

BROADWAY BEACON

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Did You Know?

A Campus Assessment Update

BY DR. KEVIN GARDNER-SINCLAIR

In 2025, our Campus Assessment Task Force presented their findings to the congregation for approval. One of our Quick-Wins was to finish the flooring in our renovation of the old Children's wing on the top floor into a new home for our Youth. So much creativity and love have gone into this space––art by Sarah Sparks, structural work by Matt Ridge, brand new quality flooring by Fred and Pat Davidson, among so many others. Thank you for your generous support for our church and our youth which made all of this possible. If you want to poke your head in and see the space, just take a right out of the elevator on the 2nd Floor!







Children and Family Ministry

BY REV. AMANDA LANGLANDS

Children's Hallway Update:

You may have noticed as you walk across the 1st floor landing, from the Music Suite to the Children's Hallway, that the former pastors of Broadway Baptist have been relocated (they are now in a more prominent location in the Atrium.) The children's committee is hard at work on updating, refreshing and securing the Children's space here at Broadway. We have officially moved all children's Sunday School classes to the same hallway as well as the Kid Check In.

You also may have noticed that the doors at the end of the children's hallway that flow into the Atrium have been closed on Sunday mornings. This is to secure the hallway and to prevent unnecessary traffic as parents are dropping off and picking up their children. This also helps deter any children from escaping their classrooms from running too far as well as individuals we don't know wandering into the hallway. It is our Children's Ministry's top priority to keep all the children at Broadway safe and secure. Please help us in this goal by keeping those doors closed during Sunday School and Worship hours and by closing them if you find them propped open during that time. We are excited about sharing our continued progress with you!
Peace, Pastor Amanda

THANK YOU!
Thank you to everyone who has donated Legos to our children's ministry! We appreciate you so much. And if you have some that you would still like to donate, we are still accepting donations! Drop them off at the main office.







Youth Ministry

BY SARAH SPARKS (YOUTH PARENT)

April proved that our youth show no signs of slowing down as they have been thriving both in and out of our church building! We ended March by helping hide TONS of eggs for the annual Egg Hunt. Youth led groups around and painted faces at this festive community event. We painted our little library, which we are hoping to install on church grounds soon, and painted Kindness Rocks for the prayer garden at the Hug a Tree event. That same weekend, youth and parents met with Ministry Architects in several panels to give input on the health of our youth program and what we are looking for in our next youth minister. We have received wonderful feedback and are ready to join together and roll up our sleeves to work on our program so we will be healthy and ready for the next person God leads to us. As part of this process, we will be looking for more members and volunteers to help us with youth programming, events, and quality assurance. If God is placing our youth on your heart, please reach out to Pastor Kevin to learn about how you can serve our youth in the coming season of transition. From shadowing or teaching Sunday School to chaperoning events, guiding the youth in your area of expertise through our Passport to Adulthood series, or the youth Padawan shadowing program, there are so many ways to fit into our team of connected adults. Talk to Pastor Kevin or Sarah Sparks for more details (kevin@broadwaybaptist.org or sarahwsparks@gmail.com).

Speaking of our newly launched Padawan Program, our youth are learning in Sunday School all about Broadway committees and teams, and what makes our organization work for our family of faith. They are choosing areas that they would like to shadow and offer to help in the coming months, so look for more of our youthful, friendly faces as we step up and show our leadership potential as equal partners in our congregation, leading up to the youth-led service on Pentecost Sunday! Catch the spirit of the fire in our hearts for God.

We wrapped up the month of April with a Derby Hat making session with resident fashionistas Mrs. Carrye Jones & Mr. Bob Johnson! The youth learned all about the history of hats at Derby and made hats of their own, which we wore as we ate ice cream sundaes! Finally, we wrapped up our high school Passport to Adulthood learning series with a basic cooking session with Missy Barman, and the middle schoolers helped out with the final Kids on Mission series.





