

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 2021

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

During the early years of the 19th Century, the new frontier lands of the United States began to undergo a spiritual revival of sorts. Prior to this period, lawlessness prevailed, the early settlers were actually a wild and unruly bunch. The wave of reformation is often referred to as The Great Awakening. It is during this time of revival that the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination was born in 1810.

The Great Awakening brought various philosophies, ideas and doctrines to the forefront of Christian faith. Some of the major themes included:

- All people are born sinners
- Sin without salvation will send a person to hell
- All people can be saved if they confess their sins to God, seek forgiveness and accept God's grace
- All people can have a direct and emotional connection with God
- Religion shouldn't be formal and institutionalized, but rather casual and personal.

These are some pretty strong words. Have we in the 200 years since, softened our approach? Are we under the same conviction of the Holy Spirit as the frontier people to reconcile with God, seek His forgiveness and grace, and turn from our evil ways? I do believe if we, as the local church and denomination as a whole would get back to the fundamental principles listed above, we would see another revival break out in America.

There are so many disagreements in churches across America. Disagreements range from hurt feelings petty arguments to deeper theological ideology. However, we should all agree on these basic principles born out of the Great Awakening and be witnesses of God's work in reviving us and His Church again!

We celebrate the birth of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on February 4. If you are interested in learning more about the CP church, I have many resources.

CPWM

CPWM did not meet in January, but we were able to spread New Year joy with colorful bookmarks for 2021 made by Jeanne Mullen. She and Velva Mullen worked together to come up with words to encourage us all year. Likewise, they had our Wednesday night Youth Group write their favorite words of encouragement on rocks. Thank you ladies for helping us bring in 2021 in such a fun way!

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 1 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are looking forward to our Bible Study on the woman of Proverbs 31! Please join us as we make plans for the coming year! Keep praying for our Christmas Festival 2021 that we hope to have!!

Session Highlights

Items approved at the January meeting

- Focus on areas of our ministry that we would like to grow
 - Encourage the Board of Deacons to review guidelines and find ways to begin implementing ideas and plans
 - Request the Task Force to evaluate resuming Wednesday night Adult Bible Study, Sunday night services, and return to the Sanctuary for Morning Worship
 - Ask Jeff Parker to be in charge of security of the Church
 - Review and revamp the Scholarship Application for more specific requirements
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January Numbers

Financial Record as of January 25, 2021

income - \$ 21,148.00

expenses - \$ 13,825.74

Attendance

January 3 - 48

January 10 - 64

January 17 - 65

January 24 - 70

February Calendar

February 1 - CPWM, 10:00 a.m.

February 2 - Buildings and Grounds Committee, 9:00 a.m.

February 7 - Communion, Morning Worship

February 17 - Ash Wednesday

February 21 - Session Meeting, 2:00 p.m.

Ushers — Jeff Parker, Randy and Laura DeHart

Elder - Jeff Parker

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Youth

Our younger Youth continue to meet at the church on Wednesday evenings at 6:00. They begin the evening with a meal and then break out for Bible lessons and other activities. The High School age group meets at the home of Dean and Lori Kauffman for a meal, Bible lesson and lively discussions. If you know of any child or teenager who would like to participate, contact Laura DeHart (270-217-0424) or Lori Kauffman (270-217-5478).

Academic Honors - What a smart bunch of kids we have at Highland. Congratulations to Ethan Olmeda who placed 1st in Arts & Humanities and 3rd in Science at the Middle School 1st District Governors Cup Competition. Also congratulations to Mason Wooten who placed 2nd in Math and 1st in Science; and Reese Bell (your secretary's son and member of Highland's Wednesday Youth Group) who placed 1st in Social Studies and 3rd in Language Arts at the High School 3rd District Governor's Cup Competition. Way to go guys!!

Lent The Christian season of Lent begins February 17 with Ash Wednesday. For many centuries, Christians have observed the 40 days before Easter as a time of repentance and remembrance of the life and suffering of Christ. Due to COVID restrictions, there is no Ash Wednesday service planned at Highland.



February Birthdays

3 - Ann Rushing
Deborah Russell
7 - Reba Rushing
10 - Kurt Hasty
20 - Brenda Cunningham
Maizie Rushing
21 - Max Dodd
Skyler Winsett
22 - Jennifer Roberts
24 - Abraham Dumes
25 - Libby Dodd
Bro. Bud
26 - Gretta Ridings
29 - John DeHart
Ella DeHart

February Anniversaries

10 - Jim and Wanda Perry

23 - Mark and Linda Cunningham