



Autumn In Cherokee Park. Photograph taken by LuAnn Snawder

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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

Psalm 19 – The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Benedetto Marcello

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: As the people of God, we delight in the works of the Lord!

All: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart!

One: God is loving and caring, providing what we need.

All: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart!

One: God is concerned with justice, redeeming life and keeping promises.

All: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart!

One: We grow in wonder and wisdom closer to God.

All: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the God of creation!

My heart is longing
to offer up sweet adoration.

Melody make;
dulcimer, harp, now awake.

Sound forth your praise,
every nation.

Praise the Almighty,
o'er all life so wondrously reigning;

And, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifting, sustaining.

Have you not seen?

All that is needful has been
sent by God's gracious ordaining.

Praise the Almighty,
who prospers your work and defends you;
see from the heavens
the showers of mercy God sends you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do;
infinite Love here befriends you.

Praise the Almighty!
In wonder my spirit is soaring!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises outpouring.
Let the amen sound from God's people again,
gladly forever adoring!

Joachim Neander, 1680, alt.

LESSON FROM THE PSALTER: PEW BIBLE, 576

Psalm 137

Valorie Horn

By the rivers of Babylon— there we sat down, and there we wept when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our harps. For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!” How could we sing the LORD’s song in a foreign land? If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy. Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem’s fall, how they said, “Tear it down! Tear it down! Down to its foundations!” O daughter Babylon, you

devastator! Happy shall they be who pay you back what you have done to us! Happy shall they be who take your little ones and dash them against the rock!

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

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE: PEW BIBLE, 731

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

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WHY WE GIVE: REFLECTIONS ON GENEROSITY

Amelia Debusman

*HYMN OF REFLECTION

Christ Beside Me

BUNESSAN

Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me – king of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me – never to part.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues telling of me;
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
in ears that hear me Christ ever be.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me – shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising – light of my life.

Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me – king of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me – never to part.

Adapt. James Quinn, 1969

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Bill Thomason

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.

CHORAL OFFERING

And the Father Will Dance

Mark Hayes

Chancel Ensemble; Louie Bailey, conductor & piano

And the Father will dance over you in joy!
He will take delight in whom He loves.
Is that a choir I hear, singing the praises of God?
No, the Lord God Himself
is exulting o'er you in song!
And He will joy over you in song.

Let my spirit rejoice in God!
Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart!
Cast away fear for you have been restored!
Put on the garment of praise
as on a festival day.
Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song!

My soul will make its boast in God,
For He has answered all my cries,
His faithfulness in me
is as sure as the dawn
of a new day.

And He will joy over you in song.
God rejoices over you in song!

Based on the scriptures: Zephaniah 3:14,17, Psalm 34:2,4

Awake, my soul, and sing!

*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 DISCIPLESHIP *Lord of the Dance* SIMPLE GIFTS
 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 *Use the Good China* 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 578 *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* BEACH SPRING
 Come, all Christians, be committed
 To the service of the Lord;
 Make your lives for him more fitted,
 Tune your hearts with one accord.
 Come into His courts with gladness,
 All your sacred vows renew,
 Turn away from sin and sadness,
 Be transformed with life anew.
 Of your time and talents give ye,
 They are gifts from God above;
 To be used by Christians freely
 To proclaim His wondrous love.
 Come again to serve the Savior,
 Tithes and offerings with you bring.
 In your work, with Him find favor,
 And with joy His praises sing.
 Come in praise and adoration,
 All who in Christ's name believe;
 Worship Him with consecration,
 Grace and love you will receive.
 For His grace give Him the glory,
 For the Spirit and the Word,
 And repeat the gospel story
 Until all his name have heard.
Eva B. Lloyd, 1966, alt.

BENEDICTION Jordan Conley

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, OCTOBER 12

- 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)
- 12:15 Personnel Team Meeting
Church Council Meeting
Finance Meeting
- 5:00 Divorce Recovery
Pickleball (Gym)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 9:15 Art Spirit (Youth Room)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 5:00 Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Program (Fellowship Hall)
Frankfort Avenue Group
(Heritage Hall)
- 7:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 -

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Women's Retreat
(Clifty Falls State Park)

Food Pantry Collection Day

Next Sunday, October 19

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

The season for stewardship emphasizes ongoing care, generosity, and resource management year-round. This year's theme is "Abundant Living and Generous Giving," focused on offering time, talents, and treasures for the benefit of God and others. We have asked members of the congregation to share their stories of gratitude and involvement here at CHBC.

We ask that each family examine their financial commitment and pledge an additional \$100 per month as they are able for the next six months to help balance the budget.

Thank you for your generosity!

Amelia Debusman has been a member since 1960. She and her family have been active in many activities. One of the longest is the Harmony Sunday School class. She helped create the first website, worked with the Halloween community party, served as a deacon and served on several committees.

