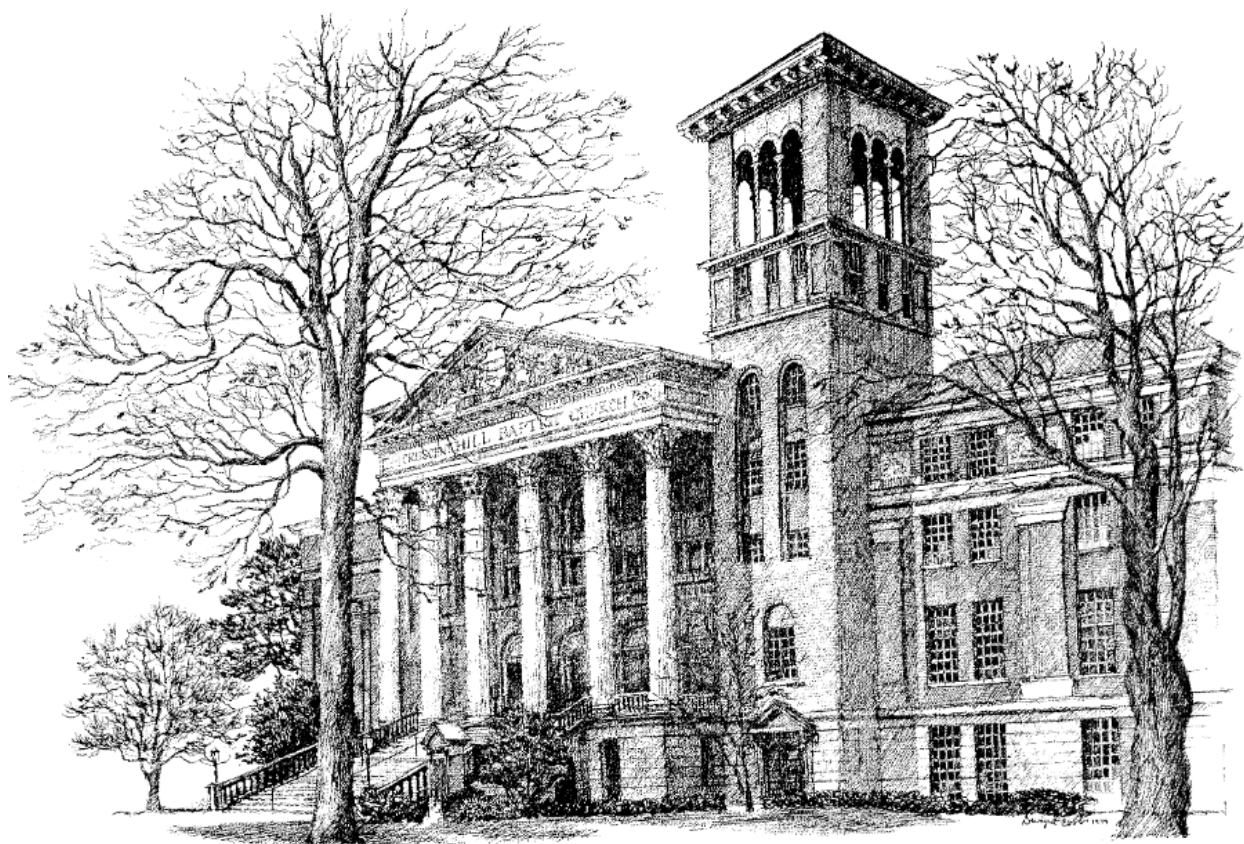




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Crescent Hill
BAPTIST CHURCH

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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

GREETING

Ellie Mook

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 in which you would be very welcome.

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.

Please make your way back to your seat as the Prelude begins.

PRELUDE

Slane

Noel Rawsthorne

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Remember all that God has done!

People: **We tell the stories of God's steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Leader: When the winds blow and the waters rise around us, God is near.

People: **Christ reaches out his hand and calms our fearful hearts.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord, our refuge and our strength.

