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HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 2021

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

As we approach the Declaration of Independence Day, let us realize that freedom is never free. Our freedom in Jesus Christ is such a blessing and a precious gift. We must understand the cost of our spiritual freedom paid for by Christ through His suffering, death, and resurrection. May each of us take the freedom we have and use it for the glory of God. The freedom we have is a freedom to do what is right in the eyes of God.

Galatians 5:1, *"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."*

We have freedom in Christ as the people of God. Let the freedom we have be not for selfish living but for unselfish giving. The heart of being a Christian is seen in our giving, not just money, but our lives.

In Romans 6, Paul describes to this readers what it means to be dead to sin, and alive in Christ, "Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification."

Freedom is not an excuse to live any way we choose. God has not given us freedom so that we should misuse it in selfish living. He has given us freedom because His love for us is genuine and as we accept His love it gives us the ability and opportunity to love others. This is the freedom to choose His Love!

Many times, the message of God's genuine love gets turned into something very contrary to the authentic love of God. Where you see people freely loving others, there is the love of God. Where you see people being set free from addiction, there is the love of God. Where you see people filled with mercy and compassion, there is the love of God.

The challenge is to stand and serve in His love. It is to choose to love God and love the people God puts in our path.

CPWM

CPWM met Monday, June 7. We learned everything we could ever want to know about Jezebel. She was one mean girl! In the end, she got the punishment she deserved. You can read all about her in I Kings 17-21. We want to sincerely thank everyone who participated in our Lip Synch program. The acts were amazing and so much fun! Thanks, also, to all those who brought desserts and those who bought desserts. It was a huge success! Special thanks to Jeff Parker and his crew for the wonderful food!!

We want all the women in the Church to put **November 20 on your calendars for a luncheon and bazaar for the community.** Jeanne Mullen and Velva Mullen are busy making wreaths, wooden crafts and festive aprons. Please talk to one of them about some of your specialties, such as homemade jellies, jams, or salsa, crocheting, and embroidery. Please help us, we need your ideas!!

Our next meeting will be Monday, July 12 in the Fellowship Hall. Melanie Massie will be sharing information on Rachel, the mother of Joseph and Benjamin. We would love to see you there!!

Session Highlights

Items approved at the June meeting:

- Hold a Session Retreat in October.
 - Transfer Harriett Ballow's membership to Pleasant Valley CP Church.
 - Add another song to the Morning Worship Service.
 - Pay all expenses for Bro. Bud and Pam at General Assembly June 27- July 2.
 - Use regular trays for August Communion rather than the pre-packaged cups.
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June Numbers

Financial Record as of June 28, 2021

income - \$ 26,110.00

expenses - \$ 13,207.63

Attendance

June 6 - 91

June 13 - 75

June 20 - 78

June 27 - 90

July Calendar

July 1 - VBS leaders meeting, 5:00

July 5, 6, 7 - Vacation Bible School, 6:00

July 12 - CPWM, 10:00

July 14 - Paducah Chiefs Baseball game

July 18 - Session Meeting, 2:00

July 22 - Highlanders

July 25 - Youth trip to Maggie's Jungle Golf

Ushers – Jeff Yates, Jeff Parker,
Jimmy and Deborah Russell

Elder - Jeff Parker

Highlanders Host - Ray and Melanie Massie

Vacation Bible School



Grab your gear and maps, we are going on a Treasure Hunt to search out some of God's amazing gifts.

July 5, 6, and 7 at 6:00 each night



July Collection Items:

flip flops, socks, Ivory bar soap

Paducah Cooperative Ministry

food collection item: Canned Fruit

Moonlight Bike Ride - July 31

between 7:30 and 10:00 p.m. Let's get a group together and ride under the streetlights (and moon) for a good cause. You can register at moonlightridepaducah.com or at Bike World on Joe Clifton Dr.

July Birthdays

3 – Felicia Cornwell

Morgan Cunningham

10 – Dean Kauffman

11 – Elaine Overton

19 – Randy DeHart

Mark Cunningham

24 – Nancy Hughes

25 – Carolina Rose Szabo

26 – Jeff Miller

Starla Alexander

27 – Kyle Cooper

30 – Benjamin Szabo

July Anniversaries

- 3 – Randy and Debby Hughes
- 6 – Mike and Michele Golightly
- 7 – Tim and Suzannah Szabo
- 10 – Mike and Karen Bryan
- 24 – Jeff and Deanna Miller

Youth and Children's News

VBS - July 5, 6, 7

Youth Sunday - July 11

We will share what we learned in VBS

Paducah Chiefs ball game - this is not just a youth event, the whole church is invited time to be announced

Maggie's Jungle Golf - July 25, youth and parents meet at 3:00 pm to ride together

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