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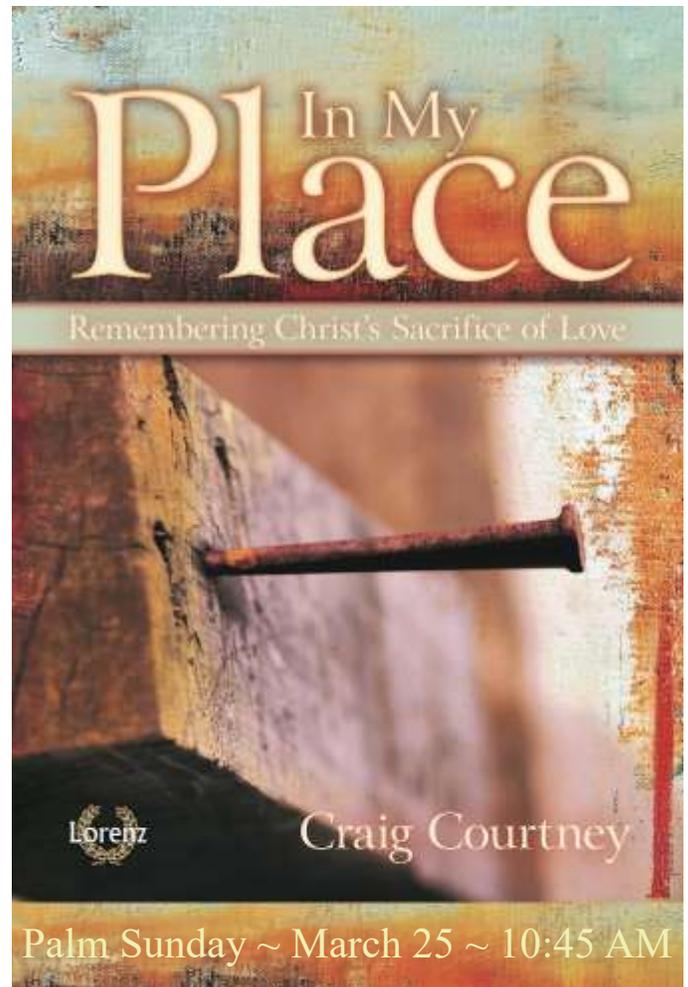
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Support A Child' Emphasis

“Support a Child” gives us many opportunities to nourish the children of TBC both physically and spiritually. Your contribution helps promote spiritual growth, provide a meal on Wednesday nights, transportation to and from church, supply Bibles, helps fund VBS, purchase supplies and choir materials, and funds special events during the summer for both our children and youth programs.

Will you help us reach our goal of \$5,000?



Palm Sunday ~ March 25 ~ 10:45 AM

Rev. Micah Spicer, *Senior Pastor*

It is official. I have survived my first winter in Owensboro. It was everything I expected, and more. There were bitter cold nights, piles of ice and snow, historic flooding, and even a near eighty degree day in February. It is no surprise that half of the folks in our congregation have been sick! Looking on the bright side, this recent sunshine has lifted my spirits; I hope it has done the same for you. The month of March has quickly arrived. As the chirping birds and playful fawns anticipate the springtime season and all it offers, we Christians anticipate the season of Easter. The resurrection of Jesus is a narrative of hope and optimism. His resurrection serves as a cosmic climactic reminder that God's redeeming plan has been accomplished through the

faithful obedience of Jesus the Messiah.

The hope and optimism of Easter is on display all around us. Woeful stories of doom and gloom often grab our attention, but God's world is a beautiful place filled with goodness. I notice that beauty when I am with my wife. I sense the spirit of Easter when I see your smiling faces on Sunday morning. I comprehend the meaning of resurrection when I receive a hug from a child at church. The spirit of resurrection surrounds us. Allow the hope of Easter to permeate your heart. Notice Easter in the people you encounter. Moreover, may we be people of resurrection and allow Easter to transform our lives for the glory of God.

Lenten Ecumenical Services

6:30 Service Time

Host Church

March 14	Trinity United Methodist Church
March 21	First Christian Church



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*

March is Support a child emphasis! We started the month with a testimony from Alliyah Crawford. Alliyah has been a member of TBC since 2015. She started coming to Third Baptist five years ago. She and her siblings have been faithful attendees to our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening program. The Crawford family has moved a few times in the past few years, but they have never failed to keep their church routine as a priority. We are blessed with so many children that anticipate Sundays and Wednesday so they can come to learn, worship, and fellowship with their friends. Support A Child is so important as it provides funding to continue the program year after year. We feed at least

100+ children on Wednesday evenings and transport them to and from church. Support A Child provides materials for Vacation Bible School, literature for Sunday School and Wednesday nights, Bibles, and funding for activities during the summer and throughout the year. We have been so blessed because of the support of the Third Baptist Church congregation year after year. You make this program possible.

Spring is a few weeks away and the children are looking forward to the annual Easter egg hunt. The egg hunt is Wednesday, March 28. We plan to stuff 3000 Easter eggs. To date, we have about 1500 stuffed and ready to hunt. We have eggs to be filled but we still

need candy. You can leave your candy at the atrium desk, in my office or in the nursery area. Again, thank you in advance you're your support!

We have had a couple of families move out of the Owensboro area. We will miss them and pray that they will find a church home and continue to make church a priority. Pray for these families as they seek promise for a new and different environment!

As always, I ask that you continue to pray for our children and their families. Every week there is a specific need that comes to us in request for prayer. Thank you for loving the TBC children and the ministry volunteers.

