

Broadway Beacon

BROADWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 2020

Beloved Broadway,

Each Advent, we wait for the arrival of the Christ Child on Christmas who is the True Light coming into the world. We have become very familiar with waiting and longing this year. The old expression, which speaks to the impatience of children waiting for the holidays, "Moving slower than Christmas," has taken on new meaning for me in 2020. I cannot count the number of conversations I have had with our church family filled with longing, tears, and yearning to conclude this season of COVID. We long for the hugs, kisses, opportunities to sit in each other's homes, and to gather in our sacred spaces and sing until our diaphragms ache and our cups runneth over. This night of Pandemic seems impossibly long.

Last Saturday, I was given the task of "blacking out" our nursery and bedroom to prevent lil' Hank from reverse sleep cycling (terrifying words for new parents). Not being a professional window dresser, I took black garbage bags and black duct tape to cover the sky lights in the nursery (it doesn't look as bad as it sounds, but it doesn't look great either). After I finished covering the windows, it was after 5:00, so the sun was well on his way to bidding us farewell. I switched off the lights in the room to check my work. Even at early evening, there were still a few pin pricks and slivers of light breaking through the black plastic. I couldn't help but remember that Leonard Cohen lyric, "There is a crack, a crack in everything, That's how the light gets in." I felt a deep sense of comfort realizing, no matter how unimaginably dark the night, the littlest bit of light will find its way through. Gabriel says this to Mary this with more eloquence and brevity in Luke 1:37, "For nothing is impossible with God."

This Christmas Eve, we will continue to worship together as we have throughout the Pandemic but with two opportunities:

1. The first, in a similar style to our virtual Maundy Thursday Service, we will offer a **virtual Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols service** which will be posted on Christmas Eve at Noon at broadwaybaptist.org/worship.
2. We will also offer an **in-person, outdoor service on Christmas Eve at 7:00 P.M.** in a similar style to our Advent Outdoor Concerts with the addition of different music and devotional elements.

Your love and support this year as been a saving grace for us as a church family and as a staff. On March 15, when we held our first service virtually, I thought it would be a miracle for us to come this far and keep connected across the social distance. Thankfully, miracles do happen, "For nothing is impossible with God."

With Love and Hope,

Pastor Kevin

END OF YEAR GIVING UPDATE

SHORTFALL \$115,161

GOAL
\$145,088

GIVEN:
\$ 29,927

December Giving!



We have several Sunday School classes meeting via Zoom on Sunday mornings. If you're interested in joining one of these online groups, please contact Susan Reed at susanr@broadwaybaptist.org.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

On Sunday, December 27, the Vivaldi Gloria will be replayed from our joyful celebrations in 2019. Tune in to the vimeo link to hear the chancel choir and orchestra as we celebrate the Joy of the Christ Child.

GRATITUDE SHOUTOUT

Thank you to Rudd Parsons for all the extra time and effort to record and edit the Advent services and special events. His dedication to BBC during this time has been a gift to our church members and community. We appreciate all his efforts!



The illumination of the church via lights surrounding the church sign and draped on the holly trees by the sanctuary; combined with the live wreaths on the sanctuary doors and the long red bows on the lamp posts have served to remind us of the hope, peace, joy and love of this



advent season. In addition, the outdoor music concerts provided by the Kentucky Brass quintet on the front steps of the sanctuary have been inspiring and glorious! As we continue our advent and Christmas journey, we invite you to drive by the church at night or in the daytime for visual inspiration.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

The Season of Advent began November 29 and lasts until Christmas day. Each day of Advent there will be a reflection, prayer, or scripture reading posted on our social media pages. Please follow and share! The Advent devotionals will also be available on the church website and in print if you prefer.



Dear Fellow Broadway Members,

As you read this, we will be in the Advent season and Christmas is nearing. What a strange journey this year has been but there appears to be a light at the end of the tunnel as vaccines are closer than we initially expected. Let us at least hope that there is a return to a more normal in 2021.

Your deacon board held their last meeting of the year on December 14. Last month I named those who were rolling off the active board and this month we welcomed new members who officially begin their terms in January. We welcomed Vicki Buster, Fred Davidson, Lilly Davis, Julie Dixon, Christine Fuery, Dan McCubbin, Debra Reh and Conway Stone. We also elected deacon officers for 2021. John Dotson will serve as chair and Robin Riddle vice chair. Charlie Baker will be our new secretary while Melissa Whitehead and Lesley Lester will serve as coordinators. Please pray for all of these and encourage them as they begin another difficult year for our church.

