

BEARGRASS NEWS

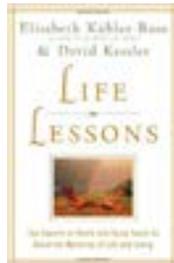


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“New Life Lessons”

By Leigh Bond



The sermon series for the Easter season will build on some of the themes from the “Life Lessons” book by Kubler-Ross and Kessler that a group at the church discussed during the season of Lent.

As the subtitle of the book suggests, death and dying can teach us about the mysteries of life and living. Here are some of the upcoming messages and texts:

- “The Lesson of Happiness” John 20:1-18
- “The Lesson of Surrender” John 20:19-31
- “The Lesson of Re-Creation” Psalm 23
- “The Lesson of Power” John 10:11-18
- “The Lesson of Relationships” John 15:1-8
- “The Lesson of Love” John 15:9-17

Summer Dates 2018

By Steven Straub

Camp Forms have been mailed to all families. Please return forms to Steven ASAP

Junior Camp (for those who have completed 4th or 5th grade) – June 18-22, 2018

Mini Camp (for those who have completed 3rd grade) – June 1-3, 2018

Camp 101 (for those who have completed 1st or 2nd grade – parent/guardian attends as well)

Camp 101A – June 22-24, 2018

Camp 101B – July 20-22, 2018

Vacation Bible School – June 10-14, 2018

Mission Day Camp – July 16-20, 2018

Spring—A Season of Baptisms and Baby Dedications

Easter and springtime are reminders of God’s gifts of new life and new birth. If you are interested in being baptized or participating in a service of dedication for a new baby or child, please contact the church office at 896-1161.

Sports Shorts

By Leigh Bond

March Madness Wraps Up at Beargrass

Each year Beargrass has its own version of “March Madness.” We had another successful basketball season as we hosted leagues for middle-schoolers, high schoolers, and adults. We estimate that we hosted over 250 games during the season with around 800 people coming to the Activities Building each week during the season. Beargrass was well-represented in the leagues. We appreciate everyone who has been a part of the basketball program and the faithful fans who have come out to support the teams.



Church Softball is on Deck!

Spring softball leagues will begin the week after Derby. Beargrass will participate in the church leagues at Watkins Methodist Church. If you are interested in playing on a men’s, women’s or co-ed team, please contact Jim Sams at 502-377-8427 or jimsams@beargrass.org.



Handbell Festival in Charleston, West Virginia

This spring, members of the Chamber Handbell Choir will participate in the Handbell Musicians of America Area V Spring Conference in Charleston, West Virginia. More than 500 ringers from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky, and West Virginia will be gathering on April 13-14 for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and ringing. The choir is looking forward to sharing some of the music they learn at the conference in upcoming worship services.



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online at beargrass.org to
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2018 Discipleship Class

By John Hull

Nine fifth graders were part of the 2018 Discipleship Class taught by John Hull and Steven Straub. The class met for four Sundays in February. As usual the highlight of the class was the day the class baked *challah* bread. Five class members have made confessions of faith and were baptized on Palm Sunday, March 25: Elizabeth Buttes, Elise Hagerty, Madison Rohwedder, Makenna Touro, and Mitchell Touro. Maxwell Wise will be baptized on Easter Sunday, April 1. Isaac Wilhoit and his older sister Maya Wilhoit have scheduled baptisms on April 22. Courtney Mears will be baptized with her older sisters, Jessi and Megan in the near future. Jackson Price was also part of the class and is still determining the date for his baptism.



Elizabeth Buttes is the daughter of Paul and Stephanie Buttes. She is in fifth grade at Portland Christian School where she will continue next year. She loves reading, and plays volleyball and tennis. Elizabeth loves her cat, Mickey, and her dog, Zac. Her younger sister is Lilly.



Mitchell Touro, Makenna’s twin brother, is also a fifth grader at Kenwood Station where his favorite subjects are PE and tech. Mitch will also attend Oldham County Middle School. He participates in Special Olympics basketball and softball and is very good at tennis and soccer. Mitch loves to walk the family dog, BoBo.

Madison Rohwedder is the daughter of Judy Rohwedder and Christine Bratton. Madison is a fifth grader at St Matthews Elementary where her favorite subject is science. She enjoys running cross country and roller blading and is a regular participant in JYF. Her younger sister is Taylin Rohwedder and her older brother is Colton Bratton.



Isaac Wilhoit is the son of John and Kim Wilhoit. He is a fifth grade student at Wilder Elementary and will attend Kammerer Middle School next fall. Isaac’s favorite subjects are math and history and he enjoys basketball, swimming, running, Legos and friends. Isaac and his older sister Maya will be baptized on April 22.



Elise Carole Hagerty is the daughter of Mike and Lisa Hagerty. Elise is currently a fifth grade student at St. Matthews Elementary School. She is excited to attend Noe Middle School next year where she will continue to study her favorite subjects English (writing) and Visual Art. Elise enjoys running cross country, baking, attending U of L women’s basketball games, and spending time with friends and family. But, her favorite activity is playing with her beloved cat, Baggins.



