

Church News

GREETINGS FROM ST. JAMES

by Caroline Jefferson
Our first Lenten Fish Fry was most successful! We sincerely appreciate our supporters! Your patronage continues to be our blessings! Please join us beginning at 4:30 p.m. each Friday through April 9 to enjoy a delicious seafood meal. As a reminder, due to work in the cafeteria, there won't be any Fish Fries at St. Augustine this year.

Also, each week at 6:45 p.m., the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at St. James and 7 p.m. at St. Augustine. The fourteen Stations of the Cross depicting the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday, invite us to meditate on Christ's suffering from carrying His cross on the road to Calvary after already being scourged at the pillar, having His Head covered with a crown of thorns, then bearing the tremendous weight of the cross which led to His precious body being nailed to that cross creating a most agonizing and excruciating death on that cross. Lent is a time of reflection, meditation and a committed resolve to become better - to be the children that God created us to be. Let us strive to carry out that resolve through our consistent practicing of the three pillars of Lent - Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Have a blessed week!

OAKLAND CHRISTIAN

by Barb Browning
"Letting Go to Grow" using Colossians 3:1-10 as text was our message of the hour. Sometimes we just need to "house clean" to grow in our spiritual life. Sometimes you have to throw out the old to replace with the new.

Our Ladies Day for 2025 is coming along nicely. Just be watching this newspaper for the special ad for our special day. (You are encouraged to pre-register by calling 859-654-6174 or 859-797-3719 by April 12.) Please note that we are also having a "Princess Tea" at the same time for Kindergarten through fifth grade students. (Register them too.)

Prayer concerns include Connie Jo Bowling (shoulder surgery 17th), Tom Goshorn, baby Rosie Tarvin, Leoma Clos, James & Darlene Godman, Diana Hogue, Bob Scott, Charlie (Hayes) Jacobs, Shirley Perkins, Kenny Burton, Theo Jones (4), Sue Baker, Mark Weiss, shut-ins, covid/cancer issues, our nation and its military.

Our sympathy to loved ones of Diana Buerkley and Oscar Rednour.



Chatham Christian Hosts Gospel Concert March 29

Chatham Christian Church invites the community to a gospel music concert beginning at 6 pm on Saturday, March 29 at their church located along Augusta-Chatham Road. An inspiring lineup of musicians will

feature Cedar Valley Bluegrass, Pat & Brandi Feagan and more.

At 9 pm drinks and refreshments will be provided to attendees. For more information, call 859-823-9416 or 606-402-1642. submitted

Maple Grove Cemetery Holds Benefit on March 23

The Maple Grove Cemetery Board will hold their annual fundraiser dinner from 11:30-1:30 pm on Sunday, March 23. The meal will be served at the Germantown Community Center, located at 70 Bridgeville Road in Germantown. The menu includes chicken or country ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, coleslaw or cottage cheese, roll, drink and dessert. The cost is \$10. Carry out is available.

The fundraiser is

held in honor of the late Mary Ann Mains, who helped to plan and facilitate the dinner each year. Mary Ann was key to many projects that helped the Germantown community and was a vital member of the cemetery board.

Donations are welcome. All funds are tax deductible. All money raised will be used for the maintenance of the Maple Grove Cemetery. The cemetery board appreciates the community support and hopes to see you there. submitted

Mt. Zion Cemetery Spring Cleanup

Cemetery cleanup will be conducted on March 15, 2025 thru March 31, 2025. All items not on monuments will be removed. Items you wish to keep must be retrieved before March 15, 2025. Any questions or concerns please call 606-756-2566.

ACCEPTING BIDS Bracken Memorial Cemetery, Inc.

The Bracken Memorial Cemetery, Inc. will be accepting bids for the 2025 mowing season. The bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. March 22, 2025 and need to be submitted two ways: 1. Provide a bid for each mowing and weed eating. 2. Provide a bid for a lump sum fee for the mowing and weed eating for the mowing season. Sealed bids may be turned in to Tracey Florer at the PVA Office or mailed to Tracey Florer, PO Box 310, Brooksville, KY 41004.

WILLOW BAPTIST

by Vanessa Ferrell
This Sunday Pastor Dennis reminded us that "We are the Sower" from Mark 4:1-20. Our seed is the word of Jesus and what He has done for us. Whether the soil is hard, stony, thorny, or good, God's word is never wasted.

Visitors are welcome at Willow Baptist. Sunday school for children and Bible study for adults is at 10 am followed by morning service at 11.

When you go shopping, pick up a few extra items for the FRYSC community mission. The signup sheet for our 5th Sunday meal is up. The church will provide fried chicken, ham and drinks.



Learn How to Protect Your Farm & Homestead

A family farm is not just a piece of property, but it is an heirloom to pass on to future generations. The Bracken County Conservation District and Parker Clifton Elder Law are hosting an estate planning workshop for farmers at 6 pm on Thursday, April 17 at the Bracken County Cooperative Extension, 1120 Brooksville-Germantown Road, Brooksville.