People: **We praise your holy name together!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE 689

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation,
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed:
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore,
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God,
the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel J. Stone, 1866, alt.

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps. The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN OF REFLECTION 299

O Breath of Life

WAYFARING STRANGER

O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power;
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.

O Breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.

Elizabeth Ann P. Head, c. 1914

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore, for this we plead.

At this time, all children are invited to meet their teachers for class at the back of the Sanctuary.

LESSON FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION: PEW BIBLE, 245

Revelation 2:1-11

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands: “I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not and have found them to be false. I also know that you are enduring patiently and bearing up for the sake of my name and that you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember, then, from what you have fallen; repent and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. Yet this is to your credit: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers, I will give permission to eat from the tree of life that is in the paradise of God. “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of the First and the Last, who was dead and came to life: “I know your affliction and your poverty, even though you are rich. I know the slander on the part of those who say that they are Jews and are not but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Beware, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have affliction. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Whoever conquers will not be harmed by the second death.

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

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

Faith in the Shadow of Empire

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

SILENCE

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.

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

Leader: All that we have and all that we are come from God.

People: With gratitude, we return a portion of these gifts in worship and service.

Leader: God invites us to use our time, talents, resources, and opportunities for the common good.

People: May our lives bear witness to the generosity of God.

Leader: Receive these gifts, O Lord, and use them for the work of Your kingdom.

People: May they bring hope to the weary, healing to the broken, and justice to the world. Amen.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES, OUR TITHES & OUR GIFTS

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

The Goodness of God
Michael Smith

Cece Winans

*PENTECOST DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

Praise God, whose breath fills all the earth, Whose love reveals our sacred worth, Whose Spirit forms one family, Whose Grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.

Roger Lynn

*INVITATION TO RESPOND

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 712

The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

HANOVER

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share;
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

Bryn Austin Rees, 1973

BENEDICTION

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

J.G. Walther

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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.

Today's Worship Leaders

Ellie Mook and her boyfriend Matthew have been coming to Crescent Hill Baptist since the summer, and have truly enjoyed their time here so far. Ellie grew up in Georgetown Kentucky and now lives in St. Matthews. She is a 6th and 7th grade social studies teacher in Shelby County. She loves to read, cook, and watch movies.

Michael Smith has been a member of CHBC since 2018. He grew up in Elizabeth, IN. Michael received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bellarmine University with a major in theology and a minors in music and psychology. He completed a Master of Divinity degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. CHBC ordained him to the Gospel ministry on October 31, 2021. Michael completed a residency in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) with Norton Hospital and now serves as a chaplain at Kentucky State Reformatory in LaGrange, KY. Michael loves singing, cooking, and reading in his spare time.

Grady Throneberry was a local police chief for 16 years until he 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*.



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

Our Partners in Ministry:



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

- 9:00 Expressions Art Exhibit (Library)
- 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 Personnel Meeting (Parlor)
- 5:00 Divorce Recovery

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

- 9:15 Art Spirit (Youth Room)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

- 5:00 Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Presentation on The Book of Revelation by Dr. Brogdon (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Frankfort Avenue Group (Heritage Hall)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

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

Next Sunday, August 16

Food Pantry Collection Day



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 chbcky.org/give.

DONATE STOCKS.



Contact Treasurer, Eileen Bartlett (treasurer@chbcky.org) 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 (treasurer@chbcky.org). 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 (treasurer@chbcky.org) to learn how this could reduce your future tax burden and fulfill your Required Minimum Distribution.



A huge thank you to all who helped park cars and collect money during the St. Joe's picnic this past weekend! Your help and support make this fundraiser such an important event each and every year. All the funds raised will support the missions and ministries of our church. Thank you!

THANK YOU!

Art Spirit

Bring your artwork or art supplies to the **Youth Room Tuesday, August 11 at 9:15 AM**. Work on artistic projects either as a group or individually. Offer tips to fellow artists and maybe learn something new as well!



