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## HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**January 2022**

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

*But the land you are crossing the Jordan to take possession of is a land of mountains and valleys that drinks rain from heaven. <sup>12</sup> It is a land the LORD your God cares for; the eyes of the LORD your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end. Deuteronomy 11:11,12*

Although we are not crossing from one land to the other as the Israelites in the above passage, we are crossing into something 'new.' Looking at these words and realizing we worship a God who loves his people and never changes, we can have confidence knowing God will continually watch over us. In light of continuing global COVID concerns and local tornados, these are words of love, protection, care and guidance.

2021 was another challenging year for most churches. Through it all however, God has blessed the Highland Church. Our attendance is beginning to increase, we have added five new members, one baptism, gained several regular visitors, raised thousands of dollars for multiple missions and outreach projects. Looking ahead to 2022, we wonder what plans God has for Highland!!

I have to say, I am so thankful God sent my family to Highland. (I know I am not supposed to be proud, but I am!) The way you have treated our family is a blessing beyond measure.

I receive so many compliments about Highland. When asked, what has made this church the loving church it is, I must answer this way: First, it is God! Second, we have extraordinarily loving and caring people. One important factor in our relationship with each other is the way our long time members have welcomed those who have

recently begun attending Highland. I have noticed among our members a healthy perspective in the way they see their past, present, and future. I do not know who wrote these words, but for a church to continue to be a viable witness to its members and potential members, we need to keep the past, present and future in balance:

*An overemphasis on any one of these moments in time (past, present, or future) to the exclusion of the others may lead to a distorted Christian witness and make it more difficult for the Church to sustain itself as a viable community of memory.*

I am excited about our new year. 2022 will continue to have its 'mountains' and 'valley's,' but God continues to keep His eyes on us, ever in His watchful care. Together, we make Highland what it is and what it can become! Praise be to God from whom all blessings flow!

## **CPWM**

CPWM hosted a festive Christmas Dinner for the ladies of the Church on December 6th. It was a wonderful way to start the Advent Season. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We have a lot of business to discuss regarding the proceeds from our super successful Bazaar. We will also be distributing our share of the Loaves and Fishes offering. Please join us for this important meeting. Just a reminder - every woman at Highland is a part of our Women's Ministry!

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## **Session Highlights**

Items approved at the December meeting:

- 2022 Budget in the amount of \$258,211.00 as presented by Roddy Johnson, Finance chair.
- Distribute Christmas bonuses to our Musicians, Nursery leader, Secretary, Custodian, Pastor, and Youth Director.
- Pay Jeff Parker \$1,300 for breakfast sandwiches distributed in Dawson Springs Dec. 13 - 17.  
Church members made the sandwiches; Randy & Melissa Dumes distributed them.
- Give our congregation the opportunity to contribute to tornado relief. It will be directed to a pastor in Cayce and a pastor in Princeton who are coordinating the effort in their areas.
- Install two new exit signs in the building from First Line Fire Extinguisher Co. at a cost of \$400.00.
- Use the parade winnings for an additional tip to the workers at Pizza Inn for our meal after the parade.
- Upon recommendation from the Deacons, continue our partnership with Paducah Cooperative Ministry.
- Invite Kamal Maddala to fill the pulpit on a Sunday in 2022.

## **December Numbers**

Financial Record as of December 29, 2021

income - \$ 36,468.08

expenses - \$ 28,478.97

## **Attendance**

December 5 - 97

December 12 - 102

December 19 - 90

December 26 - 80

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## **January Calendar**

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

January 5 - Adult Bible Study resumes, 6:00 p.m.

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

January 20 - Highlanders

**Ushers** – Randy Hughes, Johnny Overton

Ray Massie, Jimmy Russell

**Elder** - Melissa Dumes

**Highlanders Host** - Doug and Nancy Hughes

**Location** - Sirloin Stockade in Murray

## **Paducah Cooperative Ministry - Crackers**

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**Information** The Highland Directory is on the website you will need the password: highland1874

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### **New Member**

We welcome Jere Ann McKlemurry to the Highland family. Jere Ann joined December 26.

## **Youth News**

**Wednesday Youth Groups** -We will start our Winter Semester January 5 at 6:00 pm. Now is a great time to join as we begin new lessons and activities. We have classes for all age groups through 12 grade.

**Acolytes** - With the start of a new year, we are changing how we organize our acolytes. I'm always excited when our kids participate in worship and want to give them all a chance to serve. At Highland, one of our big goals for our kids is for them to understand how important it is to honor the Lord through our worship. Starting this month, we will have a rotation for our acolytes. This will help us ensure everyone has a turn to participate! If your child would like to be on the rotation, please let Elizabeth know.

**Vertical Jump Park** - Congratulations to all of our kids who memorized scripture during our fall semester. We will celebrate at Vertical Jump Park on January 8, 10AM-12PM. Any child (PK-5th) who received 5 or more punches on their scripture memory card during the fall semester is invited to join us!

**Convocation** - Be in prayer for our youth who will attend Grace Presbytery's Convocation in Gatlinburg, TN January 14-17. A brief informational meeting for all who are going on our trip will take place on Wednesday, January 5 at 7:00 PM.

**Third Thursday Hang** for 6th-12th graders, January 20, 6PM-8PM at Cardinal Lanes Bowling Alley. We will bowl and eat.

### **New Addresses**

Clint and Brenda Cunningham (Gini & Andrew)

310-50A Livingston Close

Red Deer, AB T4R 0H8

(This is in Alberta, Canada. They have moved to help care for Brenda's mother and grandfather)

Barb Dolezal

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## **January Birthdays**

9 – Joanne Robinson

10 – Suzanne Goehman

13 – Jamie Gamble

Matt Stowell

16 – Ashlee Bryan

20 – Bob Gross

23 – Jimmy Finnell

Brandon Cooper

26 – Randy Hughes

28 – Velva Mullen

30 – Ethan Olmeda

### *January Anniversaries*

12 – Happy and Mary Katherine Rudolph (1951)

14 – Allen and Reba Rushing

27 - Gregg and Bettie Stoll