



## ***Pig Pickin' and Rally Day***

**August 17, 2025**

**Prelude**

*Love Lifted Me*

James Rowe

**Welcome**

Rev. Kyle Otterbein

*We Rise in Spirit and in Body*

**Call to Worship** (responsive)

We gather today to worship the one who created us,  
**the one who calls us,**  
the one who equips us,  
**the one who loves us without end. With joyful hearts, let us**  
**worship God.**

**Opening Praise Medley**

Jesus in the Morning

Traditional

*Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him in the morning; praise Him at the noon time.*

*Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him when the sun goes down.*

*Serve Him, serve Him, serve Him in the morning, serve him at the noon time*

*Serve Him, serve Him, serve Him when the sun goes down.*

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus at the noon time*

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus Christ the Risen King!*

*He is Lord*

Steve Vest

*He is Lord, He is Lord!*

*He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!*

*Ev'ry knee shall bow and ev'ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord*

*He is love, he is love!*

*He has shown us by his life that he is love! All his people sing with one*  
*voice of praise that Jesus Christ is love!*



Sanctuary

J.W . Thompson/Randy Scruggs

*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true  
with thanksgiving  
I'll be a living sanctuary for you. (Repeat)*

## Stories from Montreat

Claire Ellington

### Meet the Teachers!

Today is Rally Day! We are excited about our teachers! They are all great. Please come forward to a blessing!

Jim and Betsy Tyrie... Mary Evans... Michelle Fluitt... Georgeanna Capito... Susan Howard... Caroline Wedge... Donna Wolbe... Julia Roberts

### Prayer (responsive)

Blessings of teachers and backpacks

Let us pray:

God, bless this school year,  
**this new season, this chance to discover the world anew. We  
sense the anticipation of something about to happen, of all our  
preparation and worry and excitement for new friendships and  
challenges and opportunities.**

God, bless these backpacks,  
**symbols of a fresh beginning.**

And bless everyone who carries their heavy load,  
**as all the new questions rise up in their hearts and minds.**

God, bless all the learning places.

### Meet the Small Group Leaders!

Today is Rally Day! We are not just a church with small groups, we are a small group church. Please come forward:

Debbie Morse...Trudy Burkeen... Wayne Hendrix... Julia Roberts...  
Donna Meredith... Mary Evans... Margaret Stein... Peggy Carthrae...  
Connie McGehan... Charlotte Prow



## **Prayer (responsive)**

Let us pray:

Lord, we thank you for the experience of being together.

**As a congregation, we belong together.**

And our small groups demonstrate this.

**Thank you for our small group leaders,**

for it is in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Colossians 3:1-4**

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

## **Luke 11:33-36**

'No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar, but on the lampstand so that those who enter may see the light. Your eye is the lamp of your body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light; but if it is not healthy, your body is full of darkness. Therefore consider whether the light in you is not darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, with no part of it in darkness, it will be as full of light as when a lamp gives you light with its rays.'

**Word from the Pastor**

*Full of Light*

Rev. Kyle Otterbein







## Response Hymn

*You Are My All in All*

Dennis Jernigan

*You are my strength when I am weak*

*You are the treasure that I seek*

*You are my all in all*

*When I am down you pick me up*

*When I am dry you fill my cup*

*You are my all in all*

*Jesus, Lamb of God*

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,*

*hallowed be thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,*

*on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread,*

*and forgive us our debts,*

*as we forgive our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation,*

*but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom*

*and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

## Closing Song:

*My Lighthouse*

Rend Collective

*In my wrestling and in my doubts*

*In my failures You won't walk out*

*Your great love will lead me through*

*You are the peace in my troubled sea*

*You are the peace in my troubled sea*

*In the silence You won't let go*

*In the questions Your truth will hold*

*Your great love will lead me through*

*You are the peace in my troubled sea*

*You are the peace in my troubled sea*



*[Chorus]*

*My lighthouse, My lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You  
My lighthouse, My lighthouse  
I will trust the promise, you will carry me  
Safe to shore-woah-woah  
Safe to shore-woah-woah  
Safe to shore-woah-woah  
Safe to shore*

*I won't fear what tomorrow brings.  
With each morning I'll rise and sing.  
My God's love will lead me through.  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.*

