

LIFE + FAITH

SUNDAY IN LIFE + ARTS GREENBRIER IN MIDST OF A REVIVAL



FAITH NOTES

Today

Arts and Crafts for Missions. 9 a.m. First Presbyterian Church, 330 W. Main St., Richmond. Free; \$5 for lunch. (859) 623-5323. www.richmondfirstpres.org.

Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week. 10 a.m. Nov. 21, 1 p.m. Nov. 22, 8 a.m. Nov. 23. Porter Memorial Baptist Church, 4300 Nicholasville Rd., Lexington. Other drop-off sites available around Central Kentucky. Details: 1-800-435-2857. www.samaritanspurse.org.

Tibetan Buddhism. 10:30 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Community of Lexington, 1800 Gayle Dr., Lexington. Free. www.tbcl.org.

Sunday

Alternative Gift Fair. 9:15 a.m. Second Presbyterian Church, 460 E. Main St., Lexington. Free.

New Organization Services. 9:45 a.m. AHAVA Center for Spiritual Living, 300 Sherman Ave., Lexington. (859) 797-7794. www.Ahavacenter.com.

Paradise. 10:30 a.m. True Life Church, 407 Kingston Rd., Lexington. Free. (859) 299-0489. www.truelifeag.com.

Comfort for the Holidays. 4 p.m. Centenary United Methodist Church, 2800 Tates Creek Rd., Lexington. Free. www.centenarylex.com.

Praise the Lord Service of Worship, a benefit concert for Simmons College of Kentucky. 5 p.m. Consolidated Baptist Church, 1625 Russell Cave Rd., Lexington.

Harvest Celebration with guest, Pastor Kenny Clay. 6 p.m. Kingdom Life Ministries, 746 N. Broadway, Lexington. (859) 402-4693.

Kentucky's Sunday Best Voices: Gospel Music Competition & Extravaganza. 6 p.m. First Baptist Church Bracktown, 3016 Bracktown Rd., Lexington. \$5-\$20. (859) 619-5983.

Monday

Midway Community Thanksgiving Service. 7 p.m. Midway Presbyterian Church, 107 N. Turner St., Midway. (859) 846-4751. www.midwaypresbyterian.org.

Tuesday

Esther (Beth Moore Bible Study). 9:30 a.m. First United Methodist Church, 200 W. High St., Lexington. \$15 for student workbook. www.1stumc.org.

TNT (Tuesday Night Teaching) Bible Study. 7 p.m. First Baptist Church, 100 Clinton St., Frankfort. Free will offering. www.firstbaptistfrankfort.com.

Wednesday

Wednesday Night Live! 5:30 p.m. Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, 3534 Tates Creek Rd., Lexington. Free. (859) 272-2311. www.chapelhillchurch.net.

Thursday

Thanksgiving Dinner. 10 a.m. Evergreen Baptist Church, 749 Florida Street, Lexington. (859) 252-2707; RSVPs required. Free.

Thanksgiving Service. 10:30 a.m. Christian Science Church, 606 E. Main St., Lexington. Free. www.christiansciencelx.org.

Coming up

Faith & Culture discussion series. 7 p.m. Dec. 1. Asbury College, 1 Macklem Dr., Wilmore. Free. (859) 858-3511, Ext. 2166.

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TALK TO US

Send us your holiday music listings

Is your church or faith group having a musical performance or celebration this holiday season? If so, we want to hear about it.

Events might include concerts, cantatas or other music-focused services.

There are a few ways to submit your information:

Online: Add it to the listings at our online calendar, <http://calendar.kentucky.com>. Just register and then click on the link "Add to our listings."

E-mail: Send your event name, times and dates; venue; admission fee; your church or group name, address and Web site; a contact name and number for readers to get more information; and a daytime phone number to contact you if we have questions. E-mail jkegley@herald-leader.com with "Holiday music" in the subject line.

Mail: Send the information above to Holiday Music, Lexington Herald-Leader, 100 Midland Avenue, Lexington, Ky. 40508, Attn: Josh Kegley.

The deadline is Nov. 27, and the calendar will publish in early December.

Questions can be directed to Josh Kegley, jkegley@herald-leader.com or (859) 231-3200.



PHOTOS BY STEPHANIE LEVELL

Prom-goers and volunteers danced to live music during the Jesus Prom, put on by Southland Christian Church on Nov. 13 for people with special needs.