Valorie Horn, a retired English and physical science educator, has been a member of CHBC with her husband Ron since 1990. Their son Cameron lives in Carmel, Indiana, and works as a pharmacist for Amazon. Millie, their daughter, is in her second year of a pulmonary critical care fellowship at Wash U. Valorie treasures her Barnabas Sunday School class and Chancel Ensemble, while also participating in Reading Group and the Gifts Affirmation Team. If not at CHBC, you can find her walking Charleston, their Golden-Doodle or working in her yard year-round.

Dr. Bill Thomason joined CHBC in 1965. He is a member of the Harbor Class, and has formerly chaired the Church Council, the Worship Committee, and the Johnson Lecture Series. Before his retirement, he was a book store manager, a Publisher's Rep, and Philosophy/Religion teacher. Bill has written three books and has enjoyed teaching many book studies at CHBC. He and his wife, Bobbie, love to travel, watch movies, and collect books. Bill continues to write daily.

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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:



October

14

9:15 AM

Art Spirit

Bring your artwork or art supplies to the **Youth Room Tuesday, October 14 at 9:15am**. Work on artistic projects either as a group or individually. Offer tips to fellow artists and maybe learn something new as well!



October

18

10:00 AM

Louisville Earth Walk - October 18

The CHBC Social Justice Team is a proud sponsor of the Louisville Earth Walk! Join in the 2025 Louisville Earth Walk on **Saturday, October 18 at 10:00 a.m. starting at the Shawnee Park Pavilion**. Donations collected will support 9 environmental nonprofits. The walk loop is around 1 mile, but you can choose to do it multiple times, or less. You can register online, or just show up!



Advent Devotional Books 2025

Would you like to contribute to our 2025 Advent book? The CHBC Writers Group will be posting the theme and specific requests at a later date. However, if you are a thoughtful or creative type, please consider contributing about 3-5 paragraphs. Reach out with questions, suggestions, and submissions at Blake.Ragsdell@gmail.com or Victoria.Ragsdell@gmail.com.



Christmas Boxes to Support Eastern Kentucky

The holidays are fast approaching! It is time to begin preparing for Scarlette Jasper's annual Christmas box drive to support those in need in Eastern Kentucky.

Boxes will be available for pickup to buy for K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders - boy or girl **in the Birchwood lobby October 12-31. Filled boxes need to be returned no later than November 2.** Filled boxes can be left in the storage room next to the library.

Scan Here
for more
Information



October

26

12:00 PM

Amelia Orr Debusman's 90th Birthday Celebration!

Please join us for a 90th birthday celebration for Amelia Orr Debusman on **Sunday, October 26 in Fellowship Hall**. Drop by anytime from 12PM-3PM. Please no gifts - your well wishes and company are more than enough!



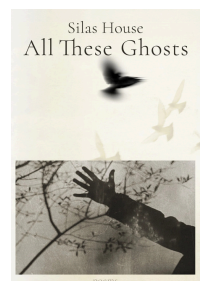
October

30

7:00 PM

Reading Group - October 30

In October our Reading Group will be meeting to enjoy *All These Ghosts*, a book of poetry written by Silas House, former Poet Laureate of Kentucky. We'll be sharing some of our favorite poems and passages from his timely and poignant collection. Everyone is invited to join us on at **7:00PM on Thursday, October 30**, in the church parlor. Contact: Bobbie Thomason (bobbijt@icloud.com)



WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

October 15

Menu (5 PM): BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Country Green Beans, Watermelon Salad,
Dessert: Bundt Cake (Chocolate, Spice) and Banana Bread Bottom Cheesecake.

Program (6 PM)

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

Please RSVP to the Church Office
(churchoffice@chbcky.org) by
Monday, October 13 @ 4PM.
Suggested Donation: \$10

Heritage Hall Update from the Building Team

Heritage Hall is nearing completion! Thanks so much to the amazing volunteers and prayers that helped this to happen as well as the many financial contributors. We have a few more updates to complete such as: comfortable chairs in the bridal room, heritage pictures to the walls, and shelving to the kitchen to hold the microwave and coffee cups. The AA group is now able to use Heritage Hall again. Please continue to give so that we may stay within budget.



Weekly Prayer Concerns

If you have a care need or prayer request that you would like the church to remember, please contact the Congregational Care Team at **(502) 882-0992, congregationalcare@chbcky.org**.

We extend Christian sympathy to Mike Brown upon the passing of his mother, Juila Marie Brown.

We extend Christian sympathy to Rickey and Mark Bayman upon the passing of their "Smithfield Dad," Maurice Clark.

We extend Christian sympathy to the Buschman family upon the passing of their son, Eric.

We pray for Carolyn Seiffertt; Corinne Holt; Mera Kathryn Corlett; Donnie Murphy; Blake Ragsdell; Eugina Robertson; Margot McCall Lehocky; Jose Chipe; CJ Phipps; Betty Schnur; Judy Hodge; and, Lolly Tucker. Also, Janet Hook's mother, Betty Chesser; Kerri Richardson-Cheng's friend, Jennifer Toll; Rhonda Gilliland's brother, Steve; Anna Bowden's sister, Cassie Hyde; Kat Goodman's friends, 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 Belling; 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 Scarlette 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.

**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.

