

Life Together

Crescent Hill Baptist Church

MARCH 2013



March Worship Schedule

March 3 — 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 & Luke 13:1-9 — Trials and Trees — Jason Crosby Preaching

March 10 — Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 — Bitterness and Dirt — A Joint Sermon Delivered by Andrea Woolley and Jason Crosby

March 17 — John 12:1-8 — Betrayal and Burial — Jason Crosby Preaching

HOLY WEEK

March 24 — Palm Sunday — Luke 19:28-40 — Colts and Cloaks — Jason Crosby Preaching

March 27 — No Wednesday Activities

March 28 — Maundy Thursday — Dinner beginning at 5:30 PM; Service at 6:30 PM

March 29 — Good Friday Taizé Service — 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31 — Luke 24:1-12 — From Agony to Alleluia

Believe it or not, it's time to **SPRING FORWARD!** Daylight Saving Time begins **Sunday, March 10**. Be sure to set your clock **FORWARD** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.



EXPLORING "HEART CRIES; HARD WORDS" IN LENT

Beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 13, we Christians of the western calendar enter the challenges presented by the season of Lent. Our community of pilgrimage here at Crescent Hill Baptist Church will center our journey with the words "Heart Cries; Hard Words."

Congregants will note a certain starkness in décor as we prepare the sanctuary for the transforming reflection of the season. The first Sunday in Lent brought down the bells, bright ribbons and banner days, all to be stored away for the season as our way of letting the Alleluia fall silent for a fallow

period. The first candle of the Lenten wreath was snuffed. Each subsequent Sunday will increase the darkness, and the altar table will be marked with a symbol of the hard times and hard words on the way to Gethsemane on Maundy Thursday, March 28, and Golgotha on Good Friday, March 29.

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MARCH WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

March 6 - Bill Thomason will present the last in a three-part presentation on the book of Job — *The speeches of Elihu and God: Does God address Job's problem?*

(chapters 32-42

March 13 – Dr. Glen Stassen, Lewis B. Smedes Professor of

Christian Ethics at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, CA will be speaking at CHBC at 6:00 PM. Glen, Dot and children Michael, Bill and David were members of Crescent Hill while he taught at Southern Seminary from 1976-1996. He will be speaking Thursday

evening, March 14, at 7:00 PM at Bellarmine University. Dr. Stassen was recently named Baptist of the Year by EthicsDaily.com. He has recently released a book entitled *A Thicker Jesus*. He plans to share with us some of the insights he offers in that newly released book.

March 20 – Ministry Forum

March 27 – No Wednesday Evening Activities

April 3 – No Wednesday Evening Activities due to JCPS Spring Break

LIVE WIRES— CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

Tuesday, March 19, we will be going to the Kentucky Center for the Arts to see *The Kentucky Show*. We will have lunch afterwards at the Bristol across the street from the center. Cost for *The Kentucky Show* will be \$5.00. The bus will take us from church and bring us back after lunch. Hope to see you on March 19. Please let us know as soon as possible that you plan to go.

CHURCH HISTORY CLASS TAUGHT BY GLENN HINSON

Dr. Glenn Hinson will be teaching an overview of church history which was originally scheduled for last fall. Beginning Wednesday, March 6, at 10:30 AM-12:00 noon in the Church Parlor, Dr. Hinson will lead 10 sessions concluding May 8. The class is open to all and you are encouraged to consider this great opportunity to study with a master church historian and teacher. You may register for the class by calling the church office.

Date	Subject	
March 6:	Growing up in a Hostile Roman Empire, 70-312	April 17: The Reformation of the 16 th Century
March 13:	Linked up with the Empire, 312-1453	April 24: Major Happenings—Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox—1600 to 1958
March 20:	“Dark Ages” and Winning the Germanic Invaders, 400-800	May 1: Religion in America—1600 to Now
March 27:	Church and State in the Middle Ages, 600-1300	May 8: A New Epoch in Church History from Pope John XXIII (1958-63) and beyond
April 3:	The Evolution of the Monastic Ideal in the Middle Ages	
April 10:	The Renaissance, 1300-1600	

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

2012 ENDED ON A HIGH NOTE

Thanks to your generosity, Crescent Hill Baptist Church finished 2012 in excellent financial shape. In 2012, we projected a total income of \$602,093. We received \$660,229. In addition to higher than expected revenue, due in large part to wise spending by our Ministry Teams, our expenses were well

below what was budgeted for 2012. Our total expenses were \$603,027 in 2012.

