

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 2021

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

RISE UP

"but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

RISE UP is the theme of General Assembly and the CPWM this year. The theme scripture is one of my favorite verses because it is full of hope and encouragement! Through it we have assurance the only real hope we have is in God.

This scripture was written by Isaiah to a people who needed hope during a very trying time. After years of Babylonian exile, they were allowed to return to their former homeland and more importantly, Jerusalem. However, they were complaining as though God didn't understand their situation and the problems they were facing. (Sounds like a familiar cry of God's people from centuries earlier!) The truth is, God knew exactly what the former captives felt and feared as they returned to Jerusalem. They had been held (metaphorically) "captive" far too long and failed to see the majesty and power of the one true God. Trying to rely on their own strength and intuition, they were growing weary. The words of God through Isaiah were words to encourage the people to **rise up** and rely on God for the completion of their journey.

Though written many years ago and for a different circumstance and audience, these words can give us hope and rest when we rely on God as our strength. We can **rise up** because God is able to meet any and all our needs. We can **rise up** because God will provide the help and strength we need to be God's people in a world where there seems to be no peace.

As we wait on the Lord, He renews our strength as He replaces our weakness with His Strength. Paul writes in 2 Cor. 12:9, "*My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness*". As we wait on Him, He enables us to "*mount up with wings like eagles*;"

In these times, we can walk with the weight of the world on us, or we can fly like an eagle. So, let's rise with God who renews us with His strength!

Bra. Bud

CPWM

CPWM met Monday, September 13. We enjoyed listening to Jeanne talk about our Christmas Bazaar and luncheon. She recommended that the luncheon be for Church members and their invited guests. Jeanne would like for us to have a chili supper and leftover desserts on Sunday November 21. There will be no charge, but we will have a donation jar. All proceeds from these events will go to the Stott Wallace Missionary Fund. We would like to have a Gaither style singing during this time. We voted to approve Jeanne's recommendations subject to approval from the Session.

Sidney presented our Bible Study on Sarah, mother of the Hebrews. She and Rehab are the only two women named in the Bible for their faith. Her example to us is her obedient heart to her husband, even though she was a beautiful, strong-willed woman. Thank you, Sidney, for teaching us so much about Sarah!

Our next meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall Monday, October 4th. We look forward to hearing Melanie Massie tell us about Tabitha! Please join us!



Ladies Christmas Luncheon and Bazaar

November 20 at 12 noon. Tickets for the lunch are now available for \$10 each. Please invite a guest or two. Betty Rushing has the tickets.

Session Highlights

Items approved at the September meeting:

- The Youth & Kids Ministry Calendar as presented by Youth Director, Elizabeth Spann; also pay the annual cost of the Sunday morning curriculum. The amount approved is \$1,512.00.
- Request from CPWM for a chili supper/Gaither style singing Sunday night, November 21.
- Bro. Bud will establish a meeting schedule for the Deacons.
- Send \$1,500.00 to MTS/PAS including contributions from the congregation.
- Participate in the Loaves and Fishes offering. We will distribute the boxes Nov. 7 and collect them Nov. 21.
- Distributed a Ministry Teams Meeting Report form which will be provided to all committees.
- Request from Bro. Bud to start a Discipleship Class.
- Jeff Parker elected as our Delegate to Presbytery March 21, 2022 in order for him to serve as a Commissioner to GA in June, 2022.
- Pay all expenses for Bro. Bud to attend General Assembly in June, 2022.

September Numbers

Financial Record as of September 27, 2021

income - \$31,673.95

expenses - \$20,533.03

Attendance

September 5 - 93

September 12 - 84

September 19 - 81

September 26 - 95

October Calendar

October 4- CPWM, 10:00 a.m.

October 17 - Session Meeting, 2:00 p.m.

October 24 - Potluck, 6:00 p.m.

October 28 - Highlanders

Ushers—Jimmy Russell, Mike and Alec Golightly,

Tina Gamble

Elder -Wayne Coleman

Highlanders Host - Jim and Wanda Perry

Let's Celebrate So much is happening at Highland, we need to have a **POTLUCK!!** Sunday evening, October 24 at 6:00 we will have a meal to give appreciation to our Pastor and welcome our new Youth Director, Elizabeth Spann. The church will provide meat and drinks, you bring the sides.

New Sunday Morning Sermon Series in October

Bro. Bud will be using the book ***The Lies We Believe*** by Chris Thurman as a platform for sermons this month. Topics include lies we believe about ourselves, others, life and God. Ultimately cumulating in how to dispel these lies with THE TRUTH through the Word of God. This book has just celebrated its thirtieth anniversary.

Coming in January Bro. Bud will begin a series of Discipleship classes. These classes will be offered mid-week, possibly a Tuesday morning or evening (or both). We are called by Christ to be disciples and make disciples. So please, come and learn what it means to truly be a Disciple of Christ.

Helping others

Operation Christmas Child

sewing kits, spiral notebooks, hard candy

Paducah Cooperative Ministry Canned Fruit

CPWM handmade treats or crafts for our November bazaar

October is Pastor Appreciation Month



Youth News

A Note from Elizabeth: *Happy Fall! I am so excited about the things we have going on this Fall with our Highland Youth. If you haven't received information about our Fall Retreat, I would encourage you to check it out on our bulletin board in the fellowship hall. This is a great weekend for 6th-12th Graders to hang out, play games, and dig into God's Word. Our Theme this year is using your time, talents, and treasure for God's glory. It's going to be a great weekend! I am excited to see how the Lord moves and works over the course of our Fall Retreat weekend. Please come see me or give me a call if you have questions or would like to sign up! May everything we do draw our children and youth closer to the Lord! . . . Elizabeth*

Dates to Remember

October 10 @ 6 pm- Christmas Program

Rehearsals Open to anyone in K-12th grade

October 21 - 3rd Thursday Hang -

Duct Tape Wars (6th-12th Grade)

November 5-6 - Fall Retreat

November 18 - 3rd Thursday Hang -

Thanksgiving Cookoff (6th-12th Grade)

December 12 - Youth & Kids Christmas Program

December 15 - 3rd Thursday Hang -

Christmas Party (6th-12th Grade)



October Birthdays

- 3 - Janet Roberts
 - Adria Ann Rushing
 - Jennifer Rushing
- 5 - Tyler Parker
- 8 - Dottie Owens
- 10 - Janice Frans
- 11 - Jim Perry
- 12 - Linda Cunningham
- 14 - Brad Hall
- 17 - Graham Hill
- 18 - Ann Jackson
- 20 - Randy Dumes
 - Zachary Szabo
 - Jeff Yates
 - Olivia Hill
 - Jacob Hill
- 25 - Jill Winsett
 - Tim Szabo
- 27 - Olivia Stowell

October Anniversaries

- 5 - Scott and Morgan Cunningham
 - 7 - Tony and Tina Dodd
 - 14 - Ray and Melanie Massie
 - 31 - Larry and Jeanne Mullen
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Change of Address

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