

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

## Upcoming Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov 1 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship 6p Youth Bible Study +2 more	2 1p Art Ministry 4:15p TOPS 7p Young Adult Study	3 10 Sr. Adults 10 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Private Event	4 6p Bible Study 7p Choir	5 6:30p Private Event	6 12p Private Event	7 9 Workday
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### From the Pastor

by Adam Schell

As I sit down to write this article, Halloween is just over a week away. But when you walk into your favorite big box store, it's already starting to feel like it's a thing of the past. When the costumes, candy, and plastic pumpkins are purchased; they're not being replenished...they're being replaced. Every day the Halloween section gets consumed a little more by Christmas.

And it's about this time every year, as we're sandwiched between Halloween and Christmas, that I can't help but wonder, "What about Thanksgiving?" Why do we go straight from Jack-o-lanterns to jolly old St. Nicholas? And after scratching my head and wondering why Thanksgiving never gets it's do, this is what I've realized: Thanksgiving doesn't sell.

Halloween has become an excuse to buy costumes and candy. Christmas has been consumed by consumerism. But Thanksgiving...well, Thanksgiving is about contentment and gratitude.

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## From the Pastor

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Those are two things that aren't often appreciated in our culture today. Which is what makes a time of Thanksgiving that much more important.

In a culture that has programmed us to always want more, it's important to be grateful for what you have and to realize that what you have is enough. It's why Jesus teaches us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." As people of faith, we know that God will provide what we need for today...and that's all we really need.

So, as the Christmas machine begins ramping up all around you in the coming days and weeks, take time to appreciate what you have, and take time to say "Thank You" to the one who gave it to you.

## November's Sermon Series



When you think of the word "worship," what images come to your mind? Do you see a pastor standing behind a pulpit proclaiming God's word? Do you see an entire congregation flipping through the hymnal to find the next song? Do you see children sitting on the steps of the stage hearing a message designed just for them? Do you see the offering plate passing through your hand as you drop in your envelope?

Have you ever stopped to think about why these are the images that easily come to mind? Have you ever wondered why we sing in church? Or why the pastors has to preach every Sunday? Or what happens to the money you drop in the offering plate?

Many of us have never stopped to think about why we do what we do in worship. In November, we will continue to Rediscover Worship. We'll continue to think about why we do what we do in worship week after week, and see how everything we do is meant to give us the opportunity to encounter God.

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## November's Bible Studies

**Sunday Nights** | It won't be long before we conclude Sunday night services for the holiday season. Our last Sunday night service for 2015 will be November 15, when we will be joined by Rhonda Abbott Blevins, the Executive Coordinator of the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship. Rhonda will be with us to tell us more about who the Kentucky Baptist is, the work the Fellowship does, and how we can support each other. We encourage you to join us at 6:00pm



**Wednesday Nights** | On Wednesday nights in November, we'll be diving deeper into the what's and why's behind worship. We'll spend time talking about the shape of worship, exploring the sacraments, and thinking about where worship might be headed in the years to come.

## Spotlight Event



### Thanksgiving Communion Service

As the holiday season approaches, and our lives are inundated with commercials, flyers, and sale bills; it's the perfect time to stop and reflect on how blessed we are.

Each year, as the holidays approach, we have a special service to remind us of how God has blessed each of our lives over the last year. This service happens the Sunday before Thanksgiving (which is November 22 this year), and together we leave the familiar confines of our sanctuary to gather around tables in our Banquet Hall.

As we gather, you're encouraged to get to know the other people at your table, to share how you've been blessed this year, and to thank God for his continued presence in your life.

The highlight of this special service is always our time of communion, when we share intimately in the abundance of God. We look forward to seeing you at this year Thanksgiving Communion Service on November 22 at 10:30am.

## Operation Christmas Child

We're trying to collect 100 shoeboxes to donate to Operation Christmas Child this year. Here's how you can be involved:

Get a shoebox. If you don't have a shoebox, pick one up from our Operation Christmas Child display outside the sanctuary.

Decide the age and gender of the child you'll be purchasing for. It can be for a boy or girl, age 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 years old.

Include a "wow" toy—like a soccer ball with a pump or a doll.

Fill the rest of the box with other gifts—like personal hygiene items, school supplies, etc.

