

# First Gethsemane Baptist Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 10:10am

**Dr. Joshua A. Harris, Sr., Pastor**

# Heritage Sunday

Call to Worship.....Rev. Carmelita Weakley

Scripture (Litany).....Rev. Pauline Owens

Prayer .....Rev. Patricia Daughtry

Praise & Worship.....1st G Choir

Video Announcements / Pastoral Observations

The Passing of the Peace

Selection.....1st G Choir

Sermon.....Pastor Joshua A. Harris, Sr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Offertory Appeal

Welcome Visitors

Benediction.....Pastor Joshua A. Harris, Sr.

## WAYS TO GIVE

**Click the link:** <https://1stgchurch.org/give/>

### Mail Send Donations to us:



First Gethsemane  
Church  
PO Box 21872  
Louisville, KY 40221

*Please make brief note  
to where you would like  
funds to be applied.*

### EasyTithe Online or Text to Give:

**easyTithe**

Give via EasyTithe in the  
giving form below or  
Text "GIVE" to 502-200-  
8807. Email  
[Finance@1stGChurch.org](mailto:Finance@1stGChurch.org)  
g for questions or  
concerns

### Givelify Mobile App and Online:

**Givelify**

Click on the logo above  
or download the Givelify  
App to your mobile  
device and search for  
"First Gethsemane  
Baptist Church"

### In-Person on Sundays



A trustee will be at the  
church from 9am –  
12pm on Sundays for  
you to drop-off your  
tithe or offerings.

# Church Announcements

## Prayer Requests:

- Continue to pray for all of our bereaved families as well as those on our prayer list:

## Other Announcements:

- Our Black Marketplace Expo will be held today immediately following worship service. We have minority 18 vendors set up along with our concession stand. So stop by, grab something to eat and support these minority businesses.
- Tickets for the Retirement Celebration for Rev. Bush are on sale today. You can purchase them over at the Marketplace Expo.
- As a part of our Health Living Initiative, On Tuesday, Feb. 27 from 5-6:30pm, the 1st G Center for Family Development will have a Slow Cooking Class @TV Walker CFD. First 15 families to register will receive a FREE slow cooker at the End of class. Email: director@1stGCFD to register!
- The Asclepius Initiative (pronounced: uh·sklee·pee·uhs) is hosting a FREE VIRTUAL event to help you better understand the medical bills you receive and how to catch any costly errors on Tuesday, February 27th at 7pm. For more information, see Rev. Wanda Mitchell Smith.
- This week is Small Group Week
- Tuesday, Feb. 27 @6pm – Grief Share
- Wednesday, Feb. 28 @6:30pm – Man Cave Bible Study – Text (502)212-6587 to register
- Saturday, March 2 @10am – Women at the Well Bible Study @TV Walker CFD – See Rev. JoAn McClendon at the Tech Table to register
- “Wrapped in Books!” Book Drive for Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers at the Teenage Parent Program/TAPP. This is a collaborative partnership with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- We will be collecting books thru Sunday March 17. The collection box is located in the Welcome Center. Please reach out to Sis Bridges if you have any questions.
- We want to make you aware of multiple bills currently passing through the Kentucky State Legislature. These bills specifically target the homeless, the poor, JCPCS, the elderly, and low-income housing with the intended effect of rolling back the clock to the 1950s and erasing the gains made by our people. encourage your congregations to contact their Senate and House representatives to express their opposition to these bills. We believe the combined efforts of our congregations will not be so easily dismissed. When you leave today, you will receive a handout with information about these bills and how we can collectively respond so our voice is heard.

Passing of the Peace/ Fellowship Period - This is where we greet our neighbors with a smile, take a selfie and share it on social media using the hashtag #reIMAGINE1stG



FIRST GETHSEMANE  
CHURCH

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY 2024

## THEMED SUNDAY'S

FEB  
4TH

**GREEK/COLLEGE SUNDAY**  
(Represent your BGLO or College)

FEB  
11TH

**"SUPER SOUL SUNDAY"**  
(Represent your favorite Sports Team)

FEB  
18TH

**THROWBACK SUNDAY**  
(Traditional Sunday's Best Attire)

FEB  
25TH

**HERITAGE SUNDAY**  
(Wear your African Attire)



# The BLACK MARKET PLACE EXPO

Sunday February 25th  
12-3pm

1221 FIRST GETHSEMANE AVE 40208

Vendor tables available for \$50



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# ReImag<sup>1ST</sup>INE Me

**LENTEN SERMON SERIES**

[www.1stgchurch.org](http://www.1stgchurch.org)



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## WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

# GROW with Us

ON CAMPUS AND ONLINE

**SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9 AM**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:10 AM**

