

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 2020

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The Mission of The Church

In one of his final conversations with the disciples, Jesus gave them implicit instructions on what to do after he was gone. These instructions still apply to us, many years later: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

For five days in July, I had the opportunity to teach a course on Christian Ministry at the Program of Alternate Studies. Even though all courses were on-line, because of COVID-19, and we were unable to fellowship and get to know one another, it was still a fun and busy week. The curriculum of this course covered many topics and avenues of Christian Ministry but the underlying theme was: "What is the mission of the church"? Is the modern church structured in a way to encourage our people to fulfill Christ's words in the Great Commission as we read above?

One of the resources I used in my class was Robert Logan's Beyond Church Growth. In this statement, Mr. Logan calls us to task on our present day attitude. "We have structured too many churches for the sake and comfort of those who already are Christians and are attending them, rather than for the sake of those people who are unchurched....Church members without question assume that the church exists to meet their needs, and they therefore structure their programs and build their facility with that in mind." (p.63)

Is this true? Are we missing the mark in our churches, universally and locally? What makes a Christian church great? Is it the physical building, or the conduct of those in the building? Is it a gamut of hi-tech programs for every age group, or honoring the gospel and doing for our brothers in need? Is it blindly following the words of a leader with a charismatic personality, or standing fast with courage and fearlessness...proclaiming the gospel to all!?

Proclaim the Gospel in how you act, speak and treat others. Let them know about the love and sacrifice of Christ so they too may be assured that he is with us always, to the end of the age.

A Note from Bro. Doug

I may not be alone in admitting that the last few months I've caught 'The Blues.' I'm missing our regular church services and it has given me 'The Blues.'

Job said, "So am I allotted months of vanity, and nights of trouble are appointed me. When I lie down I say, 'When shall I arise?' But the night continues, and I am continually tossing until dawn" Job7:3-4

Fredrick Robertson, a great biblical scholar and preacher, spoke these words that has lifted 'the blues' from me and hopefully they will speak to you as well. "Let life be a life of faith. Do not go timorously about, inquiring what others think, what others believe, what others say...believe in God. God is near you. Throw yourself fearlessly upon Him. Trembling mortal, there is an unknown might within your soul, which will wake when you command it. The day may come when all that is human, man and woman, will fall off from you, as they did from Christ. Let His strength be yours. Be independent of them all now. The father is with you. Look to him, and He will help you"

CPWM

We are excited to report that Rural King is hosting a Church Week for all Christian Organizations that register. Highland is registered, and the funds will be designated to the Stott Wallace Missionary Fund. Beginning August 2, 2020 through August 15, 2020 Rural King will donate 10% of each valid Rural King receipt, after sales tax, to the registered organization. All you have to do is make a purchase at Rural King and turn the receipt in to the Church office. We will take care of submitting them to Rural King. What an opportunity for us to raise money for our missionaries!

CPWM met Monday, July 6 for the first time since March. We agreed to send a card and small gift to all our high school, college, and graduate school graduates. We voted to send \$1,000.00 to the Stott Wallace Missionary Fund and to continue collection donations from members of the Church through July 31st.

We will wait to have our next meeting on Monday, **August 17** since we have pulled back on Sunday School for two weeks. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m.

Session Highlights

Items approved at the July meeting

- Sponsor a \$100.00 hole at the McCracken County Golf Tournament.
- Send \$1,500 to MTS/PAS and send an additional \$50.00 to Dr. Hill.
- Designate Sunday, August 16 to take an offering for the widow's of pastors in Covenant Presbytery.
- Update all correspondence, cards, bulletins, and the newsletter to reflect "Rev. Dr. Bud Russell".
- Participate in the Rural King Church Week with any funds collected going to the Stott Wallace Missionary Offering.
- Celebrate Communion Sunday, August 9th if we can get enough pre-packaged communion cups.

July Numbers

Financial Record as of July 27

income - \$ 21,718.00

expenses - \$ 17,350.12

Attendance

July 5 - 61

July 12 - 65

July 19 - 72

July 26 - 45

August Calendar

August 2 - Deacon Ordination/Installation

August 17 - CPWM, 10:00 am

August 19 - Adult Bible Trivia, 6:00 p.m.

August 20 - Highlanders to Sirloin Stockade in Murray

Ushers – Melissa and Abe Dumes,
Ray Massie, Dick Kaye

Elder - Tina Gamble

Congratulations

Haley Kauffman has received a Master's Degree in Human Development and Leadership from Murray State University.

You can now call Bro. Bud Reverend Doctor. He has received his Ph.D. in Pastoral Ministry.

Both have put in many hours of hard work.



Communion

August 9, Morning Worship

August Birthdays

- 1 – Betty Rushing
- 2 – Steve White
- 5 – Carrie (Rushing) McKee
- 7 – Daniel Rushing
- 8 – Jimmy Russell
- 9 – Kathy Hill
- 10 – Rita Gross
- 11 – Jeff Parker
Dayton Kilgore
- 12 – Mike Golightly
- 13 – Loretta Vasseur
- 15 – Tony Cornwell
- 18 – Amy Rushing
Bo Rushing
- 22 – Marjet Duncan
- 24 – Leona Shelby
- 25 – Haley Kauffman
- 27 – Deanna Miller
- 28 - Claire Parker
- 29 – Nora Cunningham

August Anniversaries

- 6 – Dean and Lori Kauffman
- 7 – Jeff and Lisa Parker
- 8 – Roddy and Linda Johnson
- 10 – David and Joanne Robinson
- 11 – Buddy and Ann Rushing
Bob and Rita Gross
- 25 – Glenn and Gretta Ridings

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September 2020

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What is normal? Merriam Webster dictionary defines normal as "conforming to a type, standard, or regular pattern." In light of the current pandemic, are we conforming to a new normal; or will our comfortable pattern of past routine eventually win out? If we are to conform to a new normal, what areas of daily routine will be impacted? All of this centers around how well we deal with change.

