

BROADWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2021

Beloved Broadway,

As winter winds blow blankets of snow across Kentuckiana, the warmth in our family of faith continues to radiate even across the social distance. Our virtual worship attendance in January alone has been roughly 30% higher than our 2019 average, we finished the year strong financially, and on January 31 we returned to the Sanctuary for Sunday worship on a cold, rainy morning. On behalf of the Broadway Staff, thank you to



Alix Davidson and the entire Reentry Task Force, to our Deacon leaders, Melissa Whitehead, Lesley Lester, Sharon Davis, and Grace McCoy, and to our ever-vigilant representatives from the A/V Team, Rudd Parsons and Fred Davidson. While we know we have a long way to go, we are grateful for your service to make it possible to return to the Sanctuary safely.

There is a beauty and serenity in our shared sacred spaces. This is undeniable. And yet, I cannot count the number of times, I have heard in my life, "The Church is not a building, but the people." Having gathered primarily virtually for almost a year, I believe we have proven together that the invisible string of God's love has kept us tired together. So, what does it mean to continue to BE the Church as vaccines are distributed and we begin to gather face-to-face once again?

On Wednesday nights via Zoom this Winter and Spring we will be studying the Acts of the Apostles together. This beloved book was once described to be as "the comic book of the Bible" – action-packed, drama-ridden, and full of grace and truth. While Acts tells us about what the Church did in the past, I believe Luke tells that story to inspire and empower us to grab ahold of the torch and continue the race. If you would like to join us via Zoom at 6:30 on Wednesday nights, look for the link in your weekly churchwide email or reach out to me or Candace at the office. Also, at 6:00 I start the Zoom for Coffee and Conversations, which is just a time to catch-up, share our weeks, and reconnect. I hope to see you soon!

Grace & Peace Pastor Kevin

SUNDAY SCHOOL ZOOM OPTIONS

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We currently have 6 Adult Sunday School classes meeting on Zoom each Sunday. If you're interested in joining one of these Sunday School classes, please contact Susan at **susanr@broadwaybaptist.org**

> ONLINE DESSERT AUCTION (YOUTH FUNDRAISER)

February 10-12

If interested in donating a dessert, please send Kristin the name of the dessert, ingredient list and picture if you're able, **by February 8.** (please note, desserts don't need to be made until February

12) If you donate a dessert, you may be asked to deliver it to the winner. Kristin Belcher will post the link to bid on items **February 10** @ 9:00am.





MUSIC NOTES

As was previously announced in the last issue of the newsletter, Glenna Metcalfe has resigned as our church organist to start a new chapter in her life in Lexington. Truly, she will be sorely missed. Later in the spring, there will be a time to bid Glenna Godspeed in this crazy COVID-19 world.

In this unusual interim time, we will have



Jennifer Harbeson playing the piano in worship as we keep a watchful eye to the future. In addition, we will have guest organists and other musicians enhance our worship services until a decision is reached about how to move forward.

IN PERSON WORSHIP

We will hear piano, organ, or other instrumentalists offer music for times of reflection. However, we will not be participating in congregational singing at this time.

VIRTUAL WORSHIP

We will continue to be blessed by the past recordings of the chancel choir, guest musicians, and the like on our online worship services.

SAVE THE DATE!





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ANYONE INTERESTED IN TAKING PART IN THE RTR EVENT, **CONTACT SHARON DAVIS FOR INFORMATION AT** GDAVIS3@BELLSOUTH.NET



LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

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Throughout the season of Lent (beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 17) we will have daily scriptures, prayers, or devotional thoughts offered each day on our Social Media. If you would like a printed version of the devotional, you may download it from the church website or contact Candace at candace@broadwaybaptist.org

VIRTUAL ASH WEDNESDAY

Our service this year will be available on the church website on February 17. You should receive an order of service and a packet of ashes to go along with the online service.





Trivia Night Follow Up

Thank you to all who participated in Trivia Night!! It was a huge success!



CHURCH KEY SWAP

We now have key pad access at the office entrance as well as the entrance to the Atrium. If you have a key to the church, please contact Scott and he will trade a four digit personalized code (of your choice) for your key. This is in no way an effort to restrict access but rather to ensure the building is locked securely as well as an automated record of those who enter the church. Please contact Scott at scott@broadwaybaptist.org or call at 502-338-1773 if you have any questions.

Upcoming Event!

Save the Date! Virtual Quarterly Business Meeting

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Wednesday, February 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Would you like to sponsor a floral arrangement for Sunday morning worship in 2021? There are plenty of open spots in February, April and other times throughout the year. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Stopher (<u>stopher@bellsouth.net</u> or 895-1913). The costs are: \$65 for regular Sundays, \$80 (2 @ \$40) for Communion Sundays.

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