

A Tribute to Coach Cal



This morning I awakened to news I didn't expect — John Calipari leaving Kentucky to become Arkansas's coach. According to reports, Calipari no longer feels he is wanted by a number of Big Blue fans. Judging by negative, ever nasty comments following Kentucky's first round tournament losses, he is probably correct in his assessment. Kentucky's proud basketball tradition has a dark side.

Basketball is a serious business in the Bluegrass state. If our coaches meet our incessant expectations, we revere them and place them on a pedestal of near god-like admiration. Once I was at a basketball banquet where Coach Adolph Rupp was the speaker. It was like being in the presence of a king! And Coach Rupp's legendary career was rewarded with having the Wildcat's home arena bear his name, "Rupp Arena".

For his winning success John Calipari received a "life time" contract. Coach Cal's accomplishments are many: A 410-122 record., a 2012 NCAA championship, four fours, seven Elite Eights. In 2015, he was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. (By the way, I wrote a little book about basketball that is in the library at the Basketball Hall of Fame!) John Calipari has enjoyed being one of the highest paid coaches in college basketball. Most of us could live comfortably on 8.5 million a year!

I have been a Kentucky basketball fan since childhood. I once introduced Kentucky's long time voice of the Wild Cats, Cawood Ledford, at a banquet. I told of sitting at our kitchen table with my daddy and brothers, eating popcorn, and listening to Cawood call the game. My blood bleeds blue and like most in the BBN I have high expectations for every team that takes the floor. But, to be honest I feel some pangs of sadness of Calipari's leaving. Sure, being a coaching expert like most Kentucky fans, I didn't always agree with Cal's coaching decisions, but I believe he genuinely loved his players and sought to help them become better players and better people. I think John Calipari is a good man who practices his Christian faith by going to his church to pray and by giving his players opportunities to practice servanthood amid floods and tornadoes in disaster stricken areas of our state.

I guess what bothers me is Coach Cal feeling unwanted. Have we ever felt that way? Has our best effort not been good enough to please some people? Is winning, succeeding, the sole measure on one's worth? Are coaches somehow exempt from grace? Jesus' invitation echoes through the seasons of life, "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."

Coach Cal, may you find rest for your soul in Jesus and in Arkansas!



Rev. Terry T. Lester



Running Slowly

At a track meet, we sat in the stands, cheering for our son. I chuckled as a young sibling of an athlete asked, "Why are they running so slow, Mommy?"

These athletes had been training for years, and many were setting personal best times and even state records. Most spectators would provide little competition for the runners. But the child was comparing how he'd felt while running at the park, sprinting to a soccer game.

Along the track, dozens of teammates and coaches cheered. Each time an athlete passed, she heard strong, pointed encouragement. "You've got this!" "Someone's approaching; time to pick up the pace!" "Great stride — keep going!" The coaches and runners knew what was helpful and understood how hard the athletes were working.

My point: Consider who you allow to speak truth into your life. Do you listen to loved ones who "train" alongside you? Or do you give sideline critics too much space in your thoughts? Heed Proverbs 2:2 (NLT), which advises, "Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding."

—Janna Firestone



Meetings and Activities

Wednesday, April 10

5:45 ... No Bell Choir
 7:00 ... Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 14

10:00 ... Counterpoints & Faith in Action Adult classes
 10:00 ... Children & High Sunday school classes
 11:00 ... In person and Facebook Worship Service
 Rev. Terry Lester
 6:00 ... Youth Group

Monday, April 15

2:00 ... Bridge
 4:30 ... Knitting

Tuesday, April 16

12:00 ... Faith & Climate Forum, First Christian Church
 See below.

