

# The News of National City

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### Gentle Reminder

## Living the Generous Life

When we read about the early disciples, one notable characteristic stands out for me: their generosity. The first followers of Jesus gave generously of their lives and their livelihoods. They stepped out in faith -- leaving jobs, families, familiar surroundings and friends -- and journeyed with Jesus. They gave of their time, talent, and treasure to the man from Galilee and to his cause -- the Kingdom of God.

The resources that we have at our disposal are true blessings for our lives. Our resources are meant to be used to care for our needs and the needs of our loved ones. This is good and right. But Jesus wants us to use our money not only for ourselves, but as a means of generosity for others. The Gospel of Luke has shown us what it means to care for our neighbor, as the good Samaritan demonstrated in 10:25-37 and as a restored Zacchaeus exhibited in 19:1-10.

Jesus called others to live a generous life -- and he calls us to do the same. You and I are called, in this time of the year, to consider how we can demonstrate generosity at National City Christian Church.

On Sundays, **November 10, 17, and 24**, we will have an opportunity to make an estimate-of-giving for 2020. Sharing your giving plans with National City helps our leadership to prepare faithfully for the ministries and mission in this next year. Of course, an estimate-of-giving is just that - an estimate that represents one's best intentions based on what one knows at the present time. It can be adjusted, at any time, should circumstances change.

Will you prayerfully consider making an estimate-of-giving for 2020?

On **Sunday, November 3**, we will have a special worship with many NCCC Foundation Trustees, including The Rev. Dr. Dick Hamm, who will be preaching on All Saints Sunday. This is the Sunday we will remember saints of the church and consider the legacy we want to leave through our Chalice Fellowship. For Sunday Brunch, Rev. Randy Johnson of Christian Church Foundation will lead us in sharing of the Chalice Fellowship. Suggested donation for the brunch is \$15. Please make a very special effort to attend.

May the One God who loves us with a generous love, grant us the ability to Live the Generous Life and show a generous spirit in our giving!

### Sundays in November

#### November 3

All Saints Sunday  
Pulpit Guest:  
Rev. Dr. Dick Hamm  
Sunday Brunch  
with Rev. Randy Johnson

#### November 10

"Great is the Lord,  
and Greatly to be Praised!"  
(Psalm 145)

Following the service is a  
**Brown Bag Lunch Discussion  
for All Ages**  
with Dr. Gentle teaching on  
"Abiding with Jesus"  
(John 15:1-17)

**Christ the King: November 17**  
"Sing to the Lord a New Song!"  
(Psalm 98)

Thanksgiving Brunch, 11:30 a.m.  
with Beaton's Fine Catering  
suggested donation: \$15

#### November 24

Reign of Christ  
Rev. Baines, preaching  
NOTE: Congregational Meeting  
at 11:30 a.m.  
to elect officers for 2020

### Presentation by Historic Preservation Architects

All interested persons are invited to attend the presentation by OTJ architects regarding their recent building assessment of the Sanctuary Building and the Beasley Building. The presentation will be shared with the NCCC Foundation Board of Trustees on Saturday, **November 2, at 10 a.m.** and there will be time for questions and answers. Also distributed at the morning event will be a summary report. OTJ historic preservation architect Gary Martinez and his team have worked diligently to bring a comprehensive, up-to-date report. Presentation is scheduled to be shared in the Sanctuary.

# November Birthdays

# December Birthdays

2 Anastasia Parrish (Staci)\*  
 5 Virginia Taylor  
 7 Chip Talbott  
 7 Mary Ellen Deardorff  
 Rick Mohn  
 9 Sarah Birdsong  
 John Neal  
 10 John Scott Williams  
 13 Nadine G. Bishop  
 14 David McKinney  
 16 Lorraine Magnussen  
 20 Tim Schaefer  
 22 Laurese Dancy  
 24 Beverly Goines  
 26 Sylvia Snyder  
 28 Tom Beacham  
 Charles Covington  
 30 Lon Schreiber

1 Carol Richardson  
 3 Steve Cook  
 Alta Mainer  
 6 Constance Jennings  
 Hella Meivers  
 Alan Williams  
 9 Will Aklin  
 Brittany Bolston  
 Mary Paradise  
 Cameron Tate  
 10 Will White  
 11 Dale Rowland  
 12 Greg Kubiak  
 13 Chrys Lemon  
 Paul Guequierre  
 16 Maury Mausbach  
 17 Bailey Childers  
 18 John Von Almen  
 20 Gina Medina  
 21 Jon Ahlbin  
 Kevin Biggins, Jr.  
 Ann Flowers  
 Dick Hamm  
 Narka Ryan  
 22 Sal Josiah  
 23 Tom Jewell  
 24 Samar Chaterjee  
 28 Sean Boyd  
 29 B.G. Wright

\* Indicates a student or child  
 For additions or changes,  
 contact Kathleen Swihart at  
 kswihart62@gmail.com

## Call-In Prayer Time on Saturdays

If you would like to join our weekly prayer, you are invited to call in on Saturdays at 8 a.m. for community prayer. Call 712-775-7031 and use code 371015. If you have questions regarding the prayer line, contact Loretta Tate.

