

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
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WILLIAM M. JOHNSON LECTURE SERIES SUNDAY
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Crescent Hill
BAPTIST CHURCH

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10:45 AM

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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

INTROIT

Holy Ground

Geron Davis

Gregory Emanuel Rahming, bass-baritone

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE 612

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in the excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus has fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to
stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!" Amen.

J. Benjamin Smith, 1981

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: PEW BIBLE, 226

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Margaret Graves

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and

flogging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented--of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

*GOSPEL LESSON: PEW BIBLE, 75

Luke 12:49-56

"I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Corrie Hammons

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Hold On / Total Praise

Richard Smallwood

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Grady Throneberry

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

March On

Spiritual

*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.

*HYMN OF FAITH 294

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

ABERSTWYTH

Wind who makes all winds that blow,
gusts that bend the saplings low,
gales that heave the sea in waves,
stirrings in the mind's deep caves-
aim your breath with steady power
on your church this day, this hour.
Raise, renew the life we've lost,
Spirit God of Pentecost.

Fire who fuels all fires that burn,
suns around which planets turn,
beacons marking reefs and shoals,
shining truth to guide our souls;
come to us as once you came:
burst in tongues of sacred flame!
Light and Power, Might and Strength,
fill your church, its breadth and length.

Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame,
move within our mortal frame.
Make our hearts an altar pyre.
Kindle them with your own fire.
Breathe and blow upon that blaze
till our lives, our deeds and ways
speak that tongue which every land
by your grace shall understand.

Thomas H. Troeger, © 1983

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

Earth Ablaze

Rev. Dr. Cody J. Sanders

*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 669

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDA

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient Church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us -
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Heal your children's warring madness,
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

Harry E. Fosdick, 1930, alt.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Cody J. Sanders

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.
- Listening devices are available for use. Please see an usher or a member of our Tech Team for assistance. Our Technology Team members are: Chris Jones, Eileen Bartlett, John Arnett, & Darrell Adams.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Food Pantry Collection Day

- 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 Finance Team Meeting (Parlor)
Personnel Team Meeting
- 5:00 Divorce Recovery

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

- 12:00 Game Day (Parlor)
- 2:00 Staff Meeting (Parlor)
- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

- 5:00 Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Presentation from The Friends
School (Fellowship Hall)
- Frankfort Avenue Group
(Heritage Hall)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

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 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

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.

Gregory Rahming has been a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church since 2011. He has served as Vocal Instructor at Sacred Heart School for the Arts, Vocal Professor at Simmons College of Kentucky and is currently the Vocal Instructor at Kentucky Country Day. He is the Co-Founder/Artistic Director of The Mari-Ella Academy of Vocal Arts, and the Founder/Artistic Director of local singing group "2ND CHANCE".

Rev. Dr. Cody J. Sanders, Ph.D., is Associate Professor of Congregational & Community Care Leadership at Luther Seminary in Saint Paul, Minnesota. He is the author of several books including, most recently, *Spiritual Care First Aid: An All-Hands Approach for Church and Community* (Fortress, 2025). Prior to joining the faculty of Luther, Cody was pastor to Old Cambridge Baptist Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and a chaplain at both Harvard University and MIT. He and his partner, also named Cody, live in Saint Paul.

Grady Throneberry was a local police chief for 16 years until he recently retired. He also served as a bi-vocational associate pastor and earned a PhD in pastoral ministry. Grady and his husband, Devin, live in St. Matthews with their dog Reagan, enjoy a variety of arts events and venues, big screen movies, reading and travel. Grady writes regularly and is currently working on a second book.

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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](https://www.crescenthillbaptistchurch.org).



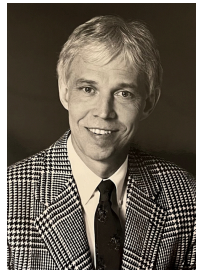
At most gatherings, an American Sign Language interpreter is at the front of the Sanctuary.

Our Partners in Ministry:



Expressions Art Exhibit - Final Sunday

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) to have your work displayed!**



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:

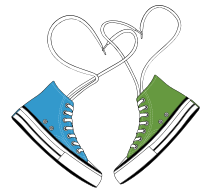
- 1) Go to: chbcky.org/members-only/
- 2) Enter the password: **CHBCmembers!** to access the final report.

OR Email the Church Office (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.

UCHM Shoe Donation

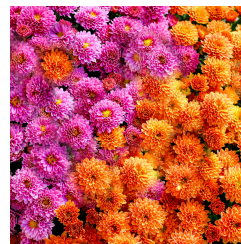
UCHM is collecting new or gently used shoes to support its programs like a food pantry and children's activities. Donated shoes will be sent globally through **Funds2Orgs.com**, aiding small business creation. Acceptable shoes should have minimal scuffing and treads, while those with holes or from thrift stores will not be accepted. **To donate, contact UCHM at 150 State St, Louisville, KY 40206, or call (502) 893-0346.**



Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help park cars for the St. Joe's Picnic! Thank you for stepping up, setting up, and contribute in so many ways truly strengthens CHBC! All money raised will go to support the missions and ministries of the church.

UCHM Mum Fundraiser

Purchase your Mums from UCHM to help support their 60+ Adult Programs. Mums are \$15 each. **Place your orders with Karen Phillips: (570) 313-8193, ksp8781@gmail.com. Deadline to order: August 21.** Pickup on September 9 from 2PM-6PM. Cash, check or Venmo collected at pickup. Mum colors available: Ornamental Kale Red, Ornamental Kale White, Mum Yellow, Mum Red, Mum Pink/Purple, Mum Orange, Mum White



August
21

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

August
28
7:00 PM



WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

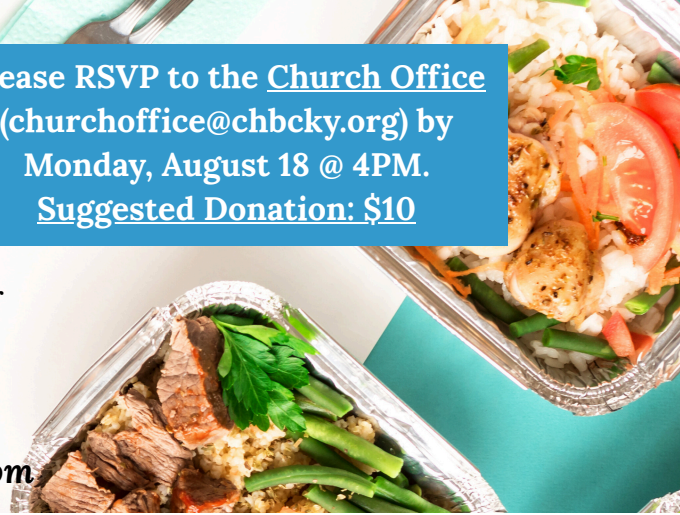
Please RSVP to the Church Office
(churchoffice@chbcky.org) by
Monday, August 18 @ 4PM.
Suggested Donation: \$10

August 20

Menu (5 PM): Barbecue from Frankfort Avenue Beer Depot, Sides, and Dessert!

Program (6 PM): Presentation from potential new tenant, Friends School Louisville

Choir Rehearsal will take place at 7:15 in the Choir Room



Wednesday, August 27 - Ministry Forum

Please make plans to join us on Wednesday, August 27 at 6PM for Ministry Forum.



Personnel and Finance Team Meeting

The Finance Team will be meeting today after worship service in the Parlor.
The Personnel Team will be meeting today after worship service.

Weekly Prayer Concerns

Prayer Concerns will be updated this week when Lillian returns to the Church Office.

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 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.

