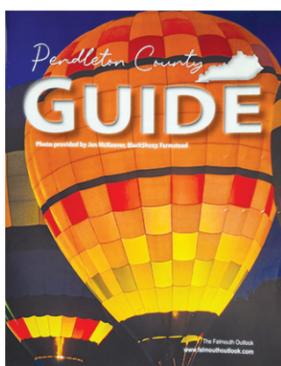


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Closed church reopens doors for Easter

By Nila Harris

DEMOSSVILLE — Gardnersville Christian Church, 3929 Center Ridge Road, closed its doors in January 2020 but recently new life is being envisioned there.

Former member Kelly McManus Barnes, who no longer lives in this community but plans to move back, helped arrange a 2024 Christmas service at the church and is planning an April 19 Easter service at 11 a.m.

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Heart ReStart

Falmouth Rotary is raising \$5,000 for three portable automated external defibrillator units, one for the Kincaid Lake State Park ranger's car; a second at American Legion Post 109; and the third for the park swimming pool area.

Contributions to Project Heart ReStart may be mailed to Falmouth Rotary, P.O. Box 176, Falmouth 41040, or dropped off at any Heritage Bank location through May.

Project Heart ReStart
already saving lives

GOAL \$5,000

\$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, \$2,000, \$2,500, \$3,000, \$3,500, \$4,000, \$4,500

Falmouth Rotary

New life pitched for old campus

By Jim Thaxton

FALMOUTH — During a standing-room only meeting Thursday, Falmouth City Council reacted favorably to Trinity Southern Baptist Church's proposal to purchase the vacant Falmouth Middle School/Falmouth School Center property at 500 Chapel St.

Trinity Pastor Abram Crozier told council that his church wants to demolish the century-old brick building and construct a new facility to meet the needs of Trinity's growing congregation and to serve the community better.

"The space would allow us to expand our youth and community programs, grow our outreach program, and have more space to host community events like Family Day, VBS, where we have over 110 kids registered each year, Biker Sunday, fall festival, etc."

The Falmouth School Center closed in 2020 due to neglect and mold, and now sits vacant. The city has been wrestling with what to do with the property since.

Former Mayor Sebastian Ernst had proposed converting the building into a community center and also relocating the police department there. But council rejected his pitches, saying that cost estimates to do either were far too expensive.



Trinity Southern Baptist Church in Falmouth wants to buy from the city the Falmouth School Center property at 500 Chapel St., which has been vacant since 2020. The church proposes to demolish the old building, built around 1925 to replace the previous school built in 1883, and build a new facility for the church that would expand its community outreach programs. Photo by Burton Cole.

AIR OF EXCITEMENT

I arrived at the Falmouth City Council meeting about 20 minutes early and took a seat at the table set aside for Falmouth Outlook staff. People began to trickle in one and two at a time.

As the clock ticked closer to 7, there was a steady flow of citizens until there was standing room only. I glanced at the agenda several times seeking information that would attract so many citizens. I could find nothing controversial.

At 7 p.m., Mayor Luke Price called the meeting to order and invited Brother

Abram Crozier, pastor of Trinity Southern Baptist Church, to present the Invocation.

Speaking in a staccato voice asking for divine guidance, Crozier's prayer seemed to energize the council and the crowd. Even the Pledge of Allegiance that followed was said with renewed enthusiasm. There was something in the air.

Immediately after the pledge, Price invited Abram to address council. Abram got right to the point. He presented, in his words, "a proposal to acquire the former middle school proper-

ty on Chapel Street."

This initiative is dubbed "Project OTM," which stands for Project on The Move.

Trinity's current location is in the floodplain, which limits its ability to serve as a disaster relief hub.

The new location would eliminate this handicap and provide services "through the Kentucky Baptist Relief team and work closely with the Pendleton County Emergency Management to meet needs locally," Abram said.

As Abram outlined the additional benefits the

design of the new facility would provide, it sounded as though the goals and objectives of the physical building and grounds were to address the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy (Matt 25: 31-46).

Though he was speaking from notes, he continued to make eye contact with Council and clearly had their attention as he shared the financial contributions Trinity has made to the community providing these services.

"A lot of our churches are getting older and aging out."

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Local musician hits stage in Nashville

By Nila Harris

FALMOUTH — Local musician and DJ Tom Connelly of Falmouth has been playing music all his life.

"It's in the family bloodline," his wife, Karen, said.

Tom's dad, two brothers, two nephews, his daughters and a son — all play (or played) music in some form or fashion.

That interest in music led the Connellys to Nashville while visiting with their daughters and son-in-law.

Last year, while on a trip to Nashville, the Connellys met Billy "Lefty" Ferguson and His Right Hand Band through their son-in-law, who happens to be good friends with the musical group.

The Nashville band is also friends with oth-

er Pendleton County musicians — John Morgan, Rick and Gina Adams, and the Nordheims.

When Martin discovered that Tom has played at the Kentucky Wool Festival and other venues, he invited Tom to join the Lefty and His Right Hand Band on stage at the Legends bar in Nashville.

Tom, who plays bass and sings in the lo-

cal band Bunker Boyz, grew up in nearby Campbell County.

Tom and Karen, born and raised in Pendleton County, have lived in Pendleton County except for their first six years of marriage.

About his first time on the Nashville stage, Connelly said, "I was scared to death, but it turned out to be a great experience."



Tom Connelly of Falmouth, right, sang and played bass March 15 with Lefty and the Right Hand Band at the Legends bar in Nashville, Tennessee. In the foreground is Billy "Lefty" Ferguson.

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