



Melbourne Heights Baptist Church is an Accepting, Caring People Sharing Christ

News from Melbourne Heights for February 2015

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From the Pastor

by Adam Schell

As February begins, we are in the middle of the season of Epiphany. This means that as we gather for worship and for Bible studies, we will continue to explore who Jesus is by focusing on different aspects of his life and his ministry.

But on February 18 our focus will change. We will enter into the season of Lent - a time of preparation and renewal leading up to Easter. So our attention will turn from stories of Jesus' ministry and miracles, and we will begin to look toward the cross.

A few years ago, we added an element to our worship services during the season of Lent to help draw us into the message and meaning of this season. We began collecting tangible offerings to donate to local charities. Last year we donated items like laundry detergent and soap to the Cabbage Patch House.

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Upcoming Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Feb 1 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship	2 1p Art Ministry 4:15p TOPS	3 10 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Private Event	4 6p Bible Study 7p Choir Rehearsal	5 10 Women's Ministry 6p Women's Ministry 6:30p Private Event	6 1p Private Event	7 9 Workday
8 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship 6p Youth Group 6p Adult Bible Study	9 1p Art Ministry 4:15p TOPS	10 10 Sr. Adults 10 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Private Event	11 10 Private Event 6p Bible Study 7p Choir Rehearsal	12 10 Women's Ministry 6p Women's Ministry 6:30p Private Event	13	14
15 8:30 Valentine's Breakfa 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship 6p Youth Group 6p Adult Bible Study	16 1p Art Ministry 4:15p TOPS 6:30p Leadership Team	17 10 Staff Mtg. 2p Private Event 6:30p Private Event	18 6p Ash Wed Service 7p Choir Rehearsal	19 10 Women's Ministry 6p Women's Ministry 6:30p Private Event	20 6p Couples Retreat	21 9 Couples Retreat
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This year, we will once again be collecting items to donate to a local charity. We will be working with South East Associated Ministries (also known as SEAM). SEAM provides emergency assistance —like food and school supplies— to people throughout the 40220 and 40218 zip codes of Louisville.

In the coming weeks, we will provide you with additional information about who SEAM is and the work that they do, as well as ask you to bring in specific items each week during Lent to donate to this worthy organization.

February's Sermon Series

The Puzzle of Epiphany

Discovering Jesus through
Stories of His Life,
Teaching, and Miracles



As February begins, we are still in the midst of the season of Epiphany. So far this season we have encountered a hodgepodge collection of stories from Jesus' life, teaching, and miracles - covering everything from the wise men's visit, to Jesus baptism, to the calling of Jesus' first disciples.

But even a month into this season, we continue to wonder how these stories related, and what they can teach us about our God. In February we will conclude our sermon series on the Puzzle of Epiphany, and begin piecing these stories together so we may better know God.

February's Spotlight Event



On February 20 and 21, we will be hosting a mini-retreat for married couples. Prior to the retreat, each couple will complete an assessment that identifies relationship strengths and weaknesses across key areas, including:

- Communication
- Conflict Resolution
- Financial Management
- And More

Our retreat will be held at the church and begin with dinner on Friday night at 6:00pm. Following dinner there will be a 90 minute session introducing the Couples Check Up and discovering the strengths of each couple's relationship. The evening will conclude by 9:00pm.

At 9:00am on February 21, we will meet back at the church for breakfast and 2 additional sessions. Our first session will focus on the most important skill for maintaining healthy relationships: Communication. Our second session will focus on a common area of growth that our couples share. The retreat will end by noon on Saturday.

The cost of the retreat is \$40 per couple - including the assessment, meals, and refreshments. And there will be a brief meeting for all couples prior to the retreat to provide instruction on completing the relationship assessment.

Sign up for the retreat at the Welcome Center.

Looking Ahead

Last August, we began a campaign to repave our church parking lot. It will cost the church \$45,000 to do this work, so we set a goal raise all of the needed funds for this project by March 1, 2015.

As of last Sunday, January 18, we have received \$28,716 in donations to our Parking Lot Fund.

Parking Lot Fund

Total Received = \$28,716
as of January 18, 2015

Still Needed = \$16,284
by March 1, 2015

This means that we have raised nearly 2/3 of our total goal, and we still have another month to go to raise the remaining \$16,284 we need to fund this project. But in order for us to reach our goal, we will need everyone who made a pledge to contribute to this fund to fulfill their pledge in the coming month...and we'll also need anyone who can to go the extra mile and pitch in a little more to put us over the top. Just remember to designate your gift to our "Parking Lot Fund" on your check or envelope.

We fully believe we will reach our goal. And we look forward to beginning the work on our parking lot later this Spring.

February's Birthdays



February 7 | Jim Spillman

February 8 | Charlotte Stopher

February 9 | Barbara Orr

February 11 | Hope Crawford

February 12 | Helen Tinsley

February 14 | Michelle Cloud

February 14 | Ray Howard

February 14 | Shirley Park

February 16 | Sondra Elliot

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