

# HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 2022

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

"Jesus came and told his disciples, 'I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.'<sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' " (Matthew 28:18-20, NLT)

Not only was this challenge from our Lord issued to the disciples, but it is there for us as well. In the Scriptures, we have been given three "Greats": the First and Second Great Commandments (love God, love one another, Matt. 22:37-39) and the Great Commission (love the world with the Gospel, Matt. 28:19, 20). To share the message of Christ is our outward expressions of our love for God and each other. They go hand in hand.

But we can't stop with that, we are commissioned to continue discipling and teaching. Author Jerry Bridges recalls the early years of his Christian walk. He writes: *For many years I took an individualistic approach to the Christian life. I was concerned about my growth as a Christian, my progress in holiness, my acquisition of ministry skills. I prayed that God would enable me to be more holy in my personal life and more effective in my evangelism. I asked God's blessing on my church and the Christian organization I worked for. But as I learned more about true fellowship, I began to pray that we as the Body of Christ would grow in holiness, that we would be more effective witnesses to the saving grace of Christ. It is the entire Body—not just me—that needs to grow.*

Don't misunderstand, we need to grow individually in all the areas Mr. Bridges mentions. But, (referring to the Second Great Commandment) when we love each other, we pray for each other, we desire growth in the body and continued discipleship of the body. Our work in loving and discipling is never finished. Thabiti M. Anyabwile writes in his book, What is a Healthy Church Member?, "A healthy church member is a growing church member. It is impossible to separate the health of a local church from the health of its members. And it's impossible to divide the well-being of a church member from his or her spiritual growth and discipleship."

I want to make sure I am doing all I can to contribute to this church and the growth of our members. In saying this, I will be making a continued effort to offer discipleship classes at different times to all who want to grow and understand what it means to be the body of Christ. The **Fall Discipleship classes begin September 13, at 6:00 pm**. Everyone is invited. There are no prerequisites, so if you have never attended you will be able to fit right in.

## **Women's Ministry**

CPWM met Monday August 1st in the Fellowship Hall. We voted to send \$6,500.00 to the Stott Wallace Missionary Fund which includes \$6,200 raised through our Lip Sync night. We also voted to donate \$250.00 to the RIOT Ministry Fundraiser. We adjourned early to take Betty Rushing to Parkers for her birthday lunch.

Our next meeting will be held Monday, September 5th at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing the Fall Synodic Retreat that is being hosted by Covenant Region CPWM. It will be held October 7-8 at Kenlake State Resort Park. It is held for Cumberland Presbyterian ladies as well as middle school ladies and older. We are trying to get younger ladies involved. Information is posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board or you can see Elaine Overton. Our Ladies of the Bible Study this month is on Cumberland Presbyterian Women. Please join us for a morning of fellowship!

## **Session Highlights**

Items approved at the August Meeting:

- Send \$300.00 to Eric Horner's Tanks of Love Ministry and designate it as a part of Barbeque on the River profits.
- Call a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, September 18 for the purpose of voting on the number of session members.
- Extended to Randy Dumes a heartfelt thank you for his work cleaning up the cemetery.
- Request from the Decorating Committee to purchase a dry erase board and allow Max Dodd to build a frame.

**Called Congregational Meeting** September 18 following morning worship to determine the number of Elders active on the Session.

## **August Numbers**

Financial Record as of August 29

income - \$ 21,383.25

expenses - \$ 27,292.46

## **Attendance**

August 7 - 97

August 14 - 88

August 21 - 88

August 28 - 86

## **September Calendar**

September 5 - CPWM, 10:00 a.m.

September 10 - Pie Cut and Dip day

September 15 - Highlanders

September 18 - Congregational Meeting  
Session meeting, 2:00 pm

September 22, 23, 24 - Barbeque on the River

**Ushers** – Steve and Diane Shrewsberry,  
Johnny Overton, Steve Davidson

**Elder** - Elaine Overton

**Highlanders** - Betty Rushing and Marlene Wallace

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## **Toys for Tots**

We are collecting toys through September for Toys for Tots. Please bring NEW unwrapped toys (no realistic-looking weapons).

## **Hope Unlimited Gala 2022**

We have been invited to Hope Unlimited's annual Gala Tuesday, September 20. It begins at 6:00 with a dinner. If you are interested, please see Paula.

## **Paducah Cooperative Ministry**

**NEW ITEMS:** Canned Soups

## **Operation Christmas Child September collection**

combs, brushes; wash cloths;

colored ink pens or pencils

### **Volunteer Opportunity with Made to Stay**

Made to Stay is a local non-profit organization designed to help older adults stay in their own homes as long as possible. Needed are volunteers to assist members by transporting them to appointments, or small jobs like going to the grocery, taking out the trash, or checking the mail. If you think this would be a good fit for you, please see Paula.

## **Youth News**

**Christmas Play** Calling all kids ages 5 and up to join in our fantastically fun Christmas Program for 2022. You don't want to miss it! Rehearsals will take place on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings beginning September 7! Youth (6th Grade and up) will participate as well through a special presentation!

**Donut Night** Scripture memory is a big part of what we do on Wednesday evenings. You DONUT want to forget your memory verses. Come to Wednesday Night activities September 7 for a donut themed celebration of our scripture memory during the month of August!

**Sunday Funday Hang** - Prepare your equipment, invite your friends, and join us for EPIC Nerf War at Highland on September 18. Preteens (3rd-5th Grade) will meet from 5PM-7PM & Students (7th-12th Grade) will meet 6PM-8PM. Pizza Provided!

**LIFE** - LIFE is a one-day conference for young ladies (5th grade and up) and their moms (or another important adult female in their life). It will take place on Saturday, September 10 from 8:00AM-3:00PM. See Elizabeth for registration details.

**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!

## **September Birthdays**

- 1 – Bettie Stoll  
Pam Russell
- 3 – Kevin Perdue
- 6 – Barb Dolezal  
Kenna Kilgore  
JJ Owens
- 8 – Elaine Kaye
- 11 - Ryan Spann
- 12 – Roy Rushing
- 15 – Scott Cunningham  
Wayne Coleman  
Mike Haynes
- 16 – Ansley Golightly
- 17 – Joseph David Robinson-Lehan
- 18 – Suzan Roberts  
Jenny Cooper
- 20 – Karen Bryan
- 21 – May Parker  
Billy Winsett
- 22 – Jared Roberts
- 23 – Evalena Duncan
- 27 – Betty Hall
- 28 – Randy Robertson  
Peggy Clifton
- 30 – Addison Dumes

## **September Anniversaries**

- 1 - Matt and Carolyn Stowell
- 5 – Nick and Emily Ferrer
- 10 – Randy and Laura DeHart  
Brad and Betty Hall
- 12 – Jeff and Donna Yates

