

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 2022

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

While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day, and night, shall not cease. Genesis 8:22

It is Thursday morning, February 24, 2022. Because of icy roads, I am working from home this morning and longing for spring weather. I love Spring and knowing the cold dreary days of Winter are winding down. The changing of the seasons can be used as a way to view life: Things are always changing. Realizing this can help us appreciate our past and look forward to what is ahead.

Spring brings special meaning to me. I remember one Spring Break when I was 12 or 13 laying on a bale of straw outside in the warm sunshine, and looking up I started thinking about God. I had so many questions about life. I wondered where everything came from. Where did God come from? Why did God create me? I wondered what my life was going to be like, so many questions and no answers.

I knew there was a God, no doubt. Too many great designs in our world to think it was all by accident!

Little did I know that there was a way for me to get answers to these questions. It wasn't until I was 19 and coming out of the military that life seemed so useless - there had to be something better. After returning home, I found out that my parents had become Christian and had changed. I was very interested. Secretly I began to read the Bible and listen to others talk about their relationship they had with Christ.

In my soul, there was a longing for something better. Was this it? The emptiness that I was feeling, was this the answer? Yes, it was. I received Christ as my Lord and Savior. Everything changed. A new life that was bigger than anything I had experience before.

This journey has had bumps in the road, but it has been good. I love living for Him. Jesus can right any wrong we have in our lives.

CPWM

CPWM met Monday, February 14, 2022 in the Fellowship Hall. We thanked and congratulated Sidney Milton for her presentation of the history of our Denomination to celebrate the birthday of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Melanie Massey brought us a message of grace, mercy, and forgiveness in her story of the Adulterous Woman. She gave us ten lessons we can learn from the encounter Jesus had with this woman. Thank you so much Melanie! Your research was amazing!

Jeanne Mullen challenged us with some different bag projects for the remainder of the year. Please join us Monday, March 7th to help us fill Blessing Bags for working mothers and health care workers in our Church. We will be doing this in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m.

Every lady in Highland Church is a member of this ministry!

Session Highlights

Items approved at the February meeting:

- From our Disaster Relief Fund provide Frank Galloway from Dawson Springs \$2,500.00 to help in rebuilding his house.
 - Pay all expenses relating to the Lock-in.
 - Wait another month to dispense remainder Disaster Relief Fund money as we look for individuals or families needing help rather than contributing to other charities.
 - Decorating Committee request to replace the white erase board in the Fellowship Hall.
 - Authorize the Maintenance Committee to install a wall heater in the ladies' restroom in the Sanctuary front entrance.
 - Request from the deacons to ask for Visitation Partner Volunteers from the congregation to accompany each deacon in a visitation program.
 - Request from Youth Director Elizabeth Spann to invite youth and adults in the Church to attend a Northern Ireland Mission trip. She and Ryan will be partnering with "Revival in our Town" Ministries in Dundrum/New Castle, Northern Ireland during the week of June 1-10, 2022.
 - Covenant Presbytery Christian Education Committee to host an Adult Retreat at Highland Saturday, June 25th.
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February Numbers

Financial Record as of February 28, 2022

income - \$ 20,921.11

expenses - \$ 17,796.29

Attendance

February 6 - snow day

February 13 - 85

February 20 - 73

February 27 - 98

March Calendar

March 2 - Ash Wednesday Service, 6:00 p.m.

March 7 - CPWM, 10:00 a.m.

March 9 - Deacon Meeting, 4:30 p.m.

March 12 - Baby Shower for Autumn Slankard, 2-4

March 17 - Highlanders

March 20 - Session Meeting, 2:00 p.m.

Ushers – Steve and Diane Shrewsberry,
Melissa and Abe Dumes

Elder - Jeanne Mullen

Paducah Cooperative Ministry - Crackers

Baby Shower Sharon Slankard is excited to announce she is having another grandbaby. There will be shower Saturday, March 12 from 2:00-4:00 in the Highland Fellowship Hall to honor mom-to-be Autumn Slankard. There is a registry at www.babylist.com/autumn-slankard. It's a boy.

Youth News

Thursday Hang -- Crowder Concert- Our youth and several of our families are attending the Crowder Concert on March 24 at 6:30 PM. If you purchased tickets, please see Elizabeth to pay for your ticket. Kids are covered by the church. Adult tickets are \$26 each.

Journey to the Cross- Save the date for our Easter event on April 16, 10 AM-12 PM. We will have an egg hunt and experience the final moments of Christ's life through an interactive walk-through experience. You don't want to miss this special Easter Experience! Bring your family and invite your friend! See Elizabeth or visit <https://vbspro.events/p/events/68ac48> to register for the event.

A Note from Bro. Bud

I wish every pastor could experience a church like Highland. I do not have words to express my gratitude for all that you do for my family and me. My birthday was over the top, again!

I want to thank everyone for all the things you did for my birthday and all you do continually!

March Birthdays

- 1 - Jere Ann McKlemurry
- 2- Michelle Wooten
- 3 – Jan Keen
- 4 - Kyle Sexton
- 8 – Nick Ferrer
- 15 – Nancy Finnell
- 17 – Seth Hill
- 20 – Andrew Cunningham
- 24 – Diane Shrewsberry
- 28 – Molly Gannaway

March Anniversaries

- 5 – Clint and Brenda Cunningham
- 16 – Dick and Elaine Kaye

POPE FRANCIS' WORDS

Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.