

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 2016

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

FRESH START WITH A NEW YEAR!

In Joshua 3:4, the children of Israel were instructed about their approach into the Holy Land and were told, "You have not passed this way before." As we approach the end of this year and the beginning of a New Year, let us celebrate the New Year with jubilation. Jubilation? Yes, because as a Christian our life is based on the fact that we live by faith, stand on His many promises, and embrace the new opportunities that God gives us!

We get to start again! We learn from our past and we press into the New Year with excitement to do better, to be better, and to bring glory to His name!

This year will introduce to us new challenges, new difficulties, and of course, disappointments. New challenges can be exciting. However, when it comes to difficulties and disappointments, we have to work harder to see the good. When dealing with these life situations, we must remember that we do not always see the whole picture as God does. We must trust our sovereign God with what we do not understand, as we live out our faith.

God has great things in store for us this coming year and they will come in many different ways. May each of us seek out the good that God has for us and embrace the opportunity He gives each of us!

I want to thank the Highland church family for being such a blessing to me personally and our family. From the very first Sunday, we have been overwhelmed by the warm welcome and the love we have received from this wonderful congregation. There is truly a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place and I know that it's the presence of the Lord!

It is my prayer that you continue to experience a blessed Christmas and Joyous New Year!

Luke 2:11, For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

CPWM

CPWM did not meet in December, but we hosted a delightful dinner on Monday, December 5th in the Fellowship Hall. Our attendance was outstanding with 43 ladies joining us. We want to thank everyone who attended and all those who helped set up and prepare holiday treats. It was a joyful way to begin this blessed season!

Our next meeting will be held Monday, January 4th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. We will be planning for 2016 and will be looking at activities at Memphis Theological Seminary. Please join us for a fun and informative morning!

Session Notes

At the December meeting, the session agreed to

- Send \$1,000 to the CP Church for Our United Outreach
- Purchase two new speakers for the sanctuary from Rowton Pro Audio in the amount of \$2,052.95
- Have a congregational meeting Jan 10 to ordain and install Elaine Kaye and Melissa Dumes as elders for the 2016-2018 class
- Accepted resignation of Youth Director, Zach Rudolph
- Appoint a Youth Director search committee of Mike Golightly, chairman; Dean Kauffman, Bro. Bud Russell, Michelle Wooten, and Elaine Overton
- Recommend John Rogers to come under the care of Covenant Presbytery's Committee on the Ministry
- Divide \$100.00 award for the 3rd place finish in the Christmas parade between the USO for donated items and our decorating comm. for damaged Christmas tree
- Purchase a food warmer for the kitchen

December Numbers

Stewardship Report December 28, 2015

Receipts	\$ 17,166.25
Disbursements	\$ 21,533.15

Attendance Record

Morning Worship

December 6 – 98

December 13 – 80

December 20 – 105

December 27 – 71

Little Red Wagon Food Ministry

Meals-in-a-can – items include hearty stews and soups, and Chef Boyardee foods, or anything on that aisle in the grocery

January Elders: Elaine Overton,

Dean Kauffman

January Ushers: Alec and Mike Golightly,

Tommy Hayes, Johnny Overton

Gift to the King offering

Thank you to all who helped support this offering for the Amaga CP Church in Medellin, Colombia. We collected \$1,203.00 for this mission.

Elders for 2016

Term expires December 2016:

Elaine Overton, Dean Kauffman, Jeff Parker

Term Expires December 2017:

Laura DeHart, Velva Mullen

Term expires December 2018:

Melissa Dumes, Elaine Kaye

Sunday Evening Discussions

We are trying something new for our Sunday night meetings beginning January 3. We will discuss various topics of interest ranging from what we believe as Christians and CPs; to what heaven is like and where do dinosaurs fit into creation.

Our church is blessed with a large number of mature, knowledgeable Christians. The goal is to bring this knowledge forward to the younger generations. Hopefully, we will have some lively discussions to really make you think about where your faith comes from.

These discussions will be open to all age groups. We hope to see your family there!

January Calendar

Jan. 3 – Sunday Evening Bible Study begins

Jan. 4 – CPWM, 10:00 a.m.

Jan. 10 – Congregational meeting to install

Elders during morning worship

Jan. 13 – Adult meals resume

Jan. 15 thru 18 – Youth attend Winter

Convocation in Gatlinburg

January Birthdays

9 – Joanne Robinson

10 – Suzanne Goehman

13 – Jamie Gamble

16 – Ashlee Bryan

19 – James Wallace

20 – Bob Gross

21 – Lora Kerner

23 – Jimmy Finnell

Brandon Cooper

25 – Dick Kaye

27 – Rev. Willard Murrie

28 – Velva Mullen

31 – Shea Brown

January Anniversaries

27 - Gregg & Bettie Stoll

12 Trends found in healthy churches

Thom Rainer, author, minister and church leader, has identified 12 things that he feels describe healthy churches. Each month one of these trends will be added to the newsletter for your personal reflection and (perhaps) action.

Trend #1: Healthy churches have a high view of the Scripture.