Music Ministry





BY REV. ROBERT GAMMON

Worship and Music

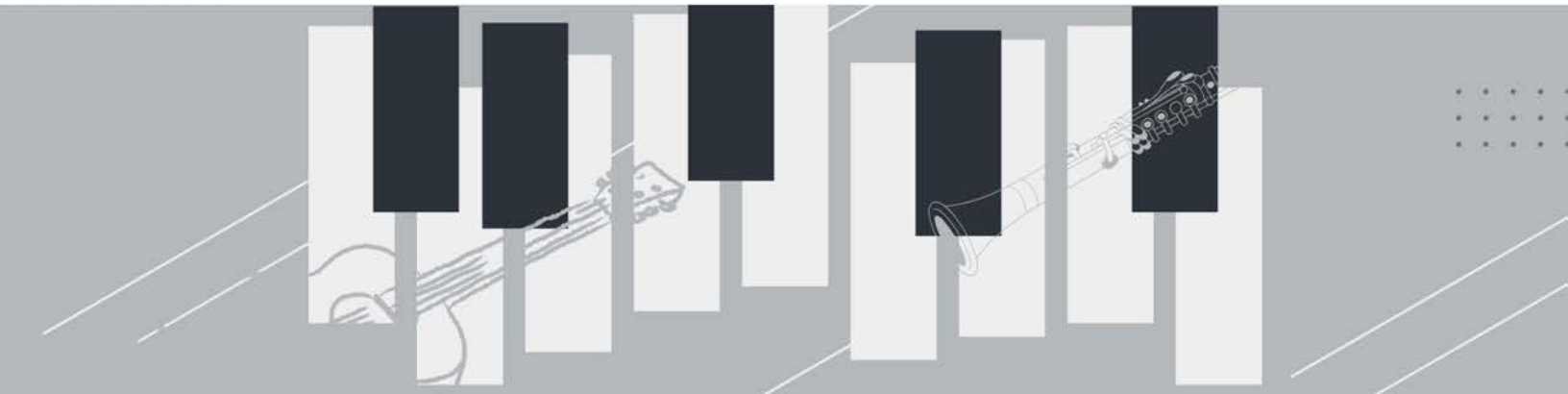
Holy Week Reflections

We were led to a more profound Alleluia during our Palm Sunday worship by: The Children's Choir, Will French's trumpet playing, Jonathan and Jennifer's musical offerings, and the Chancel Choir. Then, on Resurrection Sunday, the Chancel Choir and Jonathan led us as we proclaimed Jesus Christ crucified and risen with Hallelujahs from start to finish!

Thanks to the decorations team, Connie, Cheryl, and Lois, for creating/crafting our Lenten and Easter decorations!

Upcoming Music Ministry Opportunities

- The children's choir will sing on Sunday, May 10.
- We will host a string concert for the **KRM** here at BBC on Saturday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m.
- **Creative Arts Camp** is set for July 20-24 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Registration is now open! Visit broadwaybaptist.org to register.



Creative Arts Camp

July 20-24, 2026

Register your child today for a fun, arts-filled experience! Grades 1-6 can join the choir and choose from guitar, art, culinary arts, sewing, piano, theater, and Orff instruments. Limited to the first 40 registrants! Contact Rev. Robert Gammon at Robert@broadwaybaptist.org for questions!

A Letter from Pastor Kevin

Beloved Broadway,

As Louisville begins to blossom with Spring and explode with Derby, at Broadway we are voting on two important matters at our Quarterly Business Meeting which I wanted to unpack a little more. I hope you can join us for dinner and a discussion on May 20. These two votes will have come from the Deacons, and as a congregationally-led Baptist church, these are decisions for the church to make together.

The first matter is concerning our Youth Ministry interim plan and search. I will share the full proposal, which was reported on April 19 via churchwide email. If you do not see that email from me by the time you read this, please check your junk folder or email me at kevin@broadwaybaptist.org.

The second matter is the potential ordination of one of our own. One of our members, Derick Pullen, has come forward seeking to be ordained to the Gospel Ministry. Derick is currently serving as a Chaplain with Norton Children's Hospital Downtown, where his wife Danielle is a Pediatric Oncology Nurse. Together, they have Arielle (12), Amelia (9), Aurora (8), and Amadeus (5). Derick is himself a native of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, a graduate of Boyce College, and an alumni of the Yale Divinity School in New Haven, Connecticut. Derick and his family started attending and joined Broadway after their kiddos started coming to the Broadway Arts Academy for music lessons. In his current ministry context, he wishes to pursue board certification, which requires endorsement from a church in your preferred denomination (Cooperative Baptist Fellowship).

Just a word about the ordination process, since our bylaws are quite short on this matter. Step 1) A person seeking ordination requests to the Senior Pastor and Chair of Deacon to be considered. 2) After this request, an Ordination Council is formed to examine the candidate at length. If the Ordination Council feels confident in moving forward, 3) the candidate goes before the whole Diaconate, 4) then to the congregation, and 5) is ordained in a worship service, likely on a Sunday afternoon or Wednesday night (i.e., not on Sunday morning). We are currently at Step #2. The Ordination Council is as follows:

Rev. Dr. Bob Johnson (Chair) Ex Officio: Rev. Dr. Ron Higdon Charlie Baker (Deacon Chair)
Rev. Dr. Chris Caldwell Beth Davis (Personnel Chair) Glenna Hess Rev. Susan Reed
Rev. Bob Fox Rev. Robert Gammon. Rev. Reba Cobb Rev. Amanda Langlands
Rev. Rodney Craggs Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

Before the vote on May 20, Derick's Ordinational Council will have examined him and he will have presented to the Deacons for endorsement before coming to the whole congregation. If you believe the Holy Spirit is calling this young man into the Gospel Ministry, we invite our membership to vote to affirm this calling. Then, we would schedule a worship service to celebrate God's call on all of our lives and to bless Derick by ordaining him to the Gospel Ministry. While we ordain Deacons each year, the last time we ordained a minister was Chris Liles over a decade ago. I pray that we do not go another 10 years without the Holy Spirit moving among us to call others forth to the sharing of the Gospel and to service in the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. What a joyful opportunity to bless, affirm, and send out people to be the hands and feet of Christ!

