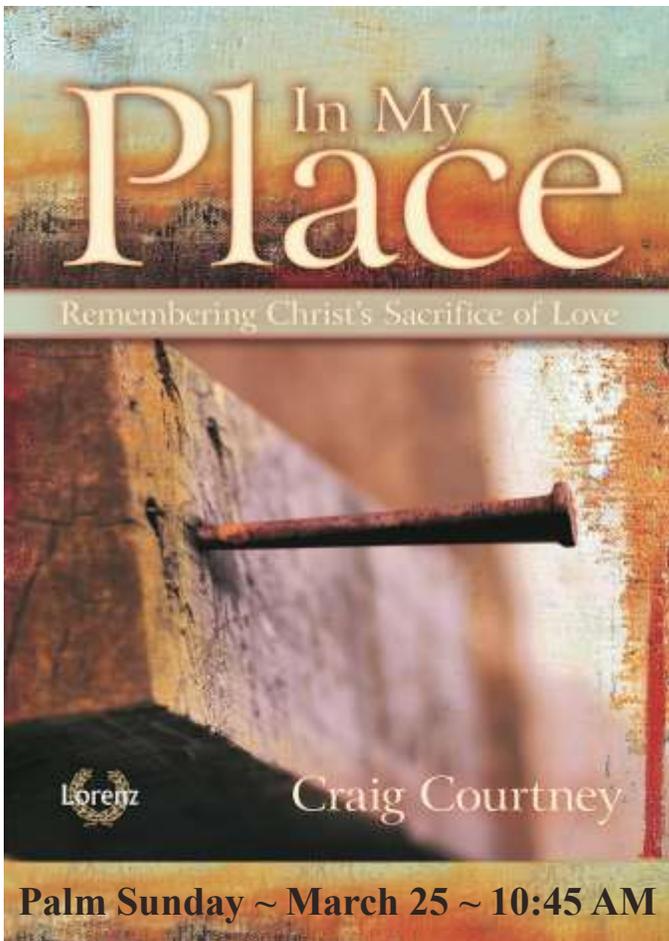


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Just Older Youth
Having Fun...Loving Life
Invite someone to join you!

Senior Adult Fellowship

Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, April 3 at 10:00 AM
Fireside Room

Rev. Micah Spicer, Senior Pastor



Easter is without a doubt the most important day in the Christian calendar. The argument for the assembly of churchgoers hinges entirely upon the events of the first Easter morning. On that morning Jesus rose from the dead. While this is a happy ending to the narrative of Jesus of Nazareth - a wrongly accused and convicted man who suffered and died at the hands of corrupt and greedy political and religious leaders - it is only the beginning of our story.

Humanity's fallen state is exposed as we see violence, oppression, and injustice all around us. Like so many people throughout history, many in our world still bear the image of Adam. The problem is that the attributes associated with his image lead to sin and death.

God made humanity in his image, but our self-centered

actions have distorted what was once incorruptible and immortal. Instead of giving up on His creation, God rescued His creation. This task involved the divine entrance of God into the human existence through the person of Jesus of Nazareth. Unlike Adam, and all others in human history, Jesus perfectly embodies the image of God. Through love, compassion, mercy, and humility Jesus personifies the original intent of the human creation. Moreover, on that Easter morning, we see that Jesus has prevailed and proven Himself victorious over the forces of evil. Not only does Jesus win on Easter, but humanity wins on Easter. Our broken lives are made whole. Our wounds are healed. Our addictions no longer enslave us. Instead, those of us who follow Jesus are transformed into the true Image of

God displayed in Christ. This means that we now live by the Fruit of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control.

Now that we have been liberated through resurrection we have but one question to ask, "What are we going to do now?"



Jan Lampkin, Minister to Children

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." *Proverbs 2:6*

Support A Child emphasis for 2018 is coming to an end. So far, approximately \$2,700 has been donated. We are well on our way to our \$5,000 goal. Thank you congregation and friends for your continued support of our children and youth. I hope the testimonies of the children and youth have enlightened you as to how our programs have made differences in the lives of our children, youth, and their families.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is Wednesday, March 28. Thanks to your generosity, we have 3,000 eggs to hide for the children to hunt. I know that sounds like a lot of eggs, but we have so many children that participate, it takes a lot. Again, thank you for always being willing to help us!

Our regular Wednesday evening activities will end when school is over in May. We have summer activities and Vacation Bible School planned and the children always look forward to these special times together. Your contributions allow us to have special activities and VBS!