While we are delighted to share this good news with the congregation, we also want to encourage continued faithful giving. Because we ended 2012 with a budget surplus, we are now in a position to dream bigger about the ways in which we can

use our resources to share God's love with one another and our community. For instance, because we ended 2012 with a surplus, we may be able to use a portion of those funds to pay for some renovations in our entry areas in our building and support other new ministries. Thank you for your generous giving. Thank

you to those who have been wise stewards of the gifts given to God through Crescent Hill Baptist Church. May we continue to give faithfully so that we can dream bigger and do more for the sake of sharing God's love.

GIFT RECEIVED FROM ESTATE OF ADA LEE KANE

The church has received a generous gift from the estate of Ada Lee Kane. Ms. Kane requested that those funds be put into the church's Capital Needs Improvement Endowment. Thanks to Ms. Kane's thoughtfulness and generosity before her death, she will continue to support the work and ministry of our family of faith for years and years to come. Crescent Hill Baptist Church has several

endowments to which you may contribute. The Capital Needs Improvement Endowment is currently valued at \$1,363,370. Funds in this endowment over the principal, which currently sits at \$1,255,425, can only be used for projects related to our building or other capital needs. Recently, the church established a Ministry and Missions Endowment. This endowment currently

contains \$12,803. In an effort to grow this endowment, current church policy states that 85% of any undesignated bequests made to the church will be allocated to the Ministry and Missions Endowment. The remaining 15% of the bequest will go into the church's general operating fund. This Endowment can be used to support any ministry project conducted by the church.

REVISED FINANCIAL POLICIES TO BE VOTED UPON AT MINISTRY FORUM

Over the course of the past year, the Finance Team has worked hard to update our church's financial policies. The revisions to our church's financial policies will be voted upon at the March Ministry Forum. Copies of the revised policies are available in the church office.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Woody Ford | 8 Mera Kathryn Corlett | 20 Jimmy Parrish |
| Logan Flecke (11) | Sa Wah | Jill Soder |
| 2 Casey Henry | 11 Kourtney Page | 22 Shirley Hewitt |
| Linda Jennings | 12 Earle Hodges | Jeff White |
| 3 Peter Kaufman | Kimberly Waters | Mu Ta Ka Paw (2) |
| Beh Leh | 13 Ron Horn | 23 Guy Futral |
| 4 Audrey Conder | 14 Paw Ther You Pah | 26 Noah Baker |
| Jamie Fogg | 16 Wes Lites | Eh Htee Kaw (7) |
| Martha Lytle | Amy Calhoun | 27 Braden Deifel (19) |
| 5 Justine Ford-Pitts (5) | 18 John Birkimer | Peggy Maultsby |
| Adam Hackbarth (17) | Paul Plaschke | Nee Gay She (19) |
| Morgan Van Hoose | Eh De Mu | 28 Dah Law Eh (7) |
| Wah Super Bel (9) | Pre Sent | 30 Marjorie Ash |
| 7 Mi Thu Lar (21) | 19 Chee Lo (20) | |



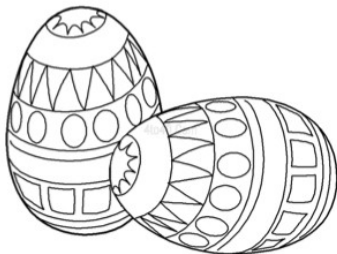
MARCH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 4:00 PM Tech Team 5:00 PM DIVORCE RECOVERY WORKSHOP	25 12:30 PM Game Day	26	27 6:15 PM Job Lenten Study	28 10:00 AM Playgroup 7:00 PM Reading Group	1	2
3 5:00 PM DIVORCE RECOVERY WORKSHOP	4	5	6 10:30 AM Hinson Class 6:15 PM Job Lenten Study 7:15 PM Church Council	7 10:00 AM Playgroup	8	9
10 12:30 PM Youth Trivia Fundraiser	11	12 10:30 AM Women on Mission	13 10:30 AM Hinson Class 6:15 PM Glen Stassen speaking 7:15 PM Student Ministry Team	14 10:00 AM Playgroup 7:00 PM Art Spirit Group	15 7:00 PM Social Justice Movie	16
17 12:30 PM Imago Dei	18	19 11:00 AM Live Wires	20 10:30 AM Hinson Class 6:15 PM Ministry Forum 7:15 PM Finance Team	21 10:00 AM Playgroup	22	23
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	25 12:30 PM Game Day	26	27 NO EVENING ACTIVITIES 10:30 AM Hinson Class	28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 10:00 AM Playgroup 5:30 PM Dinner 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service	29 <i>GOOD FRIDAY</i> 7:00 PM Good Friday Service	30 9:30 AM Eggstravaganza
31 <i>Alleluia!</i> EASTER SUNDAY NO EVENING ACTIVITIES	1	2	3 NO EVENING ACTIVITIES 10:30 AM Hinson Class	4 10:00 AM Playgroup	5	6