PROM WITHOUT THE PRESSURE

Southland event welcomes attendees with special needs

By Mary Meehan

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There was a red carpet leading to the door, and in the cavernous party space, a dance floor, disco balls, a live band and a giant football helmet like the ones college teams run through on game day. The flood lights outside were swirling overhead, cutting through the dark night as if George Clooney had come home for a movie premiere.

But 16-year-old Jessica Roberts was focused on the two things that matter most to a girl on her prom night: the beautiful corsage on her wrist and the cute boy by her side.

It was a limo that delivered Jessica and her date, Shaun Ramy, from their homes in Rowan County to the Jesus Prom last Saturday. This is the 10th year that Southland Christian Church in Jessamine County has thrown the event for anyone with a disability, either physical or mental.

Snapping their own shots, Jessica's mothers, Karen Roberts and April Miller, stood behind one of the official prom photographers, urging their daughter and Shaun to



John Good and Julie Queen danced at the Jesus Prom. This is the 10th year for the event, which attracts more than 1,000 prom-goers and as many volunteers.

smile.

For the women it was a chance for their daughter to enjoy a special night, and maybe it could be a bit of a practice run for Jessica's prom at her own school.

But, Roberts said, one of the things that really made the night memorable is the company she was keeping. "One of the things that we

like is that there are other people like her here," she said.

That feeling of belonging is at the heart of the prom, said minister Brewster McLeod, who oversees the production.

He cites Luke 14:12-14: "Then Jesus said to his host, 'When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers



Erica Beverly was greeted as she walked into the Jesus Prom. The feeling of belonging is at the heart of the prom, says minister Brewster McLeod.

Kentucky.com

Video: Watch a video from the Jesus Prom at Kentucky.com/faith.

or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed."

Even though many people with disabilities are more mainstreamed than ever before, they can have a difficult time socially, he said. The Jesus Prom is an opportunity to interact with their peers in a welcoming environment, without all the pressures at a mainstream dance. It is a chance not only to have fun but meet new people.

Each year, more than 1,000 prom-goers and an equally large number of volunteers transform the megachurch into a paradise.

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RC TALK

A Winter Wonder Slam dunk

TobyMac, Relient K make quite the pair of headliners for Louisville show



PHOTOS BY RICH COPLEY | rcopley@herald-leader.com
TobyMac, who was at Rupp Arena for Winter Jam in March, will be in Louisville Nov. 29 for Winter Wonder Slam.



David Crowder rocked the keytar when he and his band played Southland Christian Church on Nov. 6.



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We've seen a lot of dream tours lately.

Michael W. Smith and Steven Curtis Chapman went out for a show that hit Rupp Arena earlier this year. Another heavenly lineup was Third Day, Switchfoot and Jars of Clay — who didn't get to Kentucky.

Thanksgiving weekend will close out with another great headlining duo, playing in Louisville, that offers a compelling look at the current state of Christian rock.

Winter Wonder Slam blows into Broadbent Arena with TobyMac and Relient K topping the bill.

With its growing mainstream cred, it seems a little surprising Relient is still taking part in faith-

IF YOU GO

Winter Wonder Slam

What: Concert featuring TobyMac, Relient K, B. Reith and Stephanie Smith.

When: 7 p.m. Nov. 29.

Where: Broadbent Arena, 937 Phillips Ln., Louisville.

Tickets: \$22-\$35; available through Ticketmaster, 1-800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

based tours. But as targeted at general-market listeners as its latest album, *Forget and Not Slow Down*, is, it's also a reaffirmation of the band's faith base. And by teaming with Toby, Matt Thiessen and company help present a microcosm of the best of Christian rock that is both reaching out and playing to the choir.

TobyMac has yet to score a mainstream hit, though that is

Rich Copley regularly writes about Christian pop culture and music at his blog, Copious Notes, at LexGo.com.

certainly not due to a lack of quality, as Toby and his Diverse City Band offer a blend of hip-hop and rock that is second to none. And Relient K has moved out into the marketplace by being another crack ensemble that has shown a faith-based band can write songs with mainstream appeal, and secular audiences don't mind.

So here it is, a tour that shows you where Christian rock is going: in several different directions.

Coming next year

One big marquee tour making a return to Rupp Arena for the third straight year is Winter Jam, the Newsong-presented tour on which

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