Our deepest sympathy to Mr. Pendly's family on his recent death. Mr. Pendley was a friend to all of us

but especially to the children. Mr. Pendley was the principal of my grade school, as well as my Sunday School superintendent, for my years in Thruston Elementary School. I came to realize at a very early age that Mr. Pendley and my father were in contact with one another more often than I knew. He was a great man of God, loved his family and his church, and loved the TBC children! He will be missed by all of us!

Please continue to pray for our children and youth and the volunteers that work with them.



Court Lewis *Interim Youth Minister*



Do you like endings, a good cliffhanger, or a story that goes on and on, with no clear ending? I've found that many who don't like endings are afraid of what endings imply: jobs end, love ends, our life comes to an end. When we cherish an object, person, or event we want it to last forever, but once we center our happiness on something earthly lasting forever, we set ourselves up for failure and disappointment. Socrates argues that the truly enlightened person will focus on what is important (eternal Truth) and ignore the earthly desire to hold on to what is temporary. This is easier said than done, unless we're willing to become monks. Thankfully, we

don't have to be monks to embrace endings.

To a certain extent, Jesus offers the same message as Socrates, replacing eternal Truth with God. However, instead of suggesting we all become monks, he goes one step further to argue for an engaged life that embraces the pain and joy of endings. Such a complex ethic is exemplified in the cross, where we mourn over the "end" of Jesus' work on Earth, while at the same time celebrating the "beginning" of our new lives in Christ. So, in a way, Jesus provides the means for a tragic ending, a mysterious cliffhanger, and a joyous eternal story of how God's loving and peaceful spirit works in the world.

As I think about how this idea applies to the Youth, I am amazed how we on Wednesday nights get to witness endings, beginnings, and the continual growth of Jesus'

spirit in the lives of the children and Youth. For those who have helped support this ministry with the Support A Child Campaign, thank you for such an opportunity. For those who have never experienced a Wednesday night, or helped teach a Sunday School class with the Children or Youth, you are missing out. I know we joke about how wild and tiring it can be, but that is not us complaining; that is us celebrating what an opportunity it is to experience Christ first-hand.

Curtis Hannah

Director of Creative Ministries

Hello to the Third Baptist family! After moving to Owensboro in the fall of 2015, I started attending TBC in the fall of 2016. It's quite an interesting story of how I got to Third. Rev. Mary Runyon of Knoxville, TN, a life long friend of mine, preached a sermon in Morocco with Rev. Karen Thomas Smith. Mary encouraged me to visit Third because of her connection to Karen. Once I attended Third I fell in love: in love with the people, in love with the kids, in love with the service, in love with Third and I haven't looked back.

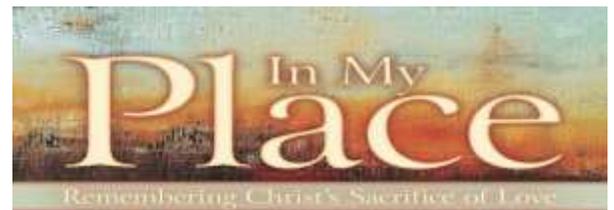
After my first worship service I joined the Pairs and Spares Sunday School class. Charlotte asked for volunteers to answer phones and I've worked the desk Tuesday mornings for the past year. I starting serving on the Public Relations Committee and saw the need for a new website. At that same time I had need for more office space. It was presented to the Leadership Ministry Team and then to the church during a business meeting in the fall of 2017 to join the staff of TBC. I am excited to be your Director of Creative Ministries with may main focus on creating a new and interactive website.

I would love to hear your thoughts and suggestions for the website. Drop me an email at curtisjhannah@gmail.com or stop me anytime you see me. I usually sit in the balcony, work the sound booth, or you can find me in the atrium on Wednesday nights. I can't wait to meet you!



David Roberson

Minister of Music



"King of my life, I crown Thee now, Thine shall the glory be; lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow, lead me to Calvary."

These words, written by Jennie Hussey, come at the beginning of the cantata "In My Place" which the Sanctuary Choir will present Sunday morning during our morning worship hour. Micah has done a wonderful job during this Lenten season focusing our attention on the cross and "In My Place" will continue that emphasis as the choir sings of our Lord's great sacrifice and as "eyewitnesses" to the event share their thoughts.

I hope the music and drama will help you focus your attention on Holy Week and the sacrifice that comes before the victory of Easter. See you Sunday!