Children, Family, and Community Ministries

Easter Eggstravaganza Saturday, March 30 9:30 - 11:30 AM

The annual neighborhood Easter celebration will be Saturday, March 30. There will be crafts, egg dyeing, a bouncy castle, and the Crescent Hill Community Easter Parade will follow. If you would like to help out at this event, please let Melanie Bunger know.



Vacation Bible School June 10-14, 9:00 AM - Noon

Mark your calendars now for this fun-filled "Fun Fair" VBS. For children finished K-5th grades.



TAG YOU'RE IT

PASSPORTkids!

We are registered! Our 3rd-5th grade students will be going to PassportKids in Crossville, TN on **July 20-23**. Mark your calendars now!

Tentative Summer Calendar for Children

June 6-7 – 1st and 2nd Grade Campout
June 10-14 – VBS
June 17-21 – Academic Academy
June 24-24 – Academic Academy
July 1-5 – Academic Academy
July 8-12 – Academic Academy
July 15-17 – Academic Academy
July 20-23 – PassportKids! Camp

Calendar

Saturday, March 30 – Easter Eggstravaganza

Wednesday, April 10, 7:15PM – Community Gathering Team Meeting

Friday, April 26 – FAT Friday Trolley Hop at CHBC

Don't forget our regular weekly activities...

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 AM – Sunday School for all ages

Sundays, 5:00-6:30 PM – Divorce Recovery Childcare (room 104)

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 PM – Childcare/Children's Activities (during Prayer Meeting)

Thursdays, 10:00-11:00 AM – Playgroup for preschoolers and their parents (room 104)

Volunteer Needs

We are in need of volunteers to help with our children's ministry. Below are the areas where we need the most help. Please let Andrea know if you are willing to help.

- Extended Session workers on Sundays during the worship service (10:45-12), on a rotating basis once a month or once every 2 months
- Rotating teacher for the Kindergarten Sunday School class.

For more information regarding any of these activities, please contact Andrea at andrea@chbcky.org.

ENTRY POINT ENHANCEMENT CONTINUES TO MOVE FORWARD

After months and months of planning, the ad hoc group that has been working on making some enhancements to entry points in the building is ready to begin the first phase of the project.

We are blessed to be a welcoming and hospitable congregation that goes out of its way to make people feel at home at CHBC. We are also blessed with a wonderful, functional physical environment at Crescent Hill Baptist Church. Our sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, chapel, gym, educational venues for children, youth, and adults, all serve us very well. However, improvements can be made in order to help people who want to come to our church better enter the building, feel more welcome once they enter, and better navigate their way through the building once they are inside.

The first step in the project to improve our several entry areas will be the construction of an air-lock (an additional set of doors and an entry area) under the Birchwood Lobby porch. Before warming the lobby with a fresh coat of paint and new lighting,

the air-lock will ensure that the lobby stays warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer.

The air-lock is projected to cost \$8,500. Construction costs will be covered by gifts given by individuals and from funds allocated to this project from the church's Memorial Gifts fund.

Barring any unforeseen problems, this air-lock will likely be completed in early March.

The air-lock is seen as a first step in a multi-step process.

Regardless as to what happens with the later phases, the group feels like the air-lock is worth pursuing, even if nothing else happens. However, the hope is that more will happen. Hopefully, this project will include all of the following:

Phase 2 (potentially completed this spring)

- paint Birchwood Lobby
- paint hallway outside of nursery and leading to nursery area
- new ceiling tile in lobby and nursery area
- new lighting in lobby and nursery area
- new furniture in lobby

- new appointments in lobby and nursery area
- new carpet in nursery area
- landscaping improvements leading up to lobby
- new interior signage

Phase 3 (potentially completed by the end of summer)

- paint hallway from Birchwood lobby to Chapel and leading up stairs from Church Office to Sanctuary
- new flooring
- new ceiling tile
- new lighting
- new appointments

Phase 4

- similar upgrades in Fellowship Hall entry area

The total cost of phases 2 through 4 has yet to be determined. As soon as a firm figure for those phases comes into focus, a presentation will be made to the congregation about the details of the project and the congregation will be asked to approve the project before moving ahead. If you have further questions or suggestions, do not hesitate to speak with Bob Hieb, Beverly Baker or Jason Crosby.

