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## It's Trivia Time!

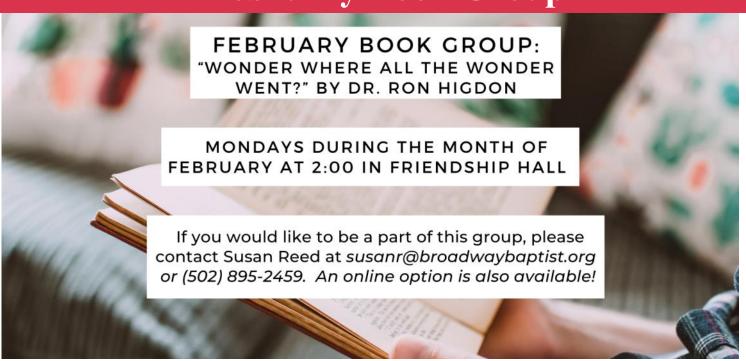


New Youth Trivia Night!
February 19th at 6:30 P.M.
in Friendship Hall

Email Candace at candace@broadwaybaptist.org or call the church to sign your team up. Tickets are \$12 for

individuals or a team of 8 for \$80. When you sign up please include the following: Team name, names of team members, captain with contact information.

## February Book Group



## A Letter from the Deacon Chair... Page 4



Dear Broadway,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and meaningful holiday season. The new year is upon us and new challenges await. COVID continues to alter the way we live and interact with others. We can only pray that the peak will soon be upon us, and the virus will recede from the headlines. Snow is a more expected occurrence in January and the weather has not disappointed.

As I am certain everyone knows, Kristin Belcher resigned as our Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, and Families early in January. She had served at Broadway for over four years, and we pray for success and joy in her future endeavors. In the interim, a committee has been formed to begin next steps. The Family Ministry Subcommittee of the Deacon Council is made up of the Personnel Committee, the Deacon chair, Deacon vice-chair and the chairs of the Youth, Children's, and the Finance committees. Pastor Kevin is the staff liaison.

Determining what to do in the interim is the first order of business for the committee. The group met recently and discussed ideas that will be vetted with both the Youth and Children's committees in the coming weeks. The plan for the interim will be presented to the Deacon Council on February 7th and implemented shortly thereafter.

The committee will then turn its attention to re-evaluating the current full-time position that ministers to youth, children, and families. The committee will seek input from church members and staff concerning the future of this position. Should there be two part time ministers; one for youth and one for children and families? Or is it better to continue with a single full-time position? I am sure other combinations will be discussed, as well. The hope is that a recommendation will be ready for the March 14 meeting of the Deacon Council.

The months ahead promise to be a season of transition and discernment. I invite all to pray for our church and its leadership during this time of change.

Below are listed the members of the subcommittee. We welcome your input and suggestions:

Charlie Baker, Chair, Vicki Buster, Bob Hook (Finance), Lesley Lester, Sharon Lin, Sue White (Youth), Brittany Ritter (Children), Kevin Gardner-Sinclair (Staff Liaison)

In Christ,

Vicki Buster

Deacon Chair

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**



Lenten Theme: Full to the Brim

The lectionary scriptures for Year C show us a God who offers us grace-grace that is underserved, unearned, illogical, and boundless. Full to the Brim contextualizes our faith. If love is our beginning, how can we live our lives led by love's promises? It reminds us to live fully—as we pursue justice and hope, or express grief and gratitude. And so, this Lent, let us trust—fully—that we belong to God. Let us increase our capacity to receive and give grace. Let us discover the expansive life God dreams for us.

Ash Wednesday: March 2

First Sunday: March 6

Palm Sunday: April 10

**Resurrection Sunday: April 17** 

## Quarterly Business Meeting

FEBRUARY 23RD AT 6:15 P.M.
IN FRIENDSHIP HALL

ONLINE OPTION IS ALSO AVAILABLE!
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
CANDACE AT CANDACE@BROADWAYBAPTIST.ORG

#### A WORD FROM PASTOR KEVIN...



Beloved Broadway,

Without further ado, I have three updates for you: The Winter of Omicron, our Family Ministry Search, and Lent starting March 2.

First, I have folks weekly ask me about worship participation, so I wanted to just share some nuts and bolts with you. I continue to be grateful for our Staff and our volunteer Audio/Visual Team who ensure worship is safe, accessible, and meaningful each week at Broadway. During Advent (between Delta and Omicron), more of our folks gathered in the Sanctuary than anytime since the Pandemic began. With us on Christmas Eve in the Sanctuary were 221 folks and online we estimate 162 worshippers. That being said, in January as the Omicron Wave hit Louisville, our January in-person average dropped to 74 while our



online worshippers numbered around 204. To be able to offer both ways for us to gather for worship (in the Sanctuary and on the livestream) is a gift we do not take for granted.

Second, we are grateful for the service and ministry of Kristin Belcher, and we are preparing for the interim period in our Children and Youth Ministry. The Deacons have overseen the formation of a task force called the Family Ministry Subcommittee who are tasked with two charges: 1) present an Interim plan to the Deacons by February 7, and 2) present an evaluation of the combined Family Minister position to the Deacons by March 14 which will allow us to begin our search process. Please be in prayer for these groups as we discern, and if you have any feedback back or input, please do not hesitate to reach out to me, Brittany Ritter our Children Committee Chair, or to Sue White our Youth Committee Chair.

