

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 2022

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

In many of his epistles, Paul emphasizes how opportunities for living and witnessing for Christ have been given to us and we should never grow weary in our service and make the most of the brevity of this life on earth.

We are now in the midway point of 2022. That is so unbelievable to me. Did you have any goals for the year? (Not resolutions, because we all know what happens to those!!) How are you with setting goals, and then reaching that goal? I have heard it said, life without goals is like shooting in the dark. Paul writes in Philippians 3:14, "I press on toward **the goal** for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus". That is one goal we should strive to meet.

Pastors always have goals - mostly dealing with numbers and growth. However, one of the things that I believe I had missing in my pastoral ministry, was a strong discipleship class. I made it my goal to establish and facilitate such a class. Thanks to God's guidance and our devoted participants, it is now up and going. Thus far we have had two 7-week sessions, anticipating the third session to begin in September.

One of the things that I have focused on this year is what Paul writes in Ephesians 4:11-12, to "prepare God's people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up." Elsewhere in the chapter, we read that when Jesus was risen from the dead, and when He ascended, He gave gifts for the purpose of building the church so that we will all reach unity in the faith and become mature. When we understand our gift and how it is to be used in the church, it makes the church stronger in many ways. The church was founded and made up by Christ for the purpose of bringing unity in the Body of Christ.

The reason I mentioned the Discipleship class, is so all can understand what we are doing. We study about the work of the kingdom of God and how we make our contribution. We try to understand the gifts we have and how they work in the body of Christ. Are YOU interested? I would love to talk to you about it. I have made a commitment that any group of people of 5-15 who want to have a class, I will meet with them.

Now concerning the goals you may have set this year, here are some thoughts that may help as you continue to 'press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called (you) heavenward in Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 3:14)

- Is there anything that is hindering me from reaching my goals?
- What do I need to do to get started on my goal(s)?
- How are the goals that you have going to benefit your family? Church? Community?
- Will your goal help you reach your God-given Life Purpose?

Women's Ministry

CPWM met Monday, May 6th in the Fellowship Hall. We made plans for our Stott Wallace Lip Sync night and dessert auction. We certainly appreciate the work that goes into this fundraiser and look forward to a fun night. We agreed to hold a dedication of the new Altar Bible and parament bookmarks CPWM purchased for the Sanctuary May 12 during morning worship.

Our next meeting will be Monday, July 11th at 10:00 a.m. Come join us as we learn more about another woman in the Bible, Sapphira! She is found in Acts 5!

Our Stott Wallace "LipSync" night was just incredible. Everyone involved is to be congratulated! We raised \$5,800.00 and hope to get it to \$6,000.00! Jeanne Mullen says it best. "We have a small but mighty Church because we serve a mighty God." Special thanks to Jeff Parker for the wonderful food and to everyone that brought or bought one of our delicious desserts!

Session Highlights

Items approved at the June Meeting:

- Purchase tee shirts for kids and workers at VBS. Anyone else can purchase a tee shirt for \$11.00 each.
- Authorize Youth Director Elizabeth Spann to rent a water slide for VBS at a cost of \$850.00.
- Take an offering Sunday, July 10 for the widows of pastors in Covenant Presbytery.
- Host a back to school fish fry Sunday, August 7th. Members of the Ireland Mission Trip will be showing a video and accepting an offering for Revival in our Town Ministries.
- Initiate sign-out sheet for taking tables and chairs from the Outreach Center.
- Meet with the Deacons at our July 24 meeting regarding the election of deacons for 2023.

June Numbers

Financial Record as of June 30

income - \$ 15,863.77

expenses - \$ 22,741.62

Attendance

June 5 -92

June 12 - 76

June 19 - 84

June 26 - 100

July Calendar

July 4 - Holiday, office closed

July 6 - Kids movie morning, 9:45

VBS volunteer meeting, 6:00 pm

July 7 - Youth burgers and games, 5:00

July 10 - VBS MONUMENTAL Kick-off, 6:00

July 11 - CPWM, 10:00 a.m.

July 11-14 - Vacation Bible School, 6:00-8:30

July 17 - Jr/Jr. High Camp week

July 17 - Paducah Chiefs ballgame

July 21 - Highlanders

July 24 - Session meeting, 2:00 pm

July 27 - Kids movie morning

Youth 80's night at the Spann's

Ushers – Jeff Parker, Melissa Dumes
Jimmy and Deborah Russell

Elder - Jeff Parker

Paducah Cooperative Ministry

We are collecting small canned vegetables or fruit with pop-top style lids for transient people

Youth News

Summer Movie Clubhouse PreK-5th graders and children at heart are invited to participate in the Summer Movie Clubhouse. On July 6 (Sing 2) and July 27 (Peter Rabbit 2) we will load up the church bus at 9:45 AM to head to Cinemark Movie Theater. Tickets are \$1.50 each.

Burgers & Board Games at Parker's

6th-12th Graders are invited to meet at Parker's on July 7 at 5PM. We'll grab dinner and hang out. Be sure to bring your favorite board game to play with your friends!

80's Movie Night 6th-12th Graders are invited to the Spann house for an 80's-themed movie night on Wednesday, July 27 at 6PM. Dinner included. Be sure to come dressed in your best 80's inspired outfit!

VB\$ NEWS

Volunteer Training for all volunteers Wednesday, July 6 at 6 pm. Important information will be given at this meeting. Please make plans to attend. See Elizabeth with any questions.

Monumental Kickoff Night

Sunday, July 10, 6 pm - 8 pm We'll have a water slide and lots of other water activities!

Vacation Bible School

Monday - Thursday July 11-14, 6 pm-8:30

Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to come enjoy our week learning about God's Monumental love!



Annual Outing Sunday, July 17

First pitch is at 6:00

July Birthdays

11 – Elaine Overton

19 – Randy DeHart

Mark Cunningham

24 – Nancy Hughes

25 – Carolina Rose Szabo

26 – Jeff Miller

27 – Kyle Cooper

30 – Benjamin Szabo

31 - Jessica Mahan

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

25 - Mike and Brenda Haynes