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

PALM SUNDAY

9:00 AM Atrium Social
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Morning Worship
'In My Place' Cantata
Lord's Supper

MONDAY, MARCH 26

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal
5:30 PM Yoga - Aerobics Room
5:30 PM Basketball Practice

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

5:00 PM Kids/Youth Meal
5:30 PM Easter Egg Hunt
6:00 PM Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

5:00 PM Community Meal
5:30 PM Yoga - Aerobics Room
5:30 PM Basketball Practice

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 AM Atrium Social
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Morning Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 2

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

10:00 AM Senior Adult Fellowship
5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal
5:30 PM Yoga - Aerobics Room
5:30 PM Basketball Practice

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
5:00 PM Kids/Youth Meal, Gym
5:30 PM Missions & Music
6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

5:00 PM Community Meal
5:30 PM Yoga - Aerobics Room
5:30 PM Basketball Practice

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

12:00 PM Boy Scout Walk, FSR

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

9:00 AM Atrium Social
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Morning Worship
12:00 PM Stewardship Finance

SYMPATHY

The Church expresses its deepest love and sympathy to David Pendley and his family in the loss of his father, *Aubrey Pendley*.

PRESCHOOL PRAISE

March 25
Jan Lampkin

April 1
Jan Lampkin

ATRIUM SOCIAL

March 25:
Another Look

April 1:
New Millennium Class

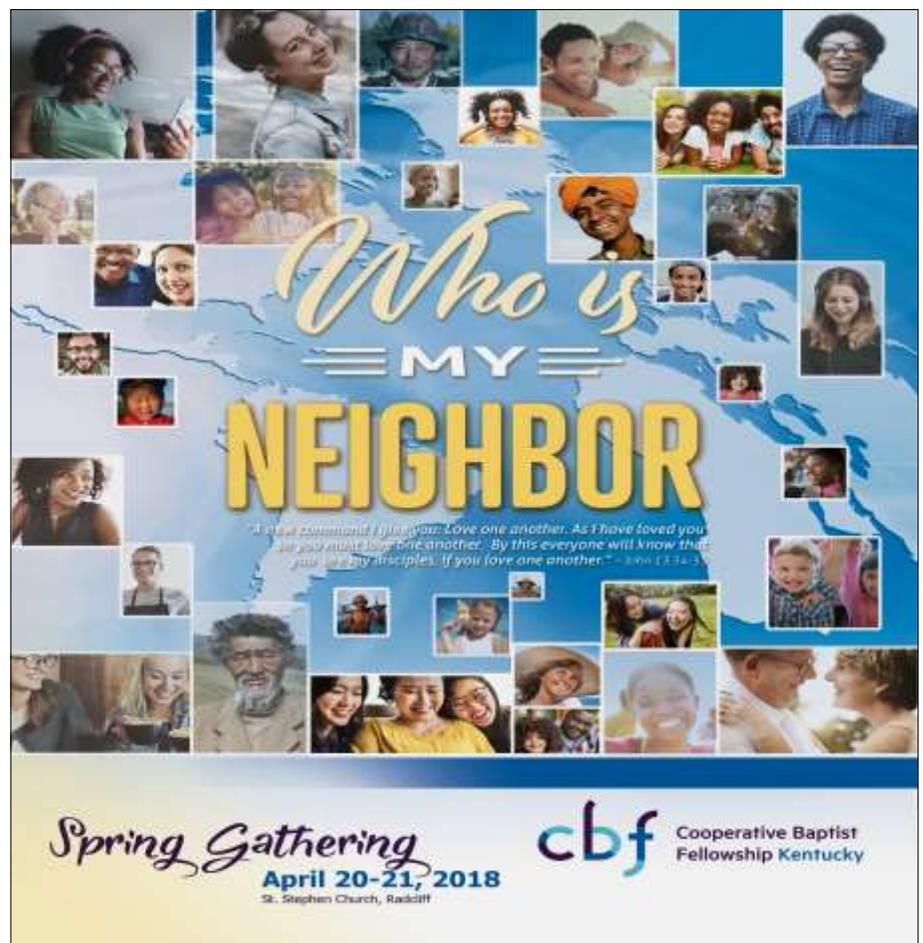
DEACON INFORMATION

March 25
Laura Bronn, Gary Kirtley

Hope and Harvest Team
Vickie Wells, Laura Bronn

April 1
Lee Kincaid, Judy Dixon

Hope and Harvest Team
Gary Kirtley



We will meet, pray, discuss, learn, plan and act for the work of the Kingdom of God. We will hear the Word from featured CBF Kentucky preachers Dr. Kevin W. Cosby, Senior Pastor of St. Stephen Baptist and President of Simmons College of Kentucky, and Rev. Erica Whitaker, Senior Pastor of Buechel Park Baptist, Louisville. We'll catch up on exciting news from Baptist Seminary of Kentucky. And we'll break out in sessions to learn and plan to serve the Lord among the least of these.

Registration is FREE, but we have to be ready for you. Please email us at office@cbfky.org or call Peggy Foskett at (502)426-1931, to register!