One welcome change for most of us happens every year about this time, Fall. The Summer season will soon be ending. The new normal then for the next several months will be long sleeves, jackets and hoodies. New normals are not always things we adversely contend with, it can be a welcomed relief. On the other hand, for some, the change in the weather is miserable. Cooler weather affects bones and joints - and some people would just as soon wear their flip flops all year.

Change is not something we can stop. It happens, even when we don't want it.

So, what can we do about it? Let me give you three things I believe have influenced us to become who we are and on which we have built our own personal normal:

1. Our culture and the way we were raised.
2. The experiences we had as a child, good and bad.
3. What we believe about ourselves, the world in which we live in, and God.

Someone has said, it is not what has happened to you, as much as how you interpreted or dealt with what happened to you. In saying that, faith is pivotal in forming your attitude and response toward circumstances, good and bad. The Bible says,

Proverbs 4:23 "Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flows the springs of life."

Proverbs 23:7 "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:"

No matter what changes we encounter in life, our challenge is to believe what is right and do the right thing! Joshua 24:15 "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Bro. Bud

CPWM

CPWM met Monday August 17. We voted to add \$160.00 to the Widow's Fund for a total of \$1,500; add \$205 to the amount collected for the Stott Wallace Missionary Fund for a total of \$3,000; and we agreed to participate in a project providing stars to church members for them to record their word of the year. Stay tuned and be thinking about a word you would like to exemplify. Dr. Jody Hill, President of Memphis Theological Seminary sent us a thank you letter for our donations along with a print of the Seminary Building. We voted to have the Decorating Committee get it framed and hung in the Fellowship Hall.

Lip Sync Night will return. Jeff Parker has agreed to cater a fish fry **October 11** in the Outreach Center. Start deciding on your act, and let Velva Mullen know if you would like to participate. It is such a fun event!! We will be using the same safety guidelines we used for the Graduation Party.

Our **next meeting** will be Monday, September 7 in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. We will start a Bible Study on the Women of the Bible. Please join us! This will be exciting!

Session Highlights

Items approved at the August meeting

- Establish a search team for a Children's Minister
 - Hire Four Rivers Seal Coating and Construction Plus to work on parking lot
 - 2020-2021 list of Sunday School teachers
 - Resume Nursery and Wednesday Night Youth
 - Established Deacon Terms of Service
 - 1 year - Velva Mullen
 - 2 years - Dean Kauffman and Mike Golightly
 - 3 years- Johnny Overton and Randy Hughes
 - Reaffirm Jeff Parker as Head Usher
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August Numbers

Financial Record as of August 23

income - \$ 18,714.19

expenses - \$ 17,792.82

Attendance

August 2 - 60

August 9 - 56

August 16 - 60

August 23 - 61

September Calendar

September 7 - CPWM, 10:00 am

September 20 - Session, 2:00 p.m.

September 23 - Adult Bible Trivia, 6:00 p.m.

September 24 - Highlanders

Ushers – Steve and Diane Shrewsberry, Johnny Overton, Tanner Parker

Elder - Elaine Overton

2020-2021 Sunday School Teachers

Adult 1 - Buddy Rushing, Linda Johnson and Sidney Milton

Recycled Teenages - Bro. Doug, Cheryl Rambo

20 Something - Mike Golightly

Safe Haven - Bro. Bud

High School - Elaine Overton, Alec Golightly

Middle School - Dean and Lori Kauffman

Elementary - Laura DeHart
Nursery - Suzan Roberts

2020-2021 Wednesday Night Leaders

High School - Lori Kauffman
Middle School - Laura DeHart
Older Elementary - Elaine Overton
Younger Elementary - Pam Russell
Preschool - Suzan Roberts



Mark Your Calendars
Wednesday Night Youth Groups
begin
September 2

The graphic features the words "youth group" in a large, stylized, lowercase font. A red banner with the word "SCHEDULE" in white, uppercase letters is positioned diagonally across the bottom of the "youth group" text. Below the banner, the text "Mark Your Calendars", "Wednesday Night Youth Groups", "begin", and "September 2" is centered and bolded.



Nursery Reopens
Parents, we are excited to announce our nursery will reopen September 6

The graphic features a black and white line drawing of a smiling baby sitting on the floor with arms and legs outstretched. Below the drawing, the text "Nursery Reopens" is centered, followed by the announcement "Parents, we are excited to announce our nursery will reopen September 6".

Mailing Address
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Lexington, KY 40508

September Birthdays

- 1 – Bettie Stoll
Pam Russell
- 3 – Kevin Perdue
- 6 – Barb Dolezal
Kenna Kilgore
JJ Owens
- 8 – Elaine Kaye
- 12 – Roy Rushing
- 15 – Scott Cunningham
Wayne Coleman
- 16 – Ansley Golightly
- 17 – Joseph David Robinson-Lehan
- 18 – Suzan Roberts
Jenny Cooper
- 20 – Karen Bryan
- 21 – May Parker
Billy Winsett
- 22 – Jared Roberts
- 23 – Evalena Duncan
- 27 – Betty Hall
- 28 – Randy Robertson
Peggy Clifton
- 30 – Addison Dumes

September Anniversaries

- 1 - Matt and Carolyn Stowell
- 5 – Nick and Emily Ferrer
- 10 – Randy and Laura DeHart
Brad and Betty Hall
- 12 – Jeff and Donna Yates
- 14 - Jimmy and Deborah Russell