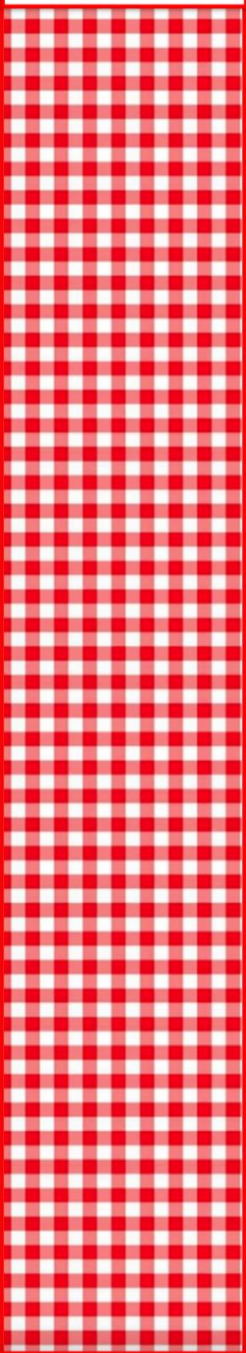
*[Repeat Chorus]*

*[Bridge] 4X's  
Fire before us  
You're the brightest,  
You will lead us through the storms.  
[Repeat Chorus]*

**Benediction**

Rev. Kyle Otterbein





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# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## *Make the Connection*



Sunday morning is a wonderful time to be with others at the church. There are classes for all ages, and they start at 9:15am. Learning can be anytime, and we appreciate ideas for what you would like to learn, how you would prefer to learn, and when that learning would best work for you.

### **Nursery-Available 9:00-11:45 a.m.**

**Teachers: Alisia Simmons, Yamilet Bruno Sanchez**

Loving nursery care is available for the infants and toddlers (under age three during Sunday School, under age five during worship)

### **Preschool Class-Meets 9:30-10:15 a.m.**

**Teachers: Betsy and Jim Tyrie**

The preschool curriculum is called Heart Shaper. The preschoolers will be read a short Bible story using all their senses as we discuss the meaning of God's love for us. After the story, the children complete a hands-on activity to take home related to their Bible story.

### **Godly Play-Meets 9:45-10:20 a.m.**

**Teachers: Mary Evans, Georgeanna Capito, Michelle Fluitt, and Susan Howard**

Children in Kindergarten through grade 5 experience Godly Play in Sunday School. Godly Play is an approach to children's spiritual formation where the stories of our faith are presented, children wonder about them together, and then are given open ended opportunities, often with art supplies, to engage with the story on their own terms.

### **Jr. High and Sr. High-Meets 9:30-10:15 a.m.**

**Teachers: Caroline Wedge and Rev. Kyle Otterbein**

Join us for food, fun, fellowship and faith building. We love to spend time with each other weekly. It is a wind down from the busy hectic week. The highlight of the summer is our annual trip to Montreat. We also like axe throwing, pool parties, four-square, and playing Wizard. We help with Gloves of Love and the Little Library. Our highlight lately has been helping in Children's Church.

### **Coffee and Conversations-Meets 9:30-10:15 a.m.**

#### **Shared Teaching**

Each Sunday the class meets to discuss a chapter of a modern Christian book-- amongst other topics. Currently we are reading *Just Show Up: How Small Acts of Faithfulness Change Everything (A Guide for Exhausted Christians)* by Drew Dyck. Everyone is welcome to join us, whether you're caught up on the reading or not.





### **Adult Bible Study Shared Teaching**

Join us in the conference room for a deeper look at the scriptures along with discussion. The class selects the book to be studied and the Book of Acts will be the study to begin the fall. The class is open to all who would like to learn together.

### **Children's Church – Children leave the worship service after the minister's Time with Young Christians**

**Teachers: Donna Wolbe and Michelle Fluit**

Children's Church teaches children K-5 about the elements of worship and their meaning and importance to Christians. It provides learning tools that encourage children to listen, learn, and understand what happens in worship services. It prepares children for worshipping together with their families.





## **Announcements**

**USHERS:** Polen and Thomison families

**COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE:** Blake Miller, Keelin Murrell, Mack Overfelt, Jeremiah Simpson and Johnna Smith

**LAY READER:** TBD

**MEDIA PERSONNEL:** Laura Parkerson

**NURSERY:** Alisia Simmons, Yamilet Bruno Sanchez

**LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY AUG 24:** Isaiah 58:9b–14; Psalm 103:1–8; Hebrews 12:18–29; Luke 13:10–17

### **TODAY**

**DEACON OF THE WEEK** this week will be Frederica Kernohan. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** will resume August 24, the Sunday after 'Pig Pickin'.

**THANK YOU!** We want to express our thanks to the Beard family for hosting our Pig Pickin' each year. Their generosity and gracious hospitality is a wonderful gift to our church and is greatly appreciated!

### **OTHER NEWS**

**RESTOCK FOOD PANTRY** Our Food Pantry has seen a great many requests for food assistance recently. The office is always appreciative of food donations for restocking our shelves. Items may be brought to the church office. Thank you for any help with this ministry! It is also possible to volunteer as one of our Pantry Shoppers, who buy in bulk, using church pantry funds. Call the office if you have questions.

