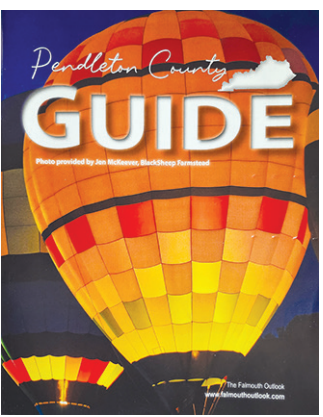




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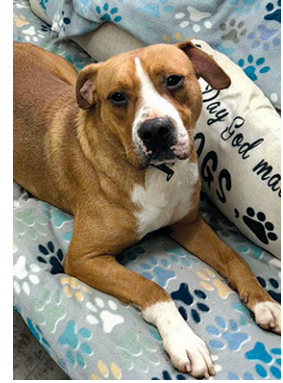
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## Closed church reopens doors for Easter

By Nila Harris

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

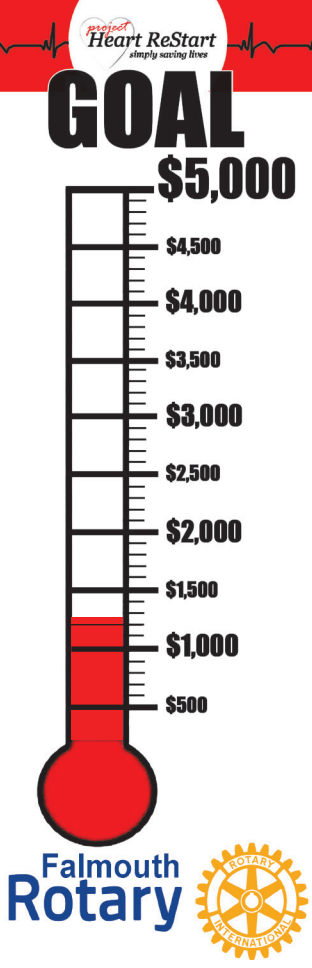
Former member Kelly  
McManus Barnes, who no  
longer lives in this com-  
munity but plans to move  
back, helped arrange a  
2024 Christmas service at  
the church and is planning  
an April 19 Easter service at  
11 a.m.

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## Heart ReStart

Falmouth Rotary is rais-  
ing \$5,000 for three porta-  
ble 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  
ough May.



## 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 demol-  
ish 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 pro-  
gram, 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 prop-  
erty since.

Former Mayor Sebas-  
tian 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 the 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 Fal-  
mouth City Council meet-  
ing about 20 minutes early  
and took a seat at the table  
set aside for Falmouth Out-  
look staff. People began to  
trickle in one and two at a  
time.

As the clock ticked clos-  
er to 7, there was a steady  
flow of citizens until there  
was standing room only. I  
glanced at the agenda sev-  
eral times seeking informa-  
tion 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 Alle-  
giance that followed was  
said with renewed enthusi-  
asm. 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 for-  
mer middle school proper-

ty on Chapel Street."

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

Trinity's current loca-  
tion 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 Pen-  
dleton 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 Cor-  
poral Works of Mercy  
(Matt 25: 31-46).

Though he was speak-  
ing from notes, he contin-  
ued to make eye contact  
with Council and clearly  
had their attention as he  
shared the financial contri-  
butions 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 Fal-  
mouth has been play-  
ing 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 mu-  
sic led the Connelys to  
Nashville while visiting  
with their daughters  
and son-in-law.

Last year, while on  
a trip to Nashville, the  
Connelys 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 dis-  
covered 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 mar-  
riage.

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 fore-  
ground is Billy "Lefty" Ferguson.



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