

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 2021

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

"When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place." Acts 2:1

Since its origin in the Mosaic Covenant, the day of Pentecost, known to Jews as the Feast of Firstfruits, had come hundreds of times before. Now, with the new covenant of grace established through the sacrifice of the Christ, it had fully arrived.

On the day of Pentecost the Jews were instructed to grind grain into flour, add oil and leaven and make two loaves of bread. The loaves were then offered to the Lord along with a burnt sacrifice of seven lambs without blemish, one young bull, and two rams — ten sacrifices in all, to symbolize the perfection and completeness of Calvary. These sacrifices also symbolized what would eventually take place fifty days after the resurrection of Christ: Pentecost (pente means five). As instructed by God in His Law, the Feast of Firstfruits was to be on the first day of the week, indicating, even in Old Testament typology, the end of the Sabbath and the consecration of a new day for a new dispensation.

Let's look closer at the symbolism of the elements:

Oil - the work of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.

Leaven - not a normal ingredient for an offering because it represented sin. The ordinary meal offerings symbolized Christ, who is wholly free from sin. Different commentators say the leaven in the loaves at Pentecost typified the church, and the church has never been free from sin.

Burnt offering - one of the rams was to be a kid for a sin offering, two of the lambs were to be yearlings for a peace offering (symbolizing the believer has perfect peace with God).

Grain and loaves - At the feast of firstfruits, individual stalks of grain, loosely bound together, were used to symbolize the resurrection of Christ and His triumph over death. On the day of Pentecost, those individual stalks and grains were replaced by a loaf, one Body that is one in spirit and purpose, to symbolize what would happen when the day of Pentecost would be "fully come." On *that* day, one hundred twenty individual believers, loosely bound together by the bonds of Christ, ascended the stairs to the upper room "with one accord." One Body of believers that formed a one mystical Body. The two loaves represent in the Old Testament ritual are equally significant. There was to be a second Pentecost, so to speak, some years later, in the house of Cornelius, which would bring Gentiles into that one Body on an equal basis with the Jews. After that, in God's sight, there would be neither Jew nor Gentile, so far as the church was concerned, but one Body.

On the day of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit fulfilled the promise of the Savior as predicted in the Old Testament. Without the Holy Spirit we would remain powerless and useless.

We also recognize the formation of the church on the day of Pentecost. Founded on the apostolic confession and witness of Christ, the church is God's means of taking the gospel to the nations, resulting in Jesus Christ being glorified in all the earth.

We need to remember that our purpose as the Lord's church is not to focus on ourselves and our own happiness. Our purpose is to spread the knowledge of God to all the nations, beginning here in our own "Jerusalem." If we lose our outward focus, with the overall purpose of God's glory, we have lost our reason for existence.

CPWM

CPWM met Monday, April 12th in the Fellowship Hall. Debby Hughes lifted us up with the story of Ruth, the Moabitess. She was in the ancestral line of Jesus and led a life of love, loyalty, faithfulness, and humility. Thank you Debby!

We set November 20 as the tentative date for our Christmas Luncheon and Bazaar. This will be geared toward women with the hope it can be a community event to raise funds for our missionaries. You will be hearing more as our plans progress, and we will need the help of all crafty ladies in the Church. We also voted to schedule our annual **Lip Sync for June 6**. Get those acts together soon!!!

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 3 in the Fellowship Hall. Barb Dolezal will share the story of Eve. Please join us as we learn about the Women of the Bible and start getting our crafts together. Contact Jeanne Mullen or Velva Mullen if you have questions.

Session Highlights

Items approved at the April meeting:

- Place visitor cards in each pew as requested by the Deacons.
 - Discontinue transmitting Sunday Worship Services to the gym.
 - Chester and Emma Cathey Scholarship application from Mason Wooten was approved. A Graduation Party and Scholarship presentation will be Sunday, May 2 at 6:00.
 - Set dates for:
 - Vacation Bible School - July 5 -7
 - Paducah Chief's Baseball game, July 14
 - Repair or replace the speakers in the back of the Sanctuary as requested by the Technology Committee.
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April Numbers

Financial Record as of April 26, 2021

income - \$ 23,334.00

expenses - \$ 11,326.01

Attendance

April 4 - 94

April 11 - 75

April 18 - 85

April 25 - 90

May Calendar

May 2 - Graduation/Scholarship/Fish Fry, 6:00

May 3 - CPWM, 10:00 a.m.

May 16 - Session Meeting, 2:00 p.m.

May 31 - Memorial Day, office closed

Ushers – Mike and Alec Golightly,
Tina Gamble, Jeff Yates

Elder - Elaine Overton

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

Chester and Emma Cathey Memorial Scholarship

Everyone is invited to a Graduation Party in honor of Mason Wooten who graduates from McCracken County High School. We will present Mason with the Chester and Emma Cathey Memorial Scholarship at the party. Jeff Parker has graciously agreed to fry fish for the occasion. Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 2 at 6:00.

Steel Dove in Concert

We are excited to finally have a live performance. Steel Dove will be playing at Grace Covenant CP Church's Community Outreach Event Saturday, May 8. The event is scheduled from 11:00 am -2: pm, There will be food, music, etc.

May Birthdays

- 1 – Alissa Gannaway
- 2 – Ray Massie
- 5 – Marlene Wallace
- 6 – Madeline Wooten
- 13 - Clark Rushing
- 17 – Shanna Cornwell
 - Miranda Cooper
 - Lauren Parker
 - Emma Grace Cooper
- 19 – Kasen Barton
 - Mary Katherine Rudolph
- 22 – Tina Gamble
 - Tanner Parker
- 25 – Cooper Hill
- 27 – Rob Gannaway
- 28 – Gini Cunningham
- 29 – Phyllis Hammonds
 - Harriet Ballow

May Anniversaries

- 7 – Tyler and Lauren Parker
- 22 – Randy and Cindy Robertson