

March 2021

Crescent Hill Baptist Church

Life Together

Lenten Opportunities

Praying the Labyrinth

On the first three Sundays of Lent, **February 21, 28 and March 7** from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM we will have the Labyrinth set up in the Fellowship Hall. A Labyrinth is simply a place to walk and pray. A labyrinth contains a single walking path to the center and then back out again. It has many turns but, unlike mazes, does not have dead ends. It is a resource that can help relax your mind as you focus on God and pray. We will ask that you or your family reserve a 30-minute time slot. We still have time slots available for **March 7**. Go to the church website at www.chbcky.org/praying-the-labyrinth for more information and to sign up.

Seven Last Words

During Holy Week (**March 28-April 3**), we will offer a self-guided Seven Last Words of Christ meditation. There will be eight stations set up. At your own pace, you can come, read the devotion, reflect and meditate on the scripture. This can be done as a family; though mostly focused on adults and youth, we will have some questions and a written meditation for children. You will be able to reserve your spot on the church website. Sign up will be available closer to Holy Week. Watch your email and the church website for more information.

Holy Week

We are planning to hold services on both **Maundy Thursday, April 1**, and **Good Friday, April 2**. However, how those services will be conducted has yet to be determined. The annual Frankfort Avenue Easter Parade has been cancelled. Therefore, CHBC will not be hosting Eggstravaganza on **Saturday, April 3**.



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Welcome Todd Weber — Pastoral Intern



Hi, my name is Todd Weber and I'm new to CHBC! While I may be new, I already know a lot of folks at the church. A little about me, I was born and raised right here in Louisville, graduating from Atherton HS and UofL with a BA in History and a minor in Religious Studies. I attended Audubon and St. Matthews Baptist (SMBC) churches during my early formative years. I was ordained a deacon at SMBC and I am currently in my last semester of seminary at the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky. I will be earning an MDiv with a concentration in Pastoral Care and Counseling. I serve as a Religious Affairs Specialist (a fancy way of saying Chaplain's Assistant) in the KY Army

National Guard and plan to apply to be a Chaplain upon graduation. I feel a calling to the chaplaincy, primarily in a hospital setting, but I also have a strong sense and desire for social justice and racial reconciliation. I have a firm desire to work with all facets of our community to bring all peoples of differing backgrounds together to empower, uplift, and to love each other. I believe that CHBC can be that catalyst and facilitator in building up the community, breaching barriers of difference, and reaching for reconciliation and unity.

Todd will work in conjunction with Jason to...

1. Work with Missions Response Team and other relevant teams to implement ministries aimed at providing direct assistance to people in need. This includes exploring in conjunction with the MRT the possibility of increasing CHBC involvement in supplying little pantries with non-perishable food items.
2. Work with Jason and other relevant teams to advance CHBC's work to bring about a greater degree of racial justice in the Louisville community.
3. Occasionally participate in worship service leadership.
4. Occasionally assist with congregational pastoral care needs.
5. Offer leadership to a small group (which group will be determined later).
6. Engage with Dr. Wade Rowatt for deeper reflection on the experience and for Clinical Pastoral Education credit.

PassportKids! Camp

Last year, Passport Camp canceled due to COVID. However, we are hopeful to be able to go this year. I imagine due to the continuing pandemic, our group will be small. We need to make deposits in March. If your third-fifth grader is interested in joining us, please let Andrea know ASAP (if you haven't already). For more information on the safety protocols that Passport is putting into place this summer go to <https://passportcamps.org/covid-19-protocols/>.

We are planning to attend the session at Berea College on **Tuesday-Friday, June 22-25**.

BSK Hinson Lectures

This year's Hinson Lectures at Baptist Seminary of Kentucky, *So Baptists Want an Experience of Holy Spirit Power*, are scheduled for **Monday, March 1**. They will be given by Dr. Doug Weaver, Director of Undergraduate Studies and Professor of Baptist Studies at Baylor University. He is a member of the Department's Historical Studies area and his current research and teaching focus on Baptist history and Pentecostalism. Folks may remember him as the facilitator for the 2019 Johnson lectures at CHBC honoring Dr. Hinson.



Schedule of Events:

10:30 AM — Lecture 1— Holy Spirit Power: Baptists and the Experience of Pentecost(alism)

12:00 PM — Break

1:00 PM — Lecture 2— Baptists and the Charismatic Experience: From Cessationism to “Carpet Time”

3:00 PM — Depart

The lectures will be hosted virtually. This year's format increases the possibility for individuals from across the country to participate in this unique and formational program. There will still be opportunities for questions that will be presented to Dr. Weaver.

To register, go to bsk.edu/hinson-lectures/

BSK To Launch Institute for Black Church Studies

Supported by a \$750,000 Eula Mae and John Baugh Foundation grant, Baptist Seminary of Kentucky will launch the Institute for Black Church Studies in Louisville this fall.

