

# HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 2020

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

## Are You Free?

*"So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, 'If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'" John 8:31-32*

In **You Will Know the Truth and the Truth Will Set You Free**, author John Piper gives his definition of true freedom: "You are fully free when you have the desire, the ability, and the opportunity to do what will leave you with no regrets forever." As he explains, if you don't have the desire to do a thing, you are not fully free to do it. Oh, you may muster the will power to do what you don't want to do, but nobody calls that full freedom.... And if you have the desire to do something, but no ability to do it, you are not free to do it. And if you have the desire and the ability to do something, but no opportunity to do it, you are not free to do it. And if you have the desire to do something, and the ability to do it, and the opportunity to do it, but it destroys you in the end, you are not fully free—not free indeed.

After reading this, I wonder what am I free to do? What in my life do I practice that truly makes me free?

Searching the scriptures, reading and absorbing its words draws me closer to Christ and a life of spiritual freedom. God gives us the opportunity for a relationship with His Son, the Holy Spirit gives us the ability to respond, we only have to desire to walk obediently in his Word and we will be rewarded a life of no regrets..forever. When we deny any or all of these encounters to meet God, we are still in bondage to the world and it's darkness, we are held captive by sin, and do not experience the life and love of our God.

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### **A Note from Bro. Doug**

Sunday, July 5, we start the morning with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. followed at 10:45 a.m. with Morning Worship. The worship service will be held in the Outreach Center and Sunday School classes in regular classrooms except nursery which will be across the hall. Social distancing will be observed. You will be required to wear a mask entering and exiting the building. However, if you want to remove your mask once seated inside, you may. This is left up to each individual. Children age five and under do not have to wear a mask.

The past few Sundays each person entering church has a temperature check at the door. Although all of these precautions may seem frustrating, they also reveal the excitement of those eager to worship their Lord, Jesus Christ. Psalm 100 verse 4 says, "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name."

I do pray that each of us is excited to once again resume our worship with our Lord! Remember, if you are not comfortable returning to worship at this time, everyone understands. We want you to feel safe!

### **CPWM**

CPWM will have our first meeting in a long time on Monday, July 6 at 10:00 a.m. We will use the same safety guidelines as set for Sunday School and wear a mask when not six feet apart. We need to discuss several topics including graduating seniors, our 2020 - 2021 CPWM Theme, and the Stott Wallace Missionary Offering. Please join us if you feel safe.

### **Session Highlights**

- Accept the Task Force recommendation to start Sunday night services June 28, Wednesday night Adult Bible Study July 1, and Sunday School July 5. Social distancing needs to be observed, and masks will be worn while entering and exiting. Masks can be removed when seated. Services will go back to regular hours of 9:45 and 10:45 on July 5. Children under 5 are not required to wear a mask. There will not be a nursery, Children's Church or Wednesday evening youth services at this time. Sunday Worship Services will continue in the gym.
- Approve Emma and Chester Cathey Scholarship applications from Ansley Golightly and Megan Hasty. Authorized Melissa Dumes and Michele Golightly to organize a Graduation Party to award these scholarships.
- Laura DeHart approved to organize a virtual VBS with "King of My Heart" as the theme.
- Renew the Children's Church curriculum.
- Schedule a meeting with the Children's Church parents, leaders, and the Session on Sunday, July 19th at 1:00 p.m.
- Congregational Meetings for the purpose of electing deacons: July 19 nominate, July 26 vote, and August 2 ordain.install.
- Hire electrician Glenn Spears to repair the middle row of lights in the gym.
- Authorize Bro. Doug to get estimates for resurfacing and striping the asphalt.
- Authorize Randy DeHart to add another 50 numbers to OneCall at a cost of an additional \$100.00.
- Designate Sunday, July 12th as Seminary Sunday. Members will be given the opportunity to make contributions to MTS and PAS.

### **June Numbers**

Financial Record as of June 29

income - \$ 20,419.85

expenses - \$ 13,120.72

Attendance

June 7 - 57

June 14 - 62

June 21 - 62

June 28 - 68

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## **July Calendar**

July 5 - Sunday School Classes resume

July 6 - CPWM, 10:00 am

July 12 - 2020 Scholarship/Graduation recognition, 6:00

July 15 - Adult Bible Trivia, 6:00 p.m.

July 16 - Highlanders to Boyette's

July 19 - Deacon nomination, Morning Worship

Session Meeting, 2:00

Ladies Living Free join us for worship, 6:00 pm

July 26 - Deacon Election

August 2 - Deacon Ordination/Installation

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**Ushers** – Jeff Yates, Jeff Parker

Tyler and Lauren Parker

**Elder** - Roddy Johnson

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## **VBS**

This year Highland VBS is going virtual! VBS bags are going to be ready for pickup at the church after Sunday, July 5th. Each packet gives instructions for 3 different lessons for you and your child to complete at home. There are bible lessons, crafts, games, and more with each lesson. They can be done anytime- on your time. For more information see Laura DeHart 270-217-0424 [Laura.f.dehart@gmail.com](mailto:Laura.f.dehart@gmail.com). The video links can be found on the Highland website [www.hIGHLANDCPC.org](http://www.hIGHLANDCPC.org) under the "News" tab.

## **Graduation Party and Chester and Emma Cathey Scholarship Presentation**

You are invited to celebrate with Ansley Golightly and Megan Hasty their 2020 graduation from McCracken County High School, Sunday, July 12 at 6:00. A meal will be catered by the Catering Company of Paducah. Curb side carry out and participation will be available. Please RSVP to Melissa Dumes or Michele Golightly

## ***July Birthdays***

3 – Felicia Cornwell

Morgan Cunningham

10 – Dean Kauffman

11 – Elaine Overton

19 – Randy DeHart

Mark Cunningham

24 – Nancy Hughes

25 – Carolina Rose Szabo

26 – Jeff Miller

Starla Alexander

27 – Kyle Cooper

28 – Tommy Hayes

30 – Benjamin Szabo

## **July Anniversaries**

3 – Randy and Debby Hughes

6 – Mike and Michele Golightly

7 – Tim and Suzannah Szabo

10 – Mike and Karen Bryan

24 – Jeff and Deanna Miller