

Broadway Beacon

June 2023

Passover Seder





Beloved Broadway,

Throughout the month of May we studied the wisdom literature of Proverbs during Wednesday Night Bible Study and in the Stained Glass class I lead on Sunday mornings. I have not done a deep dive into Proverbs in many years, but what a challenging, rich resource available to us! Proverbs is a book shrouded in presumption, but with so much to teach all of us. While written to educate young, male elites, Proverbs possesses the power to unlock some essential elements of the human condition, specifically what has been popularly coined by Psychologist Peter Wason as “confirmation bias, the tendency to seek out and interpret new evidence in ways that confirm what you already think.”

Proverbs begins with an overture in 1:7, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction." The language of fear is one which sits like a stone in my heart. Why would a God of unconditional love, grace, and mercy call us to fear? In his monumental work *The Idea of the Holy*, the reverential awe we experience towards our Creator is what Rudolf Otto calls the numinous—the mysterious, tremendous, fascinating otherness of the Divine. God is a God who defies all boxes, but by grace still comes near to us in the incarnation of Christ. Proverbs reminds us that when we think we have all the answers, wisdom has already left the building.

The writers of Proverbs (Solomon, yes, but there are explicitly and implicitly a few of other writers if you read closely), continually point to the limitations of human understanding. This does not point us to some sort of blind faith that dismisses logic or lived experience, but challenges us to continue to lean into not our own understanding and echo chambers. To seek wisdom wherever she is to be found. Proverbs 16:2 states, “All one’s ways may be pure in one’s own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirit.” Confirmation bias is a modern-psychological way of stating what Proverbs puts so plainly. Then, in Proverbs 27:17, the antidote is offered for those who would hear it, “As iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens the wits of another.” We are saved by grace through our relationship with God, and also we are saved from our own self-deception by our relationships with each other.

I imagine you might do a bit of traveling this summer. If you are, I hope and pray you might find time to reconnect with friends and family who sharpen you. If you are staying put, I hope you will take some time to put yourself outside of your normal routine. If your days still hang heavy with the absence of a loved one, please take the time to participate in our summer small group on Grief with Leslie Townsend on June 4, 11, 18, 25. Reach out to your Sunday school community or an old friend, and see who can go to lunch, to the Speed Museum, or to a Louisville Bats game. In a city like Louisville there is more to do and see than we have time in a summer, but I promise you there is wisdom to be found in the fellowship we share.

Have a great summer, and as you go from here to there and everywhere, stay close in spirit, and may God grant you traveling mercies and summer days filled with sunshine and bright hope for tomorrow.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Kevin

MUSIC MINISTRY

On June 15, we will celebrate Jonathan Olbander's first year anniversary as our organist here at Broadway Baptist Church.

Truly, he is a talented musician and his musical offerings in worship, both service music and hymn playing, continue to enhance our worship experiences each week.

