



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

## News from Melbourne Heights for March 2015

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### From the Pastor

by Adam Schell

The arrival of March is always a welcome sight, because March brings the Spring. And after the snow storm that covered our city just a few days ago, we'll all be glad to say "good bye" to winter. Let's face it, winter can be inconvenient. The days are shorter, the nights seem darker, and you never know when a bitter snow storm of a frigid cold front will come passing through.

But this winter has been more than just inconvenient. February's snowstorm also set us back in one of our biggest outreach efforts this year. Over the last few years, we have collected tangible items to donate to local non-profit organizations in the weeks leading up to Easter. But in the weeks leading up to this year's collection, we experienced frigid temperatures and an unexpected snow that kept many away from our services. This means we're playing a little bit of catch up as March rolls in.

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### Upcoming Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mar 1 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship 6p Youth Group 6p Adult Bible Study 7p Handbells	2 1p Art Ministry 4:15p TOPS 7p Young Adults Bible S	3 10 Sr. Adults 10 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Private Event	4 6p Bible Study 7p Choir Rehearsal	5 10 Women's Ministry 6:30p Private Event	6 1p Private Event	7
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## From the Pastor

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So I want to make sure that everyone still has the opportunity to bring in items that will benefit the South East Associated Ministries. Here is the schedule for this year's collection:

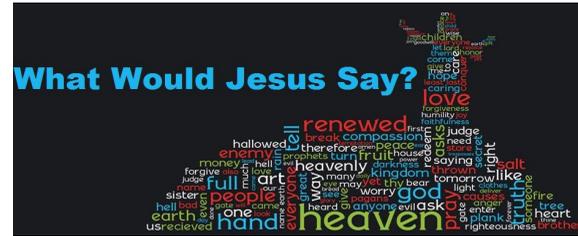
- February 22 - Peanut Butter
- March 1 - Toilet Paper
- March 8 - Canned Fruit
- March 15 - Paper Towels
- March 22 - Tuna Fish
- March 29 - Laundry Detergent

If you miss a Sunday, you can still bring in that week's item at any point during our collection. And remember, every item we give helps individuals and families that are in need. Last year alone, South East Associated Ministries helped more than 8,000 people during difficult times in their lives. So please make your donations, and help make a difference.

## March Bible Studies



**Sunday Nights** | The season of Lent reminds us of our brokenness and our need for God. On Sunday nights in March, we will be examining how the God of the universe uses the broken pieces of our lives to reframe our purpose, turning our discarded hopes and dreams into something beautiful and useful - a mosaic in which God uses all the pieces.



**Wednesday Nights** | The world has changed a lot since Jesus walked this earth 2,000 year ago. As you read the morning paper or flip on the nightly news, have you ever wondered what Jesus would say to us today? On Wednesday nights in March we will explore what Jesus might say to us today by studying what Jesus did say during his life and ministry.

## March's Sermon Series



The Passover meal. Judas' betrayal. Jesus' prayer in the garden. The guard's mockery. The cross. There are few stories in all of scripture that we are more familiar with than the stories that surround the cross. But these stories have become so familiar that we fail to feel their full impact.

During the season of Lent, we will be drawing you into these stories in new ways - letting you experience their significance at a deeper level. And, as we are reminded of each of these events that lead Jesus to the cross, we will also be drawn closer to our Savior.

## Looking Ahead

As March begins, the countdown to Easter is officially on. As always the church will be buzzing with activity as we look forward to the most important day of the church's year. So we want to shine the spotlight on some of the upcoming events that you won't want to miss out on this Easter season.

Our Easter activities begin on March 28 at 10:00am with our annual Easter Egg Hunt. And our choir presents their annual Easter Cantata on Sunday evening, March 29 at 6:00pm.

On Good Friday, April 3 at 6:00pm, we will have a special time of worship where we are drawn into shadows of the cross. And on Easter Sunday, April 5, we will celebrate the good news that sin is conquered, that death is defeated, and that Jesus Christ is risen.

## Kid's News

by Michelle Cloud

Easter is just around the corner, and every child's favorite way to celebrate is with an Easter Egg Hunt. Our Children's Ministry will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday morning, March 28 at 10:00am. We expect dozens of children from our church, from our preschool, and from our community to join us - so we need your help to make sure everything goes off without a hitch.

We need volunteers to help with set up, clean up, and to help during the event. Plus we need candy - lots of candy - to stuff the Easter eggs with. You can donate individually wrapped

candy that is nut free (including peanuts) at our Easter Egg Hunt display outside of Roger's Hall. And if you'd like to help us stuff eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt, we'll have an egg stuffing party on March 25 at 6:00pm.

