

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 2016

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

Our Elder election is coming! This is always an exciting time for our church, as we pray and seek God's will. God has three people that He wants to serve on the session. It is our job, as a church, to seek those out.

Serving is not always an easy task and the obligation is great. It is not meant for all to be elders. It is a calling!

The Cumberland Presbyterian Confession of Faith reads:

2.71 Elders are the immediate representatives of the people, elected by them to share with ministers in the government and leadership of the church. The elders who comprise the session share with the minister in charge in the pastoral oversight of the particular church.

2.72 In caring for and leading the congregation which they serve, elders shall be particularly attentive to persons who have not confessed Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, those who are spiritually weak, and those who need to be instructed in the faith. They shall visit the people in their homes, praying with and for them, especially for the sick, those who mourn, and others in need. They should encourage the people by word and example to share in the worship, study, witness and service of the church through a faithful stewardship of their time, talents, and money. They should inform the pastor of any concerns that need his or her attention.

2.73 Persons who fill the office of elder may be male or female, young or old. Elders share in the same vocation that belongs to all Christians to be witnesses to the gospel, but the vocation of this office places an additional responsibility of leadership upon them. They should exemplify the gospel by their good character, sound faith, wisdom, maturity of judgment, discretion, conversation, knowledge of the doctrine and government of the church, and competency to perform the duties of the office.

2.74 Persons who accept the responsibilities of the office of elder should engage in such study and preparation as are appropriate to the office, and during their tenure on the session shall continue to study in order better to perform their duties.

No wonder someone said, "Everything rises and falls on leadership." So, please pray that God's will be done in our nomination and election of elders! Let us seek out those who have a godly influence and whose example is already an inspiration. May we choose those who are involved in the many ministries of our church and has a passion for mission, evangelism and church growth.

CPWM

The Highland CPWM met Monday, Sept. 12 in the Fellowship Hall. Our Bible Study lesson on Worship was written by Lisa Scott and based on Rev. 5:1-11. We finalized plans for our Stott-Wallace Fundraiser. The Covenant Region Fall Meeting will be Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Marion First CPC. Highland ladies will be taking the offering which is going toward purchasing furniture for two new missionary families entering the mission field. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will take the new bus if enough are interested in attending.

Our next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 3 at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

Session Notes

At the September meeting, we approved:

- contribute \$200 to the Lone Oak Middle School FCA
 - Purchase hearing devices for anyone in the congregation who may need assistance in hearing.
 - Purchase a monitor with speakers for the nursery so workers can be a part of worship
 - Contribute to the Louisiana Flood Relief work trip, amount to be determined
 - Ask Bethany Ellis to sing at Homecoming
 - Contribute \$60 to CROSS retreat to cover the cost of meals
 - Divert Our United Outreach funds (normally sent to the denomination) to Covenant Presbytery for legal fees, on recommendation from the denomination
 - Move assets invested in a denominational fund to a local bank
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September Numbers

Stewardship Report as of September 25, 2016

Receipts	\$ 25,652.22
Disbursements	\$ 15,433.89

Attendance Record

Morning Worship

September 4 – 100

September 11 – 92

September 18 – 82

September 25 – 85

October Calendar

October 3 – CPWM, 10:00 a.m.

October 15 – CPWM Regional Meeting

October 16 – Session meeting, 1:00 p.m.
Stott-Wallace fundraiser and
Fish Fry, 5:00 p.m.

October 17 – Covenant Fellowship, Sugar Grove

October 23 – Homecoming

October 27 – Cumberland pioneers

October 30 – Chili Supper and Costume Contest

October Elders

Melissa Dumes, Elaine Kaye

October Ushers

Melissa Dumes, Abe Dumes

Sharon Slankard, Johnny Overton

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Tanner Parker and Samantha Piland Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Gospel Mission Church in Reidland from 2:00 – 4:00. Samantha has registered at Babys R Us and Target. It's a Girl!! Lisa Parker: 270-210-9868

Opportunities for Service, Giving and Learning

Loaves and Fishes Boxes handed out Oct. 30. 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. 27.

Paducah Cooperative Ministry Pantry

Peanut butter

Paducah Cooperative Ministry Volunteers are always needed for the Second Harvest Restaurant food pick up; front desk receptionist; and senior food distribution. Call 270-442-6795 to help.

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

Women's Bible Study – based on the movie "The War Room", every Thursday at Lori Kauffman's house, 6:00 p.m.

Usher Coordinator – Please see Bro. Bud, or contact the office, if you are willing to serve.

Homecoming October 23, 2016

We have a very special day planned with Rev. Garrett Burns, former Highland Youth Director bringing the morning message. A pot-luck meal will follow. The church will provide the meat, bread and drinks. Invite your friends and any former Highland members for this special day.

Stott Wallace Fundraiser

The Highland CPWM has planned a wonderful evening of "Gospel Music Through the Ages," October 16 at 5:00 p.m. This will serve as a fundraiser for the Stott-Wallace Missionary Fund. Following the musical performance, there will be a fish fry catered by Jeff Parker. Invite your friends and family. So we will have enough food, please have reservations turned in to any CPWM member by Oct. 11.

Hearing Assistance If you sometimes struggle with hearing or understanding Morning Worship, we want to help. The session has voted to purchase hearing assistance devices for you to wear. In order to know how many to purchase, please call the church office to place your order.

October Birthdays

- 3 – Janet Roberts, Jennifer Rushing
- 5 - Tyler Parker
- 8 - Dottie Owen, Jim Perry
- 10 – Janice Frans
- 12 - Linda Cunningham
- 14 - Brad Hall
- 17 – Graham Hill
- 18 - Ann Jackson
- 20 - Randy Dumes, Zachary Szabo, Jeff Yates
Olivia Hill, Jacob Hill
- 25 - Jill Winsett, Tim Szabo
- 29 – Ethan Reynolds

October Anniversaries

- 7 - Tony and Tina Dodd

12 Trends found in healthy churches

#10 Healthy churches realize their potential and if necessary, they do less, better.