

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 2023

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

As children and young people return to school this month, I think about the importance of education. As parents, we hope the education they receive prepares them for life, career choices and general functioning as adults.

Education is about life and life is full of teachable moments. Central to understanding life and our place in the world, we should not neglect the most thorough text book and teacher we have access to: God and His Word. We have many resources at Highland for continuing our Christian education through Sunday School, mid-week Bible Study and small group discussions. All of these opportunities give us time to search the Scriptures and learn about God's work in our lives, together. Following Christ at times can be difficult, but as we study together, endure and embrace each other's situations and trials, we learn more about God's grace and mercy because as we extend it to others, we witness it in our own lives.

What we learn in these groups calls us to Christ. As we learn more about Him, we begin to develop an earnest desire for a deeper knowledge of Him and what discipleship truly is. Your small group may take a scripture like Luke 14:33 “...*whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.*” and ask tough questions like 'have I forsaken that which is dearest to me to follow Him—regardless of the cost?' Maybe you don't want to answer that out loud in a group, but it sure does give you something to think about.

Giving your life to Christ involves a commitment. When you accept the call to be a Christian, you are accepting the call to continue your education by learning how to walk in righteousness and possessing the truth that comes with the Word of God.

I invite you to find a discipleship class or study at Highland. The Children and Youth activities resume August 9. Parents, don't just drop your kids and run - join with other adults for Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall. In September, our Tuesday night Small Group will resume and our new Sunday School Year will begin. There is a place for you to grow and experience the transformative power of Christ.

Women's Ministry

The CPWM would like to thank everyone who enjoyed celebrating Third Quarter birthdays at our Salad potluck July 9. We had a tremendous turn out and some really delicious salads.

We did not have a regular meeting in July. Instead, we met at House of Grace on July 17 for lunch. We enjoyed each other's company and letting someone else do the cooking!

There will not be an August meeting. Our next meeting will be after the Labor Day holiday, September 11. All ladies of the church are welcome to join us.

Session Highlights

At the July Session Meeting we voted to:

- Establish Sunday Evening pulpit supply pay at \$125.00
- Request that GA Moderator Rev. Mitch Boulton speak at Highland March 19, 2023
- Elected Jeff Parker as delegate to Fall Meeting of Covenant Presbytery
- Upon recommendation from the Worship Committee, begin using pre-printed Sunday bulletins with a picture of the church on the front. (The current source has discontinued publishing bulletins.)

July Numbers

Financial Record as of July 24

income \$ 15,546.39

expenses \$ 14,622.03

Attendance

July 2 - 74

July 9 - 88

July 16 - 78

July 23 - 86

August Calendar

August 9 - Children and Youth Activities resume

August 17 - Highlanders

August 20 - Session Meeting, 2:00

Tuesdays at 5:30 and Saturdays at 10:00 -

Exercise

August Ushers Ray Massie, Mike Haynes,
Ryan Spann, Matt Stowell

August Elder Jeanne Mullen

Paducah Cooperative Ministry

Grape Jelly and preserves

Welcome New Members

Ron and Glenda Spann joined the Highland family on July 23. Their mailing address is 629 Derby Circle, 42003. Rory Spann likes to call them Bappaw and GenGen.

Youth News

Wednesday Night Kickoff August 9

K-5th Grade Wheels Night from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. Bring your bike, scooter, or whatever you normally ride! Let's celebrate being back together!

6th Grade & Up Open Gym from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. Come play four square, basketball, and other fun games in the gym.

Christmas Program Rehearsals - The time has come to practice for another Christmas program! We will begin rehearsals for the musical portion of our program this month during children's church and on Wednesday evenings. For information on acting roles, please contact Elizabeth. Beginning August 13, drama rehearsals will take place on Sunday evenings from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Free Car Wash On August 13, our youth (6th-12th grade) are having a free car wash for our church family and the community. Let us clean your car!

Youth who plan to serve: Bring a change of clothes and stay after church. We'll have lunch together and set up for the car wash!

Pickleball News We will play Thursday, Aug. 3 and Saturday, Aug. 5. That Saturday will be a special day as we have a meal and remember our friend and Pam Russell's sister, Nancy Gross. Then we will take a break and resume the fun on Thursday, August 31.

August Birthdays

- 1 – Betty Rushing
- 5 – Carrie (Rushing) McKee
- 7 – Daniel Rushing
- 8 – Jimmy Russell
 Judith Claire Parker
- 9 – Kathy Hill
- 11 – Jeff Parker
 Dayton Kilgore
- 12 – Mike Golightly
- 13 – Loretta Vasseur
- 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

Upcoming Events

Key Lime Pie cut and dip - September 9
Barbeque on the River - September 21, 22, 23
Trunk or Treat 2023 - October 29