



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**AUGUST 10, 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

*Fantasia in D minor*

Johann Pachelbel

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.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord calls us today to be people of justice and mercy.

**All: Our worship is hollow if it focuses only on our own gratification.**

One: The Lord asks that our words of hope become actions of peace.

**All: Thanks be to God who challenges and calls us.**

One: Let our ministry together bring peace and justice.

**All: Let our lives reflect God's love and mercy. Amen.**

-Nancy C. Townley

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*The God of Abraham Praise*

LEONI

The God of Abraham praise,  
who reigns enthroned above,  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
and God of love.  
Jehovah, great I AM,  
by earth and heaven confessed:  
we bow and bless the sacred name  
forever blest.

The great I AM has sworn;  
I on this oath depend.  
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,  
to heaven ascend.  
I shall behold God's face;  
I shall God's power adore,  
and sing the wonders of God's grace  
forevermore.

The God who reigns on high  
the great archangels sing,  
and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry  
"Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same,  
and evermore shall be:  
Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM,  
we worship thee!"

The whole triumphant host  
give thanks to God on high;  
"Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.  
Hail, Abraham's God and mine!  
With heaven our songs we raise,  
all might and majesty are thine,  
and endless praise.

*Thomas Olivers, c. 1770, alt; para. of Hebrew Yigdal*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*Contemplation*

Jean LaTour

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Corrie Hammons

\*HYMN OF FAITH

*Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom*

STUTTGART

Faith, while trees are still in blossom,  
plans the picking of the fruit;  
faith can feel the thrill of harvest  
when the buds begin to sprout.

Faith, uplifted, tamed the water  
of the undivided sea,  
and the people of the Hebrews  
found the path that made them free.

Long before the dawn is breaking,  
faith anticipates the sun.  
Faith is eager for the daylight,  
for the work that must be done.

Faith believes that God is faithful:  
God will be what God will be!  
Faith accepts the call, responding,  
"I am willing, Lord, send me."

*Fred Kasn, 1972*

Long before the rains were coming,  
Noah went and built an ark.  
Abraham, the lonely migrant,  
saw the light beyond the dark.

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

*By Faith*

Jordan Conley

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Melinda Stricklen

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.**

OFFERING OF OURSELVES, OUR TITHES, & OUR GIFTS

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

*Teach Me to Pray*  
Nick Wilson, piano

REITZ  
arr. Nick Wilson

\*PENTECOST DOXOLOGY

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory Be to God on High*

ODE TO JOY

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high! Alleluia to the Savior who has gained victory! Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity! Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty! Amen.

\*INVITATION TO RESPOND

Chris Conver

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 678

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

PROMISE

In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.  
There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.

From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.  
In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

*Natalie Sleeth, 1986*

\*BENEDICTION

Chris Conver

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, AUGUST 10

- 9:00 Expressions Art Exhibit (Library)  
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)  
12:00 Congregational Listening Session with Carol Harston (Fellowship Hall)  
5:00 Divorce Recovery

## MONDAY, AUGUST 11

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)  
7:00 Guns to Gardens Community Book Read (Fellowship Hall)

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

- 9:15 Art Spirit (Youth Room)

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

- 6:00 Frankfort Avenue Group (Heritage Hall)

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

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

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

- 1:00 Lecture Series (Sanctuary, Birchwood Lobby)

**Food Pantry Collection Day**

**Next Sunday, August 17**

# 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](http://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](http://chhcky.org/give).



## DONATE STOCKS.

Contact Treasurer, Eileen Bartlett 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 Treasurer, Eileen Bartlett. 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 Treasurer, Eileen Bartlett to learn how this could reduce your future tax burden and fulfill your Required Minimum Distribution.