Court Lewis *Interim Youth Minister*



The world is in a constant state of change, and even though most of us are C.A.V.E.R.s (people who Complain About Virtually Everything), change is usually good. To stay the same is easy. I keep thinking it would be nice to lose weight and lower my cholesterol, but year after year nothing happens, because I refuse to make the necessary changes in my life. Exercising weekly requires work and dedication, and who has the time for such things? To achieve our goals and to grow we must change. As Bob Dylan sang, “He not busy being born, is busy dying,” and to borrow another phrase, “I refuse to die in my footsteps.” So, to update you

Joe Bob Pierce

Formations

As most everyone knows, I left town in a rush to visit my son and daughter-in-law last Friday. They had just given birth to my first grandchild about 1:30 that morning. Claire Elizabeth arrived quickly, and from what I’ve been told, did not make much of a fuss about being born. And, of course, being my granddaughter, she is perfectly beautiful! David Roberson has been telling me there’s nothing like it, and I’m here to tell you: There’s Nothing Like It! Holding any newborn is a special experience, but holding a grandchild is extra special.

It’s also wonderful to see two young people joyfully take on the brand new task of parenting, with all of its diaper-changing, feeding, cooing, cuddling, and tenderness. It was a joy to be around when Claire came home and everyone started adjusting to their new life. I know you will understand when I say this: I didn’t want to come back to Kentucky. But I did, so you’re stuck with me and all the baby pictures on my phone and my endless baby stories. But hey, I’m a grandparent now, so I get a pass! (I hope!) Thanks to you all for the many good wishes and kind words.

on some changes in the youth, with Jan’s insight and lots of strong backs (Jim, Ron, Gary, John, Micah - hope I didn’t forget anyone!), we now have some fancy new furniture in the Youth Suite. The game room is coming together, though our TV is kaput. We’re also in the early stages of creating an art room, where students can work on projects that utilize their busy hands. The Youth are hungry to learn and do new things, and I’m doing my best to abide.

I want to thank everyone who has helped the Youth over the past ten months. I feel like we’re making great strides. We’ve had several youth step into leadership roles, and they just complete their first mission project, which raised over 300 items for Crossroads Inc. We couldn’t do it without your help. We still have a few spots available for anyone who would

like to spend a few minutes on a Wednesday night sharing your wisdom and/or how God influenced your career. Come see what we’ve done and what we’re doing. Thank you for your support in making these changes, and don’t be afraid to come a part of the CHANGE!

**how are you
SERVING?**



David Roberson

Minister of Music

Sunday morning March 25, the Sanctuary Choir will present “In My Place” a cantata for Holy Week. With music about the cross and monologues from various “eyewitnesses” of the event, we will experience the passion of Christ. The composer wrote the following in the front of the music book:

The purpose of “In My Place” is to take us right up to the cross and experience the crucifixion as if we ourselves had grabbed a hammer and driven one of the nails into His very body. Christ bore all the sins of humankind, including yours and mine. This reality transcends time and place. And so, it is my prayer that, through this music and inspiring narrative, we can look into the dying Savior’s eyes and be changed into His likeness.

The Sanctuary Choir did “In My Place” in 2014 and we are excited to bring this music and worship experience back this year. I hope it will help to make your Holy Week meaningful.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 2:00 PM Game/Gym Reserved
 5:00 PM Deacons Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 12

11:30 AM DCPS Teachers, FSR
 7:00 PM OCTC Rehearsal

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

5:00 PM Kids/Youth Meal
 5:30 PM Missions & Music
 5:30 PM Meal at Trinity UMC
 6:30 PM Lenten Service at
 Trinity UMC
 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

5:00 PM Community Meal

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

1:00 PM Game/Gym Reserved
 1:00 PM Centennial Rm Reserved

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 12:00 PM Stewardship Finance
 6:00 PM Business Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 19

9:30 AM Peer Learning Group
 7:00 PM OCTC Rehearsal

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

10:00 AM Paula Settle WOM
 5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
 5:00 PM Kids/Youth Meal, Gym
 5:30 PM Missions & Music
 5:30 PM Lenten Meal at
 First Christian Church
 6:30 PM Lenten Service at
 First Christian Church
 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

5:00 PM Community Meal

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

MEMORIALS

Contributions have been received:

in memory of Ken Russell

by Mrs. Nancy Gordon, The Deacon Council

in memory of Dorothy Tucker

by Mrs. Nancy Gordon

PRESCHOOL PRAISE**March 11**

Cissy Bishop, Jennifer Spence

March 18

Patty Ray, Jean Snyder

ATRIUM SOCIAL**March 11:**

Pairs and Spares

March 18:

Women of Faith

DEACON INFORMATION**March 11**

Carolyn Estes, Elaine Williams

Hope and Harvest Team

Pat Settle, Hawes Mercer

March 18

Charlie Evans, Ron Williams

Hope and Harvest Team

Debby Smith, Cissy Bishop

**OUR RECORDS**

	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
S.S. / Worship	112 / 149	127 / 138	129 / 190	122 / 162
Total Offering	\$8,227	\$8,732	\$10,344	\$20,785
Capital Fund	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$29
Memorials	\$50	\$125	\$30	\$50
Other Funds	\$492	\$210	\$231	\$694
General Fund	\$7,585	\$8,397	\$10,083	\$20,012
Weekly Needs	\$7,715	\$7,715	\$7,715	\$7,715