

# HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 2016

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

As we approach the 4th of July, let us remember what a great nation we live in. May we each realize that our nation is made of people; and people directly or indirectly make our county what it is!

I share with you this month a little bit of a sermon by Dr. David C. Cooper that speaks volumes.

"When the colonists arrived on Virginia's shore in 1607 at the Chesapeake Bay, the first act of the 120 immigrants was to plant a wooden cross in the ground and pray for God's blessings on this new land. Such was the birth of America at Jamestown.

William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania, stated, "If we are not governed by God, we will be ruled by tyrants."

John Quincy Adams said, "The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity."

James Madison wrote: "We have staked the whole future of American civilization not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

Ours is a holy history, but it is not perfect. The finger prints of God can be seen in the formation of the American Dream.

God speaks to nations and calls them to seek Him and worship Him as Lord, and to turn from idols and self-reliance. Then He will bless them: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Ps. 33:12; see also 46:10; Prov. 14:34; Isa. 56:7; Matt. 24:14; Rev. 21:24; 22:2b).

The Psalmist poses an important question for our time: Why do the nations rage? (2:1 NKJV). What motivates nations to go astray from God and His Word? Psalm 2 is a royal psalm, connected with David's coronation, and a messianic psalm, fulfilled in Jesus the Messiah.

Psalm 2 is one of the most cited psalms in the New Testament. The apostles appealed to it in prayer, asking God for intervention against persecution by Herod, Pontius Pilate, and the Romans (Acts 4:24-31). Paul applied it to Jesus' ministry, confirming Him as Messiah (13:33b). John the Revelator quoted verse 9 in his vision of the return of Christ (Rev. 19:15).

Enjoy your holiday, but in your celebration remember you are first a citizen of heaven.

## **CPWM**

Our CPWM met Monday night June 13 at the Parlor for prayers and fellowship. We agreed to send \$100.00 to the CPWM Convention offering.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 5 at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be learning about our exciting new theme, "Go." This theme is based on Hebrews 13:13, "so let's go outside where Jesus is." Please join us as we explore possibilities of ministry during the year ahead.

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## **Session Notes**

At the June meeting, we agreed to:

- Have Laura DeHart set up Safe Sanctuary training in August for all adults working with youth
- Conduct a search for nursery workers and a coordinator; agreed to pay \$30 per Sunday to nursery attendants
- Obtain quotes for a color copier
- Accept letter of resignation from Jeff and Donna Yates as chair of Barbeque on the River
- Purchase another freezer and to recruit volunteers for all phases of Barbeque on the River
- Explore possibilities of a fall Homecoming

## **June Numbers**

Stewardship Report June 27, 2016

Receipts	\$ 14,236.77
Disbursements	\$ 15,719.91

## **Attendance Record**

Morning Worship

June 5 – 88

June 12 – 65

June 19 – 73

June 26 – 82

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## **July Calendar**

July 5 – CPWM, 10:30 a.m.

July 5, 6, 7 – VBS, 6:00 p.m.

July 9 – Youth Trip to Six Flags

July 17 – Session meeting 2:00 p.m.

**July Elders** Jeff Parker, Velva Mullen

**July Ushers** Steve and Diane Shrewsberry,  
Sharon Slankard, Johnny Overton

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## **12 Trends found in healthy churches**

#7 – The pastor of a healthy church loves the members.

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## **Opportunities for Service and Giving**

**Paducah Cooperative Ministry** – We are collecting Ramen Noodles for July, August and September.

**Toys for Tots** - Steel Dove Band members Cindy and Randy Robertson will be collecting toys during the month of July to be presented at the annual Toys For Tots Benefit Concert in October. Toys for Tots prefers not to accept realistic-looking weapons, and all toys should be NEW.

**An Angels Road to Success Thrift Store** This car repair and job placement ministry of Margaret Hank CPC is looking for volunteer help in the thrift store. Store hours are Tue, Wed, and Thurs 9:00-3:00. If you are able to help out for even an hour, please call Wendy at (270)443-3689.

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## **Vacation Bible School**

Join us **July 5, 6, and 7** as we learn what it means to be in God's Army.

We will begin each evening at 6:00 and wrap up by 8:00

Classes for Pre-school through upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade

## **July Birthdays**

- 3 – Felicia Cornwell
- 10 – Dean Kauffman
- 11 – Elaine Overton
- 17 – Zach Rudolph
- 19 – Randy DeHart  
Mark Cunningham
- 25 – Carolina Rose Szabo
- 26 – Jeff Miller
- 27 – Kyle Cooper
- 28 – Tommy Hayes
- 30 – Benjamin Szabo

## **July Anniversaries**

- 2 – Louis and Pat McDonald
- 6 – Mike and Michele Golightly
- 7 – Brent and Harriett Ballow  
Tim and Suzannah Szabo
- 10 – Mike and Karen Bryan
- 22 – Tim and Tina Gamble
- 24 – Jeff and Deanna Miller

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