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS TOGETHER @ 6:30 PM**

[WWW.1STGCHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.1STGCHURCH.ORG)



# Church Announcements

## UPCOMING MARCH SCHEDULE

# MARCH GLADNESS

@1STGCHURCH

BUILD A BED MTG AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE	03/03
RELATIONSHIP GOALS 1ST G PODCAST @6:30PM	03/06
EVOLVE502 FAMILY NIGHT TV WALKER CFD @6PM	03/07
VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION 1ST G @10AM	03/09
BAPTISM SERVICE 1ST G MARTIN CHAPEL @6:30PM	03/13
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION 1ST G BUSH CONFERENCE RM @12PM	03/16
FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT PHILLIPS LANES @6PM	03/16
RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR REV. KEITH BUSH, SR. 1ST G @7PM	03/22
MARRIAGE SUNDAY 1ST G 10:10AM	03/24
PALM SUNDAY 1ST G 10:10AM	03/24
GRIEF SHARE 1ST G @6PM	03/26
MAN CAVE BIBLE STUDY 1ST G @6:30PM	03/27
GOOD FRIDAY - MOVIE NIGHT 1ST G @6PM	03/29
WOMEN AT THE WELL BIBLE STUDY 1ST G @10AM	03/30
EGGSTRAVAGANZA 1ST G CFD @12PM	03/30
"CHRIST ALIVE" RESURRECTION SUNDAY 1ST G 9AM EDGE   10:10AM WORSHIP SERVICE	03/31

# February is Heart Health Month!

## It's Cooking Time

Join us for a Slow Cooking Class  
on Tuesday 2/27 from 5-6:30p

Email [Director@1stgcfcd.org](mailto:Director@1stgcfcd.org) to  
reserve a spot.

First 15 families represented will  
receive a free slow cooker at the  
end of the class



## LINE DANCING LESSONS

*Instructor: Loretta Gillenwater*



Thursdays 6-8pm  
1221 First Gethsemane Ave

# Church Announcements

1st G presents

# RETIREMENT

# *Celebration*

## 27 years of Service



*For* Rev.  
Keith A. Bush, Sr.

Friday, March 22, 2024  
7:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

First Gethsemane Baptist Church  
1159 Algonquin Pkwy, Louisville, KY 40208  
*(in the Newly Renovated 1st G Worship Center)*

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# LENT 2024 GUIDE



## THE ROAD TO THE RESURRECTION

### WHAT IS LENT?

This year Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th and concludes on Holy Saturday, March 30th. Lent is 40 days long, not including Sundays.

#### *Significant Days*

- Ash Wednesday (February 14th)
- Palm Sunday (March 24th),
- Holy Week (March 24th-March 30th),
- Maundy Thursday (March 28th),
- Good Friday (March 29th),
- Holy Saturday (March 30th),
- Easter Sunday (March 31st)

### WHAT IS THE MEANING OF LENT?

Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection. Although a solemn time, it is also a hopeful, expectant time of prayer and fasting before acknowledging/celebrating Jesus' death and then His subsequent defeat of sin and the grave on Easter.

This is a period of time where we can strive to abandon idolatry (which is putting anything in our lives above God) as well as the "self-sufficiency" of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy.

The Lenten season is set aside for self-examination, spiritual renewal, and growth.

### F.A.S.T.

- **FORGO** an item or habit, sacrificially, that is part of your normal routine. (Ex. Fried foods, alcoholic beverages, social media, etc.)
- **ADOPT** a new spiritual discipline that will enhance your quality of life. (Ex. Therapy, meditation, exercise, solitude, etc.)
- **STRENGTHEN** your devotional life by setting aside at least 30 minutes per day for prayer and reflection.
- **TREASURE** sharing is a critical theme in the Lenten season. Be disciplined in your spending, save, and set aside a sacrificial offering above and beyond your normal giving and give it on Easter Sunday.

### CORPORATE PRAYER SCHEDULE

#### *Times/Conference Call Schedule*

- Every Wednesday at 8 AM
- Every day of Holy Week
- Sunday March 24th at 8 pm
- Monday, March 25th -Saturday, March 30th at 8 am

#### *Conference Call Information*

Dial (267) 807-9598 Enter Access Code: 481-771-646

To listen to the recording Dial (267)807-9599 Access Code: 481-771-646

### ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS

Please Note that during the Lenten Season we will be abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and every Friday of Lent. Fish is allowed during this time!



# LENT BIBLE READING PLAN

*(40 DAYS not counting Saturdays)*

This Lent reading plan walks through each of the four Gospels during the Lent season. What better way to prepare for Easter than to read the complete story of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection?

