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MEET THE FAMILY

This month we feature something a little different as we introduce long-time members and newer members to our church family: Jeff and Sharron Adkins joined us in 2020; Kevin and Crystal Adkins (no relation), joined in May last year; Levi Johnson joined us in January, 2021; Levi Johnson (no relation) joined in October last year!

Jeff and Sharron Adkins



Both born and raised in Eastern Kentucky, they met in 1986 and were married after 2 years of courtship. They relocated to Northern Kentucky when Jeff began working for Eaton Asphalt Paving Company. He has been employed there for the past 36 years.

Sharron taught early education at a private Christian school for several years before becoming a stay at home/homeschooling mom. Her side hobbies are cooking and crafting. They have three children, Heather, Rebecca, and their

youngest Cooper. Their daughters have blessed them with 9 grandchildren.

Sharron was saved at the age of 13, and then re-dedicated her life to Christ on the same day in 1997 that Jeff surrendered his life to Christ. The couple met through their music and for 27 years have served the Lord in music ministry. They also enjoy the great outdoors where they hunt, fish, boat and do gardening,

while finding time to raise cattle and sheep on their farm in Owen county. They joined Bluegrass Baptist Church in 2020 and look forward to serving and growing for many more years with their church family.

Kevin and Crystal Adkins

Both Kevin and Crystal are from Corbin, KY, where they went to school together. They were married in 1999 and moved to Georgetown the same year.

Now Kevin works for Concept Packaging as a Purchasing Manager, and Crystal is a Lab Technician at

Lexmark. Kevin was saved at 12 years of age, in 1984, and Crystal when she was 18, in 1993. They have three sons, Logan (20), Nate (17), and Luke (16). They enjoy being part of our church “because it teaches from the Bible.”



Levi Johnson and Levi Johnson



Born in Minnesota, Levi (the one on the left) spent most of his life in Bastrop, Texas, where he received Jesus as his Savior at the age of nine. After graduating from Pensacola Christian College last year, he moved to Versailles to begin a new job where he is currently a project manager in training. Levi found his way to our church on the recommendation of his fiancé, Allison Ahrens, who lives in Michigan but visited us several times while passing through Georgetown on her way to PCC, where the couple met. They plan to marry this summer.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Opportunities Ahead!

The beauty of a new year is that everything is ahead of you. That is true for our health, finances, relationships, and most importantly in our spiritual growth and vitality. There are ministries and opportunities for everyone in nearly every aspect of our church life. We can always use children's ministry teachers and helpers, and workers in our burgeoning nursery. There are greeters needed, ushers needed, and security personnel. These are just the Sunday specific opportunities!

If you haven't yet joined a LifeStage activity try the next one for your age group. To know more about our LifeStages ask me, one of the staff members, or any deacon. These groups are designed to be the operational arm of church where people meet, fellowship, and form great bonds of friendship in Christ.

Perhaps this is the year to try and learn how to share your faith. The easiest way is a Gospel Blitz, the friendliest way is the Welcome Wagon, and the most faith-building way is Neighborhood Evangelism. All of them present great opportunities for believers to deepen their walk with God.

An expanding ministry of note is "Seeds", our monthly digital newsletter. Beginning February 1, "Seeds" will have a new dedicated page on our church website that will be populated with four categories: Newsletters, Edifying Blog Articles, Bible Study Videos, and Classes on Christian living. These are designed to instruct, educate, and encourage us in Bible-specific matters.

Whatever your hopes for the year ahead, I pray that church and a greater involvement in the work of the Lord here is part of your New Year Plan. I am convinced more than ever that the church in America — and our church in particular — will be a vital hub of friendship and fellowship built upon our shared beliefs in things that are right and wrong before God. Such bonding and building will continue to increase our spiritual and physical growth, and I pray it also drives each of us to a deeper relationship with God so that His glorious name is magnified in Central Kentucky!

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

It's Happening Everywhere!

The sign of a healthy church is organic growth that sprouts on its own, as is evident in a number of Bible study groups meeting each week, in addition to several individuals and families who are being led through extensive discipleship lessons. These gatherings are in addition to our three church services each Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday evening, plus the regular get-togethers of our eight LifeStage groups.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF REVIVAL PERSONAL AND CORPORATE REVIVAL

The Christian life, lived as the Bible teaches to live it, is the most complete and exciting life this side of heaven!

That may come as a surprise to those who view Christianity as just another of the world's many religions kept afloat by the sweat and zeal of their followers. It may even come as a surprise to millions of people who wear the Christian label but are familiar only with the outward shell of a dead religion.

The truth is that the resurrected Christ is the beating heart and soul of a relationship between God and man. He is more than the founder of a religion, more than a figurehead, more than an inspiration or a leader or a teacher or a prophet – He is literally an indwelling presence in each spiritually regenerated follower!

The Bible unequivocally declares that the riches of the glory of the mystery of Christianity *is Christ in you!* That statement appears in Colossians 1:27. If you search further, you will discover that God first entered the world He created, in the form of a man named Jesus, then He entered any man, woman, boy or girl who would submit to Him.

The Creator's close association with the human race to repair what was broken in Eden, unfolded in four extraordinary steps: Incarnation, Redemption, Resurrection, and Glorification. Scripture heralds the first step: *Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith...a body hast thou prepared me* (Hebrews 10:5).

This is a mystery both awe-inspiring and incomprehensible in its essentials: a single human body was prepared to contain and reveal the Creator God to His Creation. Jesus said, *he who has seen me has seen the Father* (John 14:9). And yet, glorious as was the incarnation of God, it was only the beginning of His personal revelation on earth.

The full scope of it is too great for human minds to grasp all at once. Thus, in His incarnation Jesus did not explain Himself: He simply presented Himself to a skeptical audience, declaring:

Ye are from beneath, I am from above: ye are of this world, I am not of this world [...] before Abraham was, I Am [...] I and my Father are one. These statements appear in the Gospel of John in chapters 8:23,58; and 10:30.

The purpose of His incarnation was Redemption that led inevitably to the Cross, where He became a perfect sacrifice to pay for the consequences of rebellion and sin in those whom He had created. Yet, glorious as Redemption was, it was only the second step of God's complete revelation to us.

Next came the Resurrection. Redemption made Christ's atonement for sin available to all who would receive it; Resurrection made His *life* available to the redeemed! This was the third step, and it has implications every bit as great as the incarnation and redemption. It was left to the Apostles whose teachings are preserved in the New Testament, to explain resurrection life as they explained Jesus Christ – who He is, why He died for us, why He was resurrected for us, and why we must live in Him and He in us if we are to experience personal liberation from this present evil world.

That liberation includes both triumph over our inner corruption and over God's adversary—named Lucifer, or Satan, or the devil—who inherited the throne as god of this world when the two first humans made the unwise choice to obey him and not their Creator.

The Apostles John and Paul went on to explain how the living Jesus Christ, made incarnate in our flesh through our voluntary submission to Him, would be revealed to the world. This fourth step entails a partial revelation of Christ in every true Christian, and a complete revelation in His church—not a man-made organization or building but a living organism, the Body of Christ, gathered anywhere as a local assembly.

Matthew 18:20 quotes Jesus saying: *Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

His work on earth will not be complete until this revelation is complete, and He is fully unveiled in His worshipping congregation, *when He shall come to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe* (2 Thessalonians 1:10).