

Jim's Jottings continued from Front Page

famous for having coined and promoted the shibboleth, "Guns don't kill people. People kill people." Again, speaking personally, I find this stance to border almost on the absurd. Of course a gun by itself does not kill anybody. It is an inanimate object, that only works when a human being picks it up and uses it. One could just as easily say, 'Guns don't kill deer. People kill deer.'

The NRA would have us believe that the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms is an absolute right. But the truth is there is no such thing as an absolute right. Even the rights enumerated in the First Amendment (which are near and dear to my heart) - to free speech, the free exercise of religion, and the right to assemble peaceably - are not absolute. That is, they are limited when their exercise would cause real harm to others. Rights are always being negotiated.

Since Congress declined to renew the Federal Assault Weapons Ban in 2004, and has refused to review that action under pressure from the NRA and other Gun-rights lobbies, the number of mass shooting incidents has increased over 25%.

The fundamental reality is that people with guns kill people at an alarming rate in this county. Death by gun takes the lives of an average of 115 people a day in the United States (or on average 41,975 per year).

And mass shootings are not even the chief cause of gun-related deaths (though they garner the most attention). Of the total number of gun deaths annually, over 57% are gun-related suicides. Most of these deaths tend to be white-males, who opt for the quickest, most efficient form of death; one that makes it practically impossible for someone else to intervene to save the other's life.



Between 2019 and 2022, the number of gun-related deaths among children and youth jumped 30%, causing gun deaths to overtake traffic accidents as the leading cause of death among children and youth. The three major causes of gun deaths in this age group were: suicide, homicide, and accidental shootings; with homicide accounting for the largest number.

While it may be true that we have any number of problems that contribute to violence and death in this country - moral failure, mental health issues, economic hopelessness, etc. - this much seems true: guns are the quickest, most efficient way to end a life, whether yours or someone else's; whether deliberately or accidentally.

On the same day that six people (including the person with the assault rifle) died and eight others were injured at Old National Bank, another life was taken and another injured in a shooting at Jefferson Community and Technical College further downtown. His death added to the nearly 40 persons who have died violently in Louisville this year.

I was moved by the emotional plea from Dr. Jason Smith, a trauma surgeon and chief medical officer at University of Louisville Health. While acknowledging that the mass shooting was a significant blow to the Louisville community, he went on to say that dealing with the a number of gunshot fatalities and injuries is a "nearly normal day" at University Hospital.

Dr. Smith pleaded in a press conference in the aftermath of Monday's tragedy, "I don't know what the answers are. I am a doctor. But to everyone who helps make policy, both at the state, city, federal [level], I would simply ask you to do something. Because doing nothing, which is what we've been doing, is not working."

How long will we tolerate the intolerable status quo?



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Week of April 16, 2023



Jim's Jottings

HOW LONG, O LORD! HOW LONG!

Not since 1989, when Joseph Westbecker entered the Standard Gravure plant in downtown Louisville and killed eight people, injuring 12 before turning the gun on himself has Louisville had to deal with the tragedy of a mass shooting event. We have watched as community after community has grieved the senseless deaths of children in schools, worshippers in church, concert-goers, and everyday shoppers.

On Easter Monday, we rejoined the list of communities shocked by the death and destruction one person with a gun can inflict on in a few short minutes.

In these last few days we have felt fear, anger, frustration, hopelessness, a desire to change things, and much, much more. We wonder, 'is there nothing that can be done to curtail and end this seeming endless cycle of death, grief, and frustration?'

Many of our political leaders offer their "thoughts and prayers," while arguing that the Second Amendment to the U. S. Constitution ties their hands against any efforts to limit the accessibility to guns. In fact, in the face of an growing number of mass shooting events over the past decade or more, many of these politicians seem to be racing to put more guns in the hands of more people.

Their mantra often is, "the only way to stop a bad person with a gun is with a good person with a gun." They seem to want us to return to the wild, wild West, where everyone has a gun and where everyone can conceivably be in the crossfire between the good person with a gun and the bad person with a gun. I, personally, don't see that giving more people the power to increase the level of violence solves anything.

Another mantra we often hear from these same politicians is, 'It is a mental health issue.' No doubt, in some cases it is. But then these same politicians either vote against expansion of mental health services, or vote to cut them. It almost seems to me that they are not serious about addressing the problem.

