

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### Tuesday, September 5

9:00 AM - Library Team - Library

#### Wednesday, September 6

Senior Adult Trip to Danville  
1:00 PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

#### Thursday, September 7

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room  
7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

#### Saturday, September 9

8:00 AM - Men's Breakfast - Bradford Room  
12:00 PM - UK Football Car Park

#### Sunday, September 10

8:30 AM - Worship Service  
9:30 AM - Sunday School  
10:00 AM - Choir Practice  
10:45 AM - Worship Service  
3:00 PM - Blessing of the Pets - Garden  
4:00 PM - Ice Cream Social - Garden

### DWM INSTALLATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 10

Please join us in recognizing and praying for our DWM servant leaders when they are installed to office during the 10:45 AM service on Sunday, September 10:

President: Janet Clark  
Secretary & Membership: Sara Gretz  
Treasurer & Study: Monte LaFrana  
Service: Tracy Lovan  
Publicity & Yearbook: Cyndi Wiseman

Circle Leaders:  
Dorcas: Gayle Hutcherson  
Julia: Fran Allen  
Naomi: Elaine Lollis (Sept - Nov)  
Patsy Anderson (Dec - May)

Church Women United: Pat Waggener

Thank you for your commitment to our church women in the coming year.

**SUNDAY, September 10**  
**Plastic Jesus Sermon Series**  
**Spiritual Suburbia**  
**John 10:7-10**  
**Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson**

### SENIOR ADULT TRIP

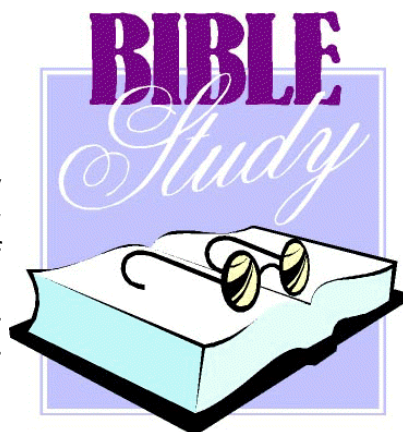
Our Senior Adult Ministry trips are back! On Wednesday, Sept. 6, we'll be headed to Danville, and on Wednesday Oct. 18, we'll spend time in Nicholas County. Read more about the trips and register by clicking this link: [Senior Adult trip registration](#)

Also, we'd love your feedback on upcoming trips and the name of the group. Click this link to share your feedback: [Senior Adult Ministry survey](#)



### THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Our Thursday Bible study is back! We meet at 11:00 AM in the Bradford Room. We are currently working our way through the book of Genesis. Everyone is welcome, no prior experience or knowledge needed. Join us!



### CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## Joys and Concerns

**MEMBERS:** Pam Bolton, Joe Clark, Family and friends of Faye Cooper, Jo Fulkerson, Peggy Harris, Jeanna Ott, Anne Rush

**FAMILY:** **David Hilen** (nephew of Minva Hodgins), **Tom McVey** (cousin of Martha Seithers), **Rebecca Prather** (mother of David Powell), **Mack Ramsey** (Grandson of Mitzi Ramsey), **Emily Barr Richards** (of the McDonalds)

**FRIENDS:** **The Cristi Family** (of Crestwood), **Chuck Jollay** (of David Wiseman), **Erin Laswell and Casey Rusher** (of Crestwood), **Howard Morgan** (of Kimberly Sparks), David Staten ( of the Seithers and Tolls), **Carolyn and Paul Shriver** (of the Harts)

**ARMED FORCES:** **Alex Back** (son of Andrea Back), **Anar Aliyev** (of Crestwood), **Karlis Bowman** (nephew of Debbie Bowman Gardner), **Matt Holman** (son of Gaye Holman), **Daniel Day** (grandson of John and Carol Royse and son of Tracy Day), **Bud DeLacey** (nephew of Matt and Michelle DeLacey), **Zoe McIntyre** (granddaughter of John Sims), **Ashlyn Marra-Sigler & Daniel Sigler** (daughter-in law & son of David and Pam Sigler)

**HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS:** Jean Aspley, Karen Billings, Lucy Booker, Margaret Buchanan, Joe Clark, Jacqueline Lindsey, Betty Shanklin, John Sims, John & Carolyn Thomas

**OUR WORLD COMMUNITY:** We pray for the victims & loved ones impacted by violence, inmates of the Fayette County Detention Center & their families, for an end to the war in Ukraine, for the peace of God to rule in the hearts of our local & national leaders, for those affected by COVID & natural disasters, & for God's spirit of reconciliation to bring healing during these difficult times.