# Today's Worship Leaders

**Melanie Claypool** was raised in Mississippi but was born in Louisville while her father was at Southern Baptist Seminary. For over 25 years, Melanie worked various roles for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama. Prior to retiring in 2022, she served as Director of Provider Services for Passport by Molina in Louisville. While attending Mississippi College, Dr. John R. Claypool, Rowan's dad, was her pastor. Rowan and Melanie reconnected after Dr. Claypool's passing and eventually married in 2012. Together, they have three married sons, a granddaughter, Beatrice, and a beloved dog, Woodford. Since her retirement, she has been involved in the Leadership Louisville Encore program, working part-time for Barre 3, and participates through the Missions Response Team, teaching elementary kids, Church Council and our Sunday school class at CHBC.

**Chris Conver** has been connected to CHBC since the 1970s. He has served on a number of committees, been a volunteer in the Youth Department, and was elected to the Trustees in 2023. Chris teaches the Harbor Sunday School class. Dr. Conver recently retired after more than a decade of service to Campbellsville University's Louisville Education Center, where he was an administrator and professor.

**Melinda Stricklen** worked for the Sisters of the Good Shepherd who founded Maryhurst most of her professional life. She hails from Tuscaloosa, AL and is a life long BAMA fan. She has a sweet shih-poo puppy and will be glad to show you pictures.

**Nick Wilson** is originally from the Appalachian mountains of Eastern Kentucky and he has lived in Louisville for over 25 years. Nick has 35 years of ministry experience, including full-time, part-time and volunteer work. He was ordained with the Cooperative Baptist churches, as an openly gay man, in 2016.

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*Crescent Hill is an inclusive community of faith rooted in the Baptist tradition. We're a little different than other churches. We welcome all, regardless of race, age, creed, physical abilities, marital or economic status, gender identity, or sexual orientation. No matter where this day finds you, know that you are the beloved of God & there is space for you here...welcome home.*



Find our live-stream online at Crescent Hill Baptist Church.



At most gatherings, an American Sign Language interpreter is at the front of the Sanctuary.

### Our Partners in Ministry:





## Final Congregational Listening Session - Today in Fellowship Hall

Please make plans to attend the final listening session with Carol Harston, after worship today, in Fellowship Hall.



## William M. Johnson Lecture Series - NEXT WEEK!

Registration is now open for our 2025 Lecture Series! Mark your calendars for August 16. The cost is \$25 per person. **Register online or, write a check to Crescent Hill Baptist Church** with 'Lecture Series' in the memo line. Tickets can be purchased through the EventBrite website or by scanning the QR Code with your smartphone camera.



## Missional Business Services Final Report Available Now

Church Council engaged Missional Business Services (MBS) to provide a broad financial and administrative assessment of how we operate, where we may need to improve, and how we can better align our practices with our mission.

### Follow these steps to view the final MBS report:

- 1) Go to: [chbcky.org/members-only/](http://chbcky.org/members-only/)
- 2) Enter the password: **CHBCmembers!** to access the final report.

**OR Email the Church Office ([churchoffice@chbcky.org](mailto:churchoffice@chbcky.org)) and we will email you the report directly.**

Next steps involve leadership teams (Church Council, Finance and Personnel) reviewing findings and prioritizing actionable steps. Members can reach out to Church Council or Jordan for questions.

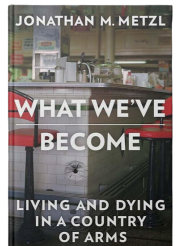
## Expressions Art Exhibit - August 10 & 17

The Art Spirit Group will be sponsoring the Annual Expressions Art Exhibit in the Library, off the Birchwood Lobby, on two Sundays, **August 10 and August 17**. Two years ago, we featured the art of Tom Scott. This year we will be featuring the life and art work of Dwight Cobb, who passed from us thirty years ago this August. We will also be displaying our own creations. **If any others have visual art they'd like to exhibit, contact John Arnett ([arnettj1@gmail.com](mailto:arnettj1@gmail.com)) to have your work displayed!**



## Guns to Gardens Community Book Read

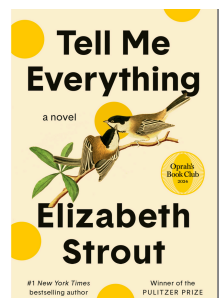
Mark your calendars for a Guns to Gardens Community Book Read on **Monday, August 11, 7:00PM-8:30PM, in Fellowship Hall**. Doors open at 6:30PM. The book being discussed will be, *What We've Become: Living and Dying in a Country of Arms* by Jonathan M. Metzl. Admission is free, please RSVP through [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or use the QR Code.



