

He is not here;
he has

Risen!

Luke 24:6

Easter Sunday, April 5

Join with us in Worship

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Palm Sunday Worship Service
"The Final Hours"
Sanctuary Choir Cantata

Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday, April 1

5:00 PM

We have over 3000 eggs to fill this year and we need individually wrapped candy and/or small toys to fill the eggs. Please bring your items to the atrium or give them to Jan.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1
6:00 PM IN THE SANCTUARY

TENEBRAE SERVICE

A SPECIAL TIME OF MUSIC AND PRAYER

You are invited to join us for a tremendous worship experience
Sunday, March 29 at 4:00 PM
Settle Memorial

United Methodist Church

The concert will feature the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra and choir members from six churches, including members of our own Sanctuary Choir!

This is an article I wrote for the KBF. I would like to share it with you.

We pray that you may bear fruit in active goodness of every kind, and grow in the knowledge of God. May he strengthen you, in his glorious might, with simple power to meet whatever comes with fortitude, patience, and joy. Colossians 1:10-11 NEB

There are many reasons why we should pray in our closets and in worship with fellow Christians. We pray to get closer to God, to praise God and to offer thanks for the grace given to us. When we pray in worship others hear our prayers and share in God's presence. Prayer offers us a time to listen for a word from God and to move deeper into our journey of discipleship.

Intercessory prayer is a most complicated and mysterious form of prayer. There is no doubt that the New Testament calls for Christ's followers to pray for others. Jesus, Stephen, Paul and others interceded on behalf of others. The best reason to offer prayers of intercession is because we are instructed to do so. Jesus, on the night before he died offered prayers for himself, his disciples and believers (John 17). It is important to do this in our personal prayer life and when we gather for worship.

Who we pray for reveals a great deal about us. Most congregations pray for other members to get well, have safe travel, or find a job. We often pray for our government leaders to have wisdom to discern what is best for the citizens of our country. Intercessory prayer can

serve as a witness to others about what we believe is important to God.

When the worship leader is offering a prayer on behalf of the congregation there is often a time of silent reflection. This is when we are given opportunity to pray for our enemies. It is very difficult to pray for someone that has wronged you or your family. It is something we do not often do. However, when we do pray for our enemies we find that it is difficult to maintain a grudge against a person that we are praying for. When we honestly seek the goodness of God for a person that has wronged us we become closer to God and closer to forgiving the person that has wronged us. Whatever the effect of intercessory prayer on the person being prayed for it becomes an act of reconciliation for the one offering the prayer.

We intercede for others because we are instructed to do so. We know that one of the benefits from interceding for others is that it deepens our relationship with God and the person we are praying for. However, the hardest question about intercessory prayer is: Does God do anything simply because we pray?

Most Christians believe that what we say to God does matter. Fisher Humphreys wrote a wonderful book entitled "**The Heart of Prayer**" that is a valuable resource on prayer. He shared a quote by Leonard Hodgson: "**If we cannot be content to think of prayer as wholly concerned with the self-disciplining of our own minds, or**

as an attempt to cajole God into doing something other than what He intends, or as a futile request to Him to do what He is going to do anyway, there remains only one possible alternative. Our thought about prayer must rest on the foundation of belief that God voluntarily waits upon our asking."

Is it reasonable to think that God has a grand purpose that will not change and still believe that it matters to God what we think and say? Paul prayed for the Christians in Colosse to bear fruit in the kingdom and for them to grow in strength and knowledge of God. It was important to Paul that he offer the prayer but did the Colossian Christians benefit from Paul's prayer? Did God do anything more than what he was going to do anyway?

It is indeed a leap of faith to believe that what we say matters to our Creator. However, the entire Christian experience is based on a leap of faith that we call Incarnation. There is a holy mystery at work in our midst. We place our trust in a God we cannot prove exists, reconciling the world to Himself through His Son Jesus. It is indeed a leap but one the Christian community is willing to make. Intercessory prayer is indeed a mystery. We pray for people to get better and they die, we pray for people to get better and they do. We believe that is important for the Christian community to take the leap of faith in worship thereby becoming a witness of obedience and trust to a loving and gracious God.



April 24-25, 2015

SPRING GATHERING

KENTUCKY BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, KY

Special Guest: Steven Porter, CBF Global Missions Coordinator

Special Hotel Rates at the Hampton Inn. Be sure to mention KBF Spring Gathering!
To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-kgb-spring-gathering-registration-15202832080>

WHY SHOULD I COME?

- Network with friends and colleagues
- Baptist Seminary of Kentucky Annual Banquet
- Worship on Friday and Saturday
- Breakouts for pastors, associates, and laity on Saturday
- REGISTRATION IS FREE!

David Roberson
Minister of Music

Sunday is Palm Sunday and as has been our tradition for the last few years the first half of the service will be on the Palm Sunday theme and the second half on the Passion of Christ. We don't have Holy Week services where we would contemplate on the Passion of Christ so we decided a few years ago to try this approach on Palm Sunday. This year the Sanctuary Choir will be presenting a short cantata, "The Final Hours," during the Passion section of the service. With song and narration we follow the last six hours of Christ and reflect upon the time He was on the cross. The cantata is accompanied by piano, flute and cello.