WEBSITE UPGRADE ON THE HORIZON

Thanks to a generous gift by a church member, our website will soon will be updated. The update will give the site a more modern look and enable our site to appear in a format more suitable for viewing on mobile devices.

Keep up with the latest developments at Crescent Hill Baptist Church at www.chbcky.org. You can give securely online to the church. Simply go to the church's homepage, and click on the "Contact Us" tab. There you will find the option to donate. If you are not receiving the church's weekly eNewsletter and would like to, simply send your email address to Andrea at andrea@chbcky.org and you will be added to that list. Finally, follow us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/CHBCKY>.

YOUTH NEWS

Sundays in March

We will continue to have Sunday school at 9:30 and Connect from 5:00—7:00 pm.

Topics for Connect in March:

Sunday, March 3 – What is Repentance?

Sunday, March 10 – Prodigal Christians

Sunday, March 17 – Finding Water in the Desert

Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday Reflections

Sunday, March 31 – Easter – No Activities

Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to or helped with the cake auction on February 10. We raised over \$550 for Passport!

Trivia Challenge and Homemade Soup Lunch/Passport Fundraiser

Sunday, March 10 from 12:30—2:30 we will be having our annual trivia

event! Gather a team of up to 8 players and join us for a trivia competition and some homemade soup! Admission will be a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Proceeds go to Youth Passport.

KBF Mission Weekend

We have a few spots remaining for the KBF Youth Mission Weekend in Georgetown, KY April

12—14. Deposits of \$20 are due immediately. See Brittani for more information. We are also looking for 1—2 chaperones.

Passport Deposits and Forms Requested ASAP!

If you don't have these in, you are running out of time. We only have a few spots waiting to be claimed!

Thanks to everyone for your support of our youth ministry!

SENIOR MINISTRY TEAM: CALL FOR MEMBERS

In December, the church approved the formation of the Senior Ministries Team to identify needs, coordinate planning, and give general support to the ministries provided by and for the senior members of our congregation. The Team will not lead or carry out all the activities; the Team will gather ideas, explore possibilities, look for resources, connect with the Pastoral Care Team, the Adult Spiritual Formations Team, the Worship Team and others as needed to convey the needs and concerns of seniors, as well as the resources they have to offer.

All of us have a stake in the issues that confront persons in the second half of our lives. If we aren't seniors ourselves, chances are we're trying to support family members as they deal with the changes that come with age; and we certainly hope to live long enough to deal with these changes ourselves.

You are invited to participate in this team in any of a variety of ways.

- We need persons to join the Team, *per se*, to meet throughout the year for planning and coordination.
- We need "consultants" to

present programs in such areas as

- ◇ decluttering,
- ◇ downsizing,
- ◇ choosing a care facility,
- ◇ dealing with the grief that comes with losses such as having to give up driving,
- ◇ cooking for one,
- ◇ exciting programs that are happening in our community,
- ◇ simply laughing and having fun together.

- We need friends to accompany us periodically (even once a year) on day trips.
- We need tech geniuses to help us figure out the best

way to create face-to-face contact for our homebound seniors (and grant proposal writers to help us get the money to do this work).

- We need persons who can help us shape ways for our seniors to share their legacy with younger members of the congregation.

To volunteer for ministry through the Senior Ministry Team, please call the church office, 896-4425. One of the organizing group members (Jane Hardin, Carolyn Posey, Betty Schnur and Sara Jo Hooper) will call you to follow up.

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THIS AND THAT

Congratulations to Paw Ler and Eh Dah. Paw Ler gave birth to a son, Glen Eh Htoo on February 17.

Congratulations to Aung Mu. He officially became a United States citizen on February 22.

Support the Hope Academy Heroes Soccer Team before their season ends in mid-March. They are currently playing in an indoor league at Mockingbird Valley Soccer Club, down Zorn Avenue not far from the church. Their upcoming games begin at the following times:
March 1 – 9PM
March 9 – 7PM
March 15 – 10PM

Hope Academy is a high school for refugees resettled in Louisville run by Steve Clark and Annette Ellard, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Field Personnel, which meets at and is supported by Crescent Hill Baptist Church.

The Glenn Hinson Lecture Series is Monday, March 4; 10:00 AM at Georgetown College. This year's lecturer is Robin Jensen, the Luce Chancellor's Professor of the History of Christian Art & Worship at Vanderbilt University. There is no charge for the lectures, but tickets for the luncheon between lectures are \$15; you may register online at <http://www.bscky.org>.

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