

# HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 2020

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

2020 is rapidly coming to an end. Some would like to exclaim: FINALLY!! Summer has faded away and we are now actually enjoying Fall weather. Even through a quarantine and pandemic, it seems to me the days have gone by very fast.

Entering this time of year, a verse from Jeremiah 8 came to mind. Verse 20 reads, "The harvest is finished, and the summer is gone," the people cry, "yet we are not saved!" Prior to this verse, Jeremiah had received a word from God concerning the sins of the people : "When people fall down, don't they get up again? When they discover they're on the wrong road, don't they turn back? Then why do these people stay on their self-destructive path? Why do the people of Jerusalem refuse to turn back? They cling tightly to their lies and will not turn around." (8:4-5) God's message hit home with Jeremiah, he was overcome with grief and despair for his people, God's people. In verses 21 and 22 Jeremiah exclaims, "I hurt with the hurt of my people. I mourn and am overcome with grief. Is there no medicine in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why is there no healing for the wounds of my people?" This passage and others are what earned Jeremiah his reputation as the Weeping Prophet.

Terence Fretheim, an Old Testament professor at Luther Seminary, says that Jeremiah is an "enfleshment of the emotions of God over what is about to occur." The proclamation of the sinful nature of the Israelites Jeremiah addressed was not the first time, nor the last, the people had been called out. (Remember the period before Noah. "The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled." Gen. 6:6) If God was emotional and grieved over his creation and later the Israelites, could God still be emotional with what is happening in 2020?

What are we as people of the New Covenant to do? The answer can be found in the church, the Body of Christ, the Body of Believers. Accepting Christ as Savior and receiving salvation is only the first step of reconciliation with God. Our growth and God's rejoicing in that growth depends on our attitudes, our actions, and personal discipline. As members of the Body we are called out by God to assemble for worship, engage in discipleship and prayer and witness to a lost world. People need Christ. Through Christ there is medicine in Gilead, there is a physician and there is healing for the wounds of God's people. Through the church, people can experience the life offered by Christ.

## **CPWM**

CPWM met Monday, September 7 in the Fellowship Hall. We began a study of Women in The Bible with the story of Sapphira, wife of Ananias from the book of Acts. We made plans for the annual silent auction and Lip Sync Show for the Stott-Wallace Missionary Fund Sunday, October 11. Jeff Parker will be cooking fish and supplying all the trimmings. We are looking forward to a fun night while abiding by all the rules of the Task Force. In other business, we are working on a new project to spread encouragement to all our families. You will be hearing more about this as we close out 2020.

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come find out what woman in the Bible we will be studying. It could be someone you never heard of in Sunday School.

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## **Session Highlights**

Items approved at the September meeting

- Sponsor a table at Great Commission 3:16 Missions Banquet in the amount of \$250.00.
- Donate \$300.00 to Toys for Tots
- Vacation for Bro. Bud October 19-26. He will ask Rev. Dr. Belt to fill the pulpit.
- Purchase a large TV on a stand for the gym.
- Purchase a laptop for Associate Pastor Doug Hughes with a maximum cost of \$400.00

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## **September Numbers**

Financial Record as of

income - \$ 21,658.50

expenses - \$ 22,804.20

Attendance

September 6 - 61

September 13 - 64

September 20 - 56

September 27 - 68

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## **October Calendar**

October 5 - CPWM, 10:00 am

October 11 - Stott-Wallace Missionary

Lip-Sync Fundraiser, 6:00

October 15 - Highlanders

October 18 - Session, 2:00 p.m.

October 21 - Adult Bible Trivia, 6:00 p.m.

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**Ushers** – Jimmy Russell, Tina Gamble,

Mike and Alec Golightly

**Elder** - Wayne Coleman

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### LOAVES AND FISHES

Once again, it is time for us to pass out our boxes for the Loaves and Fishes Offering that is used to feed the hungry. We know that as a result of the pandemic, many people are struggling to feed their families. This year's offering will go to those impacted by Covid-19. The Missions Ministry Team is requesting that 75% of the offering be used to replenish your foodbank or it can be donated to a local foodbank. The other 25% will be sent to Guatemala and the Philippines where the need is great. The boxes will be distributed November 1 and collected Thanksgiving Sunday, November 22. Let's make an effort to fill all our boxes to the max!!

### Thank You

Barbeque Off the River/Pies in the Parking Lot was a success. Thank you to EVERYONE who helped. Early results show we netted about \$3,200.00. At \$5.00 a slice, that's not bad. This money will be divided among local organizations.



October 4, 2020

### ***October Birthdays***

3 - Janet Roberts  
    Adria Ann Rushing  
    Jennifer Rushing  
5 - Tyler Parker  
8 - Dottie Owens  
10 – Janice Frans  
11 -Jim Perry  
12 - Linda Cunningham  
14 - Brad Hall  
17 – Graham Hill  
18 - Ann Jackson  
20 - Randy Dumes  
    Zachary Szabo  
    Jeff Yates  
    Olivia Hill  
    Jacob Hill  
25 - Jill Winsett  
    Tim Szabo  
27 - Olivia Stowell

### **October Anniversaries**

7 - Tony and Tina Dodd  
8 – Tommy and Kathy Hayes  
14 – Ray and Melanie Massie  
31 - Larry and Jeanne Mullen