Finally, as we prepare our hearts for the Lenten Journey, our theme will be "Full to the Brim." So often, Lent is thought of as a time of emptying, sacrifice, and giving up. Instead of giving up, what if we asked God to fill up our empty cups? What if, instead of sacrificing and emptying ourselves (and I imagine there are more than a few of us who feel like the gas tank is empty as is!), we accept Christ's invitation to be filled full this Lent, where we reveals to the Samaritan Woman at the Well in John 4:14, "...but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." Ash Wednesday falls on March 2 this year, which marks the beginning of the Lenten Journey to Easter. From 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Pastoral Team will be in front of the Sanctuary imposing ashes for those who would like an outdoor, walk-up or drive-up option. Then, at 6:00 p.m. we will share an Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary which will be available via Livestream.

As always, please know we are just a phone call away if you have any questions, concerns, or just need to talk. May God's peace be with you until we all are together again.

Grace & Peace,

**Pastor Kevin** 

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: RAISE THE ROOF! MARCH 10-12



#### Meet Future Homebuyer, Michael Price

Michael, 56, knows a lot about resilience. From taking control and choosing to live a sober life, to working his way out of homelessness, Michael has overcome obstacle after obstacle over the past seven years. "For years I was floating... After my mother died, everything fell apart, I became homeless and that's when I knew I had to redirect myself. I've been sober for 5 years and that's really what made it so I was able to move forward in my life." Now, Michael is a Peer Support Specialist at the Family Health Center Phoenix, where he helps people experiencing homelessness work through and redirect their own lives. It's a very fulfilling career helping guide people along the often stressful and complicated path out of homelessness.



Now, in his current living situation, the only thing holding him back is fear, for the future and the present. For the future, Michael is constantly worried about fluctuations in his apartment's rent, fearing increases will endanger his current relative stability. In the present, Michael sees dangerous situations arise outside of his complex that worry him for his personal security. But despite the validity of his fears -- for a long time -- Michael didn't see a way out.

One day, Michael's supervisor mentioned the Habitat program to him. Michael had never thought he would be able to become a homeowner: "I never thought of this for me. I thought, at this point in my life, it would never happen." Because of his experience with homelessness, Michael intimately understands the necessity of a stable roof over one's head. He also understands the significance of what comes with a home: "I'm most looking forward to having a space of my own, but what's really important to me is to feel like you're part of a community and to be part of building a community and bettering it. That's what home means to me." To his delight, this spring when he breaks ground on his new home, Michael will become the newest member of the Smoketown community.

With the dream of homeownership within reach, Michael has his sights set on all that is now possible: "I want to be able to have pets. In my home, I can play music, have a computer and a desk, a kitchen I can actually cook in, space to do my art, and an outdoor place to work on projects." These plans constellate a new life for Michael—one of comfort and confidence, that he never thought possible. To the sponsors and volunteers helping build Michael's home, he can't wait to meet you: "My deepest gratitude to [sponsors and volunteers]. I can't wait to have a house, to complete it, and to be part of the community of people building it. To learn, to gain experience, and to help others as I'm getting help. I'm just excited to be a part of this program and I'm so thankful for the opportunity."

If you would like to participate, please contact Sharon Davis at sdavis217@gmail.com, or 502.939.4682. New folks are welcome!



## Mission Letters

#### From Zambia:

Happy Holidays from Lonnie and Fran! We are grateful for your support that brings hope to the "least of these" We hope we can visit you in 2022 and some folks from your side will come to Zambia. Your support means so much and we are thankful.

#### Fran and Lonnie Turner

\*Fran and Lonnie lead "Partners in Development." in Zambia and have received support from the Missions Sale, Women on Mission Luncheon, Missions Committee, and other groups within Broadway.

#### Dear Broadway,

I want to thank you for Broadway Baptist Church's donation to Passport. Your continued generous support means a great deal to our ministry. We have been in a tight financial situation for a while. However, your contribution combined with so many others this year has helped us bridge the gap toward a strong future for all our Passport programs in the summer of 2021 and beyond. Thank you for sharing our mission to minister to students here at home and extend grace to the world.

#### Peace,

David Burroughs, President, Passport, Inc.

#### Dear Broadway,

Thank you for giving the life-changing gift of a home. A stable, affordable home has the power to change families for generations. The security a Habitat home provides is helping a family take the first steps on the path out of poverty. Thanks to the generosity of donors like you and the passion of our volunteers, we have empowered over 550 families and individuals through homeownership. More than 1700 children are now living in safe, healthy homes where they are envisioning a brighter future. Your support of the Baptist Build is greatly appreciated!

#### Thank you,

Rob Locke, Chief Executive Officer, Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville

## February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 Sunday School Worship	7 Book Group Deacons Meeting	8	9	10	11	12
13 Sunday School Worship	14 Book Group	15	16	17	18	19 Youth Trivia Night 6:30 P.M.
20 Sunday School Worship	21 Book Group	22	23 Quarterly Business Meeting 6:15 P.M.	24	25 Pay Double Preview 6-8 P.M.	26 Spring Missions Sale
27 Sunday School Worship	28 Book Group					

## Spring Missions Sale

Saturday, February 26

Pay Double Preview on February 25, 6-8 pm

The donations have been tremendous. Thank you! Looks like we will have a great sale. Please tell your friends. Proceeds are equally divided between Deaf Teen Quest and Partners in Development, Zambia.

Come to shop among dozens of framed art, 1000's of \$1 items, hobby supplies, indoor and outdoor furniture, yard and carpentry tools, home decor, unique collectibles, toys, beautiful linens, 100's of punch cups (bowls, too), cookware and small kitchen appliances, plenty of Christmas and seasonal decor, and boxes of books. We are currently pricing like crazy. Week before the sale, we will be unloading the racquetball courts and setting up. Many thanks!

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