

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 2020

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

Humility Demonstrated John 13:1-4

13 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

² And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself.

To be a Godly leader, one must be a servant. Jesus, knowing the time of his death on that old rugged cross was quickly approaching continued to serve. In this passage, Jesus puts into action the deepest level of understanding and commitment to his words, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind," and "Love your neighbor as yourself." His priorities were to serve God, his Father even to death and likewise, serve his disciples.

Verse 1 of this passage, reveals Jesus' devotion to his disciples. "He loved them to the end." In addition, because Jesus calls all believers his own, we too have the assurance that God never stops loving us! His love is for eternity!

Mark records, just prior to these events (Mark 10:35-45), a request by James and John that they have priority seating at the right and left of Jesus in his kingdom. Responding in love, Jesus questions their level of obedience and hints at perhaps their fate. As we put all this in perspective, we realize the Savior is coming close to death and the disciples are more worried about their position in the Kingdom. Their hearts were more concerned with themselves than their Lord.

To finish the story, after Jesus stripped away his earthly belongings and adorned a simple towel, he knelt to wash the road weary, dusty feet of the disciples. In his commentary, J. C. Macaulay points out:

Our Lord stooped to the menial act of washing the feet of His disciples. None of them had volunteered this courtesy ... so the Master did it for them. You would not expect men who habitually argued among themselves, who should be accounted greatest in the kingdom of God, to demean themselves by washing one another's feet. Not even one of the disciples would lower himself by washing the feet of another. They were ready to fight for a position, but not for a servant's towel! Jesus teaches them the principle of servant leadership.

The season of Lent is a time for personal reflection and making an intentional effort to walk more closely with God. Servanthood is the outward manifestation of the spiritual discipline of humility. 2 Chronicles 7:14 calls us to a life of humility, "if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

Yes, you can give up sweets or Cokes, or social media for Lent, but what about giving up arrogance, pride or self centeredness and truly desire to be humble, be prayerful, seek God, and do the right things!

CPWM

CPWM met Monday, February 3 in the Fellowship Hall. We discussed the purpose and plans for the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination Day of Prayer and Fasting. Highland will be participating on Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020. We focused on some of the resources that will be used to guide our prayers. We also discussed gifts for our new members.

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 2 in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. We will be making plans for Easter. Please join us!!

Session Highlights

Items approved at the February meeting:

- Make a \$20.00 donation to Ballard County Middle School to sponsor Maddie Stowell on a trip to Gettysburg, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC.
- Donate \$200.00 to McCracken County H.S. Project Graduation.
- Responsibilities of the Office of Deacon at Highland.
- Donate \$500.00 to A Soldiers Heart.
- Request for a collage to be put on the hall leading to Children's Church.
- Allow Covenant Presbytery Christian Education Committee to use Highland for an adult retreat in June.
- Get bids to have the Outreach Center floor stripped and waxed.
- Bro. Bud's upcoming schedule: Chaplain at Hillman Ferry Campground, April 13-20, teach a PAS class July 15-20, and to go straight to General Assembly following his graduation ceremony June 6. Associate Pastor Hughes will preach these Sundays.

Welcome New Members

Madeline Stowell - February 2

Kim Koch - February 2

Marcia Hanks - February 2

January Numbers

Stewardship Report as of February 24, 2020

Receipts	\$ 20,677.86
Disbursements	\$ 12,009.44

Attendance Record

February 2 - 116

February 9 - 88

February 16 - 105

February 23 - 98

March Calendar

March 1 - Leadership training, 1:00 for lunch

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

March 15 - Session meeting, 2:00 p.m.

March 18 - Adult Bible Trivia Night

March 19 - Highlanders

March 21 - Presbytery at Highland, 9:00 am

March 22 - Bridal shower for Lindsay Gamble

March 26 - Cumberland Pioneers

Ushers – Steve and Diane Shrewsberry,
Melissa and Abe Dumes

Elder - Tina Gamble

March Children's Church - Forgiveness

Week 1 - The Unmerciful Servant, Matt. 18:21-35

Forgive others because God forgives you

Week 2 - Zacchaeus, Luke 19:1-10

When you forgive others, it can change them.

Week 3 - Jesus Teaches on Forgiveness,

Matt. 5:1-2, 23-24, Take the first step to
forgive others.

Week 4 - The Story of the Lost Son, Luke 15:11-24

Everyone needs to be forgiven.

Week 5 - Father and the Older Brother,

Luke 15:21-32, When you don't forgive, you
miss out.



Bridal Shower honoring Lindsay Gamble

Highland Cumberland Presbyterian Church

March 22, 2:00 p.m.

Lindsay is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Amazon or you may contribute to their honeymoon fund

Leadership Training

Sunday, March 1

2:00 - 5:00

Lunch will be served at 1:00

Open to anyone interested serving in
ANY leadership role at Highland.

March Birthdays

2 - Michelle Wooten

3 – Jan Keen

8 – Nick Ferrer

15 – Nancy Finnell

17 – Seth Hill

20 – Andrew Cunningham

24 – Diane Shrewsberry

28 – Molly Gannaway

March Anniversaries

5 – Clint and Brenda Cunningham

16 – Dick and Elaine Kaye