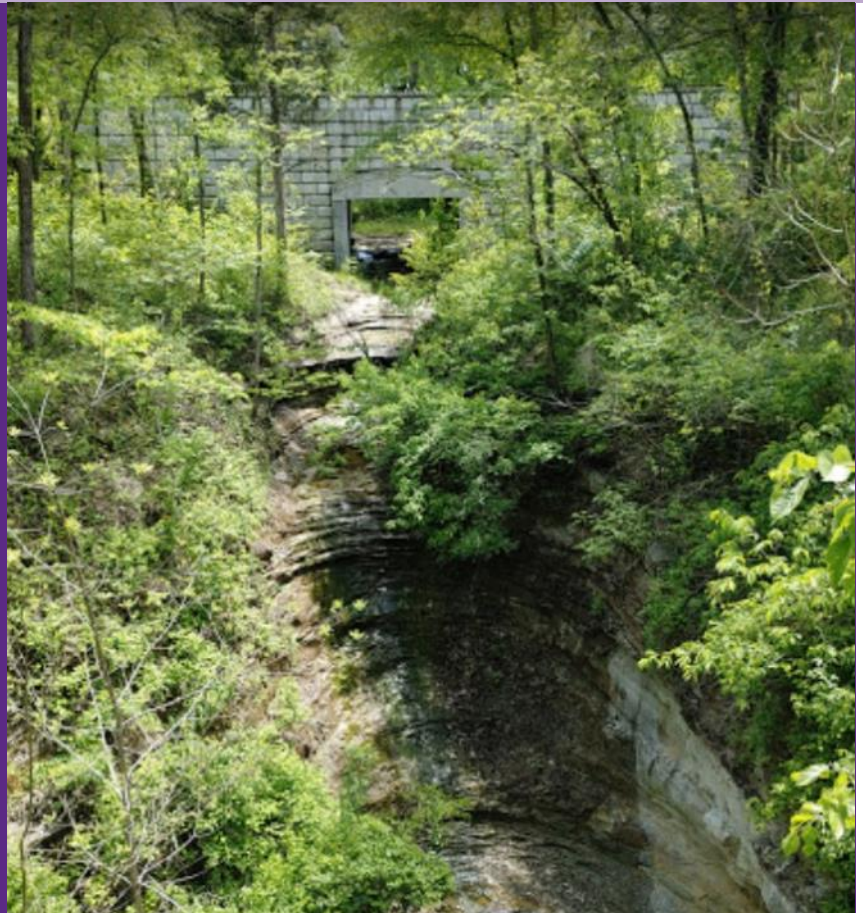
In addition, he has endeared himself to our choir and congregation as well. Congratulations Jonathan on your first year anniversary! We are glad you are here!

Thank you to the Chancel Choir for all their time of preparation and musical offerings in worship this Winter/Spring! You inspire us to a more profound alleluia to God each week and we are grateful.

They will be taking a break in June so they can return with renewed energy and inspiration in mid July.

RECREATION TEAM UPDATE

Our June hike plans have now been set. We will be taking on the Limestone Gorge and Leatherwood Trails in the Broad Run section of the Parklands following morning worship on Sunday, June 4th. This event will mark our 8th outing in as many months! Contact Curtis Barman at (502) 930-6420 for details.



Broadway Arts Academy



The Broadway Arts Academy seeks to provide artistic opportunities to our community by offering high quality arts programs with certified arts instructors. We believe in the power of the arts to enrich peoples' lives, especially when shared. The Academy is a place where individuals of all ages can study and develop their talent as part of our growing community of the arts in Louisville.



As we embark upon our second year here at BAA, we are grateful for the support of our Broadway congregation, our high quality of instructors, and welcoming volunteers! We look forward to a wonderful second year and hope you will join us as a student or volunteer.

Fall Registration is now open! The semester will begin the week of Monday, August 14. Visit broadwaybaptist.org/broadwayarts.

The Ministry Fair is Back!

The Ministry Fair (a great time to sign up for fall activities, small groups, and volunteer opportunities) will be Sunday, August 20 after Worship in the Family Life Center and Atrium. If you would like to have a table for your small group or ministry, please contact Susan Reed in the church office or at susanr@broadwaybaptist.org Please make plans to visit the booths, enjoy a light lunch, and get to know more about Broadway!

LifeTimers In The Know

Wednesday, June 21 at 11:30 a.m. Friendship Hall

“Better Cyber Safe Than Sorry” presented by Candace Runyon

Topics Include:

Identity Theft, Fraud & Phishing, Safe Password Practices and Social Media Hacks

Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. Candace's program will begin at 12:00 p.m. The cost of lunch is \$5.00. Lunch requires a reservation by Monday, June 19 noon by contacting the church office by phone, email or online.

Watch for the next meeting of LifeTimers 'In The Know', coming in August.





Grief Support Group

Leslie Townsend will be leading a Grief Support Group throughout the month of June. This group will meet on Sundays at 4:00 beginning June 4th. Location to be determined. If you would like to sign up or if you have any questions please contact Susan Reed at susanr@broadwaybaptist.org

JUNE 4, 11, 18, & 25

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Where would you like to serve?