The National Rifle Association, which is meeting this week in Indianapolis, is



April 16

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Sound– Lindsey Harris

April 23

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Sound– Ray Powell



SCRIPTURE READERS

April 16

Dora Vanderhoof

April 23

Vera Ruwe

April 30

Gary Hicks

APRIL

Calendar of Events

Monday, April 17

9:00 a.m. - Mary Adkins Quilters

Tuesday, April 18

9:30 a.m.— Al Anon Group

10:00 a.m. - W.M.U.

1:30 p.m.— All Anon Group

Wednesday, April 19

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - AARP

4:00 p.m. - Administrative Team

5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Supper

6:30 p.m. Prayer Service- In person and On line

Thursday, April 20

9:30 a.m. - Joyous Singers

Monday, April 24

9:00 a.m. - Mary Adkins Quilters

Tuesday, April 25

9:30 a.m. - Al Anon Group

10:00 a.m. - W.M.U.

1:30 p.m. - Al Anon Group

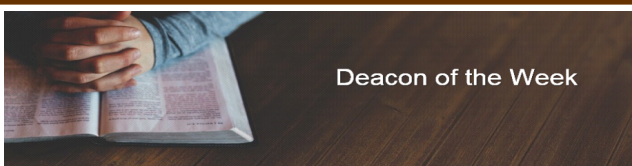
Wednesday, April 26

5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Supper

6:30 p.m. - Prayer Service- In person & On line

Thursday, April 27

9:30 a.m. - Joyous Singers



Deacon of the Week

Judy Burton

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April 17: Jean Atwell

April 18: Timothy Hawkins

April 23: Vera Ruwe

April 28: Marvin Conn

April 28: Michael Hasty

April 28: Priscilla Mullins

April 29: Gloria Landgrave



Financial Update

	YTD/Mar 30	YTD BUDGET	Over/(Under)
General Offering	\$58,143.00	\$58,500.00	(\$357.00)
Other Income	<u>\$11,600.91</u>	<u>\$13,387.52</u>	<u>(\$1,786.52)</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$69,743.91	\$71,887.53	(\$2,143.62)
Expenses	\$67,094.51	\$73,401.27	(\$6,306.76)
INCOME/EXPENSES	\$ 2,649.40	-----	

[NOTE: Through the end of March, our actual income exceeded actual expenses. However, if our expenses had kept pace with the Budget projections, they would have exceeded our actual income by \$3,657.36.]



SUNDAY

10:45 a.m.

Morning Worship on Facebook®

YouTube®,

& lyndonbaptist.org

WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m.

Midweek Service on Facebook® & YouTube®

Fellowship Dinner Menu

APRIL 19

Chicken Tender
Mac & Cheese
Green Bean
Cole Slaw

APRIL 26

Pork Chops
Green Beans
Mashed Potatoes
Cole Slaw

PLEASE remember to make or change your reservation by Noon on Monday so we can give an accurate count to the caterer.



CYBERSECURITY 101 WORKSHOP

The Health Ministries Team will host a **Cybersecurity 101 Workshop on Thursday, May 11th, at 6:30 p.m. in Goldsby Hall.** This is an opportunity for our church to provide essential information to our church community and to our larger community. ECHO, Exploited Children's Help Organization, will be leading the workshop, providing current information related to security while using the internet. This workshop is focused on all ages, families with children, as well as adults who are seeking to better understand safety concerns when using the internet.

The presentation will focus on keeping information safe and secure, setting boundaries, identifying signs of grooming, using good 'netiquette' and understanding Kentucky Sexting Statues.

In addition to the in-person gathering in Goldsby Hall, the workshop will be available on-line through the church's Facebook page.

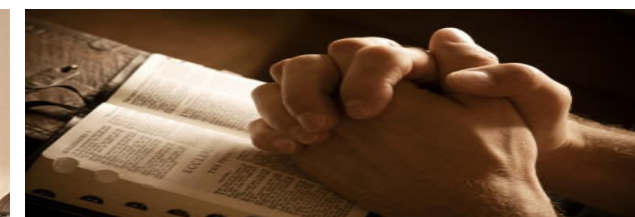
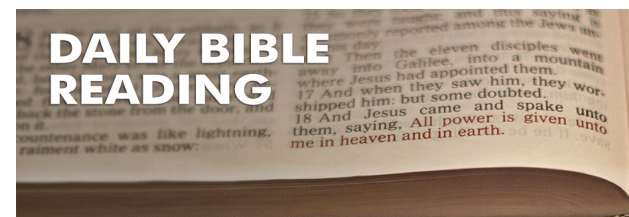
Please share this opportunity to learn more about internet security with your children, and your families. Flyers will be available to share with family, neighbors, and friends.

PRAYER GUIDE

April 16, 2023

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever.

