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## HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## November 2015

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

Dr. John Ng has stated, "Leading organizations in the long term is a complex task, because as time goes by people become less and less energized." Because of the truth of this statement, it has become one that I hold on to in my pastorate.

One of the keys for effective long-term leadership is our ability to renew the energy and morale of our people and teams in the organization. When we do this well, the eyes of our staff will light up in what Ben Zander calls 'shiny eyes'. The question I frequently ask myself is: "What kind of leader have I been if the eyes of my staff are not shining?"

Pam and I are glad to be here and we are excited about what God has in store for the Highland church. We pray that this relationship will be one that is long lasting and productive in which God will be honored and glorified!

I know the church is a team and our effectiveness depends on how we respond to God and one another. Please know that my desire is to be a pastor to the people of Highland. I have already fallen in love with this church and invite you to know that my door is open any time you need to talk.

I would love to hear from each of you on what you think about your church and what direction you think the Highland church should go? It is important for each of us to realize that all of us have a part in what God wants to do at Highland.

So, I pray that we will keep shiny "eyes" through the years until the Lord comes again!

#### **CPWM**

CPWM met Monday, October 12th in the Fellowship Hall. We finalized plans for our Christmas Dinner on Monday, December 7. We are very excited about our theme, and the program and entertainment should be very enjoyable. Be on the lookout for your invitation! We discussed the Loaves & Fishes offering that is taken during the month of November. The 2015 theme is "God is Great, God is Good" and the offering will go to help our churches and missionaries in Guatemala touch the lives of children and their families. We will be passing out the loaves in early November and collecting them on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 22nd. In other business, we made plans to attend the Regional Meeting at Margaret Hank CP Church on October 17 and to welcome our new pastor, Bro. Bud Russell during this Pastor Appreciation month.

Our next meeting will be held Monday, November 2nd in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for a fun and informative morning!

#### **October Numbers**

Stewardship Report through October 26, 2015

Receipts \$ 11,700.50 Disbursements \$ 17,666.82

## October Attendance Record

Morning Worship

October 4 - 44

October 11 – 73

October 18 – 61

October 25 – 83

## **November Calendar**

Nov. 1 – Youth Fundraiser Chili Supper

Nov. 2- CPWM, 10:00 a.m.

Nov. 3 – Election Day

Nov. 6 - Football Dinner

Nov. 22 – Joint service at Zion CP, 6:00 pm

Nov. 24 – Joint Service at Lone Oak Baptist,

6:30 p.m.

Nov. 29 – First Sunday of Advent

#### **November Elders**:

Velva Mullen, Laura DeHart

## **November Ushers:**

Melissa and Abe Dumes, Sharon Slankard, Johnny Overton

#### **Little Red Wagon Food Ministry**

Peanut Butter, Cereal,
Pasta and Spaghetti Sauce

#### **Change of Address**

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Our 2015 offering will help establish a Hot Lunch Program for the children of Mixco, Guatemala. Cumberland Presbyterian missionary, Anay Ortega who works with our mission Casa de Fe y Oracion (House of Faith and Prayer) will coordinate this program. The hot lunch is the focal point of the ministry, but it also affords the opportunity to look at the total welfare of the child, even providing tutoring after lunch for those that need this help. Please pick up a Loaves and Fishes box and return it, filled with coins, November 22.

#### **Election Day**

Remember the Outreach Center will be used as a polling place Nov. 3. All activities in the gym are cancelled for this day.

#### **Thanksgiving Services**

- Joint Cumberland Presbyterian at Zion Fellowship, Nov. 22 at 6:00 p.m.
- Joint Lone Oak Area at Lone Oak Baptist, Nov. 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Bro. Bud will be preaching at both services.

## November Birthdays

- 1 Mason Wooten
- 2 Conner Roberts
- 5 Melissa Dumes
- 6 Ed Dolezal
- 7 Cindy Robertson
- 8 Emily Johnson Ferrer
- 10 Suzanna Stoll Szabo
- 12 Madelyn Kauffman
- 13 Roddy Johnson
- 15 Brandon Roberts
- 17 Haley Russell
- 19 Bob Rushing
- 21 Gregg Stoll
- 25 Tina Dodd
- 26 Jere Hammonds

# November Anniversaries

15 – Steve and Diane Shrewsberry

## <u>Advent</u>

We enter into our Season of Advent, Sunday November 29.

## Office redecorating

Thank you to all who have helped with repainting and redecorating the offices. They are shaping up to look fantastic.