

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 2022

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

In the April Newsletter, I introduced the theme of the Second Session of our Discipleship Training Class. For a refresher, we were studying the importance of being involved in the body or community of believers, aka. the church. God, through Christ, established His church on earth to carry on His work among believers and as an avenue in which to reach unbelievers.

In our first lesson, we discussed how each person is different, but yet part of the whole of what God is doing. It doesn't matter how small or insignificant we think we are; God uses it for His glory.

Pastor and author Tony Campolo shares a powerful story of how God uses everyone, no matter the disability, to bring an even more powerful message of God's unfailing love and mercy to a cruel and mean world.

I was asked to be a counselor in a junior high camp. Everybody ought to be counselor in a junior high camp-just once. A junior high kid's concept of a good time is picking on people. And in this case at this particular camp, there was little boy who was suffering from cerebral palsy. His name was Billy. And they picked on him.

Oh, they picked on him. As he walked across the camp with his uncoordinated body they would line up and imitate his grotesque movements. I watched him one day as he was asking directions. "Which...way is...the...craft...shop?" he stammered, his mouth contorting. And the boys mimicked in that same awful stammer, It's...over...there...Billy." And then laughed at him. I was irate.

But my furor reached its highest pitch when on Thursday morning it was Billy's cabin turn to give devotions. I wondered what would happen because they had appointed Billy to be the speaker. I knew that they just wanted to get him up there to make fun of him. As he dragged his way to the front, you could hear the giggles rolling over the crowd. It took little Billy almost five minutes to say seven words.

"Jesus...loves...me...and...I...love...Jesus"

When he finished, there was dead silence. I looked over my shoulder and saw junior high boys bawling all over the place. A revival broke out in that camp after Billy's short testimony. And as I travel all over the world, I find missionaries and preachers who say, "Remember me? I was converted at that junior high camp." We counselors had tried everything to get those kids interested in Jesus. We even imported baseball players whose batting averages had gone up since they had started praying. But God chose not to use the superstars. He chose a kid with cerebral palsy to break the spirits of the haughty. He's that kind of God.

Please let the story of Billy encourage you. Know that God will use you to grow His Kingdom and His Church as you learn to trust Him and live by faith.

CPWM

CPWM met Monday, April 4th in the Fellowship Hall. We voted to authorize Sidney Milton to purchase a Family Bible to place on the altar in the Sanctuary. The existing Bible is showing major signs of disrepair. We will be holding a dedication ceremony when it is received. Plans were made for the Covenant Regional Meeting to be held at Highland Saturday, April 23rd. We are expecting approximately 40 ladies from all over Covenant Presbytery. Sidney Milton had us assist her in filling new church directories for future members.

Our next meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall Monday, May 2nd at 10:00 a.m. Jeanne Mullen will be leading us in filling Blessing Bags for our shut-ins.

Each member was assigned items to bring to this meeting. Please join us! You definitely will receive a blessing!

Thank you so much to our Hospitality Committee for a delicious lunch at our CPWM Regional Meeting on Saturday, April 23rd. You turned our Fellowship Hall into a festive place filled with a lunch that was enjoyed by all. Thank you Pam Russell for so graciously for leading our music, and Elizabeth Spann for working the computer and bringing us a special performance on your violin. We are very proud to have you both at Highland! Also, we can't leave out Bud Russell. Thank you for being there to support us!

Session Highlights

There was no April Meeting

April Numbers

Financial Record as of April 25, 2022

income - \$ 24,187.00

expenses - \$ 14,334.38

Attendance

April 3 - 75

April 10 - 99

April 17 - 156

April 24 - 96

May Calendar

May 2 - CPWM, 10:00 a.m.

May 11 - Deacon Meeting, 4:30 p.m.

May 15 - Scholarship Presentation, 6:00

May 19 - Highlanders

Third Thursday Hang for Youth

May 22 - Session meeting, 2:00 p.m.

May 30 - Memorial Day Holiday, office closed

Ushers – Mike Golightly, Alec Golightly,
Tina Gamble, Ryan Spann

Elder - Elaine Overton



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Doing God's Work with Human Hands

We are collecting small canned vegetables or fruit with pop-top style lids for transient people AND plastic shopping bags (WalMart, Kroger, Banks, etc.)

Welcome New Members

Steve and Carlin Davidson
159 Brett Chase
Paducah, KY 42001

Youth News

Graduation Party and Chester and Emma Cathey Memorial Scholarship Presentation Everyone is invited to help our graduates celebrate on Sunday, May 15 at 6:00. Jeff Parker will be frying fish for our meal.

Congratulations to our McCracken County High School graduates: Abraham Dumes, Seth Hill and Shawn Coleman; and UK College of Engineering graduate, Alec Golightly.

Third Thursday Hang *Color Wars*****

Come ready for an evening of big competitions and a powdered color war! Grab your friends, wear white, and compete! The war begins May 19 at 6PM. This event is open to all 6th-12 graders!

****Banana Split Bonanza** for our little kids**

Join us on Wednesday May 25 at 6:00 PM to celebrate all God has done in youth ministry this year. All of our Preschool-5th graders are invited to enjoy a banana split bar, worship, and color wars. Wear white and come prepared to get messy!

Youth Summer Camp 2022

Juniors (4th-5th Grade) - July 17-22, 2022

Middle School - July 17-22, 2022

High School - June 26-July 1, 2022

Registration is open online! Contact Elizabeth for the link to register today. Space is limited!

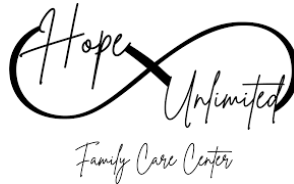
May Birthdays

- 1 – Alissa Gannaway
- 2 – Ray Massie
- 5 – Marlene Wallace
- 6 – Madeline Wooten
- 13 - Clark Rushing
- 17- Miranda Cooper

Emma Grace Cooper
19 – Kasen Barton
Mary Katherine Rudolph
22 – Tina Gamble
Tanner Parker
25 – Cooper Hill
27 – Rob Gannaway
28 – Gini Cunningham

May Anniversaries

15 - Doug and Nancy Hughes
22 – Randy and Cindy Robertson



Baby Bottle Campaign

Bottles will be distributed Mothers Day and collected Fathers Day