The Nominating Committee will begin working July 1 to select Deacons, officers, committees and team leaders for 2024! If you're interested in serving on a committee or if you would like to nominate someone to serve as a deacon please [click here](#) or you may contact Lilly McGlone (502) 644-8786, Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Love In Action Collection

Throughout the summer, the Love in Action Bins will be used to collect backpacks for Chenoweth Elementary. Please bring new or gently used child-sized backpacks to one of the bins located in the Atrium, Friendship Hall, or by the office by Sunday, July 30.





May - August at noon on the second Tuesday of each month we will have a prayer time in the prayer garden. You're welcome to bring a chair, a lunch or snack, and an open heart as we join together in a time of reflection and sharing prayer concerns and praises together. In case of bad weather, we will meet in the chapel.



The dates will be:

June 13 July 11 August 8

SAVE THE DATE!

Service in September

SEPTEMBER 10 AFTER WORSHIP

(LUNCH PROVIDED)



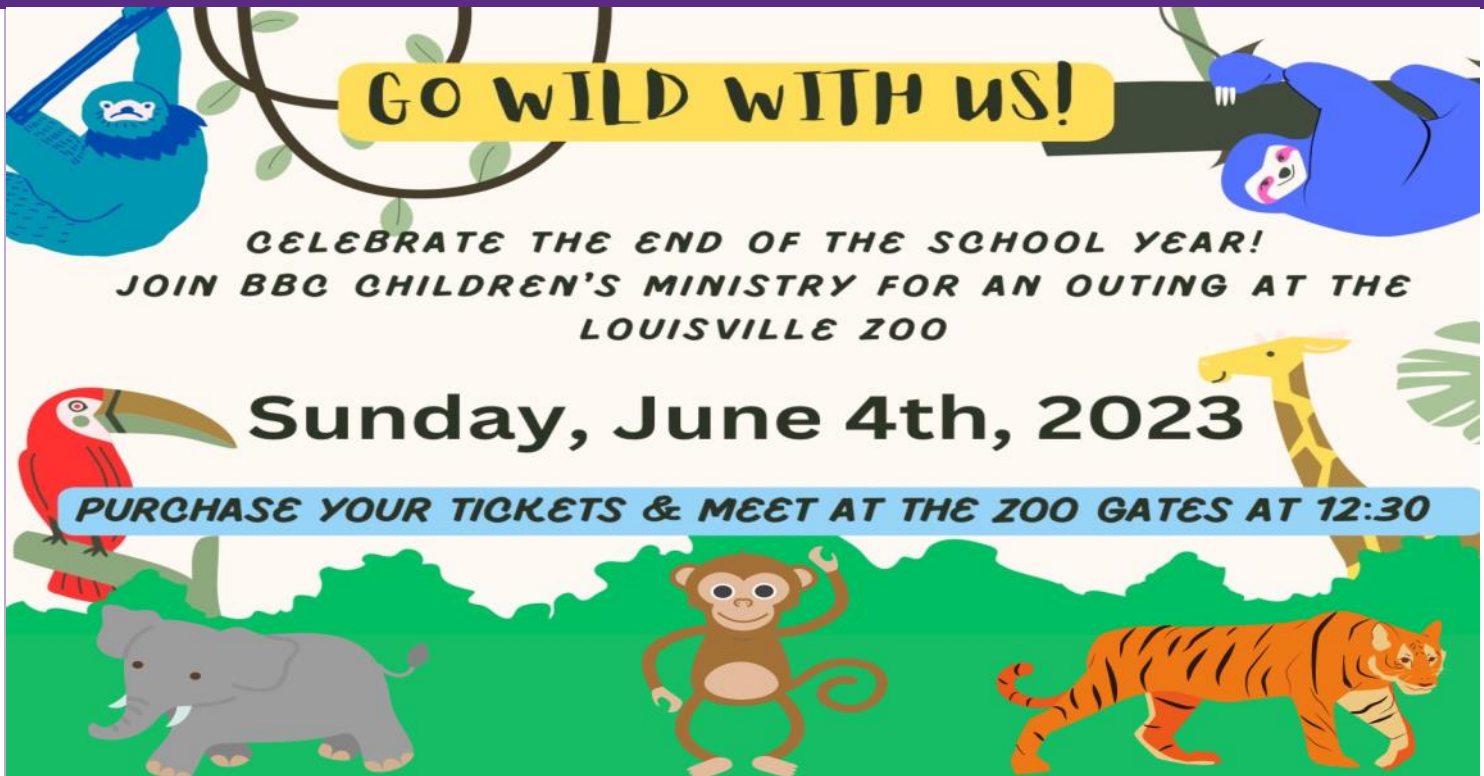
Summer is here and the youth space is really starting to come together! Thank you to everyone who has given of their time, talent, and treasure to help get our space on the road to feeling like home. In the past month, we've been meeting to work on crafts that will become the decor of our youth space and we are having a lot of fun letting our creative spirits flow! For these creative projects, we could use some help collecting materials, such as: old magazines, think Nat Geo; craft sets of any kind; picture frames; small statues or busts; and CDs or records (usable or not is fine!). For the youth space itself, we could still use: couches; tables; chairs; and books on theology, philosophy, poetry, or spiritual matters. Any of these things would be greatly appreciated! If a youth in your life loves to craft or paint or get messy, they are welcome to join us on Sundays after church. Feel free to stop by our new space in the Sunday School hallway to see what we're up to!