With Gratitude,

Pastor Kevin

Church Happenings

BY REV. SUSAN REED

Quarterly Business Meeting & Cookout- Wednesday, May 20
Church-wide cookout, RSVP by May 10
Quarterly Business Meeting at 6 p.m. in Friendship Hall

Prayer time in the Prayer Garden (weather permitting) at noon:
Tuesday, May 19, and 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
On June 7, we will have a pancake breakfast in Friendship Hall. Stay tuned for more details!

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

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

Dear Broadway Baptist Church,
Thank you for your generous support of **West End School.** Your kindness is more than a gift; it is an investment in our scholars' dreams, confidence, and future. Because of you, they have greater opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive. We are deeply thankful for your compassion and belief in our mission.
Leeanne A.



Financials

JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2026

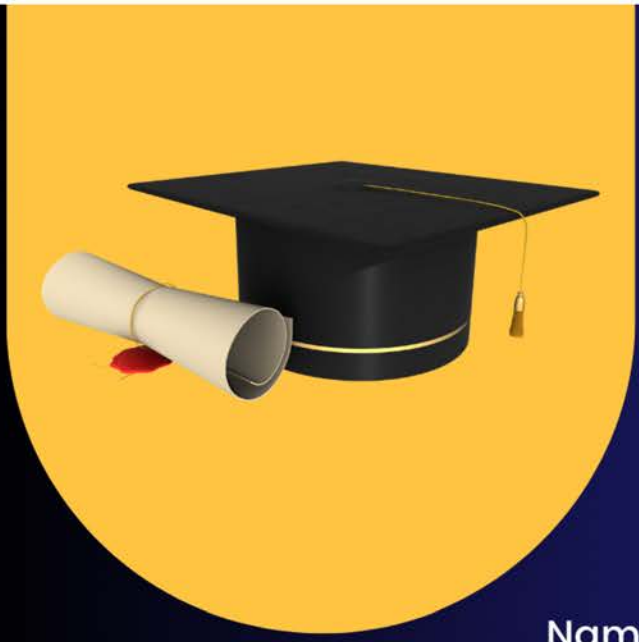
	Actual	Budget
Income	$268,295	$292,881
Expense	$270,187	$262,512
Net Income/Loss	-$1,891	$30,369

May Events Spotlight

Quarterly Business Meeting

MAY 20 AT 6:00 P.M.
IN FRIENDSHIP HALL

ONLINE OPTION IS ALSO AVAILABLE!
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT CANDACE AT CANDACE@BROADWAYBAPTIST.ORG



Graduate Recognition

On Sunday, May 24 we will be recognizing all our Broadway members who are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school.

If you are graduating this year, please send the following information to Candace at candace@broadwaybaptist.org by May 18.

Name as you would like it to appear
Name of the school from which you are graduating
Major - Recent picture of grad!

Camps at Broadway

Broadway Baptist Church

WONDER CAMP:

ELEMENTS

June 8 - 11

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.









Come discover God through the elements of creation

Using Art, Bible Stories and Play!

Ages 4 years - 5th grade.

Register @ Broadwaybaptist.org

WHAT A WILDLY WONDERFUL WORLD, GOD! YOU MADE IT ALL, WITH WISDOM AT YOUR SIDE, MADE EARTH OVERFLOW WITH YOUR WONDERFUL CREATURES. PSALM 104:24

REGISTER TODAY AT BROADWAYBAPTIST.ORG

Camps at Broadway

SAVE the DATE!

BROADWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

$75 includes T-shirt & supplies

CREATIVE ARTS CAMP

9 AM - 1 PM

20-24 July

CHOIR, SEWING, ART, INSTRUMENTS, CULINARY AND MORE!

Grades 1ST-6TH



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LOUISVILLE, KY

REGISTER TODAY!
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WWW.BROADWAYBAPTIST.ORG

Hug-a-Tree Day!























Recreation Updates

HIKING

Join us for the Cherokee Park Summit Hike, a 4.4-mile balloon loop, on Sunday, May 3rd. We'll set out as a group at 2:00 p.m., with the total hike expected to take about 1.5 hours. This event is open to everyone, so feel free to invite friends and family. The hike features awesome views of downtown Louisville, is about 95% paved asphalt, and includes plenty of shaded areas along the way. For any questions, please contact Curtis Barman at (502) 930-6440.



BBC GOLF OUTING

05.17.26

CONTACT CURTIS BARMAN
FOR MORE DETAILS!

Curtis Barman, Recreation Chair:
(502) 930-6420

Broadway Arts Academy

BROADWAY ARTS ACADEMY

BY REV. ROBERT GAMMON





The Spring Semester Recital/Gallery/Reception is Sunday, May 17 from 1-2:30 p.m. Due to our numerical growth, we have expanded to 3 different venues: Sanctuary, Chapel, and Choir Room. If you can help provide cookies, please reach out to Nancy Stopher. If you can serve as a host/greeter for this one time event, from 12 - 1:15 p.m., please reach out to Connie Rogers or Robert.





Mission Partners Spotlight





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