## Gospel Choir Rehearsals

The Gospel Choir will rehearse at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays on November 5, 12, and 19. There will be no rehearsal on November 26. For further information, contact Valeria Foster.

## Make Music with Us!

Music is a joyful part of our worship. Before we know it, the Advent/Christmas season will be here. Musical preparations for the celebration are now taking place. In addition to singing as a congregation, we would be delighted to welcome new members to our choirs! Please speak with Valeria Foster following worship in the narthex during our coffee and conversation time or contact her at (202) 797-0103 or [vfoster@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:vfoster@nationalcitycc.org) for more information.



## FALL In Love With Music at Midday This November

Music at Midday concerts will be featured the first four Fridays in November, from 12:15 to 1 p.m. The concerts are free; donations accepted.

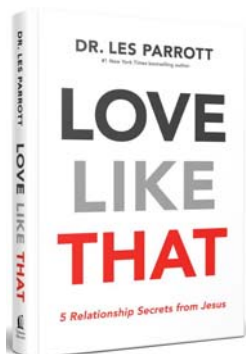
**November 1:** College Park organist David K. Houston will perform a program entitled "For Those I Remember," featuring works of William Bolcom, Charles-Marie Widor, and Maurice Duruflé.

**November 8:** New York City organist Phillip Lamb will devote an entire program to works of Louis Vierne.

**November 15:** Benjamin LaPrairie, Associate Director of Music at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, will perform organ works of Charles-Marie Widor, Nico Muhly, Louis Vierne, and Joseph Jongen.

**November 22:** Baltimore organist Jordan Prescott will perform a St. Cecilia Day concert entitled "In the Organ Gallery of Sainte-Clotilde (Paris)," featuring works of French composers Charles Tournemire, Maurice Duruflé, Gabriel Pierné, Jean Langlais, and César Franck.

There will be no Music at Midday concert on November 29.



### **Christian Pathways Features *Love Like That***

Dr. Les Parrott's book *Love Like That* will be featured in the Christian Pathways Class during November, held at 9 a.m. in the Atrium, and taught by Rev. Dr. Beverly Goines.

In this #1 New York Times bestselling book, Dr. Parrott provides a simple plan to improve all of your relationships - with family, friends, coworkers, and even strangers - by revealing five transformative ways of relating to people demonstrated by Jesus.

For the first session November 3, attendees are encouraged to read the first two chapters. The book is available on Amazon and [www.lovelikethatbook.com](http://www.lovelikethatbook.com).



### **Service of Remembrance and Healing November 13**

A service of remembrance and healing will be held on Wednesday, November 13, at 7 p.m. in the third floor conference room.

Everyone is welcome to attend whether your loss is recent or occurred long ago.

### **Thanksgiving Offering November 17 and November 24**

On November 17 and November 24, we will be collecting the Thanksgiving Offering. This offering goes directly for the support of Disciples universities, colleges and theological institutions. There are fourteen colleges or universities, three seminaries, and four seminary foundations and/or divinity houses that this offering is shared among. These gifts help in continuing the tradition of developing leaders for the Disciples churches and community.

### **Breakfast with Santa Planned for December 7**

Our annual Breakfast with Santa for children from our congregation and the neighborhood will be held Saturday, December 7.

Please contact Teresa Swihart if you are interested in helping with the event, leading an activity, serving breakfast, setting up, decorating, cleaning up, praying, advertising, greeting, reading the nativity story...the possibilities are endless.

### **Christmas Brings Additional Opportunities To Share**

The Food Pantry will be collecting money and donations for our Christmas event. We will give out socks, hats, scarves, personal size soaps, tissue, toothpaste, gloves, hoodies, hygiene bags, backpacks, and tote bags. Please keep our neighbors in mind as you do your Christmas shopping.

Of course, money is always welcome. Make sure your checks are to NCCC, designated to either the Food Pantry or the Food Pantry Christmas event.



