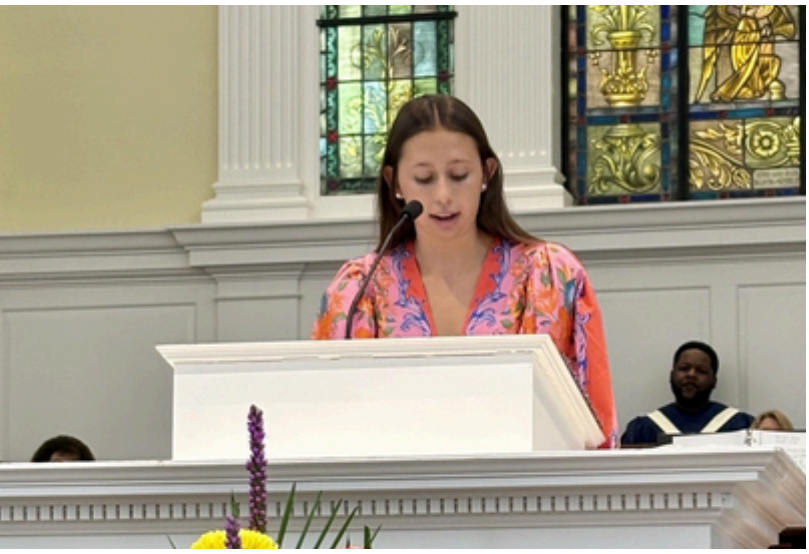BROADWAY BEACON

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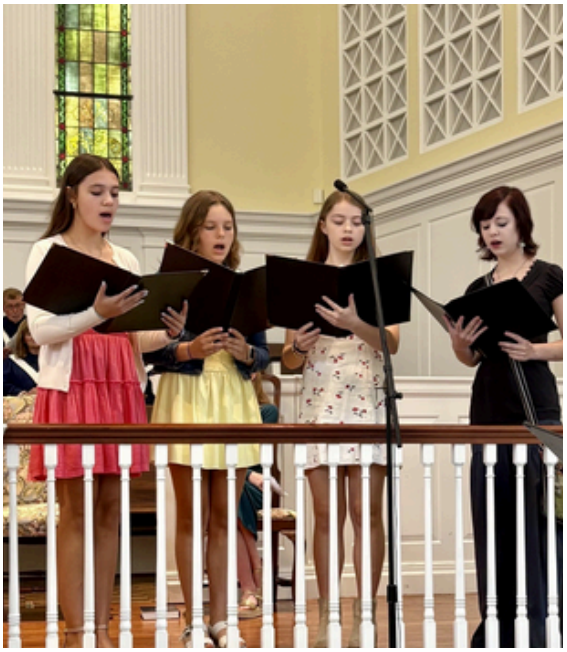
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YOUTH SUNDAY 2026











Children and Family Ministry

BY REV. AMANDA LANGLANDS

We are excited about Wonder Camp; it is hard to believe that summer time is here! We have an amazing group of Volunteers gathered to help lead the wonder and fun. If you are wondering how you can help but cannot be at camp, we are in need of snacks and water for camp! We are in need of small water bottles, juice boxes, granola bars, fruit snacks, yogurt pouches, and small bags of chips to help keep our kiddos refreshed and ready to have fun and explore!
If you are able to help supply these items, you can bring them to the church's main office and drop them off! Thank you so much for being such a generous church family that encourages and helps make opportunities like this possible for our children!



Our 4 year olds have promoted into our Godly Play circle this Spring. They have been a beautiful addition to our circle and are already eagerly sharing their wonderings with us. They are creating beautiful responses to what they are learning, and we are so lucky to have them. Our Godly Play circle will break for the summer after June 14th and return in August.
We will have a get to know Godly Play and training workshop this summer, July 12th, after church. Mark your calendar and plan to join us!



We're heading back to Passport Kids in Berea, KY, and we are asking for your prayers that we will meet God in new and beautiful ways!

