

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 2023

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

"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers." 1 Timothy 4:12-16

Greetings and thank you for your continued support as we reach this younger generation with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! I thank God for the amazing team of adults that minister to our youth! We have committed Youth Ministry Team members who make themselves available to our children and teens.

Throughout his missionary journeys and church-building efforts, Paul met and influenced a lot of individuals. One we know a bit about was Timothy, a young pastor who Paul worked with and mentored in his ministry. Paul saw great potential in Timothy, and he nurtured his spiritual maturity.

Paul provided encouragement, instruction, and advice, warning Timothy about false teachings and guiding him in methods to structure and support his church body. Paul gave thanks for Timothy's sincere faith and wrote to encourage him to continue with bold endurance in ministry. He called the young pastor to endure and persevere despite suffering. He spoke with genuine care, calling Timothy "my child" and advising him with respect and from experience. Paul provided Timothy with wisdom regarding management and teaching practices as well as practical matters like stomach ailments.

What do we take from this? A significant element of our role to impact our young people is to serve as mentors. This means caring for individuals and taking interest in their lives. Mentoring young people means ensuring they are worshiping, reading scripture, and keeping focused on Jesus as their savior. We lead by example, too, so it's important to make sure that our relationships and interactions with others are God-honoring.

As we recognize needs for our youth to be advised or encouraged, we want to make sure we are doing so prayerfully. Whether you're up close and personal with our youth or observing from a distance, you can make an impact! Paul was far from Timothy when he wrote to him. We, too, can encourage from a distance as we keep up with our students and demonstrate our supportive intentions.

As we do this, we will find ourselves blessed, as well. God gives us young people not just for us to govern or monitor, but to genuinely join in our efforts and encourage us as we lead them.

Again, thank you for your continued prayer and support!

Elizabeth

Women's Ministry

CPWM met Monday, April 3rd in the Fellowship Hall. Marlene Wallace opened with a prayer for our session, our missionaries, and various other prayer concerns. We looked at the eight beautiful, hand crocheted lap blankets Janice Frans delivered to the Church. She has been working on them for several years and asked us to distribute them. We plan to deliver them to area nursing home residents who do not have family or friends visiting them. She has agreed to continue making these blankets for us to distribute. Thank you so much Janice Frans! We were very pleased with the turnout at the April 2nd potluck. We scheduled our next potluck for July 9th due to the holiday and will feature salads and desserts. We want everyone to remember our June 4th Lip Sync Missionary Fundraiser. Be sure to let Velva Mullen know if you plan to participate!

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 1st in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. We will be discussing our lap blanket project and the June 4th fish fry and dessert auction. We will also celebrate Marlene Wallace's 90th birthday which will be May 5th. We will be taking her to lunch at Parker's Drive Inn at 11:30. Everyone is welcome to join us!!

Session Highlights

Items approved at the April Meeting:

- Upon recommendation from the Cemetery Committee, pave the road in the cemetery at a cost of \$32,500.00.
- Vacation for Bro. Bud May 7-13 and Secretary Paula Bell May 15-19.
- Authorized Mike Golightly to have the Church bus serviced.
- Determine what needs to be done to the shrubs around the Church building.

March Numbers

Financial Record as of April 24

income - \$ 19,283.00

expenses - \$ 15,265.36

Attendance

April 2 - 84

April 9 - 117

April 16 - 75

April 23 - 91

May Calendar

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

May 7 - Safe Sanctuary Training, after worship
Hope Unlimited speaker, 6:00 p.m.

May 21 - Session Meeting, 2:00 p.m.

May 18 - Highlanders, day trip to Princeton

May Ushers Mike and Alec Golightly,
Tina Gamble, Ryan Spann

May Elder Mike Golightly

Things that happen EVERY WEEK

Sunday - Sunday School, 9:45 am

Morning Worship, 10:45 am

Evening Worship, 5:00 pm

Monday - Secretary in the office, 9:00 am

Scouts, Fellowship Hall; 6:30 pm

Tuesday - Exercise, Gym, 5:00 pm

Discipleship Class, 6:00 pm

Wednesday - Secretary in the office, 9:00 am

Adult Bible Study, 6:00

Youth Groups, Gym, 6:00

Thursday - Secretary in the office, 9:00 am

Saturday - Exercise, Gym, 10:00 am

Highlanders Jim and Wanda Perry are planning a day trip to Princeton on May 18. They will have details later.

