

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 2022

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

Fall is knocking on our door. Temperatures are *slowly* getting cooler; days are getting shorter. Change is in the air. Barbeque on the River is one event that helps usher in the season. (Thank you to everyone who participated. We made a net profit of roughly \$7,000) Now we move toward our Trunk or Treat, Thanksgiving and Advent as we prepare for activities in October, November, and December. I enjoy this time of year with all the festivities in which we participate but with a full calendar, we sometime have self imposed deadlines and unnecessarily busy schedules. Have you ever taken the time to wonder what God thinks about your busy-ness? What would God have you do? Are you doing more than you should? Doing too little? Where's the balance?

Many people struggle to keep up. The burdens people carry, the anxiety and fear of not knowing if they are doing the right thing or participating in the right activity can be seen as weariness on their faces. What does the Bible say about this? Luke gives us a little insight on this: ³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her. (Luke 10:38-42)

In his book "Be Compassionate - a Study of Luke 1-13," Warren Wiersbe sums up chapter 10 - The three scenes in Luke 10 illustrate the threefold ministry of every Christian believer, and they answer the question, "What in the world does a Christian do?" To begin with, we are the Lord's **ambassadors**, sent to represent Him in this world (v. 1-24). We are also **neighbors**, looking for opportunities to show mercy in the name of Christ (v. 25-37). But at the heart of all our ministry is devotion to Christ, so we must be **worshippers** who take time to listen to His Word and commune with Him (v. 38-42)...Our highest privilege and our greatest joy is to do the will of God.

Can we be so Involved in ministry that we neglect our relationship with God and one another? Yes; we can get so busy even in good things, that we neglect our relationship with God. We drift apart, and our act of service becomes an obsession that replaces our spiritual development and intimacy with God. I am convinced that one of Satan's most effective weapons is to keep us so busy and distracted that we don't have time to grow our relationship with Christ.

The question then is, what is the most important thing in your life? Do the people who know you, recognize your priority? Our life is our witness to one another and to the world. We have been given this life to serve God as witnesses to the lost, neighbors to the needy and worshippers of the one true living God. Keeping this in mind will give balance to our faith and works.

Women's Ministry

CPWM met Monday, September 5th in the Fellowship Hall. We were introduced to our new theme, "Revive Us Again" from Psalm 85:6. We look forward to helping our group and our church work to carry out this theme. Our Bible Study focused on six Cumberland Presbyterian women that were early trailblazers for our denomination. We voted to host our annual Christmas Dinner for the ladies of the church on December 5th. More information will be announced soon. We also agreed to assemble Christmas bags for all our shut-ins to distribute before Christmas.

Our next meeting will be held Monday, October 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be making plans for Christmas and putting together goody bags for those attending the Synodic Fall Retreat. Covenant Region CPWM is hosting the retreat this year at Kenlake State Resort Park on October 7-8. Our theme is "One Stitch at a Time", and this quilting theme has excited the ladies in North Central and Cumberland Presbyteries. All you ladies are invited to our October 3rd meeting!

Session Highlights

Items approved at the September Meeting:

- Authorize Youth Director Elizabeth Spann to replace worn out acolyte robes.
- Host a Trunk or Treat night in the church parking lot Wednesday, October 26th. We will also have a chili supper for our church members.
- Per recommendation of the CE Committee, approved Sunday School teachers and Wednesday night leaders
- Host a Friends and Family Sunday, November 13th along with a potluck.
- Send \$100.00 to the Grace Covenant CP Church Philippines Mission Trip.
- Decorate the Church bus for the Christmas Parade rather than having a float.
- Re-establish the Member Care Committee to take up the work of the deacons.

September Numbers

Financial Record as of September 26

income - \$ 17,096.00

expenses - \$ 17,349.83

Attendance

September 4 - 72

September 11 - 80

September 18 - 77

September 25 - 78

October Calendar

October 2 - World Wide Communion Sunday

October 3 - CPWM, 10:00 a.m.

October 16 - Session meeting, 2:00 pm

October 20 - Highlanders

October 26 - Trunk or Treat, 6:00 p.m.

October 30 - 5th Sunday Singing, New Hope

Ushers – Mike Golightly, Alec Golightly

Tina Gamble, Jimmy Russell

Elder - Melissa Dumes

Highlanders - Jeanne Mullen, Velva Mullen

Congregational Meeting Results Sunday, September 18 a congregational meeting was held for the purpose of determining the number of elders serving on Session. A motion was made and seconded to keep the number at five, and it passed by a vote of 21-14.

LOAVES AND FISHES OFFERING

Boxes for the annual Loaves and Fishes Offering will be distributed Sunday, October 30th. This year's offering will be used to fund the Harvest Project in Brazil. The goal is that sufficient donations will be made to allow the Mata de Sao Joao Mission to provide monthly food assistance to fifteen families for two years starting in 2023. Please fill up these boxes and return them Sunday, November 20th for dedication to this work.

Community Outreach

Trunk or Treat & Chili Supper

Wednesday, October 26 from 6:00-7:30

We are in need of candy donations and people to sponsor trunks. If you're interested in helping, let Elizabeth know!

We will also have a chili supper during our trunk or treat. Bring a pot of chili and join us for this fun evening of fellowship and community outreach!

Paducah Cooperative Ministry Canned Soups

Operation Christmas Child October collection

sewing kits, small spiral notebooks (must be small enough to fit in your shoe box), hard candy

*****Donation Drop Zone*****

located in the Fellowship Hall

New Addresses

Ryan, Elizabeth and Rory Spann
180 Saddle Creek Dr. , Paducah 42001

Abe Dumes
720 Woodland Avenue
Chellgren Hall, Room 433
Lexington, KY 40526

Youth News

FALL BREAK - There will be no Wednesday evening youth groups on October 5. Enjoy your fall break!

RAKE & RUN October 16 from 12PM-3PM. During this time 6th-12th Grades will visit with shut-ins in our community, take them a treat, and offer help with any yard work they may need. If you know of someone who would like a special visit from our youth, let Elizabeth know and she will add them to the list!

October Birthdays

3 - Janet Roberts
Adria Ann Rushing
Jennifer Rushing
5 - Tyler Parker
8 - Dottie Owens
10 - Janice Frans
11 - Jim Perry
12 - Linda Cunningham
14 - Brad Hall
17 - Graham Hill
18 - Ann Jackson
20 - Randy Dumes
Zachary Szabo
Jeff Yates
Olivia Hill
Jacob Hill
23 - Tammy Sexton
25 - Jill Winsett
Tim Szabo
27 - Olivia Stowell

October Anniversaries

5 - Scott and Morgan Cunningham
7 - Tony and Tina Dodd
14 - Ray and Melanie Massie
31 - Larry and Jeanne Mullen



and Chili Supper

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