

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 2018

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

1st Timothy 4:4-5 KJV “For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.”

I recall from my childhood how excited I was to be out of school for the four day weekend of Thanksgiving. Coming from a large family there was always something to do. I had a choice of watching the baby twins, aggravating my older sisters, or teasing the three right under me. I will let you decide of which choice I made. This particular Thanksgiving was a little different than previous ones at our home. My father had been laid off at the plant and due to the hardship went north to find a job and he wasn't able to be home for Thanksgiving. I really wanted my dad to be there but it wasn't possible that year.

On Thanksgiving day I noticed that mom hadn't started cooking that morning which wasn't normal for a holiday. I asked what we were having for Thanksgiving dinner, she replied “hot dogs”! Why not turkey I asked? Mom said sit down and I will tell you. She began by saying we need to be “thankful” that God has allowed us to be healthy, have a roof over our heads and that dad had found a job. As for this Thanksgiving we will make due with less.

We ate that meal with thanksgiving in our hearts. There was no ham, no turkey, no pumpkin pie, just hot dogs, but there was lots of love and thankfulness! I learned that it's not what you have it's about “thankfulness” and God provides! When it came my turn at school to tell about my Thanksgiving meal I responded, “the best hot dogs you could eat”!

Everything of God is good if it's received with “thanksgiving”!
May God bless you this Thanksgiving!

Bro. Doug

CPWM

CPWM met Monday, October 1st in the Fellowship Hall. We learned about God's call to Anay Ortega-Monroy, missionary to Guatemala.

Anay was an active member in the CP Church in Medellin, Colombia, serving on many local and presbyterial committees. She was also a prosperous business owner. Yet, she continued to struggle with a call to the mission field. Knowing being a missionary could possibly uproot her from her lifestyle, she continued to pray and seek God's will.

After ten years, Anay was able to leave her Comfort Zone, move to Guatemala and establish a medical clinic that would function along with an orphanage. Anya encourages others "who feel God's call to step out in faith, regardless of how gigantic the project seems. When God calls, God will knock the giants down and fulfill the purpose He created you for."

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be making plans for our Christmas Dinner.

2018 Loaves and Fishes

Our offering this year will go to support the Child Development Program in the Philippines. This program, administered by the Council of CP Churches in the Philippines, is overseen by missionaries, Daniel and Kay Jang. The program consists of a Saturday event where the children receive a hot meal, hear a Bible study, have classes on hygiene or other relevant subject. Seventy-five percent of our offering will go to this effort; the remainder 25% will stay at Highland for benevolent needs.

Boxes will be distributed soon and are to be returned Nov. 25

Session Highlights

Items approved at the October meeting:

- Established dates for Congregational meetings for:
 - Elder Nominations - Sunday, December 9
 - Elder Election – December 16
 - Elder ordination/installation – January 6
 - Two names will be submitted by the current session to replace Melissa Dumes and Elaine Kaye. New terms will begin Jan 2019 and run through December 31, 2021.
- Participate in the annual joint Cumberland Presbyterian Thanksgiving Service, Nov. 18.
- The \$6,098.70 profit from Barbeque on the River will be divided as follows:
 - Cemetery Fund - \$3,049.35
 - Samaritan's Purse - \$500.00
 - Missionary Kamal Madalla - \$200.00
 - River City Mission - \$200.00
 - Ladies Living Free - \$349.00
 - Toys for Tots - \$200.00
 - Cassidy's Cause - \$500.00
 - Christmas assistance – \$1,000.00.

- End consideration of the purchase of the David Sayre property at 3855 Cleary Drive.
- Authorize Roddy Johnson, Steve Shrewsberry, and Melissa Dumes to meet with real estate attorney, Dell Washburn for advice on how to proceed with the possible purchase of Charlie Hampton's property adjacent to the Church. They were authorized to take any actions he recommends
- Participate in the Loves and Fishes offering.
- Authorize Melissa Dumes to spend up to \$500.00 on the Christmas parade. She plans to buy additional candy and bears as well as a blow-up angel for the float.

October Numbers

Stewardship Report as of October 29, 2018

Receipts	\$ 30,720.42
Disbursements	\$ 31,951.89

Attendance Record

Morning Worship

October 7 – 73

October 14 – 93

October 21 – 116

October 28 – 97

November Calendar

Nov. 5 – CPWM, 10:00 a.m.

Nov. 6 – Election Day, gym reserved

Nov. 15 – Highlanders

Nov. 18– Session meeting, 2:00 p.m.

Joint Thanksgiving Service, 6:00 pm

Nov. 28 – Adult Bible Trivia

Cumberland Pioneers – No November meeting

November Ushers – Randy and Debby Hughes
Gamble, Roddy Johnson

Jeff Parker

November Elders – Tina

Paducah Cooperative Ministry

Canned Goods

Highlanders News

Bro. Doug is planning an outing for Dec. 5 to The Majestic for lunch and then a 2:30 pm Christmas show at The Kentucky Opry in Draffenville. Tickets for both are \$18. Please let Bro. Doug know ASAP so he can get the tickets reserved. The bus will seat 15 including the driver, we can load up in cars for the rest.

Joint Thanksgiving Service

Grace Covenant CP Ministries (Former Margaret Hank and Zion CP Churches) will host the annual service Sunday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m. The service will be at the Margaret Hank building. We have been asked to bring finger foods/sandwiches. Rev. Joe Vance is preaching.

Adult Bible Trivia – Note the date change to Nov. 28. Bro. Doug is preparing general knowledge questions on the Old and New Testaments.

November Birthdays

1 – Mason Wooten
2 – Connor Roberts
5 - Melissa Dumes
Rev. John Rogers
7 - Cindy Robertson
8 - Emily Johnson Ferrer
10 - Suzanna Stoll Szabo
12 - Madelyn Kauffman
13 - Roddy Johnson
17 – Haley Russell Camp
21 - Gregg Stoll
25 - Tina Dodd
26 - Jere Hammonds
28 – JoAnn Elkins

November Anniversaries

6 – Harold and Bernice Belt
15 – Steve and Diane Shrewsberry