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Trust God Bless Others Celebrate Grace

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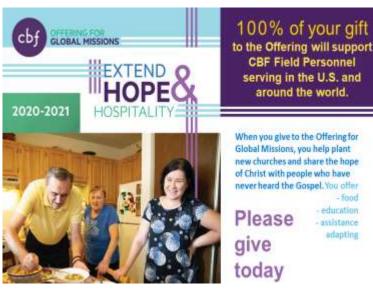
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I received this letter from our sister church in Casablanca and wanted to share it with you during our Global Missions Sunday Emphasis.

### News from the Parish of Casablanca, EEAM

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Kentucky, We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We take the opportunity of the presence of our very dear Pastor Karen Zimmerman to send vou best wishes for the New Year 2021. Here in Casablanca, EEAM we give glory to the Lord Jesus Christ, the good shepherd. He saved us from the pandemic Coronavirus from beginning until now - almost one full year later. There is no more confinement in Casablanca restrictions continue to be observed, such as the 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. curfew.

Following safety protocol, we resumed in-person worship with a limit of 90 people. Online registrations help us manage attendance. Since then, we have reduced the number to only 70 participants. Congregational life

continues with its ups and downs. Offering contributions have declined significantly. Many professionals want to give but have lost their jobs. With the financial help we received from the national CEI, we delivered food packets to the needy who were hungry. We treated the sick by paying for medical bills. We have also provided housing benefits to many of our own members. We still have requests for housing assistance, but we no longer have the means. But the difficulties have not deterred the flock.

In 2021, we have a very encouraging Christian Education program! We studied themes such as The Role of Women in the Church and in Society; and The Proclamation of the Gospel According the Karl Barth. This theme is homiletical, that is to say that we equip certain lay leaders to preach well.

We have a very important theme for the next three years: "Rooted and founded in Jesus Christ, let us abound in thanksgiving." Colossians 2:6-7. We will be doing seminars on this important topic to better understand it.

The praise team/choir is now called the Choir of Worshipers. This group of musicians leads the services each Sunday. Prayer services continue in the parish: Fridays for the whole congregation and Thursdays for young people.

From the beginning of the confinement until our present days of curfews, some programs like the discipleship training for new believers take place on Zoom. A few people may sometimes gather together and the rest of the participants follow along from their homes.

Many of our church members have lost loved ones in their sub-Sarahan families. Even now the President to the Parish Josué BERE has left for the funeral of his own mother.

Congregational life continues even if we cannot respond completely to the requests of our members. We are currently hosting three boys who are looking for work on our church property - while two girls just vacated their rooms because they've found lodging elsewhere.

The parish of Casablanca participates in the national worship organized by the National Board of the EEAM.

We think of you in Kentucky very much. Be assured of our prayers in the oncoming bad weather. As soon as vaccines begin to be administered and with God's help, life will return to normal. We are counting on your blessings and prayers.

May Almighty God bless you and keep you in his grace. Amen.



"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 2:6

So, do you want to be popular? Who doesn't? We all want to have friends. Being popular certainly sounds better than playing a game for two or more all by yourself. The best advice for us to have friends is to BE YOURSELF! While this strategy might not make you the most popular kid in school, it may help you grow stronger friendships that will last. Being content with the way God created you will also make you a better friend.

In 1 Corinthians 15:33, Paul says that "bad company corrupts good character." That means hanging out with the wrong people can mess you up. If you want to follow Christ and live in a way that pleases him, it's probably better to find friends who

have good values and are good people. Being popular with the coolest clothes and lots of 'stuff' may look fun, but if you have to change who you are to get a lot of friends, it's not worth it. Following what 'the group' does is not always the best thing or the right thing for you, maybe just the easiest. God made you unique and gave you special abilities. It might be music or sports or acting; God wants you to use your talents. It's best to please God, not other people. God loves and respects you more than any friend could.

Now that school is back in full session, be yourself and be the person that God created you to be. Ask him to help you to enjoy being yourself. Being yourself is always the best option and pleasing to God. Remember that TBC is praying for you and your return to school.

Always remember to Trust God, Bless Others, and Celebrate Grace!





Our ensemble has been so faithful in providing music for worship during the past year, and now will present a special Holy Week Cantata which will premiere on Facebook April 1, 2021 at 6:00 pm. It will of course remain on the church's Facebook page so you can watch it whenever it is

convenient. As we did at Christmas, we've added a few extra singers to enhance the performance.