I hope "The Final Hours" will allow you to reflect upon the sacrifices Jesus made for us through His matchless love and grace.

Jan Lampkin
Children's Minister

Congratulations to Johanna Pina on her baptism this past Sunday. Alex Wilhite and Kaelon Stewart will be baptized in April. Please remember to keep these children and their families in your prayers. We have a huge responsibility as we work with these children. Please pray for us as leaders and teachers that we will guide them as Jesus would have us do.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is Wednesday, April 1. We will begin with supper at 5:00 p.m. and follow with the egg hunt. Thanks for all of the candy that you have given. It takes a lot of candy to prepare 3000 eggs. We anticipate 125 children to participate. The children will be singing Easter Sunday. You will be blessed as they present their special music.

March will end our special emphasis for Support A Child. Many of you have given so graciously to help us continue the TBC Children's Ministry. Thanks to all that have given this month and throughout the year. Without your financial support and your continued prayers the TBC Children's Ministry would not be successful. Your help provides a meal for each child on Wednesday night;



DID YOU KNOW?

OUR PAULA SETTLE WOMEN ON MISSION GROUP

meets on the third Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be on April 21st.

All the ladies are invited to attend!

...of the FREE facilities that are available here?

Check out the weekly calendar for aerobic class times, walk on the indoor and carpeted track (12 laps is one mile), build muscles and tone your body using the weight room.

**Daytime Fun
Home at Night**

Ready to get out and have some fun? The Seniors (55 and older) have made arrangements with CaJen Travel (Carl and Jenny Sparks) to organize a few day trips for everyone 55 and older!

- * **June 17:** "Social Security" This Broadway hit show tells the chaotic story of a New York couple whose domestic tranquility is shattered when the wife's goody-two shoes sister, her uptight CPA husband, and her crazy mother all converge on their apartment. Join us for this hilarious comedy.
- * **August 5:** "Grand Parents Day" Soar with Peter Pan and his friends as they encounter pirates and the magic of Never-Never Land. This timeless action musical will thrill both young and old alike.
- * **October 10:** "Spirit of Jasper" Train Excursion to French Lick. Take a 2-hour train ride through Southern Indiana to French Lick. Take a tour of the beautiful West Baden Springs Hotel, go shopping and explore the area before re-boarding the train for the ride back.

These day-trips are open to all so invite your friends, other church members and members of other churches! The more the merrier!

Call Dave Show at 270-926-1422 for more information!

provide Bibles for children that do not have one of their own; supports ongoing summer activities; and makes VBS a very special time for 130 children among other physical and spiritual needs for our children. We plan to continue Wednesday night activities through May 27.

Our summer schedule is a working progress. VBS is scheduled for July and Misty and myself, along with other volunteers, have been working diligently getting ready for it. We spent a lot of the cold snowy days planning, designing, cutting, pasting and painting to make good use of not so good weather. We are excited about VBS and can't wait to reveal to all of you exactly what our theme will be.

We need your prayers, we need your financial support, we need cookies, we need candy, we need your used clothing, shoes, and furniture. We need your time, guidance and love. There is something for everyone to offer to the TBC Children's Ministry. What will you give?

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

Proverbs 22:6

Atrium Social

March 29:

Co-Ed, Pairs & Spares,
Disciples Classes

April 5:

Women of Faith Class



SUNDAY, MARCH 29

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

MONDAY, MARCH 30

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
1:00 PM Stretch Aerobics
7:00 PM OCTC Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

5:00 PM FCC - Centennial Room
5:00 PM KYC Rehearsals
6:30 PM Recovery Group

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
9:00 AM Knitting Group, Nursery
5:30 PM Children & Youth Program
Easter Egg Hunt
6:00 PM Tenebrae Service
Sanctuary
6:00 PM Handbell Choir
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2

5:00 PM Community Meal

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

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

MONDAY, APRIL 6

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
1:00 PM Stretch Aerobics
7:00 PM OCTC Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

10:00 AM Senior Adult Fellowship
5:00 PM KYC Rehearsals
6:30 PM Recovery Group

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
9:00 AM Knitting Group, Nursery
5:30 PM Stewardship/Finance Mtg.
5:30 PM Children & Youth Activities
6:00 PM Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Handbell Choir
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

5:00 PM Community Meal

DEACON INFORMATION

March 29

Harold Wilson, Mike Morrow
Hope and Harvest Team
Wayne Lovell, Judy Dixon

April 5

Becky Baker, Stan Napper
Hope and Harvest Team
Harold Wilson, Cissy Bishop

SUNDAY VAN DRIVERS

March 29 Tom Dixon
April 5 Tom Dixon

PRESCHOOL PRAISE

March 29 Cissy Bishop and
Jennifer Spence
April 5 Janice Raby and
Jean Snyder

**SUNDAY NURSERY
WORKERS**

March 29 Judy Dixon
April 5 Charlotte Benningfield

WEDNESDAY VAN DRIVER

April 1 Don Brown
April 8 No Activities

You will not find a more rewarding place to spread your wings than right here at TBC! What are your gifts? What interests you? What has God laid upon your heart? Whatever it is - we have a place for you!

“What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds?” *James 2:14*

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SPRING CLEANING

MEMORIALS

These contributions were made to the church in January and inadvertently left out of the February 18 edition of The Courier.

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