Wednesday, April 17

5:45 ... No Bell Choir
 7:00 ... Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 21

10:00 ... Counterpoints & Faith in Action Adult classes
 10:00 ... Children & High Sunday school classes
 11:00 ... In person and Facebook Worship Service
 Rev. Terry Lester
 12:00 ... Session Meeting
 12:00 ... Pancake Breakfast, Montreat Fundraiser
 6:00 ... Youth Group

Worship Sunday

Attendance: **April 7, 2024**
 SFPC in person Worship: **60**
Join us Sundays- 11:00 a.m.,
also online service.
 During our livestreaming
 time, you can go to
 YouTube, go to <http://bit.ly/SFPCYouTube> or just search
 for South Frankfort
 Presbyterian Church.
 Please "subscribe"
 to our YouTube channel.
 The next week, you may go to
www.sfpcy.org, the church's
 website and choose "Videos."

If not in the service
please consider

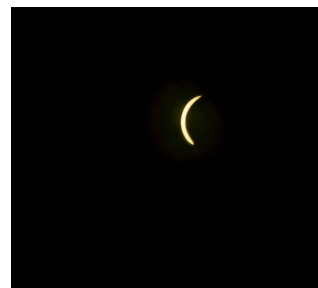
donating one of two ways:
 1. Mail a check to: South
 Frankfort Presbyterian
 Church 224 Steele Street,
 Frankfort, KY 40601.
 2. Click the green "**Give
 Now**" button on our
 website at sfpcy.org.
 You can start and
 manage your account,
 and even set up
 repeating donations.
April 7, 2024
Offering: \$5,144.10

Prayer List

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| Sondra Massie | Glenda Harned |
| Haylee Mucci | Shirley Blackwell |
| Gerry Jones | Ann Brooks |
| Lilly Ann Brooks | Mattie Baker Scott |
| Mickie Smith | Dottie Herzel |
| Mary Griffey | Chris Richards |
| Noel Jones Family | Gwen Mayes |
| Susan Sparrow Family | Kathy Rogers |
| Carl Meyers | Helen Taulbee |
| Hannah Hayes Family | |

National Faith & Climate Forum

Tuesday, April 16 12:00 - 5:15 p.m.
 First Christian Church 316 Ann Street Frankfort, KY
 This is a welcoming and transformative experience to deepen
 your faith and connect with others of faith. There will be
 purposeful discussions, practical workshops, and opportunities
 for Creation care and climate activation.
 To register go to <https://nationalfaithandclimateforum.org>
 If you have questions, contact kgcowherd@gmail.com
 Kim Cowherd



Left: The moon
 moves in front of
 the sun during the
 eclipse Monday.
 This photo was
 taken at 3:08 p.m.,
 the time of totality
 in Frankfort.
 (Hannah Brown/
 State Journal)

Three guesses
 what the Bridge
 group ladies are
 experiencing!



These Days are here for
April-June.
 They are on the table in the foyer near the
 Third Street entrance
 and on the tables in the Sanctuary.

THINK WASHCLOTHS

Mid-Ky Presbytery has taken on the task of filling 1,000 Personal Hygiene
 Kits to be used by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for those in need.
 SFPC's role in this project is to supply 300 washcloths for the kits.
 There will be a box in Fellowship Hall where you can place your wash-
 cloths. (Big Lots has a nice 9 pack for \$4.99.)
 This would be a great project for Sunday School
 classes or the Youth Group! In addition if anyone would like to volunteer
 to take the washcloths to Beulah Presbyterian Church in Louisville or
 would like to help assemble the kits there **Saturday, April 13**, please let
 Marty Schmidt know.

Thank you,
The Outreach Committee

April Birthdays!

- April 3 Marae Mallard**
- April 3 Truitt Donelly**
- April 3 Ingeborg Pennington**
- April 7 Nikki Angst**
- April 7 Will Curlin**
- April 8 John Rose**
- April 10 Libby Sircy**
- April 15 Molly Jarboe**
- April 16 Jack Tharpe**
- April 19 Faye Gooding**
- April 20 Frank Angst**
- April 20 Oliver Jarboe**
- April 20 Will Mucci**
- April 24 Rae Smith**
- April 25 Bill Leroy**
- April 25 Sawyer Shaw**
- April 27 Darrell Taulbee**
- April 28 Janet Gates**
- April 28 Jennifer Grisham**
- April 29 Elizabeth Harris**