### **Reflection on 15 Years**

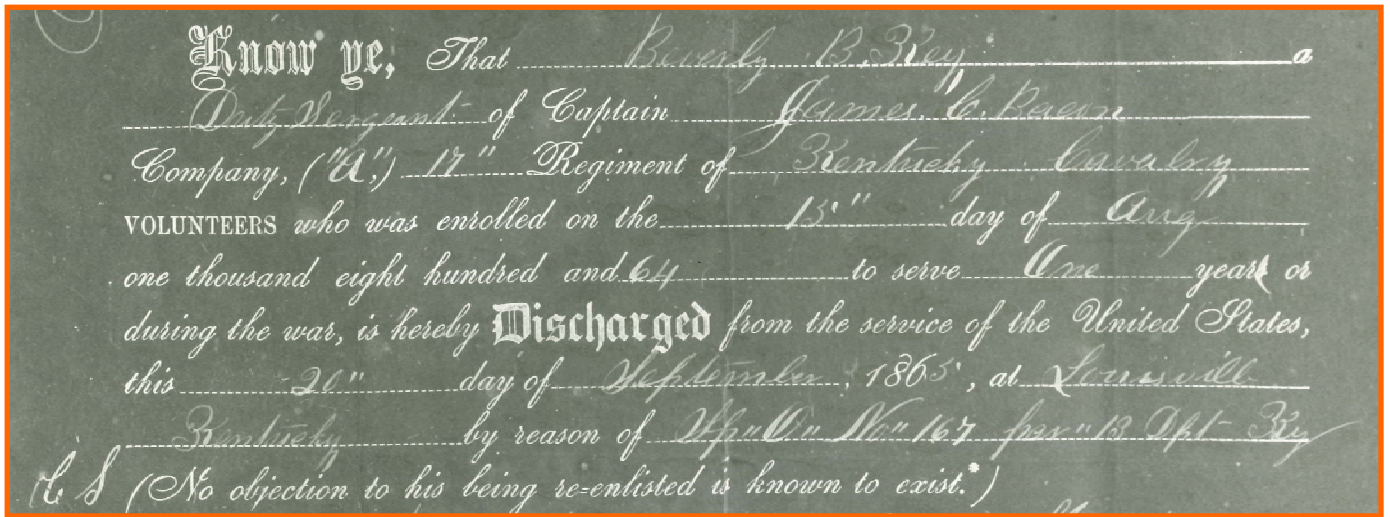
When I got a call from my temp agency to cover the front desk receptionist and do some filing at National City I did not expect to still be at that job 15 years later! A lot has changed over the years, a new senior pastor, the coming and going of employees and members, but two things have remained the same. The first, is the welcoming nature of the members I first encountered on the peripheral as I answered phones and questions, then as the manager of the Fair Trade Gift Shop and going to the General Assembly, and continue on through today dealing with financial questions, and general meetings.

The second is an answer to my every day question when I first started: anything else I can do? The joy of working at National City is never really knowing what you will be doing one day to the next. While there are constant duties I always have to do: the bulletins, payroll, making sure bills are paid, website updates - there are the random tasks that I look forward to - the creating of displays, exhibits, posters and banners or even dealing with burst pipes and the subsequent flood!

No one can know what the future holds but I continue to look forward to what National City will throw at me tomorrow.

- Colleen Walsh  
Church Administrator





### National City Family Scrapbook: Who in Heaven's Name is Beverly B. Key?

It's Halloween in the archives. National City Christian Church's archives is a cemetery of documents lovingly preserving the memories of the saints of our church. This season, when our congregation celebrates "All Souls," it is good to discover and commune with our faithful dead by visiting our "cemetery of documents."

There are mysteries in our archives. We pick up one document, a photocopy of the Civil War discharge papers of Beverly B. Key, and are haunted by mysteries. "Who in heaven's name is this old soldier from our past?" "Why were his discharge papers laid to rest in our archives?" "Was he even a member of our church?"

Maybe you can help solve the mystery! His papers give us a few leads to follow. Beverly was a farmer who was born in Henderson, Kentucky in 1842. On August 15, 1864, in Louisville, he enrolled in Company "A" of the 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Kentucky Cavalry Volunteers of the United States Army. He served through September 20, 1865. Check your records and your memories of family stories and names. Is the name "Key" in your family tree? Let us know what you find.

In the meantime, include the old soldier Beverly B. Key in your prayers for the saints of our church and for the saints in your own life on All Souls Sunday. By those prayers you honor the witness of all those saints and you thank Beverly Key for his service.

- Peter and Lynne Morgan



Valeria Foster and Alia Waheed Ky backstage. Alia in costume.

### Joining in the Excitement...and Pride...in Alia Waheed Ky's Met Performances

Valeria Foster had the enviable opportunity to see Alia Waheed Ky perform and report back to us: "I attended the Metropolitan Opera's production of *Porgy and Bess* on Thursday, October 10. The performance was sold out and enthusiastically received! It was great seeing and hearing our own Alia Waheed onstage. The opera, which received rave reviews in *The New York Times*, resumes on January 8, 2020, and ends on February 1."

### In Sympathy

A memorial service for long-time member **Bill Eldred** was held at National City on October 26. Bill died on October 5 at the age of 72. Among his many gifts to National City was serving with the Food Pantry and as a greeter at the front desk.

He had served as a Navy officer for 20 years, achieving the rank of Commander. He was a graduate of Northwestern University. He was an avid roller coaster fan. He along with his husband Frank traveled the world with other enthusiasts able to gain access to the inside workings of many different roller coasters and parks worldwide.

He is survived by his husband Frank J. Wellner, his children Meg G. Eldred and Morgen W. Eldred, and seven grandchildren. His ex-wife Barbara Eldred and many cousins and close friends also brought joy to his life.

The family suggests donations to the Dementia Society of America, P.O. Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901.