## March's Birthdays



March 3 | Margie Rose  
March 3 | Barbara Slaven  
March 7 | Claudia Tomsett  
March 10 | Leon Denham  
March 11 | Ken Farris  
March 17 | Pat Hicks  
March 18 | Anna Lee Wheeler  
March 22 | Teresa Crawford  
March 23 | Guy Futral  
March 25 | Larry Perkins  
March 26 | Sue Craven  
March 26 | Joan Rains  
March 29 | Joyce Denham  
March 30 | Carol Crawford

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## March's Spotlight Event

Join us on Sunday evening, March 29 at 6:00pm, and watch the Easter story come alive as our choir recounts Jesus' final breath on the cross, celebrates his victory over death's stronghold, and declares with confidence: *It is Finished!*

This year's Easter Cantata features a perfect balance of old favorites and new arrangements, bringing the two together in celebration of the triumphant message of Easter. Along the way we will take a journey from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to his final words on the cross, to the good news that Christ is risen.

Make plans to join us for this annual Easter tradition, and let our Easter Cantata remind you of the good news of this season.

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## Women's Ministry Update



The Women's Ministry will be wrapping up our "Knowing God's Word" study on Thursday, March 5. Both our morning and evening groups will meet at 10:00am for the final session, and we will carpool together to lunch afterwards. Remember, there is no evening class on March 5.

But we will be getting together for our monthly fellowship on Thursday evening, March 12 at 6:00pm. We'll spend the evening laughing together, eating together, and getting to know each

other better. Plus we'll continue to discuss our ministry emphasis for this year.

Speaking of which, our Women's Ministry has formed eight new visiting teams to minister to our homebound members. Each group is contacting two of our homebound members each week and visiting these members once a month. Plus we're continuing our collection of personal hygiene items for the women of the Cabbage Patch House. We'll be making another delivery the last week of March, so don't forget to pick up a few items on your net trip to the store.

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## Youth News

by Joe Noland

One of my favorite movies, *National Treasure*, holds the quote, "Thomas Edison tried and failed nearly 2,000 times to develop the carbonized cotton-thread filament for the incandescent light bulb. And when asked about it, he said, 'I didn't fail; I found 2,000 ways how not to make a light bulb,' but he only needed one way to make it work."

This month, our Youth will be talking about failure and how it helps us see who we should be in God's eyes. We will be covering why it is important to pray, finding forgiveness for our sins, and persevering through hard times when we feel like we can't go on any further.

Throughout the month, our Youth will follow the trail to the cross and see how Christ showed us the way, and then showed us that even at the end of life on this earth, there is still more for us with Him. Join us on Sunday nights at 6:00pm.

## Habitat for Humanity



The 21st annual Baptist Build for Habitat for Humanity will soon be underway. A group from our church will help raise the roof on Thursday, March 5. The group will leave the church at 7:45am and work from 8:30am until 2:30pm. If you'd like to be a part of this work crew, sign up near the Welcome Center.

As part of our commitment to the Baptist Build, we also pledge to financially support the construction of this new home. We have pledged \$3,000 to this year's build and, as of February 22, we have received \$1,785.00 in donations. So we still need your help to fulfill our pledge. We will continue to receive Habitat donations until March 15. You can give to this project by designating "Habitat" on your envelope.

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## Senior Adults

We have a great meeting lined up for March. On Tuesday, March 3 at 10:00am, David Isaacs will join our Senior Adults to present an interactive program about recycling that will teach us ways to be better stewards of our resources. Following the meeting, our group will be going to Golden Coral for lunch.

We also have two exciting events on the calendar for April. At our regular meeting on April 7 at 10:00am, David Inman - a retired Courier-Journal columnist and TV historian - will

present his program "Louisville Television History: From Randy & Cactus to Muhammad Ali and Presto the Clown." So make plans to join us for this trip down memory lane.

And on April 9, our seniors will be attending the Young Heart Theater. We'll leave the church at 2:00pm, and after the show we'll enjoy a late lunch/early dinner together.

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## Meriday Update

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The beginning of a new year is always busy at Meriday, and this year has been especially busy with our enrollment near capacity. We currently have 105 full or part time children enrolled.

We are also hiring several teaching positions (both full and part-time) to help us as we nurture our children. We are currently looking to hire a full-time teacher in our 3 year old class, a full-time infant caregiver, and a full-time cook. We also have openings for part-time afternoon teachers.

Or, if you're looking for a place to volunteer for an hour or two each week, Meriday would love to have you come and rock our babies and lend an extra hand in our newborn and infant classrooms.

If you're interested in joining our Meriday family as an employee or volunteer, you can stop by our office Monday through Friday or call (502) 459-7800.