Monday, June 22nd - Thursday, June 25th
Following God is like running the most important race of your life—a race that's not about speed, but about purpose. You don't just show up; you prepare, you listen for God's direction, and you build strength through every challenge. God is calling you to join in making the world more like heaven— full of love, hope, and light. Are you ready to run? Vamos! Let's go.



Youth Ministry

BY SARAH SPARKS

We are so excited for everything that is happening in our youth program! We will celebrate the end of the school year with a 90's themed lock-in and will also have a going away party for the Callan and Ridge families who are moving over the summer.

The youth celebrated Bea Davis's graduation on Sunday, May 17th with cake and a party during Sunday School. She was the first to start our new tradition of signing the pillar in the youth space to mark her time and leadership while in our youth program. The youth also created a tapestry weaving to display outside of the youth space as a symbol of our unity and community.

Our youth are on fire with the Spirit after our youth-led service at Pentecost Sunday! We are always looking for more adults to join our circle and connect with our youth. As recommended by the Ministry Architects, our goal is to strengthen our supportive infrastructure to prepare the way for our next youth minister. If you are interested in spending time with our wonderful youth- through chaperoning a social event, sitting in as a shadow during our Sunday school, leading a learning session in an area of your expertise, or hosting the youth for an event at your home- we are happy to include you! Just reach out to Sarah Sparks (sarahwsparks@gmail.com) for more details.











Music Ministry

BY REV. ROBERT GAMMON



Thank You!

Dear Broadway Baptist Church,
Thank you for your generous support of Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville's vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Because of donors like you, we can partner with families and homeowners to create safe, affordable housing that strengthens financial stability, supports success at work and school, and helps families thrive in a healthier environment.

Your gift helps transform lives through the power of home. Since Louisville Habitat was founded in 1985, with your stewardship and the passion of our volunteers, we have built or renovated over 670 homes. And last year, the Community Development and Repair program (CDR) completed 161 home repair and neighborhood beautification projects across Metro Louisville.

Families like Kevin's will soon know the power of home. Kevin has dreamed of having a place of his own but never imagined homeownership could become a reality. After his family was displaced by Hurricane Katrina when he was just 12, he worked hard to build a life in Louisville. Now, Kevin is excited to partner with Habitat and move into his first home in 2026.

Your generosity helps build homes and makes a real difference in our entire community. No matter where we build, we are all part of the neighborhood. Whether we're raising walls on one block or revitalizing an entire streetscape, your gift helps make it possible.

With Gratitude,
Lesley Kinney and Sunny Smith

A Letter from Pastor Kevin



Beloved Broadway,

For our Summer Series on June 14, we will have Dr. Rob Sellers, my former Missions professor and Broadway's former Youth Minister ('70-'72) as our guest speaker in Sunday School, Worship, and for a Lunch & Learn lecture following Worship. Rob grew up in Pensacola and Tampa, Florida, the son of a Baptist pastor-scholar. He attended Mississippi College during the years of "Mississippi Burning," where his passion for racial justice was ignited. After graduating in 1967, he served as a Summer Missionary in the Philippines before spending two years as a Missionary Journeyman in Indonesia — where he fell in love with the beauty of diverse religious cultures and the gracious people of Java. After one year at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, that experience drew him back to Southeast Asia and set the trajectory for a lifetime of cross-cultural ministry.

Rob met Janie Tyler at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center in New Mexico in 1971, married in 1972, and recently celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. Before they were appointed career missionaries, Rob served as Minister to Youth at Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville, and Janie served as Baptist Campus Minister at UNC Charlotte. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, in 1975, they spent 23 years in Indonesia — the world's fourth largest country and most populous Muslim nation — in youth education and training, teaching at the Indonesia Baptist Theological Seminary, and ministering to Indonesian young people, expatriate teenagers from multiple nations, and missionary kids from scores of families serving across the region. Both became fluent in Bahasa Indonesia. Their two children, Tyler and Marnie, were born at the Kediri Baptist Hospital in East Java and grew up as proud, bilingual "Third-Culture Kids."

