

Melbourne Heights Baptist Church
 3728 Taylorsville Rd.
 Louisville, KY 40220



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From the Pastor

by Adam Schell

Martin Luther once said, "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." Or to put it more bluntly: prayer is essential.

Yet prayer tends to be the first thing that goes on the back burner when our lives get a little hectic. We plan on spending time with God first thing in the morning - we even set our alarm clock to wake up early, but we just end up hitting the snooze button a few more times. Or we plan on spending time with God before bed, but we find ourselves getting roped into something on TV and before we know the night is over. Another day goes by without a single prayer.

Well, we're now more than halfway through a 40 day season of prayer as a church. And since I know that we all have a tendency to put prayer on the back burner, I wonder how the last three weeks have been for you.

Have you carved out a specific time each day that you're spending

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with God? Are you still struggling to figure out when a quiet time fits in your schedule? Have you given up on the whole thing all together?

I know it hasn't been easy - I've had days when I've struggled to find the time, and days when the devotional stepped on my toes a little too hard. But just because it hasn't been easy, it doesn't mean that it's not worth it.

God is at work in us at Melbourne Heights. God is speaking to us. God is challenging us to truly follow Him. God is opening our hearts to a world that needs him.

So if the last three weeks have been a breeze for you, keep it up. If they have been a challenge, keep going. If you've given up, try again. Because God is speaking to us and working in us.

September's Sermon Series



In 1 Samuel 3, God calls out to Samuel in the middle of the night, but Samuel thinks that it is someone else calling him. So Samuel runs to the closest person, a priest named Eli, to see what he wants.

This happens three different times before Eli realizes who is calling Samuel. Eli realizes that God is speaking. So Eli tells Samuel to lay back down and say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening," the next time he hears the voice.

Throughout the month of August we have listened to God speak to us as well. We have been reminded of all that God is capable of. We have been encouraged to keep praying...because God is always listening. We've been challenged to ask what we can do for God, instead of only asking what God can do for us. And we've been warned that without Christ, our Christianity is nothing more than vanity.

God is not through speaking yet. As September begins, we will continue to attune our ears to God, and ask God to speak because we - God's servants - are listening.

Joins us for worship on Sunday mornings at

September's Birthdays



September 1 | Stan Ervin
September 6 | Mozella Holley
September 7 | Mary Benninger
September 17 | Matt Orr
September 19 | Leigh Conver
September 22 | Derita Tharp

Youth News

by Joe Noland

August was re-enrollment month for the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Last year, our Youth Group raised over \$1,200 from this program alone - that's enough to send three kids to camp! The best part is it doesn't cost you anything extra to support our Youth through this program.

We currently have 34 Kroger cards enrolled for the upcoming year, and it's not too late to sign up if you missed me outside the sanctuary in August.

There are three ways you can sign up. First, you can get with me and provide me your Kroger Plus Card number and your email address (if you have one). Or you can sign up by logging in or setting up an account on kroger.com. Once you do you just click on the Community Rewards link. Our organization number is 11440. Or you can call the number on the back of your Kroger Plus card and they'll take care of you.

Thank you to everyone who has re-enrolled your cards, it really does go a long way to help our Youth go to camp.

Speaking of camp, the youth will be going camping from Friday, September 30 to Sunday October 2. Though the location is still pending, the youth will be using this weekend as an opportunity to connect with God and His creation, plus it'll be a nice break from school and the city.

If you would be interested in coming with us,

Looking Ahead



Fall Festival is October 29 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Summer is almost over. Fall will soon be upon us. So it's time to start getting ready for another Fall Festival at Melbourne Heights. This year, our Fall Festival will be on Saturday night, October 29 from 4:00-7:00pm.

We'll have hot dogs, chips, and drinks. We'll have a cake walk. We'll have inflatables for the kids (and the young at heart). And, of course, we'll have our Basket Auction as well. And that's just the beginning of the fun we're planning for Fall Festival.

Plus, when Fall Festival starts winding down (around 6:30), we'll move to the front parking lot to Trunk-or-Treat.

So mark, October 29 on your calendar...and be sure to join us for another fun and exciting Fall

Spotlight Event



There is no such thing as a perfect church, but there are churches that can honestly say, "We're moving in the right direction."

But how do you know if you are moving in the right direction - how do you know where your church is spiritually - if you have no means of measuring the issues that bring transformation to lives and communities?

The Transformational Church Assessment Tool (or TCAT, for short) is designed to help churches see if they are moving in the right direction.

The TCAT helps churches get an honest look at how their members perceive the church is doing in relation to spiritual transformation. The results provide a snapshot of the perceived strengths and challenges of a church based on the seven elements of a transformational church: missionary mentality, vibrant leadership, relational intentionality, prayerful dependence, worship, community and mission.

As we continue to address the challenges that we are facing as a church, all of our church members and regular attenders will be invited to complete the TCAT survey. Your answers will help us better understand our strengths and challenges as a church..

You will be able to take the TCAT between Sunday, September 18 and Saturday, October 8. The survey can be taken online or on paper, and we'll have more details about the online survey for you in the coming weeks.

However, we do want to invite anyone who will be taking the paper version to join us during the Sunday School hour on September 18. We will have printed versions available for you to work through, and members of our Planning Team will be available to answer any questions.

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Wednesday Nights

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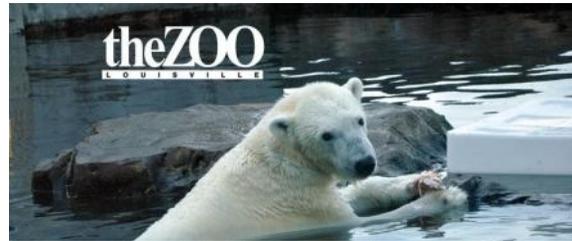
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Kid's News

by Michelle Cloud



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The cost is \$13.25 for adults (ages 12-50), and \$9.75 for children (ages 3-12) and seniors (60+). Kids under 3 get in free...and so do zoo

Senior Adult News

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first Tuesday on the month.

Instead, the Senior Adults are sponsoring our church's annual trip to the Derby Dinner Playhouse. This year will be attending the matinee performance of *The Hallelujah Girls* on Saturday, September 10. It's going to be a great show that will leave us all laughing and shouting "Hallelujah!"

We want everyone who has purchased tickets to be aware that the doors to Derby Dinner, as well as the buffet, open at 11:45am, and the show begins at 1:00pm. Ground transportation from the church will depart at 11:00am.

Then, on Thursday, September 22, our Senior Adults will attend the fall production of the Young Hearts Theater, entitled *It's Showtime*. This free musical review will feature tunes from Broadway and European stage productions.

We will carpool from the church and leave at 1:05pm. After the show we will have a late lunch or early dinner at Ditto's on Bardstown Road.

If you have any idea or suggestions for future meeting topics or activities, we would love to hear them. You can pass along your ideas to

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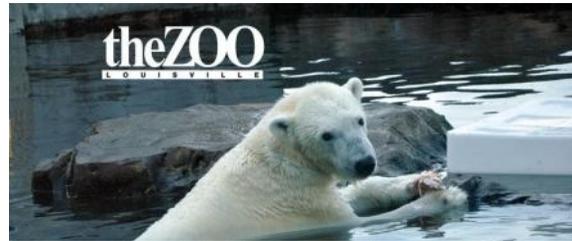
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