

# HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2016

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

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Author Paul Beasley-Murray says in his commentary The Message of the Resurrection, "The good news, of course, is that Jesus has broken through death's defenses. Jesus, in rising from the dead, has carved a trail through the valley of the shadow of death, and through faith, we may follow him." (Pg. 257)

Because He lives, we have a future! Because He lives, we have life. As Jesus said in John 10:10, He came to give life and give it more abundantly!!! What good news!!!

In his book Miracles, C.S. Lewis wrote, "He is the first fruits, the pioneer of life. He has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man. He has met, fought, and beaten the King of Death. Everything is different because he has done so. This is the beginning of the New Creation: a new chapter in cosmic history has begun."

Sin is ever present, we live in a world that is troubled, hatred seems to be abounding in our culture, incurable diseases are spreading, death is reported every day among young and old, and terror is ever evident. But through Christ, we have a hope built on the resurrection. When our path takes us through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, we will fear no evil, because we have the assurance that Christ has gone before us and the Spirit is there around us guarding our steps.

*Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. (John 14:1-3) NLT*

## **CPWM**

CPWM met Monday, March 7 in the Fellowship Hall. As always, we began our meeting in prayer for the concerns of our Church and members. We discussed ways we can actively reflect our theme, "Serve and Proclaim". We discussed ways to move our Church Directory forward, and Sidney agreed to put the form online for easier access. We also explored ways to get the pages and cover printed. We made plans to provide lunch at Margaret Hank CP Church on Wednesday, March 23 during Holy Week Services.

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 4 in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. We will be finalizing plans to get our directory printed, and putting together a Memorial Service for our Regional Meeting. The Regional Meeting will be Saturday, April 16 at Mt. Carmel CP Church in White Plains, KY. Everyone is cordially invited to our regular meeting and to the Regional Meeting. If you would like to have input on our Directory, join us April 4. PLEASE get those directory pages to Sidney

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## **Session Notes**

At the March meeting, the session agreed to

- approve the formation of a Youth Team consisting of Pam Russell, Michelle Wooten, and Mike Golightly
  - elect Elaine Overton as our delegate to Presbytery
  - allow Andre Strahan to use the gym for AAU youth basketball on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons
  - allow Bro. Bud to share his Benevolent Fund with Paducah Cooperative Ministry at his discretion
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## **Summertime schedule**

Summers are busy, so let's get these things on the calendar:

June 20-24 – General Assembly & CPWM

June 26-July 1 – Covenant Presbytery Sr. High  
Camp

June 26-July 1 – CPYC for high schoolers at  
Bethel University in McKenzie, TN

July 5, 6, 7 – VBS at Highland

July 9 – Children's Fest for K-6 graders at  
Bethel University

July 19-23 – Presbyterian Youth Triennium for  
High schoolers at Perdue University

July 24-29 – Jr/Jr High Camp

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## **March Numbers**

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Receipts           \$ 16,573.91

Disbursements   \$ 12,545.13

## **Attendance Record**

Morning Worship

March 6 – 70

March 13 – 73

March 20 – 87

March 27 – 138

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## **Cub Scout Pack 20 Fundraiser**

John DeHart, his friends and their parents will be waiting tables at Pizza Inn on Monday, April 25 from 4 – 8 p.m.

## **April Calendar**

April 2 – Spring meeting of Covenant Presbytery

April 3 – Holy Communion

April 4-8 – Spring Break, No Youth Activities

April 10 – Gideon Sunday

April 16 – Regional CPWM at Mt. Carmel

April 17 – Session meeting, 2:00 p.m.

April 25 – Covenant Presbytery Quarterly

Fellowship, Piney Fork, 6:00 p.m.

## **April Elders**

Jeff Parker, Elaine Overton

## **April Ushers:**

Lori and Madelyn Kauffman

Velva Mullen and Tommy Hayes

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## **April Birthdays**

7 – Jimmy Duncan

11 – Lori Kauffman

Dana Ballow Fennell

12 – Mike Bryan

13 – David Robinson

15 – Brenda Dodd

Linda Johnson

21 – Rev. Terry Vasseur

24 – Louis McDonald

27 – Lindsay Gamble

30 – Alec Golightly

## **April Anniversaries**

3 – Daniel and Jennifer Rushing

11 – James and Marlene Wallace

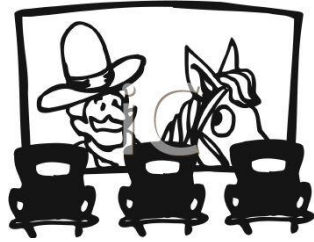
16 – Michael and Felicia Cornwell

28 – Max and Brenda Dodd

## **Drive In Movie Night for the Youth**

Sunday night April 17 the younger youth will make "cars" out of cardboard boxes with the help of the older youth. The older youth will assist them by making lights, wheels, license plates, and maybe even some fuzzy dice. The next Sunday night, April 24th, our Movie Night will begin at 5:30. We will clear out the fellowship hall, pull down the big screen, and park our cars at the "drive in" and watch a movie together. All youth are invited to participate both Sunday nights. We will have hotdogs, popcorn, and candy during the movie.

Should be fun for all ages!



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## **12 Trends found in healthy churches**

We continue a list of these trends as described by Thom Rainer. The fourth trend of a healthy church is one of a church with a mission minded community presence.