

# HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 2016

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

Over the past few Sundays, I have been preaching on the work of the Holy Spirit and the change He brings in our lives and the life of the church. Along with that, I have been reading **Seven Practices of Effective Ministry**, by Andy Stanley, Reggie Joiner, Lane Jones. During my study, I try to keep an open ear to the Spirit to learn what He would have us do in our ministries at Highland.

Let me ask you: What are some of the changes you would like to see at Highland? To what purpose do you believe the Spirit is calling you and/or the congregation? We cannot maintain the status-quo without dying. We must always be mindful of our greater calling: feed the hungry, clothe the naked, seek justice for the oppressed and love the unlovable all while proclaiming the Gospel of Christ.

Very briefly let me share with you the seven practices as outlined in the book I've been reading. Collectively, these guidelines are designed to provide a template that will help you determine which programs to start, what to stop, and how to improve what's working. When implemented properly, these practices will energize every facet of your ministry.

1. Clarify the Win. When all is said and done, what is it that we want to look back on and celebrate?

2. Think Steps, Not Programs. Your programs should take people somewhere, not simply fill up their time. Ask yourself, "Where do we want our people to be? What do we want them to become? Is our programming designed to take them there?"

3. Narrow The Focus. Focus is the key to achieving excellence and making an impact. Each ministry environment should be designed to do no more than one or two things well.

4. Teach More For Less. The less you say, the more you will communicate. Learn to say only what you need to say to the people who need to hear it.

5. Listen To Outsiders. Focus your efforts on those you're trying to reach, rather than those you're trying to keep.

6. Replace Yourself. One day someone else will be doing what you are doing. Embrace the inevitable and prepare now for the future.

7. Work On It. To maintain your effectiveness, you must carve out time to step back and evaluate what you are doing and how you are doing it.

At our session retreat in July, we will examine the opportunities for service at Highland. Please pray and give your session members feedback. I am so pleased with the people on our session and they do take their job seriously, but communication from the congregation is important as we seek His Kingdom being done on earth as in heaven!

## **CPWM**

CPWM met Monday, May 2nd in the Fellowship Hall. Sidney Milton gave an update on directory pages received. We identified members who will be listed on a page for "**pictures unavailable**". We hope to assemble and distribute the directories before the end of May. Discussion was held regarding the **Stott-Wallace Missionary Offering**. We have a short video to be shown Sunday, May 22. Also, on that day, a special offering will be received. To continue our support of CP missionaries, the CPWM will sponsor a fundraiser in early fall. Sunday, May 22 during morning worship services we will honor our **graduates**: Libby Dodd, Allison Hasty, Madelyn Kauffman, Hali Sparks, and Madeline Wooten from high school; and Lindsey Gamble from Murray State. Congratulations girls.

Our **next meeting** will be at The Parlor on June 13 at 5:30 p.m.

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## **Session Notes**

At the May meeting, we agreed to:

- Approve a Safe Church Awareness Policy
- Donate \$150.00 to the Hugs Project in honor of Father's Day
- Ask Youth Director Clint Cunningham to research children's programs and curriculum for the fall.

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## **Welcome New Member**

Jimmy Russell  
600 Broadway, Apt. 615  
Paducah, KY 42003

## **Welcome New Youth Director**

We are pleased to have Clint Cunningham on our ministry team as our new Youth Director. Clint is the son of Mark and Linda Cunningham. He is married to Brenda and they have two children, Gini and Andrew. Currently, Clint is working on his Masters in Clinical Psychology at Murray State.

## **May Numbers**

Stewardship Report May 23, 2016

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|---------------|--------------|
| Receipts      | \$ 16,236.80 |
| Disbursements | \$ 13,026.62 |

## **Attendance Record**

Morning Worship

May 1 – 76

May 8 – 95

May 15 – 85

May 22 – 75

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## **June Calendar**

June 12 – Church Picnic, 4:00 p.m.

June 13 – CPWM, The Parlor, 5:30 p.m.

June 20 -23 – General Assembly and CPWM  
Convention, Nashville

June 26 – Session meeting 2:00 p.m.

Senior High camp begins

Junior camp Begins

**June Elders** Melissa Dumes, Laura DeHart

**June Ushers:** Randy and Laura DeHart;  
Mike and Alec Golightly

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**Church Picnic and Vesper Service**

Sunday, June 12 starting at 4:00 pm  
At the home of Max and Brenda Dodd  
9845 Childress Rd.

Bring lawn chairs, fishing poles, life jackets for small children and food.  
Drinks will be provided

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**12 Trends found in healthy churches**

#6 – Church members are intentional in their evangelism.

**Covenant Presbytery has a presence in Mayfield after the recent tornado**

For the past two weeks the Covenant Presbytery Disaster Relief Trailer has been in Mayfield feeding work crews sent in to do disaster relief.

The first week we fed the Baptist chainsaw team and the second week we were contacted by Team Rubicon Region IV to come in and feed the crew they had here to do assessments, clean up rubble and saw trees.

I won't say things went off without a hitch but both groups were very appreciative. We wish to say thanks to each of you for your donations and prayers.

*Troy and Missy Newcomb*

*April Watson*

*Lora Rogers Kerner*

**\*\*Highland Church donated \$100.00, and the Highland CPWM donated \$200.00 toward the purchase of needed items.\*\***

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**Church Camp** adult helpers are still needed. If you are able to help, please contact the office. Safe Sanctuary policies will apply to volunteers.

Juniors: June 26 - July 1

Jr. High: July 24 - July 29

Sr. High: June 26 - July 1

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**General Assembly**

Bro. Bud will be out of the office the week of June 20 to attend General Assembly in Nashville, TN. Elaine Overton will also attend as an elder delegate from Covenant Presbytery.

**June Birthdays**

4 – Macey Owens

6 – Sharon Slankard

Logan Cooper

Megan Hasty

8 – Casey McKee

Carson McKee

10 – Cathy Hasty

12 – Sarah Stoll

- 13 – Cheryl Rambo
- 14 – Ronnie Parker
- 16 – Glenn Davidson
- 20 – Steve Shrewsberry  
    Ryder Winsett
- 24 – Glenn Riding
- 28 – Michele Golightly

### June Anniversaries

- 5 – Ronnie and May Parker
  - 5 – Billy and Jill Winsett
  - 6 – Kyle and Jenny Cooper
  - 10 – Jimmy and Nancy Finnell
  - 14 – Brandon and Miranda Cooper
  - 20 – Randy and Melissa Dumes
  - 28 – Clint and Kathy Hill
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