

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

## Upcoming Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Handbells 6p Youth 7p Young Adult Study	26 1p Art Ministry 4:15p TOPS 6:30p Deacon's Mtg	27 10 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Private Event	28 6p Bible Study 7p Choir	29 6:30p Private Event (2:00pm) Youth Camp	30 8:45 S.E.A.M. Volunteers 6:30p Private Event	Oct 1 8 Private Event 9 Workday
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## News from Melbourne Heights for October 2016

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### From the Pastor

by Adam Schell

There is an ancient Chinese proverb that says, "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." In August, we took the first step in new journey as a church. We entered into a 40 day season of prayer to attune our ears to God's voice, and to ask God to help revitalize our church.

That was a big first step, and I want to thank everyone who took it. We cannot get where we're going, or becoming who God wants us to be without prayer.

But as I've thought about this proverb, and our journey, over the last few days, I've been struck by a simple but profound realization: The journey of a thousand miles may begin with a single step, but it doesn't end with that first step.

We have taken the first step in a thousand mile journey as a church...but our journey is not over. There are many steps still awaiting us. And if we falter at any point, if we fail to take the next

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step, then we'll never make it to the end of this journey.

So with this in mind, we have to take the next step - and many of us already have. The next step in our journey toward revitalization is to take an honest look at where we are as a church.

We all know that we do some things well, but we also know there is room for improvement. But we need your help to determine our strengths and our weaknesses as a church. So we are currently conducting a church-wide survey, and we're asking you to share your opinion on our church. Everything is anonymous, but your opinion matters.

So if you haven't had the chance to complete this survey yet, I want to encourage you to do so. It takes about 15 or 20 minutes, and you can take a printed or an online version. Printed surveys can be picked up near the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings, and the online version can be accessed at [tc.lifeway.com](http://tc.lifeway.com) - you'll just have to enter our church's passcode, which is wrzr86dmtq, to get going.

We are off to a great start on this new journey at Melbourne Heights. We are already starting to see God work in new ways. So help us take the next step by taking our church-wide survey. Just

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## October's Sermon Series



In Matthew 13:30-32, Jesus tells his followers, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and planted in his field. It's the smallest of all seeds. But when it's grown, it's the largest of all vegetable plants."

Our faith is like a mustard seed too. It starts out like a tiny, fragile seed. But when our faith is planted in the right soil, it takes root and it grows.

Beginning October 16, we'll be exploring how our faith matures—from being planted, to taking root, to producing fruit. Above all, we'll be reminded that our faith is always meant to grow.

## October's Birthdays



October 1 | Doris Ferguson

October 3 | Bevvie Neel

October 3 | Carol Perkins

October 3 | Makenzie Rieber

October 3 | Ashley Schell

October 11 | Becky Gardner

October 12 | Leigh-Anne Boland

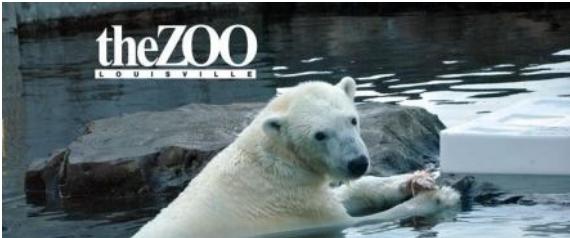
October 20 | Will Howse

October 24 | Alice Neff

October 31 | Ed Grey

## Kid's News

by Michelle Cloud



On September 24, our Children's Ministry, in conjunction with our preschool, hosted our annual trip to the Louisville Zoo. Along with taking in the exhibits at the zoo, we were also able to meet, mingle, and provide lunch for more than 150 people - including Meriday kids, their families, and our preschool staff.

If you weren't able to attend the zoo trip, we want to encourage you to come out next year. But in the mean time, please consider joining us in other upcoming ministry opportunities for our preschoolers, teachers, and families.

You can volunteer to help in our kids area at Fall Festival. Along with the inflatable bounce house and slide, we will also have some carnival games and a face painting station. So we could use your help.

In November, our church will help serve lunch after Meriday's Thanksgiving program. This is a great chance for us to meet these families and minister to them.

In December, you can help out at our Birthday Party for Jesus. Look for more information about these opportunities to serve our children and their families as each event gets closer. And remember, there are many ways that we

## Looking Ahead



### Thanksgiving Communion Service

As the holiday season approaches—when our lives are inundated with commercials, flyers, and sale bills—it's the perfect time to stop and reflect on how blessed we are.

