

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 2017

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

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder: and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgement and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.” (Isaiah 9:6-7)

It's amazing how fast Christmas season has arrived. I'm sure that many are excited especially our children waiting for Santa Claus and the gifts that are sure to come. Truly, it is a season to be excited about but I pray that each of us can see far beyond the gifts and recognize the “supreme gift” of all, our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have many things to be in prayer about this month. We encourage you to pray for our pastor Bro. Bud as he is doing well from the surgery. Pray also for our sick at home, nursing home and those in hospitals. Remember the many events upcoming this month as well. Also, remember me as I tried to fill Pastor Bud's shoes till he is able to return.

If you encounter an emergency or need, please contact me at 270-201-8616. You may text or call I will get back asap. I will be available for you during this time.

Merry Christmas and God Bless!

Bro. Doug

CPWM

CPWM met Monday, November 6th in the Fellowship Hall. We focused on preparing for our Ladies Christmas Dinner. It will be in the Festive Fellowship Hall on Monday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m. Our entertainment will be Cindy Robertson on the omnichord and Velva Mullen on the psaltery. We look forward to seeing you!

Weather permitting, our next meeting will be January 8th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Wear something bright!

Session Notes

Items approved at the November meeting:

- Donate an additional \$100.00 to Project Graduation at McCracken County High School
 - For security purposes all entry doors will be locked at beginning of Sunday morning worship
 - Nursery ages established as kindergarten and younger
 - A 2018 budget line of \$500 for the Evangelism and Member Care Committee
 - Christmas Parade expenses of \$225
 - Set Christmas gifts for musicians and staff
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New addresses

Jennifer Roberts
3900 North Fulton Ave., Apt. 1
Evansville, IN 47710

Tanner and Samantha Parker
210 Whippoorwill Lane
Paducah, KY 42001

November Numbers

Stewardship Report as of November 27, 2017

Receipts	\$ 13,803.96
Disbursements	\$ 12,285.26

Attendance Record

Morning Worship
November 5 – 76
November 12 – 90
November 19 – 77
November 26 – 81

PCM food need Instant Potatoes

December Calendar

Dec. 2 – Paducah Christmas Parade
Dec. 4 – CPWM hosted Ladies Dinner, 6:00 a.m.
Dec. 7 – Cumberland Pioneers, 11:30 a.m.

Dec. 10 – Elder nomination, morning worship
Dec. 13 – Mission Committee, 4:00 p.m.
Dec. 17 – Elder election, morning worship
Dec. 17 – Youth Christmas Program and
Gift to the King Offering
Dec. 18 – Session Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 20 – Youth Caroling and Party, 4:45 p.m.
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Communion 5:00-7:00
Dec. 31 – Elder ordination and installation

December Elders Steve Shrewsberry, Elaine Kaye

December Ushers Tanner Parker, Ronnie Parker, Steve and Diane Shrewsberry

Elder nominations, election and installation

We will nominate our 2018-2020 elders Dec. 10. Names have been submitted by the current board, but if you would like to nominate someone from the floor, you may do so. (Please ask that person first though, so there are no surprises). Our election will be Sunday, December 17 and installation Sunday, December 31.

Laura DeHart and Velva Mullen rotate off.

Loaves and Fishes

We collected \$431.00 for our Loaves and Fishes offering. Seventy five percent of this will go to the denomination for distribution in Choctaw Presbytery for their food pantry. The remaining 25% will stay at Highland for our benevolence needs. Thank you to all who donated.

CHRISTMAS AT HIGHLAND

Youth Christmas Program and Gift to the King Offering Dec. 17 at 6:00 p.m.

The **Gift to the King Offering** will be used to help the Istmina Cumberland Presbyterian Mission with their first worship center. Istmina is a municipality in the Chocó area of Colombia. This region is known for its large Afro-Colombian population (82%) and for having one of the lowest standards of living in all of Colombia. The Istmina Mission was started in 2015 as a prayer group in the house of a family that attended “Sendas de Libertad” CP Church in Medellin.

Christmas Eve Come and Go Communion

Dec. 24 from 5:00-7:00

If you are new to the Highland Family or just have never had the opportunity to receive Communion during our Christmas Eve hours, please make sure to put it on your Christmas Tradition list.

Our 2107 Advent Themes Each week of Advent as we light the candles, a time is set aside to reflect on the coming Messiah. This year our themes call us to vigilance in our waiting.

Keep Awake: Matthew 24:36 – 39

Prepare the Way of the Lord: 2 Peter 3:3-7

Testify to the Light: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Do Not be Afraid: Titus 2:11-14

December Birthdays

5 – Lisa Parker

7 – Karen Coleman

9 – David Russell

13 – Doris Lynn

14 – Donna Yates

16 – Bernice Belt

Laura DeHart

Sidney Milton

19 – Terrella Hancock

Berkley Parker

20 – Buddy Rushing

23 – Melissa Kilgore

25 – Clint Cunningham

26 – Johnny Overton

Tony Dodd

Allison Hasty

December Anniversaries

16 – Tony and Bindu Finnell

31 – Bud and Pam Russell