Opportunities to Help

Paducah Cooperative Ministry We have been asked to collect Hamburger Helper and Tuna Helper for May and June.

Hope Unlimited Baby Bottles Bottles will be handed out Mother's Day and collected Father's Day to help Hope Unlimited with their annual campaign. Executive Director, Nicole Farley will speak at Highland Sunday evening, May 7.

Youth News

City Museum Trip We will take a trip to the City Museum in St. Louis Saturday, May 27. Youth in grades K-5 are welcome to attend but must have a parent or guardian with them. 6th Grade and up may attend without a parent. Contact Elizabeth to sign up.

For Adults working with our kids

Safe Sanctuary Training If you already work with our children and/or youth OR if you plan to work with them, you are required to have Safe Sanctuary training. Please plan to stay after church Sunday, May 7.

VBS Training Staff training for Vacation Bible School will be May 21 immediately following Morning Worship. Important details will be communicated at this meeting. Please make plans to attend!

Upcoming

LipSync and Fund Raiser night Our annual night of food, music and dessert auction is scheduled for June 4. This is a fundraiser for Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries. Jeff Parker has agreed to fry fish for our meal. Let Velva Mullen know if you want to perform.

VBS June 11 - 14; it's going to be STELLAR

May Birthdays

1 – Alissa Gannaway
2 – Ray Massie
5 – Marlene Wallace
6 – Madeline Wooten
13 - Clark Rushing
17 – Miranda Cooper
Emma Grace Cooper
19 – Kasen Barton
Mary Katherine Rudolph
22 – Tina Gamble
Tanner Parker

May Anniversaries

15 - Doug and Nancy Hughes
22 - Randy and Cindy Robertson

25 – Cooper Hill

27 – Rob Gannaway

28 – Gini Cunningham

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June 2023

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As I sat in my office thinking about what to share with you this month, I reflected on all that God has done and is doing at Highland. God has been so good to us. As a congregation of believers, God has given each of us the gifts, talents and resources to build His Kingdom. Together we have made the commitment to serve God and be his disciples through our work at Highland.

Each person, young or old, makes a difference in the life of the church. I am thankful for each one and value what you have given to Highland. I know without the support you have given Highland, we could not carry out the mission and purpose of why God has put us here, together.

As your pastor, I strive to do all I can to encourage you to find your place in this ministry. God places us in the body as it pleases Him according to 1 Corinthians 12:18, *But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.* It pleases God when we serve a meal for bereaved families, plan fellowship activities through Happy Highlanders, mow the grass, make worship service available through social media, lead Children's Church, teach Sunday School, or even have outreach through pickleball.

I challenge you to seek out ways you can serve or participate in doing ministry as the Lord leads. How is your involvement impacting the Kingdom of God and the future of Highland? Are you excited about what God is doing and going to do at Highland with His people He has placed here? Get connected in the church so you can get connected with the community outside the church.

But it's not all about serving just 'the church.' Deepen your relationship and devotion to God. Discipleship should be at the top of the list in your walk with God. God has asked us to love Him first and foremost; love one another; and love people by sharing the gospel and teaching them to know and find God's will as they fit into this body we call Highland Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Women's Ministry

CPWM met Monday, May 1st. Marlene Wallace lifted up our prayer concerns and praises. Much of our meeting was spent discussing the upcoming Stott-Wallace Missionary Fund fundraiser. Elaine Overton reported on the Covenant Region CPWM meeting held April 15th at the Hopkinsville CP Church. Melanie Massie reported she contacted several nursing homes about needs their patients might have. We agreed to focus on getting a list of patients at Parkview who we can help. Janice Frans continues to make lap blankets for distribution. Jeanne Mullen has begun making them as well. We discussed our quarterly potlucks and scheduled the next one for July 9. We will be celebrating everyone who has a birthday during the quarter. We voted to bestow Melanie Massie and Jeanne Mullen with Perpetual Membership Endowments. We also celebrated Marlene Wallace's birthday by taking her to lunch at Parkers!

Our next meeting will be Monday, June 5th in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we make plans for the summer!

Session Highlights

Items approved at the May Meeting:

- Sponsor a table for the Great Commission 3:16 banquet. Kamal Madala, Missionary \$500.00.
- Upon recommendation from the Christian Education Committee accepted their definition of a regular attendee of our Youth Group.
- Continue Pickleball through June.
- Repair the hole in the parking lot at a cost of \$2,000.00. The work will be done by Central Paving.
- Authorize Mike Golightly to ask for members who would like to serve on a Member Care Committee.

