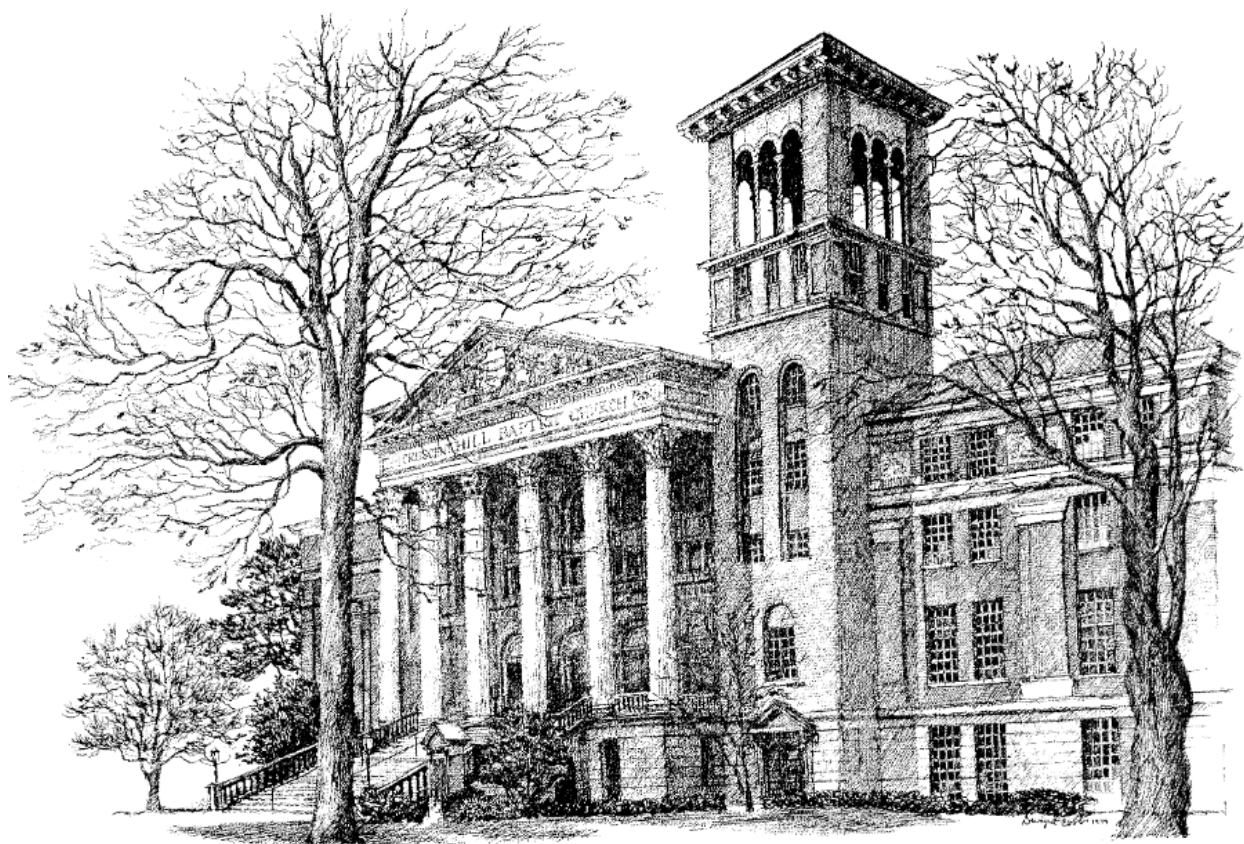




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Crescent Hill
BAPTIST CHURCH

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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

Melinda Stricklen

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

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

EBENEZER

Malinda Rawls, Clarinet, Laura Lea Duckworth, Piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are searched and we are known.

All: Thanks be to God!

One: We gather to be reminded that we are immersed.

All: Immersed in God's love.

One: And immersed in God's presence.

All: Thanks be to God!

One: May we seek the light that overcomes darkness and gives strength to the weary.

All: The light that came to lead us in the way everlasting.

One: The light that reminds us of God's steadfast care, even when we feel surrounded by darkness and are tempted to give up.

All: We keep on keeping on. Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 336

God is My Great Desire

LEONI

God is my great desire,
God's presence I seek first;
To this my heart and soul aspire,
for God I thirst.
As one in desert lands,
whose very flesh is flame,
In burning love I lift my hands
and bless God's name.

God is my strong defense
in every evil hour;
In God I face with confidence
the tempter's power.
I trust in mercy sure
with truth and triumph crowned;
My hope and joy forevermore
in God are found.

Psalm 63, para. Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1982

God is my true delight,
my richest feast his praise,
Through silent watches of the night,
through all my days.
To God my spirit clings,
on God my soul is cast;
Beneath the shadow of God's wings,
I am held fast.

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name. I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol. O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them. But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl. Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

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

*HYMN OF REFLECTION 379

Fruit of All Creation

AR HYD Y NOS

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For his gift to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth
while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that surround us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Fred Pratt Green, 1970

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

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

LESSON FROM THE EPISTLE: PEW BIBLE, 191

Galatians 6:1-10

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

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

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

Don't Give Up Now

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rick Forest

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

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 Lord is My Shepherd

Henry Smart

Anna Bowden, Laura Lea Duckworth, Grace Salsman, Elizabeth Weaver, singers;

Melanie Claypool, piano

*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

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 670

Rise Up, O Saints of God

FESTAL SONG

Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.

Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.

Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence;
give justice larger place.

Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod;
and, quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, O saints of God!

Norman O. Forness, 1978

BENEDICTION

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in B-Flat

Jonathan Battishill

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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

Anna Bowden is the Associate Professor in New Testament at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary; helping the church and those who are pursuing a call to ministry hone their curiosities to facilitate a more generous view of faith and more inclusive church. When not in the classroom, Anna will likely be spending time with her adoring dog, Shiner, and her spouse, Rev. Brent Bowden.

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. Together, Melanie and Rowan have three married sons, a 3-year-old granddaughter, Beatrice, and a beloved dog, Woodford.

Rick Forest has been a part of the CHBC community since he moved here in 1989 to attend seminary. He serves as a Chaplain at Norton Children's Hospital, co-teaches the Barnabas Sunday School class, and lives with his wife, Jo, and their cats, Charlie and Jake.

Susan Howell is a writer, speaker, and psychologist. She and her husband, Dwayne, were members of Crescent Hill during his seminary days and have recently returned to Louisville and this church since retiring from Campbellsville University. They have two grown children, a daughter-in-law, and an absolutely adorable grandson.

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.

Elizabeth Weaver has been a member of CHBC since 2014. She attends the Reading Group and is a part of the choir. She grew up in Southern Illinois, near St. Louis, and moved to Kentucky in 2006, when she started grad school at UK. She works at Bellarmine University as Director of Operations for Arts & Sciences and serves as the director of their Math Center. In her spare time enjoys playing the guitar, shopping for vintage treasures, reading, and traveling.

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, JULY 19

Food Pantry Collection Day

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 Meeting (Library)

2:00 Moms Demand Action Meeting
(Fellowship Hall)

5:00 Divorce Recovery

MONDAY, JULY 20

5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

6:00 Frankfort Avenue Group
(Heritage Hall)

THURSDAY, JULY 23

5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

5:45 Change of Heart (Heritage Hall)

Next Sunday, July 26 @ 7PM

Cherokee Triangle Music Fest

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.

Cherokee Triangle Concert Series



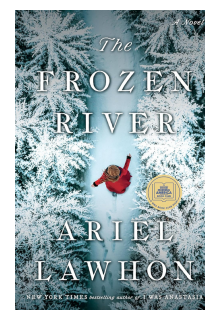
July
26
7:00 PM

Join us on **Sunday, July 26 from 7 PM - 9 PM at the Gazebo in Willow Park** for Cherokee Triangle's Summer Concert Series! July 26 will be It is the "Appalatin" (Caribbean/Appalatian/Latin night). This will be an end-of-summer get-together. All are welcome! This event is free and unticketed. However, please bring a donation to support the Highland's Community Ministries' Food pantry.

Reading Group

July
30
7:00 PM

Need a good book to cool you off this summer? In July our Reading Group will be discussing *Frozen River*, by Ariel Lawhon. This historical murder mystery was inspired by the real-life diary of Martha Ballard, a late 18th century midwife living in Maine. Join us **July 30 in the parlor at 7:00 PM**. Contact: Bobbie Thomason. bobbijt@icloud.com



Calling All Teachers!

Help us Prepare for Wednesday Evening Gatherings this Fall



Have you read an interesting book, watched a riveting documentary, or an inspirational film that you'd like to share with your church family this fall? Dr. Brogdon is putting together a fall schedule for our Wednesday evening time of fellowship, prayer, and study. **If you want to teach a session or two this fall, please let him know the topic and when you'd like to teach.** Pastor Brogdon is excited to organize an exciting array of presentations!

Display Your Artwork! Annual Expressions Art Exhibit

August
9, 16

In addition to featuring images related to the 100th anniversary of the 1926 CHBC building and the work of the Art Spirit Group, we would like to exhibit art work of other members of the church and/or their relatives. We can exhibit either the originals or copies. **If you have artwork you would like to display please contact John Arnett. Arnettj1@gmail.com or 502-592-8466.**



Save the Date:

2026 William M. Johnson Lecture Series

September
19
2:00 PM

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.



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!



St. Joe's Picnic Parking

Parking for the St. Joe's picnic is a church-wide effort, and funds raised will be contributed to the general fund to support the missions and ministries of the church. Volunteers are needed to direct cars on where to park, collect money, and monitor empty spots in the church parking lots.

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5-6 volunteers are needed for each shift:

- **Friday August 7th:** 4-6pm, 6-8pm, 8-10pm
- **Saturday August 8th:** 12-2pm, 2-4pm, 4-6pm, 6-8pm, 8-10pm.



Sign up for 1 or 2 slots or whatever time fits your schedule. Those on the first shift each day will help with setup. Those on the ending shifts will help take the items back to church.

Please contact Melanie Bunger (502-435-6189), melanie.bunger@twc.com if you can help. Come join the fun!



Scan Here to
Sign Up Online

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 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, Margaret McCollum's nephew; Rickey Bayman's sister, Shelia Gravit; 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.