The workshop will provide tips to avoid tax

Chatham Christian Church
Church Mouse (T.J.)

Join us in service:
Pastor: Jackie McElfresh.

Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 10:45 a.m.

This weeks message: "Jesus and the Samaritan Woman". Scripture: John 4:1-26, John 3:30 and Romans 5:15.

Announcement:
Men's fellowship - March 17 @ 6:30 p.m.

Milford Gospel Concert - March 29 from 6-9 p.m.

Choir practice - March 11, 18 & 25.

Remember those on our prayer list.

Have a wonderful week!

Senior Citizen Menu

Tues., Mar. 18 - Green leafy salad with grilled chicken, ranch dressing, mandarin orange, cookie, dinner roll, milk.

Thurs., Mar. 20 - Sausage links, egg patty & muffin, hashbrowns, cottage cheese, pears, V8 vegetable juice, milk.

KBC Calls Upon 'Legend Dairy' Donors to Save Lives

Saving lives is a legendary act. Kentucky Blood Center is asking for local legends to rise to the occasion and donate blood at an upcoming drive at Augusta Independent School, 207 Bracken Street, Augusta on Tuesday, March 18 from 10 am-2:30 pm.

As a token of appreciation, donors will receive a punny "Legend Dairy" T-shirt while supplies last.

Local legends stepping up to donate blood is critical to maintaining a healthy blood supply as blood cannot be manufactured. The only way to provide lifesaving blood products for patients at more than 70 hospitals in Kentucky is through the generosity of donors.

One in four people will need a blood transfusion in their lifetime. One in seven people admitted to a hospital will



receive blood.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health, show a photo I.D. and meet additional requirements. Sixteen-year-old donors must have a signed parental permission slip, which can be found at kybloodcenter.org.

Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. To schedule a donation, visit kybloodcenter.org or call 800-775-2522. submitted

From *What to Eat During Cancer Treatment*

Creamy Mac and Cheese with Broccoli

8 ounces shaped pasta, such as elbows, small shells, or mini penne
3 cups chopped broccoli
2 tablespoons butter
1 small onion, finely chopped
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
1 1/2 cups whole milk
3 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided use
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon bread crumbs

If broccoli is too hard on your stomach, omit it, or substitute another favorite vegetable or protein.

Instructions

- 1.Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Lightly coat an 8-by-8-inch or other 1 1/2- to 2-quart baking pan with nonstick cooking spray.
- 2.Cook the pasta until very al dente, about 4 minutes. Add the broccoli and cook for 1 minute. Drain, rinse with cold water, drain again, and set aside.
- 3.Meanwhile, in a saucepan over medium-low heat, melt the butter. Add the onion and saute for 3-5 minutes, or until softened. Add the flour and mustard and whisk constantly for 1 minute to incorporate. When the mixture turns golden, gradually add the milk and bring to a boil, whisking constantly. Reduce the heat and simmer for 2 to 3 minutes or until thickened and smooth, whisking frequently. Add the Cheddar and stir to combine. Reserve 1 tablespoon of the Parmesan and add the rest to the sauce. Stir until combined.
- 4.If room allows, add the reserved pasta and broccoli to the saucepan and stir to combine (if the pan isn't big enough, you can mix it all in a bowl). Season with salt and pepper.
- 5.Transfer to the baking pan and sprinkle with the bread crumbs and the reserved 1 tablespoon Parmesan.
- 6.Cover with foil and bake for 20 minutes. Uncover and bake for 5 minutes. Serves 6

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Thoughts and Meditations from the Scriptures

"It is imperfection in Religion to drudge in it, and every man drudges in Religion if he takes it up as a task and carries it as a burden". - Benjamin Whichcote

When Religion Becomes Drudgery

Going to church, reading scripture, and praying can become drudgery if we see these things as nothing more than tasks which must be done rather than a joyful communion with our Creator. It is good to pray and read scripture every day, and to go to church regularly, but if you are only doing it out of a sense of duty you are missing the spirit of the thing and are surely not getting out of it what you might be if you could connect with the joy at the center of all true religion. When we cannot go to church or read scripture we may feel the lack to such a degree that we regain the sense of joy when we return to it, suggesting that it's alright to take an occasional break from our religious routines. Perhaps a better way to regain that experience of holy joy is to occasionally alter how you pray, read scripture, or otherwise practice religion. Going to a different church, praying new prayers, or simply engaging in different religious practices can sometimes reconnect us to God in a way that our old routines cannot. - *Christopher Simon*

COME JOIN US

Sunday School: 9:30am	Worship Service: 10:30am	Sunday Evening Bible Study: 6:00pm	Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 7:00pm
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But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. Mark 10:6

DINE IN & CARRY OUT

ST. JAMES PARISH

LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS

March 7 to April 11, 2025
4:30-6:30 PM
or until we run out of food

EVERY FRIDAY during Lent, except Good Friday

MENU CONSISTS OF:
Fish, Shrimp, Fish/Shrimp Combo with sides of Chips, Cole Slaw, Hushpuppies, Mac & Cheese, Desserts & Drinks

\$12 MEAL