

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH

Sunday 10:00 am.....Bible Classes
 11:00 am.....Worship
 5:00 pm.....Worship
 Wed. 7:00 pm.....Bible Classes

WELCOME, VISITORS!

We are so glad you are here. If this is your first time with us, here's what to expect. We seek to worship according to the New Testament pattern. As a result, we **sing** without the accompaniment of mechanical musical instruments (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). We have a weekly observe the **Lord's Supper** (cf. Acts 20:7) which consists of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine (Matt. 26:26-29). This memorial is designed for those who have been baptized for the remission of sins to partake (Acts 2:38, 42). There will also be an **offering** collected from our members (1 Cor. 16:1-2). As our guest, you are not expected to make a donation. Feel perfectly comfortable passing the collection plate down the row. You will also hear the **preaching** of a Bible-centered message (Acts 20:7) and men leading the congregation in **prayer** (1 Tim. 2:8). We think you will find our worship meaningful and refreshing as we strive to do it in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). We encourage you to observe carefully and stay a while afterwards so that we can get to know you better and answer any questions you may have.

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ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION RECORDS

	2018 Goals	Last Week	1 yr ago
Bible Study	60	57	55
Sun AM	80	65	98
Sun PM	40	38	23
Wed	45	45	44
Contribution	1950	1899	1924

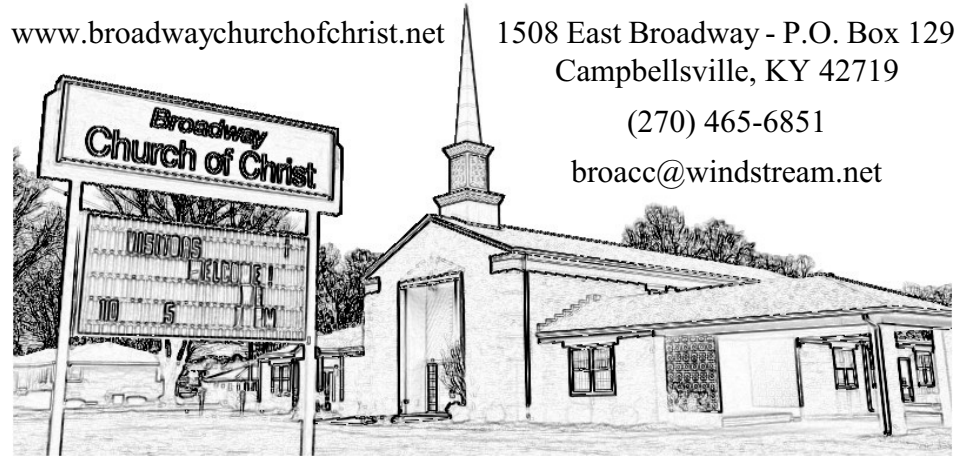
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A SMILE



A smile is such a funny thing,
 It wrinkles up your face,
 And when it's gone you have to find
 Its secret hiding place.

But far more wonderful it is
 To see what smiles can do;
 You smile at one, he smiles at you,
 And so one smile makes two.

And since a smile can do so much
 By cheering hearts of care,
 Let's all just keep on smiling
 Till smiles go everywhere!

- Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer List * Paxton Bloyd * Debbie Bradshaw (lymphoma) * Sharon Cornett * Riley Decker (leukemia) * Matthew Edwards (cancer) * Dessie Frankum * Britany Harden * Willard Holliday * Amanda Jewell (mitral valve stenosis) * Wilma Landis (cancer) * Eli Marcom (brain tumor) * Kenny Perkins * Kara Reed (cystic fibrosis) * Ancil Reynolds * Teresa Yates (cancer)

Medical Updates

- * **Blake Clark** has had an MRI done to see if there are possible issues with his kidneys.
- * **Patty Reynolds** will have to have her knee operated on in the near future.
- * **Steven Reynolds** has been dealing with two abscessed teeth recently.

Thanks - We wish to express a great big **“THANK YOU”** to all the ladies who helped to make our most recent Ladies Day a success. You all are precious, indeed.

Friends and Family Day - We will have our Friends and Family Day on **May 27**. Edd Sterchi will be the speaker. Remember that we will have morning services followed by a fellowship and then evening services immediately after. Please be inviting all your friends and family.

Wedding Shower - There will be a wedding shower for **Don Franklin Jr. & Ginna Marsh** on **Sun., Apr. 29** at 2:30 p.m. here. They are registered at myregistry.com (also at Flowers & Things in Columbia).

Potter Change Cans - Please pick up your “Silver For Children” change cans and begin filling them up. They are due back by Sept. 16.

Backpack Buddies - Don't forget that Backpack Buddies in an ongoing program. Please continue to help out. A list of food items is in the foyer.

Anniversaries This Week - Vernon & Sharon Cornett (Apr. 25)

Birthdays This Week * Reilly Wells (Apr. 25)

* Delaney Staton (Apr. 28) * Isaac Huffman (Apr. 28)

Putting Things in Perspective

As all parents know, every child's favorite question is “why”: “Why is the sky blue?” “Why are there wars?” “Why do I have to eat my vegetables?” The questions are endless. And, if we're honest with ourselves, the “why” questions never leave us: “Why is this happening to me?” “Why did they have to die now?” “Why do others prosper when I have to struggle so?” Etc., etc.

Apparently “why” was Job's favorite question, too: “Why did I not die at birth?” (3:11) “Why have You set me as your target?” (7:20) “Why then do I labor in vain?” (9:29) “Why do the wicked live and become old?” (21:7) On and on he went.

But if you read the book of Job, you see that God never answers the “why” question. Instead, He shows Job that understanding “Who” is far more important than knowing “why.” If you get to know the “Who,” the “why” will not matter. In the latter part of the book, God set Job on a course of knowing Him through His creative activity and the realization that He is in control (chapters 38-41). Once Job understood the “Who,” the “why” was inconsequential. As a result of this, Job repented of his thought process and God blessed Him (chapter 42).

The German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche once wrote: “He who knows the why can bear with any how.” While there is definitely some truth to that, those who are in a relationship with God can take it one step further. You see, the “what,” “when,” “where,” “why,” and even “how” won't matter as long as we remember the “Who!”

Let us get as close to God as possible and fully trust in Him, remembering that He is always in control.

Let us live as the anonymous poet has written:

When mystery clouds my darkened path,
I'll check my dread, my doubts reprove;
In this my soul sweet comfort has,
That God is love, God is love.
And though I cannot trace his way,
I am resolved to always say
That God is love, God is love.

- Edd Sterchi