

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 2016

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

Well, it has been a year since returning to Paducah accepting the call to pastor the Highland Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Over the past 12 months, the entire Russell family has experienced so many wonderful things by coming to Highland. Pam and I feel so blessed to be here!

There are so many happy moments to remember, but there are also some sad times that have crept into our time here. We have lost some of our best people. I know that God is with us in the good times as well as the hard times. When we lose people through death (we really don't lose our brothers and sisters in Christ), I always call into question my days on planet earth. How I am doing in light of what God wants to do with and through me? I realize God has a purpose for my life and I wonder how many days do I have left to accomplish the tasks He has for me. Am I living in the way that is pleasing to God? Am I adequately shepherding these wonderful people of God's flock whom He has entrusted to me?

As I begin my second year with you at Highland, I wonder what God has planned for us. What opportunities for stewardship and service will open up? In looking at this past month's trip to Louisiana, what impact does God want our church to have in our society? Are we doing what God wants to accomplished through us? Are we doing enough? Can we do more?

These are some thoughts that I am having. It is so good to be here. I feel so blessed to be part of this church but I want make the most of the wonderful opportunity God has given me.

I am asking you to pray with me and help me serve you and the Lord in a way that would be pleasing to Him!

Again, thank so much for your willingness to allow me to serve at Highland!

Philippians 1:6, "being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

CPWM

CPWM met Monday, October 3rd in the Fellowship Hall. At this meeting, we finalized plans for the Stott-Wallace Fundraiser "Gospel Music Through the Ages." The fall meeting of Covenant Region CPWM will be Oct. 15 at the Marion (KY) CPC. The offering that day will go toward helping our newest missionaries purchase furniture for their homes overseas. We voted to donate \$50.00 to help with this.

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 7 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sidney Milton will give a report on actions taken at the fall Regional Meeting. Please join us!

Session Notes

At the October meeting, we voted/approved:

- Each committee is asked to meet and review their 2016 expenses and submit a 2017 budget request
 - Divide Barbeque on the River expenses and profits between the Cemetery and Scholarship Funds
 - Hold a dedication of "Bob's Kitchen" plaque during Homecoming and ask Bob's children to attend
 - Donate \$100.00 to MCHS Project Graduation
 - Donate \$500.00 to the Stott-Wallace Missionary Fund
 - Ask the Trio "For Heaven's Sake" to provide special music for our Homecoming; pay them \$250.00 plus a collection from a love offering
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October Numbers

Stewardship Report as of October 24, 2016

Receipts	\$ 15,620.65
Disbursements	\$ 22,576.57

Attendance Record

Morning Worship

October 2 – 90

October 9 – 77

October 16 – 75

October 23(Homecoming) – 115

November Calendar

November 4, 5, 6 – CROSS retreat

November 6 – Fall back, change your clocks

November 7 – CPWM, 10:00 a.m.

November 8 – Election day, Outreach Center

November 11 – MCHS Football meal

November 20 – Session meeting, 1:00 p.m.

November 20 – Joint CP Thanksgiving service,
6:00 p.m., at Highland

November 22 – Joint Lone Oak Thanksgiving,
6:30 p.m.; Lone Oak Baptist

November Elders

Velva Mullen and Laura DeHart

November Ushers

Tommy Hayes, Jimmy Russell
Jeff Parker, Ben Hall

First Sunday of Advent November 27

Opportunities for Service, Giving and Learning

Loaves and Fishes Boxes Proceeds from collections will be used to partner with the CP Council of Churches in Haiti to establish a new hot lunch program to feed children in need. We will collect boxes Nov. 20.

Paducah Cooperative Ministry Pantry

Peanut butter

Men's Bible Study every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the church

Women's Bible Study This group will be breaking until January.

Jeff and Donna Yates' winter address
432 New Pond Court
North Port, FL 34287

Thank you The CPWM wants to extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone that attended and contributed to this spectacular event! It was an amazing spirit filled night! Special thanks to Jeff Parker who provided our meal!

Joint Thanksgiving Services

Cumberland Presbyterian – we will host Margaret Hank, Zion, and Woodlawn, Sunday Nov. 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Lone Oak Area – Lone Oak Baptist hosts Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 6:30

November Birthdays

- 1 – Mason Wooten
- 5 - Melissa Dumes
- 7 - Cindy Robertson
- 8 - Emily Johnson Ferrer
- 10 - Suzanna Stoll Szabo
- 12 - Madelyn Kauffman
- 13 - Roddy Johnson
- 17 – Haley Russell
- 21 - Gregg Stoll
- 25 - Tina Dodd
- 26 - Jere Hammonds

November Anniversaries

6 – Harold and Bernice Belt

15 – Steve and Diane Shrewsbury

12 Trends found in healthy churches

#11 The Process of discipleship moves members into ongoing small groups.