May Number Numbers

Financial Record as of May 29

income - \$ 23,875.00

expenses - \$ 20,578.18

Attendance

May 7 - 91

May 14 - 100

May 21 - 92

May 28 - 82

June Calendar

June 4 - Missionary Fundraiser - Lip Sync, fish fry
dessert auction, 6:00

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

June 11 thru 14 - Vacation Bible School

June 17 - Family Bowling night, Cardinal Lanes, 6:00

June 18 - General Assembly of the CPC, Denton TX

VBS Closing Program, morning worship

Father's Day

collect Baby Bottles for Hope Unlimited

June 15 - Highlanders

June 25 - Sr. High Camp begins

June Ushers Jeff Parker, Wayne Coleman
Tanner Parker, Steve Davidson

Opportunities to Serve and Help

- **Chaplain Assistant** Mercy Health (Lourdes Hospital) is seeking lay people to serve as volunteer Chaplain Assistants. The purpose of this position is to provide an initial visit to patients and their families. If interested, see Bro. Bud or Paula in the office.
- **Paducah Cooperative Ministry**
Hamburger Helper and Tuna Helper
- **Hope Unlimited Baby Bottles** Please return your baby bottle Father's Day, June 18.

General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church Bro. Bud and Pam will travel to Denton, TX for the annual gathering of pastors and elders. Bro. Bud will represent Covenant Presbytery as pastor delegate. The meetings begin Sunday June 18.

Congratulations to our Graduates

Dottie Owens - WKCTC, Nursing
Cooper Hill - McCracken Co. HS
Good luck to both of you.

Youth News

Pool Party - It's a pool party at the DeHart's, June 21 Kindergarten - 5th swim from 5:30-6:30
6th grade and up swim from 6:30-7:30

Senior High Camp We leave at 12PM on June 25. If you have any questions, please see Elizabeth.



Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 11 through Wednesday June 14
6:00 - 8:30 each evening

Family Bowling Night

Saturday, June 17 6:00 p.m.
Cardinal Lanes
\$5.00

Open to our vbs friends, their families and the church family

Missionary Fund Raiser

You don't want to miss our annual lip--sync, fish fry and dessert auction Sunday, June 4 at 6:00. Proceeds go to the Stott-Wallace Missionary Fund, the sole support of our global Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries. The CP church supports eight missionaries and has a presence in 18 different countries, not including the USA.

June Birthdays

- 1 - Carolyn Stowell
- 4 – Macey Owens
Gordon Foltz
- 6 – Sharon Slankard
Logan Cooper
Larry Mullen
- 8 –Carson McKee
- 12 – Sarah Stoll
Glenda Newton
- 13 – Cheryl Rambo
- 14 – Ronnie Parker
- 20 – Steve Shrewsberry
- 21 – Kelly Foltz
- 24 –Wanda Perry
- 28 – Michele Golightly

June Anniversaries

- 5 – Ronnie and May Parker
- 6 – Kyle and Jenny Cooper
- 14 – Brandon and Miranda Cooper
- 20 – Randy and Melissa Dumes
- 29 - Mike and Michelle Wooten

Upcoming

Paducah Chiefs Baseball game - Sunday, July 2

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"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."
Galatians 5:1

As the Fourth of July holiday nears, Americans will once again celebrate our country's freedom. Also known as Independence Day, July 4th marks the day the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776 announcing the separation of the 13 colonies from political rule of Great Britain. Freedom is one blessing we hold very dear and defend bravely. Our nation's armed forces protect our freedom and consider it worth dying for. We are what our national anthem proudly proclaims: "the land of the free and the home of the brave!"

The question is, are we free? Politically, I hope we can all agree that we are free. But all of that aside, are we free or do we sometimes have an overwhelming sense of bondage? On our own we are not free; all people are very much slaves. We find ourselves in bondage to sin, and on our own, we cannot break free from its hold. We are slaves to our depraved nature and cannot live a day, an hour, even a minute without our depraved nature raising its ugly head. Thoughts we think, words we say, actions which benefit ourselves and not others are all behaviors which show our true nature. They all show just how much we are slaves to sin.