Thank you!

All the best,

Alissa

KID'S OUTING ON JUNE 4





Katherine Dotson



Graduated with a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Samford University

Christopher Broadwater



Graduated with a Master's Degree in World History from Murray University

Samantha Veal



Graduated with a Master's Degree in Teaching, Education in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education, University of Louisville

Kevin Gardner-Sinclair



Graduated with a Doctor of Ministry, from Baylor University



Abby Deming



Graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology w/ minor in Criminal Justice from Indiana University Southeast

Evan White



Graduated from Ballard High School

Caroline Church



Graduated with a Master's Degree in Mental Health Counseling from Northwestern University

Stanford Broadwater



Graduated with a Master's Degree in Physics and Astronomy from University of Louisville



Graduate Spotlight

Robert Thomas



Graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from University of Chicago

Maggie Veal



Graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, Minor in Public Health, from the University of Louisville

Boyd Gudgel



Graduated with a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from the University of Kentucky



Congratulations
to our
GRADUATES!

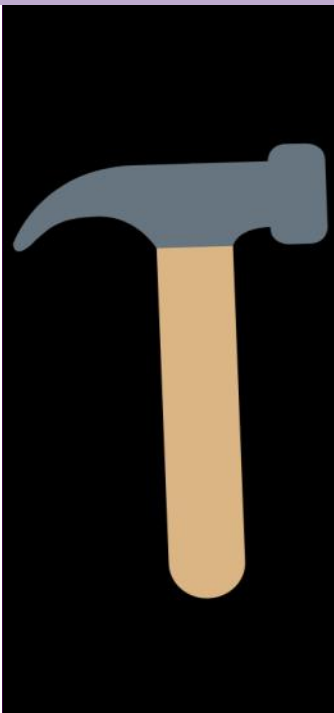
Best wishes for
a bright future!



June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 <i>Children Resource Room Cleanout 8- noon</i>
4 <i>Sunday School Worship Kid's Outing Grief Group</i>	5	6 <i>Pickleball</i>	7	8	9	10
11 <i>Sunday School Worship Grief Group</i>	12	13 <i>Prayer Time in Prayer Garden Pickleball</i>	14 <i>Youth Craft Time</i>	15	16	17
18 <i>Sunday School Worship Grief Group</i>	19	20 <i>Pickleball</i>	21 <i>Youth Outing</i>	22	23	24
25 <i>Sunday School Worship Youth Outing Grief Group</i>	26	27 <i>Pickleball</i>	28 <i>Youth Outing</i>	29	30	

Extreme Build



Extreme Build 2023

June 12-17

We are looking for individuals with and without skills who want to offer themselves in service to God and Eastern Kentucky. The Extreme Build Week will include siding, flooring, painting, and finish work and will take place June 12-17th.

Contact **Sharon Davis** for more information at **502-939-4682** or **sdavis217@gmail.com**



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