Each year, in November, we have a special service to remind us of how much God has blessed each of our lives over the last year.

This service happens the Sunday before Thanksgiving (which is November 20 this year), and together we leave the familiar confines of our sanctuary to gather around tables to worship in our Banquet Hall.

As we gather, you're encouraged to get to know the other people at your table, to share how you have been blessed this year, to reflect on how God has blessed our church, and to thank God for his continued presence in your life.

The highlight of this special service is always our time of communion, where we share intimately in the abundance of God.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's Thanksgiving Communion Service on November 20 at 10:30am.

## Spotlight Event



Fall is 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.

This year's Fall Festival will include:

- Hot Dogs & a Chili Supper
- A Cake Walk & Bake Sale
- An Inflatable Slide & Bounce House
- Carnival Games
- A Photo Booth
- A Silent Basket Auction
- And Trunk or Treating

As you can tell, there's going to be a lot going on, so make sure to invite a friend and join us.

If you'd like to help out with this year's Fall Festival, you can donate sweet treats for our bake sale or candy for trunk or treating, or you help out in the kitchen, or volunteer to set up before hand or clean up afterwards. Anyone interested in helping out should contact Adam Schell.

## Wednesday Nights

Wednesday nights are an opportunity for us, as a church, to pray together and to study God's word together.

So every Wednesday night we spend time sharing the concerns that we have for members of our church, our community, our loved ones, and even ourselves; as well as praises for the work we see God doing in our lives and in our world. Then we take time to pray collectively and individually.

We also take time to study the Bible together. In September we took a deeper look at some of the lessons we were learning during our 40 day season of prayer. On Wednesday nights in October we will take a deeper look at the scripture readings from our sermons on Sunday mornings.

If you haven't been to a Wednesday Night ser-

## Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry will be meeting at Melbourne Heights on Friday, October 7 at 11:30am to learn more about our church's mat ministry. Doris Deskins will lead the session and share information about how this ministry began, how many people it has helped, and how we can be a part of the work.

We are also going to put our women to work. We will be folding and cutting the plastic bags that are used to make these mats, and Doris can provide instructions for anyone who would like to crochet the actual mats.

So bring a sack lunch, a drink, and a sharp pair of scissors and join us on October 7.

## Youth News

by Joe Noland

The youth are starting off big in October with our annual camping trip. However, we are going to change things up a bit for this year's trip. Our youth will leave the church Friday, September 30, around 2:00pm, and we'll return to the church around 4:00pm on Sunday, October 2. We will be going to Nolin River State Park just north of Mammoth Cave. So our youth will be going on a cave tour Saturday morning.

If you, or your youth are interested in coming along, please let me know.

In other news, our youth Bible Study is happening on a new night. We are now meeting on Sunday nights to better accommodate our youth's busy schedules filled with sports and other extracurricular activities.

We will also be starting a new series later this month about God's plan for sex. This is a subject that our youth have been asking questions about, so I have been working closely with our pastor and our parents to develop this study. Please be praying for our youth as we enter into this series, and as they seek to follow God

## Senior Adults

September was a busy month for our Senior Adults. We took a group of twenty to Derby Dinner Playhouse to see the *Hallelujah Girls*. There were a lot of laughs and some incredible one-liners throughout the play that made for an enjoyable afternoon out.

We also attended the Young Heart Theater's fall production of *It's Showtime*, a musical review featuring numbers from Broadway and

European stage productions.

In October things slow back down a little before we ramp up for the rest of the year. So our Senior's will be meeting on Tuesday, October 4 at 10:00am for our regular meeting. We will travel to Smithfield afterwards to have Lunch at Our Best Restaurant.

We're still finalizing plans for our November meeting and beginning to discuss ideas for our church-wide Christmas Banquet in December. So stay tuned for complete details.

And, as always, we encourage anyone who is 55 or older to come out and join us for one of our regular meetings or special events. We're sure you'll be blessed by the fellowship our Senior

## Trunk Or Treat



We are planning to have Trunk or Treating at our church on Halloween night again this year. This gives parents a safe place to bring their kids trick or treating, and it gives us the chance to reach out to our community.

However, we cannot have this kind of event without your help. We need at least fifteen volunteers to be at our church from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Halloween night to pass out candy.

If you will help with this year's trunk or treat, please sign up near the Welcome Center.