- DAY 1 MATTHEW 1-3
- DAY 2 MATTHEW 4-6
- DAY 3 MATTHEW 7-9
- DAY 4 MATTHEW 10-MATTHEW 12
- DAY 5 TAKE A BREAK
- DAY 6 MATTHEW 13-MATTHEW 14
- DAY 7 MATTHEW 15-MATTHEW 16
- DAY 8 MATTHEW 17-MATTHEW 18
- DAY 9 MATTHEW 19-MATTHEW 20
- DAY 10 MATTHEW 21-MATTHEW 22
- DAY 11 MATTHEW 23-MATTHEW 24
- DAY 12 TAKE A BREAK

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- DAY 41 JOHN 13-JOHN 14
- DAY 42 JOHN 15-JOHN 16
- DAY 43 JOHN 17-JOHN 18
- DAY 44 JOHN 19-JOHN 20
- DAY 45 JOHN 21
- DAY 46 1 CORINTHIANS 15
- DAY 47 IT'S EASTER!

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- DAY 13 MATTHEW 25-MATTHEW 26
- DAY 14 MATTHEW 27-MATTHEW 28
- DAY 15 MARK 1-MARK 3
- DAY 16 MARK 4-MARK 6
- DAY 17 MARK 7-MARK 9
- DAY 18 MARK 10-MARK 12
- DAY 19 TAKE A BREAK
- DAY 20 MARK 13-MARK 14
- DAY 21 MARK 15-MARK 16
- DAY 22 LUKE 1-LUKE 3
- DAY 23 LUKE 4-LUKE 6
- DAY 24 LUKE 7-LUKE 9
- DAY 25 LUKE 10-LUKE 12
- DAY 26 TAKE A BREAK

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- DAY 27 LUKE 13-LUKE 14
- DAY 28 LUKE 15-LUKE 16
- DAY 29 LUKE 17-LUKE 18
- DAY 30 LUKE 19-LUKE 20
- DAY 31 LUKE 21-LUKE 22
- DAY 32 LUKE 23-LUKE 24
- DAY 33 TAKE A BREAK
- DAY 34 JOHN 1-JOHN 2
- DAY 35 JOHN 3-JOHN 4
- DAY 36 JOHN 5-JOHN 6
- DAY 37 JOHN 7-JOHN 8
- DAY 38 JOHN 9-JOHN 10
- DAY 39 JOHN 11-JOHN 12
- DAY 40 TAKE A BREAK

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# Church Announcements



## evolve502 COMMUNITY & FAMILY NIGHTS

Join Evolve502 and partners for a new event series aimed at bringing the community together and learning how to engage with local resources and child enrichment programs.

Each event will be from 6-7:30 p.m. at First Gethsemane Church/Center for Family Development.

Monthly activities include:

- A discussion with local groups sharing information about community resources
- Enrichment activities for kids while adults attend the resource sessions.
- FREE FAMILY DINNER!



Register here using the QR code!

**FEB  
08**

**Enrichment:** Kids View  
**Food:** Kezzy's Catering  
**Speaker:** LMG Office of Philanthropy

- The Louisville Metro Government Office of Philanthropy will discuss their early learning initiative, as well as other community programs.

**MAR  
07**

**Enrichment:** Jerald Smith Science  
**Food:** Lucretia's Kitchen  
**Speaker:** Everybody Counts

- Everybody Counts will present information about the opportunities they offer to graduating seniors through various partnerships.

**APR  
04**

**Enrichment:** The Little Loomhouse  
**Food:** Bearno's  
**Speaker:** Jefferson County Public Schools

- JCPS will provide information that is applicable to parents and families of students of various ages.

Questions? Email [nataliew@evolve502.org](mailto:nataliew@evolve502.org)

Hosted by Evolve502, Everybody Counts, and First Gethsemane CFD

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## NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH!



Call or Text the church office at (502)635-7906 by Friday at 4pm

**#SUNDAYSAREFORCHURCH**



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**EVENT SPACE FOR RENT**

1159 Algonquin Parkway,  
Louisville, KY 40208

**BOOK  
TODAY**

(502) 635-7906

[churchadmin@1stgchurch.org](mailto:churchadmin@1stgchurch.org)



**WELCOME TO THE 1ST G EXPERIENCE!**

*Our Vision*

**“TO GROW PEOPLE IN CHRIST  
THAT WILL GROW PEOPLE FOR CHRIST”**



**reIMAGINE** **1ST G** **CHURCH**

OPEN MINDS. BIGGER HEARTS. HELPING HANDS

**WORSHIP TIMES**

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM  
SUNDAYS @ 10:10 AM  
KIDZ ZONE @ 10:10 AM

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**BIBLE STUDY:**

WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30 PM  
SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER:  
THURSDAYS @ 12:00 PM