## **BLESSING OF THE PETS FOOD DRIVE**

The Crestwood Youth Groups are collecting donations for the Lexington Humane Association! Anytime between now and Sunday, September 10, please bring a donation from the following list and place it in the bins located in the breezeway and the children's wing:

- Dry Purina Dog food
- Dry Purina Cat Chow
- Canned cat food
- Dry Purina Kitten Chow
- Cat litter (non-scented and non-clumping only)
- Milk Bone original Dog Biscuits (medium size)

Thank you for helping our animal friends in need! All donations will be delivered to the Humane Association after our Blessing of the Pets event on September 10.



### **BLESSING OF THE PETS & ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

To celebrate the God of ALL creation, we'll be hosting a Blessing of the Pets on Sunday, Sept. 10, from 3:00-4:00 PM in Lafferty Gardens. You are welcome to bring your pet or a picture of your pet. That will be followed at 4:00 PM by an ice cream social. All are welcome!

### **REBUILDING MISSION TRIP**

September 17 - September 22, 2023  
Rebuilding Mission Trip

We are planning a rebuilding mission trip to Western Kentucky after the devastating 2021 tornadoes! The dates of the trip are September 17-22. We will be staying at the First Christian Church (DOC) in Madisonville and working in Dawson Springs and Bremen rebuilding homes. No skills are necessary! The cost of the trip will be \$125. If you are interested in going on this much needed construction rebuilding mission please contact Steve Seithers at [sseithers@gmail.com](mailto:sseithers@gmail.com).

## DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

SEPTEMBER SERVICE PROJECT

LEXINGTON RESCUE MISSION

We are delighted to accept churchwide donations to our monthly DWM Service Projects. Please refer to the full article in this issue for more information & list of items requested.

### CIRCLE MEETINGS

#### September Bible Study:

God – Where Are You and Why Is This Happening?

*Bold Prayers from the Frustrated Faithful* (Lamentations 3:19-24)

#### Julia Circle

**Monday, September 18, 6:30 PM in the Bradford classroom**

*Please note the earlier meeting time of 6:30 PM*

We will start off the year with a Salad Supper – please bring a dish to share!

Melinda Thompson will lead our Bible study.

#### Naomi Circle

**Tuesday, September 19, 9:45 AM in the Bradford classroom**

Eleanor Congleton will lead the Bible study, and Patsy Anderson will be our host.

#### Dorcas Circle

**Wednesday, September 20, 10:00 a.m. in Chalice Hall**

Sice Shanklin will present our Bible study program.

*Crestwood Christian DWM invites all women to visit one or more of our Circles during September through May*

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### PLASTIC JESUS SERMON SERIES

The gospels paint a picture of Jesus as a revolutionary, counter-cultural, life-changing Savior. Does that sound like Jesus to you? Or is your version of him more...tame? With the rise of modern conveniences and comforts, we run the risk of domesticating Jesus so he can fit into our busy, disjointed, suburban lifestyle. But that is NOT the Jesus we meet in the Bible.

For our “Plastic Jesus” sermon series, we’ll be looking at the ways we have molded Jesus to fit our image, upholding the status quo and making sure we don’t get too uncomfortable. Let’s open the packaging we’ve placed around our Savior and see if we can rediscover who Jesus really is. It will not only change our lives, it may change the world.

Sept. 10 – Living in Spiritual Suburbia

Sept. 17 – Silence: Can You Hear Me Now?

Sept. 24 – Stewardship Sunday, Jeremy Gillett preaching

Oct. 1 – Self: Check Me Out!

Oct. 8 – Grace: Hiring a Cross-Bearing Service

Oct. 15 – Service: Volunteer of the Year

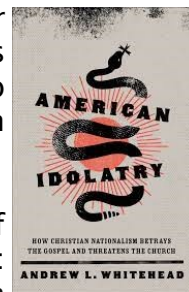
Oct. 22 – Sabbath: You’re Doing a Timeout!

Oct. 29 – Imperfection: The Curse of the Unmowed Lawn

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### “AMERICAN IDOLATRY” BOOK DISCUSSION

According to Christianity Today, Christian nationalism is “the belief that the American nation is defined by (conservative) Christianity, and that the government should take active steps to keep it that way.” Christian nationalism is a force in our country today, and as followers of Christ we are compelled to understand it so that we can respond accordingly.



Kory will be leading a study of the new book “American Idolatry: How Christian Nationalism Betrays the Gospel and Threatens the Church” by Andrew Whitehead. Dates and times won’t be set until we know who wants to be part of the conversation. If you’re interested, let Kory know.

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### SEPTEMBER MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our Men’s Breakfast this month will be on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 8:00 AM in the Bradford Room. All men of Crestwood are invited to join us for this time of food and fellowship. RSVPs are always appreciated; just let Kory know if you can be there.