



## PRESBYTERIAN TIMES

I took this picture seven years ago in Louisville outside the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts because it reminded me that beauty could be found in the midst of an urban, cold, grey concrete environment. Beauty can exist in the midst of difficult circumstances.

When Jesus sits down to teach his disciples to begin the Sermon on the Mount, he begins with a series of statements called the Beatitudes where each phrase begins with the word “blessed.”

Jesus is telling his disciples that the Kingdom of God will be quite different to what they have ever experienced and will include people from all cultures.

In the last Beatitude, Jesus switches from talking about God’s divine favor on “THOSE” people who have characteristics of poor in spirit, spiritually mourn, meek...etc. to “YOU.” He says:

*Matthew 5:11-12* “Blessed are **you** when people revile **you** and persecute **you** and utter all kinds of evil against **you** falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

Jesus is telling his disciples that the Kingdom of God is not going to be loved by everyone, but because the disciples belong to the kingdom of God, they will be rejected in a way that will have deep implications for their lives. God’s favor is upon those who are persecuted for their faith for their reward will be great in heaven.

Think about it. God’s divine favor rests upon those in the midst of persecution, insults, and false accusations. This reminds me of the beautiful flower in the midst of a concrete jungle. God never leaves us nor abandons us in difficult situations. For we have hope that great is our reward in heaven.

I am reminded of *1 Corinthians 13:16-17* it [LOVE] does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. This month, as we think about love, I am thankful for the love that God has for us as He calls us to demonstrate that love with hope and endurance. Love is messy, but also very beautiful if you can find it in the midst of difficult circumstances.

Blessings,  
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# February BIRTHDAYS

- 2/01 Ruth Clum
- 2/06 Dave Beshear
- 2/08 Jonas Durham
- 2/08 Betty Norment
- 2/11 Rana Clum
- 2/11 Cynthia Simmons
- 2/13 Allen Jenner
- 2/13 Tess Floyd
- 2/16 Nathaniel Hoey
- 2/17 Bitsy Horton
- 2/17 Susan Thomas
- 2/18 Timothy Hoey
- 2/25 Al Kloet
- 2/26 Bettye Bates

## Henderson Christian Community Outreach

HCCO has revised their monthly list of needed items. You can pickup a new list in the back of the sanctuary.

The items needed for February are boxed hamburger and tuna helpers, mac & cheese, Ramen noodles, mashed potatoes, rice and stuffing.

Thank you for your generous support of this organization!

## ASH WEDNESDAY First Day of Lent



**Ash Wednesday  
is February 22nd**

**Join us for our  
soup dinner and  
Ash Wednesday Service  
at 6:00pm**

## Grand Piano Fund

A special fund has been started to raise money to purchase a grand piano for the sanctuary.

You can make your contribution in honor or memory of someone.

If you would like to  
Contribute please make  
sure your donation indicates  
"Piano Fund"



The flowers in the  
sanctuary during  
the month of February  
are provided by  
Ginny Thomas & Carolyn Dacy



# Happy Valentine's Day



**Topic: "A Legacy of Love"**  
Guest Speaker: Mark Weaver

Mark B. Weaver is a Certified Financial Planner® with 35 years in the financial services business with the same company. Mark has become a specialist in charitable giving and estate planning. Mark is a gifted and passionate speaker who speaks on both leadership, charitable giving and planned giving to community foundations, churches and colleges.



We have started a **Prayer Chain**. A Prayer Chain is a group of people who agree to pray for someone during a troubled time.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry and be contacted when a need arises, please contact the church office 270-826-3981.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this ministry!

## Zoom Study - The Gospel of Matthew

Join us as we explore the scripture, history, geography, archaeology, and impact of **Matthew's Gospel in the Bible's New Testament**. Featuring Dave Stotts, host of Drive Thru History. For more information contact Pastor Eric.



