

# HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 2020

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

'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house  
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.  
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care  
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.  
The children were dressing to crawl into bed,  
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.  
And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap  
Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.  
When out of the East there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!  
When what to my wondering eyes should appear  
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.  
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray  
I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY!  
The light of His face made me cover my head  
It was Jesus returning just like He had said.  
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,  
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.  
In the Book of Life, which was held in His hand,  
Was written the name of every saved man.  
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;  
When He said "It's not here" my head hung in shame.  
The people whose names had been written with love  
He gathered to take to His Father above.  
With those who were ready He rose without a sound  
While all the rest were left standing around.  
I fell to my knees, but it was too late;  
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.  
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;  
Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.  
In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;  
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.  
There's only one life and when comes the last call  
We'll find that the Bible was true after all!

## **CPWM**

CPWM met Monday, November 2nd in the Fellowship Hall. Marlene Wallace led an in depth study of Leah taken from Genesis 30-35. She was the unloved wife who gave Jacob five sons and a daughter. Thank you Marlene for bringing Leah to life for us! Our final total for the Stott Wallace Fundraiser was \$3,225.00, and a check in that amount has been sent to the Missions Ministry Team. Thank you! Thank you! to everyone who made this possible! Jeanne Mullen and Velva Mullen have been working on two big projects, During the first Worship Service in January, we will be sharing their work to uplift our spirits in 2021. We also have agreed to work toward planning Christmas Festival 2021! It will be a Christmas luncheon and Bazaar featuring handmade goodies and crafts along with Christmas music. We are asking everyone to pray for this effort as we make plans. There are so many talented women at Highland who can help us with this project. We look forward to hearing from you!

Our next meeting will be held Monday, December 7th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Jeanne Mullen has agreed to bring us a description of the Proverbs 31 Woman. Please join us!!

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## **Session Highlights**

Items approved at the November meeting

- Renew our \$100.00 sponsorship of the Lone Oak Middle School Basketball program with a sign in the gym.
- Call Congregational Meetings December 13, 20 and 27 to nominate, elect, and install two elders for 2021-23.
- Christmas bonuses for musicians, secretary, nursery worker, janitor, and ministers.
- Donate \$600.00 to help a man with housing brought to us by Diane Shrewsberry.

## **October Numbers**

Financial Record as of November 23

income - \$ 15,466.00

expenses - \$ 10,318.76

Attendance

November 1 - 50

November 8 - 52

November 15 - 49

November 22 - 50

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## **December Calendar**

December 7 - CPWM, 10:00 am

December 13 - Called Congregation Meeting, nomination of Elders

December 20 - Called Congregation Meeting, election of Elders

Session Meeting, 2:00 p.m.

December 27 - Called Congregation Meeting, installation of Elders

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**Ushers** – Jimmy Russell, Steve and Diane Shrewsberry, Mike Haynes

**Elder** - Elaine Overton

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### **November Special offerings**

Thank you to everyone who participated in collecting for the denomination supported Loaves and Fishes offering and Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.

We don't have a final count for Loaves and Fishes, the loose change needs to be counted, but it should be about \$800.00.

There were about a dozen shoe boxes brought for dedication Sunday, Nov. 22. Thank you to all who went shopping.

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**Paducah Cooperative Ministry food item** - Peanut butter

### ***December Birthdays***

- 5 - Lisa Parker
- 6 – Caroline Parker
- 7 – Karen Coleman
- 9 – David Russell
- 13 – Doris Lynn
- 14 – Donna Yates  
Madeline Stowell
- 15 - Jeanne Mullen
- 16 – Bernice Belt  
Laura DeHart  
Sidney Milton
- 19 - Terrella Hancock  
Berkley Parker
- 20 - Buddy Rushing
- 23 - Melissa Kilgore  
Jonathan Cunningham
- 25 - Clint Cunningham
- 26 - Johnny Overton  
Tony Dodd  
Allison Hasty
- 29 - Alyssa McKinney

### **December Anniversaries**

- 31 – Bud and Pam Russell

