

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2019

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

This week, I was reminiscing about the Easters of my childhood. I remember family gatherings, Easter egg hunts with my siblings and cousins, and a wonderful meal! I also remember eating the eggs we collected, yuck! To me and so many other kids, this is what Easter is all about.

Easter has such a deeper importance in our lives. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is without a doubt the most important event in history, so much in fact that all of history is dated by this one event – BC and AD. Christ made His mark in our history!

If you are unfamiliar with the story, here it is in a nutshell: Jesus died on the cross for the sins of all mankind, three days later He rose from the grave. That's exactly what He did. He became my sin and my punishment. Without the death and resurrection, there would be no forgiveness. We would be without hope! We would have no purpose, no reason for existing!

When Jesus Christ was crucified, most of His followers either ran away or denied ever knowing Him. They were confused, hurt and desperate. In their minds, Jesus Christ was going to set up a literal kingdom on earth, a theocracy and ruin the Roman Empire. It wasn't supposed to have ended in his death.

For the next couple of days these guys were bewildered. They were discouraged. They were defeated. They were disillusioned. They were demoralized. They were depressed.

Early in the morning three days later, what we now celebrate as Easter Sunday, Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Later that same evening He met with His followers – the disciples. What happened in that room changed them forever! They, who were once cowards, were now full of courage; empty, but now empowered; defeated, discouraged and demoralized but now bold and unafraid. They were ready to take on the Roman Empire and the entire world. They had ultimate assurance and confidence.

This change was not limited to the disciples alone. Through Christ's sacrifice, we too have the assurance and confidence in our salvation, and access to the Father. How has Easter, affected you? How have you changed, like the disciples because of Easter?

CPWM

Our Highland Women's Ministry met Monday, March 4 in the Fellowship Hall. We discussed Holy Week Services at Grace Covenant CPC and the Spring Regional meeting at Piney Fork CPC, Saturday, April 13. Pam Russell will have the special music and Convention President-Elect Judith Truitt will have the program. We will take the church bus so there will be room for plenty to attend.

It's time to start thinking about the Stott-Wallace Missionary Fund Lip-Sync fundraiser scheduled for June. In order to support the Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries in ten different countries around the world, our denomination needs to raise \$350,000.00 each year. By hosting our annual fundraiser, we are doing our part to help.

The next meeting will be April 1 at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

Session Highlights

Items approved at the March meeting:

- Graham Hill's application for the 2019 Chester and Emma Cathey Scholarship for \$1,000.00
 - Allow the Covenant Presbytery CE Committee to use the Highland facility for an adult retreat June 22
 - Rev. Chris Fleming , Coordinator of Adult Ministries for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, invited to share denominational resources with Sunday School teachers and Youth leaders
 - Bro. Bud has been invited to teach a course in the Program of Alternate Studies on the campus of Bethel University July 18-22
 - Secretary, Paula Bell will be on vacation April 1-5 for Spring Break
 - Secretary, Paula Bell wage increase
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Paducah Cooperative Ministry

Canned Goods

March Numbers

Stewardship Report as of March 25, 2019

Receipts	\$ 19,139.55
Disbursements	\$ 12,444.90

Attendance Record

Morning Worship

March 3 - 81

March 10 - 100

March 17 - 102

March 24 - 111

April Calendar

April 1 - CPWM, 10:00 a.m.

April 17 - Adult Trivia, 6:00 p.m.

April 18 - Highlanders, 11:00 a.m.

April 14 - Palm Sunday, Special Presentation

April 21 - Easter

April 28 – Session meeting, 2:00 p.m.

Mike Golightly, devotion

Ushers – Randy and Debby Hughes,

Elders – Mike Golightly, Lori Kauffman

Youth Calendar

April 3 – No Activities, Spring Break

April 20 – Easter Egg Hunt, time and place will
be determined depending on weather

April 21 – Easter Sunday

April 27 – CPYC One Day Event, New Hope CPC

Highlanders Our trip this month will be to the Catfish House in Pryorsburg. Everyone is invited to join us April 18. We will leave the church at 11:00.

Adult Trivia Wednesday, April 17 our adults will test their knowledge on the final 16 chapters of the book of Jeremiah. Come join the fun.

Holy Week Noon Services

Grace Covenant CP Fellowship will host noon devotions and lunch during Holy Week, April 15 thru 19.

Maundy Thursday Service, the 18th, is the only exception, this service will be in the evening.

The church location is the former Margaret Hank building, 1526 Park Ave.

Bro. Bud, Dr. Belt and our CPWM will be involved.

April Birthdays

11 – Lori Kauffman

12 – Mike Bryan

13 – David Robinson

15 – Brenda Dodd

Linda Johnson

Debby Hughes

26 – Allen Rushing

27 – Lindsay Gamble

30 – Alec Golightly

Shawn Coleman

April Anniversaries

3 – Daniel and Jennifer Rushing

16 – Michael and Felicia Cornwell

19 – Gordon and Kelly Foltz

28 – Max and Brenda Dodd



Holy Week & Easter