

# HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 2022

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

During evening worship on July 24, the congregation was given an opportunity to thank God for things in their lives. What I heard most was: Thank God for my church; Thank God for the way Highland accepts me; and Thank God for how Highland treats young people.

Highland Cumberland Presbyterian Church represents so many things to so many people. Pastor Mark Dever of the Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., writes in his book, "What Is a Healthy Church"

*Biblical membership means taking responsibility. It comes from our mutual obligations as spelled out in all of Scripture's 'one another' passages—love one another, serve one another, encourage one another. All of these commands should be encapsulated in the covenant of a healthy church.*

Those Sunday evening testimonies caused me to think about all the things the Highland church means to me. Highland has been a great church for my family and me. The members here love God, have a strong fellowship that expresses their love and care, have hearts always open to reaching out to others in need, and are always ready to help the church for all activities. We do indeed meet Pastor Dever's 'One Another' biblical obligations which make up a healthy church.

Our Youth Minister, Elizabeth, got emotional because she had plenty of help setting up and taking down VBS decorations. She could not believe all the help she received. I have been impressed, also.

I guess what I am trying to say, is thank you Highland for being a blessing to so many. Thank you for welcoming people like you do. Thank you for not only welcoming people, but desiring to get to know them better and treat everyone as family members.

Thank you for being a church that knows how to have joyful fellowship as you do mission work. Thank you for the warmth and acceptance that you offer to all. Thank you for loving the Lord.

### **Women's Ministry**

CPWM met Monday July 11th in the Fellowship Hall. We spent time discussing the Stott Wallace Fundraiser, and Betty Rushing reported we have received \$6,100.00. We will be waiting until our next meeting to determine the total amount we will send as more money may be designated for this offering. Velva Mullen reported that over the last six years, we have raised \$41,000 for this fund through our programs! What an amazing membership we have! Sidney Milton contacted Matt Gore, editor of the "Cumberland Presbyterian" magazine, about including a report on Highland Church 's fundraising efforts for Stott Wallace. We should be seeing an article featuring Highland in the near future. It was Elaine Overton's birthday, and we adjourned to enjoy cake and punch. Thank you Velva and Sidney!

Our next meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall Monday, August 1st at 10:00 a.m. We will have a short business meeting and adjourn to take Betty Rushing to Parker's Restaurant to celebrate her birthday. We will be there at 11:00 if anyone would like to join us.

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### **Session Highlights**

Items approved at the July Meeting:

- Request from Youth Director Elizabeth Spann to take off Sunday, July 31st.
- Request the Christian Education Committee to plan a Friendship Sunday.
- Start the 2022-2023 Sunday School year August 14 and install our teachers during morning worship.
- Request from Steve Shrewsbury to pay an invoice from Stewart Signs to replace bulbs in the church sign in the amount of \$1,317.92.
- Request the Deacons meet and determine the future of deacons at Highland

### **July Numbers**

Financial Record as of July 25

income - \$ 22,915.58

expenses - \$ 22,676.23

### **Attendance**

July 3 - 64

July 10 - 94

July 17 - 105

July 24 - 76

### **August Calendar**

August 1 - CPWM, 10:00 a.m.

August 7 - Sunday School Breakfast, 9:45 am

August 10 - Wednesday night Youth resume

August 14 - Back to School Fish Fry and

Ireland Mission Trip Presentation

August 18 - Highlanders

August 21 - Session meeting, 2:00 pm

**Ushers** – Ray Massie, Mike Haynes,  
Matt Stowell, Ryan Spann

**Elder** - Jeanne Mullen

**Highlanders** - Jim and Wanda Perry, hosts

### **Toys for Tots**

Cindy and Randy Robertson are collecting toys for the annual Tots for Toys benefit concert October 1. Toys will be collected until the end of September. Please bring NEW unwrapped toys (no realistic-looking weapons). If you would like to contribute financially, please see Cindy.

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

### **Sunday School Promotion and Breakfast**

August 7 9:45 am

Everyone is invited.

### **Ireland Mission Night and Fish Fry**

August 14 6:00 pm

We will hear reports from our members who traveled to Ireland earlier this summer, collect a special offering for the continued mission work and enjoy a fried fish dinner.

## **Youth News**

**Promotion Sunday** All children will be promoted to their new Sunday School class on August 7. Join us for breakfast at 9:45 AM and meet your child's Sunday School teacher.

**Sunday Funday Hang** Save the date for our first Sunday Funday Hang! We are having an open gym and board game night on August 21, 6PM-8PM. Our Preteen Ministry (3rd-6th Grade) and our Student Ministry (7th-12th Grade) are invited to attend.

**Messtival** Join us as we kick off our Wednesday evening programming for the 2022-23 school year on August 10 at 6PM. We'll have dinner and play lots of messy games. Be sure to wear old clothes, bring a towel, and goggles or safety glasses!

**Save the Date** Cross Retreat is back this year November 4-6! This is a great weekend for our 6th-12th Graders to connect with each other and grow in the Lord. You'll want to save the date for this one!

## **August Birthdays**

1 – Betty Rushing  
5 – Carrie (Rushing) McKee  
7 – Daniel Rushing  
8 – Jimmy Russell  
9 – Kathy Hill  
11 – Jeff Parker  
Dayton Kilgore  
12 – Mike Golightly  
13 – Loretta Vasseur  
16 – Kimberly Morgan  
18 – Amy Rushing  
Bo Rushing  
22 – Marjet Duncan  
24 – Leona Shelby  
27 – Deanna Miller  
28 – Claire Parker  
29 – Nora Cunningham

## **August Anniversaries**

7 – Jeff and Lisa Parker  
8 – Roddy and Linda Johnson  
10 – David and Joanne Robinson  
11 – Buddy and Ann Rushing  
Bill and Suzanne Goehman  
Steve and Carlin Davidson  
25 – Glenn and Gretta Ridings