

CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 12

2:00 PM - Property Team - Bradford Room

Wednesday, September 13

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

2:00 PM - Safety & Security Committee -
Bradford Room

Thursday, September 14

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

6:00 PM - Finance Team - Bradford Room

7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Saturday, September 16

3:00 PM - UK Football Car Park

Sunday, September 17

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:00 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

12:00 PM - Elders Meeting

4:00 PM - Crestwood University - Bradford Room

4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group

5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group

GILLETT TO PREACH AT CRESTWOOD

We are pleased to welcome Jeremy Gillett as our guest preacher on Sept. 24. Jeremy is a Commissioned Minister in the Christian Church in Kentucky. He completed the Certificate in African American Ministry at Lexington Theological Seminary in 2022 and has enrolled at LTS to continue his theological education.

He is a graduate of BCTC, the University of Kentucky, and Arizona State University, where he earned a Master of Fine Arts in Theatre and Film Performance. Following graduate school he served for 6 years as the Director of Youth Ministries at First Christian Church North Hollywood in Los Angeles, CA.

Jeremy is an Assistant Professor of Acting at the University of Kentucky. He is a person of deep faith and commitment to the church. He and his fiancée, Caren Garrad, have a family that includes 2 daughters (Jayda and Maya) and a son (Taeshawn). He is the son of Rev. Dr. Don Gillett and Dr. Charise Gillett.



SUNDAY, September 17
Plastic Jesus Sermon Series
Silence: Can You Hear Me Now?
Mark 1:35-39
Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

CROP HUNGER WALK

The Youth Group is collecting for the CROP Hunger Walk! Did you know that it only takes \$21 to give provide chickens to a family in Tanzania? Similar amounts are used to provide bee hives to families in Kenya. Church World Services and CROP Hunger Walk need your help - 25% of all donations stay here at home and are used by our own God's Pantry to help families facing food insecurity in Lexington. Please consider donating to help us reach our goal of \$1,000 this year! You can donate by scanning the QR codes posted at both entrances to the church, or by going to the website below:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/crestwood-christian-church>

The CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday October 15 at 3:30 PM. Come walk with our youth that afternoon!

CRESTWOOD CARE MINISTRY

We are a family at Crestwood, and families care for each other. Sometimes it's hard to know exactly how to do that, so we have a care ministry from which everyone can benefit. From walking with someone through difficult times to sending cards to making a meal for a new mom, there is a place and a way for you in this ministry. It takes all of us caring for each other. To figure out how you can be involved, email kelly@crestwoodchristian.org and we will find a place for you!

CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Pam Bolton, Joe Clark, Jo Fulkerson, Peggy Harris, Jeanna Ott

FAMILY: **The Family of Brad Guilfoil** (brother of Duane Guilfoil), **David Hilen** (nephew of Minva Hodgins), **Tom McVey** (cousin of Martha Seithers), **Mack Ramsey** (Grandson of Mitzi Ramsey), **Emily Barr Richards** (of the McDonalds)

FRIENDS: **The Cristi Family** (of Crestwood), **The Family of Paul Dunton** (of Joan Stafford), **Johnny Durham** (of Summer Perry), **Chuck Jollay** (of David Wiseman), **Erin Laswell and Casey Rusher** (of Crestwood), **The Lowe Family** (of Crestwood), **Howard Morgan** (of Kimberly Sparks), **David Staten** (of the Seithers and Tolls)

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.

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. 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

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.

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 AM 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

CRESTWOOD UNIVERSITY – THE B-I-B-L-E

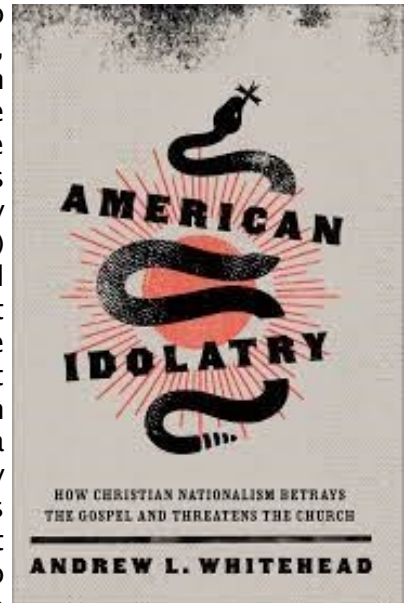
"I know the Bible is something we should understand a lot better but...it's so big! And there are all those 'begats' and weird stories about people being swallowed by whales. I don't know where to start!" If you've ever felt this way, our fall Crestwood University is for you. Kory will be leading us through a class about what's in the Bible, how to read it for understanding, and whether or not the Bible is "true" and relevant for today. The class will start on Sunday, Sept. 17, and meet at 4:00 PM in the Bradford Room. RSVPs are not necessary but are helpful! You can let Kory know if you plan to attend.

- Sept. 17 – What's in the Old Testament?
- Sept. 24 – What's in the New Testament?
- Oct. 1 – The Gods of the Bible
- Oct. 8 – Is the Bible True?
- Oct. 15 – Is the Bible Still Relevant?
- Oct. 22 – Reading the Bible for Understanding



"AMERICAN IDOLATRY" BOOK DISCUSSION

According to Christianity Today, C h r i s t i a n 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.