbe Crouch to learn how this could reduce your future tax burden and fulfill your Required Minimum Distribution.

Today's Worship Leaders

Chad Buck has been attending Crescent Hill since 2014. He moved to Louisville in 2012 to pursue a career as a public school science teacher; he currently teaches at Meade County High School. His wife, Kirsten, is a JCPS math teacher. When Chad is not at Crescent Hill on Sunday, he is attending Mass and listening to Kirsten sing at St. Brigid Catholic Church, where the two were married in 2019. He enjoys birdwatching, cycling, and hiking in Cherokee and Seneca Parks. He is also an avid fisherman who enjoys fishing in Kentucky, Alabama, and Michigan. Chad is currently a member of the finance committee, thriving congregation team, and church council.

Margaret Graves and her husband, David have been longtime members of CHBC. She enjoys reading, connecting with new and old friends (especially around tables for meals and conversation), and also enjoys her time as a teacher in the Preschool Area on Sundays.

Elizabeth Weaver has been a member of CHBC since 2014. She attends the Reading Group and is a part of the choir and Church Council. She grew up in Southern Illinois, near St. Louis, and moved to Kentucky in 2006, when she started grad school at UK, where she met her husband, Dennis. She works as a mathematical copy editor, and in her spare time enjoys learning to play the guitar, reading, and traveling.

Passing the Baton: Louie Bailey, Crescent Hill's longtime music minister, to retire in December

Minister of Music and Organist Rev. Dr. Louie Bailey will retire from his ministry at Crescent Hill at the end of 2025 after 40 years—the longest tenure of any music minister in CHBC's 117-year history. Louie and his wife, June, beloved Choir Director at Crescent Hill, will remain in Louisville to be near their son Evan. In retirement, Louie will focus on his work at Louisville Seminary, The Temple, and Highlands Latin School.

Reflecting on his ministry, Louie recalls first hearing of Crescent Hill while growing up at Oakhurst Baptist in Decatur, Georgia. He said, "When I was growing up at Oakhurst, I began to hear about Crescent Hill and Southern. John Claypool had been Assistant Pastor at First Baptist Church of Decatur, and I had friends there who were deeply touched by his ministry. I remember hearing him preach at Youth Rallies. When my mentors knew that June and I were moving to Louisville to study at Southern, they encouraged me to visit Crescent Hill. I remember our first Sunday: a sermon by Assistant Pastor Howard Hovde, and impressive music led by the music ministers, Arnold and Linda Epley. I even remember the choir singing "O Sing unto the Lord" that day by Hassler! As a Church Music Major at SBTS, I always thought being Minister of Music at CHBC was something I could aspire to!"



After nine years as Minister of Music at Bayshore Baptist Church in Tampa, Louie accepted the call to Crescent Hill in 1985. Louie said, "When Steve Shoemaker approached me about coming to Crescent Hill, I did not answer immediately. I was happy at Bayshore. But Steve continued to call, and June encouraged me to pursue it. The rest, as they say, is history! I have been so grateful to minister at CHBC and have had opportunities to perform some wonderful music, ranging from Handel's *Messiah*, Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*, and Menotti's *Amahl & the Night Visitors*, to Broadway musicals: *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Godspell*, *Cotton Patch Gospel*, and *Narnia*. June and I feel very blessed to be a part of Crescent Hill and to have raised our children here. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to minister."

Plans for celebrating the Bailey's ministry will be developed in the coming months, and the Personnel Committee will work to recommend a path forward for staffing the music ministry. **Please make plans to attend a service celebrating Louie's 40th Anniversary of ministry at CHBC in the sanctuary on Sunday, October 5**, during worship. This will include a time of recognition and gifts for Louie & June. An informal reception will be held after worship in Fellowship Hall.

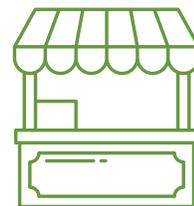
Read more about Louie and June's music ministry here at CHBC on our website at: chbcky.org/passing-the-baton.

May

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Palestinian Pop Up Market

Adnan and Nadeem Ali are souvenir shop owners in Manger Square, Bethlehem. Because of the war in Gaza, there has been no tourism, and they are without income. They are seeking to raise support for many Bethlehem families by offering beautiful Palestinian crafts such as olive wood, tatriz, and scarves. Through a connection with an ABC sister church, Adnan and Nadeem Ali are set up today at CHBC! Be sure to visit them today after worship in Birchwood Lobby!



Tuesday

The monthly Personnel Team meeting will be Tuesday, May 13 at 7 PM over Zoom.

