



Dear CBC,  
 On behalf of our family, we want to thank you for your continued support of Jake as he pursues the choral music education degree at UK. Thank you for attending his voice recital and cheering him on! We give the Lord all the Glory.

Thank you,  
 The Ballards

Church Family,  
 We, as a family wish to thank everyone who prayed, sent cards, visited during the illness and death of my Daddy, Angie's Papaw and Charlie's Great-Papaw.  
 Connie Howard & Angie Redwine Family

**Toy Store 2022**

The month of April is 3-5-year-old girls. You can also make monetary donations at any time.

**April AWANA Calendar**

- April 3<sup>rd</sup> - No AWANA (Spring break)
- April 10<sup>th</sup> - No AWANA (Spring break)
- April 17<sup>th</sup> - No AWANA (Easter)
- April 24<sup>th</sup> - Regular Club Night

**Average Giving Report through March**

Year to Date Budget Giving \$82,994  
 Year to Date Budget Required \$93,903  
 Budget Shortfall \$10,909

**March 2022**

Average Sunday School 102 Average Worship 169

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*Messenger*

**April 1, 2022**



As I write this article, we are about to enter into week six of our unity series. Over the past six weeks we have identified that unity is not conformity or uniformity. God created us all individually and uniquely. He also has placed within us a desire for certain gifts and passions for pointing people to God for His Kingdom. Unity is solidarity, working together with our giftings to fulfill His purpose for us individually, and as a church body.

We then spent a week praying for unity in prayer. During this week and all the other weeks, we each



looked at the same set of scriptures for the week and prayed similar prayers daily. Therefore, we were praying in unity. The next week, we prayed in solidarity for the next man God will bring to Central Baptist as Pastor, under-shepherd. The fourth week, we focused our scripture reading and prayer on biblical community, joining together as did the early New Testament church as written in the book of Acts.

The fifth week, our focus turned to developing a unified culture. Praying that we not only unite as one body in Christ, but that every ministry and action that we undertake would deepen our drive as a body for Christlikeness for years to come. Our final week in the series was for Unity of Heart. To be unified in any area, we must first be unified in heart.

Now as we move ever closer to a stronger bond of Christ's unity, we also move closer to this year's celebration of Easter – Resurrection Sunday on April 17. I truly look forward with great expectation of a God - experience leading up to and the morning we celebrate Resurrection Sunday. My prayer is that you will be contemplating and praying on who (how many people) you will invite to join us that Sunday morning. It is likely that up to eighty percent of Bourbon County have no church plans for Easter Sunday morning. How will you help lower that percentage?

In the meantime, enjoy a few jelly beans, eggs and chocolate. And remember, there is always room for Christ. Let us prepare our hearts, minds, and souls for a moving of God and a worship service above and beyond all we've ever experienced.

In His hands,  
Pastor George



## MICKEY'S MUSINGS

### MUSIC NOTES

**Music Makers** will present its spring musical, The Lions, the Switch, and the Warm Robes, during the Sunday morning worship service on May 1. Wednesday night rehearsals are in the sanctuary until the performance. PARENTS, it is vitally important that your children be at every rehearsal as they work to build continuity and flow for the presentation.

### BUILDERS AND BOOMERS

If you were born prior to 1965, you belong to one of these groups. We have a number of activities geared just for you to build connection with one another and share life together. I hope you will join us.

**Lunch Bunch** will meet to eat at 11:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month.

- Tuesday, April 12: The Rock Café located at 3960 Lexington Road in Paris.
- Tuesday, May 10: Dairy Queen located at 205 Locust Drive in Paris.

**KBC Celebration** is the annual time for Boomers and Builders to gather for great music, preaching, and entertainment along with food and fun! Unlike previous years, all events will be held in the sanctuary (no breakout sessions). This year's event will be on Friday, April 22 at Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington. We will depart from the church parking lot at 8:30 am and return at approximately 4:00 pm. Cost is \$20, which includes lunch on site, and must be paid by Wednesday, April 13.

### LORD'S SUPPER

On Palm Sunday, April 10, we will observe the Lord's Supper together as a church family. It would be so

marvelous if the whole body would come together to share in this joyous, yet somber, ordinance of remembrance during the 10:45 service.

### EASTER SUNDAY

We are thrilled to finally be able to gather for worship on Easter Sunday without restrictions for the first time since 2019! We have been prayerfully preparing music for worship and look forward to celebrating the Risen King with you that day. The choir has a 35-minute Easter presentation to share, the congregation will sing, and the pastor will preach. Can't wait!

### PERSONAL NOTE

Colossians 4:6 reads, "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person." That description has not always been true of me, and I know that some of you have been hurt or offended as a result. I offer my sincerest apology to those who have been hurt or offended by me as a result. Please forgive me and allow me the opportunity to restore a right relationship with you. Jesus spoke of reconciliation in Matthew 18 and says that "if he listens to you, you have gained your brother." I'm prepared to listen.

Blessings,  
Mickey Ballard



**Jonny's Corner**

Hello Church Family,

Hard to believe that it is already April and I am sure everyone is ready for warm weather. First, I would like to give a big shout out to all the adult leaders that give their time to children and student ministries. Whether



it is Sunday School, VBS, or any other activity, thank you for the love that you show the children and students.

