

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

Upcoming Events

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Jan 1 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship | 2 4:15p TOPS | 3 10 Sr. Adults 10 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Private Event | 4 | 5 8:45 S.E.A.M. Volunteers 6:30p Private Event | 6 | 7 |
| 8 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship 6p Youth 7p Young Adult Study | 9 1p Art Ministry 4:15p TOPS | 10 10 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Private Event | 11 6p Bible Study 7p Choir | 12 8:45 S.E.A.M. Volunteers 6:30p Private Event | 13 | 14 2:30p Private Event |
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| 22 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship 6p Youth 6p Quarterly Business Meet 7p Young Adult Study | 23 1p Art Ministry 4:15p TOPS 6:30p Deacon's Mtg | 24 10 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Private Event | 25 6p Bible Study 7p Choir | 26 8:45 S.E.A.M. Volunteers 6:30p Private Event | 27 | 28 |
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AN ACCEPTING, CARING PEOPLE SHARING CHRIST

News from Melbourne Heights for January 2017

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From the Pastor

by Adam Schell

Another year has come and gone. As a church, we spent 52 Sundays together. And some of those Sundays were incredible. We had Sundays where we contributed dozens of household items to help the children of the Cabbage Patch House. We had Sundays where we gave enough "Back-to-School" supplies to help entire elementary school begin their new year. We had Sundays where we gave thousands of dollars to purchase Christmas gifts for children in need.

But as the New Year begins, I can't help but wonder how much of a difference these Sundays made in your life the rest of the week? Did our sermons, Sunday School classes, and Bible studies help you grow closer to God? Did coming to church make you a better follower of Christ?

I don't know how you would answer any of those questions. But I do know that we, as a church, should do everything we can to help you grow in your faith and grow closer to God.

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That's what we're going to focus on this year at Melbourne Heights. This year we want to help you take your faith to new heights...and we have a plan to help you do it.

This year we want to help you answer three questions that will change your life forever. We want you to know:

- Who God created you to be
- What God created you to do
- And where God wants you to do it

Now clearly, none of these questions can be answered quickly or easily. These are the kinds of questions we wrestle with throughout our lives. So you're not going to be able to answers these questions by spending an hour in church each week.

To answer these questions, it's going to take work and commitment. But we're going to walk beside you and guide you through the journey. And if you put in the work it requires to seriously answer these questions, you're going to grow closer to God...and when 2018 rolls around you'll

January's Sermon Series

TRUSTING GOD

In the book of Jeremiah, we hear God tell the people of Israel, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you

and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

God spoke these words to give Israel hope during a difficult time in their history, but we also believe they are true for us.

We believe that God has a plan for us, a plan that will make us prosper, and give us hope and a future. But before we're ready to hear these plans—who God wants us to be, what God wants us to do, where God wants us to do it—we have to completely trust in God.

On Sunday morning's in January we are going to be exploring the story of Abraham, and we'll see how this giant of our faith often failed to trust God. And we'll be challenged to face our own lack of trust head on.

Never Miss A Sermon



Since we want to help you take your faith to new heights this year, we want to make sure you never miss a sermon.

You can now subscribe to our sermon podcast through iTunes or on Stitcher. Just search for Melbourne Heights and we'll be the only result.

If you are more of a reader, you can find printed versions at our information kiosk each week. Or you can find them on our pastor's

Youth News

So another year has passed by and it seems like it went by way too fast. Our youth have had an exciting year with Bible Studies, events, and camp. The upcoming year promises to be just as exciting.

While we don't have a lot planned for our youth in the beginning of the year, that doesn't mean it won't be busy—especially around my house. Elizabeth and I are expecting our second child on January 24, and Patrick will be having surgery on February 7 to hopefully fix some of his aspiration issues.

With all of that going on, I will be out for a couple of weeks, but when I get back we will jump full force into a couple of new studies to start off the year.

We will hopefully be able to do a couple of new things with our youth in the upcoming year as well. Keep praying for our youth in the upcoming year, and all the fantastic things that will be

Our Winter Weather Policy



With winter upon us, we want to remind you of MHBC's Winter Weather Policy. Monday through Friday, we follow Jefferson County Public School's policy. If JCPS is closed then all church services and activities are canceled and our church offices will be closed. If JCPS is open then the church is open as well.

If there is inclement weather on Sundays, we will make a decision by 8:00am that morning, and post cancellation information on local news stations, and our church's Facebook page.

