

Melbourne Heights Baptist Church  
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Melbourne Heights Baptist Church is an Accepting, Caring People Sharing Christ

## Upcoming Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship	27 1p Art Ministry 4:15p TOPS 7p Young Adult Study	28 10 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Private Event	29 6p Youth 6p Bible Study	30 11 Women's Ministry Trip 6:30p Private Event	Jul 1	2 9 Workday
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### From the Pastor

by Adam Schell

Over the last few weeks, a long time dream of our church finally came true. We have our new parking lot, and it looks great.

But what do you do when one of your dreams come true?

Well, you start dreaming again. And that's exactly what our Planning Team has been doing for the last six months. We've been dreaming about a revitalized church. We've been dreaming about a growing church. We've been dreaming about a church that is changing lives inside its walls and out in the community.

But if I've learned one thing from the process of having our parking lot repaved, it's that dreaming isn't enough. Our parking lot would still be in disrepair if we had not hired a contractor, worked through all the details, put it on our calendar, and got to work to make the dream a reality.

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## From the Pastor

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Well, the time has come to start making our dreams of growth, revitalization, and transformation come true as a church too. But before we can get to work...we've got to have a plan.

At our next Quarterly Business Meeting, on July 31, the Planning Team will be presenting a plan for the future of Melbourne Heights. We encourage everyone to be there to see where we're headed for the next six months, and how that will put us to work in the coming years.

And as great as it's been to see one dream come true, it's going to be even better seeing God's kingdom grow through our work at Melbourne Heights.

## July's Sermon Series



There are some things in life that we think we have figured out. We think we know who we're supposed to care about. We think we know what's most important. We think we know what's really valuable. But can we really see the big picture?

What happens when we ask God these questions? What happens when we ask God:

- Who should I care about?

- What's most important in life?
- What's really valuable?

On July 17, 24, and 31 we are going to ask these questions and see what God has to say about them. And we'll see that we may not have everything figured out. Why? Because we can't always see the big picture, but God always can.

## July's Bible Study



**Wednesday Nights** | In May we spent time exploring the lives of Jesus' closest followers - his disciples - and we saw how these ordinary men joined in God's extraordinary work.

But being a part of God's extraordinary work wasn't limited to a small group of men living during Jesus' time on earth. God has constantly invited people into his work throughout history.

In July, we'll be exploring the stories of several of the matriarchs of our faith—from Sarah to Hagar, from Rachel to Leah—and we'll see how these remarkable women joined in God's extraordinary work.

Please note that we will not have a Wednesday night service on July 6. So our new study will begin on July 13 at 6:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there, as we continue to see how God uses people like us to do his extraordinary work.

## Spotlight Event



**July 30 from 4-7pm**

School's out. The temperatures are rising. Vacation Bible School is in the books.

All of that can only mean one thing: it's summer!

And it wouldn't be summer at Melbourne Heights without our annual Watermelon Festival.

The Watermelon Festival will be held on Saturday, July 30 at 4:00pm, and we've got a great festival planned.

- We're going to have a giant two-lane waterslide (so don't forget your bathing suit).
- We're going to have a dunk booth (so you can soak our staff).
- We'll also be organizing another corn hole tournament, and we may even have live music too.

And don't forget about the food. We'll be serving up hot dogs, chips, ice cream...and watermelon, of course.

So make plans to join us on July 30 for our favorite summer tradition, and don't forget to invite a friend. And help make this year's Watermelon Festival the best one yet.

## Looking Ahead



Summer just started, so it seems almost wrong to say...but we're planning a special Back to School Sunday in August.

We'll be recognizing all of our students from Kindergarten to College, so if you have a student you want us to include let Adam, Joe, or Michelle know. But that's not all, we'll also have a special time of prayer, and we'll be encouraging our congregation to pray for our students (and teachers) throughout the year.