## Reading Group - August 28

The Reading Group will be reading *Tell Me Everything* by Elizabeth Strout. In her latest novel, Strout explores friendships, old loves, and the very human desire to leave a mark on the world. Kat Goodman will be leading the discussion of the book this month as Olive Kitteridge and her other familiar characters return. Come and join this group for an enjoyable evening! Contact: Bobbie Thomason [bobbijt@icloud.com](mailto:bobbijt@icloud.com)

August  
**28**  
7:00 PM



## Heritage Hall Renovation

The Church Council and Finance Teams have approved 2/3 of the cost of the Heritage Hall renovation project using the building capital improvement fund. The remaining cost of this project (approximately \$4K) will be raised with donations from the congregation. **If you would like to contribute, you may use the drop-down menu from the CHBC website or by write a check with "Heritage Hall Renovation" in the memo line.** For the Building team, please contact Margaret McCollum 502-5419790 (call or text).

### Wednesday Evening Dinners - Starting August 20

**The first Wednesday evening of programming after our summer break will be August 20.** Dinner will begin at 5:00 PM. The Hospitality team has been working to provide meals the first few weeks as we make plans for permanent arrangements.



Donation for the meal will still be \$10 per person, \$5 for children 12 and under.

**Call (502-896-4425) or email [churchoffice@chbcky.org](mailto:churchoffice@chbcky.org) to make your reservations by Monday, August 18 at 4 PM.** When you call, let us know if you want permanent reservations.



**The menu for August 20 will be Barbecue from Frankfort Avenue Beer Depot, sides, and dessert.**



**For our program on August 20, Kristina Christensen, Executive Director of Friends School - a new potential tenant- will join us at 6 PM.** Please make plans to join us as we learn more about this exciting potential for our church!

### Weekly Prayer Concerns

In August, **Margaret Graves** will serve as our Congregational Care Team contact. If you have a care need or prayer request that you would like the church to remember, contact Margaret at [margaretrgraves@gmail.com](mailto:margaretrgraves@gmail.com) or 502-494-3524.

We extend Christian Sympathy to the family of Naw Pet, who passed away this week.

We extend Christian Sympathy to Rick and Jo Forest upon the passing of Rick's mother, JoAnn Green.

We pray for Naw Pet & Pe Hey; Mera Kathryn Corlett; Donnie Murphy; Carolyn Posey; Dwayne Howell; Blake Ragsdell; Eugina Robertson; Margot McCall Lehocky; Jose Chipe; CJ Phipps; Betty Schnur; Judy Hodge; and, Lolly Tucker. Also, Anna Bowden's sister, Cassie Hyde; Rickey and Mark Bayman's friend, Maurice Clark; Kat Goodman's friend, Danny Campbell and Cody Hill; Ann Cottone's father and brother, John Revel and Johnny Revel; Annie Hammon's niece; Nancy; and Annie's brother, James Bellinger; 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 Scarlett 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

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

Total June Budget Offerings (through 06-29 includes online giving): **\$44,528**

Budgeted 2025 YTD Offerings: \$460,000 (**Still need: \$279,859**)

Total June 2025 Revenue (through 06-29-includes online giving): **\$47,051**

**\*Total proceeds from Father's Day Auction to be donated to KRM: \$1,235**

#### For Comparison:

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

Total Revenue for June 2024: **\$39,586**

**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.

