

# HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2017

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

## **The Power of the Holy Spirit – available for all Christians**

In the Old Testament, people measured God's power by His creation or by His miracle at the Exodus of Israel from Egypt. But today, we measure God's power by the miracle of Christ's resurrection. Much more was involved than merely raising Him from the dead, for Christ also ascended to heaven and sat down in the place of authority at the right hand of God. He is not only Saviour; He is also Sovereign. No authority or power, human or in the spirit world, is greater than that of Jesus Christ, the exalted Son of God. He is "far above all," and no future enemy can overcome Him, because He has been exalted "far above all" powers.

But how does this apply to you and me today? In Ephesians 1:22-23, Paul explains the practical application. Because we are believers, we are in the church, which is Christ's body—and He is the Head. This means that there is a living connection between you and Christ. Physically speaking, the head controls the body and keeps the body functioning properly. Injure certain parts of the brain and you handicap or paralyze corresponding parts of the body. Christ is our spiritual Head. Through the Spirit, we are united to Him as the members of His body. This means that we share His resurrection, ascension, and exaltation. We too are seated, in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6), and all things are under our feet.

No wonder Paul wants us to know about "his incomparable great power for those who believe." Apart from this power, we cannot draw on our great wealth in Christ.

The power of the Holy Spirit, through the resurrected, ascended Christ, is available to all Christians—by faith. It is grace that supplies the wealth, but it is faith that lays hold of the wealth. We are saved "by grace, through faith", and we live "by grace, through faith."  
Bible Exposition Commentary – Be Rich (Ephesians).

Happy Easter,

Preacher

## **CPWM**

CPWM met Monday, March 13 to discuss our upcoming Covenant Region CPWM Meeting and Holy Week Services. Several of our members will participate in the Spring Regional Meeting on April 8 at 10:00 at the Zion Fellowship in Paducah.

Two offerings will be collected that day. First is the Fellowship of the Least Coin offering sponsored by Church Women United. We voted to give \$100 toward that offering. Secondly, a special offering for furniture for our CP missionaries will be collected. We voted to give \$100 toward that as well. We discussed how we can help the Mission Committee with the Easter Egg Hunt at Zion on the 15<sup>th</sup> and tossed around ideas for our Stott-Wallace Fundraiser in May. We also discussed our lunch plans for Holy Week at Margaret Hank.

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 10 at 10:00. The agenda includes a recap of the Regional Meeting and finalizing plans for Holy Week lunch. Everyone is invited to attend.

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## **Session Notes**

At the March meeting, we voted on and/or approved:

- Collection of a special offering for the CP Children's Home during our next Youth Sunday
- Collection of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Palm Sunday
- Authorize Brenda Cunningham to purchase toys for the nursery not to exceed \$250 and allow her to spend up to \$30/month on snacks and supplies.

## **March Numbers**

Stewardship Report as of March 27, 2017

Receipts	\$ 16,987.40
Disbursements	\$ 20,091.28

## **Attendance Record**

Morning Worship

March 5 – 87

March 12 – 82

March 19 – 72

March 26 – 93

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## **April Calendar**

April 7, 8 – Bro. Bud at Emmaus Walk

April 7 – CPWM Regional meeting,  
Zion Fellowship, 10:00 a.m.

April 9 – Choir Cantata, morning worship

April 10-14 – Holy Week

April 10 – CPWM, 10:00 a.m.

April 12 – Missions Committee, 4:00 p.m.

April 12 – Easter Egg Hunt at Highland

April 15 – Easter Egg Hunt at Zion

April 16 – Easter Sunday

April 23 – Baked Potato/Salad Bar lunch

April 23 – Session Meeting, 2:00 p.m.

April 27 – Cumberland Pioneers

**Baked Potato and Salad Bar Lunch** You are invited to a Missions Committee fundraiser lunch after church April 23. Proceeds will go to projects sponsored by the Missions Committee.

## **Holy Week**

Margaret Hank will again host Noon services and lunch during Holy Week, April 10-14. Each day will begin at 12 noon with a brief devotion and light lunch.

Speakers and tentative menu

**Monday** – John Rogers, Italian

**Tuesday** – Jim Smith, tacos

**Wednesday** – Bud Russell, Highland CPWM provides lunch this day

**Friday** – Frank Queen, fried chicken and pot-luck

**Thursday** is different, the special Maundy Thursday evening service will begin at 6:30. There will not be a meal.

**What is Maundy Thursday?** Also known as Holy Thursday or Covenant Thursday, Maundy Thursday is the day before Good Friday and is observed by Christians to commemorate the Last Supper of Christ. The term *Maundy*, comes from the Latin translation of John 13:34 *mandatum* meaning *command*, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” Some Christian denominations observe Maundy Thursday by Washing of the Feet (John 13:14–17).

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## **Opportunities for Serving, Learning and Giving**

**Easter Egg Hunt for Zion CP Fellowship** Saturday, April 15 at 11am. We still need donations of stuffed plastic eggs and sandwiches. **Our goal is 500 eggs.** There is a sign up list on the Mission bulletin board. For more information, please contact Lora Rogers-Kerner.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** Just as in the fall, we collect our Loaves and Fishes offering, in the spring we collect a special offering called One Great Hour of Sharing. (except there isn't a cute little box for our collections). The OGHS offering will be collected Palm Sunday, April 9. Seventy five percent of the money goes to Church World Services. Today, projects supported by OGHS are under way in more than 100 countries. The remainder 25% collected is used in areas of compassion on Cumberland Presbyterian fields of service.

### **April Elders**

Mike Golightly, Lori Kauffman

### **April Ushers**

Randy and Debby Hughes,

Tommy Hayes, Jimmy Russell

### **Paducah Cooperative Ministry Pantry**

Meal-in-a-can (Beef Stew, Spaghetti-O's, etc)

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## **April Birthdays**

11 – Lori Kauffman

12 – Mike Bryan

13 – David Robinson

15 – Brenda Dodd

Linda Johnson

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