HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2024

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

(For a prerequisite, you may want to read 1 Corinthians 15.)

The teachings of Paul in 1 Corinthians 15 simply state the significance of the resurrection and the enduring hope it brings to believers. This chapter is a cornerstone of the Christian faith, outlining the reality of Christ's resurrection and its transformative impact on all people. At the heart of 1 Corinthians 15 is the assertion that Christ's resurrection is not a mere symbolic gesture but a tangible event with profound implications. Emphasizing the victory over death that Christ's resurrection signifies, Paul offers hope to his readers in the face of mortality and uncertainty. Through the resurrection, believers are united with Christ in his triumph over sin and death, paving the way for eternal life.

The chapter also stresses the relationship between Christ's resurrection and believers' future resurrection. Just as Christ was raised from the dead, believers will experience resurrection and be transformed into imperishable beings. This promise of resurrection comforts and assures believers that death is not the end but a gateway to eternal glory. Without the reality of Christ's resurrection, faith would be in vain, and believers would be left without hope. The chapter challenges believers to embrace the truth of the resurrection and live accordingly, and to consider the wonderful reality of knowing that their labor in the Lord is not in vain.

In a world plagued by suffering, injustice, and uncertainty, the message of resurrection offers hope and a promise of redemption. As a man called by Jesus Himself, Paul is proclaiming the ultimate victory Christ has secured and the promise of new life that awaits believers. This victorious hope empowers believers to face life's challenges with courage and perseverance, knowing that they are secure in the promise of resurrection.

As you reflect on the teachings of this important confession of faith, embrace the changing power of Christ's resurrection and live as people of hope and faith, anchoring your life in Christ's victory over death and allow this truth to shape your attitudes and actions. Allow the words to be a guide in your journey of faith and lead you to a deeper understanding of the redemptive power of Christ's resurrection.

Women's Ministry

CPWM met in the Fellowship Hall Monday, March 4th. We signed cards to be sent to our shut-ins and discussed our April potluck. It will be a regular potluck with everyone bringing their favorite dish. We will be providing information on all our committees with someone available to talk to anyone who is interested in joining one of these committees.

The Regional Spring CPWM meeting will be held Saturday, April 20, 2024 at Fredonia CP Church, and our speaker will be Debbie Beals, Convention President. She is from North Central Presbytery and is a very interesting speaker. All ladies are invited and we hope to have a good representation from Highland!

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 1stat 10:00 a.m.in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us on April Fool's Day! We promise good fellowship and no tricks!

Session Highlights

At the March Session Meeting we approved:

 Cancellation of Sunday evening services April 14 to attend the Installation Service for Rev. Elizabeth Spann at New Hope CP Church and April 28 to attend the Installation Service for Rev. Brad Henson at Woodlawn CP Church. Bro. Bud will be leading both these services

March Numbers

Financial Record as of March 25 income \$ 22,059.00 expenses \$ 14,399.16

Attendance

March 3 - 90

March 10 - 90

March 17 - 92

March 24 - 110

April Calendar

April 1 - CPWM, 10:00

McCracken County Spring Break

No midweek activities

April 7 - Quarterly Potluck after Morning Worship

April 18- Highlanders

April 21- Session Meeting, 2:00

Gym Reserved

Mondays - 6:30 p.m. Scouts

Tuesdays- 5:00 p.m. Exercise

Wednesdays - 9:00 a.m. Pickleball

5:45 - 7:30 Youth Activities

Thursdays - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Pickleball

Fridays - 9:00 - 11:00 Pickleball

Saturdays - 10:00 am Exercise

2:00-4:00 Pickleball

April Ushers Johnny Overton, Jimmy Russell, Melissa Dumes

April Elder Melissa Kilgore

<u>Opportunities for Giving</u> You may donate items throughout the year. The <u>Drop Box</u> is located in the Fellowship Hall - it's the red wagon.

Blessing Box Non-perishable food, personal hygiene
School Supplies pencils, paper, crayons
Toys for Tots
Operation Christmas Child items for shoe boxes



Sunday, April 7 following Morning Worship CPWM providing drinks You are kindly asked to bring a favorite dish

<u>Telling your story</u> Sharing the news about a really good restaurant, telling someone about an exciting trip...Easy to do and we are more than happy to talk about it. Sharing the Gospel...(eek) that's difficult, almost to the point of nonexistent for some folks. The Tuesday night small group will soon begin introspective lessons on doing just that. We will discuss how Christ has redeemed us and we should not be afraid to share that with people. We aren't going to learn how to be missionaries or TV evangelists, just Christ followers who have an important message. You are more than welcome to join us on Tuesdays at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

April Birthdays

- 2 Melanie Massie Sharon Rushing
- 12 Mike Bryan
- 13 David Robinson
- 15 Brenda Dodd Linda Johnson Debby Hughes
- 18 Corbin Haynes
- 30 Alec Golightly

April Anniversaries

- 3 Daniel and Jennifer Rushing
- 28 Max and Brenda Dodd