Rob earned his PhD in theological ethics, New Testament theology, and world religions from Southern Seminary, and both he and Janie completed their graduate degrees during an extended home leave before returning to Java to teach. After losing their visas in 1997, Rob served as a visiting professor at Baylor University before joining Hardin-Simmons University's Logsdon Seminary in Abilene, where he taught missions and theology for 18 years. In 2014, he was inducted into the Martin Luther King Jr. International College of Ministers and Laity at Morehouse College.

In retirement, Rob has devoted himself fully to the interreligious movement. He has served as president of the Abilene Interfaith Council, as a member of the Interfaith Relations Commission of the Baptist World Alliance, and as chair of the board of the Parliament of the World's Religions — under whose leadership the 2018 Toronto convening drew 8,500 participants from 70 countries and 50 faith traditions. He has represented the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in national Baptist-Muslim Dialogues, participated in the ratification of the Marrakesh Declaration in Morocco, and was present in Abu Dhabi in 2019 when the Charter for a New Alliance of Virtues was approved. He has lectured at institutions including Union Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Wake Forest Divinity School.

Since retiring, Rob has written more than 75 articles for Baptist News Global, Good Faith Media, and The Interfaith Observer, and continues to write and speak regularly. Rob and Janie are active members of First Baptist Church, Waco, where they live near their children and five grandchildren.

I am thrilled to see Dr. Sellers and his wonderful spouse, Janie, and I hope you will give them a warm Broadway welcome!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Kevin

Church Happenings

BY REV. SUSAN REED

Prayer time in the Prayer Garden (weather permitting) at noon:
Tuesday, June 16
Our prayer time will last around 30 minutes with time for reflection and sharing prayer concerns. In case of inclement weather, check in at the church office for the indoor location.

Pancake Breakfast
Join us on Sunday, June 7, for a warm and welcoming pancake breakfast in Friendship Hall from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. This is a great opportunity to gather, enjoy a delicious meal, and spend time in fellowship with one another before the morning's activities begin. All ages are invited, so bring your family, friends, and appetite! Following breakfast, regular Sunday School classes will begin at 10:00 a.m. in their usual classrooms. We look forward to sharing this time together!

Lifetimers Planning Lunch
Sunday, June 7, immediately following worship in Friendship Hall!
If you've been involved in LifeTimers, would like to be involved in LifeTimers, or think you may be interested in the next 10-15 years, please join us for lunch on Sunday, June 7, immediately following worship, in Friendship Hall. We'll have time to fellowship and brainstorm ideas for the future!

Looking Forward
Ministry Fair: Sunday, August 23, immediately after worship

Service in September: Sunday, September 13, immediately after worship

Nominating Committee
The Nominating Committee, chaired by Robin Riddle, will begin work in July recruiting Deacons, Church officers, Committees, and Team Leaders for 2027. If you would like to nominate someone to be considered as a deacon, please click here. If you are interested in serving on a committee or as a Team Coordinator, please click here.