This will be my final newsletter as deacon chair, and I would like to use this opportunity to thank my fellow officers. Alix Davidson has been excellent and faithful as Vice Chair which also made her Chair of the Personnel Committee. In addition, she has led the Task Force with a steady hand. Curtis Barman served as secretary and one could always expect correct, professionally written minutes. He has held this office for two years. I substituted for him one month in 2019 and gained additional respect for his job. Melissa Whitehead and Brittany Ritter served as coordinators and Melissa will continue into the new year. Please thank all of these when you have the opportunity.

Finally. It has been my honor to serve as chair with this entire board. All have served diligently with attention to the affairs of the church. In addition, they have been an unbelievable source of strength for me personally during what has been a very trying year for me. These men and women are the finest and they represent you with the highest Christian values.

Wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Walter Jones



Beginning Tuesday, February 2 at 6:00 p.m. we will have a 4 week Zoom Bible study on the book of Mark. If you're interested in being a part of this group, please email Susan at susanr@broadwaybaptist.org or call or text (502) 409-3825.

YOUTH TRIVIA NIGHT 2021

SAVE THE DATE - January 15, 6:30pm-

More details to follow!

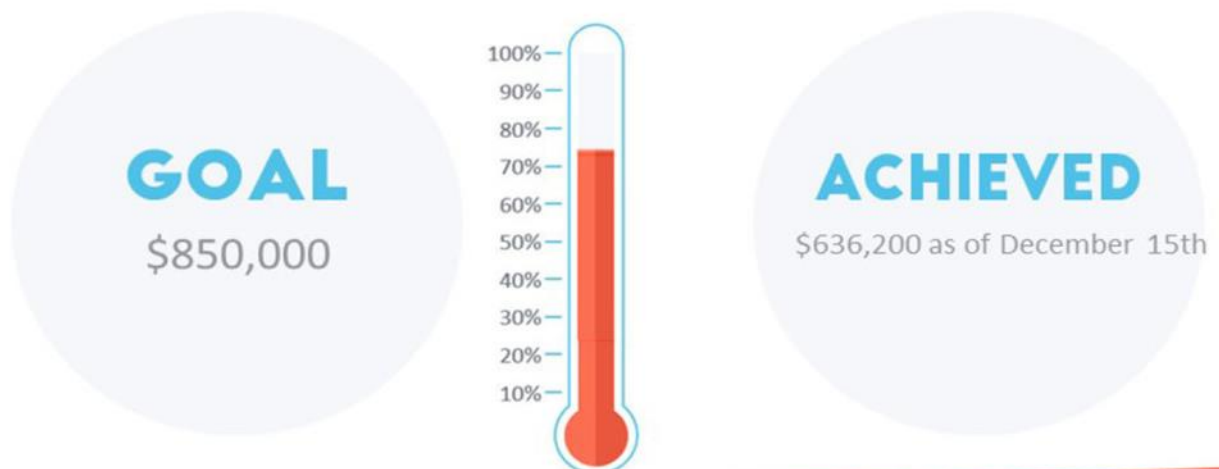
A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who shopped at Just Creations! We also want to give many thanks to those who helped provide food for 34 families this Christmas!

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Bound Together, Even Apart

Stewardship Campaign 2021



It's not too late to send in your 2021 pledge!



2020 Operations Update

As we conclude 2020, our Director of Operations, Scott Kimbell wanted to share our completed projects.

- Plaster and Paint Repair for ceiling in stairwell, men's bathroom and paint and soffit work on the 2nd floor
- Kitchen disposal replacement
- Playground slide replacement
- Column and overhead demolition in small courtyard off of the Atrium
- Key fob and access pad installed outside Atrium
- Roof replacement over music suite
- Roof repair over hallway leading to Chapel
- Upgrade office alarm system
- Replace Sanctuary HVAC unit (prior to replacement, cooling tower rebuild)

CHURCH KEY SWAP

We now have key pad access at the office entrance as well as the entrance to the Atrium. If you have a key to the church, please contact Scott and he will trade a four digit personalized code (of your choice) for your key. This is in no way an effort to restrict access but rather to ensure the building is locked securely as well as an automated record of those who enter the church. Please contact Scott if you have any questions.



Please make sure that your 2020 contributions are received in the church office or postmarked by Thursday, December 31st. Anything postmarked after December 31 or brought to the office



after that date will be considered a 2021 offering. If you are making a prepayment for your 2021 pledge, please note that clearly on your check. If you have any questions on your contributions or pledge, please contact Sarah Sanders in the church office by phone or email sarah@broadwaybaptist.org. Thank you for your faithfulness to giving to Broadway Baptist Church.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Would you like to sponsor a floral arrangement for Sunday morning worship in 2021? There are several dates available. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Stopher (stopher@bellsouth.net or 895-1913). The costs are: \$65 for regular Sundays, \$80 (2 @ \$40) for Communion Sundays.

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