Pray for the child who will receive your box. And feel free to include a personal note and photo.

Include a \$7 donation to cover the costs of shipping. And if you donate online you can see where your box ends up.

Drop off your shoebox at the church by November 16. You can place it under the Operation Christmas Child display outside the sanctuary.

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## Youth News

by Joe Noland



Charles Schulz created one of the most recognizable and memorable comic strips of all time. The Peanuts began appearing in newspapers on October 2, 1950 and continues to be reprinted to this day. But more importantly than creating Charlie Brown, Snoopy, and the gang; Charles Schulz was a Christian, and he was able to use his comic strip to spread the gospel to the world.

In 1959, Schulz introduced readers to "The Great Pumpkin." Although it was originally meant as a joke about mixing up holidays, this story became a parable of waiting for Jesus.

What does this have to do with our youth? On November 13 our youth will be having a Lock-In at the church - at the moment we're expecting around 40 youth to attend. And that night, we'll use The Peanuts to share with them the story of Jesus, and we'll show them that our faith can be expressed in a lot of different ways.

## Kid's News

by Michelle Cloud

Over the last few weeks our church has been attempting to Rediscover Worship. But this hasn't just been an emphasis for our adults. We've also been Rediscovering Worship with our kids on Sunday mornings. And as October turns to November, and we all begin counting down the days until Thanksgiving, it's a perfect time for our children to rediscover an important part of worship: Thanksgiving.

We have all been blessed in more ways than we can possibly imagine. So in November, our children will be learning about how blessed we are, and how we can express our gratefulness to God for those blessings.

We'll be donating two boxes for boys and two for girls, if you'd like to donate some items to help our children fill their shoeboxes, you can contact Michelle Cloud or Ethel Penny for item suggestions.

## November's Birthdays



November 3 | Erica Talbot  
November 7 | Bill Stopher  
November 9 | David Cloud  
November 11 | Pam Clasby  
November 17 | Edith Knight  
November 18 | Paul Marquess  
November 21 | Kyle Rieber  
November 30 | Kathy Cornetet

## Women's Ministry Update



Ho! Ho! Ho! It's almost that time of year again. On Sunday, November 15 at noon, all the ladies of Melbourne Heights are invited to come join us as we get together for a little holiday fun and fellowship.

We're headed back to the Derby City Antique Mall Cafe, where we'll dine on a delicious buffet. Afterwards, you can "shop 'til you drop" and pick up something for everyone on your Christmas list.

We'll leave the church around 11:45am that morning, and carpool to the cafe. The deadline for reservations is November 8, so please sign up at the Information Kiosk if you plan to attend. The cost is \$10 per person, plus gratuity.

## Senior Adult News

Have you ever watch the TV show The Price is Right? Well, if you have then you know the familiar invitation the announcers uses every time a new contestant is called, "Come on down!" Well, we're inviting you to come on down and be a part of our Senior Adult group, the Golden Friends. Anyone who is 55 or over "qualifies" to be join the fun. We typically meet the first Tuesday of each month for a program or activity and then we always go out to lunch.

We'd especially love to have you for our next meeting on Tuesday, November 3. We'll meet at 10:00am in Rogers Hall at the church. We'll be planning for our church-wide Christmas Banquet on December 4. In addition, we'll have an open discussion for program ideas for 2016. And after the meeting, we'll got to Rafferty's for lunch.

So mark your calendars and make plans to join us on November 3. And you don't have to worry because it's election day. You'll have plenty of time to vote before or after our meeting.

## Looking Ahead

Do you remember what it was like waking up on Christmas morning when you were still a child? Do you remember quietly sneaking down the stairs in your footie pajamas, to see what was under the Christmas tree? Do you remember what it felt like the moment you picked up the first present with your name on it, and got ready to tear into it?

There was a sense of anticipation. There was a sense of expectation. There was a sense of joy and hope.

This is what the season of Advent is supposed to be like in church. It's supposed to be a time of anticipation and expectation, a time of joy and hope. It's supposed to be a time that prepares us for the arrival of the greatest present ever given...the presence of Christ in our world.

Each week during the season of Advent, we will come together on Sunday mornings to anticipate the coming of Christmas, and to prepare ourselves for Christ's presence to grow in our lives. Join us each Sunday in Advent.