



In the risen season. Past life  
Lives in the living. Resurrection  
Is in the way each maple leaf  
Commemorates its kind, by connection

Outreaching understanding. What rises  
And beyond. Even falling raises  
In praise of light. What is begun

Is unfinished. And so the mind  
That comes to rest among the bluebells  
Comes to rest in motion, refined  
By alteration. The bud swells,

Opens, makes seed falls is well,  
Being becoming what it is:  
Miracle and parable  
Exceeding thought, because it is

Immeasurable; the understander  
Encloses understanding, thus  
Darkens the light.  
We can stand under  
No ray that is not dimmed by us.

**The mind that comes to rest is tended  
In ways that it cannot intend:**  
Is borne, preserved, and comprehended  
By what it cannot comprehend.

WENDELL BERRY

*(1934 –pres., eco-activist, farmer, poet;  
Taken from Sabbath Poems 1979-2913)*

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 24, 2025**



**Crescent Hill**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

AUGUST 24, 2025

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

*Prelude in D minor*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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:** In this risen season, life is renewed—past life lives on in the living,

**All: We come to worship the God of renewal, whose Spirit connects and sustains all creation.**

**One:** What rises—even what falls—becomes praise, and what is begun is still becoming, unfinished, unfolding in light.

**All: We come with open hearts, ready to be refined by grace.**

**One:** Here, miracle and parable exceed our thought. Here, we are borne and preserved by what we cannot comprehend.

**All: Let us worship the living God— immeasurable mystery, eternal love, in whom we rest, and by whom we rise.**

*-Adapted from Wendell Berry, "In the Risen Season," Sabbath Poems*

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 2

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful flesh thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns  
around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name  
in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*Reginald Herber, 1826, alt.*

\*GOSPEL LESSON: PEW BIBLE, 76

Luke 13:10-17

Annie Hammon

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

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

Chancel Ensemble; Louie Bailey, conductor &amp; piano

Lord, you have searched me and known me,  
 you know everything I do.  
 When I rise and lie down,  
 you are with me through and through.

Before a word is on my tongue,  
 you know what I will say,  
 your presence follows me  
 day by day.

Where can I flee from your spirit?  
 Where can I go to run away?  
 If I go to heaven, or live in hell,  
 you are there, you are there, you are there.

Search me, O God, and know me,  
 try me and know my heart.  
 See if there be any wicked way in me,  
 and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pat Cole

## 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, &amp; OUR GIFTS

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

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*From Heaven's Point of View*

Bill & Gloria Gaither/ Jessy Dixon

Rickey Geary-Bayman, vocals & piano

Today I faced a mountain  
 That I have no strength to climb  
 And the struggle of this journey  
 Left me weak both in body and in mind  
 Where I stand to the peak  
 Is a distance on my own I cannot reach  
 So this journey of a thousand steps  
 Begins right here on my knees  
 Soon I'll soar like an eagle  
 High on wings of grace  
 Far into the heavens  
 Where I can almost see God's face

Rising in His splendor  
 To heights I never knew  
 What once looked like a mountain  
 Is just a hill from heaven's point of view  
 I may face things tomorrow  
 I can't comprehend today  
 Circumstances so uncertain make it hard  
 To find the strength to pray  
 But I'm living in the promise  
 I'll never leave you  
 I'll always see you through  
 So what's this mountain  
 To an eagle flying high  
 From heaven's point of view

## \*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 HEALING & REDEMPTION

*I Danced in the Morning*

LORD OF THE DANCE

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the  
earth,  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

**Refrain:** "Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.  
"I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
I will lead you all in the Dance," said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and for John;  
They came with me and the dance went on. **Refrain**

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,  
The holy people, they said it was a shame;  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me  
high,  
And they left me there on a cross to die. **Refrain**

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned  
black; It's hard to dance with the devil on your  
back; They buried my body and they thought I'd  
gone, But I am the dance and I still go on. **Refrain**

They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die,  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
"I am the Lord of the Dance," said he. **Refrain**

*Sydney Carter, 1963*

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

*Everybody's Carrying Way too Much*

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

*The Summons*

KELVINGROVE

Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?  
Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?  
Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?  
Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?  
Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

*John L. Bell & Graham Maule, 1987*

BENEDICTION

Jordan Conley

POSTLUDE

*Morning Reflections*

Louie Bailey

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

*The flowers today are given by Amelia Debusman in memory of her father, Homer Orr, born August 24, 1897; as well as her husband, Paul Debusman. Today's flowers are also in honor of all who loved them.*

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

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)

5:00 Divorce Recovery

Pickleball (Gym)

## MONDAY, AUGUST 25

5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

5:00 Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 Ministry Forum (Fellowship Hall)

Frankfort Avenue Group

(Heritage Hall)

7:00 Missions Response Team Meeting

(Library)

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

5:45 Change of Heart (Heritage Hall)

7:00 Reading Group (Parlor)

# 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

**Rickey Geary-Bayman** has been a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church for 9 years with his husband, Mark. They have been married for 8 years, together 16 years & live in Henry County. Rickey is 1 of 9 children & is from Beaver Dam, Kentucky. He has been a certified nursing assistant for 25 years & presently works at The Willows at Springhurst in Louisville.

