

Broadway Beacon

BROADWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2020

Beloved Broadway,

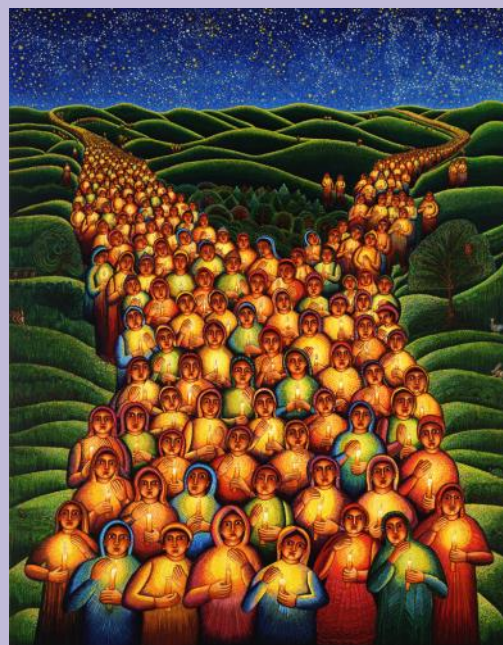
The Gospel of John opens with these words in 1:6-9,

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

As it has been said by some public health experts when autumn began, “We are entering the three darks months of the Pandemic.” When I heard these words, I couldn’t help but think about John the Beloved Disciple writing about John the Baptist and Jesus the Light of the World. I began to wonder, “What might it look like to shine a little light in our world here on Brownsboro at Broadway?” With COVID cases and hospitalizations on the rise, our staff met to dream and discuss ways to bring that light into the world in a way where all of our members and guests might feel safe and comfortable to participate. This summer, we spent our Wednesday nights surrounded by God’s good creation, listening to beautiful music, and sharing our Vespers Prayers. However, the winter winds now grow cold and we hunker down indoors.

So, this holiday journey to Christmas, we will be sharing a weekly, outdoor Advent Concert Series with ensembles from the Louisville Orchestra playing Christmas carols and classical pieces (which Robert will share more about in this newsletter). You are welcome to don your winter apparel and walk the campus or to comfortably sit in the warmth of your car with your hot cocoa and tune in on our short-wave broadcast on your FM dial.

As a child, I loved going with my parents and brother to look at the Christmas lights in the Highland Park Village where my dad’s barbershop is located. Driving through that neighborhood adorned and decorated was, quite literally, a high-light of my Christmas season. In addition to the Advent opportunities for all ages in our church family shared in this newsletter, we hope the twinkle and tunes on Brownsboro at Broadway will brighten our unconventional Advent this year.



Grace & Peace,

Pastor Kevin



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

GRATEFUL TO MUSICIANS

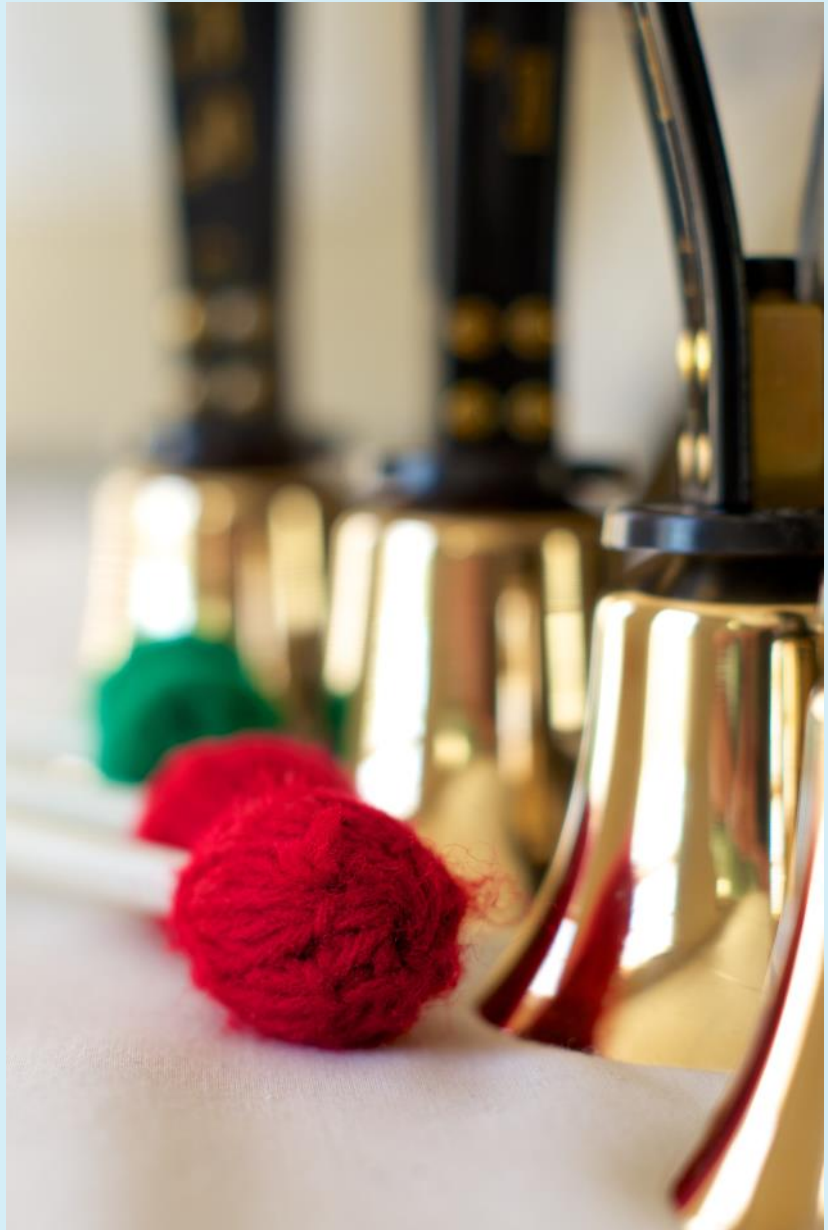
During the past several months, both Glenna Metcalfe and Jennifer Harberson have blessed us with their musical offerings on our virtual worship services, on Facebook, and through emails. Truly, we appreciate all their efforts of practice time at home, travel time, and recording time. We are so fortunate to work with such gifted and kind musicians.

