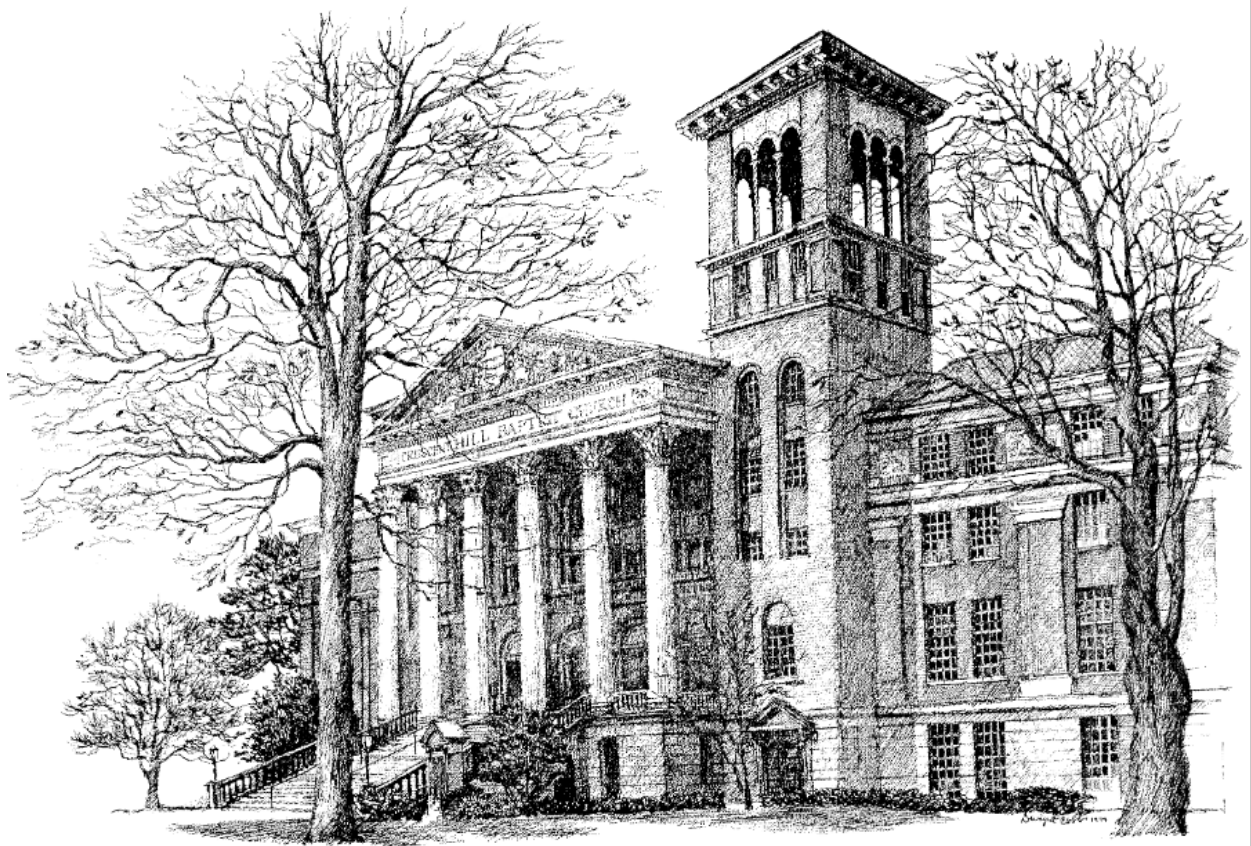




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BAPTIST CHURCH

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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

Kimberly Kolb

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Nolan Anthony

David Cherwin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather here in this holy place, bringing ourselves as we are.

All: We come expectantly, yearning for God's Kingdom to come on earth.

Leader: We come to learn more about what it means to follow Jesus.

All: To walk in love and joy in the knowledge of God's care for us and all creation.

Leader: Let us worship the God of justice and love.

All: Let us raise our voices in praise!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

AUSTRIAN HYMN

God is Love: let heaven adore Him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before Him,
and exalt Him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
He who spread the heavens above,
He who breathes through all creation:
God is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love, and though with blindness
sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness
guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love forever
o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees, Joseph Hayden, 1922

God is Love; and love enfolds us,
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp God holds us,
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

LESSON FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION: PEW BIBLE, 249

Revelation 7:9-17

Annie Hammon

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one

of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

*HYMN OF REFLECTION 519

It is Well with My Soul

VILLE DU HAVRE

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”
It is well with my soul, it is well,
it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well,
it is well with my soul.

My sin – O the bliss of this glorious thought,
my sin – not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul, it is well,
it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend:
“Even so –” it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well,
it is well with my soul.

Horatio G. Spafford, 1873, alt.

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, 259 Revelation 21:1-8, 22:1-5 Dr. Lewis Brogdon

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God, and they will be my children. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.” Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

The Power of Vision

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

SILENCE

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.