The old saying, “It takes a village to raise a child” speaks a lot of truth. For all of us, there are many people that God has put in our lives that have had an influence that led us to where we are today. As the body of Christ, we all should strive to be an example of Christ to others. Taking opportunities to show love and kindness to one another, to forgive one another, and to encourage one another is something that we all are required to do. If we can’t do these things, how can we be an example of Christ.

My point being, as a church body, we need to encourage, teach, and love our children and students to know Christ. As a church, we need to remember that we are called to make disciples, and Jesus set the example of how to do that. That does not mean we always agree with one another, but it does mean that we seek God’s wisdom and grace in all circumstances. It is no different than with our children and students. If parents, and the church, are not willing to teach our children about Christ and help them understand that a firm foundation for their life only comes from Christ, then the world will take the place of the church.

As a church, let’s be intentional with reaching our children, and students, with the good news of Jesus Christ. Let’s be intentional with teaching our children, and students, to become disciples of Christ. Let’s be intentional with helping one another grow in our relationships with Christ. Let’s be intentional with reaching the lost and sharing the good news of Christ in the community of Paris.

In April, we have Easter! Easter and Christmas usually bring many guests and visitors through the doors of the church. On April 16, CBC is hosting an Easter Egg hunt at the property for the community. These are amazing

opportunities that we have to be intentional with reaching the lost with the good news of Christ. Let’s be intentional, inside and outside the church, with God’s Word, intentionally showing God’s love and grace to everyone!

Let’s be intentional with sharing God’s Word and showing His love and grace to the community of Paris and all around the world!

God Bless,  
Jonny

### **Pastor Search Committee Update**

The Pastor Search Committee has been meeting on a regular basis. In conjunction with the personnel committee, we will be presenting an updated Pastor job description on Sunday morning April 3rd. We plan to bring this up for a vote in the business meeting on April 13th. On April 10th, we will be presenting a survey for you to fill out in helping us in our search for the next Pastor. Both of these documents will be sent out via email as well. Please study the job description and we will answer questions during the business meeting. Please fill out the survey promptly and return it so that we can compile the information during our meeting on April 18th. As soon as the Central Kentucky Network of Baptist’s team gives us the go ahead, we will begin accepting resumes. We greatly value your input on these items and would appreciate your continued prayer support. **Please pray for our Pastor Search Committee:** The committee consists of the following people: Frank Arcari, Alyssa Crump (Prayer Coordinator), Curtis Kenimer (Chairman), Jill Maynard (Vice Chairman), Glenn Mackie, Lydia Sosby (Secretary) and Michael Swearingen.

Also pray for the man that God is leading to CBC.



**Exciting News!** A new ministry is starting in the near future. Be on the lookout. We will be sharing more at a later date.

**Willing Hands Quilters** – We want to brag about our quilters and let you know how hard they have been working at turning out quilts every Monday morning! This last year they donated 455 quilts to the homeless, flood victims, health department, pregnancy centers, homebound, the Farm Bureau coat drive and others in need. That is amazing to us! A big “Thank You” to all those members and their hard work. Come join them if you have a passion for quilting, Monday mornings 9-12. There will be a place there waiting for you to join in fulfilling this ministry.

**Sisters in Christ** – This is a ministry that has been in existence for 6 years. It was formed with the ladies at First Baptist on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. These ladies meet to connect with one another on a spiritual level to form new relationships with other “Sisters in Christ”. They alternate meetings between the 2 churches quarterly. Their last meeting was March 4<sup>th</sup> at which time Judy Kendall spoke and shared with the ladies. Their next meeting is June 4<sup>th</sup> at CBC and a lunch will be provided. Come visit and experience what it’s all about.

**Thank You** to all the ladies in our church who show up and support all of these ministries. There is more to come!

Edna Stanley, WMU Member





# APRIL 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 12:15 Deacons Meeting 6:00 PM Youth & Prayer time in chapel	4 9 AM Willing Hand Quilters	5	6 10 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting	7	8	9
10 Lord's Supper PALM SUNDAY 6:00 PM Youth & Prayer time in chapel	11 9 AM Willing Hand Quilters	12 11 AM Bourbon Heights 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch @ The Rock	13 10 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Business Meeting	14	15 Good Friday	16 10-2 Easter Egg Hunt @ the property
17 EASTER SUNDAY  No evening activities	18 9 AM Willing Hand Quilters	19	20 10 AM Staff Meeting 1 PM WMU 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting	21	22 KBC Celebration 9-3 at Porter Memorial	23 KBC Children's Choir 22nd-24th
24	25 9 AM Willing Hand Quilters	26	27 10 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting	28	29	30

## Our Ministry Opportunities

### Sunday:

- 9:30 AM - Sunday School for ALL Ages
- 10:45 AM - Worship Service
- 6:00 PM - REV 3 Ministries (Youth)
- 6:00 PM - Prayer Time in the Chapel
- 6:00 PM - AWANA
- 6:30 PM - Bible Study

### Wednesday:

- 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting & Music Makers
- 7:30 PM - Choir Practice

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