**FOOD DONATIONS THAT ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED:** Canned spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, canned fruit or vegetables, 1 pound bag of dried beans, 1 pound bag of rice, mac n' cheese, and cans of meats (tuna or chicken).

**FALL GIVEAWAY** Cecelia Memorial is now accepting donations for their fall giveaway. They are in need of school items and clothing for young men and women. Also, if you have gently used sports or music items that you would like to pass on, we will accept them as well. There is a great need this year for clothing and shoes. Please contact Lovelyn at [lovelynab@yahoo.com](mailto:lovelynab@yahoo.com); [ceceliamemorial1234@outlook.com](mailto:ceceliamemorial1234@outlook.com), text or call 619-368-2103 for drop off location. Thank you so much for whatever help you can give. Lovelyn.





**OUR PRESCHOOL LEARNING CENTER** is requesting assistance with some small items for the children for the 2025-2026 school year. The following items will be greatly appreciated:

- baby wipes
- disinfectant spray and/or wipes
- sidewalk chalk
- card stock
- cookies
- jugs of water
- napkins
- 3 oz bathroom cups
- toys for outside
- Cheez-it
- Kleenex boxes
- crayons
- Play-doh
- Goldfish crackers
- veggie straws

All items will be put to good use in the upcoming school year. And remember that the **PLC registration** is still open and the new school year begins on August 18! Consider mentioning our PLC to any folks you know with children ages 2-4. Thank you!

**YOUTH GROUP** The Youth Group will have their Kick-off Pool Party August 24, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Davenports' home. If you would like to volunteer to work with our youth, please attend. We have a time of service, fun, and fellowship. Call Terry in the church office at 270-843-4707 if you would like more information.

**THANK YOU** We would like to thank the family of Peggy & Larry Pack and Traveler's Cellar Winery for sponsoring the Sunset Jazz Concert. The concert was a big success!

**LAY READERS NEEDED FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER** A signup page is online for lay readers in the coming weeks. If you are willing to serve one Sunday, please scan the QR code to visit this link and sign up for a date. Lay reader information will be emailed on the Friday prior to the date. Thank you!



**NEWSLETTER FOLDERS/SEALERS** A signup page is online for upcoming months for Newsletter folders/sealers. If you are willing to volunteer to help in the office with this task, scan the QR code to visit this link and sign up for a date, contact Robin by phone at 270-843-4707, or email at [info@bgpres.org](mailto:info@bgpres.org).





# CECELIA MEMORIAL FALL GIVEAWAY

The date of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Giveaway is  
September 20, 2025 at Cecelia Memorial Presbyterian Church,  
716 College Street, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Time: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Contact: Lovelyn Williams

Phone: 619-368-2103 Email: [lovelynab@yahoo.com](mailto:lovelynab@yahoo.com)

They are accepting donations, and are in need of school items, clothing for young men and women, and gently used sports or music items. There is a great need this year for clothing and shoes.





## WELCOME VISITORS!

*We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by the minister, officers, and congregation.*

**Clerk of Session:** Debbie Trickey    **Treasurer:** Steve Moore

**Elders:** Class of 2026- Pam Bratcher, Rachel Crocker, Claire Ellington, J.B. Hines, Susan Howard, Mike Kanan; Class of 2027-Sam Evans, Nathan Love, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, Larry Warden; Class of 2028- Clark Carthrae, Buzz English, Julia Roberts, Julie Wedge; **Deacons:** Class of 2026- Phil Burkeen, Kim Ferguson, Kathy Higgins, Laura Parkerson, Brianna Trickey; Class of 2027-Trudy Burkeen, Georgeanna Capito, Sally Calkins, Nancy Carwell, Evan Goad, Frederica Kernohan; Class of 2028- Sharon Hendrix, Jan Morgan, and Margaret Stein.

### *The Presbyterian Church Staff*

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### Calendar

**Sunday, Aug 17**

**PIG PICKIN' & RALLY DAY**

**Monday, Aug 18**

9:00 a.m.    GOD/DOG is Love  
5:30 p.m.    Christian Ed. Ministry Meeting

**Tuesday, Aug 19**

9:30 a.m.    Chair Yoga  
11:00 a.m.    Special Care  
6:00 p.m.    Session

**Wednesday, Aug 20**

7:00 a.m.    Breakfast Group  
5:00 p.m.    Chancel Choir

**Friday, Aug 22**

7:30 a.m.    Mens' Breakfast Group

**Donate Online:** The church website accepts online donations. Just go to our website, and fill out the simple form. Donations can also be made from your smart phone. You may also scan this QR code. <https://bgpres.org/give>



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