June Events Spotlight



Lunch and Learn

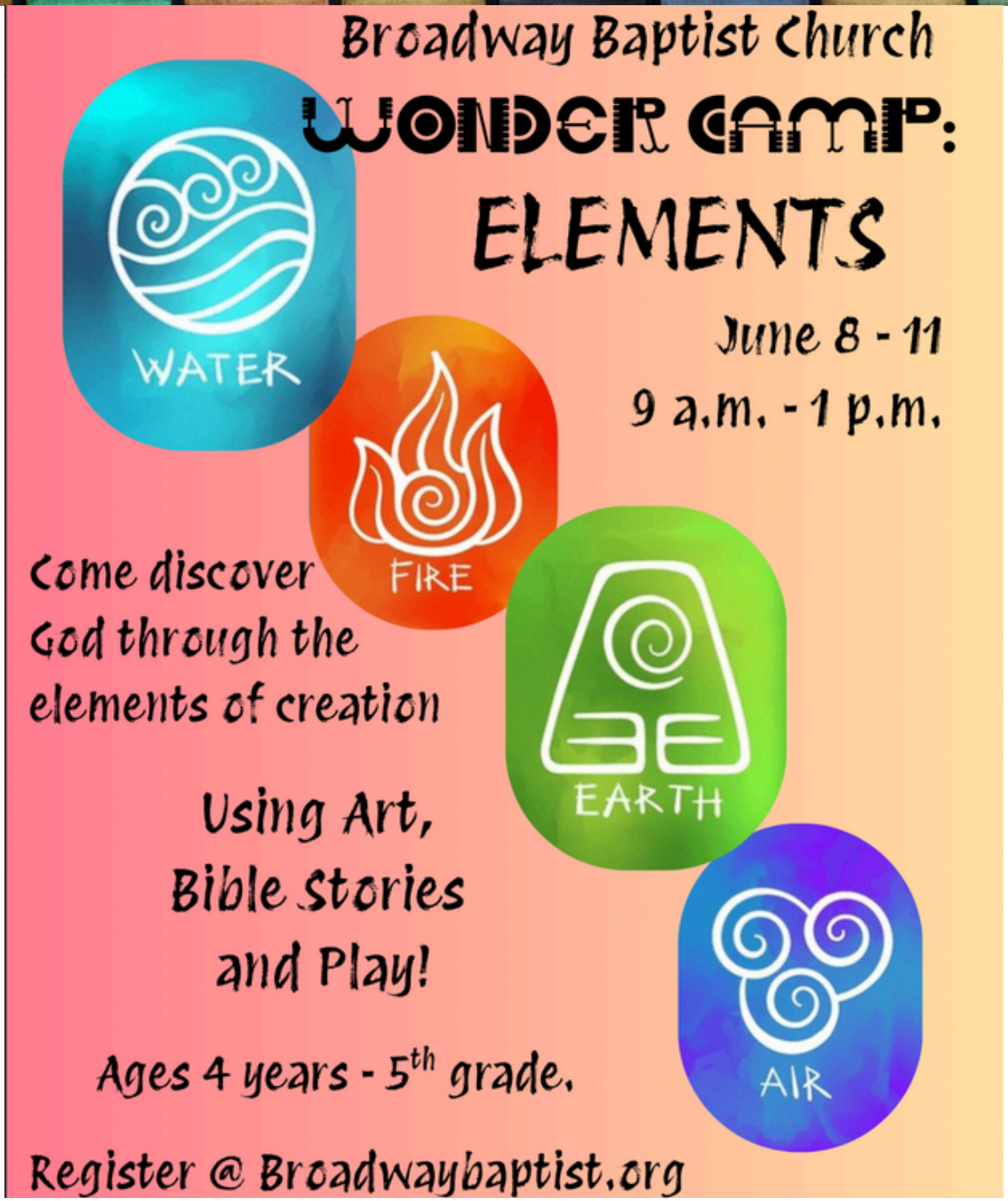
JUNE 14



The Pastoral Staff and Outreach Committee invite you to our Summer Series, Sunday, June 14th. Rob Sellers, professor of theology and missions emeritus at Hardin-Simmons University's Logsdon Seminary in Abilene, Texas, and former Youth Pastor at BBC, will be leading three sessions that day: Sunday School session titled "Obeying the Great Commission May Cause the Great Omission," Sermon titled "Lost or Least," and a luncheon session titled "Why Interreligious Relationships Matter." We will be providing a BBQ lunch for all who attend, but we will also be conducting a Dessert Competition! We encourage you to prepare your favorite sweet treat, with prizes for both adult and youth participants.

Tell your neighbors, family, and friends about this great event and come fill your belly and soul. Please RSVP by filling out the form on the website or calling the office by June 10th.

