

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2021

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

Have you noticed how all creation seems to be alive? Spring brings out our creation in its splendor. Fittingly, it reminds me of the resurrection.

When Jesus was comforting Martha after the death of her brother, Lazarus, he said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." Martha believed these words as she responded, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." John 11:26, 27 And then after going to the tomb where Lazarus lay, Jesus wept. Jesus, the Son of God; Jesus, the Good Shepherd; Jesus, the Resurrection and Life; Jesus, full of compassion, wept.

With this, Jesus set the stage for his own death and resurrection. On the cross, he again would shed tears of sorrow and grief, but this time not for a friend, but for a lost and dying world. Rising from the dead, he would fulfill the words of Isaiah: "On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth." And also Hosea: "I will deliver this people from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. Where, O death, are your plagues? Where, O grave, is your destruction?"

During his conversation with Martha, Jesus reaffirms what he said earlier, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" For we who believe, the glory of God comes through Jesus' resurrection. This is the story of Easter, to believe Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life.

May this Easter have an extra special meaning as we gather in the Light of the Resurrected One and the Hope that comes from our Redeemer.

CPWM

CPWM met Monday, March 1st in the Fellowship Hall. We had a very enjoyable morning with a great number of ladies. Velda presented a moving study of Abigail, the wife of Nabal who later became the wife of David. She was a wonderful example of how humble and gentle women can play a part in shaping the world. We are getting excited about our **Christmas Festival** and look forward to seeing all the quality **handcrafted items** and baked goods we can collect for our bazaar this fall. If you have any questions, please talk to Jeanne Mullen. She will be very happy to give you some ideas.

Our **next meeting** will be Monday, April 12th due to Spring Break. Debbie Hughes will introduce us to another woman from the Bible. Please join us for a morning of fellowship and learning!

Session Highlights

Items approved at the March meeting

- Extend the term of the deacons another year (to expire September 2022) and to work with them on nominations for the Board of Deacons each year as terms expire.
- Authorize Paula Bell to apply to be a Notary Public.
- Participate in the Baby Bottle Fundraiser for Hope Unlimited. The Mission Committee agreed to coordinate this project.
- Send \$1,000 total to Bethel University. The congregation donated \$625.00 toward this on Bethel Sunday
- Have only one service Easter Sunday and encourage members to worship in the gym to allow families with visitors to worship in the Sanctuary.
- Dissolve the Covid Return to Church Task Force after Easter Sunday.
- Jeff Parker and Bro. Bud will be trained to make One Calls.

March Numbers

Financial Record as of March 28, 2021

income - \$ 20,075.76

expenses - \$ 14,194.95

Attendance

March 7 - 73

March 14 - 86

March 21 - 78

March 28 - 73

April Calendar

April 1 - Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00 p.m.

April 12 - CPWM, 10:00 a.m.

April 18 - Session Meeting, 2:00 p.m.

Ushers – Debby Hughes, Johnny Overton,
Mike Haynes, Jimmy Russell

Elder - Marlene Wallace

Paducah Cooperative Ministry food item Meal in a Can things like Chef Boyardee Spaghettios, Ravioli, etc or Dinty Moore Beef Stew

Youth News

Spring Break - No Youth Group meetings April 7

New Address

Dick and Elaine Kaye
10145 Colubrina Dr.
Venice, FL 34293

April Birthdays

2 – Melanie Massie
11 – Lori Kauffman
12 – Mike Bryan
13 – David Robinson
15 – Brenda Dodd
 Linda Johnson
 Debby Hughes
26 – Allen Rushing
27 – Lindsay Gamble
30 – Alec Golightly

April Anniversaries

3 – Daniel and Jennifer Rushing
16 – Michael and Felicia Cornwell
19 – Gordon and Kelly Foltz
28 – Max and Brenda Dodd