Next Sunday, Congregational Listening Session & Lunch in Fellowship Hall

The second Congregational Listening session with Carol Harston will be after worship, in Fellowship Hall on May 18. **Reserve your lunch by emailing or calling Bobbe Crouch or the church office. The deadline for ordering food will be Friday, May 16. Please RSVP for food in advance** and let us know about any dietary restrictions.

Box Lunch Menu: Classic Italian Mini Sub, Smokehouse Potato Salad, Chips and a Dessert.

Box Lunches are \$10.

May

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Help Wanted on Sundays! Starting May 25

This paid position will include opening and closing the church building on Sundays. Other hours may be available!

If you or someone you know may be interested in this position, contact Operations Manager, Ann Cottone (ann@chbcky.org).



Congregational Care Team

A new Care Team is being formed to help us better identify needs of persons in our congregation for prayer, notes, home calls or visits, and nursing home, or hospital visits. The team will coordinate those who want to be a part of these activities and help channel the efforts to reach the needs as they arise. We will be providing instructions soon for whom to contact when you are aware of needs. If you are interested in helping us take better care of our own please contact either Michael Smith (call or text 502 727-8779), Margaret Graves (call or text 502 494-3524, email Margaretr.graves@gmail.com), or Rick Forest (text 502 593-1409 or email griefrev@att.net).

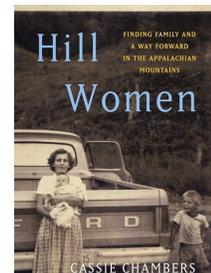
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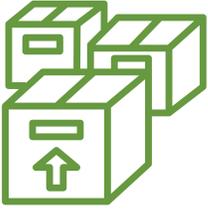
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Reading Group - May 29

The memoir, *Hill Women*, by Kentucky State Senator Cassie Chambers Armstrong, is a gritty, warm love letter to the Appalachian communities where she grew up, and the resourceful women who lead them. She tells her story with gratitude and pride. Join us on **Thursday, May 29, at 7:00** in the parlor, as we celebrate strong Appalachian women such as Jordan's Mamaw. We hope to see you there! Bobbie Thomason



The Building Team Needs Your Help!



The Building Team has been doing some Spring cleaning! We have cleared over 20 bags and boxes of clutter, but need help with more. We are renting a large dumpster for one week, starting June 21. We aim to clear items on Saturday-Monday (only church items, no personal belongings). **Please mark June 21 for our D-DAY Declutter/Dumpster Day.**

Additionally, we're starting the revitalization of Heritage Hall, discovering oak hardwood floors beneath the worn carpet. For more details, please contact Carolyn Fegenbush (crfegenbush@att.net).

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly in June

This year, CBF General Assembly will take place in St. Louis, Missouri from June 24-26. The CHBC Thriving Congregations team is attending and we would love for others from our church to join us on the short drive to St. Louis! Registration is now open! On-site registration will also be available in St. Louis beginning on June 24.



Register here: <https://cbf.swoogo.com/assembly/begin>

Weekly Prayer Concerns

We extend Christian Sympathy to Ken Nay Moo and his family upon the passing of this mother, See Lah. We pray for Eugina Robertson; Margot McCall Lehocky; Jose Chipe; CJ Phipps; Betty Schnur; Judy Hodge; and, Lolly Tucker. Also, Lisa Howser and Patti Speck's stepfather, Merrill Smith; Ann Cottone's father, John Revel; Annie Hammon's niece; Nancy; and Annie's brother, James Bellinger; Adrienne Eisenmenger's grandmother, Betty Gorham; Kat Goodman's friend, Danny Campbell; Kay Sanders' friend, Sharon Wilson; and Joyce Deboe's friend, Phyllis. For those affected by the conflict in Palestine & Israel. We pray for our CBF Field Personnel: Rick & Ellen Burnette, Steve Clark & Annette Ellard and Scarlette Jasper. We pray for healthcare workers, as well as school personnel and students. We pray for those affected by gun violence in our city and nation.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

April 2025 Projected Budget Offerings: **\$38,333**

Total April Budget Offerings: **\$30,096**

Budgeted 2025 YTD Offerings: **\$460,000 (Still need: \$349,033)**

Total April 2025 Revenue: **\$63,095 (includes sale of van: \$17,000)**

For Comparison:

April 2024 Projected Budget Offerings: **\$38,333**

Total Revenue for April 2024: **\$57,543**

We're glad
you're here

If you are a guest with us today and would like to let us know a little more about yourself, please take a moment to scan the QR Code.