Camps at Broadway



WHAT A WILDLY WONDERFUL WORLD, GOD! YOU MADE IT ALL, WITH WISDOM AT YOUR SIDE, MADE EARTH OVERFLOW WITH YOUR WONDERFUL CREATURES.
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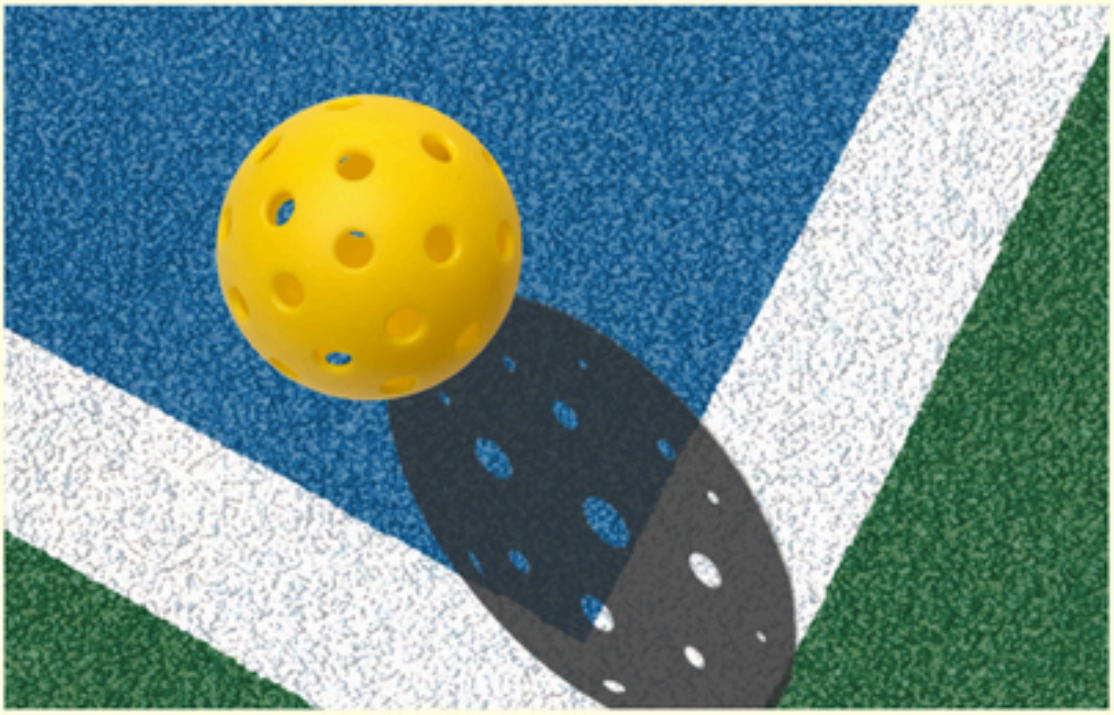
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Recreation Updates

BROADWAY PICKLEBALL LEAGUE



EVERY TUESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Broadway Arts Academy

BROADWAY ARTS ACADEMY

BY REV. ROBERT GAMMON

TRULY, WE HAD A MARVELOUS TIME CELEBRATING OUR 8TH RECITAL ON MAY 17. WE HAD 3 DIFFERENT VENUES AND HOSTED JUST OVER 300 PEOPLE AT THE RECEPTION THAT FOLLOWED! THANK YOU TO ALL THE CHURCH MEMBERS WHO PROVIDED COOKIES, SERVED AS GREETERS, AND SUPPORTED OUR STUDENTS BY YOUR ATTENDANCE. OUR YOUNGEST STUDENT WAS IN FIRST GRADE AND OUR OLDEST STUDENT WAS A GRADUATING SENIOR WHO HAS BEEN WITH US ALL 8 SEMESTERS! WE ARE GRATEFUL TO OUR VOLUNTEERS, TEACHERS, AND STUDENTS FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR AND LOOK FORWARD TO BEGINNING YEAR 5 IN AUGUST!

FALL REGISTRATION FOR OUR 5TH YEAR IS NOW OPEN: HTTPS://WWW.BROADWAYARTSACADEMY.ORG/REGISTRATION-INFO











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