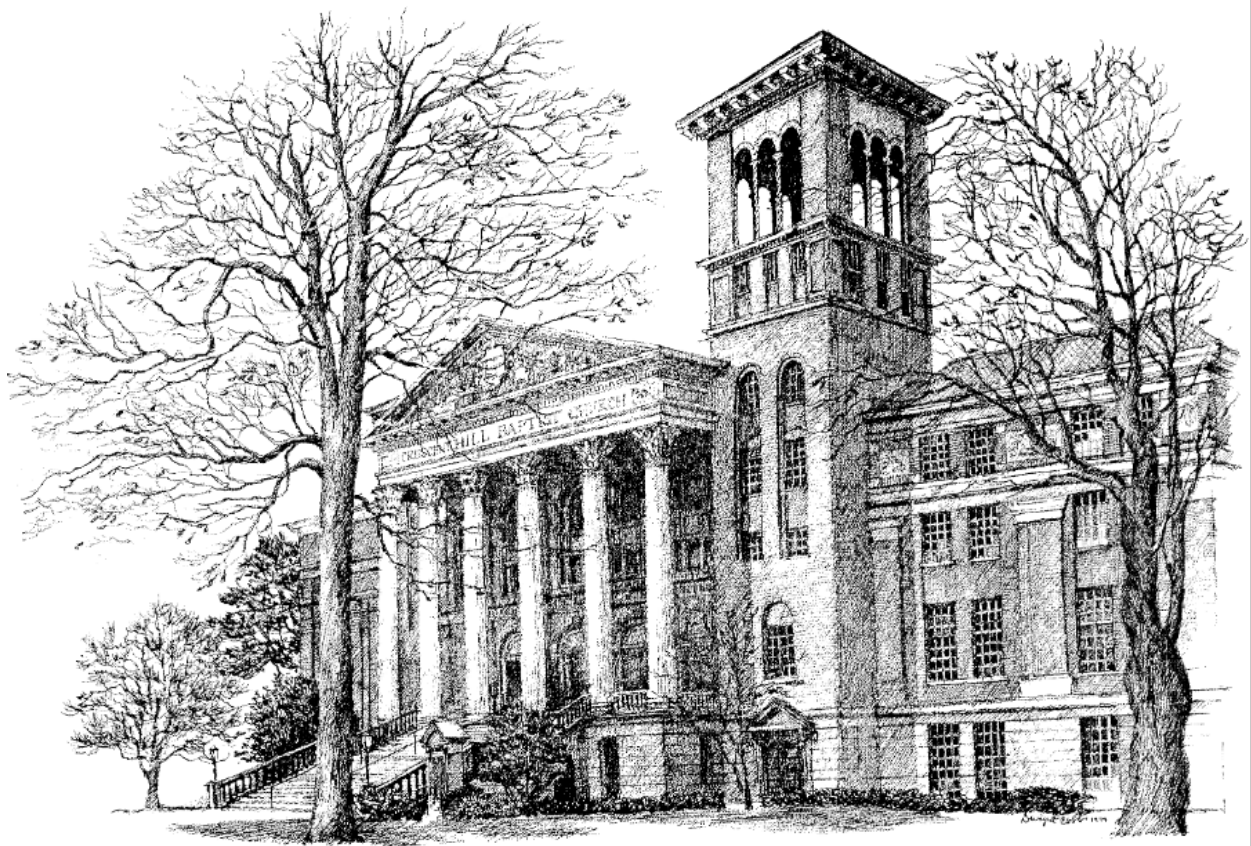




THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026



Crescent Hill
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Margaret Graves

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

St. Peter

C. S. Lang

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From generation to generation, God's goodness has been proclaimed.

People: We gather to give thanks and praise.

Leader: We have received a love greater than we can measure.

People: May that love shape how we live and how we treat one another.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God whose love calls forth love.