Monday evenings  
at 7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting ID:  
984 3627 7403

Passcode: 500727

## Young Married Couples Dinner....

You are invited to gather at  
*Eric and Cynthia's home,*  
Saturday February 11th, from 5-7pm  
for dinner and sweet fellowship.

Childcare will be available at church if needed.  
Please RSVP to Cynthia (502-599-1041)  
or the church office if you can join us.

Hope we can all come  
for some special time  
together... especially during  
this Valentine season!





**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

The Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday, February 6th.

The Council will meet at 9:30 am in the Library and the Circle meeting will take place at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Carol Lambert will present lesson 10 for us. You may pick up a copy of the lesson at the mailbox table in the Fellowship Hall.

## February Handbells and Chancel Choir Schedule

Wednesday, February 1st

Handbells 6:15 to 7pm and Chancel Choir 7:15 to 8:15pm

Wednesday, February 8th

Chancel Choir 7:15 to 8:15 pm

Wednesday, February 15th

Handbells 6:15 to 7pm and Chancel Choir 7:15 to 8:15 pm

Wednesday, February 22nd

Chancel Choir 7:15 to 8:15 pm



Thank you all so much!  
My daughter's first Christmas will be great!  
-Janice

God Bless you so very much  
-The Holderfield Family

Thank you so much for helping our family out.  
I appreciate your generosity. God Bless.  
-Danielle's family

Thank you all very much for making my kids Christmas. We hope you and your family have a blessed holiday.  
-Janice

Thank you for giving our kids a good Christmas

Thank you so much very blessed and thankful May you and your family be blessed.  
Merry Christmas and happy New Years  
Love our Family

Thank you to the family that made Christmas just a little better for my kids. God Bless  
-Anson Family

You made them smile!  
You made them giggle and squeal with delight!  
You made Christmas morning unforgettable!

This has been a hard year for a lot of families in our Henderson area and your kindness has not gone unnoticed. Just to know you cared enough to shop and wrap and deliver gifts for their children gave some moms and dads a whole new perspective on a blessed holiday season.

Because of YOU, more than 525 children enjoyed a morning that they might not have had. On behalf of all of them---but especially the kiddos you provided for---  
**THANK YOU FOR MAKING CHRISTMAS 2022 SO SPECIAL!!**

Rose Williams  
Administrative Assistant

**VOLUNTEER  
& INFORMATION  
Center**





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS

We had a festive birthday party for Jesus during Children's Church filled with decorations, games, singing, cake, and wrapping olive tree ornaments from Israel to give our families. We learned that the best gift....Baby Jesus ....was given to us!



On February 12th you will be receiving "A Valentine to You from our Church Kids"



## **JANUARY WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER ....Chinese New Year!!!**

Gung Hay Fat Choy!... Sun Neen Fie Lok! Wishing you much prosperity and Happy New Year!

On 1/11 we shared a delicious Chinese meal together (and learned how to use chopsticks to eat it with!). Cynthia shared about the customs and traditions surrounding the Chinese Lunar New Year 4721, the Year of the Rabbit. We got to hear music, see artwork and clothing and even see her demonstrate Chinese folk dancing and Kung Fu.







## Henderson County Ministerial Association Lenten Services and Luncheons 2023

**March 1** - Wednesday, 12:00 PM  
First Christian Church of Henderson  
830 South Green Street

**March 8** - Wednesday, 12:00 PM  
Community Baptist Church  
1026 Pebble Creek Drive

**March 15** - Wednesday, 12:00 PM  
Presbyterian Church of Henderson  
100 South Main Street

**March 22** - Wednesday, 12:00 PM  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
5 South Green Street

**March 29** - Wednesday, 12:00 PM  
Henderson First United Methodist Church  
338 3rd Street

**April 7** - Good Friday, 12:00 PM  
Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church  
511 2nd Street

**April 9** - Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 AM  
Greater Norris Chapel Baptist Church  
937 Washington Street



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100 South Main Street  
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