Maxwell Wise is the son of John Wise and Amanda Wade. He is in fifth grade at Wilder Elementary and will attend Ramsey Middle School in the fall. Maxwell’s favorite subject is math and he enjoys video game coding. Maxwell’s older brother is Jack. They are fifth generation members of Beargrass Christian Church!

Maxwell will be baptized on Easter.

Makenna Touro is the daughter of Scott and Kara Touro. Makenna is in fifth grade at Kenwood Station Elementary in Crestwood and will attend Oldham County Middle School next year. Her favorite subjects are math and social studies and she participates in gymnastics, basketball, and lacrosse. She also plays piano and guitar, and loves reptiles!



Courtney Mears is the daughter of Claudine Mears. She is in fifth grade at Lowe Elementary where her favorite subject is art. Courtney will attend Kammerer Middle School in the fall. She is crazy about horses and collects Breyer Horses. She currently has more than 100 of them! Courtney’s older sisters are Jessi and Megan. The three will be baptized this spring.



Book Clubs Meet Thursday, April 19

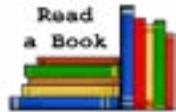
1:30 pm in the Library. The Library Book Club will discuss *The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend*, written by Katarina Bivald

6:30 in Youth Room. Disciples Women's Book Club will discuss *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders. All are welcome.

News from the Library

The library is continuing to "clean house", but also continuing to purchase new books.

In memory of Alline Clark McGinnis and donated by Janet McGinnis Thomson we have purchased *Camino Island* by John Grisham.



Other new additions for youth are:

- Newbery Winner, *Hello, Universe* by Erin Entrada
- Kelly Newbery Honor, *Rain Reign* by Ann M. Martin
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Getaway* by Jeff Kinney

For Adults:

- *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah
- *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly
- *One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd* by Jim Fergus
- *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

We will soon have a "mobile library" and will offer books for checking out in the gathering space!

Another Chapter from the Library



Did you know that many of the books in the Church library have been donated? We all greatly appreciate these gifts to the library. Unfortunately we can't use all donated books. Some of them are repeats of books we already have. Others just don't fit into our collection. The library committee has decided to offer these books to the congregation. Look for many fine books on the library table in the gathering space the next few Sundays. These are free to you! We hope you will enjoy them!

Board Meeting April 16

All active elders and deacons are encouraged to be present for the Board Meeting on Monday, April 16, at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. In addition to updates from our ministry teams, the report from the Nominating Team will be presented. Approval of the recommendations for our new elders, deacons, and youth elders and deacons will be needed in order to present these names to the congregation on May 5-6.

Graduate Luncheon

By Tiffany DeTienne

Our high school seniors have spent countless hours immersed in books and endured an endless amount of assignments and exams in order to finally reach this incredible milestone.

The Youth Ministry at Beargrass will host a luncheon for our seniors and their families on Sunday, April 29, at 12:30 pm in Chalice Hall. All families are asked to RSVP by April 23 via email to tiffany@beargrass.org or by calling the office at 896-1161.

Donations to Beargrass

By Marikeith Mercke

The Beargrass Christian Church Memorial Fund has received donations in memory of:

William Bruce Hamilton: Jerry and Jeanie Schureman

Mark Smith: Dr. Charles and Elaine Noon

Mission Behind Bars and Beyond Friday, April 20, 2018 7:00-9:00 PM

Reveal 2018, enjoy live music and a delicious, mission-driven dinner at West Louisville's The Table restaurant (1800 Portland Avenue) and tasty desserts from Cup of Joy.

Listen as returning citizens share their inspiring makeover stories and reveal how MB3 assisted and walked with them on their journey back to their communities.

For more information, to purchase tickets or to donate visit: missionbehindbarsandbeyond.org/reveal



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2018 Easter Weekend Celebrations Beargrass Christian Church

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

March 30, 7:00 pm: This worship experience will feature scripture readings that tell the story of the Passion and special music from the Beargrass Choir. The sanctuary will gradually be darkened as the story is read.

Easter Services

Saturday, March 31 - 5:30 pm:

The Easter Saturday service will be held in the sanctuary.

Sunday, April 1 - 9 am and 11 am:

The Easter services will include communion, music, baptisms, joyful music, and an inspiring message. Plan to be present—and invite your family and friends to join us as we share our joy and the Good News of Easter!

Children's Easter Egg-stravaganza

The church's annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 31 at 11:00 am at Brown Park (located next to Baptist Health Hospital in St. Matthews). All children who can walk through fifth grade will have the opportunity to participate. Specific regions of the park will be divided for different age groups. In case of inclement weather, the hunt will occur inside Beargrass Christian Church. A special visitor will be present!

Parents: To help offset the cost of the hunt, we are asking parents to donate candy. Please drop off individually wrapped candies to the church office before Thursday, March 29.

We will start filling eggs on March 30 at 10:30 am. An egg-cleaning and counting party date will be announced soon. Please let Steven know if you can help with preparation or cleanup.

Youth: We always need help from the youth of the church with the Easter Egg Hunt. To help please meet at Brown Park at 9:30 am on March 31. You can receive service hours for your help.