We don't want to bum our kids and youth out too much right now, but more details will be coming as August approaches. So keep your eyes on your bulletin to find out when Back to School Sunday will be.

## July's Birthdays



July 3 | Retha Fuller  
July 3 | Howard Simons  
July 4 | Shirley Collins  
July 4 | Linda Schmidt  
July 10 | Jimmy Wood  
July 19 | Sandy Cain  
July 25 | Ambie Newsome  
July 30 | Anita Steigerwald

## Youth News

by Joe Noland



*Empowering Students • Embracing the World • Extending Grace*

Well, we are already in July...and it's been a hot summer so far. A big "Thank You" to all the youth who were able to help out during Vacation Bible School. I know that not all of you enjoyed the entire week, but we wouldn't have been able to make it through without you.

But now that VBS is done, it is almost time for us to head to camp. We will be leaving for Passport Missions on July 10 for a week filled with fun, mission work, and God.

If you, or your youth, is going to camp here is a quick list of the bare essentials that need to be packed: Bible, Sunscreen, Clothing for the week, Bedding or sleeping bag, Toiletries, Towels, Water Bottle.

If the youth pack at least this much, they can make it through the week - even if we have to make a trip or two to the local Walmart. Please refer to your parent packets for a full packing list, as well as some clothing restrictions.

I'm excited to get going and we will be meeting one more time with parents and youth on July 3, the Sunday before camp, to go over last minute details.

Please be praying for our youth as they travel to Danville, VA for a wonderful week of camp.

## Senior Adult News

June was another great month for our Senior Adults. At our June meeting, we welcomed Dr. Michael Cassaro as our guest speaker. His program on pain management was informative, entertaining and helpful. After the presentation, Dr. Cassaro answered questions from the group about medications and gave tips on how to manage medications in our daily lives.

We're also planning another informative, entertaining and helpful program for July. On July 5, representatives from the Louisville Metro Police Department's Crimes Against Seniors Squad will join us to discuss ways that Seniors can prevent scams, theft, and robbery; plus give general tips on how to better protect ourselves and our community.

If that's not enough to get you excited about July's meeting, we will also go to lunch together afterwards at a place to be determined.

We're also working to plan a lunch cruise on the Belle of Louisville, as well as a trip to Derby Dinner Playhouse for later this year. So watch the newsletter for dates and complete details.

As always, we encourage all adults fifty-five and older to join our Senior Adults, and we look forward to seeing you at our meeting on July 5.

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## Kid's News

by Michelle Cloud



Vacation Bible School has come and gone for another summer, and what a VBS it was.

This year, we learned about Jesus our friend, our life, our leader, our Savior, and our helper. And we were able to teach these lessons to almost fifty students each day.

All totaled, we had four classes - the three oldest Meriday classes, and one for school aged children - and we had twenty adult and youth volunteers. A special thanks to all of our volunteers who lead our students in games, crafts, music, and more.

We were also able to add in something brand new to this year's VBS. We introduced our kids to Flat Jesus. Flat Jesus accompanied a different class each day as a visual reminder that Jesus is with us all the time. And each student was able to color their own Flat Jesus to take with them on all of their summer adventures.

Thanks again to everyone who helped make this year's VBS a success. Whether you helped physically, financially, or by prayer; we couldn't have done it without you.

## Back to School Collection



We haven't worked out all the details yet, but we wanted to let you know that we will once again be collecting Back to School supplies to benefit children in our community in the month of July.

Here's what we know so far: We will begin collecting school supplies during our morning worship service on July 17. We will have a list of all the supplies we'll be collecting in the bulletin on July 10. We will continue collecting items until August 8, which is the Sunday before Jefferson County Public Schools begin their new school year.

We are hoping to donate all of the school supplies we collect to a local elementary school this year. However, we have not been able to confirm that detail yet.

So stayed tuned for further announcements to see where your donations will go, and what items we'll be collecting.

As always, we appreciate your generosity and your willingness to provide for those in need in our community.