August

11

9:15 AM

Annual Expressions Art Exhibit Open Today and Next Sunday!

Come by the Library in Birchwood Lobby and check out the Expressions Art Exhibit! The exhibit features images related to the 100th anniversary of the 1926 CHBC building, pieces from the Art Spirit Group and pieces from CHBC members. The exhibit will be available to view this Sunday and next Sunday.

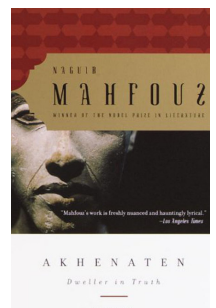


August

9, 16

Reading Group

Our CHBC Reading Group will be going back in time to ancient Egypt as we read, *Akhenaten: Dweller in Truth*, by Nobel Prize winner Naguib Mahfouz. As you read the various testimonies about this famous heretical pharaoh, you'll notice many different opinions. What is the truth? We will meet on **Thursday, August 27, at 7:00 in the parlor** Contact: Bobbie Thomason bobbijt@icloud.com



August

27

7:00 PM

New Pew Cards for Online Giving

The Stewardship Team is pleased to announce that we will be placing new cards in the pews beginning July 26th! As many of us have moved our day to day financial activities to cards and digital transactions, our giving has followed suit, including our tithe. While this is great for those of us who do not have as many checks lying around, it takes away from our ability to participate during the offering as we pass the plate. **These new cards will give our online givers and those who give in ways beyond money a chance to participate in this act of generosity during worship. You can mark whether you have given online, volunteered, or donated items, as well as if you have a need or prayer request.** Please be on the lookout for the new green cards!



WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

Wednesday, August 12

Menu (5 PM): Fried Chicken, Potato Wedges, Green Beans, and Dessert.

Program (6 PM): Presentation on the Book of Revelation by Dr. Brogdon.

Choir Practice (7 PM) in the Choir Room.

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

September

19

2:00 PM

Save the Date: 2026 William M. Johnson Lecture Series

The 2026 Johnson Lecture welcomes Rev. Paul Brandeis Raushenbush, President and CEO of Interfaith Alliance, for an **engaging and timely conversation about courage, democracy, and the role of faith in public life.** Drawing from history and contemporary challenges, Rev. Raushenbush will explore how diverse faith traditions can become forces for hope, justice, and resistance to extremism. Tickets are \$23.18/each. Scan the QR Code for more information.



Sunday Worship Leaders Opportunity

The Worship Team has been recruiting volunteers to lead various parts of our Sunday worship service. We believe this practice has enhanced congregational participation, interest and investment. We want to say a generous and sincere thank you to all of you!

We will continue to ask folks to serve in worship leadership. **If you have an interest in being a worship leader and haven't yet had the opportunity, please contact Alice Adams (502-507-5710) or Leslie Picken (734-904-0881).** Also, we are looking for another person to take one week out of three and ask folks to fill the worship leadership roles.



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 pray for Joyce Deboe; Danny Raymer; Rickey Bayman; Kris Brady; Tina Marvin; Margaret McCollum; Jackie Sharoudi Williams; Joyce Stines; Bobbie Ann Cox; June Bailey; Jerry and Sharon Smith; Marjorie Ash; Donnie Murphy; CJ Phipps; Betty Schnur; Judy Hodge; and, Lolly Tucker. Also, Sydney Gardner's friend, Lauren Hibberd; Margaret McCollum's nephew; Rickey Bayman's sister, Shelia Grivil; Amy Brogdon's sister, Patty Issacs; Nate Creech's cousins, Sarah & Demond; Susan Lockwood's grandson, Quinn Wright; Milton Gardner's great-grandson, Kingston Gardner; Amelia Debusman's sister, Becky Thomas; Kat Goodman's friends, Martin Ross and Danny Campbell; Judy Pessolano's nephew, David Pessolano; and Sharon Smith's cousin, Eugene Friend. For those affected by the conflict in the Middle East. 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.

**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.