But *Praise the Lord*, we have victory in Jesus Christ who defeated sin and Satan. Jesus has forgiven all the wrong thoughts of our minds, the wrong intents of our hearts, the wrong words that we speak. He forgives us because he lived up to God's sinless standard for us. Then Jesus willingly and lovingly allowed the punishment we deserved to be placed on him. On the cross, Jesus endured our death and hell. When he burst forth from Easter's tomb, he shattered the chains of sin and death. In Jesus, we have eternal life with God. That's something that no power on earth or scheme of Satan can ever take away. That's real freedom!

I Peter 2:16 says, *"Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God."* Celebrate this day by using the freedom God has given us for serving Him, one another, and the world in which we live for the glory of God.

Women's Ministry

CPWM met Monday, June 5th. We joyfully discussed the funds raised during our Lip Sync fundraiser for the Stott Wallace Missionary Fund. We have received \$5,456.00 and are expecting more. What an amazing Church membership we have! Thank you to everyone who participated, especially Jeff Parker and his crew!

We are inviting everyone to our quarterly potluck following Morning Worship Sunday, July 9th. Our meal will be SALADS, please bring your favorite and any bread or crackers to accompany. The CPWM will provide cupcakes and ice cream for dessert as we celebrate the upcoming birthdays for the quarter. Come fellowship with us and maybe you will meet someone new!

We want to thank Pam Russell for representing Highland at the CPWM Convention. She brought back the 2023-24 Bible Studies based on our new theme "This is OUR Story" from Psalm 107:2a. Pam also brought a brochure from General Assembly that features the missionary families we support through the Stott-Wallace Missionary Fund and a detailed report from Japanese missionaries featured at one of the convention small groups sessions. Please take a look at these things on the Mission's bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Our next meeting will be lunch at the House of Grace on Monday, July 17th at 11:00 a.m. Every woman in the Church is invited. If you would like a ride, contact Elaine Overton or Velva Mullen.

Session Highlights

There was no June meeting.

June Numbers

Financial Record as of June 26

income - \$ 20,836.00

expenses - \$ 46,212.05

Attendance

June 4 - 79

June 11 - 97

June 18 - 94

June 25 - 92

July Calendar

July 2 - Paducah Chiefs game, 6:00 pm Brooks Stadium

July 9 - CPWM quarterly potluck, after church

July 17 - CPWM lunch at House of Grace, 11:00 a.m.

July 20 - Highlanders, Dumplin's in Murray,

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

Thursdays at 6:00 and Saturdays at 2:00 - Pickleball

July Ushers Jimmy and Deborah Russell,
Melissa Dumes, Debby Hughes

July Elder Cindy Robertson

Paducah Cooperative Ministry

Jelly and preserves

Welcome New Member

Lora Kerner joined Highland May 21.

Youth News

Escape Room On July 12, students in grades 6-12 will visit Talon Falls Escape Rooms. Meet us at church at 6 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person. If you plan to attend, please let Elizabeth know.

Family Splash Pad Meet Up Saturday, July 22, families are invited to the Splash Pad from 10AM-12:00PM. Let's play, have a popsicle, and hang out! For location and directions, please contact Elizabeth.

Serving Sunday for High School Our high schoolers will serve meals to the homeless on July 23 with Jeff Parker's class. Be at the church by 9:30 AM!

Youth Movie Night On July 26, the youth will meet at the church for a movie night. Bring a friend and join us for dinner and a movie!

We will resume regular programming on Wednesday, August 9!

General Assembly News

Bro. Bud attended General Assembly in Denton, TX the week of June 18. He represented Covenant Presbytery as a voting delegate. Former Bethel CPC (Ballard County) member and now minister of the Olivet CPC in Savannah, TN, Mitch Boulton was elected moderator.

During the week the attendees are engaged in worship, fellowship, local sight seeing and business meetings. Coming from GA, the following mission statement for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church has been drafted. To see more business actions please visit the web site Cumberland.org.

Vision of Ministry Biblically-based and Christ-centered born out of a specific sense of mission, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church strives to be true to its heritage: to be open to God's reforming spirit, to work cooperatively with the larger Body of Christ, and to nurture the connectional bonds that make us one.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church seeks—to be the hands and feet of Christ in witness and service to the world and, above all, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church lives out the love of God to the glory of Jesus Christ.

July Birthdays

3 - Morgan Cunningham
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

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