Lenten Canticles includes narration and song which spans the time between Jesus praying in the garden through the crucifixion. We will use classic artwork as we follow the passion events. I hope you will listen to this service as a way to remind yourself of the events of Holy Week and the sacrifice of our Lord.

## Support A Child

**Emphasis** 

A child is a person who is going to continue what you've started. He is going to sit where you are sitting now and when you are gone attend to those things which you think are so important. You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they will be carried out depends on him. He will assume control of your cities, states and nations. He is going to move in and take over your churches, schools, universities, and corporations. All your books are going to be judged, praised, or condemned by him. The fate of humanity is in his hands.

Please teach him well.

Abraham Lincoln





I have written a few times about this season of the church calendar, called Lent, which is observed by Christians around the world. This Sunday marks the beginning of the most solemn week of the year, Holy Week, which starts on Palm Sunday and ends on Easter Sunday.

If you haven't done anything to acknowledge Lent, either by some action (giving up something, making a donation) or attitude (practicing forgiveness, cultivating kindness), then Holy Week can be a time for you to start. Just taking time to reflect on Jesus' last days on earth, his struggles, his courage, his devotion to God, may help you to

arrive at Easter with a deeper sense of God's love and presence. Of course, this means that Good Friday you remember Jesus' crucifixion, and on Saturday his body in the tomb. It is the darkest time for the Christian church, and many churches hold Good Friday services of darkness, marked with solemnity and reflection. But this is necessary, because we know that this life is not only abundant and rewarding, but sometimes difficult and unrelenting. Let us embrace the challenges of Holy Week ahead, knowing that we experience it in order to share in the resurrection. (Romans 8:17)



August 9, 2021
Celebrating 125 years!

What are some of your favorite memories of TBC? How long have you been attending here? Did your parents attend here? Were married in the sanctuary? What were the church picnics like? Did you have a favorite pastor or Sunday School teacher? What do you love about TBC?

Share your memories and include a photo or two. You may find your story featured in the Courier!

#### **MEMORIALS**

*in memory of Jackie Peveler* by June Coons, Nancy Gordon

in memory of Robbie Miller by Bettie Kincaid, Mark Luttrell, Tom & Judy Dixon, Charles Cobb

in memory of Lena Lovan by TBC Deacon Body, Kendall & Karen Taylor

in memory of Muriel Martin by Myrtie Wilhoyte, Charles & Mary Bea, Shirley Jones, Mary Ruth Swallow, Mark & Ann Cox, Liberty Ridge Sr. Living, Nancy Gordon

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

- Phil Shown
- Frank Yaun (U of L hospital)
- Jean Lampkin
- The family of Muriel Martin
- Braxton Ledlow
- Robin Hall (chemotherapy)
- Lindy & Abbie Mercer
- Joe Bob Pierce's father
- Charlotte Benningfield's mother
- Russ Page
- Covid-19 Pandemic Victims
- ♦ Health Care Workers
- Those who are grieving

#### **DEACON INFORMATION**

#### March 28

Bill Genet, Harold Wilson

<u>Hope and Harvest Team</u> Elaine Williams, Curtis Hannah

#### April 4

Curtis Hannah, Dan Atteberry

Hope and Harvest Team



THURSDAY APRIL 1 6 PM



No Experience Necessary - Training will be provided!

Contact David Roberson or Curtis Hannah for more information!





#### Q & A Session Sunday, April 11 at 6 PM Sanctuary

This is a great opportunity for our church to get to know and have meaningful discussions with the leaders of the Empowerment Academy. Representatives from their Board of Directors will be here to help answer questions you may have in regards to a potential partnership with the academy by leasing them space on the 2nd floor of the Education Building.

A letter to the Church was sent out in February with a timeline and history of our discussions with the E.A. If you have not received this letter and would like a copy, contact the church office.

Please make every effort to be in attendance!

#### **UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

#### **MARCH**

- 25 Emogene Harl
- 26 Mikinzi Broceus
- 28 Terry DeRossitt
- 28 Shiana Sowers
- 29 Peyton Broceus

#### APRIL

- 1 Tony Delack
- 1 Brittany Davis
- 2 Ginny Shelton
- 2 Ruth Ann Worthington
- 3 Vernie Beals
- 6 Bryson Martinez
- 7 Yasmin Hernandez
- 7 Mark Luttrell
- 7 Kingston Morrow
- 9 Rebekka Palomares
- 10 Keke Bins
- 10 Maddie Howard
- 10 Nevaeh Halls
- 13 Hadley Rouse
- 15 Joselyn Storer