People: Let us worship God together

*HYMN OF PRAISE 580

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

PLEADING SAVIOR

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me."
Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."
Jesus calls us- by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call;
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

Cecil F. Alexander, 1852

LESSON FROM THE PSALTER: PEW BIBLE, 581

Psalm 145:1-8

Chris Conver

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall laud your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works I will meditate. The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness. They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

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

*HYMN OF REFLECTION 593

The Gift of Love

GIFT OF LOVE

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift of all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

Hal Hopson, 1972; para. of 1 Corinthians 13

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

LESSON FROM THE EPISTLES: PEW BIBLE, 162

Romans 13:8-14

Rev. Mark Wingfield

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

What's Love Got to Do with It?

Rev. Mark Wingfield

SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

David Graves

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 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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

George Matheson

Darrell Adams, guitar & vocal

music by music by Albert L. Peace

O love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee.
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thy ocean depths it's flow,
May richer fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee.
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine blaze its day,
May brighter fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain,
I can not close my heart to thee.
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to hide from thee.
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red,
Life that will endless be.

*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 634

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDA

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty –
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams, 1775

BENEDICTION

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

POSTLUDE

Italian Hymn

Albert Travis

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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.

Today's Worship Leaders

Darrell Adams has been a member of CHBC for 50 years. Since his college years, Darrell has sung his way across the U.S. His music can now be found on many music platforms. For the last 13 years, he has devoted his time to training indigenous people in the Ecuadorian Amazon basin about health, hygiene and how to provide safe water for their communities. He has one granddaughter living in Indianapolis with her parents, one of which is his daughter, Laura, who grew up at CHBC!

Chris Conver has been with CHBC since the 1970s. He served on committees, volunteered in the Youth Department, and was most recently a Trustee. Chris teaches the Harbor Sunday School class. Dr. Conver is retired from Campbellsville University's Louisville Education Center, where he was an administrator and professor. He and his wife, Niki, are proud grandparents to five grandchildren.

David Graves first joined Crescent Hill Baptist Church in 1956, and served as our Minister to Youth while in graduate school. During his career, he was the Executive Director of the Home of the Innocents, Brooklawn, and then interim director of numerous nonprofit human services agencies.

Margaret Graves and her husband, David have been longtime members of CHBC. She enjoys reading, connecting with new and old friends (especially around tables for meals and conversation), and also enjoys her time as a teacher in the Preschool Area on Sundays.

Mark Wingfield is the executive director and publisher of Baptist News Global. Prior to this role, Mark was a regular opinion columnist for both BNG and the Dallas Morning News while serving as the associate pastor of Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas. He earned a journalism degree from the University of New Mexico and completed core studies toward his master of divinity degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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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, SEPTEMBER 20

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 Team Meeting (Library)
- 5:00 Divorce Recovery

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 5:00 Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Dr. Lewis Brogdon Presents,
The Letter to Philemon
(Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Frankfort Avenue Group
(Heritage Hall)
- 7:00 Choir Practice (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)
- 5:45 Change of Heart (Heritage Hall)
- 7:00 Reading Group (Parlor)



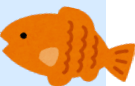
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

4:00 - 8:00



Fish Fry Benefitting UCHM

(Front Lawn of CHBC and St. Mark's)



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.

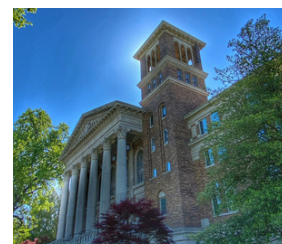
Text "GIVE" to 502.237.7312 and follow the prompts.

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.

Thank You

A special thank you to our Lecture Series team for all your hard work organizing another amazing Lecture series weekend! We had a truly great line up of panelists and a wonderful event overall. Thank you!



City-Wide Food Drive



No Zip Code left behind. No neighbor left hungry.