If you are not already signed up to receive email notices about inclement weather at Melbourne Heights, you can sign up by visiting tinyurl.com/mhbcnews.

And, as always, just because the church feels it is safe for us to have services that does not mean it is always safe for you to make it to the

January Birthdays



January 4 | Martha Miller
January 10 | Becky Cain
January 10 | Jennifer Cain
January 11 | Dakota Crawford
January 11 | Cathy Thompson
January 12 | Dottie Beals
January 15 | Virginia Spradlin
January 17 | Karen Kinney
January 18 | Jim Tharp
January 20 | Virgie Bloomer
January 24 | Tim Cloud
January 25 | Jake Rieber

If you would like your birthday published in our church newsletter, please contact our church

Sermon Discussion Group



Wednesday nights at Melbourne Heights are going to have a new feel beginning on January 11.

To help you think through who God wants you to be, what God wants you to do, and where God wants you to do it; we're going to take a break from our traditional Bible Study, and give you the chance to discuss Sunday's sermon with our pastor, and to take a closer look at the scripture passage he preached.

To help you prepare for this discussion, and to get you thinking a little more about each sermon, we will provide you with a few questions on Sunday mornings. These question will serve as the starting point for the discussion, but you'll have plenty of time to ask your own questions as well.

We will still meet at 6:00pm in Rogers Hall. We will have 30 to 40 minutes of discussion before moving into a time of prayer.

Join us Wednesday night, January 11 at 6:00pm,

Sunday Nights: FPU



Financial Peace University is coming to Melbourne Heights on Sunday nights from January 15-March 12.

What Is Financial Peace University?

We all need a plan for our money. *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is that plan! Through a nine week study featuring video teaching, class discussions and small group activities, FPU presents steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more.

Why Should I Sign Up?

FPU is fun! This isn't some stuffy economics class. You'll laugh as you learn money skills from Dave Ramsey, a financial expert with decades of experience, and participate in entertaining class activities.

It's easy to understand! You don't have to be a rocket scientist to learn how money works. Each lesson is broken down into easy Baby Steps.

It's going to change your life! In just nine lessons, you'll learn to take control of your money, invest for the future, and give like never before. And you don't have to worry, you won't be asked to share any personal financial information during the class.

How Do I Take The Class?

Taking Financial Peace University is easy. We will be hosting it at Melbourne Heights on Sunday nights at 6:00pm beginning January 15.

The cost of a membership kit is \$109—which covers you and one family member for life.

If you'd like to be a part of our New Year's FPU class, you can register for the class and purchase your membership kit by contacting Adam Schell.

Women's Ministry Update



The Women's Ministry will be kicking off the New Year by having lunch at Buckheads Restaurant, located at 3008 Bardstown Road, at 11:00am on January 19.

All of the ladies of Melbourne Heights are invited to attend.

We also want to encourage our ladies to remember our ongoing collection of personal hygiene items to benefit the young ladies of the Cabbage Patch House.

You can contribute to this collection at any time by dropping off your donations in the basket in

Kid's News

Christmas has truly been a season of joy. We started off with a Birthday Party for Jesus with our preschoolers. 56 children attended and 80 gifts were collected for a crisis pregnancy center. Things got a little wild, as you can imagine with a room full of preschoolers...but it was a whole lot of fun!

As a part of our worship in December, we were also able to teach our kids about the significance of some of the symbols we use to decorate our church at Christmas. We talked about trees, wreaths, candles and the nativity scene.

But the symbol our kids will never forget were all the toys we collected for the Angel Tree Program and the way their church helped other children have a Merry Christmas.

It has truly been a blessing to minister to our kids—and to be a part of the ministry of this church—this year, and I look forward to what God

Senior Adult News

Our Senior Adults ended 2016 on a very positive note with the annual church-wide Christmas Banquet on December 2. We had more than 70 people attend. The fellowship was outstanding, the food was delicious, and the entertainment was excellent. It was a great way to begin the Christmas celebrations at our church.

Now our attention turns to 2017. We will begin on Tuesday, January 3 with a visit to Becky Gardner's home to enjoy her Christmas decorations followed by light refreshments and lively conversations around the table.

We will carpool from the church, planning to arrive at Becky's house around 11:30am. Meet at Melbourne Heights at 10:30am for our regular meeting (please note we are meeting 30 minutes later than usual), and then we will depart for her home around 11:10am.

Come meet with us on Tuesday, January 3. Bring your ideas and suggestions for programs and

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