

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 2018

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

How far the world has advanced since the time of the “early church” during the Roman Empire. Early Christians were persecuted greatly during the first three hundred years of existence. Emperors such as Nero, Trajan, and Diocletian blamed most everything on the Christians. The Christians were accused of such things as floods, earthquakes, and droughts because they had offended other gods. Christians were charged with sexual immoralities, hatred of the human race and even charged with atheism because they did not worship the gods whose favor was essential for the prosperity and security of the state of Rome.

Let me return to the first sentence on how far we have advanced since the days of the “early church.” Have we advanced? The church is under attack in America today. Many freedoms we enjoy are slowly being taken away. God fearing Christians are being persecuted because of their belief. America is being taught there is no God and Christians have become almost a silent majority.

In 303 A.D. under the Emperor Diocletian the most severe of Christian persecution took place. From this period comes the story of forty Christian soldiers, members of the “Thundering Legion,” martyred at Sebaste in Lesser Armenia by being left naked on the ice of a frozen pond, with baths of hot water on the bank as a temptation to deny their Lord. Only one of the forty gave way, and his place was quickly taken by a member of the guard who had been converted by the constancy of the rest.

I believe we can turn things around in America if only we as Christians take a firm stand as the early Christians took. The Psalmist said; “Blessed are the undefiled in the way, Who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with the whole heart! They also do no iniquity; They walk in His Ways. Psalm 119:1-3

Love-Christ

Bro. Doug

CPWM

CPWM met Monday, July 1 in the Fellowship Hall. We got an introduction to our 2018-19 theme, "Send Me" from Isaiah 6:8. We also worked out the final details for our Stott Wallace Missionary fundraiser scheduled for August 5th at 6:00 p.m. We are so excited! As of July 22, we have TEN groups signed up to perform! There will be a silent auction featuring your homemade desserts and/or other collectables. Everyone has a great time trying to get that last bid.

Our next meeting will be held Monday, August 6th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Every woman in the Church is invited!

Covenant Regional CPWM is hosting the **2018 Midwest Synodical Retreat** September 7-8. We will be joined by ladies from Cumberland and North Central Presbyteries. Every woman in the Church is invited to this spiritual weekend to be held at Kenlake Resort in Aurora. Registration starts at 3:00 p.m. Friday afternoon. We dismiss Saturday at noon. Our own Bro. Bud and Pam will be leading our worship and Communion service Friday night! Friday night will also feature "Bible Trivia". Please contact Elaine Overton or Sidney Milton if you have questions. An invitation letter is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Stott-Wallace Missionary Fund

The offering is named for two lifelong missionary families – Buddy and Beverly Stott (Japan) and Boyce and Beth Wallace (Colombia). The Stotts served as Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries for 26 years and the Wallaces served over 50 years. These two couples represent a long legacy of Cumberland Presbyterian missionary service.

The fund set up in their honor is the primary source of resources for CP missionaries to fulfill their call. **Join us Sunday, Aug. 5 at 6:00** for a fun evening of fried fish, silent auction and lip-sync.

Session Notes

Items approved at the July meeting:

- Request from the Security Committee to purchase two AED Machines (Automated External Defibrillator) at a cost of \$2,543.60.
 - Invite missionary Rev. David Fackler to speak at a Sunday night worship.
 - Show the "Only Imagine" movie/Bible study in late October.
 - Use the Church bus for a Men's Night trip to a Miner's game.
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July Numbers

Stewardship Report as of July 29, 2018

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| Receipts | \$ 23,257.24 |
| Disbursements | \$ 18,654.74 |

Attendance Record

Morning Worship

July 1 – 90

July 8 – 125

July 15 – 105

July 22 – 77

July 29 – 90

Welcome New Members

Allen and Reba Rushing joined the Highland family July 22. Their mailing address is 5897 Black Hill Road, Belknap, IL 62908

August Calendar

August 5 – Stott-Wallace Fundraiser

August 6 – CPWM, 10:00 a.m.
August 15 – Adult Bible Trivia
August 16 – Highlanders
August 19 – Session meeting, 2:00 p.m.
August 23 – Cumberland Pioneers

Wedding Shower

Morgan Barton and Scott Cunningham

Saturday, Aug. 18 from 1:00-2:30 at Highland They are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and WalMart. Everyone is invited.

Baby Shower for Scott and Kate Slankard

Saturday, August 25 from 2:00-4:00 at Highland

They are registered at WalMart and Target

50th Anniversary Celebration The church is invited to this joyous time as Buddy and Ann Rushing celebrate 50 years of marriage, Saturday Aug. 11 from 1:00 – 4:00.

Highlanders News Our August outing will be to Catfish Corner in Mayfield. Mark your calendars for Aug. 16

August Ushers – Tommy Hayes, Tina Gamble,

Velva Mullen, Lori Kauffman

August Elders – Tina Gamble, Roddy Johnson

New Bible Study in October

Bro. Bud will lead a Bible Study in October called “I Can Only Imagine.” It is based on the movie of the same name, depicting the life of Bart Millard, lead singer of the contemporary Christian group MercyMe.

August Birthdays

1 – Betty Rushing
2 – Steve White
5 – Carrie (Rushing) McKee
7 – Daniel Rushing
8 – Jimmy Russell
9 – Kathy Hill
10 – Rita Gross
11 – Jeff Parker
Dayton Kilgore
12 – Mike Golightly
13 – Loretta Vasseur
15 – Tony Cornwell
18 – Amy Rushing
Bo Rushing
22 – Marjet Duncan
Kathy Hayes
24 – Leona Shelby
25 – Haley Kauffman
27 – Deanna Miller
29 – Nora Cunningham

August Anniversaries

- 6 – Dean and Lori Kauffman
- 7 – Jeff and Lisa Parker
- 8 – Roddy and Linda Johnson
- 10 – David and Joanne Robinson
- 11 – Buddy and Ann Rushing
Bob and Rita Gross
- 25 – Glenn and Gretta Ridings