

# HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 2017

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

Sunday, February 5, is designated **Denominational Day**. It is time to review our history again and what has made the Cumberland Presbyterian Church what it is today.

The roots of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church reach back into the "Great Revival" of 1800. The revival of religion began in May 1797 in the Gasper River Church of Transylvania Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church. In three years it had spread throughout Kentucky and Tennessee.

In July 1799, Rev. James McGready held services at Red River, Logan County, Kentucky. The Holy Spirit filled the congregation to the point that "the boldest, daring sinners in the country covered their faces and wept bitterly. After the congregation was dismissed, a large number of people stayed about the doors, unwilling to go away." In August after a service at Gasper River the congregation refused to leave their seats after they were dismissed. A great conversion took place in the following hours. In September the power of God was present at a service in Muddy River with many souls being converted. By 1800 this was a common situation in services.

Reports of a meeting at Red River in 1800 caused considerable excitement. About 500 persons attended the four-day meeting. When it was announced that the next sacramental meeting was scheduled for the Gasper River Church, people traveled by wagons from as far away as 100 miles to encamp at the meeting house for the first planned camp meeting. McGready and his fellow ministers departed from the traditional Presbyterian concept of election and preached a modified form of Calvinism.

Barton Stone, pastor of Cane Ridge and Concord Presbyterian churches, returned to his churches and used the same approach to his people. In August a great meeting was held with a modest estimate of 20,000 attending. There were 18 Presbyterian ministers present along with Baptists and Methodists joining in preaching to the crowds, sometimes as many as seven preaching simultaneously.

Between 1800 and 1803, the Baptists in Kentucky increased by 10,000; in two years the Methodists added over 6,000. The Presbyterians reported in 1803 that "thousands" had embraced the gospel. The increase in the churches led to an immediate need for additional preachers. The Methodists and Baptists had no problem with their circuit riders and farmer-preachers, but the Presbyterians, with their strong emphasis on a classical education, were unable to meet the demands of the frontier. Filling this need was the first in a series of events which led to the suspension of the revival members of the Cumberland Presbytery in 1805 and the subsequent organization of an independent Cumberland Presbytery in 1810.



**Our Logo**

This design illustrates the people of God becoming the Body of Christ in the world. It intentionally looks like a Celtic cross. It is unique, however, in the fact that the cross is composed of four people forming a circle. This illustrates the church as being the Body of Christ, and that Cumberland Presbyterians are a connectional community. The people of God form a great circle, representing the circle of God's love and grace; the kind that has no end, one that can never be broken. Looking deeper, the negative space inside the circle possesses another cross made of cups. This represents our bringing the Cup of Salvation to the four corners of the earth.

## **CPWM**

CPWM met Monday, January 9th in the Fellowship Hall. We reviewed upcoming events in 2017 and voted to send \$200.00 to Paducah Cooperative Ministry. This amount represents our portion of funds collected through the Loaves and Fishes Offering.

Our next meeting will be held Monday, February 6th at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Wear something red for Valentines.

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## **Session Notes**

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

- Accepted the resignation of Clint Cunningham as Youth Director. He agreed to remain in this position as the Session conducts a search for a replacement
- A proposed 2017 Budget summary to be made available to the congregation.
- Bro. Russell's mileage to Nashville to visit the Franklin family.
- Laura DeHart as our delegate to Presbytery on March 18. Melissa Dumes will be the alternate.
- Direct deposit for church personnel weekly checks.
- Bro. Russell to begin a 40 days of Lent sermon and study series during Lent.
- Purchase an ad in the Lone Oak Elementary "Aladdin" play program at a cost of \$20.00.

## **January Numbers**

Stewardship Report as of January 30, 2017

Receipts	\$ 22,648.86
Disbursements	\$ 18,584.76

## **Attendance Record**

Morning Worship

January 1 – 84

January 8 – 99

January 15 – 92

January 22 – 97

January 29 – 103

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## **February Calendar**

February 6 – CPWM, 10:00

February 8 – Missions Committee, 4:00 p.m.

February 23 – Cumberland Pioneers, The Parlor  
9:00 a.m

February 26 – Session Meeting, 2:00 p.m.

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

**Community Kitchen Warming Center** is looking for volunteers for the evening and over night shifts. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and undergo training. If interested contact Holy at (270) 217-9096.

### **February Elders**

Lori Kauffman, Laura DeHart

### **February Ushers**

Jeff Parker, Sharon Slankard, Randy and Laura DeHart

### **Paducah Cooperative Ministry Pantry**

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

### **Women's Bible Study**

If you are interested in attending a weekly study, please see Lori Kauffman for the time, location and book.

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## **February Birthdays**

3 - Ann Rushing  
10 - Kurt Hasty  
20 - Brenda Cunningham  
21 - Max Dodd  
    Skyler Winsett  
22 - Jennifer Roberts  
24 - Abraham Dumes  
25 - Libby Dodd  
    Bro. Bud  
26 - Gretta Ridings  
29 - John DeHart  
    Ella DeHart

## **February Anniversaries**

23 - Mark and Linda Cunningham