Amen



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday – Psalm 114; Judges 6:36 – 40;
I Corinthians 15:12 – 20

Tuesday – Psalm 114; Jonah 1:1 – 17;
I Corinthians 15:19 – 28

Wednesday – Psalm 114; Jonah 2:1 – 10;
Matthew 12:38 – 42

Thursday – Psalm 116:1 – 4, 12 – 19;
Isaiah 25: 1 – 5; I Peter 1:8b – 12

Friday – Psalm 116:1 – 4, 12 – 19;
Isaiah 26:1 – 4; I Peter 1:13 – 16

Saturday – Psalm 116:1 – 4, 12 – 19;
Isaiah 25:6 – 9; Luke 14:12 – 14

Sunday – *Third Sunday of Easter*

Psalm 116:1 – 4, 12 – 19;
Acts 2:14a, 36 – 41; I Peter 1:17 – 23;
Luke 24:13 – 35

PRAYER FOR OUR CITY

Pray for the first responders who place themselves at risk for the sake of others.

Pray for the families and friends of those who lost their lives.

Pray for the recovery for those injured, both physically and emotionally.

Pray for peace in our city.

Pray for leaders as they work to address the needs of the community.

Pray for opportunities to make a difference in your community and among your family and friends.

PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

Fannie Agee

2003 Red Leaf Drive, 40242

Myshael Brownell

4228 Bayberry Drive, 40216

Cecile Cissell

Marvin Conn

1713 Millgate Road, 40223

Helen Contis

512 Cricket Court, Orange Park FL 32073

Dickie Cox

Forest Springs Care Center, Room 513
4120 Wooded Acre Lane, 40245

Ken Dorton

136 Dorton Circle, Castlewood, VA 24224

Donna Douglas

4003 Pacelli Place, 40245

Virginia Ford

Glen Ridge Health Campus, Room 513
6415 Calm River Way, 40299

Sandy Hoover

1031 Willow Springs Drive, 40242

Pam Wright

3907 Yardley Court, 40299

Liz Hornback

8484 Grand Trevi Drive, 40228

Rannie Kelley

Louisville East Post-Acute, Room 419
4200 Browns Lane, 40220

Gloria Landgrave

3112 Graystone Manor Parkway, 40241

Gene Morris

3000 Curran Road, 40205

Doris Omerod

1706 Roosevelt Avenue, 40242

Noemi Parroco

Vitality, Room 112
4501 Springdale Road, 40241

Libby Reynolds

9808 Neuquay Circle, 40241

Maria Sturdevant

7623 Celebration Way, Crestwood, KY 40014

Barbara Whitley

11710 Robin Lynn Lane, 40243

Gail Wolfe

Episcopal Church Home, Room D-28
7504 Westport Road, 40222

Prayer for Family and Friends

Evelyn Adiputra

Friend of Ruth Holladay

Liz Aulino

Friend of Lindsey Harris

Kyp Bellinger

Family of Jim and Ruth
Holladay

John Biesel

Father of Lindsay Harris

Nellie Bolin

Friend of Jack and Laurice
Rogers

David Brinkley

Nephew of Jane Hasty

Billy Compton

Son in Law of Dickie Cox

Alex Delano

Friend of Lindsey Harris

Waldo Dorton

Brother of Ken Dorton

Erin Ford

Friend of Lindsey Harris

Randall Ford

Family of Marty Hamilton

Ronald Furguson

Father of Addie Brownell

Lisa Gilmore

Friend of Derek Harris

Tonya Gregory

Friend of Ruth Holladay

Nelson Gruppe

Cousin of Diana Flemister

Ray Hicks

Son of Gary and Victoria Hicks

Dr. Milton Horne

Brother of Raeburn Horne

Emily Janowik and Family

Friend of Lindsey Harris

Deb Jennings and Jordan Hahn

Family of Sandy Hahn

Gail Leyman

Member of the Quilters

Sara Beth Lowe

Friend of Derek and Lindsey
Harris

Forrest Morehead

Brother-in-Law of Sharon Wood

Donna Prim

Friend of Gary and Victoria
Hicks

Richard Robinson

Friend of Jim and Ruth
Holladay

Sean Ruwe

Son of Vera Ruwe

Gladys Smith

Family of Addie Brownell

Mark and Amy Snyder

Family of Sandy Hoover

Sean Stearman

Grandson of Jan Raper

Jessica Weisenfels

Friend of Lindsey Harris

Maggie Westwood

Friend of Lindsey Harris

Joseph Williams

Family of Tim and Dora
Vanderhoof