**Pat Cole** joined Crescent Hill Baptist Church in 1987 while serving as Director of News and Information at Southern Seminary. After leaving Southern in the 1990s, he was able to continue his communications career in Louisville and is now retired. While a member of CHBC, he met and married Janet, who was then the Pastor's Secretary. Today, they enjoy trying (unsuccessfully) to keep pace with their granddaughter, Amelia.

**Annie Hammon** has been attending Crescent Hill Baptist Church for 45 years. She helped begin the Reading Group as well as the Writing Group. She is a MK (Missionary Kid) and grew up in Liberia. Annie now resides with her two cats, Sasha and Magpie. She likes people and loves Tumbleweed!

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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:







## Expressions Art Exhibit - Final Sunday

The Art Spirit Group has extended the Annual Expressions Art Exhibit in the Library, off the Birchwood Lobby! If you have not already viewed the life and art work of Dwight Cobb, please be sure to check out the exhibit today.



## 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.

September

14

5:00 PM

## The Big Table - A Message from the Social Justice Team

The Big Table was established to encourage people to come together despite differences, fostering shared humanity through listening and dialogue. Participants will not only share a meal but also connect with new individuals and share stories, leaving with renewed hope. **Everyone is invited to join at the Big Table at Iroquois Park on September 14 from 5PM-7PM!** RSVP with the QR Code.



**Thank you to the Lecture Series Team** for all your hard work with organizing this amazing line up of panelists and coordinating our 2025 Lecture Series!



## Kentucky Refugee Ministries Donation for ESL Classes

The Social Justice team is seeking donations to provide coffee, tea, and bread for attendees of the ESL classes at KRM. We typically serve around 100 people. **We kindly ask for contributions in the form of baked goods and monetary donations to help cover the costs of other essential supplies, including coffee, creamers, sugar, and paper products.** Any and all contributions will make a difference! Please provide any donations to a member of the Social Justice team by September 8.



August

28

7:00 PM

## 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)



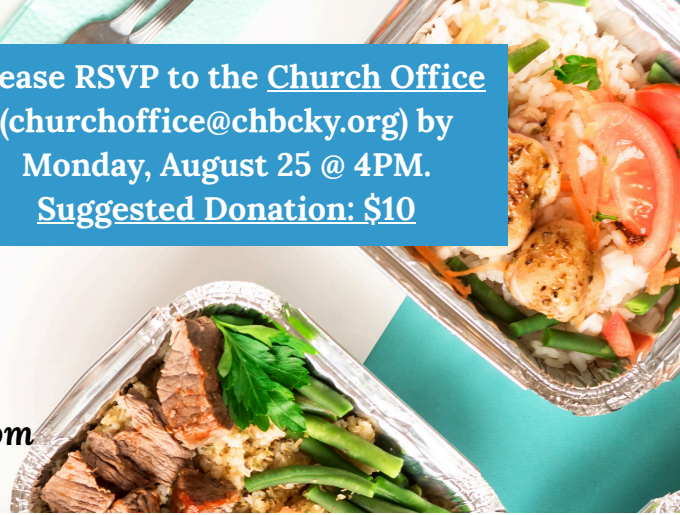
# WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

August 27

Menu (5 PM): Pizza, Salad and Ice Cream!

Program (6 PM): Ministry Forum

Please RSVP to the Church Office  
([churchoffice@chbcky.org](mailto:churchoffice@chbcky.org)) by  
Monday, August 25 @ 4PM.  
Suggested Donation: \$10



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

## Little Free Pantry - Open September Adoption

Our Little Free Pantry will be open to anyone who wishes to help fill it during the month of September. **We kindly ask that the pantry be filled once on the weekend and once the following week.** The CHBC Pantry closet can also be accessed to help fill it (key in MRT box in church office). Contact Melanie Claypool to volunteer (502) 905-7150 (text or call with the date you'd like to volunteer) or if you have any questions. The adoption can be by one person, couple or groups of friends!

Item suggestions include:

- **Non-perishable foods**
- **Hygiene Items**
- **Diapers**
- **New socks, hats, gloves for cold weather (leave in packaging)**

Please choose one weekend to fill and  
another time the following week!  
**Sept. 7, Sept. 14, Sept. 21, Sept. 28**

## 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 [congregationalcare@chbcky.org](mailto:congregationalcare@chbcky.org), [margaretr.graves@gmail.com](mailto:margaretr.graves@gmail.com) or 502-494-3524.

We pray for Corinne Holt; 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, Rhonda Gilliland's brother, Steve; 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.