After the HVAC was replaced last month in the sanctuary, both the piano and organ were tuned this month. In both cases, the tuners were thrilled with the new system and how it will benefit our fine instruments going forward.

Moreover, we continue to nurture a good working relationship with musicians from the Louisville Orchestra who have played at Vespers and been recorded in the Sanctuary whenever possible. All of this has been made possible by V.V. Cooke Foundation and we are grateful for the funds provided by the Fine Arts Fund.

The Decorations Team will be focusing their attention on the front side of the sanctuary this year. Therefore, we will have more decorations to be viewed from the Brownsboro Road side of the building in the day as well as in the evening. We hope this will serve as a reminder to our community that Christ provides us hope, love, joy, and peace in the midst of these uncertain times.

In addition, we will offer multiple outdoor music concerts provided by the Kentucky Brass quintet on **December 3, 10, and 17 at 7 pm** on the front steps of the sanctuary. These concerts will last between 30-45 minutes and will run the gamut of Christmas Carols and Classical Christmas music selections. We encourage you to come to the church parking lot and sit in the comfort of your cars and listen on your radio via the magic of a short wave broadcast or stand (no chairs please) outside on the circle drive way masked, properly distanced, and dressed for the winter weather.





Fellow Broadway Members,

The days have shortened, the frost is on the pumpkin and we are about to enter the season of Thanksgiving. Somehow, this year has slipped by quickly despite the sameness of many days. This season begins with the solemnity of All Saints Day and ends with our secular feast of Thanksgiving though we Christians acknowledge God as the source of our bounty. This year we may feel a little less thankful than normal but most of us are on the positive side of the ledger. For those of you who feel just the opposite, your fellow members here at Broadway stand by to help in any way that we can. I think that when Thanksgiving comes, we will all be thankful that there will be no more commercials (at least for a while) that end “...and I approved this message”.

Our stewardship campaign has ended but we need your help. There are a goodly number of pledge cards that we have not received from many faithful supporters. We certainly hope that this simply reflects the lack of an easy return that normal activities would have provided. Prayerfully consider your pledge and let the church office know of your decision. We need this information in order to formulate a realistic budget. The Finance Committee, led by Bob Hook, has produced a budget that is smaller than the current year but if giving markedly declines we may have to face painful choices.

When you read this the deacons will have only one meeting remaining in this year. Rolling off the active deacon board are Curtis Barman, Tom Burrell, Reba Cobb, Audy Sisk, Bill Stevens, Teri Veal, Ellen Waddle, and Claudia Wells. When you have the opportunity please thank these individuals for their service for the past three years. This group has provided great and extensive leadership during their tenure. Our current board lost a member in early November as Michael Gray and his family mover to Arizona and we certainly wish them well. We welcome Melissa Barman to fill out the remainder of his term which will expire in 2021.

We are struggling with our efforts to resume in-person services in the sanctuary. We are aware that some of you are frustrated and so are we. However, please do not let frustration turn to anger. The task force takes its role seriously and put yourself in their shoes knowing that a decision could possibly result in another's harm. We do realize that the risk can never be completely eliminated and some may feel that we are being overly cautious but as Covid cases continue to spike in Jefferson County it becomes more difficult to reduce the risk to an acceptable level. We realize that everyone will make his decision based on their own risk tolerance and current circumstance. As adults we accept the consequences of our actions but keep in mind that when we resume, we are asking our staff to be present for these services, regardless of their personal thinking. At this point it appears that most of our membership appears unwilling to resume in person services (and I am not being critical as I fall into this camp for several reasons). When we do resume in person services, we are determined that this be as safe as possible. I also want to emphasize that when services initially resume, they will not look like what we have always enjoyed.

Please pray for our church and its leaders as we progress through this difficult period. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Walter Jones



The Season of Advent begins 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.

ANGEL TREE

We will be sponsoring angels again this year through Chenoweth Elementary and Choice's Inc (transitional housing for women and families). If you would like to help provide Christmas gifts for children and families from these mission partners, please contact Susan Reed at susanr@broadwaybaptist.org or call or text at (502) 409-3825 by December 1. Angel gifts will be due back to the church by December 10 (drop off times available on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings (specifics will be provided with your angel). If you're unable to shop and would like to financially sponsor an angel, please contact Susan as well.

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2020 Year-end Contributions

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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.



Holiday Shopping Week



At



Sponsored by:

Broadway Baptist Church Youth

November 30 – December 5
during regular store hours
10:00am - 6:00pm

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Virtual Family Advent Breakfast

• SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 •
@ 9:30AM VIA ZOOM

CONTACT REV. KRISTIN BELCHER FOR
MORE INFORMATION!

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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