

# HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 2016

*Highland Church reaches out in the name of Jesus Christ building disciples with vision for ministry.*

## JOURNEYING TO THE CROSS

In this Lenten season, we are journeying to the cross. The cross is central to all we believe. The importance of the cross is crucial to what we believe about our salvation!

As we journey to the cross, I would like to look at Matt. 26:38-42:

<sup>38</sup>Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." <sup>39</sup>Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." <sup>40</sup>Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. <sup>41</sup>"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>42</sup>He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

When we look at this, we see the tremendous struggle of our Lord! We see the struggle He had in taking the cup! However, in spite of the struggles within, we see His willingness to always follow God's plan, regardless of the pain! We see the love that Christ had for you and me.

May we approach this season with a thankful heart! May our hearts be overwhelmed with the love and commitment that Christ has for each of us! May we look at people differently; as we realize that Christ died for all that all may know Him!

As you approach the cross, regardless of the struggles, let us be willing to always do God's will.

## **CPWM**

CPWM met Monday, February 1 in the Fellowship Hall. We continued our discussion of our theme, "Serve and Proclaim" based on Acts 8:5-6. Our members voted to send our portion of funds collected through Loaves and Fishes to the milk program at Paducah Cooperative Ministry. Our share totaled \$100.52. Sidney Milton outlined her work on a new pictorial directory of our members and regular attendees. Hopefully, you have gotten a copy of this and plan to submit your information before April 3rd.

Our next meeting will be March 7 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be working to make plans for assembly and distribution of our directory. Everyone is more than welcome to come and help us in this major endeavor!

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## **Session Notes**

At the February meeting, the session agreed to

- Establish a New Bus Fund for purchase of a church bus
  - Establish a Youth Team to run the youth program until a new Director is hired
  - Participate in the Baptist Health Hospital Congregation Network
  - Offer a session retreat, elder training and an affirmation class
  - Install a door bell for the Outreach Center
  - Participate in One Great Hour of Sharing
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## **February Numbers**

Stewardship Report February 2016

Receipts	\$ 23,183.75
Disbursements	\$ 13,117.89

## **Attendance Record**

Morning Worship

February 7 – 70

February 14 – 25 (snow)

February 21 – 84

February 28 – 85

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## **Little Red Wagon Food Ministry**

Meals-in-a-can – items include hearty stews and soups, and Chef Boyardee foods, or anything on that aisle in the grocery

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## **March Elders**

Melissa Dumes, Velva Mullen

## **March Ushers:**

Steve and Diane Shrewsberry

Melissa and Abe Dumes

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## **Welcome New Members**

We are so pleased to welcome Pam, David, and Haley Russell into our Highland family.

## **Thank You note**

Bro. Bud and Pam want to let everyone know how much they enjoyed the Welcome Lunch that turned into a Marvelous Birthday Bash.

“Thank you for your outpouring love and warm welcome to our family and for the generosity from so many for my birthday.”

## **Baptist Health** **Congregational Network for Healthcare**

Highland has joined with Baptist Health and other Paducah churches in a cooperative effort to provide a continuity of health care. Included in this new initiative, the congregation volunteers will be trained to function as a liaison between the hospital and members of their church. They will learn how to provide family education concerning follow-up medical needs of discharged patients, provide referrals to community resources and provide assistance with needed health services and organize health screenings. If you are interested in participating in this outreach, there is more information on the bulletin board in the Fellowship hall or you can see Bro. Bud.

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## **One Great Hour of Sharing**

On Palm Sunday, we will again participate in this annual denomination supported offering. The goal of One Great Hour of Sharing is to help provide disaster relief, fresh water and food supplies in drought stricken areas, and provide women with skills to create a living wage. OGHS is an ecumenical endeavor supported by 29 Christian denominations. Today, relief projects are underway in more than 100 countries including the US and Canada.

## **March Calendar**

March 7 – CPWM, 10:00 a.m.

March 20 – Palm Sunday

Choir Cantata, Morning worship

March 21 – Holy Week Services begin,

Margaret Hank, 12 Noon

Lunch provided each day

March 23 – Highland CPWM in charge of lunch

Devotion by Bro. Bud

March 24 – Maundy Thursday, Margaret Hank,

6:00 p.m. (No noon service)

March 25 – Good Friday Service, Margaret

Hank, Noon

March 27 – Easter Sunrise, Lone Oak United

Methodist, 6:30 a.m.

## March Birthdays

- 3 – Jan Keen
- 7 – Ethan Brown
- 8 – Nick Ferrer
- 15 – Nancy Finnell
- 17 – Clint Hill  
Seth Hill
- 24 – Diane Shrewsberry
- 28 – Molly Gannaway

## March Anniversaries

- 5 – Clint and Brenda Cunningham
  - 16 – Dick and Elaine Kaye
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## 12 Trends found in healthy churches

Month three of our list:

Healthy Churches have a priority and focus on the nations.