The Association of Community Ministries' pantries need food - especially shelf stable items like canned meats and proteins, hearty soups, rice and beans. You are invited to join us in a **City-wide Food Drive from September 14 - 30th to help keep our neighbors from going hungry.** In addition United Crescent Hill Ministries needs Pasta, Pasta Sauces, Seasonings & Oils. Items can be dropped off in the Church Office. If you are interested in helping, please specify that your items are for the ACM City-Wide Food Drive.

September
14-30



You are Invited to Dinner! RSVP by September 20



Six families will be hosting meals at their respective homes, and the guest list will be a surprise!

Participants will be assigned to a home for a surprise gathering, where everyone brings a dish to share (hosts provide the main course). The host will contact you with details, and all you have to do is show up and settle in for a good time. This is an opportunity to share your stories, laugh, eat, and grow closer to one another as an associate of this beloved community. This event is open to all, including nonmembers and friends!

Three dates are available: September 25th, 26th, and 27th. Please sign up, rank your preferences, and inform about any food or pet allergies by September 20th to Leslie Picken (lesliepick@yahoo.com or 734-904-0881).

Reading Group Book Share

The Crescent Hill Reading Group would like to invite all book lovers to join us **Thursday, September 24 at 7PM in the Parlor** as we kick off our new reading year! Come prepared to share your favorite book from the past year. We are not a religious study group; we read both novels and nonfiction. We welcome all interested people to our table. Come join us for lively conversation. Contact: Bobbie Thomason: bobbijt@icloud.com

September
24
7:00 PM



Fall Fish Fry Festival Benefiting UCHM

You are invited to the 2nd annual Fall Festival Fish Fry on **September 26 from 4 PM to 8 PM.** This event will take place on the front lawn of Crescent Hill Baptist Church and St. Mark's Episcopal and the proceeds will go towards benefiting United Crescent Hill Ministries. Enjoy music, games, and food options like kids' meals, hot dogs, and beverages.

September
26
4:00 PM



WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

Wednesday, September 23

Menu (5 PM): Pulled Pork, green beans, macaroni & Cheese, Dessert (Frankfort Avenue Beer Depot).

Program (6 PM): Dr. Brogdon presents, The Letter to Philemon.

Choir Practice (7 PM) in the Choir Room.

Please make or cancel your reservations to the [Church Office \(churchoffice@chbcky.org\)](mailto:churchoffice@chbcky.org) by Monday, September 21 @ 4PM.
Suggested Donation: \$10



Chapel Renovation Update

We listed the pews on Facebook Marketplace and Usedpews.org. We had an amazing response and ultimately a decision was made to offer the pews to a Christian group called Cross Driven Construction of Hendersonville, TN. They are creating a free wedding venue for people that cannot afford the high prices of weddings. Their team removed the pews last week. Ann Cottone supervised the removal and John Annett had an opportunity to talk with the leader, Brandon. They were also able to donate \$500 to the designated Chapel fund. Six pews were reserved for our use at CHBC.

Our next stage will be to finalize the choices for flooring and chairs and prepare to paint the trim and walls of the chapel. This is where we will need your help. Look for future updates and potential days and times.

October
15
Deadline

Help Create This Year's Advent Book

We invite everyone in the Crescent Hill family to help create this year's Advent book. Contributions may include personal stories or reflections about hope, peace, joy or love, and the meaning of Advent; Scripture-based prayers or meditations; poems or songs; and original artwork. **Please send your contribution to Blake or Victoria Ragsdell by October 15.** We hope the book will reflect the many voices, experiences & creative gifts within our congregation.



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 Eh Nay Thaw; HB Brady; David and Adrienne Eisenmenger; Donnie Murphy; Bonnie Lyons; Joyce Deboe; Danny Raymer; Kris Brady; Margaret McCollum; Jackie Shahrudi Williams; Joyce Stines; Bobbie Ann Cox; June Bailey; Jerry and Sharon Smith; Marjorie Ash; CJ Phipps; Betty Schnur; Judy Hodge; and Lolly Tucker. Also, Kat Goodman's mother, Barbara Womack; Rickey Bayman's sister, Shelia Gravit; Ken Duckworth and his family; 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.