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

Shall We Gather at the River

American Gospel Song

Laura Lea Duckworth, Soprano, Nolan Anthony, Piano

arr. by Luigi Zaninelli

*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 532

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art –
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

Traditional Irish hymn, 8th century, tr. Mary E. Hull, 1905, vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

BENEDICTION

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

POSTLUDE

“Allegro” from Concerto in G Major” BWV 592

J.S. Bach

Please remain seated throughout the Postlude.

The called Ministry Forum and Congregational Vote to call Nolan Anthony as our new Music Minister will take place after the Postlude concludes.

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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

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 cat, Magpie. She likes people and loves Tumbleweed!

Kimberly Kolb grew up in Bloomfield, KY and has lived in Louisville for over 30 years. She and her husband have two grown daughters. Kimberley's hobbies include reading, swimming, and biking. Kimberley has only been attending Crescent Hill Baptist Church since January, but in her own words she says, "it feels like home."

Bill Thomason and his wife, Bobbie joined CHBC in 1965, having just graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University and, also, gotten married. Bill taught philosophy at the University of Louisville while completing his doctoral work at the seminary. He taught philosophy six years at U of L and then two more at Stetson University. Bill has published three books and has a fourth under consideration at Judson Press on the temptations of Jesus. He is finishing a fifth manuscript on the theology of the Song of Songs, and has also written many (unpublished) essays exploring the theological implications of secular films. Bill and Bobbie enjoy reading, travel (especially the British Isles), and movies.

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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 23

- 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 Called Ministry Forum to Vote on Nolan Anthony (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 Divorce Recovery

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

- 5:00 Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Ministry Forum (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Frankfort Avenue Group
(Heritage Hall)
- 7:00 Choir Practice (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

- 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.



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 (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.

Congregational Vote for Nolan Anthony, Today after Worship

August

23

12:00 PM

Please take the time to meet Music Minister candidate, Nolan Anthony! You will have the opportunity to meet Nolan during the Sunday school hour in the Fellowship Hall. **He will lead us in worship service and we will have a congregational vote immediately after worship.** You can read more about Nolan on the Worship Leaders page of your bulletin folder. **Please stay seated during the Postlude as we prepare to vote for Nolan.**



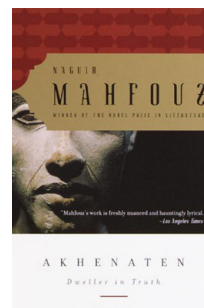
Reading Group

August

27

7:00 PM

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



80th Birthday Celebration for Louie Bailey Next Sunday

August

30

12:00 PM

You are invited to an 80th Birthday Celebration for Louie Bailey, retired CHBC Minister of Music/Organist, **next Sunday, August 30, from 12 PM-2 PM in Fellowship Hall!** Join us for food, fellowship, music, and memories. We welcome written recollections of specific events to include in a Book of Memories. **If you are unable to attend and would like to send a card, please mail it to 4704 Fox Den Court, Louisville, KY 40241.** No presents, please-just your presence and greetings! RSVPs to Evan Bailey at EvanB00@aol.com are appreciated but not required.



Expressions Art Exhibit Extended!

If you have not had the opportunity to see the Expressions Art Exhibit in the Library, you are in luck! The exhibit will remain on display through Labor Day. The Barnabas Class will resume meeting in their usual location. 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.



Save the Date:

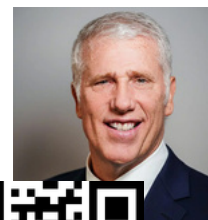
2026 William M. Johnson Lecture Series

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.



WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

Wednesday, August 26

Menu (5 PM): Chicken Divan, Broccoli and carrots,
Grape salad and Desserts.

Program (6 PM): Ministry Forum

Choir Practice (7 PM) in the Choir Room.

Please RSVP to the Church Office
(churchoffice@chbcky.org) by
Monday, August 24 @ 4PM.
Suggested Donation: \$10

A Message from Church Council Chair, Kelley Woggon CHBC Mission and Values Statement Update

One of the many exciting things happening during this transition year is the crafting of mission, vision, and values statements for our church. The first step was a potluck and information session we had back in June. The large amount of responses to questions that we gathered in that meeting have been tallied and now the hard work has begun. **A representative group of 9 has been gathered. Those people are: Rhonda Gilliland, Stacy Ruth, Valerie Horn, Glen Bellou, Matthew Evers, Blake Ragsdell, Olivia Stallins, Susan Howell and Kelley Woggon.**



Currently we are working on narrowing down a long list of values, that people at the potluck listed, to the few that we can name that truly reflect who we are and what energizes us as a congregation. In subsequent meetings, a mission and vision statement options will emerge that will be brought to the congregation for discussion and adoption. Please pray for this group as we discern these helpful ways of understanding who we are and what we are about, that will also assist our pastor search team in their work.

Feel free to reach out to any member of the team with questions.

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 Chad and Kirsten Buck upon the passing of Kirsten's grandfather, Ron Wienkowski.

We pray for Joyce Deboe; Danny Raymer; Kris Brady; 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, Ken Duckworth and his family; Jen Lyons step mother, Bonnie Lyons; Sydney Gardner's friend, Lauren Hibberd; Margaret McCollum's nephew; 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; 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.