The institute will offer continuing education for Black church leaders and a graduate-level certificate program in Black church studies. It will provide related library resources in a digital format and will serve White congregations and their leaders through a program of racial justice education. To make the institute's resources widely accessible, much of its programming will be offered virtually. In 2017, BSK, which is based at Georgetown College in Central Kentucky, opened a second campus in Louisville at Simmons College of Kentucky, and it offers a full M.Div. degree at this historically Black institution. Last year, the National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc., a predominantly Black denomination, designated BSK as its official seminary.



The institute will be housed at the NBCA headquarters in Louisville. The denomination's offices are now at Simmons College, but the group is looking for new space near Simmons.

Samuel Tolbert Jr., president of the NBCA, said the denomination is pleased to host the new institute as it continues its ongoing partnership with BSK. “Both current and future leaders of NBCA congregations will benefit from its offerings, and our work with this institute will further our efforts to address the racial divide that permeates our country.”

Lewis Brogdon, who currently holds faculty appointments at both Simmons and BSK, will be the institute's director. “I see divine providence in the timing of this grant and the moment in which we find ourselves,” Brogdon said. “God is up to something big at BSK.”

In the institute's outreach to White congregations, it will rely on BSK's relationships with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global and CBF affiliates in Kentucky and Virginia. CBF Global and CBF Kentucky have partnered with BSK since its founding in 2002, and CBF Virginia entered a partnership arrangement with BSK

Sadly, on Sunday, February 14, the hackberry tree that long-stood at the corner of Frankfort Avenue and Birchwood was felled. A few days earlier, we were notified by a neighbor that the trunk of the tree was split down the middle. Since the tree stood so close to the highly trafficked Frankfort Avenue, the busy sidewalk, and significant utility lines, in order to protect people's safety there was no choice but to bring it down. The tree was estimated to have been 130 years old, meaning that for as long as Crescent Hill Baptist Church has gathered at 2800 Frankfort the tree has been present.



Love in Action Donation Drive

The Missions Response Team will be hosting another Love in Action donation drive on **Saturday, March 20**, from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, outside the Fellowship Hall. We will be collecting supplies for La Casita and the Little Free Pantries*.

La Casita Needs:

2 lb. bag white rice	Canned tuna w/ring-top lid
2 lb. bag black beans	Diapers, sizes 5 & 6, Pullups
Spaghetti or other pasta	Baby wipes
Jar of spaghetti sauce	Formula
Vegetables w/ring-top lid	Hygiene products (soap, shampoo, lotion)
Salt	Disinfectant spray
Sugar	
Cleaning products, Clorox wipes, paper towels	

***Little Free Pantries** are wooden boxes on posts (similar to Little Free Libraries) that provide food, personal care/hygiene items, and paper goods that are available for anyone at any time, stocked by neighbors for neighbors. Little Free Pantries differ from larger food distribution pantries in that they are more accessible for those who might fall through the cracks, have no set hours of operation, and are reliant on the generosity of the community. In high-poverty areas, pantries contain everyday food/household goods while pantries located in middle-class neighborhoods might provide snacks for children after school. There are currently 3 Little Free Pantries on Frankfort Ave for the Crescent Hill & Clifton neighborhoods, and many more throughout the city. Items needed for stocking include:

Canned goods with pull-tops	Baby food/formula
Canned fruits & vegetables	Pediasure/protein drinks
One-box complete meals	Juice
Nuts, grains, bean & pasta	Shelf-stable milk
Soups & pasta sauce	Kitchen staples (flour, sugar, salt, etc.)
Granola bars	Hygiene items (shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, feminine care products, etc.)
Vitamins/Supplements	
Household items (toilet paper, dish/laundry detergents, diapers, etc.)	

Upcoming Love in Action Donation Drives

March 20: La Casita & Little Free Pantries

April 17: UCHM & Little Free Pantries

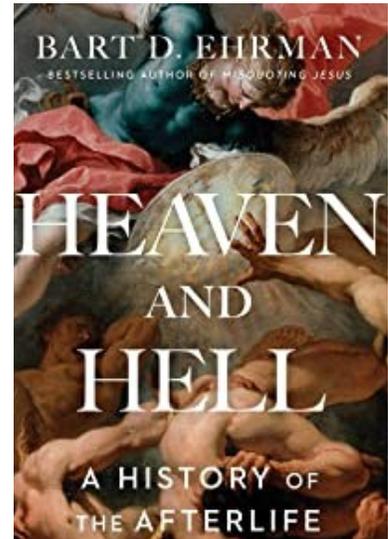
May 15: Scarlette Jasper & Little Free Pantries

Thank you for showing love through these important ministries!

Theology Discussion Group Lenten Book

The theology discussion group's next book is *Heaven & Hell: A History of the Afterlife* by Bart Ehrman. The discussions will take place, via Zoom, during the first 5 Sundays of Lent (**February 21-March 21**) from 5:00-6:00 PM.

A small number of copies are available at Carmichael's book store. Mention Crescent Hill Baptist Church at checkout for 20% off. Additional copies can be purchased through Amazon at an already discounted price. To join the group, please contact Brittani Bair at brittani@chbcky.org.



NOTE: Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 14.

Set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night before going to bed.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 10:00 AM Labyrinth 5:00 PM Theology Group Book Discussion	1	2	3 10:30 AM Hinson Class	4	5	6
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