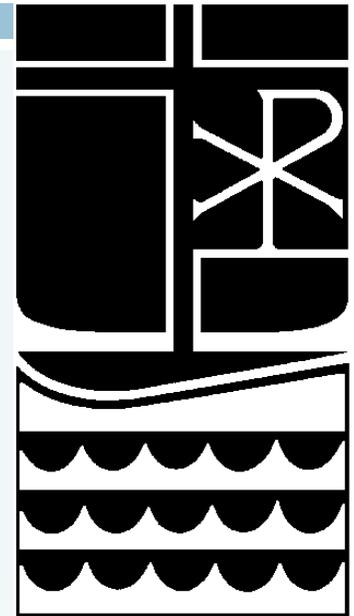


Crescent Hill Baptist Church

January 2021

Life Together



As long as we shall live, we will never forget 2020. It is hard to believe that it has been almost ten months since our world dramatically changed. The last day my children went to school was Friday, March 13, 2020. At the time, we did not know how haunted that Friday the 13th would prove to be. On May 28, 2020, March 13, 2020 took on even greater significance. On that day in late May, Louisvillians, the nation, and world learned her name. That day, just three days after the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, the 911 call Kenneth Walker made after police shot Breonna Taylor in her apartment was released. That night protests began in the streets of downtown Louisville. Since March 13, 2020, our city, nation, and world have been struggling to deal with the symptoms that accompany a variety of illnesses - COVID-19, systemic racism, and economic disparity. Oh, and a presidential election of enormous significance occurred in the middle of it all.

In the midst of this, we have done our best to be church.

After a few bumps and some technical glitches, we learned to how gather virtually via Zoom. In 2020 we realized, perhaps more than ever before, the importance of gathering with a small group or Sunday School class to build community, deepen relationship, help carry one another's burdens, celebrate together, study the bible, and join in corporate prayer.

We kept worshipping together. Again, in 2020 we realized how important it is to sense God's presence in our lives. We gained greater appreciation for the ways in which the songs, liturgy, rituals, and words of a worship service instill and foster within us values such as hope, peace, joy, and love that transcend difficult circumstances

We learned new ways to reach out to extend care to one another and others. We discovered again the importance of a phone call, a note, and even a text. We held several drive-by drop-offs during which we collected needed items for ministry partners such as Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Feed the West, La Casita, Scarlette Jasper who serves those trapped in poverty in Eastern Kentucky.

2020 reminded us of the importance of not just mercy, but of justice. Much of the suffering people have endured in 2020 has been exacerbated by injustices that have long been baked into the fabric of our society. Continuing to work with others to create more just systems is work that I hope and pray that we will all recommit ourselves to doing in the days to come.

As we move into a new year and can see the light at the end of this long pandemic ahead, let us not forget some of what we have learned in 2020 so that we will be the best people and community of faith we can be.

Dr. Hinson's Spring Class

Dr. Glenn Hinson will be teaching a new class this Spring. The class will be held on Zoom beginning on **Wednesday, January 22**, at 10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon and will continue each Wednesday until **April 8**. The course, *The Evolution of Baptist Spirituality and a Call to Return to Contemplative Lifestyle*, will consist of two parts. In part one, we would trace the evolution of Baptist spirituality from Puritan/Baptist contemplative beginnings through focus on conversion toward the idea of

spiritual life as negotiation (a la business models) with God. In part two, we will explore whether and how we can pursue a contemplative lifestyle in a world where science and business reign supreme. To register for this class, send an email to andrea@chbcky.org. Emails will be sent the week before the class begins with the Zoom invitation link and the Power Point note slides for the class.

2021 Church Council

New members of the Church Council are:

- Melanie Bunger
- Quinn Chipley
- Phyllis Skonicki

They join:

- Alice Adams
- Anne-Britton Arnett
- Allen Bartlett
- Glen Bellou
- David Eisenmenger
- Carolyn Fegengush
- Tom Scott, Jr.
- Melinda Stricklen

Thanks to those members whose terms ended at the end of 2020:

- Jordan Conley
- Jon Sanders
- Kelley Woggon

Tech Updates

In December, the new cameras and other equipment needed for live streaming our services were installed. This will allow us to record the service in a much more efficient way even before we are meeting in person, and when we are safely able to meet in person, this equipment will allow us to live stream so folks can join us from anywhere there is an internet connection.

Our new website will also go live in January. The new website will be hosted at the same web address – www.chbcky.org.

Children's Ministry Updates

For the most updated information on the Children's Ministry activities, check your email or visit the church web page under the children's ministry page. If you are not receiving emails and would like to, please send an email to andrea@chbcky.org.

There were several offerings for our children during Advent. We had recorded read-a-longs for our preschool children, Zoom Advent Devotions for our elementary children (Those videos can still be found on the church webpage through the end of January.), and Advent packets that included an Advent calendar, devotion guide and activities. We will be creating some sort of Spring take home kit with a variety of craft projects, devotions for the family, and a few other activities. These will be ready in early February. To reserve a take-home kit, please email andrea@chbcky.org.

Finance, Personnel & Trustee Team Members

At the Ministry Forum on December 16, the following persons were affirmed for service on the Finance and Personnel Teams. The names listed in ***bold and italics*** are new members of the teams; those in regular type are continuing members.

Finance Team

Eligible through 2021	Milt Gardner Bob Pessolano
Eligible through 2022:	Mike Meador Rae Taylor
<i>Eligible through 2023</i>	<i>Melanie Bunger</i> <i>Luke Griffin</i> <i>Elizabeth Weaver</i>

Personnel Team

Eligible through 2021:	Eileen Bartlett
Eligible through 2022:	Susan Lockwood <i>Trudi Bellou</i> <i>Amelia Debusman</i> <i>David Graves</i>
<i>Eligible through 2023</i>	<i>Charles Boteler</i> <i>Rhonda Gilliland</i> <i>Michael Smith</i>

Trustees Team

Eligible through 2021	Bob Hieb
Eligible through 2022	Charles Boteler
Eligible through 2023	<i>Gail Tucker</i>

UCHM Christmas Connection

In this most unusual year, United Crescent Hill Ministries had requests for almost 200 children to be served through the Christmas Connection. For the first time no shopping was required; instead, parents were given gift cards for each child along with Kroger gift cards.

Crescent Hill Baptist members, along with others in the community, rose to the challenge. Funds were raised allowing each child to be served and an extra \$25 Kroger card provided for each family. Our members contributed over \$8,000.

Thank you for your generosity in ministering to those in need in our community.

The need continues. Please continue to donate to UCHM and the church's benevolence fund, which help to meet ongoing needs.

January Calendar Dates to Note

Friday, January 1 — New Year's Day — Church Closed

Monday, January 18 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday — Church Closed

Tuesday Take-Out

After a two week break, weekly meals will resume on ***Tuesday, January 5***. If you are on the permanent list, you only need to notify Bobbe if there are changes (different numbers, cancellations). If you are not on the list, you must make your reservations by ***5:00 PM on Sundays*** by emailing bobbe@chbcky.org.

Pickup is Tuesday 10:00-11:00 AM and 12:00-2:00 PM. Donation: \$7 per meal



