

# HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 2019

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

I have good news: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16 NKJV)

February is the month we think about our history as Cumberland Presbyterians. It is a time we reflect on who we are as a covenant community and people of God. John 3:16 quoted above is at the heart of our theology.

A fellow CP minister and good friend, Dr. Roy Hall examines our theology in his book, "GOD SO LOVED: A Pastoral reading of the Cumberland Presbyterian Confession of Faith (CoF)." He makes the following observation:

*The Cumberland Presbyterian (and Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America) COF is a reflective theology. It also is an ecclesial, or churchly, theology. It doesn't express the faith of only two or three theologians, or even a considerable group of theologians, but the faith of our churches as a whole. The introduction to the CoF of 1984 includes these words, "The committee submitted to the General Assemblies of 1981 its draft of the Confession, the Constitution, and the Rules of Discipline for study and response by churches at large. Responses were received from study groups, sessions, presbyteries, and individuals. Subsequently, the committee again revised its work in light of these responses as a mark of its intention that the Confession be work of the entire church rather than that of a committee."*

To summarize, the CP CoF of 1984 reflects the voice of the body of believers who make up the CP church rather than a select few in a closed committee.

Later in the book, Dr. Hall quotes another friend of mine, Dr. Jay Earhart-Brown:

*Dr. Earhart-Brown reminded us that every Cumberland Presbyterian is a theologian. Anyone, he said, who thinks about and seeks to serve God is a theologian. He then spoke about difference between "inherited theology" and "reflective theology." Inherited theology is the theology we have picked up along the way simply from being members of the church, and having Christian parents, or living in a dominant Christian environment. Some of this theology, probably most of it, is good theology, sound and solid. But sometimes inherited theology might not be so good. It can be simply what everyone thinks and everyone may be quite wrong. Reflective theology, on the other hand, is theology that has been hammered out on the anvil of sustained prayer, study, reflection and dialogue with others. Reflective theology is important because what we truly believe, and in whom we truly believe, significantly impacts what we truly are and what we truly do."*

So, our history is our story! It is not only our story but more importantly, it is also about how God's story intersects our life and places us into His family. So, His Story is our story!

## **CPWM**

CPWM met Monday, January 7 in the Fellowship Hall. We reviewed a Bible study written by Jessica Wilkerson explaining her call to minister to the social and mental needs of the people in Columbia. She serves along side her husband, Patrick, and found they needed her skills as well. We discussed the Cumberland Presbyterian Denomination's birthday February 4th and asked Sidney Milton to make her famous presentation on the history of this event during morning worship Sunday, February 3rd.

Our next meeting will be February 4 at 10:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be making some plans for the coming months. Please join us!

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## **Session Highlights**

Items approved at the January meeting:

- A First Aid Trauma kit has been purchased it is located on top of the refrigerator in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen
  - Bro. Doug will preach every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday
  - Highland will host joint Ash Wednesday service, March 6
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## **Paducah Cooperative Ministry**

Canned Goods

### **January Numbers**

Stewardship Report as of January 28, 2019

Receipts	\$ 20,478.46
Disbursements	\$ 16,190.55

### **Attendance Record**

Morning Worship

January 6 - 120

January 13 - 103

January 20 – snow day/No Service

January 27 – 112

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### **February Calendar**

February 4 – CPWM, 10:00 a.m.

February 17 – Session meeting, 2:00 p.m.

Tina Gamble has the devotion

February 21 – Highlanders, 11:00 a.m.

### **Children and Youth Calendar**

Wed. Feb 13 – Valentine Party

**Highlanders** Put February 21 on the calendar for a local trip to Rafferty's. The bus will leave Highland around 11:00.

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**Elders** Roddy Johnson (February)

Lori Kauffman (February)

Marlene Wallace

Tina Gamble

Wayne Coleman

Mike Golightly

Steve Shrewsberry

**February Birthdays**

3 – Ann Rushing

7 – Reba Rushing

10 – Kurt Hasty

20 – Brenda Cunningham

21 - Max Dodd

Skyler Winsett

22 - Jennifer Roberts

24 - Abraham Dumes

25 - Libby Dodd

Bro. Bud

26 – Gretta Ridings

29 - John DeHart

Ella DeHart

***February Anniversaries***

10 – Jim and Wanda Perry

23 – Mark and Linda Cunningham